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WAR DECLARED.

Minister Woodford Has Been Given His Passport--Formal Declaration of War--North Atlantic Squadron Ordered to Move on Havana--Troops Moving.

WASHINGTON, April 21, 3:30 p. m.—(Special to THE MAIL) North Atlantic squadron ordered to move on Havana from Key West as result of cabinet meeting. All troops ordered south. Must not stop save for food and water. Exciting scenes in Key West and Havana.

WASHINGTON, April 21, 3 p. m.—(Special to THE MAIL) Minister Woodford was given his passport at 11:30 to-day. He notifies the United States that all diplomatic relations with Spain are severed and that this is a declaration of war. President and cabinet decided that no formal declaration of war is necessary. Fleet is moving on Havana. Engagement expected to-night.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The Cuban resolution is now a law of the land, and the ultimatum to Spain an accomplished fact. The president at 11:24 affixed his signature to the joint resolution of congress requiring Spain to evacuate the island of Cuba.

The ultimatum meanwhile had been prepared at the state department by Assistant Secretary Day, and at 11:30 the announcement was made at the White House that it had been signed by the president and been sent to the Spanish government.

In compliance with the joint resolution as passed by congress the president has made a demand upon Spain to withdraw her land and naval forces from the island and its waters. If this is not complied with he will proceed with the armed force of the United States to carry the resolutions into effect.

Latest Bulletins.
 WASHINGTON, April 21, 5:05 p. m.—Insurgents in Cuba refuse conference with delegation of colonial government at Havana. Spanish fleet still at Cape Verd Island.

Spain says hostilities shall begin at once.
 Spanish ships sighted off Hayti.
 Spanish fleet has left Madrid with flying colors to meet the American fleet.

Resolutions prohibiting us from exporting coal passed both houses.
 Bulletins received from various parts up to 3 o'clock April 21st, are here given:

St. Louis gives troops a hearty and enthusiastic reception. New Orleans is celebrating the arrival of troops. Mobile chamber of commerce and labor organizations enthusiastically receiving troops. Chickamauga resembles scenes of early sixties but American flags are everywhere flung to the breeze. Chattanooga, Tennessee, school children cheer the arrival of troops and salutes are fired. Port Tampa is gaily decorated. Stirring speeches and loyalty found on all arriving trains and boats.

New Orleans pledges twenty thousand troops if necessary.
 WOODFORD TOLD TO LEAVE.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—A Madrid dispatch says Minister Woodford has been told by Spain to go

home. He started at once. Herbert Bowen, American consul at Barcelona has transferred his papers to the British consul and has left the city.

Spanish battleship Palayo has reached Cape Verd Islands.
 Spanish Minister Polo left Washington last night for home. The Cuban Colonia delegation has closed its headquarters in Washington.

COLUMBIA RIVER BEING MINED.
 PORTLAND, April 21.—The government has fears that a Spanish fleet will attempt to enter the Columbia river when hostilities begin. A report is current that the government is planting mines in the river to better fortify it against an invasion.

WOMEN SING AND SHOUT.
 CHEYENNE, Wyoming, April 21.—Great demonstration here when eight companies of soldiers, numbering 500 men, departed for New Orleans. Women sung and shouted; business houses and schools closed; entire population turned out and cheered heartily; great demonstration in history of city.

Spain's affairs with our government have been entrusted to the French ambassador and the Austrian minister.

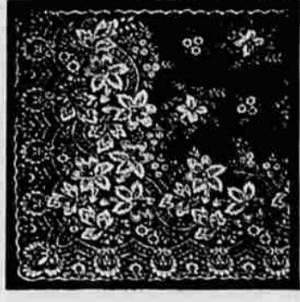
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TEE JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

Joint Resolution—Joint resolution for the recognition of the independence of the people of Cuba, demanding the government of Spain to relinquish its authority and government in the island of Cuba, and to withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters, and directing the president of the United States to use the land and naval forces of the United States to carry these resolutions into effect:

WHEREAS, The abhorrent conditions which have existed for more than three years in the island of Cuba, so near our own borders, have shocked the moral sense in the people of the United States; have been a disgrace to a Christian civilization, culminating as they have in the destruction of a United States battleship, with 266 United States officers and crew, while on a friendly visit in the harbor of Havana, cannot longer be endured, as has been set forth by the president of the United States in his message to congress of April 11, 1898, upon which the action of congress was invited; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled.

- 1st. That the people of the Island of Cuba are, and of right ought to be free, and independent.
- 2nd. That it is the duty of the United States to demand, and the government of the United States does hereby demand, that the government of Spain at once relinquish its authority and government in the Island of Cuba, and withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters.
- 3rd. That the president of the United States be, and he is hereby, directed and empowered to use the entire land and naval forces of the United States, and to call into actual service of the United States the militia of the several states to such extent as may be necessary to carry these resolutions into effect.
- 4th. That the United States hereby disclaims any disposition to exercise sovereignty, jurisdiction or control over said Island, except for pacification thereof, and asserts its determination when that is accomplished to leave the government and control of the Island to its own people.

SOMEBODY MAY BE SURPRISED.
 MADRID, April 20.—It is said in official circles that the location of the first naval battle will be a veritable surprise.

DEMANDS WILL BE REJECTED.
 MADRID, April 20.—Spanish senators and deputies declare the American demands will be rejected and war credits voted.

ARMY PREPARATIONS.
 A bill has been introduced in Congress placing two hundred thousand troops at the president's disposal, and the same will be rushed forward without delay.
 The war department in Washington City is one of great activity. Every official is at his place of duty and war preparations are being rushed. The scene is one of great activity.

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A Call for Volunteers.
 The war with Spain is an assured fact. Troops are being called for by the government. The regular army is being sent to the eastern seaboard and on to Cuba. The state troops of the various states are being called to the front. More men will be required to fill the places of these troops and to protect our own coast towns and homes from the invasions of foreign foes. Will we, the patriotic citizens of Jackson County, permit these things to happen, while we remain at home with the brand of cowards stamped upon us? We say no; emphatically, no! Therefore, you are hereby notified that there will be a public meeting held in Woolf's hall, Medford, on this (Friday) evening, at 7:30, for the purpose of getting a list of those who are willing to enroll themselves as a military company with the view of tendering their services to their country in case more troops are called for. All patriotic people are earnestly invited to be present.
 The above is published by request of several citizens.

- POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.**
- FOR STATE TREASURER,**
JOHN O. BOOTH,
 OF JOSEPHINE COUNTY,
 Regular Nominee on the Union Ticket.
- FOR SECRETARY OF STATE**
H. R. KINCAID,
 OF LANE COUNTY,
 Regular nominee on Union Ticket.
- FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER**
G. S. BUTLER,
 OF ASHLAND,
 Regular Republican Nominee.
- FOR REPRESENTATIVE**
MATHEW STEWART,
 OF TALENT,
 Regular Republican Nominee.
- FOR SHERIFF**
ALEX ORME,
 OF FOOT'S CREEK PRECINCT,
 Regular Republican Nominee.

WARSHIPS READY.
 The excitement at Key West, Fla., is intense. All the warships are in readiness for the fray.

The exodus of the excited Spaniards from New York City has already begun in earnest. Some will go direct home, while others intend going to Canada for protection.

CARLISTS ACTIVE.
 The Carlists are now at work preparing to overturn the Spanish government. Local Carlists are convinced that the present dynasty is doomed if it does not succeed in war against the United States, the possibility of which is scouted.

SIGNED THE RESOLUTION.
 President McKinley has signed the war resolution passed by Congress and previously signed by Speaker Reed and Vice President Hobart.

The war department will call for eighty thousand volunteers at once. Telegrams are pouring into Washington City from all over the United States congratulating Congress upon the passage of the war resolutions.

Dispatches from Boston and Philadelphia bring the information that Spaniards are leaving those cities. Carlists in London receive the news of the intended war on Spain with big demonstrations.

Information has just been received from Havana that the insurgents have been causing trouble by demonstrations in that city.

FROM SPAIN.
 "Butcher" General Weyler is anxious to return to Cuba and take charge of the Spanish forces. He thinks he can hold Havana.

The queen regent is making extensive war preparations, and all is rustle in the military department.

Now that more regular troops have been ordered to move toward the scene of the expected conflict with Spain, and are already on the way to the points of mobilization, active preparations are being made for moving the headquarters of the army from Washington to some other part of the country. The headquarters will probably first be established at Chickamauga Park. It is improbable that the headquarters will ever be in Cuba. Before any extensive operations shall begin in Cuba, it is expected that volunteers of at least 60,000 will be

mobilized with the regulars in the department of the Gulf.

Alger has decided to give out to the press no more information regarding the movements of troops, which might aid the enemy.

ONLY NATIONAL GUARDS WANTED.
 It was stated at the war department Wednesday afternoon that only the National Guard will be given an opportunity to volunteer at this time. The president will reserve the right to appoint the staff and field officers, while the governors of states will designate the regimental officers, as was done in '61.

Mohair Wanted.
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HERE is how the Fargo, N. D., Daily Argus sizes up the situation Spain is in: "What Spain is trying to find out is how to get in the hole without attracting too much attention."

THE SCHOOLS.
 The aldermen of Manchester, Eng., have voted \$1,000,000 for a great technical school.

PORTLAND claims to pay more per capita for her schools than any other city. Botany is to be introduced in the primary schools.

In two years Wisconsin has spent \$66,000 for a law library, \$125,000 for a gymnasium and \$325,000 for a laboratory, all for the state university.

The plan of sending pupils' reports to their parents on postal cards doesn't work. It has been tried in Auburn, Me., and the bright boys capture the cards and tear 'em up.

The new Philadelphia schoolhouse named for George W. Childs is one of the finest in the world, though not large. The kindergarten is carpeted and prettily pictured, and there is in the basement a heap of sand for the little children to dig in.

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