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## House Furnishing Goods

For the Million.

Good Just Received from the East.

Pipe and fittings..

Superior Ranges.

## Eclipse Hardware Company

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You Need One In Your Business..

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PUPILS RECEIVED IN THE PRIMARY, GRAMMAR AND ACADEMIC GRADES	<b>J. M.</b> <b>THE SISTERS OF THE</b> <b>Convent of the</b> <b>... Holy Names</b> <b>ASTORIA, OREGON.</b> HAVE OPENED THEIR BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL. For rates, etc., address the Superioress	INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC, PAINTING AND VOICE CULTURE FORM A SPECIAL DEPARTMENT

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**NORTH PACIFIC BREWERY**

OUR MAIL DESTROYED.

New York, April 19.—A special to the World from St. Thomas says: United States Consul Hanna's parting instructions to his agents throughout the island of Porto Rico were taken out of the mails and destroyed. Mr. Hanna's departure from San Juan created more excitement than all the war cables. Food prices on the island of Porto Rico have advanced 100 per cent and in consequence there have been serious demonstrations in the interior. Two battalions have been sent from Havana to reinforce the Porto Rico garrison besides a company of artillery from Madrid. Orders have been issued for the purchase of 80,000 rations. A financial crisis is imminent in Havana. The rate of exchange is high. The workmen's organization issues a notice complaining of the merchants raising the prices of food. Rice is 12 cents a pound, land 35 cents, Spanish beans 45 cents, common beans 20 cents and rolls 3 cents apiece. To add to the hardship the dealers give light weight, 12 ounces to the pound.

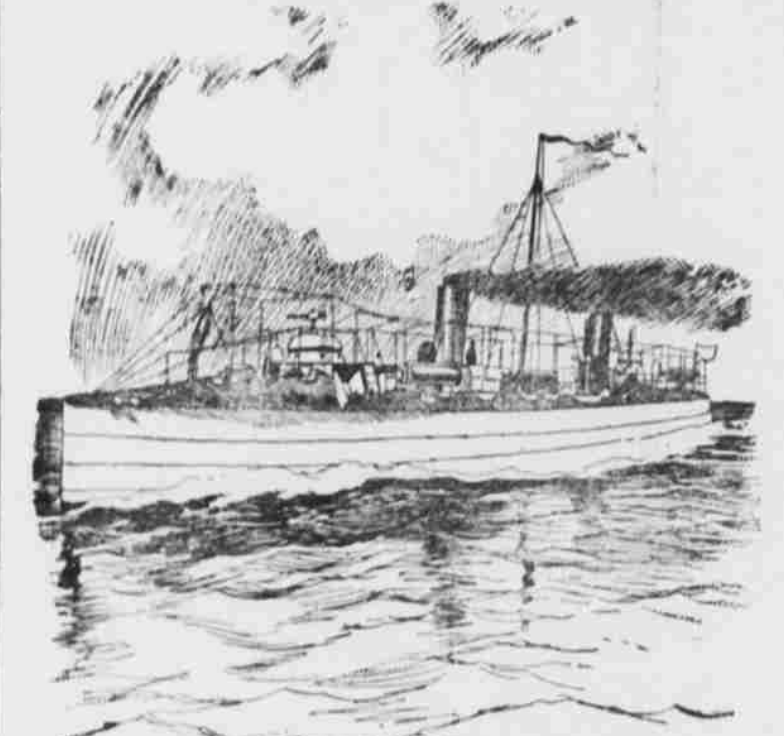
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# THE PRESIDENT WILL SIGN RESOLUTIONS TODAY.

## Spain Will Not Receive Official Notice Until Today and Probably Will Not Comply.

WASHINGTON, APRIL 19.—SPAIN WILL NOT RECEIVE OFFICIAL NOTICE of the demands of the United States before tomorrow. She will then be informed that the Cuban resolution passed by the congress at an early hour this morning is now a part of the laws of the United States, and an ultimatum will be sent in compliance with this law, and an answer within a short time, probably 24 hours, is expected. Compliance is not expected. The forward movement on Cuba will commence the latter part of this week, according to the plans of the administration.



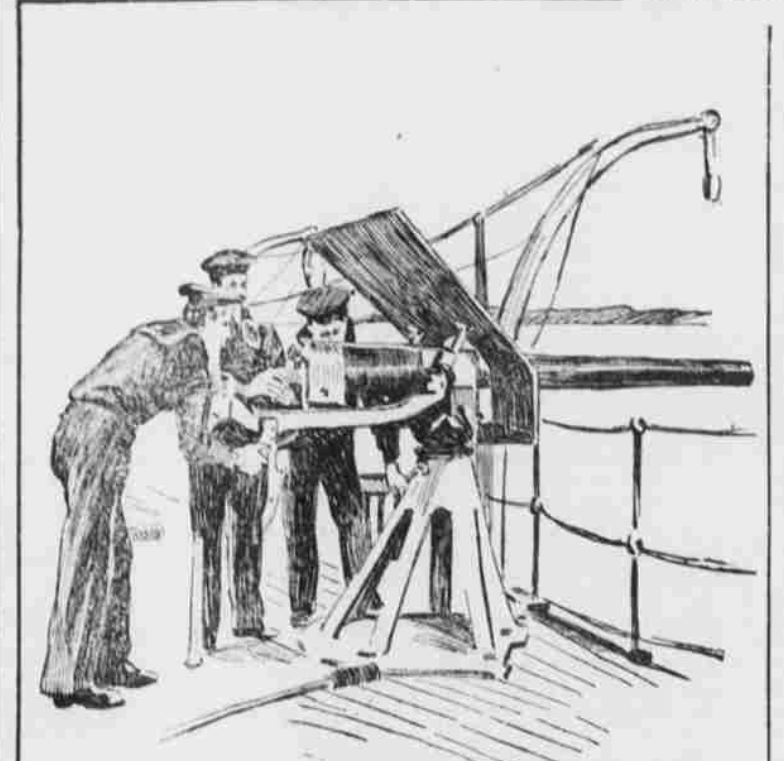
TORPEDO BOAT FOOTE.

The Foote is swift as the wind. She can do 24.5 knots an hour and has 3,000 horsepower. Her displacement is only 142 tons, and she cost \$97,500. Numerous torpedoes and six small guns are her weapons of offense and defense.

According to the plans of the administration, the congressional Cuban resolution will not be signed until tomorrow, and the ultimatum to Spain will be signed at the same time. The president has decided to make the two practically one act by the simultaneous signature of each. Two cabinet meetings were held during the day. At their close the announcement that executive action was delayed until tomorrow was made. Both cabinet sessions were devoted principally to a discussion of the ultimatum to be sent to Madrid. At the morning session the president rather favored allowing the Madrid government two or even three days in which to reply to our demands, but since that time he has changed his views somewhat, and it is now believed to be his purpose to require an answer within a very short time, probably within 24 hours. The reason for limiting the time to one day, or even less, is said to be entirely strategic. Otherwise, two or even three days would have been allowed. The ultimatum itself, it is believed, is short and to the point. It will recite the main features of the resolutions passed by congress and demand a compliance therewith. It probably will not be made public until notice is received that it is in the hands of the Spanish public, diplomatic etiquette requiring this. The fact that the Cuban resolution was not immediately signed by the president gave rise to a few disquieting reports, but it soon appeared from statements of cabinet officers that the president had not the slightest intention of withholding his signature, and that the delay in affixing it was accounted for solely by his desire to have a full and complete plan of operation for the government of the executive by the immediate future, before taking the final step of turning the joint resolution into a statute.

## ERRIC SEN DAMAGED.

Key West, April 19.—The torpedo boat Erricsen while about ten miles off Sand Key in the gulf about 3 o'clock this morning collided with a station pilot boat. The latter had no lights displayed and the torpedo boat, which was going at a rapid rate came upon her without warning. The bowsprit of the pilot boat swept the Erricsen amidships and knocked over the ventilators and upper works of the torpedo boat. Ensign L. A. Hostwick was struck on the head and badly cut. The bowsprit of the pilot boat was carried away and she sustained damage on her port side. The injury to the Erricsen will not interfere with her usefulness in case orders for active service are received.



FIRING A SIX POUNDER.

Six pounder rapid fire guns are conspicuous because of their numbers in the secondary batteries of Uncle Sam's warships. The Indiana, Iowa, Oregon and Massachusetts each carries twenty and the Kentucky and Kearsarge will each have sixteen.

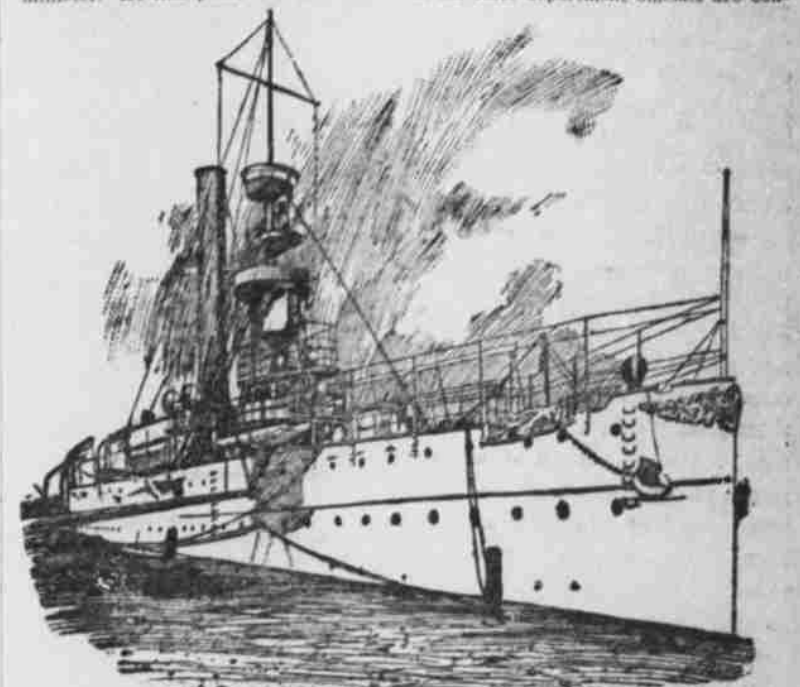
Washington, April 19.—Naval and military preparations continued today with unabated vigor. Seven fleet steam yachts, suitable for navigation in Cuban waters, were procured and several bids for steam colliers were made. Arrangements are making to utilize a number of powerful converted smooth bore guns, survivors of the late war, as armament for the auxiliary cruisers. Many agents for shipowners were at the navy department today offering to sell craft to the government, but the prices are said to be excessive and no purchases were made. The important event in the war department was the decision to call only national guardsmen under the first call for troops, which will be very gratifying to militiamen. Some idea of the cost of transporting troops may be formed from the fact that it was necessary to allot \$1,000,000 today to defray the expenses of movements already ordered. "The ultimatum," said one member of the cabinet after the meeting today, "has been agreed upon in substance, but has not yet been formally drawn up. It will be sent to Spain tomorrow and will reach Madrid in the evening, the difference in time between this country and Spain being six hours. I think you are safe in saying that Spain will be given 48 hours, that is until Friday evening, to submit her reply. In accordance with the terms of the resolution, it will demand that Spain shall evacuate the island. The demand for this will be flat-footed and absolute and no tentative or half way reply will satisfy the president."

## THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER.

O say can you see by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming,  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;  
O, say does that star spangled banner yet wave,  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave,  
O, say does that star spangled banner yet wave,  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave,  
On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep,  
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,  
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,  
As it fitfully blows, half conceal'd, half disclose;  
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,  
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream:  
Tis the star spangled banner, O, long may it wave,  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave,  
Tis the star spangled banner, O, long may it wave,  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave,  
And where is that band who so vauntingly swore,  
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion,  
A home and a country shall leave us no more,  
Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution,  
No refuge could save the hireling and slave,  
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave,  
And the star spangled banner in triumph shall wave,  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

## Warlike Preparations on Every Hand--Peaceful Solution of Difficulty Not Likely.

WASHINGTON, APRIL 19.—THE STEADY PROGRESS OF MILITARY and naval preparations indicates the conviction on the part of the administration that a peaceful solution of existing difficulties is not probable. As to the course of events in the immediate future, the only prediction that can be made is one based on precedents. According to these, Minister Woodford will notify the Spanish government of the action of the government of the United States and should the Spanish answer be unsatisfactory, as is expected, the next step would be for him to ask for his passports and leave Madrid. That would be followed instantly by the withdrawal from Washington of Senor Poin, the Spanish minister. At this point it can be said that the state department officials are con-



THE GUNBOAT HELENA.

The Helena is a 13 knot gunboat. She has 1,600 horsepower, and her displacement is 1,392 tons. She cost \$250,000. Eight 4 inch rapid fire guns and ten guns of lesser caliber compose her armament.



ident that the Spanish government will so shape every phase of the negotiations as to oblige us to take the initiative at every point. After the withdrawal of the ministers, and assuming that Spain does not back down, will follow actual war, but whether or not the first overt act would be preceded by a formal declaration of war, which would insure the immediate neutralization of the powers, or whether the north Atlantic squadron will make its appearance off Havana as the beginning, cannot be predicted. In this connection it may be stated that the army and navy experts are beginning to take a less hopeful view of an early and quick campaign, than they entertained a short time ago. Months are now mentioned instead of weeks as the probable length of hostilities, and one eminent naval officer who has had experience in the late war, professes the belief that unless outside pressure is brought to bear, the war may easily drag along a year under existing circumstances.

## TWENTIETH INFANTRY.

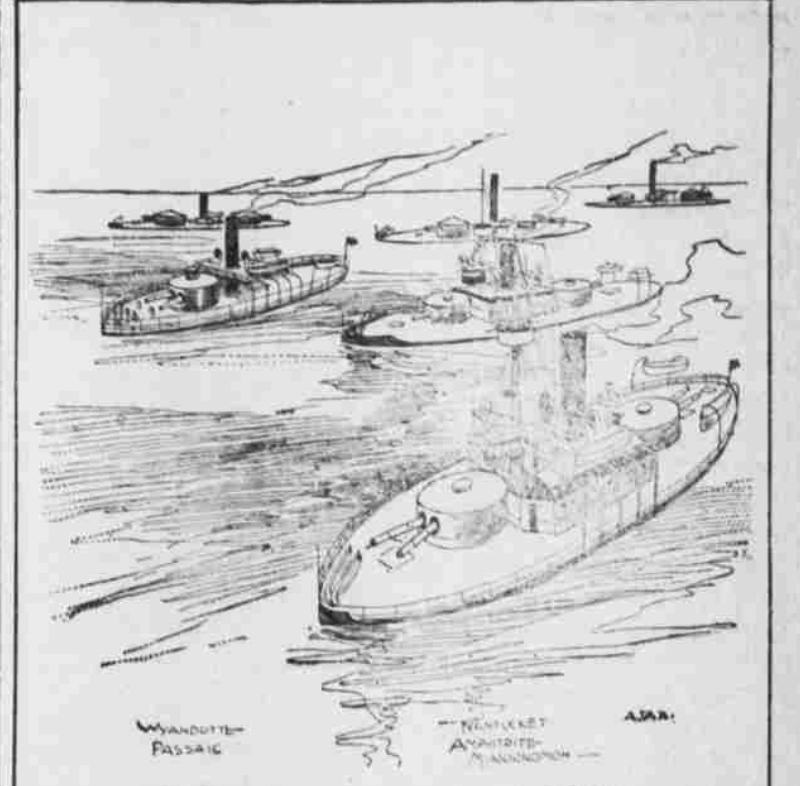
Leavenworth, Kan., April 19.—The troops at Fort Leavenworth made their start this afternoon. They comprised the Twentieth infantry, which goes to Mobile, and four troops of the Sixth cavalry, bound for Tampa. Nearly the entire population was at the fort depot to witness the departure. Business in the city was deserted, schools had been dismissed and factories had been closed. The 900 soldiers of the post sent up cheer after cheer, threw their caps into the air and danced for joy at the prospect of being off.

## THE THIRD ARTILLERY.

San Francisco, April 19.—Light batteries C and F, Third artillery, left here today for Chicamaqua Park via the Southern Pacific Railroad. The First infantry will leave tomorrow in four sections. The school children will have a half-holiday to cheer them on their way to war.

## THE SECOND CAVALRY.

Denver, April 19.—The two troops of the Second cavalry stationed at Fort Logan left for Chicamaqua over the Santa Fe road this afternoon. The infantrymen, who will remain at the post until tomorrow afternoon cheered their departing comrades.



UNCLE SAM'S FLEET OF MONITORS. In case of war with Spain the monitor fleet would be of great value to Uncle Sam as coast defenders. Monitors are poor seagoing ships, but are very effective in the defense of seaboard cities.

## SAGASTA STANDS FIRM.

Madrid, via Paris, April 19.—The supporters of the government in both houses of parliament met in the senate chamber at 5 o'clock this afternoon. Senor Sagasta, the premier addressed them as follows: "The times are so grave and the circumstances are so exceptional that facts and not words are necessary to face the present difficulty. Attempts are being made to sully the glorious history of Spain by an infamous calumny. The different Spanish governments have done their utmost to avert war, to which we are being provoked. We have now reached the limits of concession compatible with honor and territorial integrity. We consented to the last concession at the instance of the pope and the powers. We yielded in fact, but now attempts are being made upon our honor and menaces directed against our territory. That is a thing to which the Spaniards will never consent. (Applause.) This is not the moment to trace a parliamentary program, but a moment to unite ourselves as our fathers have done in the face of an odious attempt against the integrity of our territory. The issue offered us today is the most infamous that has ever been offered. (Prolonged applause.) Spain will not allow a parcel of her territory to be taken from her with impunity; nor will she be a party to any trafficking for her possessions."

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