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WAR NOTES.

Porto Rico is 4 days sail from New York, 10 days from Cadiz; 7½ days from C. Verde, and 2½ from Key-West. Havana is 11 days from Cadiz, 2½ from New York, and 6 hours from Key West.

On Board Flagship New York (off Havana, April 26 (filed 11.02 p. m., Key West, Fla)—The blockade continues. Up to this hour there have been no casualties in the United States blockading squadron.

London, April 27.—The Washington correspondent of the Daily News says: "President McKinley thinks Cuba can be reduced by hunger, when the powers will intervene to compel Spain to recognize the loss of the island and to abandon the war. There is a growing impression that there will be no real fighting, especially since the Spanish fleet seems disposed to remain on the European side of the water.

London April 27.—Six British warships, it is reported at Kingston, Jamaica, will patrol the seas in the neighborhood of Cuba during the hostilities between the United States and Spain.

There is a strong feeling in London that the war will be a protracted one

It is said that Havana has not opened fire on the American fleet.

Hon. William R. Day of Ohio has been appointed Secretary in place of Sherman who resigned.

The Spanish have mined the harbor of Manilla.

The States is preparing to cut the cable between Cuba and Jamaica in order to cut off connection as much as possible with Cuba.

President McKinley says the United States must never forget Great Britain's good will.

Last evening the Mangrove, the smallest vessel in the U. S. navy, towed into Key West the richest prize yet taken a vessel four times her size. It was the Panama a big Atlantic liner and an auxiliary cruiser of the Spanish navy. She had 29 passengers including three women.

St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, April 26, 6.44 p. m.—The Spanish fleet is still here and there is no sign of its intention to put to sea today. Ammunition and projectiles are placed ready on deck for each gun, and on board the warships the men appear to be anxious to fight. The squadron is still busy coaling and taking stores on board.

London, April 26.—Lloyds had received no news of the American Liner 'Paris' up to six o'clock this morning.

Queenstown, April 27, 1 a. m.—Str. Majestic reports passing American liner, presumably the Paris, Monday morning, 4 o'clock, lat. 48.52, lon. 29.06.

New York, April 26.—The White Star steamer Bovie, which arrived today from Liverpool, brought 553 cases of cannons, carriage work, empty shells and empty cartridge cases, shipped by the Sir W. G. Armstrong and Withworth company, for the United States government.

Paris, April 26.—The French Cabinet today approved the neutrality proclamation.

Washington, April 26.—Many British colonies have notified the United States that neutrality has been proclaimed between the United States and Spain.

Kingstown, Ireland, April 26 —The mail steamer 'Ireland' said to have been purchased by the United States, has been forbidden to sail.

Washington, April 26.—The State Department has sent all foreign nations notices of Congress's declaration that war has existed since April 21. This was done to preserve United States rights

Two English Men-of-war are expected to arrive from Halifax at an early date, one to be stationed near Welchpool, Campobello Island, N. B., about one and a half miles across the bay, and the other to cruise about St. Andrews bay near St. Andrews, N. B. fifteen miles up the St. Croix river from this city. The gunboats will remain in this vicinity to look after Canadian or English property in the event of war between Spain and Uncle Sam.—Ex.

So far as is known all the United States consuls have made their way safely out of Spain. Consul Fay, at Darien, has reported to the department from Lisbon; Consul Bowen at Barcelona from Paris, and Consul Searroll at Cadiz, and Consul Bartleman at Malaga, from Gibraltar. The department has assured itself that the others are safe.

The Tucker Case.

The circuit court opened yesterday Chief Justice Tuck presiding. The grand jury found a true bill against Annie J. Janovan, charged with murdering, by poison, her sister Minnie Tucker. Attorney-General White represents the crown: W. P. Jones, for the prisoner. There are a large number of witnesses and the case will occupy a week or more.

The case proceeded today but no special developments came up. Among the petite jurors are: J. H. Wm Smalley, James Good, L. R. Harding, Geo. Good, Theo Cain, John Reynolds and Weldon Melville.