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Spain has a tariff in force in Cuba and Puerto Rico that practically excludes U. S. or Canadian importations. All manufactures imported by the Islands come, practically, from the mother-country. Were the Islands made independent their ports would be open to the world. Of course if annexation to the States were effected the Dingley tariff would, again exclude all but American imports. But there is a solemn pledge of Congress that neither Island will be incorporated in American domains. For the prevention of anarchy, or for other reasons, the Americans may assume a protectorate over the independent Islands. Indeed this is quite probable, but it would not involve the adoption of the American tariff to the extent that actual annexation would.

Canada would find a splendid market in Independent Cuba. Twenty-five years ago we did a growing trade with the Spanish Indies, the Maritime Provinces shipped vast quantities of fish and lumber. This trade has dwindled down to a mere item. As late, however, as 1893 New Brunswick exported to Cuba sugar boxes to the value of more than half a million, and much lumber, but now this trade, too, is practically dead. The Canadian market in Independent Cuba will be capable of great expansion: we can export lumber, fish, vegetables, flour, boots and shoes and general manufactures of wood. It is summed up that Canada should be able to ship to Cuba each year two or three million dollars worth of goods.

The insurrection in Cuba has seriously affected, yea, ruined, her export trade. Within a few years Cuban raw cane sugar has entirely ceased to be exported to Canada; and the molasses and cigar exports have dwindled away. It is greatly to be desired that Cuba will speedily become independent, for our own Canadian interests.

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Canada will benefit from the war through the fact that she will become a sort of a back-door for the States to reach foreign markets. While war is declared American exports will of necessity pass through Canadian ports, which for the next few weeks will do a rushing business. Already there is more freight at Canadian ports than can be immediately shipped.

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WAR NOTES.

The Americans seized 600 mules that the Spaniards had bought in Louisiana and were loading for shipment to Cuba.

The Spanish fleet is divided into two squadrons similar to those of the United States. They have a flying squadron for offensive purposes and a home guard. The former is stationed at St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, and is comprised of four armoured cruisers and seven torpedo boat destroyers; the latter lies at Cadiz, on the peninsula, and consists of about a dozen vessels of greater or lesser superiority.

The President issued a blockade proclamation on Thursday. All the ports on the north, and Cienuegas on the south of Cuba are to be under blockade.

The Dutch have sent a cruiser to watch their interests at Curacoa, S. America.

Friday noon, Captain-General Blanco published a decree declaring Cuba in a state of war.

Spain has called out 30,000 Reserves.

Neither Spain nor the United States will be allowed to get coal at any British Port.

English Admiral's Opinion.

Admiral Sir George Elliot, K. C. B. late commander-in-chief at Portsmouth and one of the most distinguished of living British admirals, says:

"I think that the naval strategy of Spain will be to allow the United States fleet to attack the forts of Havana, if they are so unwise, also to land troops on the south side of the island, trusting to yellow fever to fight them.

"Spain will then defend her fortified places, but as Havana is I understand short in provisions, a blockade would soon distress the garrison.

"Thereupon, the Spanish fleet would come to relieve the blockade and there the sea fight would be.

"That is my prophecy."

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