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## ANNOUNCEMENT!

In an endeavour to keep abreast of the times, the ADVERTISER begins today the publication of a tri-weekly edition. Hartland is a small town for such a venture, and it is no way certain that financial success will follow the scheme. At present, at least, the public demand calls for it; and it is the public that the ADVERTISER strives to please. Hereafter the ADVERTISER will be issued at six o'clock on Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

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## WAR NOTES.

LONDON, Apr. 25.—A special despatch from St. Vincent Cape Verde Islands, today, Monday 7.25 A. M. says: "There is reason to believe the Spanish fleet sails today. It is exceedingly formidable, including as it does, four first class cruisers, six torpedo boats and two armed transports. Since the arrival of the transport San Francisco, the latter has transhipped to the cruiser 2,000 tons of coal."

The Batteries at Merro Castle opened fire on the United States fleet on Sunday without the slightest effect.

Intense heat pervades at Havana.

The Vatican remains neutral and the Pope desires only prayers that peace will be speedily effected.

The United States made an official declaration of war on Monday.

The volunteers will organize at Richmond, Ottawa and Washington.

## War Summary

The United States probably acted with undue haste and prematurely in certain acts of war committed Thursday and Friday. Thursday a fleet was ordered to blockade Havana, and started Friday on this errand apparently. Friday a United States man-of-war fired upon a Spanish lumber ship off Key West and captured her. A British vessel with provisions, which are contraband of war, for Havana, was allowed to depart from New York Friday after the news of the seizure of the Spanish vessel had been received. The President takes the view, however, that war is now a fact. General Woodford, the American minister at Madrid, on his way out of Spain was menaced by angry mobs, but protected by the Spanish troops. The Spaniards, believing in peace to the last, have not laid in supplies of coal at their coaling stations, and it is reported that war may be prematurely brought to a close on account of this neglect. Austria and France are becoming more open in their desire to support Spain, but Germany and Italy refuse to join any concert against the United States, knowing that Great Britain would certainly in that case openly ally herself with the United States. A portion of the French press is venomous against Great Britain and the United States in view of the international situation. The United States troops are being rapidly mobilized at Tampa and Mobile.

### Cuba Blockaded.

KEY WEST, Fla., April 24.—The Associated Press despatch boat Dauntless arrived in this harbor yesterday before midnight, having in tow the first sailing vessel prize of the campaign, the schooner Mathilde of Havana, 60 tons, loaded with rum.

When the Dauntless left the main fleet under Rear Admiral Sampson at 3.15 o'clock on Friday afternoon what seemed to be a thorough blockade of Havana had been successfully inaugurated. The fleet range from eight to ten miles from the shore, along which they are extended for fully twenty miles in the following order running from west to east: May-flower, Iowa, Newport, Detroit, Mablehead, Indiana, New York and Wilmington, with the torpedo boat Porter attending the flagship.

Soon after 9 o'clock yesterday morning the Amphitrite, Puritan, Cincinnati, Castine, and Machias, and three torpedo boats, sailed to blockade Matanzas Cardenas and Sagua La Grande.

"Is it peace or war?"

"Has Spain backed down, or is she hastening her fleet westward with orders to attempt to raise the blockade, which, despite all stories to the contrary, cannot be long resorted to in Cuba," are samples of scores of similar questions which are puzzling everyone in the fleet unless it be Rear Admiral Sampson, who, as ever, keeps

## LATEST!

(Special to the Advertiser.)

TUESDAY, 5.30 p. m.—By proclamation from Washington, postal communications between the United States and Spain and Spanish colonies are suspended.

U. S. torpedo boat "Porter" made a daring trip in shore at Cuba and landed a small party who obtained valuable information.

The Spanish admiral has cabled authorities from Cape Verde that his place is before Havana to attack the American War-ships. He states he will leave Cape Verde tomorrow, orders or no orders. Arrangement have been made to dispatch the U. S. flying squadron to head off the Spanish fleet.

American Asiatic squadron sails from Hong Kong to attack the Spanish warships at Manilla Harbour, which are awaiting attack under protection of land fortifications.

A Spanish cruiser has been sighted off of St. Johns, Nfd. It is supposed to be preying upon American fishing vessels.

Great Britain will not allow the American torpedo boat "Somers" to leave Falmouth because of neutrality laws.

American gunboats have captured several more Spanish merchant vessels.

New York is being fortified. Seventy four submarine mines have been placed in the bay.

LONDON, April 25.—The Rome correspondent of the Standard says: "The Queen Regent asked the blessing of the pope upon Spanish arms, His holiness replied that he sent it from his heart, and hoped to see a vindication of Spain's rights, which had been trampled upon."

The American boat reported captured by the Spaniards is a four masted freighter belonging to Bath, Me, and which left San Francisco in January for Liverpool.

Within 10 weeks the President will have under his control 165,000 soldiers in addition to the regular army. In California 50,000 men have volunteered to join the army.

### The Baby Boy Covered With Eczema and Cured by Dr. Chase.

Mrs. Jas. Brown of Molesworth, Ont., tells how her boy (eight months old) was cured of torturing Eczema. Mothers whose children are afflicted can write her regarding the great cure, Dr. Chase's Ointment cured him.

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