

HOW WAR IS DECLARED.

THE POLICY WHICH HAS CONTROLLED THE GOVERNMENT

Power Vested by the Constitution in Congress—Action Taken on the War of 1812 With Great Britain and With Mexico in 1845—The Case of Spain.

The power to declare war is vested by the constitution of the United States in the two houses of Congress, acting concurrently. Bancroft, the historian, says:

"This regulation is where the spirit of republicanism exercised its humane influence. The world had been retarded in civilization, impoverished and laid waste by wars of the personal ambition of its kings. The convention in the interest of peace entrusted the power to declare war, not to the executive, but to the deliberate decision of the two branches of the legislature, each of them having a negative on the other, and the executive retaining his negative on them both."

Since the adoption of the constitution the United States has waged two foreign wars, that with Great Britain in 1812 and that with Mexico, 1845-47. The "casus belli" of the former, while usually referred to as England's unjust claims to the enforcement of the imprisonment act, under which she took Americans from the decks of our vessels on the high seas and forced them to serve on board her ships of war, had its foundation in something which occurred several years previously. On the 23rd of June, 1807, the frigate Chesapeake, a Baltimore built vessel, was fired upon while in a defenceless condition off the capes by the British ship Leopard, and some of her crew were carried off under pretense that they were deserters. This outrage created the greatest excitement, and meetings were held in all the principal cities of the country, at which the general indignation was vehemently expressed. On June 18, 1812, Congress passed the act declaring war, which was approved by President Madison the following day. Preparations for an outbreak of hostilities had been going on for five years and the first move made was the disastrous invasion of Canada.

There was no formal declaration of war against Mexico. On February 27, 1845, the United States Senate based joint resolutions for the annexation of the republic of Texas to the United States. The next day they were concurred in by the House of Representatives, and on the first of March approved by the president. Mexico, which claimed Texas as a portion of its territory, treated the passage of the act of annexation as a declaration of war. Congress formally recognized the existence of hostilities on the 13th of May, 1846.

Until within a short time past there has been little apprehension of war between Spain and United States, and neither country has been actively prepared for it. It will therefore, be the policy of both to delay the matter as long possible. As much time as can be used up in diplomatic negotiations will be so used, and at the same time the delay will be utilized to prepare for the inevitable. When it shall be clearly seen in this country and when Congress is convinced that peace without dishonor and all humiliation is no longer possible, a bill formulating a declaration of war against his majesty King Alfonso XII, will be introduced. This may be debated for awhile, but should it pass it would undoubtedly at once receive the approval of the president.

The latter would then issue his proclamation reciting the action of Congress and warning all enemies of the United States and all Spanish vessels in our ports to leave the country within designated time. Simultaneously with the proclamation of the president the Spanish minister would be given his passports, and the secretary of state would issue to him under the great seal of the United States a safe conduct out of the country for himself, his attendants and his and their property. Should the Spanish government anticipate such action by the United States and itself declare war against this government, no act of congress would be necessary. As was the case with Mexico, in that event a joint resolution by the two houses recognizing the existence of hostilities between the two nations would be all that would be necessary. In such a case Spain would undoubtedly be prepared to follow up her declaration by some decisive blow.

Miss Matthews, Princess.

Princess Victoria, the only unmarried daughter of the Prince and Princess of Wales, is a woman looking for some useful mission, that a royal girl may fill without disgracing her family. She does not wish to marry, though divers good offers have been made for her hand, since of the three sisters she is far and away the most clever and companionable, and a number of eligible, young German and Swedish princes and grand dukes have recently wished to have her to wife. But the Princess Victoria has not yet found a husband to her mind, and to her mother's great dismay, she cherishes an ardent ambition to be a

genuine wage earner. Two years ago she fitted herself for nursing and announced her intention of entering a London hospital. There were serious family convalesces and not until sent to interview her very decided grandmamma on the question did the young princess relinquish the plan. Inheriting a decided artistic taste from her mother, the royal spinster is now turning her attention to bookbinding, and the designing of book covers. The library at Sandringham is really enriched and at a recent exhibition of book covers in London, two samples contributed by a Miss Matthews, won prizes. It was not until weeks afterwards that the judges, dispensers of prizes, or the royal family themselves, knew that the energetic princess had won these testimonials to her excellent taste and handicraft under so commonplace a name.

From Pain to Health.

THE REMARKABLE CASE OF JOHN HENDERSON OF DESERONTO JUNCTION.

Almost Helpless From Sciatic Rheumatism, the Effects of Which Shattered His Constitution—He Thought Death Not Far Off When Friendly Aid Placed Within His Reach the Means of Recovery.

From the Deseronto Tribune.

It will be remembered that during the past winter reference was several times made in the "Personal" column of the Tribune to the illness of John Henderson, a well known and respected farmer of the Gravel road, township of Richmond, about half a mile from Deseronto Junction. It was said that but very little hope was entertained of his recovery as he continued to steadily sink under the disease with which he was afflicted. Farmers coming in to Deseronto market, when asked how he was, shook their heads and stated that the worst might soon be expected. That he should have subsequently recovered was therefore a cause of joyful surprise to his many friends in this district. Hearing that his recovery was alleged to be due to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, a reporter of the Tribune set out to discover if this rumor could be authenticated. Having reached Mr. Henderson's residence the reporter found no one at home except the hired boy who informed him that Mr. Henderson had gone with a load of grain to the flour mill at Napanee. This was evidence in itself that Mr. Henderson must have greatly improved or he would not have undertaken such a long drive in the raw weather of early spring. The boy having said that his master would be back about two o'clock the reporter waited for a personal interview. In a short time the team was observed coming along the road. When it drew up at the house Mr. Henderson, being told the object of the reporter's mission, stated that the rumor was correct, his recovery was undoubtedly due to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. He said that about a year ago he had been taken ill and the disease assumed a form of sciatic rheumatism of a most painful and distressing character. The physicians in attendance did their best and would for a time succeed in alleviating the pain and he would for a short time regain strength. But the disease would reassert itself and he was worse if possible than before. His whole system seemed to be permeated with the disease which sapped his vital energy. He tried ever so many remedies prescribed by doctors or suggested by friends and neighbors. All in vain—he grew weaker and weaker and at last despaired of life itself. He was completely worn out, found it very difficult to go as far as the barn, and was only able to move about a little when not confined to his bed. At this juncture Mr. Rivin, the station master at Deseronto Junction, who no doubt recalled the wonderful cure of Mr. Wager by the use of the famous medicine, as reported some time since in the Tribune, recommended Mr. Henderson to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and volunteered to send for a quantity if Mr. Henderson would permit him. The sick man consented and Mr. Rivin procured for him a half dozen boxes. He tried a box, but with little discernible effect. He, however, kept on using the pills, and after taking six boxes, found that he was much improved. He got another supply and continued to improve steadily, the pain disappeared, he regained strength, and, as he expressed it, "I am now able to be about. I feel quite strong, can attend to all departments of my work, as well as ever, and I attribute it all to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills." To the Tribune reporter Mr. Henderson appeared a strong, vigorous man, whom to see was sufficient proof of the story of his remarkable recovery.

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