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WASHINGTON, April 22, -The North Atlantic squadron has sailed for Havana from Key West.

The decision to send the fleet was reached at the special cabinet meeting yesterday afternoon and was guarded as closely as possible. Hurried orders were despatched to the floet to establish a blockade of the ontranco of the barbor of Havana immediately.

The float later on will be supported by troops who will be despatched to Cuba soon, as in the opinion of the president it is possible to use them advantageously in the occupation of the island.

Meanwhile, as rapidly as troops can be rushed to Key West and other points on the south Atlantic and gulf coasts, they will be hurried forward. It is believed that it will take ten days to concentrate at the coast an army of sufficient size with the necessary supplies to make an offective

It is the purpose to gather these troops volunteer bill by congress, the president | terday for a destination not disclosed. by proclamation will call for 100,000 men. Of this force it is intended to use 80,000 men in Cuban operations in conjunction with the regular army now already assembled or assembling at points of concentration. The remaining 20,000 men will aid the artillery detachments in guarding the coast and manning the heavy guns of the

coast defense. Great difficulty was experienced in learning the details of the operations and secretary Long refused, when seen, even to admit that orders had been sent to the floet, but subsequent confirmation was obtained of a rumor that orders had been sent, coupled with the surprising information that the fleet practically had eailed. With respect to the flying squadron at Hampton

ford as a medium of communication until

had instructed consul general Bowen at of steam coal to be used by the warships. Barcelona to cause all the United States consuls in Spain to immediately withdraw from the country. He further stated that he had informed the Spanish government, after asking for his passports, that he had placed the United States legation in Madrid and United States interests in Spain

in the hands of the British embassy. Drummond Wolff, is not at present in Madrid, so United States interests will be confided to the British charge, Sir George G. F. Benham, bart. To all intents and purposes this relieves the state department from further negotiations as to acclamatized Cuba, save those relating to privateering, neutrality observances and the like It was found necessary to frame a notice to the powers of our intentions to establish a blockade at Havana, a notification required by international law.

The navy department yesterday, aside QMYTHE & LYON, BARRISTERS, SOLIC- from giving the orders to the squadron, continued the work of adding to the navy and purchased another ship at Norfolk as an auxiliary craft and some small yachts. The news of the actual beginning of war was received with gravity at the department and there were many speculations as to the destination of the Spanish equadron. One suggestion was that it is heading to cut off the fine battleship Oregon, now on its way from the Pacific coast around to join Capt. Sampson's command.

There is also some fear that the Oregon may be taken at an unfair advantage, with out knowledge of the existence of war, by the Spanish torpedo destroyer Temmerire, which is now lying at Buenos Ayres, possibly with a view to avoiding a conflict in the straits of Megellan, where she would be at a disadvantage. The Oregon has been ordered to go around Cape

Relative to the news that comes from Chicago that three revenue cutters on the takes cannot be available for naval purposes, it is said at the navy department that the department had some time ago aban doned the idea of using these crafts owing to the difficulties in getting them out to the Atlantic seaport. It was, however, denied that any international obstacle had been encountered in the shape of a notice from the Canadian government that the passage of the ships would not be permitted. The little Bancroft, now at Boston, has been placed under the command of captain Glover, who will meet the ship at Norfolk within a few days and take it to Key West.

In the war department many orders flaw to and fro relative to the concentration of troops in the south, and secretary Alger was several times in consultation with the president, resulting in the determination to call for 100,000 volunteers as soon as congress passes the necessary legislation. The change in the composition of the cabinet, entirely unexpected, completed the

list of important events of the day. For several days, and especially yesterday, the secretary of the treasury has received a large number of telegrams from collectors of customs at ports on the Atlantic and gulf coasts, stating that ships were being laden for Cuban ports. Large shipments of mules were being made from southern ports and beef and coal from those further north. The question as to whether those vessels should be permitted to sail was referred to the attorney-general and his opinion was that, pending the passage of the bill prohibiting all exportations on articles of this character, this government should not interfere.

The News From Madeld. MADRID, April 22. "It the Spanish senate yesterday, Marshall Martinez Campos asked the minister for foreign allairs, secor Gullen, to make a statement regarding the relations between Spain and the United States, whereupon the minister replied

mer captain general of Cuba then made patriotic speech during which he declared that Cuba would never lose her Spanish sovereignty. Senor Fernandez Genzales declared in the name of the republicans It Will Blockade Havana Harbor that "party spirit is new drowned," adding that "there is only one voice through-

out Spain to repel foreign aggression." Spanish bourse to-day as a result of the severances of the diplomatic relations be tween Spain and the United States, but there was no panic. The semi-official Correspondencia says: "Spain's feelings faith and insults of all kinds heaped upon passions and basest feelings. We could easily return blow for blow, but Spaniards never use such weapons, which are forbidden in any civilized country." In conclusion the Correspondencia expresses confidence in the "eventual triumph of

Marshall Do Campos said he warmly approved the wisdom displayed by the government as 'accepting voluntarily all the propositions compatible with the dignity of Spain." He added ever since 1820 the United States "pursued its aim of seiz ing Cuba." If America belonged to the Americans, he argued, Spain ought to be considered an American power, "for ste has watered the soil of America with her blood." He recalled the fact that there exists on the American continent 40,000 inhabitants of Spanish origin, all favora-

ble to the mother country. A resolution elequently supported by soveral leading senators asking the assist ance of the chamber to save the dignity of Spain was carried by acclamation.

Sonor Gullon, foreign minister, thank ed the senate not in the name of the liberal cabinet but in the name of the government. The president then delivered a patriotic oration arousing intense enthusiasm London, April 22 -A special despatch from Madrid says the government has autherized Lieut. General Corros, minister of and then make a sharp decisive movement. | war, to call out 80,000 reserves. Three Immediately upon the passage of the army vessels loaded with troops left Cadiz yes

> Fleet Has Loft Key West. WASHINGTON, April. 22 -Word has

reached here that the floet left Key West at 5:45 this morning. NEW YORK, April 22 -President Mc-Kinley will issue a proclamation that war exists between the United States and Spain upon receipt of advices from Capt. Sampson, the commander in chief of the naval forces in Cuban waters, that he has established the block ide, thus forming a cordon through which no vessol will be al-

lowed to pass without fighting its way. Britain Making Pr: parations.

HALIFAN, April 22.- The imperial war department is taking every possible step Roads no information is as yet obtainable. | to strongthen British garrisons and coal-Minister Woodford's action during yes | ing stations on this side of the Atlantic terday, as reported to thestate department | Strong reinforcements of royal artillery in a late telegram, indicated that he was will be sent to all chaling stations and following a carefully prepared programme | Great Britain will be ready when hostili-A significant feature of his message was ties come. The coal supply at all stations the statement that the Spanish govern in the West Indies is being largely rement notified him that it regarded its plenished and the dockyard authorities withdrawal of minister l'olo on Wednes here are calling for tenders for supplying day as terminating diplomatic relations, a quantity of coal for immediate delivery. showing that it was not disposed to This coal is to replenish the stock at the accept the expressed intention of this dockyard and it is believed may be ingovernment to continue minister Wood- tended for shipment to the West Indies in case of a protracted struggle. A Halifax dealer was awarded the contract for sup-Mr. Woodford also announced that he plying H. M. dock yard with 2,000 tons

Would Join Spanish Forces.

TORONTO, April 22.-J. Enoch Thompson, the Spanish consul here, says that while many Canadiane have volunteered for the United States service, the tale is not altogether that way, as he has received no less than twenty-three applications The ambassador, Right Hon. Henry from qualified members of the Canadian militia for service under the Spanish flag, while three medical men volunteered their services Tast week, and yesterday another application was received from a young fellow who had lived in Havana and become

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The Price of Havana Cigars Will Go Up Im mediately in Canada:

TORONTO, April 22 .- The tobacco trade between Cuba and Canada is a big one and is likely to be seriously affected by the war. Dealers here say that if war is declared the There was a slight fail in prices on the exports will stop, and up will go the price of Havana cigars. Merchants, who have stocks in hand will con money, but merchants who manufacture cigare in Canada from Havana tobacco will have to stop or make them out of have been outraged to the highest point something else. There is not a great by the injustice, coarseness, infamy, bad amount of Havana leaf in Canada, and it is in the hands of one or two firms. These her by a vile people with the most ignoble | men will only sell at their own price. For instance, yesterday afternoon Havana fillers were sold in Toronto at \$1.26 a pound, and Havana wrappers at \$6 a pound. If the

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these prices will be doubled.

war lasts two months cigar men say that

York Hotel, was a Suicide. Fearing she had contracted consumption,

she took this means of forestalling its longdrawn-out misery. Every person who takes repeated colds and neglects them, is virtually

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proclaim, Childhood's discov'rer, we honor thy We, the disciples, right royally raise,

Paeans of song in continual praise;

-Emily A. Lord.

This week all kindergartners are interested in one particular person to whom they owe the founding of the kindergarten system. That person is Froebel, the child's great educator. Friedrich Wilhelm August Froebel was born at Oberweissbach, a village of the Thuringian Forest, Germany, on April 21st, 1783 He died on June 21st,

When a child he was very much

neglected. His mother died when he

was but a baby, and his father, who was a clergyman, gave more time to ysms of coughing his parish than his family. Froebel's uncle took him and for some time gave him a home with him. While with his uncle he went to school, but being a very dreamy child, was taken for a dunce. For this reason Froebel was taken from school and sent to learn forestering. It was here that he learned so much of nature which he the bacilli of used in his teaching. He then became consumption, interested in education and at once Before this turned his mind in that direction it happens try says: "For the first time in my life

Froebel's next venture was to en what a physician would prescribe for you in list in the Prussian army and he went through the campaign of 1813. The did not make him forget the work he loved so deatly. "Even in these engagements," said he, "I could gather experience for the task I proposed to myself." "His soldering showed him the value of discipline and united ac-S. C. Wells & Co., Le Rev. N. Y. Generales: I tion, how the individual belongs not to himself, but to the whole body and how the whole body supports the individual," says Quick.

Froebel's first kindergarten, 'Garden of children," was opened in Blankenburg, 1837.

He says: "In everything ther works and stirs one life, because to al one God has given life." So long we are christians we must agree wil him that all true education is founded on religion. His ideal was high, "Edu cation should lead and guide man t clearness concening himself, and himself to peace with stature, and unity with God; hence, it should lift him to a knowledge of himself and mankind, to a knowledge of God and of nature, and to a pure and holy ife to which such knowledge leads. "The object of such education is the realization of a faithful, pure, inviol-

ate, and hence holy life." It is not my purpose to write any more for before long there will appear in this column a paper on the life of tongue. Froebel by Miss M. E. Macintyre, inspector of the Ontario kindergartens and head of normal kindergarten department, Toronto.

The Brooklet, by Sopha S. Bixle y. From the German of Goethe. Dear brooklet, silver-bright and

cicar, Forever hastning, rippling by, Why sing so gayly all the day?" We heard a murmuring voice reply

The lap of dark rocks was my home My course leads down o'er moss and The friendly face of heaven's own

In my clear waters you discern. "Sweet child, I have a happy mind; It drives me forth I know not where: The voice which called me from my

Will guide my steps with watchful

The Singer Cleon And The Cricket. Listen, children, for from out the wonderland of stories there comes onto me of long ago. It is the story of

the bard of Cleon. A bard was one of those singers of that faraway time, whose song fell into every heart, and was so sweet everybody had to sing it over and over

Cleon was only a boy, yet he was to sing with others for a prize. Many people were to listen and five wise men, judges they called them, were at the end to tell who had sung and played the best.

I seem to hear Cleon now as on that fresh morning he went on his way His song was sweet, and he played on golden lyre, and when his fingers touched the strings there seemed two voices instead of one-such was the

The day was summer, and as he passed along the marigoid and primrose nedded, grasses bowed low at his feet. and a new-born butterfly, just ur folding its quivering wings to morning, stopped. Even an oak-mother. with outstretched, inviting arms, called to him, "Come, come!" and one bound he was at her feet.

as if to commence a new song, though he only dropped one joyous note, then left the rest unfinished. But the listening winds were stirred. They took up the song. Gently they played upon the strings of the lyre. The leaves rustled. A locust from out the thicket came forth with a musical swarm. Bees, as if 'twere holiday, hovered round, while singing birds came and even a wren swung in tune on a branch overhead.

her chirrup, chirrup, awakened him just at the right time. Opening his eyes, thought he, "Has!

slept on had not a little cricket with

cried, with you pretty bee, cricket perance is respected." flowers, trees! You should be my ers, Ribbons and Fancy Trimmings will as if to take in the whole world, for continue to attract your special atten-, he loved it so and the world loved him. "Chirrup chirrup." sang the cricket

Hannay & Harold, CESS St. And And Bagot Sta. . for the great song. ericket again.

He was still listening when his name | mitts. was called. He arose, but it was as if he were still in the woods. He swept his fingers over the lyre. It was at tuned. He took a breath, but wasstill listening, and as if the very bird that had been singing to him had slipped into his voice, such song came forth as never a bard was heard to sing be-

See the judges. Look how each has forgotten all but the song. Now one rises out of his sent as if to be the first to cry, "The prize! the prize is

Ring out, ye voices, in chorus above, But what! Suddenly one of the Thanks never ending, and infinite strings on the lyre snaps! All is lost! No; for from out the singer's pocket, with its little heart on fire there alights on his broken string a cricket that sounded the wanting note. Then chirps she -- not once, but twice, thrice, even to the end, just at the right time, and saves the singer from losing the prize.

Said the judges, "The prize is yours; it is yours twice over. With such a voice and such a lyre what else could

Then Cleon, in return, only upheld the lyre with his little friend perched upon the broken string, and with glad heart he said: "Behold, this is the secret of my finished song. Speak, little cricket." And in answer came the chirrup, chirrup, then away she "Where?' wondered Cleon as he

turned his face homeward. "Oh little cricket, give back thy sweet song to the fields, and make them as joyous as, thou hast made Cleon to-day." Then, with a burst of song that the woods echoed again and again, he butried on. There was still one more thing for him to do to end the sweet day, and it was not finished till almost evening—a marble lyre. He had made it himself, and with pride he now up held it, and as the last sunbeam departed, for a moment it shone on little cricket perched upon a broken string. Then the first star came out and the happiest day of his life wa

Mary A. Proudfoot in August, '97 Child-Garden.

Oh Canada! fair Canada, Rare diamond of earth's jewel crown What nation hath not sought the shores. or people heard of thy renown?

) burnished gem, thy light sha fo illumine far earth's darkest clime Where buried deep in dark despair air jewels lie both rich and rare.

Throw off the yoke which vices bring

Let freedom reign, but God be king

Then shall thy lustre shine so brigh

That nations all shall seek thy light

A Tramp's Elequent Lecture. A tramp asked for a free drink in saloon. The request was granted and when in the act of drinking the proffered beverage one of the young men present exclaimed: "Stop; make us a speech. It is

The tramp hastily swallowed down the drink, and as the rich liquor coursed through his blood he straightened himself and stood before them with a grace and dignity that all his rags and dirt could not obscure. "Gentlemen," he said, "I look to-

night at you and myself, and it seems to me I look upon the picture of my lost manhood. This bloated face was once as young and handsome as yours. This shambling figure once walked as proudly as yours, a man in the world of men. I, too, once had a home, and friends and position. I had a wife as beautiful as any artist's dream and I dropped the priceless pearl of ner honor and respect in the wine cup and Cleopatra-like, saw it dissolved and quaffed it down in the brimming draught. I had children as sweet and lovely as the flowers of spring, and saw them fade and die under the blighting curse of a drunkard father. had a home where love lit the flame upon the altar and ministered before it, and I put out the holy fire, and darkness and desolation reigned in its stead. I had aspirations and ambi tions that soared as high as the morning star and broke and bruised their beautiful wings, and at last strangled them that I might be tortured with their cries no more. To-day I am husband without a wife, a father without a child, a tramp with no home to call his own, a man in whom every good impulse is dead. And all

swallowed up in the maeistrom of fell from his nerveless fingers and shivered into a thousand fragments on the floor. The swinging doors pushed open and shut again, and when the little group about the bar looked up the tramp was gone.

-New Orleans Picayune.

Ke 10es From The Lumber Camp. John Leckie, our missionary to the lumber camps, started in December last for the Muskoka district, and has now the work in full swing. We have sent him a good supply of plebiscite literature. Mr. Leckie writes very cheering accounts of the meetings held with the men in the camps, who sit around in, a circle, fifty or seventy-five smoking their pipes, everything quiet and orderly while our messenger tells Lifting his head he opened his mouth the story of the cross, and appeals to his audience to forsake the path that is beset with temptations, giving illustrations of his own, and the experience of others.

He writes: "I have just returned from a trip through St. Clair county; had a grand time and good meetings. The boys all came out to bid me goodbye, and requested me to return to their camp befire spring." the other occasion he writes: "I only wish you could see one of our meetings, when one of those big, hopest feilows kneel Cleon fell asleep, and he would have in prayer for his soul, and then confass Christ before all his companious." One camp of Catholics were so pleased with the service and the comfort bags she a secret too?" but to his question that they wished Mr. Leckie to reonly a humble-bee hummed and num- main longer. Another foreman of a cemp asked him to visit his boys. He "Oh why can I not stay here," he adds, "So you see that christian tem-

One of our district superintendents, judges. What a song that would be!" Mrs. Michle, writes of the contents of and rising, he stretched out his arms a comfort bag being the means of saving a lumberman, who had cut his foot badly, from death.

I wish time and space would permit us to tell of the blessed results of our "And you answer me," said Cleon, as white ribboners in sending the suphe turned round to see from where the plies, and the missionary who scatters voice had come, but she was nowhere, our literature as he goes from camp to be found. A snail turned him aside to camp, often walking twenty and in the road, and as he watched it crawl- thirty miles in one day, preaching to in the road, and as he watched it crawling slowly along, he remembered he
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a man preach or pray for twenty
for the great song.

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When he arrived several had already mind our workers that it will be to had their turns, and now it was his the interest of the work to further to stand before the wise judges, each engage Mr. Leckie's services, and in orwith ear ready for the slightest mis- der to do this, funds are needed, so take. This was what he was thinking please send remittances for this departwhen all of a sudden he heard the ment to Miss J. McArthur, provincial treasurer. Comfort bags should con-Had he brought the woods with him? fain bible or testament, hymn book, Once more he listened. This time he large rolls of bandaging, some of seemed to hear the birds. Was he strong cotton, needles and large darndreaming or did he really understand ers in needle book, pins, paper and Yes, for they were telling him pencil, good healing salve, cake soap of his half-forgotten dream of an hour | in oil silk bag, linen thread, cut ready for use, yarn for darning socks and

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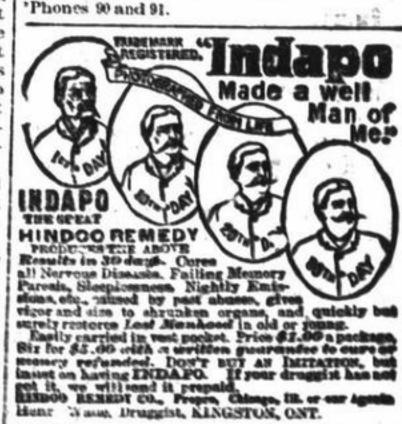


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