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## THE WAR NEWS.

Monday Afternoon, 4 P.M.

President proclaims blockade.

Congress mailing patriotic.

Spain starting munitions from Cadiz.

The Spanish Torpedo Flotilla dispatched at Cape de Verde Islands.

The American Flying Squadron at Newport News ready to sail at an hour.

Minister Woodford still hopeful that war not be averted. Reports that the Pope desires no mediate.

Tuesday, Afternoon.

President's message promised for Wednesday.

Congress held at check by the latest.

More ships bought for our navy than expected.

Spanish Minister Estrada is making preparations to leave Washington, if necessary, at short notice.

In the Senate the Maine disaster was probed to the front and Spain held directly responsible.

Congressman Fenley opposes further negotiations with "the butchers of Spain."

The report that the Pope has asked Spain to arrange for a commission of inquiry fell flat in Carlisle.

Wednesday Afternoon.

The President's message to be read to Congress at 12 o'clock. It was delivered 2,000 words.

Intervention without delay! That the substance of the message. Not for the abstract question of right or wrong, but for the strong reason that the war is a constant menace to our peace. Argument against the recognition of the Cuban insurgents. Says that it is not clear that in the course of civilization and duty of the present generation to permit the further destruction of the island. Says that the right of belligerency is not conceded, and that the right of visit and search in time of war to protect neutral commerce is fully recognized.

Later.—The message received with much applause from both sides of the chamber. Many democrats arose and applauded vigorously. Republicans generally applauded at the conclusion of the message. Democrats rather inclined to criticise the message. Democrats generally disappointed. Republicans pleased.

Thursday, Morning.

Congress will probably take action on the message to-day.

Resolutions for recognition of Cuban independence introduced in both houses.

Senate Committee on Foreign Relations will report favorably on the resolutions.

Senate will probably take action to-day.

Resolutions will be passed by both houses.

Spain will not declare war.

Spain will withdraw her minister.

Minister Woodford will be recalled.

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