FLEET IN LEASH
No Offensive Movement Yet Made by Capt. Sampson's Squadron

WAR BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND SPAIN IS NOW A FACT

WASHINGTON, April 21—War between the United States and Spain is a fact, though not officially declared as such. The startling events of yesterday were succeeded today with stunning rapidity by other of equal importance, culminating in the afternoon in orders for the departure of the North Atlantic squadron for Havana.

This practically is an act of war, as the war between this country and Spain may fairly be said to date from April 21. Two minutes after the opening of the State department this morning word came from Minister Woodford that the Spanish government had anticipated and prepared his instructions to present the president's ultimatum, he had asked for his passports.

The administration, in a public statement, announced that it regarded the action of the Spanish government as rendering necessary further diplomatic action on the part of the United States, and further stated that it regarded the course adopted by Spain as one placing upon that country the responsibility for the breach of friendly relations.

Mr. Woodford's telegram resulted in an arrangement of the plan of temporarily on the blockades of the European nations.

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The news of the actual beginning of war was received with gravity in the State department, and there were many speculations as to the destination of the Spanish squadron.

In the war department many orders flew to and fro relative to the concentration of troops in the South, and Secretary Long and Assistant Secretary Woodard were 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.

At about 4:45 o'clock this afternoon the president had a brief conference with the attorney general, Secretary Long and Assistant Secretaries Day and Andrews. Several telegrams were received and others presumably sent, but their purport was not disclosed. At 4:55 the president informed Secretary Long in a short with the calling of a special cabinet meeting.

CALL FOR 100,000 VOLUNTEERS

MINISTER IS PREPARED TO ASK FOR VOLUNTEERS

Under the Program so outlined, it is necessary to ask for 100,000 volunteers, to be sent to the South. The necessary steps will be taken immediately. Mr. Woodford is prepared today to inform the cabinet of the above.

W. W. Hubbard

JOIN THE SQUADRON

THE BIG BATTLESHIP TRINIDAD, STAR OF THE SQUADRON, LEAVING KEY WEST TO BLOCKADE HAVANA