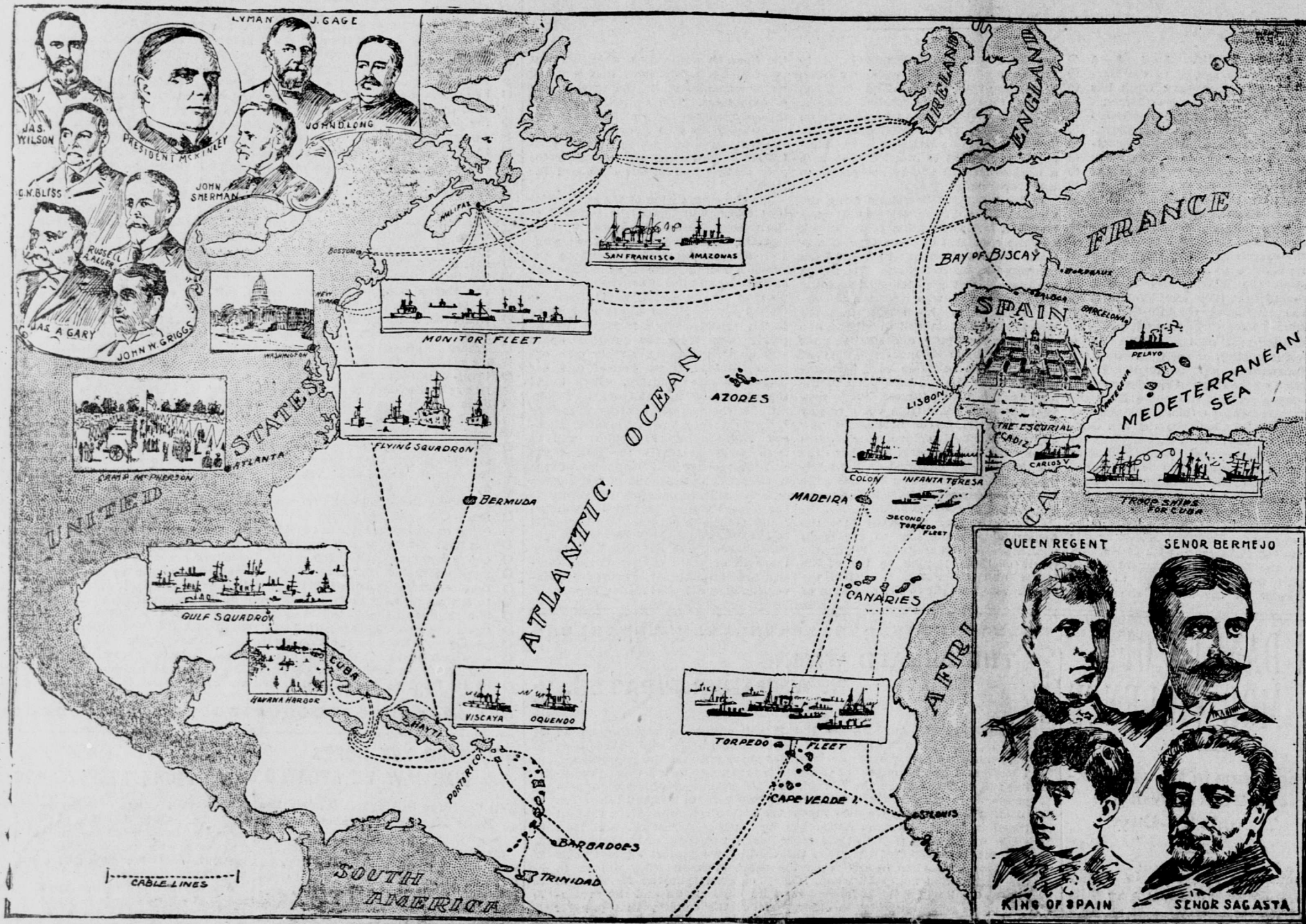




SPAIN SPEEDING VESSELS WHILE WAR FEELING GROWS



Pictorial Representation of the Spanish-American Situation, Showing Movements of the Respective War Vessels.

WAR MAY FOLLOW MESSAGE

President McKinley Will Not Advocate a Conflict, but May Cause It.

Strange as It May Now Seem There Are Many Statesmen in Washington Who Think Spain Will Yield.

NEW YORK, April 3.—The Herald's Washington correspondent telegraphs: President McKinley's message to Congress may bring war, but it will not recommend it. This is as much as any one can say tonight as to the general effect of the anxiously awaited document.

"VICTORY IS WITH US, FRIENDS OF PEACE."

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MADRID, April 3.—Last night the situation looked as black as it could be, but this evening all is changed. Early this morning Senor Sagasta, Gullon and Moret received notices to attend at the Palace. When they reached there a communication of historical importance was conveyed to them. Two days ago the Spanish Government refused an armistice. To-day, upon the intercession of the Pope, Spain accepts an armistice, and this speaks peace.

HOW LONG CAN THEY BE HELD?

Congressmen Grow Impatient While the Administration Is Temporarily.

Washington, April 3.—If there is any one in Washington who knows the plans of the administration, it is the President himself, and much doubt is expressed by his most intimate friends as to whether he has yet made up his mind to send in his message on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

SPAIN SENDING A SECOND FLEET

Powerful Ships of War to Join the Torpedo Flotilla, and If War Is Declared Experts Fear They Will Bombard Coast Cities.

NEW YORK, April 3.—The Herald's Washington correspondent telegraphs: Spain's formidable fleet gathered at Cadiz is on the eve of proceeding to sea. Its destination is not known. This, in effect, is the contents of a cablegram received at the State Department this morning from Minister Woodford. It was deemed of sufficient importance by officials of the department to be sent at once to the Navy Department, where it was placed in the hands of Commander Richardson Clover, Chief of the Office of Naval Intelligence, to whom all matters relating to the Spanish navy are referred. Naturally there is a great deal of anxious speculation in official circles as to the destination of this second fleet.

UNCLE SAM'S SHIPS STRIPPED FOR ACTION. KEY WEST, April 3.—Two battleships, an armored cruiser, a monitor, three protected cruisers, two gunboats and six torpedo boats comprise the naval force assembled at this port. This fleet is practically cleared for action, and is ready for service at a moment's notice. Should declaration of war come to-morrow, I am assured that the fleet would be under way and heading for Cuba within ten minutes of the receipt of the notice, except for giving the monitor Terror her fighting garb of gray. Nothing remains to be done in the way of preparing for battle. The ships are all coaled and provisioned. Their magazines are full of ammunition, and the vessels themselves have been stripped of all woodwork, even to their boats. These, with the exception of life-boats, have been towed to the basin at Government Station, where they have been moored in flotillas. In addition to all, the crews of the ships of war have been "keyed to concert pitch," to use the phrase of an officer from the flagship, who described to me the state of discipline which now prevails in this fleet.

GENERAL GRAHAM SAYS "IT LOOKS THAT WAY." Reply of the Army Commander When Asked if There Would Be War. GALVESTON, April 3.—General William H. Graham, commander of the Department of the South, arrived in the city at 10 o'clock this morning. His visit as in the nature of tour of inspection of the fortifications of the department. He came from New Orleans accompanying him is Lieutenant G. F. Barney. They were taken out to the forts at the east end, and to Bolivar. In the afternoon they were taken to the site of the Denver reservoir, where Battery K is stationed. At 5 o'clock the officers took the train for Fort Morgan, Mobile, as the general has several places which he designs visiting on the return to headquarters. When asked if there would be war the general replied: "It looks that way."

NEWS OF THE D. Y. Weather forecast for San Francisco: Fair on Monday; light northerly changing to westerly winds. Maximum temperature for the past twenty-four hours: San Francisco.....60 degrees Los Angeles.....58 degrees Portland.....60 degrees San Diego.....58 degrees Sacramento.....58 degrees

ADVERTISEMENTS. BABY'S COMING. Nature intended that every woman should look forward to the coming of her baby with joy and hope, unclouded by anxiety. Almost painless parturition is quite the usual thing among uncivilized people. Even in our own country it occasionally happens with women in robust health and good condition. It ought to be the rule instead of the exception; and it is a fact that a very large proportion of the usual pain and suffering may be avoided by looking after the mother's general health, and specially strengthening the particular organs concerned in parturition.