

PREPARING FOR WAR.

Great Britain and Japan in Close Touch With Each Other.

THE LATTER WORKING NIGHT AND DAY.

Active Preparations Being Made for War. Yet Britain Will Be Made to Maintain Peace.

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Spanish War Will Soon End.

Madrid, Dec. 30.—The announcement of the intended departure of the American ambassador from Spain, to the effect that the mission is about to be terminated, has caused a great deal of interest in the city.

Weyler's Protest Under a Ban.

Madrid, Dec. 30.—The protest of General Weyler against the execution of the Spanish revolutionaries, which was published in the Spanish press, has been prohibited in the United States.

Personal of the Navy.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Assistant Secretary Roosevelt has submitted to the board of the navy a report on the condition of the navy.

Carriage Reduces Wages.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 30.—A new wage scale for the employees of the steel works and blast furnaces under the control of the Carnegie company was posted today to take effect January 1.

Howe's Report on the Navy.

Washington, Dec. 30.—A report on the condition of the navy, submitted by the secretary of the navy, has been received by the board of the navy.

Part of Havana to Open.

Havana, Jan. 1.—A report from Havana, Cuba, states that the port of Havana will be opened to foreign trade on January 1.

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<p>Down Quilts.</p> <p>The balance of our Fine Down Quilts will be sold at</p> <p>1-3 Off Regular Price.</p>	<p>Children's Colored Bonnets</p> <p>At a Reduction of</p> <p>33 1-3 Per Cent.</p>	<p>Ladies' Capes and Jackets.</p> <p>ELEGANT GOODS.</p> <p>50 PER CENT OFF.</p>	<p>Fur Goods.</p> <p>BOAS, COLLAR-ETTES AND CAPES.</p> <p>50 PER CENT OFF.</p>	<p>Light Tan Jackets.</p> <p>Latest Eastern Style, the Finest Shown this Season, at</p> <p>50 PER CENT OFF.</p>	<p>Children's Tam O'Shanter.</p> <p>\$1.00 for 50c.</p> <p>\$1.75 for 75c.</p> <p>These are Rare Bargains. Secure them early.</p>	<p>Children's Vests.</p> <p>White Wool, that sell regularly for 75c, to close out at</p> <p>50c</p>
<p>Gray Cotton Blanket.</p> <p>Worth regular \$1.25, will be sold for</p> <p>75c pair</p> <p>One lot, regular price \$1.75, sale price</p> <p>\$1.25 pair</p>	<p>Ladies' Vests.</p> <p>Double Pile-ined, worth 75c, for</p> <p>45c</p>	<p>Children's Jackets And Long Coats</p> <p>Stylish and Durable.</p> <p>50 PER CENT OFF.</p>	<p>Ladies' Hats.</p> <p>ELEGANT Ladies' Hats, Trimmed or Untrimmed, Your Choice of any at Z. C. M. I. at</p> <p>50c ON THE DOLLAR.</p>	<p>Tea Gowns, Latest Styles.</p> <p>FIFTY PER CENT OFF.</p>	<p>Ostrich Feather Boas</p> <p>1-3 Less Than Regular Price.</p> <p>BEST QUALITY</p> <p>Taffeta Ribbons,</p> <p>4 1/2 inches wide, in all shades, Regular price 40c, Sale price</p> <p>25c</p>	<p>Children's Bonnets.</p> <p>Cream Silk,</p> <p>\$1.75 Value for .65</p> <p>1.25 Value for .65</p> <p>1.75 Value for .65</p> <p>2.50 Value for .65</p> <p>3.50 Value for .65</p>
<p>ONE LOT OF DARK Outing Flannels.</p> <p>Regular price 45c, will be sold for</p> <p>5c yard</p>	<p>Ladies' Skirts.</p> <p>Colored Silks, Elegant Goods. See them.</p> <p>33 1-3 Per Cent Off.</p>	<p>Ladies' Suits.</p> <p>SPLENDID ASSORTMENT.</p> <p>50 PER CENT OFF.</p>	<p>Ladies' Waists.</p> <p>SILK, SERGE, CASHMERE.</p> <p>50 PER CENT OFF.</p>	<p>CHILDREN'S 50c BALDRIGGAN Union Suits,</p> <p>Sale Price 30c</p>	<p>Ladies' Wrappers.</p> <p>33 1-3 Per Cent Off.</p>	<p>This Great Bargain Offer is for 3 Days Only.</p>