

NO EXCUSE

Chairman Coppel of the Rio Grande
Opposes the War.

TALKS BITTERLY OF ITS COMING

**The People of the East, He Says,
Will Have to Furnish the Men and
Money, While the West Will Do
the Talking—Cuban Distress Is
None of Our Business—War Hurts
the Railroads.**

George Coppel of New York, chairman of the board of directors of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad company, arrived in Denver this morning in his private car and registered at the Brown hotel with a party of friends, stockholders in the Rio Grande, from Holland.

Mr. Coppel said several interesting things in talking of the war scare in the East. He arrived a day late for the departure of the troops and the ovation tendered them in the city, but in talking over conditions with President Jeffery, the chairman said that he had noticed the popular eagerness for war increased as he came Westward.

"We in New York do not wish war. We know the consequences and the hardships it will cause," said Mr. Coppel. "We are also the people who furnish the money and the men. This country was beginning to be as prosperous as it ever was and the summer was opening with the brightest prospects when the war talk caused the bottom to fall out of everything.

"Over \$60,000,000 in gold has been im-

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"Over \$60,000,000 in gold has been im-
ported during the last six or seven
weeks into this country. This is un-
precedented. It is part of the money
owed to us, and more is coming. The
general rule is that we have exported
gold instead of calling it in. It would
be much better to keep our gold in Lon-
don and not interrupt the interest be-
ing paid on it.

"Business in the East and as far as
Chicago is at a complete standstill. I
am referring more particularly to the
financial conditions. While in Chicago
the other day I met one of the biggest
capitalists there. He listened patiently
to the proposition I put before him, but
then ended the interview by saying:
'Good scheme, good scheme, but wait
for three or four months until this thing
is settled and then we will talk of it
again.' The same feeling is observable
in New York.

"The war talk and sentiment grows
stronger as one goes West. We marvel
at your enthusiasm. We in the East
furnish the money and the men; you do
the talking. In New York the yellow
journals and their sensational heads and
dispatches are frowned upon by the
more conservative and better class of
citizens.

"I think that only a few politicians
in the East and at Washington are
eager for war. We were great sticklers
for arbitration. What are we doing
now?

"War is a cruel thing. It is not my
business to predict what the outcome
will be. But prices will go up and our
money will be idle. There will be suf-
fering here as well as at the scene of
hostilities. Loss of life is a cruel thing,
and why should we be fighting for such
a worthless, impoverished stake? What
is Cuba that a great country should go
to war, expend millions and lose the
flower of its soldiery and navy?

"All the blood in Spain is not worth
one drop flowing in an American's
veins."

Mr. Coppel will remain in Denver for
a week. He is on his regular tour of
inspection and while in Denver will set-
tle several matters in regard to the road
before the annual meeting in June, the
close of the fiscal year.

Mr. Connell states that the railroads