COUNT THE MINUTES

Managers, Contractors and Exhibitors All in a Great Hurry Now.

EACH HOUR HAS BECOME PRECIOUS

Approach of the Time for Opening Sets Hot Pace on Work.

MANY PUTTING ON FINISHING TOUCHES

Buildings Completed and Exhibits Rapidly Being Put in Place.

BLUFF TRACT SHOWS ITS BEAUTIES

Cle ring Away the Rubbish of Build ing Brings Out the Lovely Fentures Wrought by the Landsenpe Architect.

When President McKinley touches the button on June 1 to start the Transmississippi and International Exposition he will delight a crowd of patriotic people such as was never gathered in the west before. This day promises to be a gala one. Reports are coming in that the railroad excursions will be packed to their utmost capacity and some roads contemplate running several sections to accommodate those wishing to come to Omaha. It has well been said that the exposition will speak for itself. This is daily evinced to the hundreds of visitors who are impatient to get just a little idea of what it will be.

Outside work on the grounds and the arranging of exhibits on the inside continues without abatement and the progress made daily is marvelous. The time has drawn nigh that each contractor and exhibitor must see the completion of his work only a few hours hence. There is a source of gratification among both the exposition managers and exhibitors owing to the nearness of the finishing touches. The exposi tion promises to outrival its equal, the World's fair, in the matter of having everything ready on the opening day. A strong iron railing is being placed on the bridge over the lagoon, which denotes the finishing of this large structure. New concessions are being erected almost daily on Twentieth Marshall, curator of the museum, and the staff to the Philippines. street, the Midways and the bluff tract. and the concessionaires are wasting no time to have them completed by the opening day go as to get a "graft in" for the first nickels and dimes. The exposition restaurants on the Sherman avenue viaduct are being fur nished. Exhibits continue to arrive and ar at once assigned to their respective build-

More Beautiful Than Ever.

The bluff tract, which is conceded by many to be the most beautiful spot of the whole exposition, continues to grow more beautiful each day. New plants, roses palms, etc., are being set out in such variety as to make the tract more attractive. The rubbish has been removed from the nearly completed state buildings of Montana. Georgia and Wisconsin. These structures will only be a few days behind time, while they will be followed in a week or ten days by Iowa, Kansas and New York. The commissions from these states will be on hand to take possession of their buildings as they re completed, and keep open house for a The Horticultural building, although the last of the main exposition build ings to be completed, now begins to show great activity among exhibitors. The states of Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois have carpenter forces at work erecting tables, etc., to be used in the displaying of exhibits, and several floral firms are placing displays. The Los Angeles county (California) exhibit is nearly in place and will be ready to receive visitors on the opening day, Frank Wiggins, secretary and superintendent of the Chamber of Commerce of Los Angeles, under whose auspices the exhibit is made, has been here for the last three weeks installing the exhibits. When finished he will return home, leaving C. L. Wilson, his assistant, in charge during the exposition. This exhibit comprises every known specimen of that county's products. The space allotted to southern California is attractively

and Catalina Island, all in Los Angeles county. GOVERNMENT BOARD OF CONTROL

decorated overhead with yellow and white

material, these being the Chamber of Com-

merce colors. The prevailing colors used in

decorating are wine, olive and orange, which

are in touch with the exhibits. Distributed

at different places among the exhibits are a

number of large pictures, showing the homes

of Pasadena and Los Angeles, the two prin-

cipal resorts of the latter place, Mount Lowe

Representatives of the Executive De

partment Meet in Omaha Today. The Board of Management of the Government building will hold a meeting in its office in the building this afternoon. the members of the board are in the city ex- of the men were enjoying a swim. Briggs cept Colonel J. H. Brigham, assistant sec- being one of the party. Suddenly and withretary of agriculture and chairman of the board; W. H. Michael, representative of the State department, and Frank Strong, representative of the Department of Justice. Col. onel Brigham will arrive this morning, but the other two absentees will be represented at the meeting by proxy, John M. Biddle, who has been supervising the installation of the exhibit in the State department, has been delegated to represent the department at the meeting, and George Field, a repre sentative of the Department of Justice, who has been performing a similar service for that department, will represent it at the

meeting The other members of the board are Charles E. Kemper, executive officer of the office of the supervising architect, who is the representative of the Treasury department; Prof. F. W. Clarke, of the Interior department; Dr. F. W. True of the Smithsonian Institution and National Museum; Colonel J. B. Brownlow of the Postoffice department, Captain Henry C. Ward of the War department, Lieutenant Commander E. M. Stedman of the Navy department. William deC. Ravenel of the Fish commission. The secretary of the board is Captain W. V. Cox of the National Museum, who is also custodian of the Government building and executive officer of the board.

The principal business to be transacted by the board will be to make rules for the government of the building and the employes, to fix the hours during which the building shall be open to the public, prescribe uniforms and badges for the guards.

the members of the board who were in the city were gathered in a sociable group in the the steamer will fly the German colors as rotunds of the Millard hotel last night when far as Cape Finisterre and that it will then they were asked by a Bee representative if proceed to its destination under the Spanish the question of opening the Government flag. hours the exposition was open, would be

taken up for consideration.
"I don't know why it should be," said Mr. Ravenel, as the others made no answer The same question has been decided over and over by practically the same board, and captain; Roy L. Sharp, first lieutenant; J. Commander Charles P. Perkins, commanding I, for one, see no reason for taking the W. Baker, second lieutenant. There will be the Monadnock, has been designated as matter up at all. The members constituting no difficulty in getting a full company.

previous boards and there is no especial reason to believe that their opinions on this question have changed. It is largely a question of money. The available funds have been apportioned among the different will Personally Supervise the Future departments and the question of keeping the building open Sundays nas not entered into the calculations of running expenses."

Other members of the board looked assent to the statements of Mr. Ravenel, but nothing further was said on that score. The matter of keeping the building open at night was suggested, but it was stated that there has been no provision made for this, and the building is provided with only four arc lights for patrol service. It was also stated that at other expositions the Government building has been closed in some instancer. at 4 o'clock in the afternoon; in others at 4:30, and in other cases at 5 o'clock. There was no suggestion as to the hour which will be fixed in the present instance

RELICS OF OLD TIMES IN TEXAS, hotel.

Mute Reminders of Historic Struggles to Be on Exhibition.

The exhibit of the Cotton Belt route in the Agriculture building will show several things which are closely connected with the stirring history of the southwestern portion of the United States, especially with the noted events associated with the early history of Texas. A photographic facsimile of the Texas declaration of independence will be one of the attractions. This curious old document was written on both sides of eleven small sheets of paper and each of these has been photographed and all are shown in a long frame. The celebrated painting, "The Fall of the Alamo," owned by a citizen Texas, will also occupy a conspicious position and near it will be a curious old inkstand belonging to General Santa Anna which was found among his will be shown and there will also be displayed numerous products of the south, including petroleum, both crude and refined, rom Corsicana, the Oil City of the south.

formation of friends. From the Philadelphia Museam. A notable exhibit has arrived at the exeginning the active work of installation. This was a carload of material from the Philadelphia museum, consisting of specinens of all sorts of the products of the outh and Central American countries and of Africa. The car was in charge of Prof. installation is proceeding under his peronal direction.

visitors will record their names for the in-

The collection will be located in the Libral Arts building and comprises specimens the countries named, agricultural speci- able and ready for active service. iens, woods, relies, etc.

Burt County's Exhibit. TEKAMAH, Neb., May 27 .- (Special.)-

The articles for the Burt county exhibit at the Transmississippi Exposition were shipped today, and were accompanied by Hon. J. R. Sutherland and H. N. Wheeler, who will place them in their allotted space Mr. Wheeler will have charge of Burt ounty's exhibit during the exposition. rekamah has raised over \$500 by subscripon to assist with this exhibit, and this with what has been subscribed throughout the county and what was allowed by the ounty supervisors, will make in the neighborhood of \$1,500.

Notes of the Exposition. building.

E. T. Abbott of St. Joseph, a member of

the Missouri commission, has arrived in the ity to assist Chairman Leuthey of the agriultural committee of the commission in the installation of the agricultural portion of the Missouri exhibit.

President Wattles received a formal no-tice from the government of Mexico to the effect that the Mexican government would be unable to carry out the arrangements heretofore made for participation in the ex-Intimations to this effect were refirst formal notice of the fact that this action would be taken

F. W. True Ph. D. executive curator of the National museum and Expresentative of the Smithsonian institution on the Board of Management of the Government building. has arrived in the city, together with Charles E. Kemper, representative of the Treasury department on the board. Both gentlemen will remain until after the formal opening of the exposition.

DROWNED AT CHICKAMAUGA

Ernest Grant Briggs of Company A Loses His Life While in Bathing.

CHICKAMAUGA PARK, May 27 .- (Speciai Telegram.)-Ernest Grant Briggs, company B, of Ord, was drowned in Chickamauga All creek this evening while bathing. Several out warning Briggs sank and before the others could reach him he had lost his life. The body was recovered.

Briggs was a young man of high character and popular with his comrades. He worked on a farm near Ord during the last year and enlisted soon after the first call for troops. His father, L. R. Briggs, resides at Kimball, S. D. The body will be sent home for burial.

Torrey's Eleventh Company. CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 27 .- (Special Teltwelve troops of cowboy cavalry was mustered into service here today. Colonel Tor rey today made the following appointments: Regimental adjutant, Herbert V. Lacey, heyenne; quartermaster, Frederick Rapp. Long Pine, Neb.; veterinarian, John G. Slee, Washington, D. C.; surgeon, Mortimer Jesuthe regiment. Equipments and arms have been received, but horses are being secured an ex-officer of the United States army. slowly, but 300 having been accepted. From

Under Cover of German Flag BERLIN, May 27.—It is reported here from Madrid that the North German Lloyd mail steamer Havel, after having been sold to the Transatlantic company of Barcelona. which acts for the Spanish government, is now on its way to Cadiz. It is added that

present indications Wyoming's quota under

the president's second call will be filled by

sending the Alger Light artillery of this

Volunteers at Deadwood DEADWOOD, S. D., May 27 -- (Special Telegram.)-Company A, Second regiment, South Dakota volunteers, was organized last night in this city. A. E. Frank was elected place next Monday or Tuesday. Lieutenant

Expeditions to Manila,

WORKING ON THE TRANSPORT VESSELS

It is Estimated That it Will Be at Least Ten Days Refore the Second Expedition Sails.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 27 .- General Merritt, who will command the American forces in the Philippines and who arrived from Washington last night, has established his headquarters in this city at the Palace

General Otis tomorrow will take up his residence at Fort Richmond and will have the volunteers encamped there under his eye at all times. Today Captain C. L. Hooper received instructions from Washington ordering him

to proceed to Manila by the next transport to assume command of the cutter Hugh Mc-Culloch to succeed Captain Hodgson, who is ordered home. Arrangements have been made by General pital near Fort Richmond. Tents will be

erected for the sick soldiers and nurses will occur. always be in attendance. There are many cases of measles and bronchitis among the demands. second expedition to go to Manila with re- he can be held inside the harbor, there is effects at San Jacinto. Numerous other relics inforcements, will get away for at least ten no purpose whatever on the part of the

This exhibit will be the headquarters of work on it at once to prepare it for the source. he people from Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas voyage. The Zealandia is being fitted up at and Missouri. A register will be kept where its dock. The Centennial and the Ohio will not arrive from Puget Sound for some days

It is generally understood that the five include the Pennsylvania, Colorado and esition grounds and no time was lost in Minnensota regiments, the Seventh regiment of this state and the Eighteenth and to the contrary, that at the close of the Twenty-eighth regiments (regular), now en day the department had nothing more than are ready to concentrate and fall upon inroute from New Orleans.

The work of repairing the Philadelphia is being rushed at Mare Island, and it will doubtless convey General Merritt and his

One good effect of Gen. Merritt's advent has already been felt. He has ordered that troops not already supplied with proper equipment are to be furnished at once with of minerals, manufactured products of all everything necessary to make them comfort-

Secure Two More Transports. WASHINGTON, May 27.-Two more steamships, the China and Colon of the Pacific Mail Steamship company, were chartered today by Assistant Secretary Meiklejohn of the War department to carry troops to the Philippines. The ships, it is understood here, carry fully 2,500 men, and if they can be made ready in time will form part of the second expedition to the island. Mr. Meiklejohn succeeded in communicating with C. P. Huntington, the president of the Pacific Mail Steamship company, by telegraph somewhere in Iowa last night, while the latter was on his way east, and as a result of propositions the China and Colon Francisco, where it is loading a commercial of exhibits, the donation of cargo for the Orient and was expected to the Philadelphia museum, arrived yesterday sail tomorrow. The China will be due at were unloaded in the Liberal Arts San Francisco tomorrow. As soon as practicable both ships will be turned over to Chiquita, the Cuban mite, is not a part the agent of the quartermaster's department of the Hagenback animal show, as was stated, but is a separate "concession," under the management of T. K. Bostock. pedition to the Philippines, the Centennial, Zealandia, Ohio, Colon and China, Their combined capacity is approximately 5,000 men, and it is the opinion of the officials here that they will be ready to sail for Manila some time next week. The acquisi tion of the China and Colon is a source of satisfaction to Mr. Meiklejohn, who says that the department is now in much bette shape as regards transportation. He explained that there is no desire on the part of the government to impress vessels into its service unless such action is absolutely essential for its purposes. The government wants to be absolutely fair in its terms of charter, but at the same time believes that it is paying for the vessels all that they are worth. It may be interesting to vessel owners to know that the decision has been reached by Mr. Meiklejohn in making contracts in the future to concede to them certain features relating to crew and fuel which will be embodied in the charter by the War department.

Further steps have been taken by the War Northern Pacific company, for which the agents are holding out for a larger amount of money than the government is disposed to pay. Mr. Meiklejohn declines to give any more money than that last proposed, believing that the benefits which would accrue to the ships from an American register would more than compensate them for the to be turned over.

KING WILL GO WITH MERRITT.

Military Novelist Assigned to Commend in Philippine Expedition. WASHINGTON, May 27 .- Adjutant General Corbin announced tonight that three of the brigadier generals appointed by the try. president today would be officially designated as soon as the senate had confirmed in the Philippines. The generals selected for the Philippine expedition are George egram.)-The eleventh of Colonel Torrey's A. Garretson of Cleveland, O.: Francis V. Greene of New York, and Charles King of draw the natives to the Spanish side,

Late this afternoon General Merritt, who is to be military governor of the Philippines, wired General Corbin, requesting that General King be sent with him to the Philippines. The request was approved and forrun, Douglas, Wyo. The twelfth troop will warded to General King, and so he becomes soon be mustered into service, completing to all intents and purposes a commander. General King is the well known novelist and Generals Garretson and Greene have already signified to the War department the acceptance of the orders to proceed to Ma-Both are experienced officers of

> assistance to General Merritt. It is understood unofficially that Harrion Gray Ottis, editor of the Los Angeles Times, who served with the president in the Twenty-third Ohio during the civil war, and was nominated today to be a brigadier general, will also go to the Philippines. Early next week another list of brigadier generals will be sent to the senate. The list will contain probably from eight to twelve names. All of the officers nominated for brigadier generals will be from the southern states.

marked ability and will prove of invaluable

Trial of New Gunboat. SEATTLE, May 27.- The official trial trip of the gunboat Rowan will probably take

president of the trial board.

this board have been members of several MERRITT TAKES COMMAND NO NEWS YET OF CERVERA SPAIN SUITED WITH BLANCO

Washington Officials Still Hope That He is Bottled Up in Santinge Harber.

WASHINGTON, May 27.- The military situation as at present determined upon by the authorities is to make no forward movement of troops, either upon Forto Rico or Cuba, until full and definite information is received as to the location of the Spanish squadron and its possibility as a factor in the aggressive movements of Spain. That being the positive determination, there is no present purpose to hurry forward the troops now at the several points of concentration, but the interval prior to an aggressive forward movement will be employed in seasoning the men.

Steps have been taken to secure early in formation as to whether Admiral Cervera's squadron is inside Santiago harbor, and whether the American squadron has such advantage of position outside the harbor as to make the escape of the Spaniards practically impossible.

For the last few days army circles have shared public belief that the Spanish ships were trapped in Santiago harbor and that has given impetus to arrangements by which large bodies of troops at Chickamauga and elsewhere might be moved forward rapidly to Tampa for embarkation. The presence of thirty or more transports in Otis for the establishment of a nilitary hos- Florida waters added to the conviction that a movement on a large scale was about to

All this has been going on with the understanding that Admiral Cervera's career soldiers, and the marine hospital, which has as a possible menace in the rear of our been used temporarily, is inadequate to the troops had been cut off by his being securely held within Santiago harbor, but in It is not expected here that the transport the absence of positive information on this fleet of five vessels, which will make up the point, together with the uncertainty that days. The China arrived here today from War department to make an aggressive forthe Orient and will not be turned over to ward movement on Cuba or Porto Rico. the government until Monday. The Colon This was stated tonight in the most posiis here, and a force of men will be put to tive manner and from an authoritative

Unless the Navy department succeeds in securing some direct and official information respecting the Spanish and the American fleets within the next twenty-four hours through the aid of the West Indian cables vessels will carry 5,000 men, which will it will resort to the use of dispatch boats. It can be again affirmed on the highest authority, and notwithstanding all rumors a belief, founded on unofficial advices, that the Spanish squadron was lying in Santiago

> Schley's whereabouts. However, the majority of the officials of the Navy department entertain no doubt that Cervera is within Santiago harbor, and they have succeeded in impressing this belief upon the president and the members of

harbor, and no news as to Commodore

the cabinet. The reports from the newspaper dispatch boats as to the movements of Sampson's and Schley's squadrons during the past week are mystifying, even to the naval officers here, and one of them called attention to a statement coming from the West Indies to the effect that twelve war vessels were seen off Clenfuegoes for a short time Wednesday. This he thought was Schley's squadron, and in that case he could screely have covered the distance between Chatuegos and Santingo with a slow moving flest of ironclads in less time than two days, which would make him due off Santiago some time today,

It was announced today that Holland, the inventor of the submarine boat of that name. was expected here tomorrow to discuss with were secured. The latter vessel is at San Captain O'Neal, chief of ordnance, the feasibility of using that novel craft in an attack men sticking out from behind the entrance the Spanish sou Santiago if the vessels are still there. The officials are disposed to receive in a kindly spirit any suggestion that might prove to be valuable in this line, and will talk with Mr. Holland over the details of his scheme.

An important phase to the military proof organizing the new force of 75,000 volunteers for at least a week or ten days.

RIVERA HAS A BAD SPELL

Former Governor General of the Philippines Says American Flag Shall Not Wave Over Manila.

MADRID. May 27 .- In the Senate today Marshal Primo de Rivera, former captain general of the Philippines, defended his administration of the colony. He said he could not believe his ears when he was told of the disaster at Cavite, adding: "That rag called the American flag shall never float over the walls of Manila."

The Philippines, he continued, had not had an adequate means of defense. He appealed to the government to supplement the defense, but the government replied that the pope had intervened and there was no fear of a rupture. The naval committee department to obtain the six ships of the at Manila examined into the position carewas quite impossible to offer battle to the

"The Yankees are deceiving themselves." Marshal de Rivera declared, "as to the situation at the Philippines. It is absolutely impossible that they should become masters of the islands, for the natives, to an imlower prices at which the vessels are asked mense majority, are determined to defend the territory to the last and to maintain

Spanish sovereignty." Captain Augon, minister of marine, said it was inopportune to discuss the war at He had neither approval nor disapproval to express of Marshal de Rivera's administration, but he should exercise a certain reserve in the interest of the coun

The minister of the colonies, replying to their nominations, to command the troops the governor of) Philippines to concede coal to be returned this week. The first administrative reform, said Captain General Augusti had been authorized to act in

> BERLIN, May 27 .- United States Ambassador White is greatly pleased at a

fresh evidence yesterday of Germany's strict neutrality. Acting on information from the United States consul at Hamburg to the effect that the Spanish steamer Pinzon was about to sail with contraband of war Mr. White went to the foreign office and protested, with the result that the government officials acted promptly. The steamer was searched and no contraband of war was found on board.

Correspondent Thrown Into Prison KEY WEST, Fla., May 27 .- E. P. Knight the correspondent of the London Times, who on Sunday night, when seven miles Havana, was lowered over the bow of a dispatch boat and rowed ashore alone in a tenfoot skiff, was heard from today. He has been thrown into prison and is now in the Cabanas fortress. Alexander Gollan, the British consul at Havana, has instituted proceedings for his release

Kansas Wants Two Regiments. TOPEKA, Kan., May 27.-Governor Leed; has wired Secretary of War Alger as follows

Kansas can quickly furnish two full regi ments. It would be more than our quota. In view of these facts would vote to have J. W. LEEDY, Governor.

Madrid Government Satisfied with the Policy He is Carrying Out.

FOLLOWS HIS INSTRUCTIONS IMPLICITLY

Asserts That He Has His Forces S Well Disposed That He Can Repel Any Attempt at Invasion.

Copyright, 1898, by Press Publishing Co.) MADRID, May 27,-(New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-The Spanish military department is professedly satis fied the way Blanco is carrying out the pian of campaign. Blanco was instructed to keep up the spirit of the autonomists and put the local government in working order as it no war existed and at the same time to exploit the loyalty of the old Spanish , arty and the volunteers, because wealth and fighting qualities are very useful. Planco was also instructed to endeavor to impress all the natives in Cuba that America is aiming at conquest and annexation and that Spain would carry home rule as far as independence if he repelled the American in vasion.

In a military direction Blanco has devoted the most attention to improving the defenses of Havana harbor, laying down submarine mines and torpedoes and extensively developing the fortifications according to plans adopted in Weyler's time by a special commission of artillery engineer officers sent out purposely with heavy guns from Germany and Spain. Blanco is concentrating a majority of the Spanish forces near the coast wherever a landing is deemed most probable. Forces are now watching the coast so strictly that the Cuban insurgents are prevented from receiving supplies. Blanco says he has supplies and ammunition for five months, having ordered the military authorities to be very sparing in their use

of ammunition except when indispensable. Blanco and the home government are also preoccupied with the question of sending home the sick and wounded at this season accumulating in the hospitals and crippling the resources of the colony. Blanco believes he can easily face any landing, as his forces vaders in the four western provinces.

STORY OF SPANISH SPIES Little City of Key West Very Much Excited Over the Mystery

of Three Men.

Copyright, 1838, by Press Publishing Co.) West has been fairly rocking with excitement today over a story of Spanish spies Calloa is untrue. and Spanish war ships that are supposed to have been in active operation by star-

light last night. Here are the homely Yesterday afternoon Sergeant Richards who was in charge of twelve soldiers who guard the fortifications at Fort Taylor, saw borders the east side of the fort. They made several inquiries of the negroes who live close to the front. They asked how many troops were stationed there and who commanded them. At 9:20 p. m. Sergeant Richards saw the heads of the same three to one of the new mortar pieces.

"Who goes there?" asked the sergeant. By way of answer the three strangers drew revolvers and began firing at the sergeant. One shot went through the right sleeve of his coat. Another sentry returned their fire with his army rifle, but apparently gram is a decision not to take up the details failed to hit any of them. Then the men ran about fifty feet to the street, where hack was waiting for them. They tumped into it and were driven away. As they ran Sergeant Richards heard one man remark in broken English to his companions: "Have you got that package, Bill?"

That settled it, the men were Spanish spies.

Just at midnight the sergeant saw one of the men walking along near the railroad trestle, a half mile away from the battery. demurely smoking a cigarette. As soon as he saw the sergeant he dropped the cigarette and ran away again.

As the Wilmington passed Sand Key light this morning the Bancroft hailed it and asked if it had seen anything of a steamer with four white masts that the Bancroft thought was a Spaniard. Here were all the essentials of a first-class Key West war scare and the story was elaborated and sen broadcast.

There is absolutely nothing to prove that the men were Spaniards. A number of tools left by workmen in the pits were lying about the place where the men were seen. They were probably ordinary thieves whose only intention was to steal tools.

"This is no trifling matter," said Commanding Captain Merrill. "This is a serious mystery. My lips are sealed. Fifts men are out now looking for a man, 1 can't tell you who he is, but he is the man we want. He knows something about it. When he is caught I may speak."

Detain a Cargo of Coal,

PHILADELPHIA, May 27.-The Norwe gian steamer Oscar II, with a cargo of coal

for Tampico, Mex., was today refused clear ance papers by the collector of the port pending an investigation as to its destina tion, which the new government regulations questions respecting the authorization given require. This is the second steamer with one, the German steamer Amret, with coal for Vera Cruz, Mex., was released today. the manner he deemed most desirable to The captain of the Amret and the owners of the cargo had to take an oath before it was released that the coal was for the Mexi can railroad, and that it would not be used or delivered to Spaniards after it reached Vera Cruz.

> Watterson Talks to the Soldiers. LEXINGTON, Ky., May 27 .- Ten thousand people came into Lexington today to witness the civic and military pageant, followed a review by Governor Bradley of the ompanies of troops now here and to hear the address to the troops by Henry Watter-When the parade and review were ended, 300 school children sang "America." Hon. W. C. P. Breckinridge then introduced Mr. Watterson, who was given an ovation. Bury Governor with Applications.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 27 .- Colone look of the Second regiment of Arkansas volunteer infantry, received orders from the War department last night to move his command at once to Chickamauga. The regiment will probably leave Little Rock Sat urday. Governor Jones is overwhelmed with applications for permission to raise companies under the president's second call.

Exchange of Prisoners is Effected. WASHINGTON, May 27 .- The State deartment has been notified by British Consul olian at Havana that the exchange of prisopers has been effected, and the Maple, with Charles Thrall and Hayden Jones, the American correspondents on board, has sailed for Key West.

Weather Forecast for Nebraska-Fair; Northwesterly Winds

THE BEE BULLETIN.

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Spain Suited with Blanco. Commodore Schley is Discovered.

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FOOD IS SCARCE AT MANILA

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Dewey Awaits Supplies and Reinforcements and All His Men Are in Good Health.

Copyright, 1898, by Press Publishing Co.) HONG KONG, May 27 .- (New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-The situation at Manila is growing more desperate. owing to the failure of food supplies. The feet is now waiting the arrival of the Charleston and troops. Manila people have a report that eight Spanish war ships are pox is prevalent on the American ships, fourteen dead. This story is absolutely without foundation, as the health of all is excellent. The weather is not seriously hot and no sickness is apprehended. E. W. HARDEN.

HONG KONG, May 27.-The United States auxiliary gunboat Seafire, formerly a British merchant steamer, but now commissioned, mounting four guns and in charge of a lieutenant-commander of the United States tiago. navy, has just arrived here from Manila, having on board Captain Charles V. Gridley of the first-class cruiser Olympia, the flagship of Rear Admiral Dewey, and two officers who have been invalided.

The situation at Manila is unchanged. The insurgents are quiet. Beef costs \$2.50 a pound at Manila. The report that the com-KEY WEST, Fla., May 27.-(New York | mander of the Spanish boat Callon was tried | has a plentiful supply of coal and can stay World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-Key by court-martial and shot for not firing on the American ships which captured the LONDON, May 27.-The stories circulated

at Madrid and elsewhere regarding the Baltimore are evidently groundless. The dispatch received at the Spanish capital from Manila apparently referred to the alleged disablement of the Baltlmore during the battle at Manila, when a Spanish shell struck it three men walking along the street that and exploded some ammunition, slightly injuring eight men on board.

EUROPE WILL NOT MEDDLE America Will Not Be Interfered With

in Settling the Future of

the Philippines.

Copyright, 1838, by Press Publishing Co.) BERLIN, May 27 .- (New York World Calegram-Special Telegram.)-In this evening's Post appears an article evidently inspired dealing with the question of the future of the Philippines. It is semi-officially declared that recent rumors as to the transfer of the Islands to France or Germany or their division among the European nowers with the interests in the far east have no foundation whatever. America is not yet in possession, it is true, and it is quite possible she may never occupy them, but any laying of hands on the islands at present would be a hostile act against America. Nor would it be tolerated by other European powers having interests there. This utterance may be taken as explicit proof that the continental powers have come to an agreement on the subject

to await further action by America. Ferzo Rough Riders Enroute South CHICAGO, May 27 .- A detachment of the Fargo "Rough Riders," made up of cowboys from North Dakota, reached here today and left for Chattanooga.

LOSES HIS LIFE IN A FIRE Employe Rushes in to Save the Book of His Firm and the Walls

Fall Upon Him. DALLAS, Tex., May 27 .- At 2 o'clock this afternoon fire broke out in the brick building lately occupied by J. F. Zang's furniture establishment. In a short time it spread rapidly, and before the fire department had time to get effectively at work the back end of Dorsey's printing establishment on the west and Scott's furniture house on the east were in flames. From Dorsey's, Lehman's wholesale saddlery house was next to succumb. The total loss is about \$350,000 to \$400,600, fairly well covered by insurance. J. W. Cowan, married, aged 25 years,

alesman for K. Shields & Co., lost his life in an effort to save the books of his firm. The walls of the Dorsey building fell on him and crushed him to death. Edward Smith rushed to Cowan's rescue and was knocked senseless. He was rescued

by the firemen and removed to the hospital. Fireman Burns was severely injured, and City Electrician W. A. Frazer, who was handling a hose, had both wrists broken and head badly cut.

SCARES ST. LOUIS PEOPLE

Rain and Windstorm Visits Them on the Anniversary of the Great Tornado Two Years Ago.

ST. LOUIS, May 27 .- A terrific rain and windstorm broke over this city shortly after 4 o'clock today, and prevailed for half ar hour. This being the second anniversary of the terrible tornado that caused such destruction of life and property in this city and vicinity, many people were terror stricken, fearing another such visitation. No reports of damage have been received. At the race track, where several thousand people had assembled to see the races, there

was almost a panic, but nobody was injured. Two years ago the immense grand stand there was uproofed and other damage done Movements of Ocean Vessels, May 27. At New York-Arrived-Fuerst Bismarck,

from Hamburg; Alsatia, from Naples. Southampton-Arrived-Auguste Vic-from New York for Hamburg.

At Liverpool, May 26-Arrived-Cymric, from New York. Sailed-Tauric, for New At Genoa, May 27-Arrived-Ems, from At Queenstown-Arrived-Campania, from

New

SCHLEY ON A HUNT

Knows the Spanish Fleet Had Arrived as

Santiago de Cuba ONE OF HIS SCOUTS BRINGS THE WORD

Hurries His Flying Squadron After the Fleeting Enemy.

HIS SHIPS WELL STOCKED WITH COAL

He is Prepared for a Long Siege or a Hot Fight.

STRONG AGGREGATION OF BATTLESHIPS His Original Squadron is Reinforced

by the Addition of the lows and the Torpedo Boat Dupont.

(Copyright, 1898, by the Associated Fress.) OFF CIENFUEGOS, May 23 .- (Via Jacksonville, Fla., May 27 .- 8 p. m.)-The arrival of the gunboat Hawk, a converted yacht, put the flying squadron this morning into a state of ferment and anticipation. It brought news that the Spanish squadron, under Admiral Cervera, for whom Commander Schley was looking, was at Santi-

ago. Commander Schley made immediate preparations to go in pursuit of the enemy, but as the ships were somewhat short of coal he coming here. They also report that small- had to wait in a state of great impatience while the Iowa took on 500 tons and the that 300 are down with the disease and other ships 250 tons each. This coaling was conducted with the aid of the collier Merrimac, which arrived at 8 this morning with the gunboat Castine.

The squadron is to leave this afternoon in a chase after the Spaniards and it is hoped that Commodore Schley will find them bottled up in the harbor of San-

The flying squadron is now one of the strongest aggregations of fighting ships ever gathered together. It consists of the firstlass armored cruiser Brooklyn, Commodore Schley's flagship; battleships Massachusetts, lowa and Texas, cruiser Marblehead, gunboat Castine and torpedo boat Dupont. It for a long time at sea.

A close examination was made of the harbor of Cienfuegos last night, but nothng was seen which in Commodore Schley's opinion would warrant an attack.

Some concern is felt for the Scorpion, which left here last night to take dispatches to the cruiser Minneapolis at Santiago. The dispatches of Commodore Schley are in cipher and cannot be read if cap-

TERROR ARRIVES AT PORTO RICO. Blanco Says Cervern is Locked Up at

Santiago. MADRID, May 27.-11 p. m.-General Blanco cables from Havana that the Terror, from Martinique, has arrived at Fajardo, on the east coast of Porto Rico. It intended to go to San Juan, but found four American war ships cruising in front of the harbor and changed its course for Fa-

tardo. General Blanco's dispatch says Admiral Cervera's squadron is still at Santiago, that the bulk of Admiral Sampson's squadron is blockading that port, that Commodore Schley's squadron is watching the Yucatan passage, that the American vessels have left Cienfuegos and that the American fleet of blockaders remains in sight of Havana. General Blanco says in his dispatch that he opposed the departure of the French steamer Lafavette with a cargo of coal, as

CERVERA STILL BOTTLED UP

the coal was required for Spanish ships.

Spanish Admiral, it is Said, Remains is the Harbor of Santiago de Caba.

CHICAGO, May 27 .- A private cable to the Associated Press from a reliable person in Port au Prince, Hayti, dated May 25, asserts that he had positive information that at that time Admiral Cervera's fleet was in the harbor of Santiago de Cuba. LONDON, May 28 .- A dispatch to the Financial News from Kingston, Jamaica,

"The master of the fishing schooner Johan which arrived here reports having picked up a yawl containing two reconcentrados, escapng from Santiago. He says they told him Admiral Cervera's vessels are in the harbon and that they were coaled and ready to sail when the Cadiz squadron arrives next week and breaks the blockade."

WASHINGTON, May 27 .- (Special Telegram.)-There is reason to believe that the naval officials tonight received dispatches from Admiral Sampson, although at 11:30 p. m. no bulletins had been made public. The Associated Press has already announced that at 2 o'clock this morning the dispatch boat Dolphin, of Commodore Schley's squadron, ran alongside the flagship New York, which was off Havana, and announced that it bore dispatches for Admiral Sampson from Commodore Schley.

It is considered probable these dispatches contained information of the precise whereabouts of the Cape Verde squadron, and quite naturally the information would be sent to the naval authorities here as soon as boots and telegraph wires could carry it That the naval officials have received information is not doubted, but as yet they have not admitted the fact.

CADIZ FLEET NOT YET READY Boilers Recently Put in the Pelayo

Condemned as Not Being of Sufficient Strength. (Copyright, 1898, by Press Publishing Co.)

LONDON, May 27 .- (New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-Tonight I saw Chief Officer Hall of a steamer from Cadis May 20, who said: "When we left Cadiz the only Spanish

war ships there were the Pelayo, Carlos V, one torpedo catcher, the Patriota and Rapido. The cruisers were at the arsenal. Everything bore the appearance of unreadiness. The Pelayo's boilers, recently put in at Toulon, had just been condemned by the superintending engineer at Cadiz on the ground that they were of insufficient strength. It was, however, coaling. Rapido and Patriota had not been fitted with guns and neither had crews. There was no belief in the fleet going anywhere At Naples-Sailed-Fulds, for New York. for some weeks"