FIRST REGIMENT HAS GONE

VISITORS FROM ALL NEBRASKA BID THE BOYS GOD SPEED.

Rain Pours Down, But Does Not Dampen the Visitors Courage ---**Regiments** Divided into Batallions Each Goes on Different Road.

Lincoln, Neb., May 16 .- The orders for the First regiment, Nebraska Volunteer infantry, to move today were issued by Colonel Bratt and read by Adjutant Forby. This order is as follows:

Headquarters First Regiment, Ne-braska Volunteers, Field Order No. 11: Camp Alvin Saunders, Lincoln, Neb., May 15.—First—In accordance with tel-ographic instructions received from the adjutant general of the army, Wash-ington, D. C., May 14, 1898, the First regiment, Nebraska volunteers, will prepare for transportation by rail to San Francisco, Cal

Second-Only field equipment and baggage will be taken. Ammunition will be carried in boxes. Cook and dining tents will be packed and stored at the state capitol. Two wagons will be allowed for the transportation of tentage and baggage to the cars.

Three-Company commanders will make requisition on the commissary of subsistence for four days' traveling rations and coffee money. Fourth-The first battalion will march

the Rock Island railroad and embark at 10 o'clock, May 16, 1898. Fifth-The Third battalion will march

10 o'clock, May 16, 1898. Sixth-The Second battalion will Second march to Union Pacific railroad and em-bark at 10 o'clock, May 16, 1898. Seventh-I will be with the second battalion

ORDER OF MARCH

First regiment, First battalion, first section via Burlington & Missouri-Lieutenant George R. Colton, compa-nies A, Captain Holdeman; D, Captain Herpolsheimer; E, Captain Zilinger; L, Captain Taylor. First Assistant Surgeon C. L. Mullins will accompany the battallon.

Second rection, Third Battalion, via Rock Island-Major H. B. Mulford companies M. Captain Painter; B. Cap-tain Oury; F. Captain Vickers; K. Cap-Mulford; tain Killian. First Lieutenant R. Jensen, second assistant surgeon, will accompany the battalion.

Third section, Second battalion, via Union Pacific rallway-Major J. M. Stotsenberg; companies I. Captain Stockham; C. Captain Hollingsworth; H. Captain Eager; G. Captain Williams Colonel John B. Pratt, staff and band Major Snyder, surgeon. By command of John P. Bratt, col-

onel commanding, First regiment, Ne braska Volunteers. LEE FORBY,

First Lieutenant and Adjutant. Crowds of visitors despite the mud and rain thronged Camp Alvin Saun-ders Sunday to bid good-bye to the boys of the First regiment see those of the Second once more. The crowd was not out on an ordinary pleasure jaunt that the city up in the event of the authoricould be spoiled by disagreeable weath-and the daintiest ladies spoiled shoes licens and skirts in the slippery comany steet and chatted with brothers and friends with no more thought for hats and onnets than the soldier boys gave to the campaign headgear they themselves wore, and which is warranted to shed any quantity of water. They were there in serious carnest and scorned to com-plain of what the boys did not.

CROWDS COME EARLY.

The morning opened cloudy and and soon fulfilled its promis

RECONCENTRADOS DYING. Strategy Board will end by Sending

Food to Dead Men's Bones.

Key West, Fla., May 17 .- The condiions in Havana, resulting from the blockade, are being gradually brought out by information obtained from fishing smacks and other small vessels captured off the coast.

Affairs at Havana now appear to b worse than at any time since the Weyler regime. The fishermen who at first braved the blockade for the high price which fish brought in Havana, now run

the risk not for money but for the food which they obtain from the sea. number of these men have been cap-tured at different times by the vessels of the blockading fleet, nearly all of them being released after having been questioned by the officers. They all unite in picturing the state of things at Havana as being pitiful in the extreme, The dispatch boat Kate Spencer has accumulated all the facts obtainable along the blockading line, the latest news being obtained through the two

captured vessels taken by the Machins. The Machias caught two fishing boats off Havana, just before reaching here. headed the expedition, which returned here Sunday morning. Her commander

The Americans offered the fishermen money for part of their catch. as the fish was needed on board. But the fishermen demuried at taking money, they preferring to have bread, and adding that they were desperately hungry.

When questioned as to the prevalence of yellow fever at Havana, the fishermen said there was little sickness at the Cuban capital, but they added there was much starvation. The reconcentrados, they said, are nearly all dead, or Rock Island railroad and embark at the effect that the Spanish authorities on the departure of the American consul seized all the relief supplies and ap-plied them to the uses of the army. The Spaniards then drove the reconcentrados into the desolated sections of the country, between the coast towns and

the insurgent lines, the regions de-scribed by Senator Proctor and others as being too barren and desolate to support grasshoppers. The insurgents themselves have been

hundreds of the latter, who had no per-sonal friends in the insurgent camps. had been left to starve between the

dos barracks in Havana, were too weak morning. to walk out of town and fell in the streets or died in the suburbs, where flocks of vultures, "Weyler's chickens," as they are now termed in Havana, have feasted on the remains. In Matanzas this feature of the situ-

ation is equally distressing. The fishermen who have been brought obtained to the qustions asked.

here are mostly soon reconciled to cap-ture, which means food and decent treatment. They say that if the blockade continues much longer bread riots must follow in all the large towns, as food is reserved exclusively for the army, thus forcing many people to en-list who would not otherwise do so. Finally the fishermen say that cer-tain of the most desperate of the Spanlards threaten to burn Havana or blow

Dewey Nabs Gunboat.

icans.

Hong Kong, May 17 .- The United

States dispatch boat McCulloch arrived here from Manila with dispatches for vessels, whose commanders were under the United States government. She reports that the Spanish gunboat Callao, from the Caroline islands, entered

and the United States.

GUBAN INVASION FIZZLES. STATE INSURANCE MATTERS

and

The Steamer Gussie Returns-Were

Met by Spaniards at Every Turn-Captain and Soldiers Disgusted-A Sad Lack of Cooperation.

Key West, Fla., May 17 .- The steamer Gussie, which left Tampa, Fla., May infantry on board, in charge of 7,000 rifles and 200,000 rounds of ammunition, landed for the insurgents in the province of Pinar del Rio, remained off the coast Thursday, Friday Saturday, convoyed by the auxiliary gunboat Manning, in a vain attempt to land her cargo.

Capitain J. H. Dorst of the staff of General Miles and formerly United States military attache at Vienna,

who appeared to be much crestfallen having failed to accomplish the mis-sion intrusted to him, refused to disuss the matter beyond admitting the failure and saying the Gussie will re turn to Tampa, Fla.

Previous to leaving Cuban waters the Dorst expeditionary force had a skir-mish with Spanish cavalry near Ca-banas, fifteen miles west of Havana, where an attempt was made to land part of the cargo. On Friday morning have been expelled from the city to die in the suburbs. This agrees with other reports from Havana and Matanzas to Matanzas, where an arrangement had been made with the insurgents to send supplies ashore at Point Maya, a mile so east of the entrance of the harbor.

IT OUT.

WARNING OF MUSKETRY.

The Gussie and her convoy steamed until about two miles off shore, when the rattle of musketry from a consider-able force of Spanish soldiers concealed behind underbrush ashore, warned them that they would receive a lively wel-come if they landed. The Spanish chary of receiving reconcentrados and troops seemed to have been furnished information of the contemplated landing at both points.

After this second failure Captain Dorst decided to abandon the attempt lines, which they did. About Havana the situation is even worse. Hundreds of reconcentrados from Los Fcsas, the big reconcentration to land the arms and ammunition and

A more disgusted lot of troopers than those aboard the Gussie it would be hard to find. They had received orders not to speak of their trip and sullenly lined the rail of the Gussie as the press launch ran alongside of her. But grunts of insurance within the state to a sucwere the only answers which could b

CAPTAIN DORST REPORTS.

Soon after the arrival of the Gussie 'aptain Dorst was rowed ashore and reported the failure of his expedition by cable to the war department. Naval officers here say that if Cap-

tain Dorst had secured the co-opera-tion of some of the ships of the blockading squadron at the point selected for the landing, the Spanish troops ashore could have been shelled and a way would have been cleared for the landing of the soldiers and the cargo they had in charge, but no instructions were given to the ships to co-operate with Captain Dorst's expedition and the Gussie was several times compelled to heave to, while cruising up and down the coast by the blockade the apprehension that she was trying

to run the blockade. The United States gunboat Machias, the bay of Manila, being ignorant of the outbreak of hostilities between Spain cast Friady, reported that signal lights had been seen ashore near Point

BOARD OF STRATEGY KNOCKS MUTUAL AND FRATERNAL IN-

Change in State Officials Has Revolutionized the Insurance **Business in Nebraska--Another** Big Leak Stopped.

Omaha, May 16 .- Citizens of the state generally may not fully understand the 10, with two companies of the First opposition-which republican state authorities are making against mutual insurance among our own people. But our farming communities throughout the state who were trying to build up farm mutual companies fully under-

stand it. Also those who were trying to build up fraternities and mutual life insurance companies, well remember the chilly reception they received from republican state auditors in the past.

It is different since the reform forces are in power in the state house. Many expressions of congratulation are heard in finding the friends of mutual insurance in a position to give Nebraska in-stitutions a fair chance. They want nothing more. It is remembered that in years past one of the chief activities the state auditor was to bring Nebraska mutual companies into court and try to close them up. They seemed to think it was good business for the ople of the state to be paying over to foreign insurance companies a million iollars a year more than they received for losses. They pointed with pride to the companies in the east and in Europe that beat our people out of their hardearned cash. All this is rapidly chang-

panies threatened with extinction.

Poor as the crops were in this state greatly improved since that drouthy power being October 4. period, the foreign companies in 1897 Then Weyler was recalled from Cuba, crote only \$87,915,160.53 in risks. This

In the line of life insurance our Nebraska companies transacted a very small business in past years. Nebraska nutual life companies had to struggle for existence, constantly under the displeasure of the state insurance department of the auditor's office. Under the friendly administration of Auditor Corcompanies nell, the Nebraska life wrote over \$2,000,000 insurance in 1897. The prospect is that they will greatly exceed this in the present year. The fraternities are also feeling the very friendly spirit manifested by the new ternities who are political opponents of his, have spoken of the kind reception they now receive at the auditor's office, as compared with the chilly greeting they used to receive from republican auditors. Auditor Moore reported that fraternities wrote only \$24,751,150 in 1895. During 1897, Mr. Cornell's first year, the fraternities wrote \$37,480,150 life insurance in this state, a gain of nearly

Sagasta. EXPECT SMASH UP IN CABINET Washington Officials Express no Surprise at Late Turn of Affairs. Washington, D. C., May 17 .- News of the Spanish ministry's resignation cre-\$13,000,000. Eastern old line life insur-ance companies are feeling the change Washington. For several days it has tween France and Great Britain within beeen rumored that disagreements in the administration. Mr. Cornell's among the members of the Madrid cab report shows that during the year they wrote only \$4,678,225.03, while their lapsinet were likely to result in open rup s were \$5,195,236.35, showing a decrease ture. Indeed, it was semi-officially of nearly twice as much as they wrote nounced that the resignations of the that year. This makes it very plain ministers had been tendered. Beyond the fact that the resignation that business is drifting from eastern and European countries to our Nebrasof the ministry now officially announced ka associations reates a feeling of unrest and dissat-No one need be surprised when agents isfaction in Spain, no serious importance is attached to it by those in closof foreign corporations are talking down the present administration. It is touch with the administration, a matter of life and death with them. "Spain is having her troubles within They must destroy the present officials, as well as without," said a member of so they can again elect a republican the cabinet. auditor who will try to discourage "The resignation of the Sagasta min own associations, and assist in buildistry makes clear the existence in Spain of a spirit of unrest and dissatisfaction ing up outsiders. The state insurance department that borders upon revolution. We have managed honorably and with ability, according to law. There is no one that known of the existence of such a condition and its manifestation today in th will find fault except the people who form of the resignation of the ministry profit by helping eastern corporations has caused no surprise here." to make a million dollars gain in this

SPANISH CABINET RESIGNS. SPANISH FLEET AT GARAGOA A Dictator will Be Called to Brace

the Falling Monarchy.

Madrid (via Biarritz), May 17 .- The entire Spanish cabinet has resigned Spain is in a ferment and the head of dictator locms more and more boldly ver the scene of a dethroned and a livided land.

The provinces continue to riot, sediion is openly talked in the cities and a timid, vaciliating cabinet has put down the reins of power in the hope of divert ing attention and saving the king. The dictatorship discussion is no longer confined to the followers of Wey.

er. Many who at first viewed the possibility of the rise to power of an am-bitious warrior are now talking of Martinez Campos as the man for the place, taking the milder marshal as a refuge from the more impetuous Cuban butcher.

So, in the midst of these alarms, the abinet has resigned, Sagasta will form nother ministry, as the overwhelming iberal majority in the cortes makes it impossible to return the government : the hands of the conservatives.

But Sagasta has no easy task ahead of him. The only possible way of pla-ating the country for a time is to put he so-called "strong" men and popular favorites in the seats of power. But these seats have so many thorns that the strong men are loth to sit therein. The popular idols do not dare risk their popularity in taking up the problems of lost war, a bankrupt treasury and a riotous realm.

CARLOS OK WEYLER.

Whatever new arrangement is made can only be temporary, a mere diversion, and then will come again the choice left by a fleeing monarch between an unscrupulous dictator and Don Carlos, the ever ready.

The cabinet, which has resigned, was Sagasta, premier; Don Pio Gullon, min-Auditor Moore reported \$16,012,320.66 ister of foreign affairs; Don Segis-risks in force by the farm mutuals of mundo Moret, minister for the colonies; foreign affairs; Don Segisthis state in 1895. He had instituted Lieutenant General Correa, minister of proceedings to close up the largest mu-tual in the state. Auditor Cornell's marine; Don Zoaquin Puigserver, minate report shows that now the farm mutuals have \$48,282,413.36 in force, or an increase in the last two years of over \$30,000,000, and none of the comof justice. This ministry came into power soon

in 1894, foreign fire companies wrote \$93,540,268.03 insurance that year. Al-though conditions in the state have the actual date of Sagasta's taking

as Campos had been before him, and shows a decrease of nearly \$6,000,000 in the bombastic Blanco sent in his stead. the old line companies, and also shows This may have been Weyler's lucky conclusively that the spirit of fair play exhibited by Auditor Cornell has been a great factor in building up a system suit.

That the new cabinet will make for seace is, of course, officially denied. But if there ever were people eager to get out of a war with some show of honor, the Spanish leaders constitute that peo-So the new cabinet may be relied ple on a look diligently for some hole thro which to slip into a position of greater placidity. They would gladly give up Cuba now, if the Philippines and Porto Rico and the monarchy might still be saved.

A minister who was interviewed on the situation after the close of the cabinet meeting declared nothing definite had been decided on as to changes administration. Representatives of fraging the cabinet, pending a conference betwee the queen regent and Snot

SLIP QUIETLY AWAY FROM SAMPSON TO SOUTHWEST.

Play Hide-and-Seek Five Hundred Miles From San Juan What will be Their Next Move?-Southern Coast Cities Full of Fear.

Willemstad, Caracao Island, Saturday. (From the Herald's Special cor-respondent)-Six Spanish men af-war were sighted off this harbor Saturday morning. The approach of the warships to this port created the grea est ex-citement. The cruisers Mariy Teresa and the Vizcaya later in the jay enmirante, Oqpendo and Cristof. Colon minante, Oquendo and Cristol 1 Cole a are cruising out at sea with wo trrpeda boat destroyers. I have een m-

able to ascertain how long e \$p. ish warships will remain he , but h is believed that they stopped here only to receive and send dispatches. Great interest is taken here in the

war between the United States and Spain, and the appearance of the spanish warships caused the belief that there may be a battle in this vicinity. The harbor was thronged all day with sightsee, s.

SARTORIS ON LEE'S STAFF.

Grandson of General Grantto Get the Appointment.

Washington, D. C., May 17 .- A son of Major General Fitzhugh Lee and Al-gernon Sartoris, grandson of General U. S. Grant, will be appointed on the made up as follows: Praxedes Mateo staff of General Fitzhugh Lee. While it has been reported from time to time that these appointments would be made it was not until today that positive information confirmatory of the rumor was obtained. It has been known that General Lee was desirous of having these young men on his staff, and that the president was anxious to comply with his wishes, but how to do it has been the perplexing question. The officers on a major general's staff must be chosen from the army, and both of these young men are mere civilians. Where there's a will there's a way, however, and the president today solved the matter of how to make provision for them. It is intended by the presi-dent to reserve the naming of two, or perhaps three, lieutenants of the regiments of immunes created under the supplemental law, as volunteers on the staffs of the several major generals, the president under this law having authority to apoint all the officers of the immune regiments. The officers thus commissioned will then be transferred

to the staffs of the major generals, though they will belong to the immune regiments in name only. All the major generals from civilian life are to be provided with personal staffs in this manner, the intention of the president being, h is said, to apoint young Lee and Algernon Sartoris to Hood's Louisiana regiment of immunes. This regiment was one of the first organized, and was today called out for service by the secretary of war.

France and England to Fight.

London, May 17 .- The stock exchange closed distinctly pessimistic. War rumors were freely circulated. A member of the government is re-

ported to have prophecied that war between France and Great Britain will break out within a month.

Precautionary insurances are pur-ported to have been effected at 15 per the next six months.

SURANCE PROSPERING.

rain, which kept up most of the day The excursion trains came in, however, loaded down with visitors, and as the morning wore they kept coming

The hotels were crowded to the doors with guests who stopped in down town dinner, and every tent at the grounds had visitors "from home" who lunched with the boys.

The final mustering in of last recruits was finished and the presence of scores of men trudging up and down the long rows of tents vainly seeking a vacant place into which they could drop was a eature of the day. It looked as if a battalion could have been filled with these would-be patriots.

Spanish Warships Leave Curacoa.

Willemstead, Curacoa, May 17.-The Spanish cruisers Vizcaya and Maria Teresa left this port at 6 o'clock Sunday

evening. Their destination is unknown. The other four Spanish warships which were off the harbor disappeared about noon, but this evening one of the torpedo boat destroyers was sighted While here the two warships took on a small quantity of coal and provisions. Their departure was due to our government's requesting them to leave, as provided in the decree of neutrality. There were no colliers with Nothing is known about the the fleet. condition of their boilers. A rumor which I do not consider reliable says there are some coal ships in this vicinuy

Porto Plata, May 17 .- Admiral Sampson's fleet is steaming to the west. The Porter is leaving the harbor now.

Second Call for 100,000 Soon.

Washington, D. C., May 17 .- A second call for volunteers will shortly be made by President McKinley unless present indications are completely misleading. The matter was discussed at the White house Sunday. Dewey's report from the Philippines, and his urgent request for a large army of occupation, had resulted in the determination to send 30,000 troops to Manila.

President McKinley, in announcing to the war board his approval of this pro position, said: "The United States will protect its interests, and will send reinforcements to the necessary points. even if a second call for volunteeers is necessary.'

Washington, D. C., May 17 .- A third squadro nwill be formed and may be squadron will be formed and may be

The Montgomery, Yale and St. Louis have been ordered to form a junction with the Oregon, Marietta and Buffalo, It is expected this will be done to

morrow. Then, as Secretary says, "The Span-

ish fleet will be like a rat in a trap."

Washington, D. C., May 17 .- Within a week the strategy board will be a mere reminiscence.

Battles will not be fought and planned in Washington by the war and die. navy departments, but by the officers in command at the scene of action.

Secretary Long has determined this policy and has issued orders to this effect.

St. Thomas, W. I., May 17 .- The Spanish consul here has declared that all American newspaper correspondents made prisoners hereafter will be shot at once as spies.

An American warship fired across her Sabilla, and some of her officers say surrender. The edmand was disre-garded and the American ship fired di- Maya had been discovered atter surrendered.

chief seems far distant.

the Philippine insurgents applied to plan, provided no excesses were com-The insurgents then pleaded mitted. that they had no arms, with the exception of machetes, to which the Rear Admiral replied:

"Help yourselves at the Cavite arenal.

The city has not yet been attacked. About 5,000 Spanish troops are guarding the road leading from Cavite to Manila

There is no truth in the reported massacre of a number of Americans. There has only been a triffing incident during police duty, and nobody was hurt.

Spanish Spies on all Sides.

Washington, D.C., May 17 .- The Spanish spy system in this country is becoming formidable. The war depart-ment is alive to the necessities of breaking it up, and is bending every energy in this direction. But a great deal of damage is being done.

The failure of Captain Dorst. who Luba with onducted an expedition " supplies and ammunition for the insurgents, is directly due to the work of Spanish spies. He was unable to effect landing, and whenever an attempt was made he found Spanish soldiers awaiting him He found that the Span sh were perfectly familiar with all the plans of the authorities in Washington, and he was forced to give up the

effort Army officers say that it will be impossible to carry out plans for landing ammunition and supplies unless the expeditions are accompanied by a strong

naval force.

Shot Three Men.

Birmingham, Ala., May 17 .- John Lee has shot three men here. At Mitchell's grocery store, the topic of conversation among a dozen young men was the war with Spain. Lee made the remark that he could whip a dozen Spaniards. Lee

had a reputation for cowardice, and the crowd commenced twitting him with he fact.

Lee stood the bantering for some time, but finally became infuriated, and with the remark, "I'll show you whether I am a coward or not," gave he crowd the contents of a six-shooter. There was a great scrambling to get out of the way, but before the deck was

cleared three men were dead. The dead d three men Samuel Johnson. Peter Samuel Johnson Warren. Peter Aberaren nathy Sam Spadden was shot in the neck and will die. Previous to this difficulty, Lee was noted for his peaceful disposition.

St. Pierre, Island of Mantinique, May 17.-The Spanish torpedo gunboat Terror, which has been undergoing repairs Fort de France since she arrived

with the Cape Verde fleet under the command of Admiral Cervera, will probably leave that port today. Nothing appears to be known regarding her destination.

nows and signalled a demand for her they believe the insurgents, having ascertained that the rendezvous at Point the 23 rect at the Spanish gunboat, and the enemy, desired the landing to be made at another point, but Captain Dorst The population of Manila is reduced held to his original plans and found o eating horseflesh, and the prospect of the Spanish troops awaiting him. He

The Hugh McCulloch also reports that did not return empty handed, how-ever. Off Matanzas the Gussie sighted of an attack by them on the city. The admiral, it appears, approved of the plan, provided no exposed of the a small Spanish fishing smack and Captain Dorst and the prize was brought into Key West.

Captain Dorst says the failure of the xpedition was due to the fact that the Cubans were unable to meet the landing party at the rendezvous, and the Americans could not land supplies with

no one to receive them. INSURGENTS DIDN'T CONNECT. The arrangements for making a landing at Cabanas were made ten days state every year. ago by Captain Dorst with General Delgado, in command of the insurgent forces in Pinar del Rio, and the supplies

to be landed near Matanzas were to be conveyed to General Gomez by a force of insurgents encamped three miles back from the coast lines.

waymen. Two men, one masked and the Both of the Cuban forces were unable other unmasked, entered the drug store apparently to appear at the rendezous, owing to the activity of the Spanof McCall and made him throw up his hands. ish. Captain Dorst is convinced the hey then marched McCall over to the Spaniards have a good system of com-munication along the coast, and that they can raise enough troops to pre-Sudman company store and held their guns on A. Sudman and Bass Sivent the landing of a small force, and monds. about \$150 from the store company, a the captain believes the only way arms gold watch from Simonds and \$50 from and ammunition can be sent to the inthe postoffice, which was located in surgents is to land them under the over of warships, with guns sufficient about taking Uncle Sam's money, but beat off any attack. Then, he adds, they said they did not care a d-n, ths arms and ammunition should be money was what they wanted. It is conveyed inland by United States not known whether there were any

The captain says the comoldiers. sany which landed through the surf at Cabanas had a narrow escape, soldiers were fired upon by S The Spanish

cavalry concealed in the tangled underbrush, and the fire was replied to liam Crawford, one mile south of Belwith the result that one Span'sh ofgrade, tearing away almost the whole leer and three men were hit. Only one man on the American side

was wounded, Later a newspaper correspondent received a slight flesh ound in the arm.

The Wasp and the Manning shelled Fred Eybert, knocking down and par he woods and covered the retreat the soldiers to the Gussie. On Friday tially paralyzing a horse in the stable the Spaniards tried to hit the Gussie A copious shower fell and crops of all from a masked battery, and some of their shells burst close on board, but kinds are in fine condition, but more especially small grain.

none of the fragments struck.

Key West, Fla., May 17 .- Knight, the correspondent of the London limes. He has arrived here on the Uncas. was authorized to treat with Blanco for the exchange of Thrall and Jones. newspaper men and prisoners of war. Knight says Jones will be released in There is little hope for three days. Thrall. Knight thinks he will be shot.

Norfolk, Va., May 17 .- Naval officers believe that Spain has made extensive arrangements to secure coal by "capturing" French or other foreign col Several big ships loaded with liers. coal are reported as being in th Carribean sea, probably waiting for the Spanish fleet to "capture" them.

Washington, D. C., May 17 .- Peaceful blockade plans have been abandoned. Commodores Watson and Remey have been ordered to turn their ships loose on Cuban coast fortifications.

After the Oregon.

Kingston, Jamaica, May 17 .- The first step in what is now believed to be an attempt to intercept and destroy the the United States battleship Oregon, ruiser Buffalo and the dynamiter Buffalo has been taken by the Spanish The cable between St. Lucia and St. Vincent, British West Indies, has been cut and all communication between the United States and St. Vincent, Barbaloes, Grenada, Demarara and Trinidad s suspended.

The Oregon, accompanied by the othr two war vessels, is now off the extreme eastern coast of Brazil. She is naking rapidly for the West Indies, and has now been four days out of reach of The postmaster warned them communication. Unless the Oregon puts in at Georgetown, British Guiana, or La the Guayra, Venezuela, she will probably set a direct course for the West Indies She will hope there to receive more in the gang or not. They left in word from Washington to decide her the darkness and no trace of them has future movements. But the cutting o the St. Lucia cable places her beyond Lightning struck the residence of Wilthe reach of her government and pre-vents news of the movements of the Spanish squadron.

> Kingston, Jamaica, May 17 .- The Spanish steamer Leonora is still here

She has taken on a large coal supply painted out her name and otherwise changed her appearance. Detroit, Mich., May 17 .- Three long

trains bearing the Thirty-first Michigan infantry, passed through West Detroit enroute to Chickamauga. The Thirty-second regiment is awaiting orders to follow southward.

Washington, D. C., May 17 .- Secre-tary Long has sent these instructions to Sampson, Schley and Clarke of the Oregon: "Enemy's ships in Caribbean sea must be found and captured or de stroyed.

Cleveland, May 17 .- Senator Hanna said today: Ex-Secretary John Sherman will go, on June 1, to Alaska for his health. The war is costing the government \$1,000,000 a day.

Washington, D. C., May 17.-Briga-dier General Guenther has been assigned to temporary command of the troops concentrated at Washington for the purposes of organization.

New York, May 17.-The Commercial Cable company is advised that code messages for Italy are now accepted.

BOILED DOWN.

Congressman Charles Edward Pearce of the Tweifth Missouri district was unanimously renominated on the first ballot by the republican convention.

In the intercollegiate rifle shoot beween teams from the military battalions of the universities of California and Illinois the marksmen on the Paific coast won by the close score of 416 to 400 points out of a possible 500 The Amalgamated Woodworkers' union of Oshkesh, Wis., have served a manifesto upon the local manufacturers demanding an increase in wages of 25 per cent, with a minimum of \$1.50 per day, abolition of female labor in factories and a weekly pay day.

A number of California capitalists will put on a line of steamers between San Pedro and Hong Kong to touch at Honolulu and Manila, the probability of Hawaii and the Philippines becoming United States possessions having stimulated them to the venture.

The secretary of the navy has appointed a board consisting of Assistant Secretary Allen, Rear Admiral F. M. Ramsey, retired, and Prof. Marshall Oliver of the naval academy to consider and report on an appropriate design for a statue of Rear Admiral D. D. Porter, to be erected in Washington.

Washington, D. C., May 17 .-- Secretary Long has sent cables to all our South American consuls who may be likely to communicate with the Oregon, to warn her of the Spanish fleet's approach.

New York, May 17 .- The West India Cable company announces that its cable is interrupted.

It is believed that the Spanish fleet has cut it.

Washington, D. C., May 17 .- News just received from Havana says the re-concentrados are dying of starvation, cartloads of dead being taken daily through the Spanish lines.

New York, May 17 .- A special from Rio Janeiro today says that the radi-cals in the chamber of deputies are about to declare in favor of the United States.

Six weeks ago Mabel Smith. 13 years old, of 1065 DeKalb avenue, Brooklyn, who has been playing with a variety company, disappeared from her nomand was found a few days later at 1048 Madison street, that city, with Harry Pickford, a midget, to whom she was married January 4. Pickford is 27 years old and had lived with his parents at 1095 Madison street in that city. Pickford is a variety actor. He met the girl six months ago. She had for years been playing juvenile parts in variety theaters, and they formed a partnership in a sketch entitled "The Two Companions." When the girl disappeared the parents suspected that she had eloped with Pickford, as it was known he was attentive to her. The police of the Vernon avenue station sent out a general alarm for her. The continued absence of the girl so preyed on her mother's mind that she became Mrs. Smith received a rote from er daugater telling her she was married and happy

Newfoundland is now the sixth copper producing country in the world, and its supply is said to be practically inexhaustible.

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Logan county had a fine rain, begin ning about 12 and lasting until almost daylight. The court house was damaged badly by the lightning. Small grain crops look well. Most of the corn 19

now. Almost every one is intending to he at the exposition during the season.

London, May 17 .- Spain has

planted. The outlook for this county has not been as bright since 1891 as

seized the Grand Canary cable office.

low in the morning on the charge of drunk and disorderly. It is alleged this is not his first offense since arriving in

E. C. Cook, or Koch, who halls from Omaha, bowled up at Beatrice and went into the Daily Express office and accosted the lady clerk in a bolsterous manner. She fled to the basement and informed Engineer Billings, who ordered Cook out, when he showed fight and

received a blow on the nose that sent him into the street. He was locked up and will be arraigned before Judge Tn

gable and demolishing the pantry and cupboard. Several of the family were severely shocked, but not seriously in-jured. The damage to the house was fully covered by insurance. A bolt of lightning exploded near the born of

yet been found.

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The stores of K. A. McCall, Sudman

They got \$40 and a gold watch.

At this place they secured

& Co., and the postoffice at Oshkosh, Deuel county, were held up by high-