# THE OREGON CALLED FOR

Dewey Asks for Presence of Big Battleship.

### MUCH SURPRISE AS TO MOTIVES

Possibly a Show of Force May Be Needed to Overawe European Powers-Possibility of Unwarranted Demands for It Restitution-The Oregon Now on the.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.-The following dispatches have been received at the navy department:

MANILA, Feb. 24.-For political reasons the Oregon should be sent here at once. DEWEY. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.-The Oregon arrived at Hilo February 4 and at Honolulu February 5. Iris and Scandia arrived on February 12.

GIFFEN. Mr. Giffen is aispatch agent of the department.

The cablegram from Admiral Dewey asking for the Oregon was received with surprise by the officials here. No one knew, or at least would admit that he knew, the nature of the political reasons which the admiral says demand the immediate presence of the peerless battleship. The cablegram was taken to the cabinet board and fully discussed there. The admiral, it is said, possibly feels that the moral effect of the presence of the big ship upon the insurgents themselves and particularly upon that large element among the Filipinos that is believed to be restrained with difficulty from joining fortunes with Aguinaldo, with

whom their sympathies lie, would be

But there is an underlying doubt whether or not the admiral may not be keenly sighting a gathering cloud in the east and is looking to the prevention of any possible interference by European powers in the struggle now in progres in the neighborhood of Manila. It is believed that in the big fires much property of foreign residents and business concerns was destroyed. That these fires were caused by the insurgents cannot be denied, and it may be that some of the foreign naval commanders in the east are disposed to seize upon the pretext that their interests demand protection which we cannot afford them to make a landing or do something obnoxious to the United States and likely to encourage the insurgents. With such a strong naval force as would be afforded by the reinforcement of Dewey's fleet by the Oregon there could not be any sound reason, nor even a plausible reason, for any such action on the part of third par-

It is said here that up to this moent there has been no intimation of a purpose on the part of any foreign government to file any claims for pecuniary remuneration for the property of their citizens destroyed in the fires and fighting, at either Manila or Hoilo. Just what disposition would be made of any such claims is not indicated here, though there is ground for the belief that if it can be shown that our military and naval officers practiced the precautions required by international law in the matter of giving due notice to foreigners of any action in the way of bombardment that might injure their property, and otherwise did everything that could be done to protect the foreign interests equally with our own, then there is little foundation for a second claim for damages.

The Oregon arrived at Honolulu on February 5, according to the telegraphic report that came to the Navy department this morning. No mention was made of it being in need of repairs, as is stated in the press dispatches. Assuming that the battleship really needed ten days' repairs, it should have started from Honolulu on the long run to Manila on February 15. Allowing for detention on account of coaling at Guam or some other point between Honolulu and Manila, it is estimated that the Oregon will reach Manila about March 10.

Meanwhile the War department officials were agreeably surprised this morning to learn that General Otis at Manila had received the first of his reinforcements nearly six days before they were expected. They came on the Scandia which brought half of the Twentieth infantry. It sailed from San Francisco January 28, in company with the Morgan City, which has aboard the remaining half of the Twentieth infantry, and as both ships were at Honolulu at the same time the Morgan City will be reported at Manila within twenty-four hours unless it has been detained which is not expected.

The transports Ohio and Senator, with the Twenty-second infantry aboard, sailed from San Francisco only four days later than the Scandia, so that within a week Otis will have 2,500 fresh men to relieve those who have been fighting on the outposts.

The cabinet gave some attention to Dewey's cable message relative to the political importance of sending the Oregon at once to Manila. The conclusion reached was that too much importance should not be attached to it, that Dewey wants the big ship to in-

fluence the Filipinos through fear. Secretary Long said when asked for an explanation of the reference to political conditions in the dispatch, "I am sure that it has no international significance. You may state that positively. Probably he wants a fine ship there, as the American commissioners are about due, and it will give weight to the American representations."

### Automobile Motor.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25 .- The first automobile ambulance ever constructed was presented today to the Michael

BEEF FOR THE ARMY.

Eagan Finds No Excuse for the Lack of

Supplies in Porto Rico. WASHINGTON, Feb. 25,-Former Commissary General Charles P. Egan yesterday resumed his testimony before the court of inquiry investigating the beef charges. He wore the fatigue uniform of a brigadier general, Recurring to the contract requirements he explained that Swift and Company was wholly responsible for the beef until delivered to the government officials at the points designated by the department. The clause requiring beef to keep seventy-two hours after leaving the refrigerator was inserted, he said, at his instance after the concerns declared they could prepare it so as to keep that long. Explaining

further, he said: "Suppose a commissary should make requisition at Santiago for 20 .-000 pounds of beef, should secure it from the ship and take proper care of it, retaining it in the shade, and it They will find fair Cinderella; should spoil within seventy-two hours, the contractors would not be paid for

Many vouchers for beef had been paid, he said, and he presumed reductions for spoiled beef had been made, though he did not know. He understood through Colonel Osgood that beef had been rejected by commands when in fact it was sweet and perfectly good.

Speaking for arrangements for the Porto Rican expedition, General Egan said he understood General Brooke was to command it and he, accordingly, consulted with General Brooke, reaching a complete and sat-

isfactory understanding. Subsequently he learned that General Miles assumed command, but he did not know that General Miles knew of the beef arrangements. Replying to Colonel Davis, he said that Colonel Sharpe, chief commissiary for that exepedition, was furnished something like \$250,000 credits on the United States and an offer to send cash was made but declined. This statement was intended to bear upon General Miles' statement that funds for purchase of supplies in Porto Rico were not available.

Here were read telegrams between General Egan and Colonel Weston, the latter in Tampa, relative to the sending by a packing firm of beef refrigerated, to Tampa, to test how long it would keep after removal from the fce boxes, with a view to the making of contracts after the breaking out of the war. The beef when removed from the ice box and hung up was declared serviceable within forty-eight hours, whereas that left in the box after ice disappeared could not be used after eighteen hours. Frozen beef was declared by commissary officials at Tampa as the best solution of the fresh beef propblem until circumstances were such as would admit the prompt delivery and use of refrigerated beef. "Ample and complete," declared General Egan, "was the authority of the commissaries in Porto Rico to purchase beef on the hoof for an emergency, or at the will of their respect-

ive commanders." Reports received, showed he thought without exception, that the native beef was not nearly so satisfactory as the refrigerated beef. The latter tends to displace beef on the hoof wherever both are equally available.

### Another Holiday in Havana.

HAVANA, Feb. 25.-Four years ago today the revolution which has just ended in the disappearance of Spanish rule from this island, broke out, and today is again a holiday. Triumphal arches have been erected in different quarters of the city bearing patriotic inscriptions, rockets are popping in tne air, bands are playing and General Ludlow, governor of Havana, has given permission to the Cubans to bring 500 of their troops into the city, with General Maximo Gomez, who has selected this day for his triumphal entry into the Cuban capital. General Ludlow will also receive General Gomez with military honors and General Brooke desires to show the Cuban commander every attention. Gomez wni attend a charity ball this evening at Tacon, the proceeds going to the orphans of Cuba.

### Alger Denies Resignation.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 25.-Secretary of War R. A. Alger, with his party, returning from Detroit, passed two hours in Pittsburg last night. During his stay here he took occasion to deny the story published yesterday afternoon that he contemplates resigning. In answer to further questions he said:

"I could not afford to leave the cabinet under the present conditions. I am perfectly satisfied to leave the investigation of my conduct during the Spanish-American war with the investigation committees that have been appointed. I have no fear of the result. I could not relinquish the portfolio as secretary of war while still un der fire."

Insurgent Sharpshooters Active.

MANILA, Feb. 25.-The enemy's sharpshooters have been particularly active about Caloocan all day. Special attention was paid to the three-gun battery near the railroad, and the improvement of the rebel marksmanship was very noticeable. The rebels fired volleys at the battery, their bullets frequently skimming the tops of the sandbags. A lieutenant of the Twentieth Kansas volunteers and three other men were slightly wounded. A man was killed in the trenches today. The rebel battery has not been used since a shell from the United States doubled-turreted monitor Monadnock

### Prophesies War With Cuba.

exploded over it yesterday.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25 .- At 2:25 p. m., in the senate Mr. Sewell Reese hospital of this city. It was took the floor to make a speec. in supbuilt in Chicago and is the gift of five port of the army bill, urging action. prominent business men of this city. He made the statement to the effect who refuse to allowe their names to that 20,000 soldiers wiuld be needed be used in connection with the pre- in Cuba, which was challenged by Mr. sentation. The ambulance weighs Foraker the latter saying that the 1.600 pounds and its speed approxi- military committee had put the nummates sixteen miles and hour. The | ber at 12,000. Mr. Sewell expressed ...e body of the vehicle is set on a sep- opinion that the United States would arate set of springs, which reduces soon be at war with Cuba and said the jar and jolting of the occupant to very decisive action was necessary in the Philippines.

### FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

SOME GOOD STORIES FOR OUR JUNIOR READERS.

Where the Robins Go for the Winter Time-"How They Became Acquainted," a Juvenile Romance-A Tale of Pussy-Willow.

In Winter Weather. Oh, where is the children's playground? It is buried beneath the snow; The flowers are dead, the birds have

fled: Now where will the children go?

They will go to the cozy corner, Where the fire burns warm and bright.

And there they will meet the fairies, Who bask in the moon's pale light.

They will go with her to the ball; They will find that lovely fellow, Clever Jack, and the beanstalk tall.

And Red Ridinghood will be there; And the wolf, he will be there, too; But now that he has wiser grown, I am sure he will not harm you.

They will there meet Mother Hubbard, And good old Mother Goose as well, And a score of other people Of whom we have all heard tell.

They are all there in the corner, For there is the Fairyland true, And when it is winter weather That's the place, children dear, for

-Arthur J. Burdick.

### Where the Robins Go.

Ray was looking out of the window, watching the snowbirds hopping about under the trees, looking for some of the crumbs he had thrown out that

"Auntie," he asked, "where do all the other birds go when the snow comes-the swallows and the bluebirds and the robins? Where do the robins

"Come here, dear," said Aunt Bess, 'and I'll tell you what I saw last winter when I was in southern California.

Ray came, and the other children, Jack and Daisy and little Ted, left their play and came, too, for they were always ready to hear Aunt Bessie's stories, and especially ones about California. Auntie lifted Teddy upon her lap and began:

"One morning in February, when the sun was bright and warm, I was out in the vard picking an orange, when I heard a queer little noise near me. It seemed to come from a big peppertree that stood there, and sounded like two things-like rain-drops pattering on the ground and corn-popping up in the tree.

"While I was wondering what it could be, suddenly there was a 'chirrup!' that sounded very familiar, and I said, 'Why they're robins, eating the pepper-berries!' And sure enough, there they were, a big flock of them, picking away, and that made the popping, and the berries they dropped made the rain-drops.

"The pepper-berries are tiny, round, bright red balls that grow in bunches, something like grapes, and taste like our black pepper; and how the robins were eating them! Perhaps they needed something to warm them after their long journey from the north."

"I know!" said Jack, "pepper's good for chickens, and maybe it is for robins, too."

"Perhaps," said auntie. "Well, all at once there was a great whir and clatter, and there came a big gray mocking-bird right in among them! That was his own particular tree, where he always sat to sing his morning song, and he didn't propose to have robins taking possession and eating up his berries!

"So the selfish fellow flew at first one and then another, chattering and scolding, and drove them all away." "Did they stay away?" asked Daisy.

"No, indeed! When they found it was only a harmless mocker they came back in spite of him and went on with their feast; and when he found he couldn't drive them off, he flew away, scolding.

"They stayed about all winter, singing their morning and evening songs in the peppers and the tall eucalyptustrees, just as they do in the summer here; but when the spring came, all at once they were gone, and we knew they had flown away to spend the summer in their northern home.

"So that, Ray, is where some of the robins go when the cold weather and the snow come."

The children were silent a moment, and then little Ted asked, soberly: "Auntie Bess, do you s'pose it's eating the red pepper-berries that makes their preasts so red?"

HELEN LOUISA DYAR.

## How They Became Acquainted.

"I do wish I had somebody to play with," sighed Pearl, as she set Victoria Jane in the corner, and turned with a wistful look toward her mamare busy working most of the time, bananas."-Truth. and I get awful lonesome by myself." Well, there are Victoria Jane and Fluffy," replied her mamma,

wagons in the street, and mamma said taking flash-light pictures now?"

to Pearl, "Run to the parlor window, dear, and see what it is."

"O mamma, somebody's moving into the house across the street!" she cried joyfully, and then she watched until all the furniture was safely housed, and she forgot to be lonely.

Each morning for several days, and many times during those days, Pearl would go to the parlor window and watch the house across the street, and more than once she said, "I wonder whether there is a little girl over

One cold day soon after this mamma was busy up-stairs, and Pearl stood again in the parlor with her little nose pressed against the window, watching the house into which the new neighbors had moved, when a little curly head bobbed up at the opposite window, and the bright face of a little boy smiled across at her. Then Pearl smiled, too.

"I must bring Victoria Jane and Fluffy to see that nice little boy," she said, and hurried off to get them, and soon they were perched up by her side at the window.

The little boy greeted the newcomers with a smile, and then disappeared, but returned soon and arranged a company of soldiers on the window-sill, and held up a little white

Then Pearl and the little boy exchanged pleasant smiles; the soldiers marched across the window-sill; Victoria Jane silently looked on; the rabbit raised his ears and Fluffy barked. And then into Pearl's busy little brain came a thought, and away she ran, and returned with her alphabet blocks. Then against the window she spelled with the blocks, PEARL.

Once more the little curly head opposite disappeared, and when he returned he spelled with his blocks against the window, HARRY.

All through that winter Pearl and Harry played together although the street separated them, and they lived in different houses. In the window on one side were arranged day after day the different toys of a little girl, and in the window opposite those of a little boy, and mamma did not hear her little girl say again all that winter that she was lonesome.

FRANK E. GRAEFF.

A Tale of Pussy-Willow. From the time the willows grow bare in the fall till the first birds appear in springtime little Ethel is watching for pussy-willow. She imagines all sorts of pretty things about the cunning fuzzy balls, and keeps the vases in the parlor full of willow bouquets. One of her beliefs is that all the kitties that have ever been drowned in the creek down in the pasture come back in the shape of pussy-willows. For this reason she loves them and pets them, and talks to them as she would if they were real pussies. The other evening Brother Rob was having a torchlight procession and all the boys in the neighborhood were helping him. Their torches were "cattail" flag reeds gathered in the swamps and soaked in kerosene oil, which made them the jolliest torches imaginable. Ethel was having a merry time watching the boys form in line, when she happened to hear one of them call his torch a "cat-tail." She stopped and thought a moment, and then, rushing in to her mother, buried her face in her dress and sobbed, "Oh, it's dreful: the boys are using the tails of my grown-up pussy-willows for torches."-

### The Rarest Stamps in the World.

Ruth Newton Rennick.

The Mauritius postoffice stamps, while commanding the highest price, are not the rarest stamps known. They rank third in scarcity-the 2-cent Hawaii, of which five copies are known to collectors' hands, ranking first, and the British Guiana pink 2-cent, eight copies being known, second. The stamps of Puerto Rico, Cuba, Hawaii, and the Philippines are being taken up by an increasing number of collectors in the United States. At the October meeting of the Philatelic society, New York, Mr. Audreini exhibited a large number of Cuban and Porto Rican provisionals, most of which were new to the members present.-Harper's Round Table.

Icicles and Bicycles. Icicles and bicycles, What a pretty rhyme, Though one belongs to winter, And one to summer-time.

Bicycles and icicles. They're almost merry mates For the boy who rides a wheel in

June,

In January skates. -Ann M. Prat.

### Avoided Hlm.

"Now, that Harry Tucker is the

worst boy in school, and I want you to stay away from him as much as possible." "Oh, yes, maw, I do, He's at the head of the class always."-Illustrated American.

Unusual Fruit.

His Mother-"Why, Mary, what's the matter with the child?" Mary-"Sure. ma. "There isn't any one in this ma'am, he's been crying all the way whole house only papa and you and home because the man as sells fruit me; but papa's at the office, and you told him he never kept star-spangled

Little Marjorie's papa is a photographer, and Marjorie is always very "I know," said Pearl, "and I do much interested in all his experiments. love them both, but Victoria Jane's a One evening as they sat together doll, and Fluffy's only a dog, and I do watching the playing of the lightning want some peoples to play with!" and listening to the distant thunder of But just then there was heard the an approaching storm, Marjorie looked sound of the rumbling of heavy up and said, "Papa," are the angels

Major General Francis V. Greene has written for The Century Magazine the only authoritative account of the military operations at Manila yet offered to the public. In the March number he will describe the voyage of the second expedition, which he commanded; the landing and intrenchthe interesting features of the situamilitary officers were waiting for General Merritt and the monitors. This chapter includes a statement of rich, the middle classes and the plans of Admiral Dewey and General Anderson to meet the crisis the poor alike have, in Hood's which would have been precipitated if Admiral Camara's fleet had reached Sarsaparilla, a valuable asthe Philippines.

Suit was recently instituted in the New York supreme court at Buffalo by Dr. William J. Bott to recover \$190 for services rendered the defendant as a baseball pitcher in the summer of 1896. Among other things it is alleged in defense that the plaintiff's curves were so defective and so lacking in sinuosity and the quality that opposing batsmen had no difficulty in locating the ball at will. Dr. Bott will introduce expert testimony to prove that he produced a good, marketable line of variegated curves, well worth the price which the defendant promised to pay for them, and served them up in the most approved manner.

The historic Washington elm, in Cambridge, Mass., beneath whose branches General Washington took command of the Continental army, is rapidly decaying, and the Cambridge Park commissioners say that it will be impossible to save it more than a few years longer. A short time ago workmen went over the tree and cut off a considerable amount of dead wood, and there is not very much left to keep alive. It is intended to make a thorough overhauling of the tree in the spring, and to do everything possible to preserve it.

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great measure under the control of their opinions.-Macauley.

The imaginations of men are in

The flame of anger, bright and brief, sharpens the barb of love .- Landor.

### A CONGRESSMAN



Ex-Congressman A. T. Goodwyn. Ex-Congressman A. T. Goodwyn, from Alabama, writes the following

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