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GOOD SEAMANSHIP SAVES AN ACCIDENT

Grooklyn Drags Its Anchor in Storm and Narrowly Misses the Battleship Massa-

municate with shore. The storm which still prevails making it uneafe to use the steam launch or cutters. A tug brought out the mail this morning. The storm that struck the coast Tuesday night came up Hampton in the ability of throwing together a small in the belit of throwing together a small in the belit of throwing together a small in the belit of throwing together as might be a small throwing together the storm which still ment and equipment. It is of masonry, which has stood a hundred years or more. The storm which still ment and equipment and equipment and equipment are small throwing the storm which still ment and equipment are small throwing the storm which has stood a hundred years or more. The storm that struck is a small throwing the storm that the s the coast Tuesday night came up Hampton Roads like a fury. It wntatled at the rate of sixty miles an hour through the great superstructure of the flagship Brooklyn, and whipped up the sea so that the white foam broke in huge masses over the decks of the Massichusetts and the Texas. The heavy draft of the big war vessel made it impossible for them to get into smooth water and they had to stand the brunt of the storm. Toward morning it increased in violence and as the tide turned flood the lookout on the forward bridge of the Brooklyn announced that the ship was dragging its anchor. The officer of the deck simultaneously reported that the Brooklyn was getting in dangerous proximity to the battleship Massachusetts. Captain Cook and Executive Officer Mason went on the bridge at once and ordered the second anchor sown. At this time the wind was blowing so fiercely that men could hardly keep their feet on deck. The second anchor ran out about twenty fathoms of chain and stuck and the big ship stopped and for a short time breasted bravely the wind and tide, but in a few minutes it began to go back slowly and it became apparent there was no hold for the anchors. The signal was given to prepare to get under way and in the meantime it was hoped that the anchors would catch and hold, Faster and Faster and faster the ship west, its big broadsides swinging towards the dangerous ram on the prow of the Massachusetts. The latter was signalled to pay out its cable and drop away and did so. In the meantime, on the Brooklyn, the men in charge of the forward compartments went to their stations, closing the watertight compartments and preparing without any outward sign of excitement for the expected collision. The Massachusetts cleared away its big booms and prepared for the collision, not daring to slip anchor, for fear of running on the sand bar in close proximity or drifting into the Texas. Faster and faster went the Brooklyn towards the battleship, and the men at the stations on both vessels stood unflinchingly, ready to perform the special duties assigned them in EVERYBODY KEEPS COOL.

There was no confusion. On the bridge tith cool heads and sharp eyes were Captain Cook and his executive officers; while on the after bridge, not interfering with the management of the officers of the ship. stood Schley and his flag lieutenant, Sears, watching with interest, but with as little excitement as at a practice cruise, the big ships coming together. A conflict of orders would have meant great disaster, but there

An order from the captain and one of the big anchors comes rattling up and the ship drifts on a little faster toward its evident now almost scraping the Massachucontrolled by the anchor, swangs in as if to take the blow. It is within a few yards of the huge battleship and all are awaiting the crash. Captain Cook looks over the por side of the bridge and then says sharply: "Full speed astern." There is a clang of bells, a shiver as the big engines turn, and then the cruiser slides rapidly clear of the Mossachusetts with barely a hand to spare "Cleverly done," says Commodore Schley, as he goes down to breakfast. Clever sea-manship, perfect discipline and cool-headed judgment had averted a disaster. 'This ship obeys her engines perfectly," said Captain Cook modestly, as he had

anchored further out.

The storm continued all day and patrol boats that keep the harbors closed had a rough night's work. This morning there was little abatement of the gale.

The war ships have suffered no damage in the gale which is still raging. It is exceedingly rough, but all ships have their sea anchors down and are perfectly secure.

Toward afternoon the storm cleared away and the heavy sea quickly subsided. Boain began running from the ships and communication with shore was resumed.

The steamers of the Boston & Providence line and of the Old Dominion Steamshp company, which were detanted yesterday evening, left as usual tonight.

Anxiety is felt as to a large three-masted schooner, disabled by loss of the main top mast, part of foremast and rails and anchored above Chiekomico life saving station, which is ninety miles south of Virginia Beach and twenty miles north of Cape Hat-teras. The schooner, whose name was not known, was anchored two miles north of the station and was thought to be in danger if the wind continued strong from the north-east, this last intelligence coming yesterday morning.

Telegraph and telephone wires from Virginia Beach to the south are down.

A section of the Virginia naval reserves acting as a signal corps, is stationed at Cape Henry and is having a taste of rough

CONSTRUCTS A GAS GENERATOR.

It Will Be Used in the Balloon Service During the War.

CHICAGO, April 28.-Captain William J. Lloyd, assistant superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph company and commander of the signal troops of the Illinole National guard, acting under a com-United States signal service, to essist in the work of equipping a large captive balloon to be used by the Navy department in follow-ing the movements of the Spanish war ships, has succeeded in securing a generator capa-ble of producing from 350,000 to 400,000 cubic feet of gas every twenty-four hours. and a reservoir which was made express! for the purpose of holding the acid necessary for the formation of gas.

The generator is the only one of its kind in the United States and will be ready to be shipped to the navy yard at Governor's island next Monday. The generator has been constructed by forces of men working day and night for a week. The work is being inspected by Silas H. Mosher, chief engineer Western Union building. tosher will go to Governor's island to oper-

ate the aerial chip.

Mr. Mosher served in the navy during the civil war and is an expert in the use of gas Captain Lloyd has sent a telegram to

General Greeley tendering the service of his corps in the war with Spain, either individ-Lieutenant J. B. Maxwell of the signal corps will probably have direct charge of the balloon service. The balloon used in con-nection with the generator will rise to the

height of 2,500 feet, and he beld by a wire cable, which will also be used for telegraphing. With powerful glasses on a clear day it is said that it will be possible to scan the horizon from the balloon a distance of fifty to sixty miles, and should a cruiser making eighteen or twenty knots an hour be sighted. eighteen or twenty knots an hour be sighted, the information can be telegraphed down from the balleon in ample time to make all accessary preparations for an attack. England to Protest.

LONDON, April 28.-Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassidor to the United States, has been instructed, it is understood here, to make representations to the Washington government respecting the question of ton-nage taxes. France and Germany are com-municating with Great Britain on the sub-

is mounting four twelves and two nines and the Jouquin Pleplage two nines and two Maxims. The Cludad de Cadiz, which will accompany the torpedo squadron, has four welve-centimeter guns, two nine-centimete The forts at Rota, stx miles northwest of Cadiz, and at San Cataline are being strengthened and new guns are being

TALK OF MATANZAS

(Continued from First Page.)

the right of the entrance of the harbor.

There were no shore batteries or defenses at or adjacent to Managas, nor were there at or adjacent to Managas, nor were there any, so far as I could observe, on the left of the flying squadron has been unable to communicate with shore. The storm which still ment and equipment it is of

in the habit of throwing together a small square block house and calling it a fort, but it has none of the characteristics of a modern fortification, and while it might do for insurgents, would amount to absolutely nothing against the big guns of a war ship. But even these had not been started a month Since then rough earthworks may have been thrown up hastily, but little could have been accomplished in a month, and certainly no fortifications of masonry could have been erected. I never heard of Fort Rubaicalya, mentioned in the reports of the reduction of the defenses at Matanzas, and no such for existed when I was there a month ago This may be one of the impromptu defense

which the Spaniards style forts.
"The camps of the reconcentrados are on the sweep of hills back of Matanzas, and on of those camps, one on the highest ground and another further down, where are hud-dled together the poor Cuban sufferers. Judging from my observation I would not think the defenses of Matanzas could make a very stubborn fire, or that their reduc-tion would be a difficult task for a few of our

war ships. After talking with paval chiefs. Senator Money concluded that the attack on Matanzas | direct. was not a serious affair and he added the remark that from his observations he believed a few old smooth-bores could knock to pieces all the defenses at Matanzas.

MADRID, April 28.-The version of the bombardment of Matanzas by the United States fleet, which has reached here, says that "after half an hour's fight the Americans were obliged to retreat."

Little credence is placed in Madrid to the dispatches from New York, telling of the bombardment of Matanzas, as the "latter conflict with official reports." The latter in addition to saying the "Americans were ob liged to retreat," admit that "several mer were killed," and that "some damage was

done to the town," also saying that the "American less is not known."
The foris of Havana, it is announced here have not yet fired a single projectile, the cannon shots being merely signal guns. KEY WEST, April 28.-The bombardmen

of the forts of Matanzas by the United States cruiser New York, the flagship of Rear Admiral Sampson; the monitor Puritar and the cruiser Cincinnati is eagerly discussed here, and every incident of the affair s weighed and reweighed by army and navy officers and the newspaper men. est in the engagement is mixed with de-light at the fact that there are no casualties to record on the American side, not one of our ships being every touched. There is much curiosity as to the effect of our fire on the enemy, but at present all information on this point is lacking. From the fact that the Spaniards opened fire on our ships while the latter were making a recornola ance in force, and when the vessels were nearly five miles out from the batteries leads to the belief that the enemy believed that all that was necessary to induce the United States fleet to move further away was for the batteries to open fire on them. But, if from former experience they had reached this conclusion, they must have been intensely astonished when the New York, being the farthest west, but the neares steaming pearer shore, accompanied by ite consorts, made such excellent practice with

Spanish gun was silenced. It would have been worth a year's pay twelve-inch gun, when a mass of stones earth and abattis went sixty feet in the air, falling in the rear of the spot where s Spanish gun tad been but a few minute-before. There must have been casualties or the Spanish side, since the rapid fire gun were used on all the ships as well as thos of larger caliber.

It seems to be the general opinion that the Spaniards had nothing heavier than eight-inch guns and that they had very poor gunners. However, just before the Spanis batteries were silenced, one gun on the west the range of the flagship, several chorsatriking near the New York, and on both sides of it. If the purpose of reconnaissance and the subsequent cannonade was to secure an available place for the landing later of United States troops, such purpose has been well accomplished, for no fear exists that the Spanish batteries at Matanzas are likel; to prove in any way dangerous. They have been silenced for good, or at least for a longer time than will be necessary to effect

Shennndoah Benches Port Safely LIVERPOOL, April 28.-The four-maste American ship Shenandoah arrived here

afely this afternoon. The tug Rathbun met the Shenandoah off the south coast of Ireland and towed it to Point Lynas for \$1,500, as the commander of the Shenandoah was unwilling to risk its being intercepted. Its cargo, owing to the advance in the price of wheat, is worth \$250,

The members of the crew of the Shenandoah were greatly excited when informed that war between Spain and the United Captain Murphy says that on Monday even ing last he sighted what he believed were two Spanish cruisers, but the vessels were

mission from General A. W. Greeley, of the too far distant for him to be certain that they were war ships of the enemy. NORFOLK, Va., April 28.-No news of th transport Panther and the cruiser Montgom ery has been received here. Officials at the navy yard fear dieaster if the ships were experienced navigators unite in saving that

they ought to have gotten well out to sen before meeting the storm. The mosquito fleet at the navy yard is being provisioned and otherwise made ready

Will Elect Fred Grant Colonel. NEW YORK, April 28.-Major Edmund H Michael, who resigned the command of the Fourteenth regiment of Brooklyn over eight months ago, said today that he had met Colonel Fred D. Grant by appointment this afternoon, and assured him that he would be elected to the command of the regiment Colonel Grant, he said, agreed to accept the position in case of election.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., April 28.—In conse quence of representations from the colonia government to the imperial authorities that the Spanish fleet may visit this count to se-cure coal, the colonial office today cabled to Bermuda ordering the cruisers Cordelia and Pelican to proceed immediately to Newfoundland waters to be in readiness to cope with any emergency that might arise.

Overwhelmed by Recenits. PITTSBURG, Pa., April 28 .- The United States recruiting office in this city was forced to close temporarily today on account of the rush of applicants following the de-parture of the National Guard. In one hour over seventy-five men were turned away. Captain Sharp, the recruiting officer, expects to catch up with his work by Monday next, when the office will be reopened.

Blanco Imparts More Information. MADRID, April 28 .-- An official dispate rom General Blanco says:

CADIZ. April 28.—Thre steamers of the Campania Transatiantic are being rapidly armed as cruisers. The Buenos Ayres is mounting four sixteen-centimeter guns and two nine-centimeter guns; the Antonio Lopez watching on shore.

Citizen Foldiers Rapidly Mobilizing in the Eeveral States.

RESPONSE TO CALL COMES PROMPTLY

Governor Settles Trouble in lows Over the Consolidation of Four Regiments Into Three.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 28 .- (Special Telegram.)-There having been some dissatisfaction and grumbling in the National Guard relative to the reorganization, which will throw out over 100 officers, Governor Shaw went to Camp McKinley this enorning and calling up the regiments, one at a time, have to be consolidated into three according to the orders of the government, and that if anyone did not care to abide by the reorganization plans the could step out of the lines and receive his mileage home. Not a man moved, and the governor by his speeches squelched what at one time looke l like it might result in at least one regiment getting sulky and going home.

LINCOLN, April 28 .- (Special Telegram.) -The militia boys at Camp Alvin Saunders were given three solid hours of drill this forenoon, the regiments being formed into battalions. The Omaha Guards and the Thurston Rifles did especially good work. Regimental inspection will occur this after-noon. Adjutant Gencal Barry, has moved his office from the state house to the camp for greater convenience. The governor has had no further word from the War depart-

DES MOINES, Ia., April 28.-Rev. Mother Agnes of Mercy hospital announces that Sis-ters of Mercy here will enlist as curses to go south or to Cuba as the government may

CINCINNATI, April 28.-The First regiment, Ohio National Guard, started to Columbus today shortly before noon. The train ran in three sections over the Big Four road. Colonel C. B. Hunt, commanding, rode at the head of his fine body of men in a march from the armory to the train through streets jammed with people shouting and waving flags. The troops were escorted by the Chamber of Commerce, two local military organizations, high school cadets, Grand Army posts, Union Veteran Legion encampments, and the Ohio commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. SPRINGFIELD, O., April 28.—Six thousand people gathered around the depot to witness the departure of the Third regiment, Colonel

Charles Anthony commanding, today. regiment goes to Columbus in twenty-six coaches. COLUMBUS, O., April 28.-The First and Dighth Ohio infantry are enroute to Columbus and the Third, Fourteenth and Ninth battalion and Battery H are here in camp, all recruited to maximum.

MADISON, Wis., April 28.—All the Wisconsin militia are co coute today for the state fair grounds at Milwaukee, the point of mobilization. All will be there by morn-

ing. The adjutant general's department has been transformed temporarily into Camp Harvey, as the fair grounds are named in honor of Wisconsin's governor, who was drowned at Mobile during the civil was Enthusiastic demonstrations took place today in all the cities as the troops left. SPRINGFTELD, Ill., April 28.—Governor Tanner's hopes of leading Illinois troops to the front today were blastel completely. He received word from Washington, which confirmed previous announcements, that he would not be placed by President McKinler. Over two weeks ago Governor Tanner's officers called upon him and to:derel their services in case he succeeded in receiving services in case he succeeded in receiving the appointment from the president to lead the Illinois troops. Today, when Colonel James R. B. Van Cleave, inspector general, learned of the confirmation of previous reports from Washington, he immediately tendered his resignation as inspector generations.

Other resignations may follow. ATLANTA, Ga., April 28 .- Governor Atkinson issued a proclamation calling for volun-teers to furnish the necessary quota asked

DETROIT, April 28,-Commander of the Michigan paval reserve, returned from Washington today. Later the men were all told that if they enlisted for the war they would have to take their chances, as th Navy department would promise nothing more in the way of appointments than that it would show them reasonable consideration. Enlistments will be accepted to the number of 225, leaving sixty-five behind. Nearly all the men at once expressed a desire to volun

INDIANAPOLIS, April 28.-Camp Mount was agitated today over a telegram to commissioned officer from Washington stating that it was being arranged there to make Lieutenant Henry T. Lawton, formerly of Indiana, now in the regular army, commun-der of the Indiana brigade. Today a meet-ing of the regimental colonels and the ranking officers of the artillery was held and was decided to enter a protest against the proposed appointment of a regular army offi-cer to command the regiment and protesting against the removal of General McKee. It is asserted that such a change would have a dieastrous effect on the ludiana troops.

RACINE, Wis., April 28.—Fully 20,000 peo-ple marched as an escort to company F, Ficst regiment, Wisconsin National Guard, on its way to the depot today to take a train for the state camp at Milwaukee There was the wildest anthusham ever seen there. All the schools, fectories and busi-

ness houses were closed.
WILIMINGTON, Del., April 28.—Only about 200 of the 450 members of the Delaware milibia and half the officers have volunteered to the United States government, the others refusing to go, fearing that their own offi-cers would not be in command. Those refusing to volunteer returned home this afteroon from the camp at Mid!letown. ST. PAUL, Minn., April 28.—Mixnesota's three regiments of volunteers are enroute

to this city tonight from all parts of the state. By noon tomorrow they will be bivousced at Camp Ramsey on the state fair grounds. Camp Ramsey is named in honor of Alexander Ramsey, ex-secretary of war and territorial governor of Minnesota, but most famous as Minnesota's war governor General Ramsey will review the troops. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 28.—Tonight the officers of the Illinois National Guard signed a communication and sent it to Governor Tanner, strongly opposing and protesting tary of war, which the communication alleges will result in breaking up the Nationa Guard organization of Illinois. The communi-cation will be sent to President McKinley with Governor Tanner's endorsement. ST. LOUIS, April 28.—Colonel E. A. Baldorf of the First regiment of infantry

and Captain F. M. Rumbold of light battery A today received orders from Adjutant General Bell to prepare at once to go into camp at Jefferson barracks. The adjutant general notified the two commanding officers that he expenses incurred will be paid by the MILWAUKEE, April 28.- The First, Sec.

Milwaukhee, April 26.—The Filet, Second and Third regiments, together with companies A, B, and C, and Fourth regiment, Wisconsin National guard, are bivoucked at Camp Hurvey tonight. The four companies of the Fourth were ordered out to fill the other regiments. ther regiments. MOUNT GRETNA, Pa., April 28.—The Pennylvania militia today received the first test of its grit and endurance of the pres-ent campaign when the entire division as-sembled at Mount Gretna. Snow, hail and rain were distinguishing features of the solrs' advent and tonight the men sleep under wet canvas and on ground ankie deep in mud. The regiments began arriving as early as 6 a. m. and came in almost con-6 a. m. and came in almost con-thereafter until night, when over 8,000 men had reached camp.

To Assemble at Sloux Falls. PIERRE, S. D., April 28.-(Special Telegram.)-Governor Lee secured a change in the order of the War department making the order of the war department making Huron the rendezvous of steet troops and the centralization will be at Sloux Falls. A delegation from Huron was here today asking that he withdraw his request, but all matters being considered, he thought Sloux Falls the best place and the order stands. The order for mobilization is expected at any time and the troops are anxious to slart. The governor has received notification from

Sensior Pertigrew that the loave of absence of Lieutenant A. S. Frost, who had been called to his regiment, had been extended and while the lieutenant was already on the road, he will return and the guard will undoubtedly have him as their commender as they desired. R. W. S. wart of this city, one of the leading autorneys of the state, has been tendered the captainey of a company in one of the independent cavalry respectively. pany in one of the independent cavalry reg-iments provided for and will at once begin recruiting his company. They will be principally rough riders from the range country mai will make fine croppers. A camp has been established here for recruiting from the surrounding country and that with men in uniform gives the city a decidedly mili-

BATTERY ORDERED TO THE SOUTH. Leaves Chicksmanga in the Greatest

CHICKAMAUGA, NATIONAL PARK, Ga., April 28 .- Three batteries of light artillery. K and E, of the First, 140 men, with eight guns, in command of Captain Capron, left here today for Tampa, Fla. The horses of told them that the four regiments would the batteries were not taken, so great was the baste to get the gurs to their southern destination, but will follow as soon as they can be loaded. The train will run to Tampa on passenger train time and on arrival there it is said the men and their guns will be transported at once to Edgemont key, com manding the harbor of Tampa, where forti fications have recently been erected, but which are as yet but poorly supplied with guns. Whether it is the intention of the authorities at Washington to order any of the Chickamauga artillery south is known. It is positively denied at head-quarters that any such orders have been received and the general order issued today forming the remaining batteries of artiller; into a brigade of two battalious, each com posed of four batteries, goes to substantiate Among the more experienced officers, how-

ever, it is believed that this first shipment will be followed by others very soon. It is taken to be part of the plan of co-operation agreed upon at Washington between General Miles and representatives of Cuban kisurgents, 'for the line of communication the insurgent army from some weil fortified seaport." It will not be surprising if a good part of the artillery now at Chickamauga, together with some of the cavalry and in antrophere, is ordered south in a short time, with this purpose in view. Major General Brooke today received a telegram from the War department at Washington, ordering him to at once put the army in his command on a war feeting and authorizing him to enlist every eligible man until the regiments are filled. This will result in an increased number of troops at Chickamauga close to 25,000. Hereafter twelve troops will constitute a regiment of cavalry, 100 men for each troop. An infantry regiment will hereafter consist of twelve companies, 106 enlisted men for each company. The field artillery will consist of 173 enlisted men. Authority has been given to Major General Brooke, which he has coarveyed to she various commanding officers, for the enlistment up to this strength of eligible men between the age of 18 and 35 all minors must have the consent of parents or guardians. Men applying for enlistment must be well qualified physically so as to pass the examination which has been requited in that respect? It is believed that a great many valuable men will be enlisted here for the regular service and especially in the colored regiments. Hundreds of applications for enlistment have already made to the officers of the four colored regiments stationed at Chickan auga and thes regiments, now that authority to enlist had been given, will undoubtedly be filled in short order. It will require about 400 men to place an infantry regiment on a war footing and about 600 men for the caval: y. All applicant who pass the required examinations will be accepted as fast as they present them asives Requisitions have already been made on the War department for camp and garrison outfits and ordnance equipment for these troops. Adjutants of artillers battalions and regi-

AGREE ON NAVAL APPROPRIATIONS.

ments will be designated as recruiting one

Conference Committees of the Two Houses Will Report Today. WASHINGTON, April 28.—The conferees of the two houses reached an agreement on the naval appropriation bill before adjourning. All the senate increases in the way o

These increases include four menitors a \$1.250,000, and sixteen instead of twelve tor pedo boat destroyers. All the other important additions made by the senate are retained. The language in regard to the of seamen was changed to provide for 1,000 more mariner.

A provision was inserted giving the secre-tary of the navy authority to enlist volun-teers up to the rank of commander. This was done so that the department could avail it self of the service of the officers of the American liners chartered by the govern-

The conference committees will report to-

PLOT TO BLOW UP THE BRIDGES. Spanish Spies Reported to Be Work

ing in Georgia. ATLANTA, Ga., April 28.—Governor Atkinson today received a letter from Dr. James L. Long of Good Hope, Ga., saying Spanish spies were planning to wreck bridges and blow up trains bearing troops to Key West. Dr. Long is a prominent physician of Good Hope, in Walton county, and is known to the governor. The letter says:

governor. The letter says:

I write to inform you that two Spanish spirs passed through this vicinity yesterday going south. Their intentions are to blow up the bridges and trains loaded with United States soldiers, which are enroute to key West and other southern places. I hope you will not let this go unnoticed, as they blew up our battleship. Please inform the department of this. It has also been ascertained that they intend to employ negroes to work in front. With success to the cause and freedom for Cuba, I remain, JAMES L. LONG, M. D.

SPANISH SPY ARRESTED IN TEXAS

He is Kept a Prisoner at a Military Post. LAREDO, Tex., April 25.-When the Inernational & Great Northern mull train arrived this evening a stranger on the train was immediately arrested by an officer from Fort McIntosh and from what could be earned the man is thought to be a Spanish

spy who has been under surveillance all the way from New York City. He was bound or Mexico. The prisoner is now at the post. Chief Prize Commissioner Resigns. KEY WEST, Aprif 28 .- G. Brown Patter on, an attorney of Key West, recently appointed by United States District Judge Locke chief commissioner to adjudicate the ships captured from the Spaniards, has created a sensation by resigning his office. It is understood he hav been retaked by the owners of captured ressels to represent

them in the prize cases. Supposed Spy Arrested. NEW ORLEANS, April 28.-The government engineer officers at Port Eads have arested a man believed to be a Spanish spy. He gave his name gas John Walsh and his home New Orleans, Several undeveloped films and maps descriptive of the river and government works at Port Eads were found on him. He will be held pending the action of the army authorities.

Rush Order for Gun Carriages. CLEVELAND, April 28.—The Walker Man. afacturing company has received a rush order from the government for six more disappearing gun carriages for coast defense guns The order involves about \$600,000. It is stated that there are a hundred defense guns which the government dealres to mount along the Atlantic coast as soon as gun carriages can be obtained.

Frost Gets a Commission. PIERRE, S. D., April 28.-(Special Telegram.)-Governor Lee tonight commissioned First Lieutenant A. S. Frost of the Twentyfifth infantry as colonel of the First regi-ment. South Dakota volunteers, subject to the approval of the president and in case he can secure a leave from his regiment.

Minneapolis Still at Eastport. EASTPORT, Me., April 28.-The United States cruiser Minneapolis is still at ancher in the harbor this morning, but the officers

expect that it will leave today. It was stated that no intimation has yet been re-ceived as to its destination. Since it has been in the harbor here many applications

MAY MAKE DOUBLE ASSESSMENTS. Important Ruling on the Winding Up of Insolvent Banks.

WASHINGTON, April 28.-An important

uling has been made by Charles G. Dawes, emptroller of the currency, relating to the practice of the comptroller's office in regard to the collection of assessments against the stockholders of insolvent pational banks and the distribution of the proceeds of such ansessments. Under this ruling whenever it becomes necessary in adjusting the rights of creditors and stockholders of incovent banks to either levy a second assessment upon to either levy a second assessment upon stockholders for the benefit of creditors, or stockholders for the benefit of creditors, or to return an excessive assessment to stockoriginal assessment for the purpose of making such adjustment, contrary to the practice of the tive heretofore, which was to recognize an as-sessment based on the first estimate of de-ficiency in the bank's assets as final, irrespective of whether that estimate was as a mass of ruins. Six workmen were killed matter of fact too large or too small. This four seriously injured, some probably fa ruling is of great importance as it relates to assessments already levied throughout the country, as well as those hereafter to be upon stockholders in insolvent na-banks whose affairs are not entirely closed. In his ruling upon the particular case in question, Mr. Dawes says the position of the comptroller in his relations to the stockholders is that of a trustee for the collection of all the legal liabilities of all the stockholders under the statute and as further defined by the courts.

In pursuance of this duty as trustee when upon further administration of the trust an error of judgment on the part of the comptroller and receiver is demonstrated in estimating the deficiency in the strated in estimating the deficiency in the assets of the trust at too small an amount, it will become his duty to review the former action and, if necessary, to levy an additional assessment upon the stockholders of the insolvent bank for the purpose of collecting from each stockholder that proportion of the difference between the estimated and the actual deficiency which the stock of the individual stockholder bears to the total stock of the bank. If, in the endeavor to enforce such liability through an error in judgment as to the exact deficiency he collected a greater amount from the shareholders than that for which they are really liable, then he becomes trustee for the stockholders who amount from the shareholders than that for which they are really liable, then he becomes trustee for the stockholders who have paid such excess, charged with the return of the excess to the contributing stockholders in the proportion in which they have paid their original assessment to him. The determination of the amount to be returned to such stockholders must necessary. arned to such stockholders must neces-arily be deferred until the final closing of ne trust, an amount being reserved at times in the hands of the comptroller suffi-cient to afford full protection to maid con-tributing shareholders against any con-tingency of change in the amount collected from the assets over the estimated value of assets at the time of the assessment. SPANISH CONFIDENT OF VICTORY.

Press of Madrid Keeping Up the Courage of the People. MADRID, April 28 .- The perfect confidnce which appears to be felt here at the outcome of the war between Spain and the United States is reflected by the Liberal moderate republican) which commenting on Spanish calm and American irritability," says today: "Spain is patiently awaiting the attack which America is noisily threatening to make simultaneously on Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine islands with its undiscollined forces, while its preachers and merchants, finding the task more diffi-cult than they had calculated, are already quoting the bible to prove that peace is a good thing for civilized nations. On the American side are hodge-podge, brag, blus-ter, bypocrisy and funk; on the Spanish stice are complete unanimity and readiness to die for the country, trusting in Gol."
Another special dispatch from Madrid says:

The Spanish government officials are bewildered at the attitude of Great Britain. They believe the government and people of Great Britain hold divergent opinions, and that the official acts of Great Britain are due to a secret compact with the United States gov-

HOLD UP A TREASONABLE LETTER.

Contained Information How to Attack San Francisco. WASHINGTON, April 28.- The Postoffice lepartment has received information of auother letter being held because it contained treasonable information. The postmaster at Santa Cruz, Cal., reported that a letter addressed to Premier Sagasta, Spain, had been mailed there, and under direction of Assistant Attorney General Tyner its contents were examined. It was mailed by a women who gave an address where an answer would reach her and contained information in regard to the fortifications of San Fronlaco, where guns are located, etc. It also described polots lower down the coast panish vessels could land troops, and said there were men who would act as guides to attack San Francisco and seize trains. The letter will be transmitted to the War partment for action. It is thought it may lead to an investigation as to whether there are persons in that vicinity unfriendly to the

SUMMON SHAFTER TO WASHINGTON.

Commandant at New Orleans Consults with Miles. WASHINGTON, April 28.-Brigadier General William R. Shafter, who commands the troops at New Orleans, accompanied by Colonel Babcock, formerly adjutant general of the Department of California and one of General Stafter's staff, was at the War department, having been summoned to Washington for conference with General Miles, the ommander of the army. The officials of the epartment decline to say for what specific department decline to say for what specific purpose General Shifter comes to Washington, but rumor cornects it with the landing of United States troops in Cuba, so that food may be sent to starving people of the island. General Shifter is held in very high esteem in army circles and has a fine record for skill and bravery. He caw Secretary Alger for some time when he reached the department today, but later discussed with General Miles the duties the latter has with General Miles the duties the latter has in store for him.

SHOW SOME SYMPATHY WITH SPAIN Canadians Would Not Object to Slight

American Reverses. LONDON, April 28.-The English newspapers continue to publish letters in which the writers express sympathy with Spain. A dispatch to the Standard from Montreal says: There is a strong undercurrent of sympathy here with Spain. The Canadians anticipate with satisfaction the ultimate triumph of the United States; but they would not be dis-pleased if that self-confident power received a severe lesson in the early stages of the

EVERY STATE FURNISHES ITS QUOTA No Chance Under Present Call for Other Companies. WASHINGTON, April 28.—General Corbin says no state's volunteer allottment will be increased, as every state has signified it will furnish its full complement.

Returns to His Regiment. MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 28.-Captian Padlock of the United States recruiting staion received orders from the War department today to join his regiment at Houston rex., at once. The recruiting officer in this city was di-rected to enlist as rapidly as possible all ablepodled men between the ages of 18 and 35.

Ship Guns for Cubans. DAVENPORT, Ia., April 28.-Ten thousand guns of an old style, but in good order, were shipped south this afternoon from the Rock Island arsenal for the use of the Cuban Nephew of Jeff Davis for Color Bearer

PARIS, Ky., April 28.-Isaac Alexander,

grand nephew of Jefferson Davis, has been chosen to carry the stars and stripes for company D this city in the war with Spain. Will Not Accept the Price. NEW YORK, April 28.-The Ogden Goelet estate has refused to accept the \$500,000 which the government had agreed to pay for the yacht Mayflower. POWDER FACTORY EXPLODES When Traveling

Plant of the Atlantic Fowder Company is Here Is Where Destroyed.

SIX EMPLOYES ARE KNOWN TO BE KILLED Principal Cities.

Ten Buildings, Many of Them Stored with Government War Supplies, Are Demolished in an Instant, with Total Loss.

startled this evening by a series of terriffic

The explosions occurred in the Atlantic Powder company's works, and the plant is a mass of ruins. Six workmen were killed, tally

The remains of the dead have not been re-

The dead are: ALFRED RARICK. WILLIAM STUMPE CASPER RAY. DAVID SCHERER. WILLIAM HAYCOCK. ELIAS ERERS.

All the killed were married and leave families.

The works were situated in an isolated spot seven miles out in a rough country from Dover. There were ten buildings in the group, and all were destroyed. The first explosion occurred in one of the packing houses, caused, it is thought, by a spark from the pipe of a

explosives in another house nearby. Debris and burning timbers of the wrecked buildings were carried high into the air and fell in a shower over the remaining buildings, setting fire to the main factory and the other five packing houses and the shell house. In a brief time the explosives in these buildings were exploded and left death and destruction in their wake. works have been running day and night, turning out rush orders for the government, and a large amount of ammunition ready for shipment was stored in the packing houses This, with all other explosives, was completely destroyed.

The scene presented at the place was ter-rible. People who felt the shocks and saw the flames of the burning structures flocked to the place from miles around, but could render no aid to the injured. The people were terrified, and held back in constant fear of other explosions. A few men who were in the buildings man

aged to espape, and they ran about the country bewildered. They could give no intelligent account of the cause of the explision.
When the wives and relatives of the employes of the factory approached the burning buildings the scene was heartrending. It was nearly 5 o'clock before the ruins had cooled off sufficiently to be approached and before the onlookers could be induced

to go near the spot.

The bodies of the dead were horribly mangled. The head was missing from some, while here and there lay armless and legless trunks. Many were cut and maimed g bidly that some of them cannot recover. The loss eganot be learned at this writing.

DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGE. Minister to London Raising

Funds for Navy. LONDON, April 28.-The Spanish ambascador, Count von Roscon, and Countess de Cassa Valencia, wife of the former Spanish ambassador here, have opened funds in connection with the war between Spain and the United States. The fund of the countess, however, is only intended for the re-lief of the sick and wounded, but the subscriptions being collected by the Spanish ambassador are toward the cational fund being raised by Spain to increase the strength of the Spanish fleet. This is regarded as a serious abuse of diplometic ject are promised in the House of Commons.

Brazil Sells Torpedocs to United States LONDON, April 28.-A special dispatch rom Flume, the seaport of Hungary, caya Brazil has agreed that sixty torpedoes which have been made there on the order of the Brazilian government at the Whitehead works be transferred to the United States



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