Cruiser Minneapolis Appears Off the North Coast of Hayti.

NEAR WHERE SAMPSON'S FLEET MAY BE

Passes Turk's Island, One of the Bahamas, Going to the Southwest

NOTHING KNOWN OF THE SPANISH FLEET

When Last Heard From It Was Off the Coast of Venezuela.

WASHINGTON NAVAL OFFICERS VERY MUM

Impossible to Obtain Any Information Concerning the Movements of the Vessels Commanded by Sampson and Schley.

(Copyright, 1898, by Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, May 17.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The Daily the matter of delay in bringing the Spanish steering in a southwesterly direction.

The cable between St. Lucia and St. Vincent has been repaired, thus restoring communication between Hayti and St. Vincent, Barbadoes, Grenada, Trinidad and Demerara. Trinidad, but both touch Porto Rico and are controlled by Spain. The French sloop Fulton will go to Cienfuegos to take away

The Daily Mail's Gibraltar dispatch says: auxiliary cruisers Rapido, ex-Columbia and Patriota, ex-Normannia, were still unready for sea yesterday.

The report published that the Cisneros, Princess Adturias and Cataluna have been seep off Martinique is ridiculed here, seeing that the latest authentic dispatches from Atlantic, to the seaboard cities. Cadiz stated that the Adturias was "a mere hulk recently launched and that the Cisneros condition. The reserve squadron, Pelayo, Alfonso XIII, Carlos V, destroyer Audaz and fast cruisers Rapido and Patriota, are that a month's repairs are still to be completed on them. I heard tonight that 8,000 tons of coal had been shipped within the last three weeks from ports in the north of England for Venezuela. John Albert Bright, son of the late John Bright, stated that coal was being despatched as a speculation and not consigned for the Spanish fleet, though probably that win be its des-

ST. LUCIA, W. T., May 17 .- (New York been Spanish ships on the lookout for the arations, American battleship Oregon.

Turks Island, referred to in the above discoast of the Island of Hayti. Turks Island tion is protracted unduly. passage lies west of the island and is about which passed through the passage yesterday morning, is probably on the way to join the advance courier of Schley's fleet. It may way to inform Sampson to wait for Schley, may be following with the slower vessels of his fleet. When last heard from Sampson was sailing in an easterly direction from Cape Haytien, but his destination was unknown. Nothing is known of the whereabouts of Schley.

The so-called Cape Verde squadron of the Spaniards was last heard from off the north coast of Venezuela, sailing in a westerly direction. The American and Spanish fleets cannot be over a few hundred miles apart and a meeting is likely to occur at almost

GETTING HARVARD OUT OF PORT. Montgomery Will Wait Outside

Protect It. NEW YORK, May 17 .- There are assurances that the war board has found a way to get the Harvard out of St. Pierre harbo without risk of destruction by the Spanish torpedo boat destroyer Terror. It involves the use of the Yale and the Montgomery to watch the port at the three-mile limit, to wait until the Harvard appears and then to be prepared, in case the Terror follows, or other Spanish torpedo boat destroyers come along, to fall upon them with their heavy and light rapid-fire guns and destroy

On the other hand there are naval officers who laugh at the fuss that has been made over the situation at St. Pierre, and declare that there is nothing to prevent the Harvard from leaving if it desires to do so, and nothing but the assumption that the torpedo boat destroyer is a formidable vessel to lead to the opinion that it could destroy the Harvard without difficulty. When Captain Cotton has completed the repairs, said to be needed by the Harvard, the nature of which has not been communicated to the department, he can leave and it is believed that France will stick closely to the custom under neutrality laws to prevent the Terror from leaving until twenty-

SLIP OUT OF PORT DURING NIGHT.

Spanish Gunboats Around Western Cuba. Spanish cruisers, or gunboats, are making keeps up the public strain. There is Guantanamo bay. They are known to be moving every night in the waters between Hayti and Cuba. A Haytien schooner plying between the Mole St. Nicholas, Jean Rabel and Glatinagua reports, through an agent of the Cuban insurgents at Port de having met Spanish vessels several times during the last few weeks. The Spanlards are supposed to hide in the Cuban ports during the day and to go out cruising

(Copyright, 1898, by the Associated Press. ST. THOMAS, Danish West Indies, May 17.- It was reported here this morning that on Sunday last from uoon until 6 p. m. twenty-seven vessels slowly steamed westward north of the Tortola island, forty miles east of St. Thomas. One steamer, which approached the land, showed the

Cloyd steamer Aller, which arrived today

close to Punta del Gardo, Azores, on its way to this port, and saw at that place four vessels—one Italian, one French, one Portuguese and one Dutch. The latter sailed west on May 11.

## MAY BE WAITING FOR OREGON

Large War Ships Seen Off the Coast at Santa Lucia-Identity of Ronta Unknown.

NEW YORK, May 17 .- A special copyright dispatch from Santa Lucia, West Indies, to he World, says: A large, strange war ship was sighted last night lying off the west coast of this island. Others were also seen to the northward of Santa Lucia. These vessels are believed here to be a Spanish squadron watching for the United States battleship Oregon, which may pass close to this island on its way to Key West.

PLEETS MOVING ON THE QUIET

Nothing is Known of the Where abouts of Sampson and Schley. WASHINGTON, May 17 .- The official buletin boards today failed to yield any news of the movements of either of the three fleets, Sampson's, Schley's and the Spanish flying squadron, and there is reason to believe that the department itself has received no information on that point. The department officials are beginning to

Mail's Kingston dispatch says: A Turks fleet into action, conscious as they are that Island message received here states that the they have made all dispatch compatible American cruiser Minneapolis passed with due regard for the safety of our own through Turks Island passage this morning, ports, as well as of the lives of the crews of our war ships.

Every day there is talk of a change in the naval plans brought about by some movement of the Spanish squadron, but what the latest phase of campaign is noboard is competent to say.

The general impression today is that no mentarian that ever lived. particular effort is to be made just now to pursue the Spaniards so long as they keep within the confines of the Gulf of Mexico The Cadiz squadron is still inactive and its and Caribbean sea, but that Sampson and destination is not known. The armored Schley in combination will encircle the island of Cuba, maintain the blockade, and convoy troops across the Florida straits if necessary, meanwhile simply continuing a watch on the Spanish flying squadron to see that it does not do mischief either to the American fleet, or, by escaping into the

By this plan the naval and military officials might hope to silence the rather seand Cataluna were almost in as backward a vere criticisms that are being expressed because of delay in the opening of the military campaign in Cuba itself.

reported to be ready for sea by the end of administration from congressional quarters Considerable pressure has come upon the this week, but last accounts a week since to have the campaign hastened, and there from the Carlos V and Alfonso XIII were are thought to be signs of a resumption of the plans of the military leaders for the invasion of Cuba at the point where they were suddenly suspended by the announce ment of the arrival of the Spanish flying squadron at Martinique.

One sign of this was the inclusion in the egular army orders of a direction to Captain Alger to go to Tampa to join General Miles. At army hendouseters there was no sign of immediate departure, but after all, World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—A in view of the fact that three times at least everything has been prepared for a movenight and others were seen to the northward | ment to Tampa, it may be presumed that of St. Lucia. Their identity could not be everything is in shape for departure at short ascertained, but they are supposed to have notice without open manifestation of prep-

The department professes to feel no apprehension that Admiral Dewey or his men are in any way endangered by their occupapatch, is a small island, the most southeast- tion of Manila harbor on the present basis, erly of the Bahama group and about 200 but this cannot be said of the unfortunate habitants of Manila if the

It is no small matter to twenty-five miles wide. The Minneapolis, transport an expedition of 12,000 or 15,000 soldiers 4,000 miles across the sea at short notice, and the indications are that within Sampron's squadron and may possibly be a week some of the soldiers at least will be on their way from San Francisco, folbe that the two squadrons are about to join lowing the Charleston, which is expected to forces and that the Minneapolis is on the leave at any moment with a few supplies most urgently needed by Admiral Dewey.

There are indications that the War department has been brought to see the wisdom and fairness of the suggestions thrown out by Major Merritt that this expedition should consist of not less than 15,000 men, and at least a third of them should be seasoned troops from the regular army capable of meeting on equal terms the veteran Spanish soldiers who garrison Manila. To endeavor to overcome the Spanish force with less than half their number of troops would seem to be a senseless proceeding in view of the fact that there is no necessity for

such a course. General Merritt took occasion to deny emphatically the accuracy of certain newspaper interviews published this morning, which placed him in the position of refusing to obey an order to proceed to the Philippines

because his force was insufficient. Reports received here from Key West show that the condition of the little torpedo boat Winslow is much worse than was supposed, and it will be necessary, in all prob ability, to have it come to Norfolk for repairs. One shot smashed its low pressure starboard cylinder, and another traversed one of its boilers. It would be possible to get along under one boiler, and reduce the starboard engine from a quadruple to a triple expansion, but the efficiency of the boat would be very much lowered.

SPANISH WAR SHIP LEAVES TODAY.

Earthquake Adds Interest to the Situation at St. Pierre. (Copyright, 1898, by the Associated Press.) ST. PIERRE, May 17 .- The Spanish torpedo boat destroyer Terror and the hospital ship Alicante are still at Fort de France.

It is rumored that the repairs to the Terror are finished and that it will leave the harbor tomorrow.

A Spanish vessel entered the harbor last night showing no light and left immediately. At 10:30 last night an earthquake shock was felt here. This experience, combined (Copyright, 1898, by the Associated Press.) by the excitement caused by the presence CAPE HAYTIEN, Hayti, May 17 .- Two and movements of the Spanish war ships, their base of operations at Badiquiri, or doubt the Spanish fleet has now left Martinique, going in the direction of Cuba or

OFF THE COAST OF SOUTH AMERICA

Venezuela. (Copyright, 1898, by the Associated Press.) CURACAO, May 17.-The Spanish fleet is now supposed to be off the coast of Vene-zuela or off the cost of Colombia. Only a portion of the fleet was allowed to enter the harbor here to obtain provisions, cattle and coal, which were purchased here.

Confirmation was obtained of the report that the Spaniards left one of their pedo boats at Port de France, island of

Sight Three War Ships. NEW YORK, May 17 .- A special from Kingston, Jamaica, says the report eached that place that three war ships, nationality of which it was impossible to NEW YORK, May 17 .- The North German make out, were seen last evening off Moran point at the castern extremity of Jamaica. from Genoa, Naples and Gibraltar, passed The thips were taking a southerly course.

## NEARING THE DARK VALLEY PLAN ATTACK ON MANILA

Gladstone, According to Latest Advices, Has But a Few Hours to Live.

Death's ley Hand Rests on the Dis tinguished Statesman and He Will Soon Claim Him for His Own.

(Copyright, 1898, by Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, May 17 .- (New York World Cablegram — Special Telegram.) — Gladstone's life is fast ebbing away. Before these line appear in print he may be no more.

A private telegram received by Sir William Harcourt at the House of Commons tonight stated that the illustrious patient was rapidly sinking, all the usual symptoms having declared themselves It is curious that though everyone has been expecting and even wishing for death to release the great statesman from the agonies of the malignant disease this intelligence created a feeling of profound and widespread depression throughout the House of Commons. On all hands expressions of sorrow were heard, the members forgetting for the time the anxious preoccupation arising from the grave foreign outlook to pay tribute to the greatest British statesman of the cen-

I hear that if Gladstone's death occur before the commencement of business tomorrow the House of Commons will be adjourned out of respect for his memory. This will be creating a new precedent, but the circumstances themselves are regarded as mand this homage to the greatest parlia-

Gladstone is Sleeping Away Into the Land of Shades. LONDON, May 18 .- According to a spe cial dispatch from Hawarden, received this morning, Mr. Gladstone is sinking rapidly.

The correspondent says: "He lies on a small iron bed peacefully sleeping away into the land of shades. His death chamber faces south, overlooking the south terrace. The family and others are all sitting around him, or moving noiselessly in and out. It is a pathetic scene that is being enacted this gloomy night.

"Dr. Dobdie doubts that his patient was conscient on Tuesday, though he said 'yes' and 'no,' nor does the physician believe Mr. Gladstone recognized anyone. Nevertheless he suffered no pain whatever, but just lay with his head facing the light, his eyes closed, his hands sometimes outside the counterpane and sometimes hidden beneath. "His face bears a beautiful look. Some

but now, strangely enough, they seem strong and deep as ever. He looks, too, in wonderfully good color." A bulletin at 9 o'clock yesterday morning additional information became public;

but there were indications that a crisis had been reached. The little village postoffice, from which struments, which had been silenced since they were fitted up last Saturday in readi-

ness for the emergency. would hear general expressions of deep regret among the working people at Hawarder Sandy Croft, another little village situated below at the foot of the gentle slope, and in Chester, Cottagers, porters, signal men. laborers, shop keeps, and lodge keepers me during the day all asking: "How is the old gentleman?" in sympathetic tones which no

one could mistake. The moment you enter the castle seem acutely to feel the presence of death in the hush and solemn quiet which prevails. Besides the members of the family, Mr. Gladstone is constantly attended by Dr. Biss and the two nurses who have been

with him since his return to Hawarden. Late last evening the servants were ad mitted to the sick room to say a final farewell. Each in turn touched the hand of Mr. Gladstone and left the room tearfully.

### CUBANS WILLING TO ENLIST Secure Arms from the Spaniards Only to Desert at the First Opportunity.

(Copyright, 1898, by the Associated Press.) KINGSTON, Jamaica, May 17.—The Cuba provisional government has directed insurgent sympathizers not to try to evade in garrison cities General Blanco's conscription order forcing into the ranks of the volun teers all males from 15 to 45 years of age. Refugees who arrived here by the French steamer Fulton from Havana, and who have since been released from quarantine, say that the Cubans in Havana are joining the volunteers by hundreds. Spain is thus arming enemies ready to rise at an opportune time or to desert. The Spaniards in Havana for a communal police purpose, spy out Cubar sympathizers and cause their arrest.

Eggs there were 10 cents apiece, meat was 50 cents a pound, and flour 30 cents a pound, when the Fulton left on May 7.

The Atlas line steamer Adoula sailed for Santiago de Cuba today with provisions and to bring back refugees. Three or four schooner cargoes of food leave Jamaica ports for Santiago weekly.

Troops Going West.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 17.—(Special "Vive Espana" elegram.)—Two battalions of the First reina regente!" Nebraska volunteers reached here this morning enroute to San Francisco. One of the battalions came over the Burlington The signal lights continue and last night line and the other over the Union Pacific, large number were flashed from the hills. and both continued their journey west as sections one and two of the regular west

> . The Idaho contingent of the Torre Russell. The Wyoming battalion will not leave until tomorrow.

call and the date of muster. The Third one day take Mexico. Cuba is America's battalion of the First Nebraska passed Gibraltar and will become of immense value through for the west this evening. All of the Nebraska troops were given an ovation at the depot.

Send Plue Jackets to Key West. NEW YORK, May 17 .- Orders were received at the Brooklyn navy yard for the for Miami, Fla., today, from which point papers.

they will be sent to Key West. Turks Will Watch the War. LONDON, May 18.—General Enver Pasha and Captain Halil Bey, according to a dispatch from Constantinople to the Standard, have started for the United States on the military and naval attaches respectively.

Aguinaido Will Co-Operate with Admiral Dewey to Got Possession of the Cop.

(Copyright, 1896, by Press Publishing Co.) HONG KONG, May 17.—(New York World GRAND OLD MAN'S LIFE IS ALMOST ENDED and seventeen other leaders of the insurgent in the Philippines left here today on the dispatch boat Hugh McCulloch to place themselves at the head of a contemplated land attack on Manila. It is expected that owing to the strict blockade and resulting famine the city will very shortly be compelled to capitulate.

SALISBURY HAS NOTHING TO SAY.

Makes No Reply When Questioned as to Chamberlain's Speech. (Copyright, 1898, by Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, May 17.—(New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-Lord Salisbury most significantly refrained from making any allusion in the House of Lords this evening to Colonial Secretary Chamberlain's declaration in favor of an Anglo-American alliance. The house was exceptionally full in anticipation of Salisbury's speech. Representatives of several embassies, including Henry White, first secretary of the United States embassy, were in the diplomatic gal-

Lord Kimberley, in the course of criticism of the new foreign policy propounded by Chamberlain, expressly challenged Salisbury on the Anglo-American alliance proposal. Kimberley declared that while no one wished more for friendly relations-with the United States than he, at the same time he could not conceive of anything in the na ture of alliance, because it was so entirely contrary to the policy hitherto pursued by the United States.

To this Salisbury offered no answer, in There are two other cables to Demerara and body outside of the members of the war unprecedented and public feeling would de- fact evaded dealing with Chamberlain's pronouncement by hinting that he had paid little attention to it and could not remember what he had said. This attitude of PATIENT IS SINKING RAPIDLY. Salisbury showed plainly that Chamberlain spoke without consultation with or approval of his colleagues and rumors are prevalent tonight that at today's cabinet meeting Chamberlain found himself in a minority of one on his policy of an alliance.

It is also reported tonight on good authorty that Russia is meditating further appropriation of Chinese territory, which Salisbury has found himself powerless to prevent, hence his despairing appeal to other powers interested to aid in enabling China to develop its industrial resources and place itself in a position to defend itself

The Daily Mail Rome dispatch says the Vatican organ Osservatore Romano states tonight there is reason to believe that Chamberlain's Birmingham speech will be the occasion of a diplomatic note from Russia to England.

The Daily Mail's Madrid dispatch says, the leep impression made in Spain by Chamberlain's speech had not yet worn off today. El Correo, the organ of Senor Sagasta, and days ago the wrinkles were almost gone, La Epoca, inspired by Senor Silvela, comment at length on it. El Correo thinks the continental powers will and food for reafforded the first intimation of the serious help in the present condict which it would condition of the patient. For some hours not have got had the colonial secretary kept. not have got had the colonial secretary kept his ideas to himself. La Epoca says: "As the telegraph wires run, was suddenly land for a partition of territory and as-manned by a staff to work the special in-Russia. England merely wishes the United During the day, wherever one went one thinks the United States will be able to other splendid rain fell here Saturday night thinks the United States will be able to and Sunday. It is a bonanga for small but Mr. Chamberlain will be deceived if he out large armies into the field. Its present military disorganization is instructive enough." Other Madrid papers comment in the same vein.

ADMIRAL CERVERA MAKES A TALK.

joining Patriotism. MADRID, May 17 .- 2 p. m.-At the mo ment of his departure from the Cape de Verde islands, Admiral Cervera (in command of the Spanish squadron in West Indian waters) made the following address to the crews of his ships:

"After three years of struggle in Cuba, w were nearing the end of the trouble which certainly would have been ended three months ago but for America's aid. That nation, believing it had created by underhand means a thousand embarrassments, but that nevertheless it would not be able to attain the object of its ambition, at last threw off the mask and, when the insurrection was on its last legs, commenced against us the

most unjust war in the history of the world. "Spain did not wish for war. Its conduc proved this. It conceded everything a selfrespecting nation could concede, but the Americans, whose ambition is insatiable, always asked for something more, and even what belonged to us-that land, discovered by Spaniards, led by Columbus.

"Forward, then, to the war, since we are forced thereto by the Americans' blind ambition. But let us enter the combat as did the Spaniards of old, strong in their rights and trustful in God, Who will never abandon a just cause and Who will aid our

"I need not enjoin discipline upon you, fo during the last six months you have been under my command I have only had cause for congratulations. Nor need I call on you to do your duty conscientiously, especially during the watches, which will often be most trying. You are Spaniards, and that is sufficient in war.

"Then, when I lead you to battle, have confidence in your chiefs and the nation whose eye is upon you. See that Spain to day is the Spain of all time. "Vive Espana! Viva el rey!

South American View (Copyright, 1898, by Press Publishing Co.) PARIS, May 17 .- (New York World Cablegram-Special Telegrand-Patrie lishes an interview with General Mauilla, a bound Union Pacific train. With the troops well known South American soldier, the was the regimental band. who says: "Victory for the Americans is inevitable, but I deplor cavalry reached here at 1:30 this morning the fact that Europe does not intervene to once went into quarters at Fort prevent her extending her military and maritime power. I dare say ber declarations about Cuba are sincere, but the relations Today the state authorities borrowed of the protector to the protected, the debtor \$2,300 and paid the men for the time of to the creditor, the saviors to the saved must service intervening between the time of the end in annexation. After Cuba America will

when the Nicaragua canal is made." Miss Some of Their Mail. MADRID, May 17.-3 p. m.-The newspapers here assert that letters for even letters containing checks and other valuables, have been stopped at New York transfer of nearly 300 blue jackets from the and destroyed. The papers demand that the receiving ship Vermont to Key West. Ar-rangements were made immediately for the residents in Spain, especially in the case transportation of these men, and they leave of the correspondents of American news-

(Copyright, 1891, by Press Publishing Co.) ROME, May 17 .- (New York World Cable gram-Special Telegram.)-On the occasion of King Alphoneo's birthday Paroccohi, the have started for the United States on the pope's vicar general, today rectted a prayer order of the sultan, to accompany the American forces during the war with Spain as a large gathering in the Spanish national

### DAMAGE DONE BY A CYCLONE THE BEE BULLETIN.

Twister Breaks Loose in the Republican River Valley.

FARMS, GROVES AND RANCHES DESTROYED

Water Lifted Bodily from the River Bed and Several Buildings Blown Down-No Fatalities Are Yet Reported.

FRANKLIN, Neb., May 17 .- (Special Telegram.)-Franklin and vicinity were visited this afternoon about 4 o'clock by a terrific rain and hail storm. Shortly afterward the terrible funnel form shape of a tornado was seen eight miles southeast of town. It swept rapidly northward, devastating the farms, groves and cattle ranches that lay in its path.

The forest growth along the Republican river lies prostrate and tangled. It lifted the water from the river bed where it crossed, forming a great volume of spray and water that flooded the valley behind it. The telegraph poles and wires along the 3. & M. road are broken off, splintered and twisted for nearly half a mile.

The dwelling house and barn of Elijah Eaten were compltely demolished and great damage done to the orchard and outbuildings. None of the family was injured. The house of Frank Whitney was partly

wrecked. Smith Brothers' ranch property was damaged considerably, together with a moderate loss of stock. Ed Siminton's house and barn were entirely blown away. The Reams school

house is reported destroyed. The tornado went eastward from this ranch, passing into the thickly settled country of Thompson creek and Buffalo township, where it is feared there is loss of life and far greater destruction of property. The tornado was in plain sight from Franklin, as it followed about twenty miles of its course, being finally obscured by the heavy storm clouds intervening. Reports from Campbell, Bladen, Blue Hill and other villages northeast are anxiously awaited here. In the early forenoon Herman Platt's

residence near town was struck by lightning, damaging it considerably. SILVER CREEK, Neb., May 17 .- (Special Telegram.)-This afternoon lightning struck the school house in district No. 8, near Gardiner, in Platte county, while school was in session. The chimney was completely demolished, one end of the school house wrecked and one seat ripped up. The teacher and children miraculously escaped

injury ALBION, Neb., May 17 .- (Special Telegram) .- A severe rain storm accompanied by hail struck Albion about 3 o'clock p. m. It completely demolished the Free Methodist church. The Lutheran church was blown from its foundations and badly wrecked. Chimneys and windows were destroyed at the school house and a great deal of damage flection in the speech and Spain will get was done to outbuildings, fences and windmills. So far as heard from no lives were

HASTINGS, Neb., May 17 .- (Special Teleregards a project for an Anglo-American al- gram.)-This vicinity was visited by a terliance we hardly think America will care rific electrical storm at 11 o'clock this to enter into an understanding with Eng- morning. Lightning struck the barn belonging to Mrs. William Horlocker and comsume a hostile attitude toward France and pletely destroyed it, besides killing one horse. Several other buildings were dam-States to pull her chestnuts out of the fire, but Mr. Chamberlain will be deceived if he ITHACA, Neb., May 17.—(Special.)—An-

grain, which is making splendid growth. About half of the corn is planted around here. The ground is in splendid condition

SHELTON, Neb., May 17 .- (Special.) -A fine rain has been falling here at intervals during the day. Never has the ground been

### in better shape or crops more promising. **BOAT AND CREW BLOWN UP** Contained a Crew of Seventeen Men

and Was Engaged in Removing Torpedoes from Cardenas. MADRID, May 17 .- A dispatch received here today from Havana says that a small naval boat, having a crew of seventeen men, has been blown up off Cardenas, while

ngaged in removing torpedoes from that harbor. Nationality not stated. The dispatch adds that a torpedo exploded brough the negligence of those engaged in the work, and that all the crew of the boat referred to perished. The dispatch does not indicate whether the boat was an American

JAPAN HAS FILED NO PROTEST. No Occasion to Object to Present Con-

WASHINGTON, May 17 .- The statement cabled from London yesterday that Japan intends to protest vigorously against the eizure of the Philippines by the United States and with that object in view is taking steps to secure the co-operation of certain European powers is not credited by the apanese minister. He said today that he has received no information, official or unofficial, of any such purpose on the part of is government and he is confident that the eport is without foundation. In his opinion the statement carries with it its own conradiction since it is self-evident that in he present position of affairs in the Philppines there is neither occasion nor reason for a protest by Japan.

Spanish Gunboats at Ecuador. SAN DIEGO, Cal., May 17 .- Captain Leutz, commanding the United States steamship Alert, now in this harbor, reports that here are two Spanish gunboats of about 150 tons at Guayaquil, Ecuador, and they have been there much longer than neutrality laws

Spanish war ships being on the coast of America. The news was given to Captain Leutz by the captain of a Panama steamer hich called at Guayaquil. Volunteer Army Nearly Complete. WASHINGTON, May 17.-The volunteer army is rapidly nearing completion. Reports received by Adjutant General Corbin tonight show that 92,580 men have mustered

in. Eighteen states have completed their

quota as follows: California, Georgia, Idaho.

Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Min-

nesota, Massachusetts, New Hampshire,

Oregon, Vermont, Washington, ginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Davis Declines Appointment. WASHINGTON, May 17.-The name Richard Harding Davis, sent to the senate May 17 in the list of those nominated for captain and adjutant, was withdrawn today by the president for the reason that Mr. Davis declined the appointment. In a letter to the president Mr. Davis explained that is contracts with certain newspapers for service during the war precluded him from

accepting any government position. Reports Pavorable to Annexation WASHINGTON, May 17.—Chairman Hitt presented to the house today the majority report of the house committee on foreign affairs in favor of the annexation of Hawaii by joint resolution.

Weather Forecast for Nebraska-Showers; Southeasterly Winds

Speculation Concerning Fleets. Gladstone Nearing the End. Cyclone in Southern Nebraska. Sagasta Has a Hard Task.

Havana Overrun with Rumors Volunteers at Camp Thomas. Keeping the Spaniards Guessing,

Bryan After a Commission. Weather Crop Bulletin.

4 Editorial and Comment. 5 Wyoming Infantry on the Move 6 Council Bluffs Local Matters. lows News and Comment.

7 General News of the Farther West Sporting Events of a Day. Exposition Women in Hot Wat Affairs at South Omaha.

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### CHARLESTON MAY SAIL TODAY

Everything is in Rendiness and the Craiser is Only Waiting for Orders to Go.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.-The Charles ton is preparing to sail for Manila within the next twenty-four hours. The newspaper correspondents, who have been detailed to join the vessel, have gone to Mare Island, pursuant to instructions received from Commander Glass.

The Charleston will probably come down from the island this evening, anchor in the harbor, adjust its compasses, and sail tomorrow morning, and it is now certain that it will precede the City of Pekin, which is to take the first detachment of troops to the Philippines. The first real work, indicative as to the

time the Pekin will depart, took place today. A squad of men from the Presidio was detailed to store its provisions, and arrangements are being perfected for the quartering of the men who will go with it to join Admiral Dewey. The City of Sydney and the Australia are

also being coaled. General Merriam has decided that no mor troops can be stationed at the Presidio with due regard to the health of the present ocupants, and has made arrangements to station in the old Bay district race track all the troops from Oregon, Wyoming, Ne-

Start for San Francisco. DENVER, Colo., May 17 .- The First reginent of Colorado volunteers, Colonel Irving Hale, departed for San Francisco this afternoon. They occupy four trains, two going west over the Rio Grande railroad, and two over the Colorado Midland. The soldiers marched from camp through the city to the depot, and were wildly cheered by the crowds lining the streets.

Cruiser Boston and Gunboat Concord Are Going to Hollo to Recover the American Ship.

Copyright, 1898, by the Associated Press.) HONG KONG, May 17.-The steamer Esmeralda just arrived from Manila with 400 refugees, chiefly Chinese, reports that the United States gunboat Concord and the cruiser Boston are going to Iloila, where they expect prompt capitulation, and to recapture the American ship Saranac, with a

cargo of coal. The blockade of Manila is extremely rigid, and several foreign ships have been refused admittance.

The rebels are useless as allies. They are

utterly disunited, quite half of them being in favor of Spain. The Cavite arsenal was found empty. Colonel Miquel of the artillery committed sul-

cide because he discovered that the ammunition was non-existent. Captain General Augusti is trying to conciliate the rebels, and has authorized the establishment of native councils.

The archbishop of Manila, in a pastoral issued on the 8th instant, said: "Christians defend your faith against heretics who raise an insuperable barrier to immortal souls, enslave the people, abolish crosses from cemeteries, forbid pastors to perform baptism, matrimony or funeral rites, or to administer consolation or to

grant absolution." Pending the arrival of troops the

Americans defer hostilities on shore. EXPLAINS THE WINSLOW AFFAIR

Captain Todd Objects to Criticisms on His Action. Copyright, 1898, by Press Publishing Co.) KEY WEST, May 17 .- (New York World Cablegram - Special Telegram.) - Captain Todd objects to criticism for the Winslow affair. He says:

"I sent Bernardou into Cardenas harbor t locate the three gunboats we were after. I was exactly similar to using a scout her to discover the enemy. It is habitual in war, both naval and on land. We were simply unlucky. Of course, hind sight is better than foresight, but it must be re membered that only one shell did all the damage to life worked upon the Winslow The Spaniards' range buoys aided then much and we could only fire at the one gunboat's bow piece, which used black powder. The other two Spaniards' boats were bow on to us and were moored amidst much shipping. We could not locate them ex

actly, but I think we finished with the lot "The Winslow crew fought bravely, almos too bravely. They should have run back behind us at the first shot. The Winslow wa but a scout and was not meant to fight. It could have backed into speedy shelter by steering with its engines even after its forward steering gear was disabled. The boys held on a little too long. The Spanish battery was mountain guns and their gunboats had some Nordenfeldts. Here are fragments of the two kinds of shell. They dropped all about us. But the Spaniards fired high. We were outside their buoys and they probably overestimated our size and hence our range." SYLVESTER SCOVEL.

Join Roosevelt's Regiment. SAN ANTONIO, Tex., May 17.-About 176 troops from the Indian territory joined the Roosevelt rough riders today. The men were ready to start to the camp a week ago, but were delayed by washouts along the railoads. The regiment is not quite full. The Indian territory quota was expected to be 200 men instead of 170. The men needed will be recruited here, and this may delay ter part of this week.

# SAGASTA'S HARD JOB

Spanish Premier Finds it Difficult to Form New Cabinet.

BLE MATERIAL IS VERY SCARCE

Class Liberal Politicians Desire to Keep Hands Off.

FOR A COMING DAY OF RECKONING

ple Will Demand Satisfaction When the

Bubble Bursts.

STILL PIN THEIR FAITH TO CERVERA

Castelar Thinks the Ministry Has Committed Too Many Blunders to Avert the Catastrophe-Reasons for Resignations.

(Copyright, 1898, by Press Publishing Co.) MADRID, May 17.—(New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-The crisis excites more than ordinary interest because everybody comprehends that Sagasta finds so much difficulty in getting first-class liberal politicians to join the new cabinet on account of the general feeling that this ministry is doomed to suffer for the sins of its predecessors when the hour of reckoning with an enraged and disappointed people comes. This hour is felt to be approaching and dependent on the frail hope still entertained of the success of Admiral Cervera squadron to the West Indies. Sagasta certainly is gamely doing his duty to his party, his country and his queen, but he perceives dangers in the growing audacity of the republicans and Carlists. In tone most of the Madrid papers that

dare attack it ridicule the monarchy and dynasty, forecasting their fall openly. Even such a moderate man as Castelar is known to have told his friends that he considers the whole situation coming to pieces and that too many blunders have been committed to make it possible to avert a catastrophe. He adds that he only declines interviews and public declarations because he would have too many hard things to say before leaving Madrid, Today Castelar issued a circular letter, which says: "I thank you for your good wishes. The line of conduct that for ten years I have followed was dictated by my experience and disappointments and I telar have caused the utmost emotion among The attitude and ominous words of Castellar have caused the utmost emotion among all classes, especially in the official world. He goes to spend six weeks at Sax in the braska, Colorado, Minnesota, Kansas, Utah province of Alicante with friends of his youth and to recruit his health and follow a rigorous diet until he can go in July to the waters of Mondariz in Galicio. His personal appearance at the station showed his numerous friends the traces that a long illness this winter left on his features. He is emaclated and his voice is weak, though he is cheerful as ever. The crisis interests him much. His friends say Castelar cannot hear the United States mentioned, but he gets furious, saying they have given him the bitterest and cruelest disappointment of

WILL RETAKE THE SARANAC Spaniards explain as follows the resignafour ministers: Count Xiquena leaves office like an eccentric grandee weary of the trimming policy of Sagasta, whom he charges with having too late decided for a war policy. Admiral Bermejo leaves the ma rine department because he only remained so long to please Sagasta and the queen regent by staving off a crisis. Gullon the State department because he is really lu bad health. The others never allowed him his own way or he would long ago have hastened a rupture between Spain and the United States. Moret had retired because not even the liberals and democrats could venture to share the extreme unpopularity of a minister that a majority of the Spaniards cannot forgive for having attempted home rule and long advocated concessions to America and Cuba. It is difficult to imagine all one hears of popular and national feeling against Moret and against home rule in every rank of Spanish society, even among women of the lower classes. His house and family have had to be constantly guarded by police and detectives. There would be danger if reverses provoked a revolution and a popular movement.

PROBABLE MEMBERS OF CABINET.

Outline of What May Be Spanish Ministry. MADRID, May 17, 10 p. m .- It is announced semi-officially this evening that the reconstructed cabinet probably will be made up President of the council, Senor Praxades

de Sagasta.

Minister of foreign affairs, Senor Leon 7 Minister of war, Lieutenant General Cor-Minister of marine, Vice Admiral Butler. Minister of the colonies, Senor Gamazo.

Minister of finance, Senor Lopez Puigcer Minister of the interior, Senor F. R. Cap-Minister of justice, Senor C. Groiseard.

Minister of public instruction, Senor Romero Giron.

MAY DEMAND HALSTEAD'S RELEASE Canada Will Investigate Arrest and Imprisonment of Newspaper Man. OTTAWA, Ont., May 17 .- Sir Louis Davies, minister of marine, in response to a telegram making inquiries about Freeman Halstead, the Canadian newspaper man reported to have been arrested and shot by the Spaniards at San Juan, has received the following dispatch from the British consul

at San Juan: "Halstead arrested for photographing new forts, tried by court-martial, sentenced to nine years' imprisonment."

The secretary of state is inquiring into the circumstances surrounding the arrest of Halstead. He is a British subject and the Canadian government will doubtless demand his release through the imperial authorities. PRISONERS CONSIDERED AS SPIES

Newspaper Correspondents May Not Be Exchanged. MADRID, May 17.-4 p. m.-It is an-ounced here in a dispatch from Havana that after the arrival of the Uncas off that port, the two captured American newspaper men were examined, and it is added that the inquiry revealed the fact that they could not be considered as prisoners of war, but must be locked up as spies, one being, it is claimed, a Cuban employed in Havana. It is further alleged that upon the prisoners were found revolvers, cartridges, interesting

documents and a camera. No Further Call at Present. WASHINGTON, May 17 .- General Miles commanding the army, said today that it was not the intention of the president to the movement of the regiment until the lat- call for an additional number of volunteers at this time.