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ESTABLISHED JUNE 19, 1071.

RAIN BRIGHTENS UP FLOWERS AND SHRUBS

Workmen Engaged in Putting on the Finishing Touches.

Merrily On.

of a Few Minor Details, Comtlete, While Rapid Progress is Made on Interior.

oldedly uneventful and although a small crowd of visitors were in evidence during the afternoon, the menace of another storm induced most people to postpone their visit to a more auspicious occasion. The usual concert by the Marine band was the only feature of the day and the workmen took advantage of the absence of the crowd to clear up any trifling debris left by the rain and the grounds will appear at their best to receive the big crowd that is expected

The tremendous downpour of rain in the early morning was a thorough test of the precautions that had been taken avoid a repetition of the damage that occurred a week ago, and the result indicated that very little trouble from that source will hereafter occur. The grounds were coplously deluged, the lagoon was swelled almost to overflowing at the west end and the water rushed across the main court in torrents. But the only damage sustained was a slight cracking away of the sheet piling for a space of about twenty the best American instructors, including W. feet on the north side of the lagoon. A force H. Sherwood, whose playing is well known of men were immediately started at work to and appreciated in Omaha, and continued repair this weakness, which was accomplished with very little trouble. The only damage on the bluff tract was a slight the well known composers. Her appearance settling of the ground near the Nebraska building, which was remedied by the deposit of three or four loads of gravel. Slight leakages were noticed in two or three of the large buildings, but they were not sufficient to cause any damage to the exhibits. Some little discomfort was occasioned on the Midway by the deluge, but there were no serious consequences in any

One effect of the rain was to keep the grounds practically deserted during the forenoon, except by those who had business and pavements as bright and clean as a practically eliminated all inconvenience. acumulated during the week has been washed away and nothing is left but clean-

in decorative effect are constantly appear pleted in a comparatively short time. Outside work is complete with the exception of a few unimportant details and the visible evidences of preparation are rapidly disap-

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S MEETING.

Some Important Matters Settled by

The construction of an overhead crossing at Manderson street has been decided upon by the executive committee and the residents in the vicinity of Twentieth and Manderson streets will soon be able to cross the exposition grounds without through the fence. The viaduct will be for foot passengers only, and will be reached by means of steps at either end. Its construction will be commenced at once.

The executive committee also decided to abolish some of the offices which were a necessity during the constructive period, but which will no longer be required now that that period has been safely passed. On 15 the offices of architects-in-chief landscape architect and plumbing inspector will cease to exist, and the duty of maintaining the artistic beauty created under the direction of the two first named will devolve upon the Department of Buildings

and Grounds. A dispute of considerable proportions has the number of passes which shall be issued the managers of the Departments of Exearly in the week was censored in a manner down for obvious reasons and a compromise which excited the ire of the Nebraska commissioners and they appealed to the executive committee from what they denominated the radical action of the department management. In the meantime the executive committee is trying to discover the whereabouts of ninety-one employes in and about the Nebraska building.

Suggestion from Kansas.

One of the features of the Kansas exhibit in the Agricultural building conveys a

each filled with seeds and grain, and the logic of the suggestion is plainly apparent. To strengthen the impression, a white dove the emblem of peace, is suspended just over the gun and the whole very effectively illustrates what the designer evidently believed to be the true solution of the future

SUNDAY FEATURES OF EXPOSITION Two Concerts Are Billed for This Afternoon.

Two concerts will be given on the expo sition grounds today, which will form most attractive features of the entertainment provided for those who desire to enjoy their Sunday rest in quiet amusement of a most elevating character. The celebrated Marine band, the national band of the American government, will play at 2:30 p. m., in front of the Government building at the west end of the Main court, and the Theodore Thomas Savings Invested in Foreign Securities Make Chicago orchestra will give a concert at 4 o'clock in the Auditorium. These-concerts are so timed that those who wish to do so may hear both. No charge is made to either and the opportunity thus afforded to the people to listen to music by the organizations which are conceded on all hands to be the finest of their kind in this country will

undoubtedly draw a large attendance, The programs to be presented by both or ganizations will be of a varied nature, with the so-called sacred music predominating. Neither includes in its repertory the claptrap music which is manufactured by the yard to suit the alleged demand of "the masses," but both render selections which charm the ear of the man who "likes to hear music," as well as the musician who enjoys the concerts because of the benefit he derives from hearing a high grade of music rendered by organizations capable of executing it according to the ideas of the composer. Many of the numbers are of the so-called "popular" variety, but they are popular because of the refining influence they exert upon those who hear them.

A treat is promised by the musical department of the exposition for Monday evening. Mrs. Stella Hadden-Alexander, an American pianist who has achieved a considerable reputation during the short time she has been before the public as a performer upon this instrument, will appear with the Thomas orchestra at the concert in the Auditorium Monday evening. Mrs. Alexander is a native of Michigan and pursued her preliminary musical studies at Oberlin, (O.) college and at Boston. She has studied under the direction of many of her studies in Berlin under Klindworth. Her repertory embraces the works of all of in connection with the Thomas orchestra will afford a rich treat for the music lovers of this vicinity.

MUSIC ON EXPOSITION GROUNDS. Sized Crowds Turn Out and

Listen to the Concerts. appearance and to do full justice to the when the first strains of music floated across | war." the grounds there were comparatively few people to enjoy them. But the stream of very fair audiences. The band had some-

The music seemed to offer the prin tion to witnessing the beautiful spectacle funds and securities of every kind. presented by the grounds when they are electric lamns:

The menace of another storm drove most of the visitors home as soon as the concerts were over, but enough remained to Spain is disposed to advance on the guarmake things fairly lively along the Midway anty stock being deposited in its hands on until the gates were closed.

In the Realms of "King Corn." The Douglas county agricultural exhibit s developing new beauties every day, and those who have it in charge declare that it will be the most magnificent affair of the exposition. A number of new and very the Mines and Agriculture buildings is pretty ideas have been utilized in the arrangement of the staple materials which give the booth the appearance of a fairy palace. For instance, the huge cornstalk and sheaves of grain are artistically twined with morning glory vines whose multicolored blossoms relieve the otherwise inartistic appearance of the bundles. The workmen are now engaged in installing a huge statue of "King Corn," which will be accompanied by the "Queen of Grasses." Both of the figures are constructed of the materials mentioned, and the work is very artistically The exhibit will be complete in a

> fruits and products mature. Sons of Illinois Meet. There will be a meeting of the sons and former residents of Illinois at the Commercial club Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. This meeting is called for the purpose of arranging for the entertainment of the visitors on Illinois day at the exposition. The committee appointed to outline a program will :eport at this meeting. One of the recommendations will be an informal banquet to be given in honor of the guests. The governor of Illinois and his staff and the Illinois Transmississippi commission will be here Governor Holcomb and other distinguished

tin, Lucien Wells, E. Benedict, W. D. Me-Hugh, W. B. Taylor.

No Place for Polities. While it is supposed that any suggestions of a political nature are not admissible agement has not succeeded in entirely It is understood that in the first place some prominent among those interested in the ex-Nebraska colonel in full uniform among the decorations. The suggestion was frowned has now been effected by which a literal representation of the famous "crown of thorns" hangs suspended from the dome of the pyramid which forms the central feature of the exhibit. This is the subject of considerable unfavorable comment from visitors, who contend that a partisan emblem is out of place at the exposition.

Wiggins Returns to California. Frank Wiggins, secretary of the Los An gelos, Cal., Chamber of Commerce and superintendent of the fine fruit exhibit from Los Angeles county, returns to California today. exhibit will be left in the charge Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Wilson, Mr. Wilson

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Queen Regent of Spain Gets Ready for the Inevitable Crash.

REMOVES HER VALUABLES TO A SAFE PLACE

Likely to Follow Them Herself When the Crisis Comes.

HAS PLENTY OF MONEY FOR A RAINY DAY

Nice Nest Egg.

Paris Bankers Decline to Advance Necessary Money for Carrying on War with the United States.

Copyright, 1898, by Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, June 4 .- (New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)—The report published here today that the queen regent has been removing her valuables to a place of security beyond Spanish territory shows her belief in the Spanish slumbering volcano which may break into revolutionary eruption at any moment. The queen regent, according to gossip in diplomatic quarters, has taken ample precautions against a rainy day, having for years infinancial crash.

Injudicious talk about peace in a New equivalent to admitting that the American had its natural consequence in the preposisterial circles here, where the utter insecurity of the Spanish position, both political head in 1889. and financial, is thoroughly understood, these officious suggestions about peace from the American side are regarded with astonambassador to Madrid said:

"Such is the impressionable and mercurial temperament of the Spaniards that these Last night there were people enough on gratuitous peace overtures from the Amerithe exposition grounds to give them a lively can press, whether backed by public opinion or purely individual, may well enable egun slightly earlier than previously and money they sorely need to prolong the

hundreds of people who came originally to guarantee all extensions, concessions and the water. hear the orchestra were driven out by the other privileges demanded by the principal In 1895 he was on duty at the New York members of the little crew would see us and opened fire. ple who seemed to prefer to sit quietly and to float any loan until the war is over and fleet at Key West. isten to the concerts to sightseeing around they can appreciate the financial and polit- Constructor Hobson is a great nephew of drift slowly toward the land, and in a half the grounds. The disposition to attend the ical consequences for Spain. Leading for Governor John Morehead of North Carolina. hour was lost to sight. exposition in the evening is growing and it eign and Spanish bankers in Madrid, Barce- His father was a well known lawyer and is expected that it will soon become the long and Bilbon do not believe it possible to judge of that state. On the maternal line opular thing to sit on the cool bluff in float a large loan for Spain, as all capitalists he is a grandson of Chief Justice Pearson drop his anchors, open the valves, exthe evening and hear the music, in addi- are profoundly alarmed for a heavy fall of of North Carolina, and a nephew of Repre-

The minister of finance consequently adiant with the gleam of innumerable had to use the authorizations voted by the liam of Tennessee. Cortes last week to issue \$200,000,000 noninal perpetual 4 per cents to be used guarantee about \$65,000,000. The Bank of the understanding that the government will keep up a margin of 12 points between official quotations on interior stock on the Madrid bourse and stock to be given in pledge when this money is spent. The minister, it is stated, will insist upon the tobacco monopoly company advancing one whole year's rent-\$19,000,000-and if all this is insufficient, then he will try in succession a native and foreign loan. Anyhow, with the two above operations to its credit, Spain gets \$84,000,000, barely enough to cover four months' war expenditures. The monetary situation is not brilliant. Financial papers very bravely advocate honorable peace avert graver financial consequences of a

prolonged war. When Sagasta's legal councilors for the crown decided they could not send Castelar before a court-martial because no Spanish law permitted prosecution for articles published outside of Spanish territory, great displeasure was caused the court, who accused the liberals of being the authors of existing legislation. Republicans are unanimous and intend to give Castelar when he Many Spanish politicians, especially conserpendence if the United States respect their at the hands of a grateful people.

tachment of Illinois naval recruits receive Nebraskans will be invited. Plates will be the order to move to the front next Wednesprovided for 200. The committee having the day one of the men to respond and fall matter in charge is made up of Euclid Mar- in line will be C. E. Rook, a deserter. Rook has traveled all the way from Colorado to present himself to the proper authorities and receive the punishment due him.

Owing to the fact that he deserted in the time of peace, and also in consideration of his patriotic action in returning, the Navy department is inclined to deal leniently with He has seen the opportunity to redeem his standing by serving continually to July 18, 1905, at which time the mark of deserter will be removed from his name.

Luck Confidence in the Centennial. ing of the steamer Centennial to carry troops and supplies to the Philippines has created somewhat of a sensation in business circles. The Centennial was built thirtynine years ago, and one afternoon paper says that it has been condemned by the Japanese government, and was sold to a Puget Sound syndicate for \$15,000, and that the syndicate has chartered it to the United States gov ernment for \$500 a day. The vessel is not rated by Lloyds and is not named in marine

Cubs Not Worth the Fight. ST. PETERSBURG, June 4.-The Novoe Vremya says that the sympathy of the most of Europe is undoubtedly with Spain in the there is no denying the fact that its position is almost hopeless. Continuing, the Juan.

Novoe Vremya, says: "After all, Cuba is not worth Spain's exhausting its resources to retain it."

HOBSON HERO OF THE HOUR Brave Commander of the Collier Merrimne is Well Known in Naval

OMAHA, SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 5, 1898-TWENTY-FOUR PAGES.

WASHINGTON, June 4.-Naval Construc- TAKE THE MERRIMAC INTO JAWS OF DEATH or Hobson, whose name is on every lip in Washington tonight, is well known at the Bureau of Construction for several years. His associates considered him as combining great ability as a student with the eccen-

Circles at Washington.

tricity accompanying genius. cials of the department that Hobson was a man who held naval regulations concerning matters of form in contempt and was oblivious to official rules. These daredevil characteristics were offset, however, by his recognized ability in all branches of naval

Although the youngest man in his class at the naval academy, he graduated at the head of the class, a signal honor at the academy, which led to his being sent by the government for a course in the naval schools of Europe. Here he gained new honors. On returning to this country he served with the department and also saw sea service, and about a year ago became instructor in naval architecture at the naval academy at Annapolis.

When the war broke out he asked for active service and at the same time insisted on taking the three naval cadets of his class with him in order that they might slightly injured, and their names are not 23 With the Wheels and Wheelmen. gain the advantage of practical experience on shipboard during the war. As a result he and his three cadets were assigned for service on Admiral Sampson's flagship.

vested large sums in English, French and character to take the lead in such a of the Merrimac's crew that he thought Adeven American securities. I also hear on hazardous feat as that of sinking the Mer- miral Sampson should know that they had ndisputable authority that Don Carlos pro- rimac. It is presumed that Admiral Samp- not lost their lives. posed to make a large donation to the Span- son chose him from among many volunteers, channel.

From naval sources a full sketch of Con-York paper, accompanied by declarations structor Hobson was secured, as follows: Richmond Peason Hobson, born August 17. people are already tiring of the war, has 1870, at Greensboro, Hall county, Alabama, where he also graduated from the Southern terous pretense of the Spanish ministerial university at the head of his class, aporgans. Spain will accept nothing short of pointed to naval academy on competitive a status quo ante. In diplomatic and min- examination in May, 1885, and although the youngest man of the class graduated at its

His first cruise was in the squadron of evolution on the flagship Chicago with Admiral Walker in the Mediterranean. Later ishment. Speaking today at a club specially he made a cruise to Brazil, when the flag favored by diplomatists a former foreign of the new Brazilian republic was recognized.

He was ordered to a special course abroad, spending one year at the National School of Mines at Paris and two years at the School of Maritime Science in Paris. The summer vacation was spent in the French yards. He excellence of the music. The concerts were the war party in Spain to get internally the received diplomas in the French school for construction and design of hulls. He spent some time in the English ship yards.

He was assigned to duty at the Navy de-MADRID, June 4 .- (New York World partment in 1894, in the office of naval inarrivals continued and an hour later both Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-The loan telligence on the bureau of construction and the band and the orchestra were playing to prospects of Spain are not promising. Paris repair. While on this duty he wrote a rebankers absolutely refuse to entertain a port on his observations abroad, also a rething the better of the argument for it proposal unless Spain gives a guarantee on port on disappearing guns affoat, which was was insufferably hot in the Auditorium and the tobacco monopoly, revenue and law, to discussed by naval experts on both sides of

heat and sought the Grand Plaza, where they Spanish railway lines, of which most share-navy yard as assistant to the naval con-another sunrise. The night was cloudy, could hear the music in the open air. Spanish railway lines, of which most share-navy yard as assistant to the naval constant to the naval con French, German, Swiss and Belgian bankers, the flagship New York. April 27, last, he bostile lines, and showing the grim shadows, the other shots went wilder. I drove the attraction for a large proportion of the peo- have been sounded and decline to undertake was assigned to duty as constructor for the

senative Pearson of North Carolina.

WILL HASTEN THE EXCHANGE Navy Department Loses No Time in

department awaited with intense interest American heroism that will live through generations to come.

There is no doubt that the name Hobson is destined to be bracketed with that of Cushing among America's naval heroes, and indeed it was the opinion of a majority of officers who scanned the account of the sinking of the Merrimac that the exploit surpassed in brilliancy, and as an exhibition of cool daring, even Cushing's famous attack upon the Albemarie.

Reward, sure and adequate, is awaiting these American heroes, and Acting Secrereturns to Madrid an enthusiastic reception. tary Allen has so pledged himself after consultation with Secretary Long, who is still vatives, would welcome the idea of making confined to his room by a lame leg. Medals peace even by recognition of Cuban inde- and promotion are the least they can expect

rights in Porto Rico and the Philippines Moreover, they will not languish long in and don't ask too heavy an indemnity. They a Spanish prison, if the authorities here can believe the European powers would back the bring about their release, for in half an queen regent and her ministers in efforts hour after Sampson's bulletin was displayed to overrule the resistance of the Spanish on the walls of the Navy department Colonel were still held in captivity at Fort McPherson, Ga., where they had been taken from the prizes captured by the American naval

vessels. In addition to these the navy has just turned over to the military authorities at Fort Monroe for safe keeping another Span ish officer, supposed to be of high rank, but who has so far managed to conceal his identity. The officials are confident they have more than enough Spanish officers to offer as ransom for the one American officer, and

The officers, one and all, took note of the generous recognition by the Spanish At 1:45 he came on deck and made final admiral of the bravery of the Americans, inspection, giving his last instructions. Then and his kindly treatment of the prisoners, and it can be guaranteed that the admiral's lines will fall in as pleasant places as any captive has a right to expect, should be be vercome in the end and forced to surrender to Sampson.

The naval situation is believed to be en irely satisfactory. Notwithstanding the Spanish reports of the clearing away of the Merrimac, it is not believed for an in stant that Sampson will submit to losing this so dearly purchased advantage, and he can be relied upon to prevent the re moval of the obstruction. With the Spanish fleet caged inside the harbor, there to remain until they are starved out or sur render, Sampson will be able to detach most of his powerful squadron for service present conflict with the United States, but elsewhere. This means, according to common belief, immediate attack upon San

Members of American Navy Show an Entire Absence of Fear.

Navy department, as he served in the Admiral Sampson Cables Account of the Daring Incident.

It was remarked by one of the chief om- ONLY TWO OF THE CREW ARE INJURED

Their Bravery is Fully Appreciated by Enemy's Officers.

PROMPTLY OFFER TO MAKE EXCHANGE

Admiral Cevera is Said to Have Per sonally Rescued the Brave Fellows After the Vessel Had Gone Down.

(Convright, 1898, by Associated Press.) MOLE ST. NICOLAS, Hayti, June 4. With the American fleet, off Santiago de Cuba.)-All the members of the Merrimac expedition are safe. Only two of them were 22 Sporting Review of the Week. known. Lieutenant Hobson was not hurt. 24 Army Dogs. All of the Merrimac's men are held as prisoners of war.

The news of the wonderful escape was sent It was the prevailing expression at the de- to Rear Admiral Cervera, the Spanish adpartment tonight that Hobson was just the miral, who was so struck with the courage

Admiral Cervera's chief of staff, Captain ish national fund, but was dissuaded by owing to the fact that his expert knowledge Oviedo, boarded the New York under a flag 11 a. m. 68 his supporters in Spain, who represented to of naval construction would permit him to of truce, bearing the announcement of the 12 m 72 him the impolicy of stepping in to save sink the Merrimac in such a position as to safety of the Merrimac's men, and returned the present regime from the impending prove most effective in blockading the with a supply of provisions and money for the prisoners.

The men who accompanied Lieutenant ings. Hobson on the Merrimac were: Daniel Montague, George Charette, J. E. Murphy, Oscar the harbor the first gun was fired from the reet from Santiago de Cuba confirms the all non-commissioned officers or enlisted shore, close under the batteries. The firing o'clock in the morning.

after daylight on Thursday, and was only which the wind carried off the shore. It stopped under protest after stern orders to hung heavily. return from the admiral.

of the vessel and thus insure its rapid sink- | pedoes on the Merrimac. ing.

At nightfall the various ships of the fleet officers volunteered for the duty, and Captain Merrill, who has been commander of wanted only six men.

By 10 o'clock all but the men who were going on the dangerous errand had been again within a quarter of a mile, and stood entrance of the harbor of Santiago was the taken from the Merrimac, and the collier to the westward. In passing we saw one Merrimac, a former collier of 4,000 tons. It took a position near the New York, to await spar of the Merrimae sticking out of the is now understood that this vessel was the approaching hour.

It was an impressive night among the of the breakers for a mile and then turned thereby filling the channel so that the Spanmen of the fleet, for few expected that the toward the Texas, when the batteries saw ish war ships could not leave the port in of the battlements. Soon after 3 o'clock

It was Lieutenant Hobson's plan to steam past Morro, swinging crosswise the channel, plode the torpedoes on the port side, leap overboard, preceded by his crew, is a great grandson of former Senator Wil- and make their escape in a little lifeboat which was towed astern, if possible, and if not, to attempt to swim ashore. All the men were heavily armed, ready to make a fierce resistance to capture.

Story in Detail.

Lieutenant Hobson appears to have carried out his plan to the smallest detail, except as regards the method of escape. rowboat in which the crew were to attempt to escape was either blown up or shot to pieces, for Lieutenant Hobson and his men drifted ashore on an old catamaran which was slung over the ship's side at the last

moment as an extra precaution. Upon reaching shore the men were taken prisoners and sent to Santiago city under guard. Later they were taken to Morro castle, where they are now.

Captain Oveido, Admiral Cervera's chief of staff, who boarded the New York under a flag of truce, did not give further details of the capture. The bravery of the Americans evidently excited as much admiration among the

Spaniards as it did among the men of the American fleet. The prisoners will be perfectly safe, and will probably be well treated while they remain in Morro castle.

The fleet is wild with delight tonight over the termination of the most daring expedition since the destruction of the confederate ironclad Albemarle by Lieutenant Cushing in 1864. The admiral is just as glad as the

youngest jackie. Clausen, the New York's coxswain, went on the Merrimac against orders. Nothing could have kept him from that trip into the laws of death.

It is possible that the Spaniards will try

that they will succeed. Speculation is rife as to the exact details of how Lieutenant Hobson managed to blow himself and ship up and live to tell the tale. At quarters last night on the New York Chaplain Royce, praying before the bareheaded crew on deck, thanked God for having preserved Lieutenant Hobson and the

men under him. Cadet Powell's Story. Cadet Powell, who was the last man to

see Lieutenant Hobson before his start, and who had charge of the launch during its perilous trip, after much needed sleep told the story of his experience. He said: "Lieutenant Hobson took a short sleep for

a few hours, which was often interrupted. we had a little lunch. Hobson was as cool as a cucumber. About 2:30 I took the men who were going on the trip in the launch. and started for the Texas, the nearest ship but had to go back for one of the assistant engineers, whom Hobson finally compelled to

"I shook hands with Hobson the last of all and he said: 'Powell, watch the boat's crew when we pull out of the harbor. will be cracks, rowing thirty strokes to the minute.

After leaving the Texas I saw the Merri mac steaming slowly in. It was only fairly dark then, and the shore was quite visible. We followed about three-quarters of a mile Finally heading to the east it ran down and massage treatment daily, but so far without then turned in. We were then chasing him success.

THE BEE BULLETIN.

- 1 Fourth Day of the Exposition. Queen Regent Prepares to Flee.
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because I thought Hobson had lost his bear-

"When Hobson was about 200 yards from Deignan, John P. Phillips and John Kelly, eastern bluff. We were then half a mile off reports that the bombardment began at 3 increased rapidly. We steamed in slowly The daring officer attempted to run in and lost sight of the Merrimac in the smoke

"Before Hobson could have blown up the ceeded, and by nightfall the craft was in commenced firing. They shot wild, and we readiness. A row of torpedoes had been arranged outside the hull, so that Lieutenant to the shore, and the gunners lost sight Hobson could explode them from the bridge of us. We heard the explosion of the tor-

the breakers, half a mile to the westward tack on the landward side. passed the doomed Merrimac, cheering it of Morro, keeping a bright lookout for the lustily. Hundreds of men and scores of boat or swimmers, but saw nothing.

> eastward. "About 5 o'clock we crossed the harbor water. We hugged the shore just outside sent in for the purpose of sinking it and

launch for all it was worth, finally making the black hull of the Merrimac began to the New York. The men behaved splen-

didly. WASHINGTON, June 4 .- The Navy department has posted the following bulletin: MOLE ST. NICOLAS, June 4.—Succeeded in sinking Merrimac in the channel of Santiago at 4 a. m. June 3. This was carried most gallantly under the command of Naval Constructor Hobson and seven men. By a flag of truce from the Spanish adwar, two slightly wounded. Request authority to approve exchange if possible between these and prisoners at Atlanta. Six of the Spanish squadron in the harbor of Santiago. unable to avoid being captured or destroyed.

SAMPSON. Saved by Cervera.

MADRID, June 4 -- 4 p. m -- Great enthusiasm prevails in this city over the Spanish reports of the Spanish victory at

Senor Sagasta and Captain Aunon, on leaving the palace, after informing the queen regent of the affair, told the representatives of the newspapers that the object of the Americans was not to force but to block the entrance of the channel. Admiral Cervera, they alleged, was aware of the intentions of the Americans and ordered part of his squadron outside to defend the entrance.

said that when the Merrimac sunk, Admiral Cervera, who was on board a Spanish war ship nearby, entered a small boat and personally saved the survivors, who were swimming in the water." The people of Madrid consider Santiago mpregnable, basing their belief on the fact

The official dispatch from Santiago also

structed by the celebrated artillery expert, Ordonez. MADRID, June 4 .- 2 p. m.-The minister of marine, Captain Aunon, went to the palace at noon today and read to the queen regent an official dispatch on the subject

that the defenses of that place were con-

of the recent fight at Santiago de Cuba, the text of which is as follows: "At 3 o'clock on Friday morning one of blow up the Merrimac, but improbable the enemy's large cruisers and an auxiliary cruiser attempted to force an entrance into the harbor of Santiago de Cuba. They surprised the scouts guarding the entrance. but the artillery of Fort Merro, the guns of the cruiser Reina Mercedes, a battery in the La Socapa fort, a torpedo boat de stroyer and a torpedo boat opened fire on

the enemy. "The American cruiser, the Merrimac, was sunk by our vessels and torpedoes, and the large American cruiser was repulsed at the

entrance to the channel.

"The Reina Mercedes captured one Heuenant and seven sailors of the Merrimac The fate of the rest of the crew is not

The official dispatch adds that twenty American ships are now before Santiago de The queen regent, it is announced here

has ordered that a message of congratulation be sent to Santiago de Cuba. Vanderbilt No Better

LONDON, June 4 .- (New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-I hear that Cornelius Vanderbilt's condition shows no improvement, though Europe's most noted specialists have been consulted and every re ource of medical science tried to combat his affliction. He is able to get about for short distances with the aid of two sticks and an attendant is always at hand to as sist him. He suffers greatly from depres astern. The Merrimac stood about a mile to s'on over his physical helplessness, but the westward of the harbor, and seemed a friends say he never complains. While in bit mixed, turning completely around. Paris he is undergoing a newly discovered

WORK OF WAR SHIPS

Rumors of Fighting at Santiago Keep Pouring In.

SPANISH FLEET IS REPORTED DESTROYED

Ship Sunk in the Channel Was to Block Cervera's Exit.

SPANISH USE DYNAMITE ON OLD HULK

Dons Consider the Exploit of the Americans an Audacious One.

MADRID GIVES IT OUT AS GREAT VICTORY

Auxiliary Cruiser, and After the "Disaster" the American Fleet Retired.

squadron off Santiago de Cuba at 10:30 Fri-

day night. Details are lacking. It is reported at Santiago that three war ships have been detached from the American fleet to convoy a fresh supply of munitions and arms to the Cuban coast.

CAPE HAYTIEN, Hayti, June 4 .- 7:45 a. m.-A report, which cannot be verified, is 7 current here this morning to the effect that the American fleet, off Santiago de Cuba, destroyed the Spanish fleet at that place yesterday, but no direct news from there

has yet been received. The accounts of the defeat of the Dominican revolutionists at Monte Cristo, republic of Santo Domingo, are persistently

doubted here. 9:20 a. m.-Information received here di-

Funta Cardena. The dispatch adds there commotion prevailed at that place. All centrated at the fortifications in the subnon-combatants that the insurgents and "Until daylight we waited just outside American forces were making a grand at-

the event of Admiral Camara's fleet arriv-

Report Confirmed.

Further news received here from Santiago de Cuba confirms the reports that the bom bardment of that place began at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. After the action the Spaniards blew up with dynamite the sunken American collier Merrimac and have since been at work clearing the channel so as to, in all probability, permit Admiral Cervera's fleet to put out to sea should the Cadiz squadron, under Admiral Camara, armiral, Cervera, sent in recognition of their rive in Cuban waters to relieve the block-bravery, I am informed all are prisoners of aded ships. In the meanwhile the dispatches from Santiago de Cuba say the Spaniards pay tribute to the audacity of the Americans in so cleverly attempting to

> block the channel. for a land attack upon the town.

MADRID, June 4.-The version of the sinking of the Merrimac which has reached the minister of marine here. Captain Aunon, from Santiago, is as follows: vessel in front of Santiago has sunk an American auxiliary cruiser. All the members of the latter have been imprisoned. The rest of the enemy's squadron imme-

It is officially announced here that the been communicated to the queen regent. In the meanwhile the report has been circulated

RUMOR HEAUREAUX ASSASSINATED. Culmination of Troubles in Republic of Santo Domingo.

(Copyright, 1898, by the Associated Press.) CAPE HAYTIEN, Hayti, June 4.-It is rumored here that President Heaureaux of

The son of Senor Jiminez, the wealthy merchant who took part in the revolution in Santo Domingo, is still without news from the revolutionists as to the result of the attempt to overthrow President Heaureaux, but he is disposed to believe the worst. He ascribes the supposed defeat of the

revolutionists to lack of opportunity to land the arms and ammunition from the Fanita at Monte Christo; to the failure to seize Senor Galiete, the governor of the province, which was planned, and to the death at the first fire of the two foremost military leaders, Generals Morales and Baes.

the telegram from President Heaureaux yesterday may have been sent expressly to discourage more Dominicans here from joining in the movement. Henrique Castillo, a hephew of President Heaureaux, told me that the revolt had been Copyright, 1898, by Press Publishing Co. absolutely suppressed; that many arrests

> President Heaureaux arrived at Porto Plata last night, and he is expected at Monte Christo tonight.

FOURTH DAY OF FAIR

Storm Clouds Keep People Away from Exposition Grounds. of the island.

BIG CROWD IS EXPECTED OUT TODAY Task of Getting Exhibits in Place Goes

MANY NEW CREATIONS ARE TAKING FORM All Outside Work, with the Exception

The third day of the exposition was de

Brightens Up Verdure. there, but another was to add materially to the beauty of the landscapes. The flowers and turf luxuriated in the abundant moisture, and the rush of water left the walks newly swept floor. When the rain ceased progress around the grounds was somewhat obstructed by the puddles of water that filled the depressions in the walks and drives, but this soon seeped away through the porous material and an hour of sunshine no more rain falls the grounds will be in perfect condition to receive the Sunday crowd, as every speck of dust that has

ing the exhibits is going merrily on and every morning the change that has been accomplished in the previous twenty-four hours is plainly noticeable. New creations ing, and the belated exhibits are taking form and beauty under the busy hands of hundreds of workmen. All of the material in the electricity building is on the ground and a few more days of hard work will make the building practicaly complete. In the Manufacturers building rapid progress is being made and the efforts that are being made by the exhibitors to give new and artistic effects to their decorations indicate that the completed exhibit will be a record sort that has ever been constructed at any breaker in this department. The work in somewhat less rapid owing to the peculiar nature of the exhibits, but it will be com-

Inside the buildings the task of improv

week, but parts of it will be constantly renewed as the season advances and new

arisen between the executive committee and the Nebraska Exposition commission over to employes of the commission. A request of the commission for ninety-one passes in addition to those issued to state officers and as features of exposition exhibits the manmembers of the commission excited the curiosity of the committee, and the request eliminating this element from the Nebraska was referred to a committee consisting of state exhibit in the Agricultural building. hibits and Buildings and Grounds to investi- of the friends of W. J. Bryan. who were gate the truth of the reports that the commission has requested passes for persons hibit, wanted to insert the picture of the who are not entitled to them. A similar request sent to the Department of Exhibits

striking and very pertinent object lesson incidental to the Cuban question. A large mortar and carriage is constructed of seeds and just in front of the ordnance is piled a huge pyramid of shells labeled "Cuban ammunition." These shells are glass globes,

SPAIN IN GREAT FINANCIAL STRAITS science, particularly naval architecture.

Spain in Financial Straits.

popular war party. Naval Deserter Re-Enlists. CHICAGO, June 4 .- When the Fourth de

SAN FRANCISCO, June 4.- The charter-

Taking Steps to Secure Release of the Merrimae Crew.

WASHINGTON, June 4 .- From early morning, when the first newspaper appeared on the street containing the brief statement of the sinking of the Merrimac in Santiago harbor, the officials of the Navy official confirmation and explanation from Admiral Sampson. In the afternoon the story came, lacking in detail, it is true, but giving in rough outlines a sketch of

Carter, assistant adjutant general, had taken the preliminary steps to arrange for an exchange of prisoners, and was learning just how many Spanish officers and enlisted men

seven enlisted men held by Cervera.

Weather Forecast for Nebraska-

Heroism of Americans at Santings Senate Passes the Revenue Bill,

Nebraska News. Hryan Gets His Commission. Spanish Officer's Gloomy View.

5 Government's Fine Exhibit. Nurserymen Meet This Week Crooks Expelled fra., Exposition 6 Connell Bluffs Local Matters.

Bechel is Held to 8 Rain Dampens A

Trade.

Minister of Marine Says it Was an

(Copyright, 1898, by Associated Press.) CAPE HAYTIEN, Hayti, June 4 .- 11:50 a. m .- Firing was resumed by the American

12:45 p. m.-Dispatches received here say it is reported in Santiago de Cuba that United States troops have been debarked at was heavy cannonading yesterday afternoon All day yesterday the preparations pro- Merrimac the western battery picked up and at Santiago de Cuba and that extraordinary the Spanish troops, it is said, were conurbs and it was understood among the

"Hobson had arranged to meet us at that the coast, twenty American war ships, five point, but thinking that someone might of which were cruisers, could be seen. It the Merrimac, begged of the commander to have drifted out, we crossed in front of was believed in Santiago de Cuba that this be allowed to go, but Lieutenant Hobson | Morro and the mouth of the harbor to the was the united ficet of Rear Admiral Sampson and Commodore Schley. The steamer which was blown up at the

PORT AU PRINCE, June 4.-8:30 a. m.-

According to the Spaniards, it would be foolishness upon the part of the Americans to attempt to force the harbor entrance, which is described as being long and narrow and thoroughly mined, seemingly forming an insurmountable barrier. There are a great number of insurgents in the vicinity of Santiago, probably waiting for some decisive action upon the part of the American fleet, which will undoubtedly be the signal

diately retired." Spanish government has received further dispatches regarding the alleged victory of the Spaniards at Santiago de Cuba, but that they will not be published until they have

that the Spaniards have captured "numerous Americans."

San Domingo has been assassinated.

But young Jiminez still hopes that a landng may have been made elsewhere, and that

have been made in the provinces and that several prisoners have been shot since yesterday

Support for Spanish Scentities. LONDON, June 4.-Among the various causes ascribed to the firmness of Spanish tours is that they are supported by an important combination of strong houses in England and France. They closed today at a net guin of 5-8.