

TROOPS SENT HOME CHEAPLY

United States Expatriate Spaniards on Favorable Terms. COMBINE TO FORCE UP THE PRICE FAILS. Colonel Hecker Testifies as to Square Methods of the Transportation Bureau in Carrying Out the Terms of Surrender.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The transportation to Spain by the United States of the Spanish prisoners surrendered at Santiago was taken up by the War Investigating commission today, and Colonel Hecker, who made the contract for the United States, was called to testify on this point. He said there had been a combine of New York shipping concerns which had caused an outlay of \$1,400,000, while the actual outlay was \$1,100,000.

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HOOD'S Coupon CALENDAR 1899. "An American Girl." Remember Hood's Sarsaparilla is America's Greatest Medicine for the Blood and the Best that Money Can Buy.

REORGANIZATION OF ARMY

Committee on Military Affairs is Discussing the Hull Bill. TOTAL FORCE IS BROUGHT TO 100,000. Heads of Departments Will Be Called In for Consultation and General Miles' Bill Will Receive Later Consideration.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The house committee on military affairs began consideration today of the important measures for the reorganization and increase of the army to meet the conditions arising out of the war. Such progress was made that Chairman Hull said at the close of the meeting he expected not only to report the bill to the house before the holidays, but also to pass it by that time.

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BORN UNDER LUCKY STAR

Indiana Postmaster Wishes to Pay Penalty for Crime, but is Released by Law.

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GO BY WAY OF SUEZ CANAL

Three Regiments of Regulars to Leave New York for Manila. BETTER TRANSPORT FACILITIES AT HAND. Stops Will Be Made Enroute and Europe Will Get a Chance to See the American Bluecoats.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—A special from Washington says: The New York regulars to start for Manila will embark at New York at about the end of this month, and will go through the Suez canal. The expedition will consist of three regiments of regular infantry, distributed between two of the largest converted transports owned by the government, with perhaps a convoy of two war ships.

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FARMERS TOURING TEXAS

Final Session of the Congress at Fort Worth and Unfinished Business Completed.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 9.—The Farmers' National congress held an additional session here today and concluded some unfinished business. The congress decided to send to the governors of each state and territory a copy of the resolutions passed at the proceedings of the session just closed. Copies will also be forwarded to the agricultural colleges and to the Department of Agriculture, Washington. The delegates left this afternoon for a tour of Texas.

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HOW THE QUEEN SPENDS CHRISTMAS

Whether Her Majesty is at Windsor or Osborne her Christmas is a day of domestic joy and peace. The holiday-time of the royal family is happily described by the Marquis of Lorne in the Christmas Number (December 15th) of

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