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verified.

Manila with passengers and treasure, and the Americans are anticipating the capture of rich prizes.

Mirs Bay is about twenty miles northeast of Hong Kong. Now that the fleet has started for Manila it will not take long to reach that port. The av erage time of the passage between Hong Kong and Manila is two days.

## \* TO CAPTURE SPANN'S FLEET.

Hong Kong, April 27.-Thirty leaders Workma iship and goods the of the late insurrection wanted to accompany the American fleet to Manila

but only Aguinaldo, the rebel chief, was taken as their representative.

The primary object of the squadron is the capture of the Spanish fleet. 5 C. Upon arrival at Manila Dewey will demand the capitulation of the city in 38 \$1. minutes.

The governor at Manila has issued a proclamation, saying that a squadron Flying Squadron Caught by without instructions or discipline is coming to the Archipelago with the ruffianly intention of robbing the country of all meaning, life, honor and liberty. "The aggressors," he says, "shall not gratify their lustful passion at the cost of your wives and daughters: shall not cover you with dishonor, because your valor and patriotism will suffice to punish this miserable peo-

### THE COMING BATTLE.

ple."

day.

Washington, April 27.-Interest at the navy department in the progress of hostilities centres in the coming combat in the Philippines. Dewey know his ships as he knows his men, and with a naval force inferior to his own to contend against he will have no difficulty in defeating the Spaniards. The department does not expect to hear of the result of the movemen

against the Philippines before Satur-There was much satisfaction at the

Further Reports that Spain has Sent Shi's to Attack our Coast

## Towns.

London, April 27 .- A news agency dispatch frfom Lisbon mentions a rumor that Spain on Tuesday dispatched and Gomez. four armored cruisers and three torpedo boat destroyers to an unknown destination, but it is believed they are bound for the Massachusetts bay for the purpose of bombarding New Engpedition will be landed in two divisions.

land ports. The point of departure of this squadron is not stated.

WARSHIPS IN A GALE

a Raging North-easter --Fears for the Safety of a Transport

Newport News, April 27 .- The flying of Cuba. It is proposed to make a nasquadron is in a raging northeaster. At one time today there was danger of a

collision between the flagship Brook- The insurgents will co-operate with the United States soldiers.

former got out of the way. The gale has increased in fury since nightfall, and indications are that it will be one of the worst storms known here. Uneasiness is felt regarding the fate

of the cruiser Montgomery, the gunboat Vicksburg and the transport Panther, which put out from Old Point yesterday, and must have run into the worst of the gale off Hatteras.

It is believed the cruiser and gun-

boat can weather the storm but many

The part of the programme not yet ar- silenced the big guns of both forts and administration to consider offers favorranged is the date of embarking the

the land batteries in eighteen minutes. expedition and the exact point or points on the Cuban coast at which it There is no means of judging the will land. This will be attended to as casualties but from the appearance of soon as the department hears from things they must have been considera Lieutenant Rowan and Captain Dansh, ble. who are now conferring with Garcia

It was learned this afternoon that

the expedition may leave Tampa next

Adcording to the present plan the ex-

The man now stated to have been se-

will be undertaken at once.

steamers coming into the harbor.

It is reported that two Spanish

steamers have been seen in the Bay of

Fundy recently but the report is not

No steamers of the enemy were seen

Tuesday.

Orleans.

Our vessels came out without a scratch and none of the American tars were injured.

This move is evidently a part of Sampson's plan to secure a base of supplies for the landing of a military xpedition.

Key West, April 27 .- Four shots were lected to command the expedition is fired at the New York from Morro cas-Brigadier General Shafter, now comtle this morning. The flagship was manding the troops mobilized at New about eight miles from the city. None

of the shots landed near her. She did Unless all plans miscarry, as soon not reply but steamed out of range. as our troops land; the forces of Go-Half a gale is blowing in the Florida mez and Garcia will have taken such straits. The mosquito fleet is having a position that immediate communicaa rough time. tion can be established between the

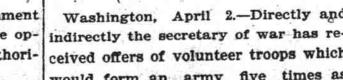
Key West, April 28, 2 a. m.-Later insurgents and General Shafter. The eports say that Matanzas was practiguns and ammunition will be turned cally destroyed by the bombardment over and the land attack on Havana vesterday afternoon.

The marksmanship of the ships' gun Washington, April 27 .- President Mcners is reported to have been deadly, Kinley, Secretary Alger and General and every shot from the big guns Miles conferred today in regard to struck the mark. The work of ruin making arrangements for the invasion was complete, and in about two hours the order to cease firing was given. Havana, via Cienfuegos, April 27 .-Nobody here is able to locate the Spansh fleet. Contradictory reports have been received regarding its whereabouts. Spanish troops throughout MINNEAPOLIS AT EASTPORT. the land have been concentrated at dif-Eastport,, Me., April 27 .- The cruiser ferent points along the coast ready to

meet any attempts to land American Minneapolis, anchored near Broad troops. It is reported that thousands cove, in the western part of the city, are being enlisted into volunteer battonight, and was hid from view by the talions by for mer Spanish regulars.

## THE GREAT ARMY IS NOW GATHERING

# Volunteers Far Exceed the





ably.

Many requests have been made to Alger to have the apportionments of the several states modified in accordance with what each state can most conveniently furnish. Just how far the services of independent organizations can be used has not been determined, but some will be enlisted under the special clause in the volunteer army law calling for 3,000 regardless of state lines.

It is believed by the army administration that volunteers won't be ordered to points of mobilization in the south or to Cuba within the next month.

The pressure for commissions in the volunteer army is becoming very great. Six major generals will probably be appointed very soon, three from the regular army and three from civil life. Three civilians whose appointments are first expected are: General Lee, of Virginia; General Wheeler, of Alabama, and James H. Wilson, of Delaware.

THE WAR REVENUE BILL

## Beginning Debate on the Measure-Intention of the Minority.

Washington, April 27 .- Three days' lebate upon the war revenue bill began in the house today, and was well nigh featureless, the most notable incident being the eloquent tribute by Dolliver, of Iowa, to the patriotism of McKinley in dealing with the war crisis, and to the self-sacrificing spirit with which the people entered upon the war.

Other speakers were Dingley and Bailey, of the committee, and Bell, of Colorado; Sayers, of Texas, and Ridgely, of Kansas. Opposition to the bill was based upon the proposed bond issue, in place of which Bailey indicated

Ship.

val demonstration at Havana and to land two thousand marines under fire.

lyn and the battleship Massachusetts, the latter dragging her anchor, but the