

NEWS OF THE NAVY.

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WASHINGTON, November 11.—Admiral Bunsen's squadron will go to Venezuela in a few weeks unless a radical departure is made in the plans prepared at the Navy Department to-day.

The object of Admiral Bunsen's new order is declared to be to show any significance in the foreign affairs of the United States, but relates altogether to the necessities of effective naval administration.

The great fleet, which has been concentrated in home waters since last Spring, ostensibly for the advantages of evolution and drill in squadron formation, but confessedly as a precautionary measure against unforeseen contingencies of possible development out of the Cuban and other complications in which the administration was more or less involved, cannot be dispersed unless those contingencies have ceased to exist, nor is it possible to maintain in any way any navy yards with the attendant expense for repairs always numerous during long stays in home ports.

Admiral Bunsen, as well as the other officers, continually urged the necessity of keeping up the drills at sea; but these require a base of operations from ice and easy access, in which the waters of the Caribbean are not so favorable as the waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

The Gulf of Mexico offers the most admirable theatre for such winter operations, but the authorities have agreed that on account of its nearness to Cuba the presence of so large a force in the Gulf is certainly being misinterpreted at Madrid.

When it was finally conceded that the fleet must be held together and that evolutions must be had, the only waters where the ships could be always in ready call for hurried return to this coast, if needed, was found in that part of the Atlantic near the mouth of the Orinoco and at the entrance of the Caribbean sea, west away from Havana.

According to present understanding the fleet will be at H. M. Roads most of December and will start South before Christmas.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

December Wheat Closed Lower on a Decline in Liverpool—Corn and Oats Declined—January Rice Unchanged.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, November 11.—The close of the wheat market to-day was a varied one. The tendency of price was to decline, but at the end of the session almost two cents loss from the final quotations of yesterday was noted.

Liverpool held the key to the situation, and as the course of affairs at that place was unsatisfactory to holders, selling became very popular. The first cables were somewhat better, but it was gleaned from their general tenor that there was hesitation in the advance on the other side of the water.

Second advances were everywhere. The price of rice declined here, and it was solely to the buying agencies and prices that to-day's market stopped where it did. December wheat opened from 80 1/2 to 81 1/2, sold between 80 1/2 and 78 1/2, closing at 78 1/2. Oats were weak and 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 per bushel lower.

Cash—Prices slipped away with much determination, although there was some selling by the bears. Commission houses had orders on that side and the buyers were shorts. May corn opened from 29 1/2 to 29 3/4, declined to 29c, closing at the inside 29 1/2 under yesterday. Cash corn was weak and 1/4 to 1/2 per bushel lower.

Oats received their share of weakness from the tippy condition of wheat. The selling in the market was not the least independent and trading was moderate. Cash oats closed 30 1/2 under yesterday. Cash oats were steady, closing at the inside 30 1/2 under yesterday. Cash corn was weak and 1/4 to 1/2 per bushel lower.

Provisions reflected the tone of the hog and grain markets. Only a slow, listless trade was noted, and price changes were not in the close January pork and lard were each 2 1/2 to 3c lower and January rice unchanged.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS.

Sixty-fourth annual session of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention opened at Morganton to-day with a good attendance of preachers and delegates.

Dr. R. H. Manning of Oxford is moderator. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Robert Van Devin, who recently accepted a call to Georgia. The convention represents 140,000 white Baptists in the State. It will close next Sunday. During the week addresses will be delivered by eminent Baptist divines.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, November 11.—Rosin steady, strained common to good 81 1/2 to 82 1/2. Spirit turpentine steady at 88 1/2 to 89 1/2. CHARLESTON, November 11.—Spirit turpentine firm at 25 1/2; sales—casks, Rosin firm; sales—barrels; prices: B, C, 41.40, D, E, 41.45, F, G, 41.50, H, 41.55, I, 41.60, M, 41.65, N, 41.70, W, 41.75, W, 41.80.

SAVANNAH, November 11.—Spirit turpentine opened firm at 25 1/2, with sales of 850 casks; closed at 25 1/2; bid, no further sales; receipts 1,088 casks. Rosin firm and unchanged; sales of 4,415 barrels; receipts 4,944 barrels.

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UNITED STATES ARMY.

GENERAL MILES' REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Number of Militia Men Be Increased—Importance of Coast Defenses Urged—And Specific Appropriations Therefor Recommended.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, November 11.—In transmitting to the Secretary of War the annual reports of the department commander in connection with his own reports on the military operations of the past year, Gen. Nelson A. Miles, commanding the army, says:

"Fortunately during the year the army was called on only to a limited extent to act either against hostile Indians or against bodies of men who were engaged in violating the United States laws or international obligations. The troops of the Mexican Republic, as well as our own, have been engaged in suppressing such acts of lawlessness as have in a small degree interfered with the peace of the communities on both sides of the border. The arrangements have been made through the Government of Mexico to secure the co-operation of the forces of that Republic and our own to this end.

He commends the discipline and personnel of the army. During the past year the country has fortunately been free from any serious disturbances. The various tribes have shown themselves well disposed and are making some progress towards civilization.

A review of various operations of the army shows that a third of a century ago, when the population of the country was only half of what it is now, the military force was only one-third as large as it is now. The strength of the army is determined by the necessities and requirements of the nation.

He renews his previous recommendation that at least two stations west of the Rocky Mountains be established, one for the accommodation of one regiment of cavalry each; also, the recommendations concerning the use of bicycles and motor wagons, and the use of enlisted men who shall be found competent after thorough examination to the grade of second lieutenant after five years' service.

He renews the recommendation that coast defenses comprises the greater part of General Miles' report, and is the subject of his most important suggestions. He renews the recommendations made in his report for last year, and adds:

"Liberal appropriations should be made for the manufacture of high-power guns and mortars, the construction of emplacements, platforms and fortifications for the same, and the construction of barracks and quarters for the accommodation of the artillery garrisons that are to man them; and I urge that the special appropriation be made available for the work of ordnance, engineering and quartermaster departments, during the coming year, as follows:

At Fort Mifflin, Pa., \$1,000,000; Portsmouth, N. H., \$800,000; Boston, 1,078,350; Narragansett Pier, R. I., 664,825; Long Island Sound, Eastern entrance, \$386,825; New York Harbor, Eastern entrance, \$1,218,600; New York Harbor, Western entrance, \$1,299,600; Philadelphia, 603,025; Baltimore, 667,145; Washington, D. C., 607,725; Hampton Roads, \$1,000,000; Wilmington, N. C., \$125,535; Charleston, S. C., \$550,925; Savannah, Ga., \$393,925; Key West, Fla., \$324,000; Pensacola, Fla., \$100,400; Mobile, Ala., \$150,400; New Orleans, \$49,400; Galveston, Tex., \$187,930; San Diego, Cal., \$80,935; San Francisco, \$602,850; mouth of the Columbia river, Oregon, \$566,835; Puget Sound, \$764,050.

"The above sums," Gen. Miles says, "are imperatively required for the preparation of the country for the coming year. The amounts for the construction of barracks and quarters included in them will be all that will be required for these localities for many years and probably complete the work of the coming year. As an additional argument, I mention the fact that the National Guard is not a permanent force, and that any class of citizens, not even to the humblest individual, but on the other hand they are a protection to life, property and the welfare of the community, and the highest to the lowest. They protect not only the commercial ports with their accumulation of public buildings and private dwellings, the commerce, the shipping, the industry, the work-shop, but also the savings bank and the cottage. In fact, the destruction of our great commercial and manufacturing cities would be a national disaster far more serious and appalling to the great masses of the laboring population than it would be to any other class of our people."

SPOTS AND FUTURES.

New York Sun's Review of the Cotton Market.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, November 11.—The Sun says: Cotton here declined 1-16c. Liverpool was quiet on the spot, with sales of 19,000 bales. Futures there declined four and a half to six points, closing barely steady at 14 1/2 to 15 1/2. The exports 1,923 bales. Futures here declined eight to nine points, closing quiet and steady with sales of 10,700 bales.

The trading to-day was less active, and was composed in the main of selling by weak lions. Prices declined under the pressure of liquidation for local Liverpool and Southern accounts, closing at about the lowest figures of the day. There was a trifling rally one time on a prediction of freezing weather in Eastern Texas, Arkansas, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana, but prices soon weakened again on renewed selling. Liverpool was lower and heavy selling orders were received from that market. The Liverpool sales here being estimated at 10,000 bales. It was reported that Bros. will issue a bearish circular tomorrow increasing their estimate to 9,300,000 bales. The sentiment here is still bullish, but not so strong as yesterday. It was reported that the Treasury gold reserve at the close of business yesterday had increased to \$129,086,483. The net gain in New York for the day was \$675,000. The withdrawal at New York was \$7,100.

"I had severe pains in my head and discharge from my ears, my general health was also very poor. The drug-gist advised to try Hood's Sarsaparilla, which I did. The bad feeling in my head and the discharge are now all gone." Mrs. T. G. Ryne, Dallas, N. C. Hood's Pills are reliable, sure.

CUBAN WAR NEWS.

The Capture of Guaimaro of More Importance Than at First Reported—Anxiety Regarding the Fate of the Town of Puerto Principe.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

Key West, Fla., November 11.—Passengers who arrived from Havana to night bring intelligence that the capture of Guaimaro was of more importance than at first reported. When the news reached Havana it caused great excitement. It was on a particularly excited, but was wired to Madrid and made a sensation. It is said it so stirred the people that they were determined to take part in the inquiry were present.

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AUSTIN, Texas, November 11.—Frank Hamilton, for years a prominent banker here, took morphine this afternoon with suicidal intent and died this evening. Up to a few months ago he was a member of Raymond & Company's Banking House, and is well known to New York bankers. He took an active part in the construction of the Austin Dam, in which he lost much money. He was married and had a family. He was 47 years of age. He had been in Austin for two years ago. Dependancy over losses is supposed to have led to the act.

MASKED ROBBERS.

Plunder the Safe of a Brewery at Cleveland, Ohio.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CLEVELAND, November 11.—Five masked robbers, carrying a large arsenal, robbed the safe of the Star Brewing Company of \$5,000 in cash and \$1,000 worth of rare coins. They overpowered Night Watchman Louis Christian and after binding and gagging him, blew up the safe with dynamite.

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BATTLESHIP TEXAS.

Court of Inquiry as to the Cause of the Accident—The Damage Estimated at \$10,000.

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NEW YORK, November 11.—The court of inquiry into the responsibility for the accident to the battleship Texas convened at 11 o'clock this morning, in building No. 7, in the navy yard. It was presided over by Commodore John A. Howell, the commandant of the League Island navy yard.

Commodore Miller was to have presided over the court of inquiry, but illness prevented his being present. All the officers who were detailed to take part in the inquiry were present.

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