THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

All-pervading Confidence That After Temporary Conditions Have Passed it Will Be Better.

By Tulegraph to the Morning Star

New York, April 29 - R. G. Dun & Co's Review of Trade will say to-

DESCRIPTION W Hostilities have not as yet changed last week's condition. There is much postponement of orders by men who do not know what they are waiting for and much restriction of loans by banks which are abundantly strong. All this cheeks new business and yet the volume of transactions through clearing houses is 8 per cent. larger than in the same week of 1800, with no foreign

Many have been asserting, about every day for the past two weeks, that the wheat speculation has culminated. but the price has in that time advanced 214c. Sec within the past week. Receapts 2.746.500 bushels at the west this week, against 1,332 873 a year ago, and averaging 230,000 bushels week for January, February and Marc show no exhaustion of supplies, while expects amounting to 3, 704, 673 bushels from Atlantic ports, against 643,178 last year and 786,078 from Pacific ports, against 196,941 last year, flour included in all cases, make exports for the four weeks 12,093,768 from Atlantic and 2 880 000 from Pacific ports and for the crop year thus far 180 661 87% bushels, against 127, 158, 684 during the same months and weeks of last

Chen exports for the week were 3,778 290 bushels, against 4,029,046 last year, and for four weeks have been 12 266 681 bushels, against 13, 250; 207 last year. This makes about 151, 000,000 for the crop year such foreign demand for grains has ever been known, and it does not seem to be satuated at all as yet. Con fusing accounts about the great in dustries cannot cause surprise, in view of the contradictory influence of monetary stringency curtailing many colors houses orders by the govern ment in many branches and all per vading confidence that after temporary conditions have passed business is go-

The consumption of iron is still the greatest ever known, though many structural and car contracts have been The cotton manufacture has been helped by some government con tracts and a little better outside de mand, and the temporary advance in raw cotton is 6 44c, though the price has since declined again to 6.37c. Supplies have been larger in some previ our years than they are now and yet they are enormous, and the demand for goods is still hindered by the great stocks in sight or reported. Woollen manufacturers are doing rather better large government orders helping some encouraging

Farlures for the week have been 262 in the United States, against 237 last year and sixteen in Canada, against forty last year

PORTUGAL'S NEUTRALITY.

An Offical Decree Issued By the Govern-

LISBON April 29. The Official Co. zette to day publishes the neutrality tween Spain and the United States It is similar to the decree issued at the time of the outbreak of the Franco Prassian war and contains six articles. Forbids the equipment of privateers in Poetugese waters, forbids entry of privateers into Portugese waters, permits belligerents to make a short stay in Fortugese ports: defines legitimate trade as regards belligerents and for heds trading in goods which may be considered contraband of war warns Portugue and foreigners in Portugal against actions contrary to the security of the state, refuses protection to any infringers of the decree

COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT

For the Week Ending Friday, April 29th, 1898.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star New York, April 29 - The fol lowing is the comparative-cotton statement for the week ending April 29 1 4094

Net receipts at all	100000	E-CHE 6 1
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this date	8,172,747	6, 415, 63
Exports for week	56,957	61,103
Total exports to		
date	6, 535, 679	3,375,981
Stock in all U S		1
ports	669 153	496,684
Stock at all interior		
towns	294, 524	164,366
Stock in Liverpool,	1.249,000	1,206,000
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British steamer Wansbrek, just artion, probably going to the Canary sayed at St. Johns, N. F., from Cadiz. Captain saw nothing of any warships on his voyage. When he left Cadiz Spaniards were most actively pre-paring for war, declaring they would suffer anything to crush America.

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SENATE AND HOUSE.

As Agreement on the Naval Appropriation Bill-The House Passed the War Revenue Bill.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, April 29. - At to-day's ession of the Senate the report of the conferees on the Naval Appropriation bill was presented and agreed to. This measure as perfected carries a little more than \$57,000,000. No other business of general importance was trans-

After passing a number of unimportant bills the Senate, at 1:35 P. M. went into executive session, and, at 45, adjourned until Monday.

House of Representatives. The House to-day passed the War Revenue bill, with only the amendments agreed upon by the Republican members of the Ways and Means committee added. In order to acomplish this a parliamentary maevere was necessary, as the whole me for amendments was exhausted by the minority in trying to amend he bond feature of the bill. Mr. Dingley offered as a substitute an entirely new bill, containing these amendments, after the bill had been eported to the House. This was an d parliamentary trick, fraudulently resorted to years ago. The Morrill tariff law was passed in this way in its original form after it had been oaded down with amendments in comnittee of the whole

Many amendments were offered to he bond feature of the bill, ranging from a proposition for the substitution an income tax provision to an auorization; for an issue of \$150,000, 000 greenbacks. But all were voted At the last minute the Democrats decided to offer the motion to ecommit with instructions to report back the income tax proposition as an amendment to the bill, instead of as a substitute for the bond provision. This was due to the fact that a number Democrats had decided to rote to strike out the bond pro-The action was defeatedvision: 134 to 173. Four Republicans voted with the Democrats on this vote, out on the final passage of the bill which was carried, 181 to 131; the Democrats and Populists, with six exeptions, voted solidly against the easure. The Democrats who voted for the bill were Messrs, Cumming. McClennan and Griggs of New York; Fitzgerald, Massachusetts: McAlaer, Pennsylvania and Wheeler Ala-Two Republicans, Messrs Lin-DUB TELES ney, North Carolina, and Thorp. Virginia, voted with the opposition. Quite a number of Democrats declined

Mr Boutelle, Maine, chairman of the committee of naval affairs, presented the conference report on iaval bill. Mr. Cannon, Republican. linois, made the point of order that the conferees had exceeded their urisdiction, in that they had added rer \$500,000 above the differences between the two houses and had also added provisions which were not in conference With the point of order pending he moved an adjournment which was carried

THE FLYING SQUADRON.

All the Ships Weathered the Storm Well-Colliers With Coal Sail for Key West.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star ON BOARD FLAGSHIP BROOKLYN, OFF FORT MONROE, VA., April 29. The squadron slid not suffer at all from its experience with the recent storm. No shore leaves were granted this

morning and drills were gone through The collier Saturn delivered one hundred and fifty tons of coal to the Massachusetts this morning and then, lightened enough to go to sea, left port. The Merrimac, a still larger collier, that has been fitting out at Newport News, was finished to day and will join the squadron either to day or to morrow morning with a full supply of coal. The Brooklyn and

exas each took on coal to day. The Mosquito fleet tugs that went it early in the week have not rearned at the entrance to the harbor. The reservation here is not closed at night and the hotels have been noti fied that they will not have to close Just after the collier Saturn left, the armored tug iNagara left to act as

The Vesuvius arrived here to-day and ran into the navy yard at Portsmouth for some repairs. She had been out in the heavy storm of Tues day and Wednesday, but weathered it a splendid shape.

The converted tug Windom sailed

THE CAPE VERDE FLEET.

Four Spanish Cruisers and Several Torpedo Boats Sailed West, Presumably for Cuba.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. LONDON, April 29. - The Evening News, this afternoon, publishes a dispatch from St. Vincent, saying the Spanish cruisers Maria Teresa, Almirante Oquendo, Vizcaya and Cristobal colon, accompanied by the Spanish orpedo boat destroyer Pluton. Terror and Furor, had, at the hour the dis-

patch was filed 19 o'clock this morn ing) just sailed in a westerly direction, presumably going toward Cuba.

The dispatch adds that the Spanish orpedo boats Azor, Ray and Ariete and the Spanish transports San Francisco and Cieudad de Cadiz sailed at the same time in a northerly direc-

St. VINCENT, CAPE DE VERDE ISLANDS, April 29, 7 P. M. - Two Spanish transports (probably the San Fran-cisco and the Cieudad de Cadir) have ust returned with three Spanish torpedo boats (most likely the Azor, Ray and Ariete), owing to a collision. The paniards say two of the torpedo boats have been slightly damaged. They claim the boats will be able to put to sea again to-morrow.

BASE BALL.

Games Played Yesterday by Clubs of the National League.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star New York-New York-Baltimore,

postponed; wet grounds, Washington-Washington, 4; Bos-

Pittsburg-Pittsburg, 2; Cincinna-Cleveland Cleveland 6: St. Lous. Brooklyn - Brooklyn Philadelphia, postponed; wet grounds.

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DEPARTMENT NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

A Day of Alarming Rumors That Happily Turned Out to Be Unfounded.

ADMIRAL DEWEY'S SQUADRON

Expected to Arrive at Manila Saturday Morning---Great Pressure On the War Department --- Harmless

Growls of Newspapers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star WASHINGTON, April 29.-This was day of alarming rumors, running all the way from the blowing up of as big monitor to the detection and punishment of traitors, but fortunately all of them turned out on inquiry to be without foundation. Actual events of importance were few. The news of the day of most interest was the departure from the Cape de Verdes of the Spanish fleet, the stay of which at St. incent has been a source of anxiety on the part of the officials here be cause it seemed to indicate that the sympathy of Portugal for Spain might ead her to wink at a violation of the neutrality laws in favor of Spain. Late in the afternoon a cablegram came to the State Department from Cape de Verde, bearing no signature, announcing that four battleships and three torpedo boats had started north. and some of the transports for Cuba. and that the northern fleet returned shortly, having been in collision. Be cause there was no signature attached he officials did not know what impor-

tance to attach to this message. Captain Sampson sent a telegram relative to the firing at the Matanzas orts, but it was disappointing, lacking detail The few words contained in he dispatch went to confirm the official view that the affair was nothing more than a naval recon-

No news came to-day from Admiral bewev's squadron now on its way to the Philippines to do battle with the panish fleet. One officer pointed out that if Admiral Dewey succeeded in defeating the Spanish fleet, the Spanish officials who control the cable conecting the island with the rest of the world, in all probability may suppress the news or distort the facts into a Spanish victory. Presuming that the Admiral is bound directly for Manila the calculation made at the Navy Department shows he will arrive about o'clock Saturday morning, Manila time, which is about twelve hours

earlier than our own. The Mobilization of Volunteers

The pressure continues unabated on War Department for changes in ie plans already announced as to bilization of the volunteer troops nd very much against its will and judgment the department is making some concessions in this matter.

ng forward candidates for the many lums within the gift of the President and Secretary Alger in the shape of appointments to grades above reginental in the army. General Lee and ieneral Dodge spent a good part of the day in conference with officials, giving color to the reports that they are among those selected for appointment as Major Generals.

The announcement that the State of Texas, laden with supplies for the reoncentrados, is destined for Sagun has led to the surmise that it is proba-bly this port, instead of Matanzas, which has been selected for the landing place of the first attack of the nited States troops.

Regarding the harmless growls that appear in the European papers, and threats to interfere to prevent the nited States forces from blockading he Philippines, it may be stated that this was fully expected. During the tempts on the part of European na tions to disregard our blockade, and threats of interference, all of which came to naught, from the firm attitude assumed by the Secretary of State In the present asc the conditions of the Cuban blockade are much more liberal toward the European powers that ever imposed before.

Viscount de Santo-Thyrso, the Portugese minister, looked over the Associated Press cable dispatch from isbon, giving the substance of the eutrality decree gazetted there today, and said it was evidently accurate and covered the entire subject. He had not, however, up to a late hour o-day received an official notification of the neutrality decree. The Vis-count says that Article 3, which permits belligerents to make a short stop this afternoon for Key West, and will at Portugese ports, probably will be better understood by saying that beligerents will not be permitted to make long stays at Portugese ports.

The Tonnage Tax.

The British and French ambassa fors have received instructions relative to the tonnage tax provision in the war tariff bill which passed the House of Representatives to-day. It is understood that the German ambassador will also receive instructions on the same subject. The nature of the nstructions is not disclosed, but it oubtless relates to joint representa nnage tax. Leading diplomats are peful that their representations will ead to a modification of the clause beore the new tariff bill becomes a law. as otherwise they feel that the tonnage dues will be so burdensome on British French and German shipping as to cause it to seek Canadian and Mexican ports. Aside from the expected official epresentations of the foreign governnents, the shipping interests in Lonon, Havre and Bremen and other ports are supplementing the diplomatic negotiations with strong representations against the increased tonnage

The Republic of Hayti is expected to maintain strict neutrality as between the United States and Spain and it is said that reports of exceptional privileges given to the United States warships in Haytian waters are erroneous. The Haytian minister, Mr. Legare. said to-day that he had no official instructions concerning neutrality, but he had no doubt an attitude of impartial neutrality will be maintained.

The eleventh annual convention of the Southern Christian Church met in Raleigh last night. Delegates are present from Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, Mississippi and North Carolina.

The London Standard's Moscow correspondent says Russia has received a severe blow in a suspected friendly agreement between the United States Chicago Chicago, 15; Louisville, 22 and England, charging America with ingratitude.

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TROOPS ARE ON THE MOVE.

The First Eorce to Invade Cuba Will Leave the Latter Part of Next Week.

NOW ASSEMBLING AT TAMPA.

As Army of About 10,000-Will Land at Matanzas - Guns and Ammunition for the Insurgents-Fleet Will Cover the Landing.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. NEW ORLEANS, April 29 - The First regiment left here to-night for Tampa. The impression among army men is that the first army corps sent into Cuba will be for the purpose of cooperating with the insurgents. Other regiments have not received orders to leave. The State troops will begin to nobilize Sunday. MOBILE, April 29.—The Tenth and

wenty-second regiments left camp here late last night for Tampa. A large crowd of citizens and soldiers gave them a rousing send off. Orders have been received to recruit several regiments to a war strength of

JACKSONVILLE, April 29. - A special o the Times Union and Citizen from

ampa savs: Troops are on the move again. This orning batteries K and E. of the First artillery arrived from Chickanauga. This is the first installment of the artillery arm of the service to reach Tampa. The train load consisted of ninety-six officers and men with ight four-inch guns. Other troops are on the way from Chickamauga. The troops here are in readiness to strike camp and all have a good supply of provisions on hand. Lieutenant Ramacting chief commissary offibuying immense quantities of stores for his departnot only for those now

but for those who are to come. Colonel McArthur, General Wade's Adjutant General, has selected camps for both artillery and cavalry that may be on the way. The govern ment has purchased several thousand ons of coal now at Port Tampa and wants thousands of tons more. This one strong indication that Tampa has been decided upon as a permanent base of supplies. The guns brought here this morning and taken to Port Tampa have been unloaded from the cars. This would indicate that they are to be used at Port Tampa to protect supplies. The six companies of the Fifth infantry now here are stationed at Picnic island, just by the terminal and the men of Colonel Cook's command do patrol duty in

guarding the government property. Officers here are of the opinion that few days will bring about great changes. Thy do not look for a movement looking to the embarkation of the troops in the next few days but troops from Chickamauga will be all here early next week, and the Chickamauga divisions now formed into origades will be in the transport ships and en route to Matanzas by the atter part of next week. According to the present figures this army would consist of about \$3,000 cavalfive hundred artillery and 6,000 infantry. A dredge of great capacity is hard at work in the slips at Port Tampa securing a greater depth of water, so vessels of the deepest

the tracks of the Plant system run. The government has wonderful facilities here for rapid work. Colonel Emilo Nunez, the well known filibuster, arrived here this morning and was met at the depot by an immense crowd of Cubans. An officer from headquarters was at the epot with a carriage in waiting and inveyed him to the Tampa Bay hotel, where he was soon closeted with General Wade. It is learned here he is in the city for the purpose of litting out, with the aid of the gov-

draft can make fast to docks on which

ernment, an expedition of Cubans. A large lot of guns and ammunition was received at Port Tampa last night. collected from the military schools. The guns are not the kind used now and they will be placed in the hands of Gomez's army. Boats will be sent to Cuban waters and the force landed by an escort from Captain Sampson's fleet. large body of trained soldiers will be carried from here also. Those people who have been watting for ome time to make this trip are over-This will be the first force to eave for Cuba. Colonel Nunez and Jeneral Wade were closeted together a long time. J. E. Cartava and Gen-

WARM WIRELETS.

The Spanish torpedo cruiser Temerario is still at anchor at Buenos Avres

U. S. Cruiser Minneapolis sailed at 2:30 P. M. from Machias, Me., bound west: destination unknown. A special dispatch from London says the Spanish government is going to expel all United States citizens from

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Frank Unando, a Spaniard, who has been hanging around Vicksburg for a week past, was arrested on suspicion of being a Spanish spy. Prince Bismarck, according to a lispatch from Berlin, says Germany ught not to bind her hands by a

neutrality declaration. A dispatch from Rio de Janeiro says he departure of the U.S. dynamite ruiser Nictheroy has been delayed by breakage in her machinery. The schooner Milton, from Fernanlina to New York, laden with lumber,

N. C. The vessel is a total loss It is announced that the Argentine Republic will publish a decree of neutrality, but the government will reserve absolute liberty of action in regard to coal.

stranded April 27th on Body's Island,

Capt. F. A. Winter, assistant surgeon, U. S. A., has been designated to examine the volunteer troops furnished by North Carolina, as to physical qualifications for service

O'Hoolahan-Countin the two min yesterday, there's been 18 kilt so far on | to do so, the schooner Addie M An. the noo buildin goin up across the street. O'Callahan (impressively) - Thot's

number 18.—Brooklyn Eagle. Oysters after they have been brought away from the sea know by instinct the exact hour when the tide is rising and approaching their beds, and so of their own accord open their shells to receive their food from the sea, as if they were still at home.

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SLOOP CAPTURED BY BLOCKADERS.

Arrival of Troop Ship Panther With Marines on Board at Key West.

A SENSATIONAL REPORT.

No Foundation for Rumor That a Case of Treason Had Been Discovered on the Puritan No Bombard. ment of Cardenas.

By Cable to the Morning Star. KEY WEST, FLA., April 29 .- Today was one of wild rumor and little action.

The chief incident of the day was the arrival of the troop ship Panther with nearly 700 marines on board She comes from Hampton Roads in convoy of the Montgomery. Lieutenant Colonel Huntington is in command of the marines. He said the only event of the trip was a squall on Tuesday night. The men stood it well. The Fern arrived from Tampa with mmunition for the fleet, and the An napolis returned after a brief absence Where she has been is not known exept to the authorities and those aboard. The Amphitrite is still coal-

ng here. A statement is made by Lieutenaut McKinley, in charge of the harbor de-fences, that Key West will be practically closed to vessels between 8 P M and 4 A. M., beginning to-morrow night. The orders from the depart ment say: "Regulations will be adopted governing the entry and departure of friendly vessels during the ontinuance of the war.'

A load of anxiety was lifted from he naval men here by the arrival late this afternoon of the little Spanish chooner Three Sisters, with Paymaster George F. Simpson and three sailors of the Terror aboard. The vessel had almost been given up for lost. The schooner, loaded with sugar, while bound from Havana for Cardenas, was captured off the latter place Sunday afternoon by the torpedo boat Foote with the Terror and Machias nearby. Paymaster Simpson and his compan ions were put aboard as a prize crew and started for Key West that night. The boat encountered heavy weather. The Mascotte arrived this afternoon, bringing Miss Clara Barton and a corps of Red Cross workers. The party did not come ashore, but were taken down stream to the Red Cross ship State of Texas, which had been awaiting their arrival The State of Texas, under Captain Young, has four other Red Cross workers on board and 1,400 tons of provisions, clothing and medicines. ne will await instructions from Washington before proceeding to uba. The State of Texas will probably serve as a hospital ship for the

fleet and troops. The inquiry into the legal questions colved in the capture of is proceeding slowly. The commission now consists of Judge J. M. Phipps and Julius Otto, of Key West, and Commander Wynn, of the Navy (retired)

KEY WEST, April 29.—A small Spanish sloop, the Engracia, captured by the United States gunboat Newport, Capt. B. F. Tiller, off Cabanas vesterday, was brought in here this morning. She was in charge of a prize crew consisting of a couple of blue-jackets. Only one blank shot was necessary to bring the Engracia to. She had on board a crew of seven men and a cargo of fish. The men on board the prize had been in the Spanish navy, and

serve as a sort of naval reserve. The officers of the Newport say the capture is an important one, in view of the fact that the little vessel was attempting to carry into Havana news of the movements of the United States

Sensational Reports.

There is absolutely no foundation for the sensational reports cabled from here to the effect that a case of treason has been discovered on board the U. 5. monitor Puritan. The rumors arose from the strange actions of a fireman, with a Spanish sounding name, now under restraint on the warship, because of his eccentricities. The officers of the Puritan declare there is no thought of trying the man by courtmartial and that all the talk about treason is absurd.

It appears that a few days ago the man in question was seen in one of monitor's turrets and the man who saw him reported that he had his hand on the lock of the magazine. whereupon the first man was placed under restraint. The crew of the monitor immediately became excited and declared there was a Spanish traitor on board. Through this, the extravagant stories were concerted. The officers of the Puritan believe the man, who is a fireman, is a Cuban, and they assert positively that he has never given evidence of any sort of sympathy with Spain; but they add, on the contrary, when the Puritan was off Matanzas, the man was frequently heard to say he would like to

get ashore to join the insurgents.

Captain B. F. Harrington, commander of the U.S. monitor Puritan and the commanding officer of the Cardenas fleet, who has just come from there, emphatically denies the story of the alleged bombardment of that port by the monitor Terror and gunboat Machias. He says there are no Spanish batteries there, and that the entire story is untre.

Key West Frightened. There are many nervous people in

his semi-Cuban city, and apprehension is not confined to the less intelli gent class. The timid aver that Key West is sure to be the first point of attack by the Spanish fleet, and the whereabouts of the latter they placesome at Porto Rico, others off Ber muda, while some will almost certify that hostile cruisers are less than a hundred miles away. As reasons for their belief that Key West will be selected many say Spain has an especial grudge against the place, as having been for many years a hot-bed of treason to the crown; that the coal and naval stores belonging to the United States and now here to supply the fleet, would be of incalculable benefit to the Spaniards, and the Vizcaya and Oquendo alone could capture the place in a few hours. Of course all this is regarded as begotten of fear and buttressed by bad judgment by those best posted in naval matters. None the less, not a few women have left Key West and others will soon follow.

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SPANISH FLEET AWAITING ATTACK.

A Naval Battle Expected to Take Place Sunday in the Bay at Manila.

THE UNITED STATES FLEET.

Reported Sighted North of Manila-Spanish Warships Patrolling the Western Coast-Reinforced by Large Auxiliary Cruiser.

By Cable to the Morning Star. MADRID, April 29, 11 A. M.-Dispatches received here to-day from Manila, capital of the Philippine islands, say the United States fleet is expected to arrive at Manila on Sunday. The Spanish fleet has been divided into two squadrons. Two cruisers, the Castilla and other vessels, remain near the front of Manila. The remaining Spanish warships, under Admiral Montejo, are patrolling the western coast, awaiting the arrival of the American warships.

The Spanish fleet, it appears, has been reinforced by a large auxiliary cruiser, said to be capable of steaming twenty knots and armed as a warship. She is known as the Montevideo but an examination of the maritime registers fails to establish ner identity.

5 P. M.-A great impression has been produced by the rumor that the German government has issued a note declaring that it will not oppose the anding of troops in the Philippines, but will not permit a bombardment, owing to important German mercantile interests in all the towns of the island. Germany's omission to declare neutrality is held to give color to this

The Voz Espanola, of Manila, describes the port of Manila as impregnable. It says six other of the princi pal ports in the Philippines bristle with guns, chiefly Krupp.

London, April 30.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Hong Kong dated Friday says: "War news is scarce. Nothing has been heard of the American fleet or from Manila. Commodore Dewey considers that his duty will be donwhen the Spanish fleet is captured and safety has been secured for American trading vessels. Eleven of these vessels are overdue and the Americans

feel exceedingly anxious. The formation of the provisional government at Manila will be announced at the discretion of the United States Consul Williams. It is beeved that there are not many Spanish troops at Manila. They have gone into the interior. The American fleet carries in all 2,000 officers and men The Concord is expected to return here for dispatches on Wednesday. "A few weeks ago, before the Hong Kong Supreme Court attachio, the Minister of the Interior in the provisional government applied for an injunction to restrain insurgent leader) from parting with \$400 000 that had been remitted here

by the Spanish government for dis-tribution among the leaders of the late insurrection. Other members of the council purpose issuing against the attachio's action and expressing confidence in Aguinaldo. He and his colleagues have devised a plan of going to Manila in their own vessel, and have a large supply of ammunition and arms. Many letters have been sent here from Manila opened. LONDON, April 30 .- The Daily Tele graph's Hong Kong correspondent says the insurgent chief Aguinaldo is

preparing to make a descent near Manila. His supporters are plentifully supplied with arms and ammunition from the American squadron London, April 29.—The Daily Mai hears from Singapore that a naval battle is momentarily expected in Manila

LONDON, April 29.—The departure of the Spanish fleet from the Cape de Verdes is regarded as the first really important news of the war No further information has been received here as to its destination, but it is considered not unlikethat it will go to the Canary islands to await reinorcement from Cadiz, without which it is considered a hopeless task to atempt to attack Rear Admiral Sampson's fleet. It is also supposed that it may attempt to intercept the American cruiser Oregon. The idea that it will attempt to bombard the

United States coast cities is not seriously regarded here. LONDON, April 30.-The Cadiz correspondent of the Times says: "When the battleship Numancia arrives from Cartagena the squadron will be prepared, consisting of the Pelayo, the Vitoria, the Alfonso XIII, three torpedo boat destroyers and three torpedo

boats, to leave immediately.' Hong Kong, April 29.-It is reported from Manila that the American squadron was sighted off Bolinao, north of Manila, but the weather is too stormy for the fleet to communicate with the insurgents.

Hong Kong, April 29.—The steamer Esmeralda, chartered by the banking companies, has gone to Manila, capital of the Philippine islands, to bring away the specie there, as trouble is apprehended. It is understood she will be able to enter and leave Manila before the United States fleet attacks that port. She has a considerable quantity of coal on board and also has as a passenger the insurgent leader Filipine. She is said to have sealed orders to join the United States fleet after her mission is accomplished. The cable to Manila has not been cut.

A New York dispatch says the American liner Paris has just been sighted east of Fire Island.

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