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BLANCO HELPLESS. Gen. Blanco may be a brave man

and he may or may not be an able general, but he is a victim of fate, and stands no more chance of hold ing Cuba than he does of flying to the moon. Whatever his condition may have been before the blockade that condition has become worse, and his power of resistance every day since less, while the confidence that the Cubans now feel in accom plishing what they have been fight ing for for more than three years has enthused them, and brought thousands of recruits to their armies They practically have the swing of the island while Blanco's army is practically bottled up in Havana, where every soldier in it feels that when he must throw down his arms and surrender is but a question of time and of very little time, too.

When the blockade was begun it was reported that he had 60,000 men able to do duty. But as there always has been a large percentage of sickness in his ranks it is estithat he has not more than 40,000 men now fit to engage in battle. With these 40,000 he must defend Havana, beleagured in front by a squadron of powerful warships and attacked in the rear by a powerful land force. We know the fact that for some months these soldiers have not been paid. We know, too, that for some time they have not been well fed, and that their food supplies are becoming smaller day after day. They are not well supplied with ammunition and would not have enough of that to make a long resistance if they were determined to resist. Of course they have heard of the fate of the Spanish squad-Manila, and the wipron at of the Spanish power ing out in the Philippines. They have no hope that the Spanish tilla which was ostensibly sent to succor them and put the blockading fleet to flight, will ever be able to render them any assistance and that, therefore, they must fight alone if they fight at all, against superior numbers on land, supported by powerfully equipped war vessels, capable of throwing shot and steel projectiles into the forts from a distance of two or three miles.

Giving the Spanish soldiers credit for all the pluck and patriotism that may be claimed for them would it be surprising if under these conditions the majority of them became discouraged and demoralized? What have they to fight for? This is not a fight for country or for patriotism in the true sense. They are not fighting to protect their country from aggression or invasion by a foreign foe, but, on the contrary, are fighting to crush a people who stood Spanish oppression as long as they could and then revolted, precisely what these Spanish soldiers would have done if they stood in the place of the Cubans, provided their courage and love of home were strong Cadiz before the order was issued to

enough. But they have also heard of the fleet which was reported at Cadiz, uprisings and rioting in Spain, where the poorer classes (to which most of a sufficient reason doubtless for the these soldiers belong) are crying aloud for bread. They have heard of the threats of establishing a republic, or of overthrowing the present dynasty and calling another to dently not hunting for a fight, and the throne, and they do not know really for certain or for what they would be risking their lives in battle. If they fight at all the only incentive will be that they would be charged with cowardice if they surrendered without a struggle. The officers have too much pride for Havana, for with that disposed of that, and they will therefore mar- and out of the way the ground will shal their men to defend the city, although they have no hope of hold-

ing it. While they displayed the charac- necessary to divide our ships to keep teristic cruelty of the Spanish soldiers in their campaigns against the insurgents, they never entered these campaigns with any zeal or any real desire to meet the Cubans in battle. If they ever had this they were demoralized by the Weyler policy of tion is made in the Madrid disextermination by starvation, which left them to rust in camp and fall victims to inactivity and disease, instead of engaging in active operations that would keep them fit for ters. That is the extent of the soldier life and soldier's duty.

They know that they have but a three hours, when the American poor supply of ammunition; they fleet turned seaward and steamed

know by this time that the equip- away to hunt up that Spanish floment of the forts with which they tilla. The conditions for effective expect to defend the city, bears no gun work favored the Spaniards, comparison to the equipment of the for they shot from the ground, with ships that will batter them, and fair-sized targets to shoot at, while they know, too, that from the exhithe gunners on the ships had to conbitions of Spanish gunnery, which | tend against a heavy sea swell that they have seen in the duels that made it difficult to draw a fine bead. have taken place between their The Krupp guns are long range forts and our ships, that they are at guns, and that the ships were within a fearful disadvantage. Hence there range is shown by the fact that a ball is nothing in the situation or the went crashing through one of the outlook to encourage or to stimulate boats of the Iowa and a shell burst to heroic endurance or action, and over the New York, the only vessels therefore, while the pride, espehit in a long and furious cannonadcially of the commanding officers, ing. When they can't shoot any better may make them hold out and resist than that from land, what is to be stubbornly, the army, the rank and expected from their gunners on an file, who have nothing to fight for, unsteady ship, even with the best of will gladly welcome the signal to surrender. Every Spanish soldier

killed in Cuba, in the battles that

may be fought, will be a life sacri-

ficed, a victim of the obstinacy be-

MINOR MENTION.

The general ignorance in Spain as

to this country is surprising, and

yet as to the masses, even among

those who can read, it is not so sur-

prising when they gather their in-

formation from the Spanish press at

home and in the colonies. Absurd

publications are such a common thing

with them, that they have ceased to

attract attention unless they are of

such a grotesque character as to

cause some doubt as to whether they

are published as burlesque, or in

downright earnest. The following

from the El Heraldo, one of the

"But behind and beyond the natural

fear of Americans to meet the brave Spanish army upon land, or our gallant

navy upon the sea, is the danger the Yankee Republic runs of facing a rev-

olution at home. It is a fact well

only by means of armed force sta-

tioned in the late Confederate States

has the Washington Government been

able to preserve the semblance of peace. Even now the new generation

the word to revolt. When war is de-

clared General Lee, who has been Con-

sul-General at Havana, and who was

kicked out of Cuba by Governor Gen-

eral Blanco, will raise the standard of

revolt in the old Southern Confed-

was General-in-Chief of the Civil War

in 1850 and 1855, and whose surrender

to General Lincoln, in the last named

year, broke the revolution. His acts

at Havana were for the purpose of

the Kingdom of Spain, at which time

ne and his followers would rise against

the United States opposing her, for the

Government at Washington will be

busily engaged in putting down a civil

This was published just before the

declaration of war and its purpose

was to stiffen the backbone of the

Madrid Government and of the

people by showing what a contempti-

ble foe they had to confront, and

what a soft snap the Spaniards would

have in tackling this country. With

such dense ignorance among men who

pose as educators, what can be ex-

pected of the masses of the Spanish

The strategy board in Washing-

ton presumably knows what it is do-

ing, but it isn't contributing much

to popular satisfaction by its fre-

quent changes of programme. "On

to Cuba" one day and hold up in on

to Cuba the next day, when several

times repeated, is a strain on

patience, and rather disappointing.

The intention may have been to

move on Cuba in force when it was

reported that the Spanish squadron

had gone back from Cape Verde

to Cadiz, but it seems to us that

this Government should have some

way of ascertaining definitely

whether that fleet had arrived at

move on Cuba. Finding that the

was next reported at Martinique, was

change in the plan of invasion, if

there was a reasonable prospect of

coming up with that fleet and giving

it battle. The Spaniards are evi-

they have been so successful in con-

cealing their whereabouts and in

eluding our ships, that the prospect

of catching them now is not very

encouraging. If that fleet can be

found and forced to battle, that is

the thing to do before moving on to

be cleared, and attention and energy

centered on Havana, without any

hovering fleet to divert or make it

In the bombardment of the forts

at San Juan we have another illus-

tration of the wretched marksman-

ship of the Spanish gunners. Men-

patches of the Krupp guns used in

the action, and yet there wasn't an

American ship hurt, one man killed

and seven wounded by flying splin-

damage done in a firing that lasted

watch on it.

'It is not likely that Spain will find

unging the government into war with

This Lee is the same Lee who

leading papers of Madrid is

der it in a little while.

The people of Brooklyn, N. Y. are becoming addicted to the banana habit, and the other fruit dealers feel so blue about it that they are gotten of a colossaly developed and moving to get Congress to put a colossally ridiculous pride, which heavy tax on bananas so as to diswill have the stilts knocked from uncourage their importation. The banana is a very seductive fruit after one becomes acquainted with

> It is stated that in some of our cities 90 per cent. of the volunteers rejected were rejected on account of physical defects caused by cigarette smoking. The Spaniards are nearly all cigarette smokers, which is doubtless one of the reasons why they can't handle, guns better than

> One well directed shot from the Olympia did the business for the Spanish Admiral's flag ship at Manila. It was an eight-inch shell which gave her the delirium tre mens, exploded her boilers, killed her captain and sixty men and set her on fire. That was good firing.

The warships of either this country or of Spain may pass through the Suez Canal. But the warships of this country will not have any oceasion to, and the warships of Spain will not make the occasion. They will stay closer to home, where they may be needed more. of the Confederacy is but waiting for

> Editor Larry Godkin takes com fort in the discovery that the Spanish commanders at Manila were brave. Perhaps Larry may start a subscription to build a monument to them as a further proof of his loyalty to Spain and admiration for

> Sir Thomas Lipton, of London, is achieving fame as a public benefactor. He is establishing restaurants throughout the city where he will serve good 8-cent dinners, an idea caught probably from the poor man's friend, Mills, in New York.

The Government wants 8,000 tons of armor plate for the battleships Wisconsin, Alabama and Illinois, and it ought to be good stuff, for the battleships of these days need good tough coats. But the fracas will be over before these ships go out to swim.

Commodore Dewey's only son is in the commission business in New York. He has a brother living in Montpelier, Vt., who celebrated his fiftieth wedding anniversary and the battle of Manila at the same time.

When Senator Sewell, of New Jersey, learned that he couldn't be a Brigadier General and a Senator at the same time, he threw up the generalship and held on to the Senatorship, which is the softer and more comfortable snap.

Mules don't go to waste in Cuba. When our shots kill any of them, the Spaniards eat 'em.

BACK FROM CAMP GRIMES.

Mr. Rob Fowler Returned to the City Yesterday-He Talks About His Raleigh Experiences.

Mr. Rob Fowler, of the Wilmington Light Infantry, who went to Raleigh with the company when they volunteered, and failed to pass the examination, returned to the city yesterday afternoon looking quite well, save that he is bronzed by his brief camp life experience. He, as the STAR has heretofore announced, was turned down by the examining physician on

account of defective eyes. As Mr. Fowler passed down Front street yesterday afternoon, his fatigue uniform showing the effect of travelling, and his knapsack slung over his shoulders, he was an object of general is a general fayorite in society. interest. And when he chanced to stop, a group of eager listeners quickly gathered to catch every word that he might speak regarding life at Camp Grimes or the gallant soldier boys he had left there. And indeed they were not disappointed, for he tells many stories, laughable and serious, which illustrate both the bright and dark sides of the experi-

ences through which they are passing. In speaking of the examinations to which they were subjected, he said it was almost impossible to "learn the ropes" and hoodwink the physician, as they rarely examined any two in suc-

cession alike. Mr. Fowler will resume the duties of the position he held in the railroad offices prior to volunteering.

AFFAIR AT CARDENAS RESTRAINING ORDER

Served Upon F. W. Foster, Late

Member of Board of County

Commissioners.

TO SHOW CAUSE WEDNESDAY

With the Other Ex-Commissioners Why

the Injunction Should Not Be Con-

tinued-Their Offices Having

Been Declared Vacant.

Last night at just 15 minutes before

12 o'clock, an injunction and restrain-

ing order was served upon Col. F. W.

Foster, restraining him from interfer-

ing with the office of County Commis

sioners or acting as such. And also

ordering him to show cause, Wednes-

day, May 18th, at Fayetteville, why

the injunction should not be con

tinued to a hearing. Similar injune

tions and orders will be served upon

them last night for the reason that

they reside in the country. Deputy

Sheriff Washington King served the

injunction upon Col. Foster at his res-

This procedue is the result of an

application made to Attorney General

Walser May 13th by the Democratic

County Commissioners Roger Moore,

W. F. Alexander, J. L. Boatwright,

John Barry and James Cowan for

leave to institute quo warranto pro-

ceedings against Col. F. W. Foster, F.

J. Dempsy and Jordan Nixon for their

right and title to the office of County

Commissioners of New Hanover

The Attorney General granted the

application, and yesterday at Fayette-

ville Judge O. H. Allen issued the in-

junction and restraining order, which

was served upon Col. Foster last

Readers of the STAR are familiar

with the conditions which have led up

to the pending suit. It will be re-

membered that Col. Jno. D. Taylor,

pointed three County Commissioners

to succeed Commissioners Foster,

Dempsey and Nixon, their offices

having been declared vacant by rea-

son of the recent ruling of the Supreme

Court in the case from Bladen county.

Commissioners J. L. Boatwright, John

Barry and James Cowan were Col.

Taylor's appointees, and Col. Moore

and Mr. Alexander, as members of the

The allegation made to Judge

Allen in praying the issuance of the

injunction was that Col. Foster, Mr.

Dempsey and Jordan Nixon were not

county commissioners as by the decree

of the Supreme Court in the Bladen

county case their offices were ipso

facto vacated by their having accepted

office as a Board of Education. The

charge was also made that Col. Foster

and his two associates were attempting

to draw orders on the county treasurer

n defiance of the act of the Legisla-

ture prescribing that 4 commissioners

shall unite before a county order can

be drawn; that they have extracted the

jury boxes from the room of the

County Commissioners now in the

PENDER COUNTY.

Republican Convention—Lockey Endorsed

for Judge of the Sixth District and

Croom for Congress.

C. P. Lockey, Esq., of this city, was

endorsed yesterday by the Pender

County Republican Convention for

Superior Court Judge for this, the

Sixth, Judicial district. And Mr. R.

M. Croom, of Pender county, was en-

Mr. Lockey received a special de

ivery letter last night from a friend

who was in attendance, in which this

announcement was made. The con-

vention was held yesterday at Burgaw.

No endorsement was made for the

office of solicitor, the sentiment of the

convention having been, Mr. Lockey's

informant said, decidedly in favor of

Republican-Populist fusion, in the

event of which they favor leaving

the selection of a candidate for solici-

The convention yesterday was the

first held by the Republicans in this

district. C. P. Lockey, Esq., their

choice for judge, is attorney for the

city of Wilmington, having been

elected to that office several weeks

Lieutenant Edwin Anderson, of this

city, one of the officers of the cruiser

Marblehead, was in the thickest of the

fight at Cienfuegos last Wednesday.

will be found in the STAR of this

Little Mabel Grady, the 4-year-old

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Grady,

died Saturday night and was buried

quite sudden, the child having been

taken with spasms about 9.30 P. M.

ago by the Board of Aldermen.

acts to the public injury.

dorsed for Congress.

tor for the Populists.

Lieut. Edwin Anderson

A Sad Death.

possession of the plaintiffs and do other

old Board, act with them.

Clerk of the Superior Court, ap-

Great Sorrow in Wilmington at the Death of Ensign Worth Bagley.

HAD MANY FRIENDS HERE

The Winslow and the Hudson Not Long Since Were in This Port-Lieut. F. H. Newcomb a Former Resident and Well Known Here.

The horrible and untimely death of Ensign Worth Bagley on board the torpedo boat Winslow, as announced on the STAR's bulletin board vesterday forenoon and told more in detail in subsequent dispatches, caused great sorrow among Wilmington people, more especially because the gallant young Ensign was known personally by many of our people and was a near kinsman to some of Wilmington's foremost families, having been a nephew of the late David G. Worth and therefore first cousin to Messrs. C. W. and James S. Worth, two of this city's best known and most promising young

Ensign Bagley's father, the late William H. Bagley, was for many years the able Clerk of the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

The story of the unfortunate engagement between the Spanish fortifications and the Winslow, the Wilmington and the Hudson in Cardenas bay is narrated in detail in the telegraphic columns of the STAR this morning, and the brilliant record made by Ensign Worth Bagley is also well told in the same connection.

Expressions of deepest sorrow were heard on every side yesterday, as groups of men stood upon the street corners and in public places discuss ing the sad news. It was only a few months ago that Ensign Bagley was in Wilmington, the occasion having been the visit of the Winslow, with several other boats of her class, to this port while en route from Fort Monroe to here think that just ahead such a horrible end was in store for him. The STAR chronicles his death with deepest sorrow, but rejoices that he fell at his post, fighting valiantly for "home and native land."

Referring again to the fight in Cardenas bay, it will be of interest to recall that the Hudson which took quite an active part in the conflict and towed the disabled Winslow out of the fight was also in this port only a few days ago. It will be remembered that she put in here for harbor April 28th while the storm was raging along the Atlantic coast. She was moored along side the Nantucket at the government wharf. Her commander, Lieutenant F. H. Newcomb is well known here, having commanded the Colfax while she was stationed here.

The Hudson was formerly a gov ernment boarding vessel in service at New York, but was recently fitted up along with the Morrill, the Colfax and other revenue cutters for war service. She has two 6-pound guns and a Colt's automatic six-millimeter machine gun which fires 420 shots a minute. When she left this port she went at once to Key West and Cuban

THE SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Republican Judicial Convention-H. F. Seawell, Populist, Endorsed. Special Star Telegram.]

HAMLET, N. C., May 12.-The Republican Judicial convention for the Seventh district met here to-day. H. F. Seawell, Populist, of Moore

ounty, was endorsed for Judge, and John P. Cameron, Republican, of Richmond county, was nominated for

MAXTON, May 12.—The Populist convention of the Seventh Judicial district was held here to-day. Seawell, Populist, was nominated for Judge, and Cameron, the nominee of the Republican convention at Hamlet to-day, was endorsed for Solicitor.

Romantic Marriage.

A marriage in which a number of Wilmington people were interested, and to which much of romance attached, was that of Captain Richard S. Ker, of West Augusta Guards, Co. K. Second Virginia Regiment, to Miss Jessie Shepherd McNeill, daughter of Mr. George P. McNeill, formerly of Fayetteville, but now of Staunton, Va. The marriage was celebrated in Emanual Church, Staunton, last Wednesday. The wedding was to have taken place next October, but Capt. Ker's company having been called out for service Wednesday, the couple decided to get married at once. The groom spent only a half hour with his bride before leaving with his company for Richmond. Capt. Ker is a rising young lawyer and his bride

He Peared the Spaniards.

In the vault at the Register of Deeds office there is a will which is of in terest just now. It was recorded on December 18th, 1743. The testator was William Rigby, of Wilmington. The feature of especial interest is that a vessel, the brigantine John and William, was mentioned as on a voyage from Wilmington to the West Indies, and the testator records the following prayer in the will: "God forbid that my ship, brigantine John and William, should fall into the hands of the Spaniards."

- Bellamy will be nominated for Congress in this district on the first ballot, possibly by acclamation.

A WELCOME VISITOR.

U. S. Revenue Cutter Colfax in Port for a Few Hours-Met the Monitor Nantucket Thursday.

The United States revenue cutter Colfax spent several hours in this port yesterday, having arrived here about 9.30 A. M., and steamed out toward Southport about 3.30 P. M. She is in command of Captain J. C. Mitchell, than whom there is no braver or more genial captain in the service.

The Colfax is one of the few revenue cutters which have not been epuipped and detailed for naval service. However, Captain Mitchell says he "is protecting the Atlantic coast." The Captain's associate officers are: First Lieutenant W. I. Howland, Chief Engineer J. T. Tupper and Pılot Dennis. The crew numbers thirty-three, offi-

ers and men. The cutter's armament is the same which she carried on previous visits to this port-three guns. two 24-pound howitzers and a 6-pound ex-Commissioners F. J. Dempsey and Hotchkiss rapid-fire gun. She has no Jordan Nixon sometime Monday. It armor plate. was impossible to serve the papers on

The Colfax is doing regular cutter service between Port Royal, Charleston and Wilmington. Capt. Mitchell says he met the Nantucket off Cape Romain at 8 o'clock Thursday morning. He hailed her and "all well on board" was their response to inquiry. They were making about six knots an hour.

The cutter held target practice with artillery and rifles off Georgetown Wednesday. She spent last night at Southport, and will go to Charleston to-day.

In speaking of the possibility of Spanish gunboats shelling Wilmington from the coast, Captain Mitchell said the idea was ridiculous. They could not elevate their guns to this range in the first place and even if they could, every shot would cost them \$1,200, and they must make better use of their limited supply of ammunition. He spoke quite highly of the fortifications and submarine mine defences at the mouth of the Cape Fear river and argued that Wil mington is as safe as any inland city so far as attack from the Spaniards is

There is little probability Capt. Mitchell thinks of any trouble from yellow fever during the coming Summer on account of the close relation with Cuba. An ideal system for protection is being inaugurated by the government.

The Colfax will doubtless return to Wilmington soon for a stay of several days. At least this is Capt. Mitchell's present plan.

LAURINBURG SET THE PACE.

Grand Democratic Rally-Great Crowd in Attendance-Great Enthusiasm-Parade, Speeches, Etc.

[Special Star Telegram.] LAURINBURG, N. C., May 12.-Laurinburg set the pace to-day to the balance of North Carolina. From her let the cry go out: "Away with corrupt legislatures; wavering, hating, undecided and unscrupulous chief magistrates; and let there be set up instead an Anglo-Saxon, the straightest sect, elected by the white people of the

State.'

Although these are busy times with the farmers, and one would hardly expect them to leave their crops to engage so early in the political battles of the year, they came in any way from every where; from upper Robeson, all portions of Richmond, and the border counties of South Carolina, so anxious were they to join in the fight that is to show the Republicans of the State what we are going to do for them in November next. The cavalcade, led by Chief Marshal T. C. McEachin, followed by the McColl Cornet band, was an imposing sight, and was greeted with cheer after cheer as it passed through the various streets of the town. Music and the boom of our little Zeb Vance cannon put everybody in tune for the message. The Hon. Locke Craig, of Asheville, and C. B. Aycock, of Goldsboro, were the first speakers of the day. Mr. Locke Craig was eloquently introduced by Mr. G. B. Patterson, of Maxton, N. C. Mr. Craig's reputation as an orator is too well known to attempt a description. To say he sustained his reputation would be a compliment sufficient But we must say more. It was grand sweeping, and at times very eloquent. Smile food was so interwoven with

hard logic that all felt sorry when he Mr. W. H. Neal, of this place, in few happy remarks, introduced Mr. C. B. Aycock as the silver-tongued orator of the East. Mr. Aycock is always at home when speaking and was never more so than to-day. He was logical, convincing and funny all in the same strain. His thrusts had edge to them and his talk was the kind to draw all He was second in command of the white men together. He said every launches sent to cut the cable, and it was on these that nearly all the fellow felt better as a Democrat and casualties occurred. Lieutenant An- he knows his wife loves him better. derson escaped unhurt, but almost by His speech was styled as "the song

a miracle. The full story of the fight that reaches my heart. Both speakers were presented with handsome bouquets by the ladies of Laurinburg.

To-day's work is as bread cast upon the waters that will return. You will hear from it again.

Lieutenant Morton Takes the Oath.

vesterday afternoon. The death was Lieutenant Geo. L. Morton received his commission yesterday as Lieutenand died within an hour. Mr. James ant of the United States Navy, bearing Grady, father of the deceased child, is date of May 2d. Shortly after he took on board the hospital ship Solace, the oath of allegiance before 'Squire J. which sailed from Norfolk to Key M. McGowan, justice of the peace. West two weeks ago and is to sail within a few days for Cuban waters. Before the Nantucket was put in service, Mr. Grady was one of the ship-keepers on board that staunch mon-Lieutenant Morton has already demonstrated his fitness for a high place in the Navy, and the STAR hopes that this is only the first of a series of pro-

NEWS FROM RALEIGH

NO. 32

Capt. MacRae Announces Appointments for the Wilmington Light Infantry.

SECOND REGIMENT READY.

The Late Easign Bagley—His Mother Receiving Telegrams of Sympathy from All Parts of the Country-The Pop. State Convention.

[Special Star Correspondence.] RALEIGH, N. C., May 14.

Capt. MacRae, of the Wilmington company, expects to be mustered in this morning. He has made arrangements to secure the necessary numper of men which he was lacking. When the Murphy company arrives

next week the Second regiment will be complete. The Murphy company will bring a large number of extra men and with these the ranks of the weaker companies will be recruited.

Colonel Armfield went to States ville yesterday and he is expected back here to-day. During his absence Lieutenant Colonel Cowles has charge

Mrs. Bagley is receiving telegrams from prominent people all over the country expressing deepest sympathy with her in her distress. The remains of Ensign Bagley are expected here Monday, arriving at 1:40. If there is misconnection, the remains will not arrive until Monday late in the afternoon. In that event the funeral will be held Tuesday. It has been arranged for the remains to lie in state in the rotunda of the capitol from the time of their arrival until the hour of the funeral. The funeral will be held from the South of the capitol. There is no church in the city that would begin to ccommodate the people desiring to attend the funeral exercises.

When Governor Russell first went into office, news of the granting of pardons was given to the press. Now appears that the rule inaugurated v the Governor is not being kept. Yesterday a pardon was granted to Sam Hulford, a life time convict from

Rutherford county.
Otho Wilson claims that the delegates to the Populist State Convention, which meets here Tuesday, are two to one against Senator Butler and Demo-[Special Star Telegram.]

The following appointments are announced by Capt. MacRae: D. T. Cronlý, first sergeant; J. S. Hooper, quartermaster sergeant; W. A. Whitney, second sergeant; Cuthbert Martin, third sergeant; C. D. Myers fourth ser geant; J. R. Windley, fifth sergeant Corporals, Richard Bradley, E. Forshee, C. J. Woodward, C. McD. Davis, C. F. Green, H. W. Turren-

The Second regiment is very slow organizing.

HOMICIDE IN NASH.

A Man Named Cooper Shot and Killed at Spring Hope Monday

[Star Correspondence.]

GOLD ROCK, N. C., May 11. A Mr. Cooper was shot and killed in Spring Hope, N. C., last Monday night by an unknown party.

The town commissioners passed law that no stock should run at large in the town, and Mr. Cooper allowed his sheep—seven in number—to run out. The police pounded them, and charged Cooper 25c for each, which he would not pay. That night the police with several others watched the pen, and about one o'clock Cooper came and attempted to break open the pen. The officer ordered him to halt and it is said Cooper opened fire, which was returned by the police and others, and both parties ran away. It was not known any one was hurt until Tuesday morning, when Cooper was found dead at the place of the shooting, with a shot gun lying near The policeman went to Nashville and gave himself up to the sheriff Details of the coroner's inquest have not come out yet.

CAPTURED AMERICANS.

Newspaper Correspondents Held by the Spanish-Flag of Truce Sent to Havana Asking Exchange.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, May 15 .- (From a Spanish orrespondent)-The Spaniards recently captured two Americans, both of whom claim to be newspaper correspondents and one of whom says he is an electrical engineer. They were taken to Alado. One carried a camera wore a small five-pointed star and had a quantity of mail matter on his person. When captured they threw themselves upon Spanish generosity and shouted "Viva Espana." It is reported that a third member of the party made his escape by swimming. The two who were captured arrived

here to-day and were taken to Caballoria wharf, and from there were car-

AUXILIARY CRUISER YALE.

Sailed Vesterday from St. Thomas, Under Orders.

[Copyrighted 1898 by the Associated Press.] ST. THOMAS, DANISH WEST INDIES. May 15.—The United States auxiliary liner Paris, has been at this port awaiting orders from the Navy Department at Washington.

The Yale, upon receipt of orders from the department and information cruiser Yale, formerly the American

concerning Spanish vessels being at Martinique, cleared from St. Thomas at 5 o'clock and sailed west.

LONDON, May 15.—A special dispatch received here from Madrid by way of Paris says a report is current at the Spanish capital that the United States auxiliary cruiser Yale, formerl the American line steamer Paris, loaded with munitions of war, has been captured by a Spanish cruiser. There is absolutely no confirmation of the report, which is discredited.

- Curves-"How could Penelope marry that bow-legged man?" "She doesn't mind it; he matches her dachs-hund."—Chicago Record.



SPANISH FLEET OFF VENEZUELA.

Four Cruisers and Two Torpedo **Boat Destroyers Reported** at Curacoa.

SAMPSON'S SHIPS OFF HAYTI.

The Flying Squadron Arrived Yesterday at Charleston, S. C., and Salled Last Night Under Orders for Key West.

[Copyrighted 1898 by the Associated Press.] CURACAO, May 15 .- The Spanish cruisers Maria Teresa, Vizcaya, Almirante Oquendo and Cristobal Colon and torpedo boat destroyers Pluton and Terror, which arrived off the harbor yesterday morning, are still

Only the Maria Teresa and the Vizcava were admitted to the port. They have bought coal, provisions and medicines, and still remain in port. The other warships are outside waiting.

The statement that the torpedo boat destroyer Terror is with the squadron of Admiral Cervera conflicts with a previous statement that the vessel had been definitely located at Martinique, where she was being drydocked for re-pairs. Probably the Curacao dispatch read Furor, instead of Terror.

Sampson's Fleet.

CAPE HAYTIEN, REPUBLIC OF HAYTI, May 15 .- The United States store ship Supply is still here under

No news of the reported capture of the auxiliary cruiser Yale, formerly the American line steamer Paris, has been received here and the report is

CAPE HAYTIEN, May 15. -The United States torpedo boat Porter and the storeship Supply, which have been here awaiting orders, have sailed to ioin Admiral Sampson's squadron. The squadron passed Cape Haytien to-day. It is uncertain whether it will

turn southward to meet the Spanish fleet or go first to Key West.

The Flying Squadron. CHARLESTON, S. C., May 15.—(On board flagship Brooklyn, the flying squadron, off Charleston, S. C., May 15.)—The four vessels of war comprising the major portion of the flying squadron, Commodore Schley, an-chored off Charleston bar, nine miles from Charleston, at 4.30 o'clock this afternoon, after having been at sea for three days and seeing nothing of the Spanish cruisers or torpedo boats said to be in this locality. The pilots were dropped at Cape Henry on Friday night and the squadron proceeded to sea at a ten-knot squadron speed. At sunset active battle preparations were made. Ports were steel covers, battle covered, the main the ships loaded and men sent to the guns with instructions for a night

batteries of watch to be kept. With all lights extinguished the squadron proceeded in a southeasterly direction. Toward morning, several heavy fog banks were run into and during one of these intervals the collier Sterling became defached. To wait for her was partly the reason that anchorage was made. although Commodore Schley commu nicated at once with Washington and the Navy Department. The only in cident of the trip from Hampton Roads was the holding up of a British steamer that did not display its flag. The Scorpion was sent after and soon over-hauled her. She proved to be the British steamer Elsie, with a load of phosphate rock, bound for Norfolk,

smooth sea. The squadron has been ordered to Key West and sails to-Activity at Key West.

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KEY WEST, FLA., May 15 .- This has here and it is apparent that an important strategic movement is being planned. Commodore Watson arrived on the gunboat Dolphin from the blockading fleet off Havana, orders came thick and fast from Washington, and the naval station authorities

were instructed to make quick preparations to coal the big ships. The ships already in the harbor have been ordered to get up steam without delay, but the officers say they are ignorant of what this may indicate. The announcement from the north of the coming of the flying sduadron strengthens the theory held here that a united movement of some kind is contemplated. Several new orders have been issued affecting more complete protection for Key West harbor. Extra guards and watchmen have been placed about the naval station and store

houses and only government employes are permitted to approach the govern-ment dock. The harbor is almost always crowded with light vessels and the store houses are filled with pro-visions and ammunition for the fleet, so that a sudden attack by the Span-iards could wreak incalculable dam-

TWINKLINGS.

- The Teacher-"What happens when a man's temperature goes down as far as it can go?" The Smart Boy-"He has cold feet ma'am."—Yonkers

- Promp Action: Minnie-"Papa informed me that he was very much opposed to George," Violet—"And what did you say?" Minnie—"I notified Papa that intervention were mean war."—Puck.

-When Hamles