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PORTO RICO IS

Probably to Be the Work of Sampson's Fleet.

Significant Statement of Senators Near President.

TOMORROW, IF BOMBARD-

WASHINGTON, May 5.-There were many conferences today between the y. What we want now is Porto Rico

"As soon as that, Senator?" "Yes," was the reply. "Probably in

While refraining from saying what had transpired during his brief inter statement that the seizure of Porto tico is expected to be effected in a day s thought to be significant.

Senators Frye and Hale of Maine: Allen and Gear, Senator Platt of New York and Representative Curtis of Kansas, and Wadsworth of New York, were among the early callers.

IN DISTRESS

Owing to the war demonstrations in earby waters the island of Navassa. ne of the small islands in the Caribof the proximity to Cuba, Porto Rico and the islands in those waters and the fact that Spanish vessels at any time may intercept and attack vessels going here commerce with the islands sland, mostly from Maryland. The President promised to take the matter up and determine what could be done

PORTO RICO. Despite the hourly expectations of an official dispatch from Dewey via advices at the White House up to 11

Persons who were with the President

Settle of Kentucky have urged on the

WHERE IS SAMPSON:

and bring her in safety to the north. Still another report is that the admiral nas gone to seize Matanzas, as a base operations. The officials refuse absolutely to make public any informa-

NO WORD FROM DEWEY. The Navy Department officials have oncluded that there is little prospect of receiving news from Commodore merchant vessel may reach Hong Kong from the Philippine islands oringing some news of the battle and the subsequent events at Manila. It is practically settled that the cable can n shore somewhere near its landing Dewey at this time. The official cal-

cualtions are as follows: The latest authentic and direct news affirms. demand for the surrender of Manila Sunday afternoon. He, at the same at the expiration of 24 hours, which would make the bombardment itself begin Monday afternoon. Presuming a dispatch boat sailed at the earliest moment after the bombardment, Monday evening, and allowing three days for the passage of the ship, is not due at the passage of the ship at

It is already tonight by our time in either place, and possibly the McCuiloch, or some other dispatch boat, is just entering the harbor. Oother delays would occur before the receipt of a caole here through the many relay sta-

hance of official news coming during REVOLUTION IN PORTO RICO.

NEW YORK, April 5 .- A special dispatch from Kingston, Jamaica, asserts that official dispatches passing through that city report that here has been an anti-Spanish uprising in Porto Rico and that the revolutionary movement is well under way. The dispatch has not been confirmed.

tions, so that it thought there is little

the daylight hours.

LONDON, May 5 .- A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Key West, sent by way of Tampa in order to escape censorship, asserts of positive knowledge that Rear Admiral Sampson's fleet will steam at full speed to Porto Rico either to destroy or to occupy the coaling station as a naval base before the Spanish squadron arrives, and then put o sea and try to engage the Cape Verde

PORTO RICO. The configuration of Porto Rico is ifferent from that of Cuba. The land ises immediately from the seashore nto a group of hills and mountains, ulminating in a peak 3678 feet high l'hese mountains are covered with magnificent timber and intersected with lovely valleys, watered by running streams, with a deep, rich soil that produces luxuriant crops of all tropical stapues. It is said to be even more ertile than that of Cuba, if such a thing were possible. The chief products are sugar, tobacco, coffee, rice, cotton and fruits of all kinds, and the arable and is pretty well taken. There are supposed to be very rich mineral deposits. Gold, iron, copper, lead, salt and antimony have been found, and some of the mines have been worked for 200 or 300 years with a profit; but agriculture has paid so much better that the mineral resources have been

The climate of Porto Rico is much nore healthy than that of Cuba, and is as good as that of any tropical counry on earth, owing to the absence of wamps, jungles and other lowlands which breeds marlaria. The mercury often falls as low as 50 degrees Fahren never rises above 85 degrees in midummer. The nights are always cool. Porto Rico is densely populated, the otal number of people enumerated at the last census being 748,709, or more Ninety per cent, of the population are pure blooded descendants of the slaves that were brought over from Africa by the Spaniards. The white popuation does not exceed 50,000-35,000 Outchmen, Danes, Chinese, South Americans and Canary Islanders. Only 96,867 of the population can read and write and these constitute the upper arger towns. The blacks are absolute-

left undeveloped.

The capital, San Juan, is a picturwith a poulation of 23,414. Ponce de Leon, on the southern coast, has the argest population and is more popuand prosperous, having 37,000 peo-St. Germaine has 30,000, and there re two or three other cities of more han 10,000 population.

San Juan is protected by an enormou which stands upon a which projects into the sea, and is surounded by massinve walls and stone nd cement, in some places 100 feet

The body of Ponce de Leon, who died Cuba of wounds received from the ndians in Florida, was brought to orto Rico and deposited in a lead case nder the altar of the Church of the Dominicans, and in the main plaza of he city is a monument to the memory that romantic seeker of the fountain man who was a lion by name and by

The revenues of Porto Rico have ave han, Barnardsville; S. J. Taylor, J. F. raged about \$4,000,000 a year, but are Shuford, J. A. Bell, C. A. Massagee, W. raged about \$4,000,000 a year, but are early all sent to Spain. Not more han \$500,000 is spent annually on the and most of that goes to susain a garrison of about 20,000 soldiers. The exports and imports will average about \$15,000,000 a year. The large part the commerce is with the United

The people of Porto Rico are much ore peaceably inclined than those of They have suffered less from yranny and taxation, and the island is ettled, that they have been more easily ontrolled by the military.

SUPREME COURT Opinions in Several Cases From

Supreme court has filed opinions One of these is the case Otho W. Budd and Mrs. Berry Vs Southern Railway company, in which suit was brought on account of goods ost in the freight depot fire, the amount being about \$1200. It was heard here before Judge Timberlake and the verdict was for the railroad. The Supreme ourt finds error and the case comes

The court orders a new trial in the ase of Battery Park bank and J. B. Bostic vs. James H. Loughran, a suit on notes for purchase money. The case was tried before Judge Timberlake, and he lower court's verdict was in favor f the defense. In the case of T. M. Andrews vs.

eorge T. Jones. an ejectment suit, the Supreme court finds error. This was ried before Judge Timberlake and was von by the plaintiff The case of Doubleday & Lanler vs. sheville Ice and Coal company was Buncombe court. It grew out of damage to grapes stored with the defendant

ompany, and was won by the plain

tiffs. This judgment the Supreme court A new trial is granted in the case of Cora C. Sims vs. Hiram Lindsey of the bicycle Biltmore steam laundry. The suit was month was heard before Judge Timberlake.

Inspecting the Forts.

SAVANNAH, Ga., May 5.-Capt inventor of the disappearing gun, and Lt.-Col. Smith of the artillery department of the gulf here are inspecting

Food, Alleged Causes.

A Mob of 8000 Miners Make a Demonstration.

EXPORT OF BREAD STUFFS PRO-HIBITED-PREMIUM ON EX-CHANGE ENORMOUS.

MADRID, MAY 5,-The disturbances aused by the high price and scarcity of food continue in the Spanish provinces. There have been frequent conflicts beween the rioters and civil guards, and ooting and shooting are reported at various points. At Barcelona there has been a renewed run on the bank, the holders of the notes demanding silver.

A mob of about 8000 striking miners nade a tumultuous demonstration at Murcia, capital of the province of that name, 30 miles from Port Carthagena. They shouted "Death to thieves!" 'Down with taxes!" and attempted to set fire to the railroad depot and other buildings, and then began a movement towards Carthagena.

A strong force of troops, however, prevented the rioters from moving on the port. A number of wounded. A disturbance hreatened at Carthagena, where martial law was proclaimed.

Similar scenes occurred at Oviedo and Leon and at a number of other

Malaga, where the British steam yacht Lady Clemell was recently stoned and

A bill has been introduced in ortes to prohibit the exportation of orn, flour, rye, maize, potatoes and on exchange-now II per cent-have ommenced immense exportations of iated bills in the foreign markets. These exports created a scarcity of food, which is largely responsible for he rioting throughout Spain

HELPING MURPHY. Recruits for That Company Being Secured Here.

W. N. Cooper, recruiting officer repreenting the Murphy military company s here to secure recruits for that organization. Mr. Cooper has headquarers in the Paragon building and desires to enroll about 10 additional volunteers. The following names have aleady been received:

H. R. Tatham, Andrews; J. L. Cham-pers, Marble; J. L. Johnson, Ranger; S. B. Henry, Murphy; Thomas McNeely, youth. The inscription reads: "This Morganton; J. F. Jarvis, J. B. Wilson, arrow grave contains the remains of Joshua McCrary, Asheville; C. N. Frisman who was a lion by name and by bee. Leicester; C. G. Mears, Leicester; R. S. Alcardi, Asheville; T. W. McMa-Crook, Asheville; Tom Har-iBltmore; L. M. Wilson, oBone. Her-Brown, D. bert Boone, W. A. Davis, B. A. Roberts, W. P. Bishop, W. M. Caswell, C. F.

Bard, J. C. Parker, Harold Johnston, The Asheville volunteers have asked o be allowed to name the first lieutenant and first sergeant of the company phy members would approve of such a course. Should the request be granted t is likely that Harold Johnston will be chosen to fill the first named office.

NEW MILITARY COMPANY 48 Charter Members Enrolled Last Evening.

At the meeting held in the armory last evening to organize a new military ompany, 48 names of charter members vere enrolled. There were also a number of additional applications for membership, and those who desire to be-come members will receive early consideration. Only 12 additional members

are wanted, however, Ex-Lieutenant John A. Wagner, jr was made chairman of the organization and H. S. Courtney was made secre-

pointed as follows: John A. Wagner, H. S. Courtney, T. M. Kimberly, Harry Smith, H. M. Moody, E. B. Stradley, T. L. Durham, T. H. Bishop, C. M. John-son, Herbert Reynolds, H. L. Morris, A. E. Rankin, A. Thompson and C. D Clarke.

held this evening, and it is likely permanent organization will be effected. Practically all those who joined the new company expressed a willingness tried before Judge Norwood in the to go anywhere should their services

Bioycle Races. Hough & Dunham, the Asheville Cy

le company, and J. M. Hearn & Co. are making arrangements for a program of bicycle road races for about a hence. for damages for the loss of a child's city will offer prizes, and the hand, and the verdict in the lower event will be one to attract all court was for the defendant. This case lovers of this sport. Asheville wheellovers of this sport. Asheville wheel-men should begin training for the

A Treat for Marion.

Arrangements have been completed for the presentation of "A Modern Ananias" at Marion tomorrow evening by Asheville amateurs. The play has been

THE BULLETINS.

LONDON-An attempt was made last night outside the theatres by means of circulars to influence public opinion against the United States.

The Eastern Telegraph company says neither President McKinley nor anyone else has received a message from Dewdynasty and the government of Spain are doomed.

WASHINGTON-No word from Dew-A Portugese gunboat has arrived at

the Azores islands to enforce neutral-MADRID-Disturbances continue in

the provinces. Looting and shooting. PARIS-It is reported that negotiations are pending between the United States and Britain, by which the latter is to support the former if the powers intervene in favor of Spain.

KEY WEST-Leyden, a dispatch boat, has returned from Cuba where she landed a scout who communicated with the insurgents.

MADRID-At Murica, 30 miles from

Carthagena, 8000 miners were rioting, and a conflict with the troops occurred Riots are occurring in many places.

"THE ASHEVILLE TROOP." Meeting to be Held at K. P. Hall Temorrow Evening.

The movement for the organization o a troop of cavalry to be known as "The Asheville Troop" is fast materializing. The first formal step will be taken tomorrow evening at 8:30, when a meetng will be held at K. P. hal! on South Main street, at which those interested in the movement will decide on organization and other matters. The following gentlemen signed the agreement

and call for the meeting: George S. Powell, Fred A. Hull, John . Rumbough, S. T. Dorsett, Frederick Rutledge, N. A. Reynolds, W. S. Ray. George Henderson, E. B. Atkinson, P. Cocke, H. E. Heinitsh, M. V. Moore E. W. Patton, J. E. Rumbough, F. Stikeleather, D. G. Noland, W. E. Johnson, F. R. Grant, R. M. Wells, J. D. Carrier, J. H. Lange, Frank O'Donnell Octave Battle, F. M. Weaver, George . Williamson, Thomas R. Harrison, T. Sevier, D. E. Sevier, W. H. Bird, W. R. Patterson, Dick Weaver, J. R. Paterson, L. P. McLoud, M. M. Lemmond Gilmer Brenizer, John A. Campbell Marcus Erwin, Haywood Parker, F. W Thomas, J. H. Reynolds, George Mebane, Jesse M. Morgan, R. M. Ramey, Sidney C. Alexander, S. P. Mears Alex. Webb, J. F. Woodbury

ASHEVILLE PR SBYTERY. Highlands Chosen as Place of Next Meeting.

MURPHY, N. C., May 4.-Asheville presbytery met here last night at 7:30 and elected Rev. J. T. Wade of Highlands moderator, and Rev. S. C. Caldell of Hendersonville temporary clerk Rev. A. Walker White and Rev. H. R. Overcash were received into presbytery from other fields of labor. All churches within the presbytery ruit and suppressing the duties on the are represented and the delegates are exceptionally fine specimens of Christian gentlemen. They are hear

ers and doers of the Word. Mr. White delivered a strong sermon last night and Dr. Caldwell preached this morning. The routine business was dispatched and this sitting will last until Friday night. Asheville church is represented by Elder B. M. Lee and Southside by Elder J. B

At the afternoon session Highlands was selected as the next place of meeting, and Rev. J. L. Wicker and Elder H. Faucett were elected delegates to the next general assembly, which meets in New vieans; alternates, Rev. J. F. Wade, Elder M. J. Orr.

EXAMPLE FOR OTHER POWERS. English Public Men Commend

America's Humanity. LONDON, May 3.-The Chronicle has obtained statements from public men oncerning their views of the Spanish

merican war. Mr. Asquith, home secretary in the ate Liberal administration, said: "My sympathies are, and have been from he first, entirely and heartily with the United States. There are always people who can see in great movements of national feeling nothing more than the disguised operation of selfish and sordid forces. I believe that in their resolution to put an end to the cruelties and abominations which a system of incurable misgovernment has inflicted upon Cuba, the American nation is responding to the demands of humanity and liberty, and setting a worthy example to the great Christian powers of the world."

Sir Henry Fowler, formerly secre-tary of state for India, expressed an ppinion of equal strength. He says his sympathies are all on the side of Amerca, and that he believes that England ought to give her full moral support .-N. Y. World.

WILL NOT HAVE LOGAN. Illinois Officers Resolve to Resign if He is Given a Command

SPRINGFIELD, Il., May 3.-It was announced here today that John A. Logar, jr., who was "turned down" by Governor Tanner when he applied for the command of the State cavalry regiment, has induced President McKinley to allow Illinois another cavalry regiment and place him at the head of

The field and staff officers at Camp Tanner held a secret conference and i was given out that in case young Logan is placed in command of a regiment of Illinois troops every officer in the eight regiments will resign. Logan is a resident of Ohio and has never served in the Illinois national guard,-N. Y.

A Morning Paper Fake. VALLEJO, Cal., May 5.-Admiral Kirkland stated to the Associated Press

oday that the report that he had re ceived a message from the Navy De partment, Washington, saying that 200 were killed on the cruiser Baltimore Cotton Futures

NEW YORK, May 5.-Futures quiet

steady. Sales 5000 bales. May, 6.06; June and July, 6.16; August, September and October, 6.19; November, 6.21; De-

cember, 6.22; January, 6.24. FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

The French cabinet has suspended Bread riots continue in Italy and th police have killed a number of per

It is said that Chill has given Argen ina until June 5th to defintely state its position on the boundary dispute.

HOISTED 2 FLAGS SIDE BY SIDE -----

High Price and Scarcity of ey. A letter from Madrid says both the Old Glory Waves on Cuban Good People!

Communication Made With the Insurgent Forces.

THEY NOW KNOW THE PLAN drugs are generally expensive and it OF CAMPAIGN OF THE UNITED STATES.

KEY WEST, April 5 .- The United States boat Leyden, sent to Cuba by the United States early in the week, returned here from Cuba this morning with four of the six Cuban scouts who left here on a mission last Monday. The other scouts were landed, with those who returned, and communication was established with the insurgent

forces under Pedro Delagado. The Leyden was twice fired upon. she bears bullet marks upon her T. C. Smith's Drug Store good drugs smokestack. The Spaniards who opened are on the dispatch boat were driven are used, they are carefully mixed by

back by the insurgents. Two parties were landed on Cuban soil, one of them having a sharp en. lawful prescriptionsts and legitimate gagement with the Spanish forces one of the parties consisted, according to report, of a commission from Washington Gomez, which was debarked on the north shore of Santa Clara provnce, from whence an immediate start for the interior was made. The other party, which landed near Mariel, north of Havana, was under the command of he Cuban leader Acosta.

Before this company went ashore the ruiser Wilmington shelled some Spansh cavalry asembled in the vicinity, and when the landing was effected, save a few cents by having your Acostas' detachment charged and outed the Spaniards, who, in the rereat, took with them about 60 wounded comrades. The American and Cuoan colors were hoisted, side by side and have the work done twice to n Cuban soil. TAMPA, May 5.-The steamer Oliette, which has been lying at the

locks of port Tampa for several days, ailed today for Key West. On board Better get the best and have them were Lieut. Col. Lawton of Shafter's taff, inspector general of the south- filled right at once-we fill them western district, and Commodore Waton. On account of the near approach of the time when the United States roops will be called upon to effect a anding in Cuba and the fact that Lawton is on Shafter's staff, a good ical of significance is attached to the leparture. It is supposed Lawton's rip is for the purpose of gathering inormation possible as to the movement of the Spanish fleet and the disposition f the Spanish forces in Cuba.

REV. J. L. KENNEDY. to Brazil Visiting Asheville

Rev. James L. Kennedy, a minister of the M. E. church, South, to Brazil, arrived yesterday from Knoxville and s visiting Capt. and Mrs. J. E. Ray on Hillside street. Last evening Mr. Kennedy gave a talk on missionary life n Brazil, at the prayer meeting of North Asheville Methodist church. He elated incidents occurring during his

ministry in that country, and the talk was extremely interesting. Rev. Mr. Kennedy formerly lived in Asheville and has a number of friends among the older residents. He is a son of Rev. Dr. J. S. Kennedy, formerly president of the Asheville Female colege and now a member of the Holston conference. Mr. Kennedy left here 17 years ago. Sunday morning Mr. Kennedy will preach at Central church, and in the

evening at North Asheville. AT CAMP GRIMES. The Boys All Well-A Salem Man's

Bad Break. RALEIGH, N. C., May 5 .- [Special.1 The Adjutant General was confidenially informed today by an ex-Confederate veteran that a Salem man, named Eugene Foucht, has displayed in fron of his office a United States recruiting poster and near by a blackboard with nese words, "No man who ever fought Uncle Sam need apply."
The Adjutant General telegraphed Foucht, ordering an instant removal of his obnoxious exhibit and denouncing

him in plain terms for his disloyalty.

Camp Grimes was thoroughly cleaned

this morning. There is no sickness in

camp. Drills have begun. The Golds

boro, Reidsville and Waynesville com-

panies have been mustered in. May Wheat \$1.37. CHICAGO, May 5 .- May wheat sold

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prescriptions filled with poor drugs,

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