BEFORE SANTIAGO

Preparations for an Attack on the Enemy's Lines Nearing Completion.

PLACING OUR GUNS IN POSITION

Roads Repaired So Wagon Trains Can Reach the Front--- Cause of Delay of Attack Thereby Overcome... Scouting Parties Out in all Directions---No | Spaniards Encountered---Troops Held in Marching Order ... Water Supply Good ... General

> Pando Marching Toward Santiago .-- That City's Water Supply Cut Off.

> > but the disease is not epidemic.

high ground overlooking the sea. The

nights and mornings are cool and

pleasant, but the midday sun is hard

on the unacclimatized troops in the

the troops will go through in good

MOVEMENTS TO THE FRONT.

The movements of the troops to the

front are steadily going on. The

American and Cuban infantry and

cavalry and long lines of mule-pack-

trains and batteries of artillery choke

all the roadways over the hills to San-

At 10 o'clock this morning General

Person's brigade, the Second, Tenth

and Twenty-first infantry of the First

division, General Kemp commanding,

cruiser Yale came in sight with the

new arrivals of American volunteers,

consisting of the Thirty-third regi-

ment and one battalfon of the Thirty-

fourth regiment of Michigan infantry,

commanded by Colonels Peterman and

Boynton. Brigadier General Duffield

accompanied them and the men are

now encamped, awaiting the rest of

the Thirty-fourth Michigan and the

Ninth Massachusetts regiment, on

board the Harvard, which vessel is ex-

THE AMERICAN ADVANCE.

At the front on the Rio Guama, Mon-

day, June 27, (noon), per the Associat-

12:35 p. m.-The American front has

ing of the Rio Guama, about a mile,

and in an air line three and a half

miles from the Spanish entrenchments.

General Lawton's brigade rests on

the road to Santiago de Cuba. The

Third brigade, under General Chaffee,

The First brigade, the Eighth. Twen-

General Wheeler, with the cavalry,

the Rio Guama. A strong line of out-

SKIRMISHES.

General Chaffee's brigade, with 3,000

Cubans under General Aguirra and

several hundred under Colonel Gon-

zales, was skirmishing towards the

city this morning. The Cubans had

several slight skirmishes with the

Spaniards stationed on the hills on the

American right flank, and our auxili-

aries occupied the blockhouses in that

vicinity which were evacuated before

daybreak by the Spaniards. The lat-

ter retreated towards Santiago de Cu-

General Lawton, General Chaffee and

General Wheeler have thoroughly re-

connoitred the Spanish position, and

with the aid of information furnished

by the Cubans, have very good maps

of the roads and defences of the city.

Much information has also been ob-

tained from Spanish pacificos who

food. They report great starvation

and distress in Santiago. They say

the Spanish troops are on short ra-

tions and that all the supplies are

being held for their use. The sick

in the hospitals, the pacificos say, are

suffering from lack of food and they

iards were killed and that eight-nine

vere wounded as the result of the en-

gagement on Friday last with Colonel

SPANISH REINFORCEMENTS

The most startling information ob-

tained from the pacificos is that since

the advance began almost 20,000 Span-

he is also of the opinion that General

Pando may be able to effect a junction

with General Linares at Santiago de

DEFENSES OF SANTIAGO.

Punta Blanco, at the southern end of

the bay, and Santa Ursula, at the south-

the north, is another fort. There are

about 450 men in each of these forti-

fications and stretching around the

whole city are nine barbed wire fences,

fifty yards apart, while just inside

these are lines of rifle pits. Outside, to

the eastward, about two miles beyond

the American outposts, is a line of

There are two forts of considerable

Wood's and Young's commands.

ba. No fatilities are reported.

sition on the right flank.

posts is maintained ahead.

pected here tonight.

tiago de Cuba.

(Copyright by Associated Press.) Off Santiago de Cuba, Monday June 27, via Kingston, Ja., June 28, 9 a. m.-Lieutenant Victor Blue, of the auxiliary gunboat Suwanee, returned to the fleet today from another investigating trip ashore. He reported that Admiral Cervera's ships are all in the harbor. With the exception of one torpedo boat destroyer, they are at anchor and

show no signs of activity. Lieutenant Blue went ashore on Saturday, to the west of Morro castle, accompanied by some Cuban guides. He advanced until about two miles north of Cabana and almost up to the enemy's batteries. He traveled sixty miles and re-joined the Suwanee this morning. At one time the lieutenant was at a Cuban outpost, separated

"They popped away at each other all the time," said Lieutenant Blue, "but I do not think the Cubans hurt the Spaniards very much, and I know the Spaniards did not hurt the Cubans."

Lieutenant Blue was able to accurately locate the position of each of Admiral Cervera's ships.

Rear Admiral Sampson warned his fleet this morning to exercise great care in shooting at the hills east of Morro castle, pointing out that the American army had advanced and that our own troops might be deployed on the hillside.

A BATTLE EXPECTED TODAY.

It is hardly likely that any serious action will be taken by the navy until Wednesday. By that time the army is expected to be ready for another forward movement.

The dynamite cruiser Vesuvius fired three shells last night. They fell in the vicinity of Morro castle and the eastern batteries.

During the night a loud explosion occurred on shore, near Aguadores. It is believed to have been caused by the Spaniards trying to blow up the rail-

road trestle near that place. It is now said that Juragua may be selected as the permanent coaling harbor for the fleet.

The Dolphin has gone to the Havana blockade and the Helena and the Yankton have gone to the southern blockade.

A bulletin issued to the fleet by Rear Admiral Sampson yesterday, said

From a report made by one of the wounded, a nephew of Surgeon Berryhill, of the flagship New York, a considerable part of the damage to our troops on Friday last was done by seven-millimetre machine guns manned by seamen, so that there would seem to be some probability in the report of the use ashore of the crews of Admiral Cervera's squadron."

Washington, June 28.-The war department late this afternoon posted the following telegrams:

"Biaquiri, June 27, "Via Playa del Este, June 28. "Hon. Secretary of War, Washington: The Yale arrived this morning all right. Troops now disembarking. Your son, who has been at the front as a volunteer, assigned to duty on the

staff of General Duffield. "SHAFTER, Major General." "Off Sibony, June 27, 9 p. m. "Via Playa del Este.

"Adjutant General, Washington: "All is progressing well. We occupied today an advance position abandoned by the enemy yesterday on the Sevilla and Santiago road, west of the San Juan river, within three miles 1 of Santiago, and from which it can be plainly seen. SHAFTER,

"Major General Commanding." GENERAL SHAFTER OFF TO THE FRONT.

(Copyright by Associated Press.) Juragua, June 27, Monday, Per Assoclated Press Dispatch Foat Wanda, 6 p. m., via Kingston, Ja., Tuesday, June 28, 1 a. m.-Major General Shafter, in command of the United States army of invasion, arrived here on board the transport Seguranca from Barquiri, with Colonel John Jacob Aston, Captain Stewart Brice and Lieutenants Milay and Noble and his staff,

sary supplies in the surf. Generals Garcia and Castillo paid their respects to the American commander. About an hour later General importance within the Spanish lines, Shafter struck out on the road to the front, in order to consult with General Wheeler and the division commanders | east corner. On the road to Caney, on and look over the field operations before Santiago de Cuba. The general said he would probably return to the

at about 2 o'clock this afternoon. He

superintending the landing of commis-

was met by General Bates, who was

Juragua headquarters tonight. HEALTH OF THE TROOPS. Permanent hospital arrangements are to be provided at Juragua at once. The transport Iroquois, anchored off entrenchments, extending from the the shore, is provided with trained northern extremity of the city to Mor-

pitals will also be erected on a cliff

overlooking the sea, There are very

the rear of Morro castle was reconnoitred yesterday afternoon by Gen-

The Cubans believe that if the water supply of the city can be cut off, Santiago will have to yield at once. They say that Admiral Cervera's fleet, except the torpedo boat destroyer Terror, is in the harbor. General Lawton is inclined to discredit the reports that guns have been taken from the ships to strengthen the defences on land. He says it would be impossible for of the American army with his big guns from where the Spanish ships lie.

GENERAL JOE WHEELER UP A TREE. General Wheeler, who made a reconnaisance for half a mile beyond the skirmish lines this morning, finding that he was unable to secure the desired view through the luxuriant tropical foliage, dismounted and climbed a | them.

tree. A major general of the United States army in the forks of a tree surveying the Spanish outposts through his field glasses was a spectacle that gave some idea of the wonderful energy of the dashing ex-con-I measles, heat prostration and dysenfederate cavalry leader. The feat of tery chiefly. Sporadic cases of yellow agility in a man 62 years of age, put fever are reported by the insurgents, to blush many a younger officer of his

The troops are in a good camp, on General Calixto Garcia, with 300 men, who landed yesterday, is expected to reach the front today. The Americans are in excellent spirits and there is a remarkable lack of sickness. Thus marches over the hills. The medical far the water supply has been good men say that if the campaign is short and there have been no bad effects establish his headquarters at Juragua from the changes, except a few cases | tomorrow or Thursday. of dysentery. There was a brief rain

squall last night. At noon today Major Colridge received orders to clear the road beyond the front, where the stream doubles back across it, for the advance of artillery. A dynamite gun and Hotchkiss gun will be put in position.

(Copyright by Associated Press.) At the Front on the Rio Guama. patch Boat Dauntless, via Port An- far. moved out to occupy a position on the tonio, Ja., Wednesday, June 29, 7 a. 13., extreme left, towards Morro castle, and Kingston, Ja., 9:30 a. m.-The and for a few hours the camp was al- preparations for a general advance of most deserted. Then the auxiliary the American troops on Santiago de Cuba are being pushed steadily forward and troops of all branches of the service are being hurried to the front. General Kent's division, consisting of the brigade of General Hawkins, Colonel Pearson and Colonel Worth, has

rear of the crest of the Sevilla hills and a mile and a half back. The brigade of General Bates, the Thirtyed Press Dispatch Boat Wanda, via third Michigan regiment, and a battal-Port Antonio, Jamaica, June 28, Tuesion of the Thirty-fourth Michigan regday (forenoon), via Kingston, Ja., iment which were landed yesterday by the auxiliary cruiser Yale, remain been advanced beyond the first crossat Juragua or Siboney.

> CAUSE OF DELAY IN ATTACK. The delay in the general forward movement is due to the inability to get subsistence stores to the front rapidly enough.

The advance, it is said, will not be the Seventeenth, Twelfth and Seventh regiments, holds the trench, with his ordered until every man has three days' rations in his knapsack. This command lying acros the road and however, is impossible until the road is passable for wagon trains. The pack trains can only convey one day's raty-second and Second Massachusetts, tions in a day. The men constructing under General Evan Clarke, lies on the left flank, slightly in the rear, and the the ridge roads have the work almost Second brigade, the First, Fourth and | completed and this afternoon the first wagon train of four 6-mule teams will Twenty-fifth, occupies the opposite pogo through. In two or three days more every man will have three days' rations in his knapsack and as soon as is in the rear between Sevilla hills and that occurs the army will move upon the enemy.

The day has been utilized to good advantage. Although the Cubans effect to have a thorough knowledge of the country and the trails, nothing is taken for granted and the whole country, front and flank, is being thoroughly reconnoitered and an accurate map has been made by the engineers. Much of the information thus obtained will be of inestimable value.

RECONNOISSANCE PARTIES. Last night General Mendonca, of General Lawton's staff, made a reconnoissance up to the very trenches of the enemy, their sentries talking on picket duty being plainly heard. Corporal Dewey and nine sharpshooters from the Seventh infantry went out at dark last night, with one day's rations, toward the Spanish lines and they have not yet returned, but no fear is entertained for their safety. It have slipped out of the city and given is believed they are probably lying in themselves up in the hope of getting | the bush waiting for night.

At daylight this morning, Lieutenant Smith, of the Fourth infantry, with a detail of fifty men from the Seventh infantry, under Lieutenant Dearfoe, crossed the San Juan and went in a northeasterly direction as far as Caney, or El Gaumey, as it is also report that seventy-seven Span- marked on the maps, without encounmen of company A., Seventh regiment, under Captain Young, also made a reconnoissance in force. The Spaniards have seemingly retired to their entrenchments, as no pickets or skirmishers were encountered.

General Lawton, General Wheeler and General Chaffee have had riders ish soldiers have arrived at Santiago de Cuba. This statement is made on out beyond our advance posts several

the authority of General Lawton and Captain Wright, of General Bates' staff, today followed the line of the railroad running out of Juragua, toward Santiago de Cuba, to within two and a half miles of the city. The road approaches within a mile and one half of our front and can be utilized to bring up supplies and siege guns, the first of which were landed at Baiquiri this at'ternoon. As soon as the remaining battalions of the Thirtyfourth Michigan and Eighth Massachusetts, which arrive on the Harvard tomorrow, and the 6,000 reinforcements sent out from Tampa, reach here, Aguidores, a town on the coast, four miles west of Juragua and about the same distance cast of the harbor entrance, will be taken. The place was shelled today by several ships of the fleet. Aguidores is on the line of adnurges and all conveniences. Tent hos- ro castie. A little west of south, at a distance of about seven miles from vance of the army into the interior General Lawton's headquarters, lies! and close to the railroad. It will then few cases of sickness among the troops, Morro castle. The road to within a probable become the base of opera- if General Pando reaches his goal it cents.

few hundred yards of the batteries at | tions, while the supply base may remain at Juragua. Captain Wright on his reconnaissance, obtained informaeral Chaffee and several members of tion, which is believed to be reliable, to the effect that 3,000 Spanish troops

son at Aguidores. PLACING THE ARTILLERY.

General Lawton will probably make a diversion with his artillery, so soon as it is placed in position. Heavy rain this afternoon made it impossible to move today beyond General Wheeler's headquarters, but the roads will Admiral Cervera to reach the position | dry quickly. The guns will probably be brought up tomorrow and the intrenchments will be shelled by the artillery and by Colonel Wood's dynamite guns. The shrapnell fire will be more used by the artillery. The guns are 3.2 inches and with shrapnell,

they are effective at 3,500 yards. The Cubans say the Spaniards are in deadly fear of dynamite and General Lawton will see how he can terrify

Simultaneously with the bombardment, General Chaffee's brigade will move forward and occupy a position of vital importance in advance of our front. The correspondent of the Associated Press is not permitted at present to divulge its location.

The military telegraph line has been completed as far as General Wheeler's headquarters, thus placing the front in direct communication with General Shafter, who still maintains his headquarters on board the Seguranca, where he can keep in close touch with Rear Admiral Sampson. It is probable, however, that he will

TROOPS KEPT IN MARCHING OR-DER.

The troops belonging to General Lawton's division are kept ready to move, in light marching order, while the reconnoitering parties are out. This precaution is considered necessary in order to avoid disaster in case the small parties of troops should col-Second Crossing. Tuesday, June 28, 4 lide with the Spaniards in force. Not p. m., per the Associated Press Dis- a single skirmish has occurred thus

are doing commendable work as advance pickets. They are thrown out, day and night, from half a mile to a mile in advance of our pickets, along the front and flanks, thus forming a double cordon about the army. There are now more than 13,000 men

at the front. Drinking water for the troops at the joined General Lawton's division and, front is obtained from the Rio Guama, with the cavalry division of General a stream full of springs, running di-Wheeler and four batteries of light rect from the mountains. This water artillery, will now be strung out in is remarkably good and is now carethe rear of General Lawton's division. fully guarded from pollution. The Cu-The front still rests on the second bans and our soldiers bathed in it at crossing of the Rio Gazana river, on first, but strict orders have been isthe road to Santiago de Cuba, in the sued against such practices in the future and sentinels have been placed to enforce the orders.

PLENTY OR FRUIT.

Strict orders have also been issued about eating the great variety of tropical fruits-mangoes, oranges, etc.-in which the woods abound, the only exception being made in the cases of milk from green cocoanuts, which is considered healthy and refreshing, and limes. Some of our men made themselves sick through eating fruit.

An epidemic of measles, which was started on board one or two transports is spreading to the camp and about twenty new cases have broken out today. The disease is not dangerous, but the men attacked have been sent to the rear, where they can have airy quarters. Our boys are cheerful in spite of the excessive heat, and the hard fare which thus far has been confined exclusively to coffee, hard tack and bacon, a diet hardly suited for the climate. Rice would make a splendid staple here. But the great deprivation is that both men and officers are suffering from the lack of

SCOUTING PARTIES COLLIDE. The men are remarkably steady and confident. The pickets show none of the nervousness which might be ex-

pected and there are practically no alarms or "phantom firing," on the lines at night. Two reconnoitering parties, one of the Ninth cavalry and the other Twenty-fourth infantry, collided this morning and several shots were exchanged, fortunately without accident, before their identity was established. THE FLYING SQUADRON IS NO MORE.

(Copyright by Associated Press.) On the Associated Press Dispatch Boat Dauntless, Off Santiago de Cuba, Tuesday, June 28 (night), via Port Antonio, Ja., Wednesday Morning, June 29, by way of Kingston, Ja., June 29, 1 p. m.-The flying squadron, hitherto commanded by Commodore Schley, has lost its identity by an order issued today by Rear Admiral Sampson, and it has been emerged into the fleet under the admiral. The order caused considerable surprise on board the Brooklyn, which has been the flagship of the flying squadron, where it was supposed the squadron would retering any Spanish troops, and fifty main intact at least until the fall of Santiago de Cuba Commodore Schley has been assigned to command the second squadron attached to Admiral Sampson's fleet.

GENERAL PANDO ADVANCING.

From two Cuban officers picked up by the Vixen today it has been learned that General Pando is moving eastward from Manzanillo with 8,700 Spanish troops for the purpose of assisting the beleaguered city of Santiago de Cuba. The Cubans had come to Aserradoes, in small boats, with dispatches from General Rios for Admiral Sampson and General Rabi. They report that General Pando has with him seven battalions (numbering 8,700 men) with cattle and a pack train with provisions. He left Manzanillo province of Santiago de Cuba on June 22nd to relieve General Linares. The Spaniards were moving at the rate of twelve miles a day when the messengers left and, at their present speed. it is expected they will reach Santiago de Cuba next Sunday, July 3rd.

The Cubans have a small force hanging on the Spanish flank and rear and harassing General Pando's troops at every step.

Manzanillo is 172 miles west of Santiago de Cuba and the roads are in

will be with less than half the force he started with. The Cubans, who are harassing him only number about 200 men, but in the passes and in the bush they are at a great advantage. It is have been sent to reinforce the garri- | probable that immediate steps will be taken to throw a force of Americans and Cubans between General Pando and General Linares. Pressed as the latter is on the east he could not spare a man for a sortie to the west.

Admiral Sampson has ascertained that Admiral Cervera's fleet has moved into the upper harbor of Santiago de Cuba.

With the soldiers landed from the Yale yesterday and General Garcia's army transported from the westward, 21,000 men in all have been disembarked in the vicinity of Santiago de

SANTIAGO'S WATER SUPPLY SAID TO BE CUT OFF.

Sibony, Province of Santiago de Cuba, June 28, via Kingston, Ja., June 29, 10:30 a. m.-It is reported here tonight, on apparently good authority, that the water supply of Santiago de Cuba has been cut off. If this proves true, the city is at our mercy.

General Wheeler today forwarded his official report of the encounter between the Spaniards and Colonel Young's and Colonel Wood's commands. The officers are highly complimented for their dash and courage. The general says there is absolutely no warrant for the statement that our troops were ambuscaded. He says the attack was deliberately planned, from knowledge in his possession, the night | jards are determined to fight to the before.

GEORGIA DEMOCRATS

Nominate a State Ticket and Make Patriotic Speeches

Atlanta, Ga., June 29 .- The democrats of Georgia today formally placed in nomination the ticket chosen by with Allen D. Chandler for governor.

The war with Spain overshadowed all issues. Patriotic utterances and references to a united country began with the first speech. Hon. E. T Brown, temporary chairman, in his speech said:

"The world looks on in amazement Less than thirty-five years ago one section was arrayed against the other in internecine war, the like of which was never witnessed on the globe, and yet when the first foreign foe would government, believing the Spanish dare insult the national honor or lay ships have sufficient coal to steam to his unholy hand upon the national flag. the nearest port of their own country, these two, as if they had never been apart, rush together with one accord, with one purpose to see which can do greatest honor to his country's cause." The platform pledges the state of Georgia "to the flag of our country," and affirms the cause for which the United States is engaged in war with Spain is just and righteous and on the

subject says further: "There is cause for universal congratulation in the fact that the patriotic uprising of the whole people has obliterated sectionalism from the polities of our country; and while the people of the south unite with those of the north in cordial enthusiasm over the marvelous victory of Dewey in annihilating Spain's Asiatic fleet, it is gratifying to observe that those of young southerners, Bagley and Hobson, who, with their intrepid comrades, have won distinction which will render their names immortal and add new lustre to the American navy."

AN AMAZING RUMOR

Spaniards Claim to Have Sunk the Brooklyn and Killed Commodore Schley. (Copyright by Associated Press.)

Kingston, Ja., June 29, Wednesday, 11 p. m.--The Spanish consul here has received a cablegram from Santiago de Cuba asserting that the United States armored cruiser Brooklyn has been struck by a Spanish shell, which sank the vessel and killed Commodore Schley and twenty-four seamen.

The consul really believes the "news" and the Spaniards all over the city are drinking champagne and repoicing. It has also been reported to the Spanish consul from Santiago that an extensive mine has been laid which will blow up half the American army when it enters the city.

Washington, June 30.-At 1:15 o'clock this morning when officers on duty at the navy department were shown a copy of the above dispatch they ex- the governor's demand for lower rates pressed disbelief in the story. Not a word has been received from Admiral Sampson, they said, since Tuesday night, and the officers regard it as certain that had anything of the kind recounted in the dispatch happened the admiral would immediately have informed the department.

Aycock on the Stump (Correspondence of The Messenger.)

Clinton, N. C., June 29.

people here yesterday on political issues, making one of the ablest represented by Major General Wheelspeeches ever heard here. His hear- er. The ground on which the applicaers were greatly pleased at the bold tion was based was vacancy of office and fearless way in which he exposed that unholy combine which has brought shame and disgrace upon the state. With facts and figures he clearly

showed that North Carolina's only hope was in democracy and white supremacy . So ably did he discuss political issues and promptly answer questions put to him by his opponents in the meantime the governor changes that such expressions as that he was the "Zeb Vance" of North Carolina were used in regard to him.

Hay Typhoid Pever.

"My system was very much run down by typhoid fever. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and the effect was most invigorating. It gave me a new lease of life, and I have enjoyed good health ever since taking it, and have siderable damage. She is now on her been able to follow my usual business." J. A. Conner, Jr., Rockbridge Baths. Virginia.

bad condition. The Spaniards say that ache, biliousness, indigestion. Price 25 for health in pure, rich blood-Hood's

The Royal is the highest grade baking known. Actual tests show it good one third further than any other broad.

NEWS FROM THE PHILIPPINES

Spaniards Preparing for a Desperate Fight-Relying on the Germans-Dispatches From Dewey.

Madrid, June 29.-10 a. m. Dispatches received from Manila today under date of June 24th say the Spandeath and that there is every reason to believe that when the American troops arrive, desperate fighting will occur on land and sea.

It is supposed at Manila that the German warships will prevent the bombardment of that place, and it is alleged that Prince Henry, of Prussia, them at the primaries June 3rd, headed is on his way there on board a war-

The Spaniards are said to be actively pushing preparations for the

efence of the city. General Aguinaldo, the insurgent leader, declares that the family of Captain General Augusti, who are prisoners in his hands, are at Pan Panga

and are well treated. Cairo, Egypt, June 29.-Admiral Camara has asked permission to coal his fleet at Port Said, but the Egyptian has definitely refused his request, in

accordance with the neutrality laws. Washington, June 29.—The navy department today made public the following cablegram from Admiral Dewey, brought by the McCulloch to Hong Kong and though undated, supposed to have been sent from Cavite June

"No change in the situation since my telegram of June 17th. Five German, three British, one French and one Japanese men of war in port. The insurgents constantly closing in on the city. Aguinaldo the insurgent leader, with thirteen of his staff, arrived May 18th by my permission on the north are no less cordial in be- the Manshan. He established himstowing praise and commendation upon self at Cavite outside of the arsenal, the heroic deeds of the two brave under the protection of our guns and organized his army. The progress of Aguinaldo has been wonderful. He has invariably conducted the war humanely. My relations with him are cordial, but my conferences have generally been only of a personal na-

THE RAILWAY COMMISSION

Will Not Decide the Passenger Rates Question Until After July 12th. Urged by Russell to Largely Increase Railway Assessments.

(Special to The Messenger.) Ralegh, N. C., June 29.-The rail-

way commission today granted the petition of the Raleigh and Gaston railway to be allowed to file an answer to Governor Russell's complaint against alleged high passenger fares. It had failed to file an answer and the case was about to go against it by, default. The commission gives it until July 12th to file an answer and announced that not until after that date would a decision be given as to on the Wilmington and Weldon, the North Carolina and the Raleigh and Gaston railways.

The commission is now at work on assessment of railway property for, taxation. Attorney Hinsdale, for the governor, is before the commission urging it to largely increase the assess-

General Wheeler Still a Congressman. Montgomery, Ala., June 29.-Papers were filed with Governor Johnson some The Hon. C. B. Aycock addressed the time ago asking for a special election in the Eighth district of Alabama, now, because of the holding by General Wheeler of a position in the army, and that the acceptance of the latter vacated the congressional office. Governor Johnson has concluded not to issue the order for a special election and General Wheeler's seat, until March 4th, will be undisturbed unless his opinion.

Newark and Dolphin in Collision

Washington, June 29.-Secretary, Long has received word from Commodore Remey at Key West that the flagship Newark, with Commodore Watson aboard, has been in collision with the Dolphin. The Newark was uninjured but the Dolphin sustained conway north to a drydock. No details are chtainable.

The best medicine you can take is Hood's Pills cure nausea, sick head- that which builds a solid foundation Sarsaparilla.