TO OUR SAILOR BOYS.

started by our sailor boys aboard the

Raleigh, N. C., May 23, 1898.

Walter W. Vick, Esq., U. S. S. Nan

Dear Sir:-Your esteemed favor of

the 20th has been turned over to The

"Morning Post," which paper originat-

ed and is receiving subscription, to the

Worth Bagley fund. The Hero of Car-

denas deserves a magnificent monu

ment. I have the pleasure of knowing

some of the men who make up th

naval militia now aboard your good

ship. They are made in the some

mould, and of the same material as Blagley, and should they face death

like he, twill be at their post of duty

May Sampson follow Dewey's footsteps

and put an end to a war, that imper-

ils the flower of the South's manhood.

The contribution of our sailor boys

will be turned in about the first of next

Late to bed and early to rise, pre-

pares a man for his home in the skies.

Early to bed and a Little Early Riser,

the pill that makes life longer and bet-

lter and wise. For sale by R. R. Bel-

The Associated Charities.

The following is the report of the

reasurer of the Associated Charities

for two mont's, from March 11th to

RECEIPTS.

Balance to March 11th\$164 70

New Hanover County...... 125 00

New Hanover County (April)... 125 00,

Mrs. J. W. Murchison 2 00

EXPENSES.

Secretary's salary (Mar., Ap'l.).\$ 50 00

Janitor 4 50

Nourishment for sick 3 00

Contributions in Kind-Holmes &

Watters, \$2.50 in groceries; I. B.

wood; W. C. VonGlahn, one pair

shoes; Dorcas Society (Jasper Stone),

ten new garments; St. Mary's Guild,

six new garments; Mrs. C. P. Bolles,

"I don't know, there may be others,

years and would not be without it."

He knew better than to buy the in-

Syrup" has no equal. It will immedi-

ness, Croup , Bronchitis and kinderd ail

ments. Contains no injurious ingredi-

ents, is pleasant to take and a safe

remedy for children. For sale by J. C.

Mrs. Kate Maffitt, clothing.

Total.....\$495 70

Miss Annie Kidder

Mrs. Adam Emple

James W. Collins

H. H. Munson

'Golden Reapers'

Funeral expenses

Postage, etc.,

Office expenses

Cash Help

lamy.

Cash

May 11th, 1898:

Sincerely yours,

W. M. RUSS, Mayor.

tucket, Port Royal, S. C.

Commodore Schley Has Definite News That He is at Santiago.

SCHLEY ON THE HUNT FOR HIM

He Sails Around the West End of Cuba in the Search---Disappointed Not Finding Him at Cienfuegos ... There He is Notified That the Spaniard is in Santiago Harbor---The Flying Squadron

Now a Most Formidable Fleet .-- Sampson Guard-

ing the North Coast---An Exciting Inci-

tended to adopt the favorite formation

of successful commanders in modern

The speed was quickly increased to

slightly to pass the strangers on the

port quarter. The very ships seemed

to scent the battle as they ploughed

through the heavy swell which was

dead against them and flung it aside

in clouds of spray. The admiral's

commands were flung back from ship

From the Dauntless, with our glasses

we could see the men at quarters,

stripped to the waist. Nettings to

catch splinters were stretched about

erything was made ready for the fray.

been feeding each other on promises

thought the coveted opportunity had

Long before the correspondents,

es of their boats, were able to recog-

a supply ship that had been dispatch-

CERVERA LOCATED.

Off Cienfuegos, via United States

put the flying squadron this morning

into a state of ferment and anticipa-

ish squadron under Admiral Cervera,

for which Commodore Schley is look-

ing, was at Santiago de Cuba. Com-

The flying squadron is now one of the

strongest aggregations of fighting ships

ever gotten together. It consists of the

first armored cruiser Brooklyn, Com-

modore Schley's flagship, the battle-

ships, Massachusetts, Iowa and Texas

the cruiser Marblehead, the gunboat

Castine and the torpedo boat Dupont

In has a plentiful supply of coal and

can stay for a long time at sea. The

men are not only anxious, but eager

to fight; and they expressed great sat-

isfaction at learning the whereabouts

of the enemy's fleet. 'a close examina-

tion was made of the harbor of Cien-

fuegos last night, but nothing was

seen which in Commodore Schley's

opinion, would warrant an attack. Some concern is felt for the Scorpion,

which left here last night to take dis-

patches to the cruiser Minneapolis at

Santiago. The dispatches of Commo-

dore Schley are in cipher and cannot

be read if captured. About noon, the

British ship Adula, bound from King-

ston Jamacia, on word received from

Consul General Dent, to bring off ref-

ugees from Cienfuegos, was hailed and

Captain Alker said he had seen the

Spanish fleet at Santiago de Cuba on

the previous Thursday, but understood

it was bound for Cienfuegos. The har-

bor, he said, had twenty-seven electric

twenty contact mines. The Adula pro-

ceeded and Commodore Schley was in-

night. If the fleet is there, it is caught

like a rat in a trap. If not, then Com-

Associated Press dispatch boats.)

The flying squadron was reinforced

been in this locality before, as is dem-

ough at places to prohibit an en-

trance being made by a fleet except in

single column. The information given

by the efugees is to the effect that

here are twenty-one mines laid in this

hannel, all contact mines. When they

were originally said, the intention was

to set them off by electricity; but there

was some failure and they were chang-

ed to explode by contact. It is also said

that there are sixteen gunboats of the enemy in the harbor and many thous

ands of Spanish troops on shore, A

Clear view of the harbor is not obtain-

able from the American ships, and it

is posible that the Spanish fleet is far

ORDERS FROM GENERAL LEE.

Tampa, Fla., May 7 .- Major General

Lee issued an order today for the bri-

gading of the troops at Tampa and

Jacksonville embraced in the Seventh

army corps. The order made no

changes from General Shafter's gen-

eral orders of last night. Brigadler

General Guy V. Henry will take com-

mand of the First division and Briga-

number are now in camp here and

dier General A. K. Arnold of the Sec-

modore Schley will go east.

the other ships 250 each.

tion. She brought news that the Span-

ed in advance of the main body of the

fight his ships

naval battles and

dent .- Lee Brigading His Corps. Key West, Fla., May 27.-Part of | tion of our fleets should the enemy Commodore Schley's squadron sailed AN EXCITING INCIDENT.

for the west end of Cuba about noon The only exciting incident of the Thursday, May 19th. In consisted of cruise occurred about 11 o'clock Tuesthe Broklyn, Texas, Massachusetts day morning before a number of the ships which afterward joined the fleet eastward in column abreast, but when Commodore Schlev's fleet was at Cithe smoke from three strange ships enfuegos on Sunday, May 22nd, where was made out, "horizon, dead ahead, it was joined by the Iowa, Eagle and signal flags began to fly from the signal yards of the flagship, as Rear Ad-Vixen, and later by the Marblehead. miral Sampson made his dispisition for Commodore Schley had an idea that battle, should the stranger prove to be the enemy. Bugles sounded the call to general quarters, and every executive officer rang for steam, while the smokestacks of our ships began to belch forth great clouds of smoke as the vessels swung into line ahead. It was evident that Admiral Sampson in-

Commodore Schley's

scouting in the direction of Santiago de Cuba and on Tuesday of this week squadron moved toward that port. The torpedo boat Dupont leaving for Key West with dispatches. The Dupont's officers and men say there was no firing at Cienfuegos while they were there with the fleet which was up to the hour of its departure. The only unusual incignt was a slight injury to the Dupont while coaling from the

squadron, say there was disappoint-

ment in the fleet when it was found

the chart rooms and bridges and ev-Iowa in a heavy sea. It was a sight to satisfy the pride of The cruiser Marblehead left Key every American as our fleet bore West last Saturday night with the transport Florida to carry General Joseph E. Lacret's force of 400 men _ to some point in Cuba not then divulged. She lay in Key West harbor on Thursday and, therefore, could not have have been keen, judging from the rebombarded a Cuban town or landed ammunition for the Cubans on that day as reported in some dispatches. of the many things they proposed to Refore reaching Cienfuegos, Commo dore Schley sent dispatches to Rear them, and for a few minutes they Admiral Sampson in which he made no allusion to any collision with shore batteries. His orders were to look for the Spanish squadron, not to stir up perched on the tops of the pilot housthe shore guns. It is believed here that he will send dispatches to Washnize the new comers, the lookouts on ington from Mole St. Nicholas or the warships had identified them as Kingston announcing the result two of the United States monitors and

(Copyright by Associated Press.) On Board the Associated Press Dispatch Boat Dauntless, via Key West, Fla., May 27.-8 p. m.-Up to 11 o'clock this morning (Friday) nothing had been seen of the Spanish fleet. Neither Rear Admiral Sampson nor the naval officers with the fleet appear at ail sanguine that the Spaniards unless hard pressed, will attempt to run the gauntlet into Havana. Admiral Cervera, since he reached the Caribbean sea, has shown anything but a disposition to fight, and our officers are inclined to Mink that, if he is driven out of the waters south of Cuba he will double back to San Juan de Porto Rico, where his ships could coal under protection of batteries, as powerful as those at Havana, as Rear Admiral Sampson ascertained when he bombarded the forts there two weeks

ago. But the unexpected might happen, and if it does, Admiral Sampson is prepared. Should Cervera run into the arms of our fleet as now constituted, his surrender or annihilation be inevitable. 'There are but two passages by which he could enter the Florida straits. From the eastward, 150 miles east of Havana, the Bahama banks, a great triangular area of shoat water strung with coral keys, extends northward from Cuba to a point sixty miles east of the coast Florida. The southern end of the banks is wedged down close to the coast of Cuba, leaving between only a narrow passage, scarcely fifteen miles wide and about sixty miles long, called the Bahama channel. At the north, between the great and little Bahama the Northwest Providence channel, or "Hole in the Wall," as the sseafaring men about here term it, ofpers another door to the Florida strait. The latter route is long and tortuous, fully 1,200 miles from Maysi, the eastern point of the island; while the former, through the old Bahama channel is a scant 600 miles, almost in an air

line as the crow fles, Were the Spanish fleet to come up through the Windward passage and around Cape Maysi, it would have to choose between these two. The United States fleet makes an imposing spectacle as it moves majestically along with every ship bristling with guns and stripped for action. Lookouts are always in the military top sweeping the horizon with their tele scopes. During the day the admiral's orders are wig-wagged from the flagship, while general orders as to manouvres in the fleet are communicated by streams of flags.

The newspaper dispatch boats are obliged by the admiral's orders to maintain a position not nearer than five miles astern in order to be put out of harm's way should a collision with the enemy occur. Several times each night the scouts far out on the horizon flash their reports to the admiral, skimming through the water as tast as railroad trains and firing their colored rockets about in the blackness of night. It cannot but occur to those unversed in naval warfare that these brilliant exchanges would serve as admirable advertisements of the loca-

IMPORTANT.

Did you ever stop to think that wha we eat and drink conditions the length. of our lives? It is true. You have already used baid water and eat too much and too fast until you can't digest your food. You have pains in the back, dult and drowsy feelings. This indigestion. Continue this and you are no better than a dead Spaniard. We guarantee that Aethna Lithia water will save you. At 25 cents per gailon it will cost you about \$1.50 to try ft. If you don't think the chances worth one dollar and fifty cents, then you think very little, of your health. ask your doctor if he prescribes Lithia twater? If he says yes, then try the COLD AT

SOLD AT

BUNTING'S PHARMACI □R, E, WARD, Agent,

condition of some of the volunteer regiments is sadly deficient as regards arms and clothing and so urgent have become the requirements in this respect that no supplies will be issued to the regular troops until the volun teers are equipped and in readiness for actual field duty. The lack of arms, especiall, has been sadly felt. Volunteer brigade commanders have been ordered to report to the chief quartermaster at once the tentage, clothing and means of transportation on hand and what is required and to the chief ordnance officer the character and quality of arms on hand and what is needed for a complete equipment. The wants of the volunteer regiments will be filled as fast as reports are made. The availability of Jacksonville, es pecially as a rendezvous point for the thousands of volunteer troops yet to arrive, has, it is understood, been under discussion and General Lee's visit of inspection to the Florida metropolis may ultimately result in the establishment of the headquarters of the Seventh army corps at that point. This, of course, is contingent on the time of the movement towards Cuba.

S. M. Geary, Pierson, Mich., writes: "DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is curing more piles here today than all other remedies combined. It cures eczema and all other skin diseases." For sale by R. R. Bellamy.

THE POOR POPULISTS

had arrived. The fleet was steaming Republicans Say Their Convention Will Ignore Them-State Volunteer

> (Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., May 27,-It is alleged oday by prominent republicans that when their convention meets, it will ignore the populists. An interesting postoffice case was tried

in the federal court here today. One witpess came all the way from California The swindler was in Halifax county and offered paper currency, at low rates, and sent his victims confederate money. Smith's company from Greenville which was held back to await the arrival the band, was mustered into the Second regiment today. The band is a good over ten knots and the course altered one. The government will issue the

The mustering in of field and staff officers and non-commissioned staff was completed this afternoon. Major John Cotten and Adjutant S. H. MacRae being the last ones sworn., . Colonel Burgwyn thinks battalion drilk will begin by Wednesday. Lieutenant Marshall, U. S. A., leaves omorrow for Fert Macon to prepare for which will be ordered to rendezvous at that point next Monday. He has tents ready for its three companies, and also twenty days' rations. More tents will be required for the other nine companies which are to be added to the battalion to make it a regiment. But these tents will Meantime the military tops of have to be sent by the government, as two of the strangers had removed all | the supply here is exhausted. The ne-

as to the character of the gro battalion will encamp on the glacis of Fort Macon. vessels. It was a false alarm, and the The adjutant general said this evening disappointment of our tack tars must that in advance of the second call by the governor for volunteers he had on file marks they made afterward. They had enders of twenty-six companies of in fantry, two troops of cavalry and one battery, but that only the infantry do to the Spaniards when they got would be accepted. He has entered all the tenders in order of their reception and in that order they will be taken any drop out, those lower in the list wil advanced

Officers of the Second have very comfortable mess arrangements. Ex-Con gressman Settle is a guest of Captain Gray, of the Greensboro company, and is

When a man is suffering with an aching head, a sluggish body, when his muscles are lax and lazy, his brain dull, and his stomach disdaining food, he will, if wise, heed these warnings and resort to the right remedy, before Gunboat Hawk, Monday May 23 (Del it is too late. "Parker's Sarsaparilla," layed in transmission)-Filed Jackson- the "King of Blood Purifiers," makes ville, Fla., 27, 8 a. m. The arrival of the appetite keen and hearty-invigorthe gunboalt Hawk, a converted yacht ates the liver-purifies the blood and fills it with the life-giving elements of the food. It is a wonderful blood maker and flesh builder. Sold by J. C,

> Sampson's Report of the San Juan Bombardment.

modore Schley made immediate preparations to go in pursuit of the ene-Washington, May 27 .- The following my; but as the ships were somewhat bulletin was posted at the navy deshort of coal, he he had to wait in a state of great impatience while the battleship Iowa took on 500 tons and

The following is a copy of a report made by Rear Admiral Sampson, concerning the action off San Juan de Puerto Rico:

"Upon approaching San Juan is was seen that none of the Spanish vessels were in the harbor. I was, therefore, considerably in doubt whether they had reached San Juan and again de parted for some unknown destination, or whether they had not arrived. As their capture was the object of the expedition, and as it was essential that they should not pass to the westward, determined to attack the batteries defending the port, in order to develop their positions and stregnth, and then, without waiting to reduce the city or subject it to regular bombardment which would require due notice, turn to the westward. I commenced the attack as soon as it was good daylight This lasted about three hours, when the signal was made to discontinue the | roll call was taken and the sergeantfiring and the squadron stood to the northeast until out of sight of Juan, when the course was laid to the westward, with the view of communi- | gle growing out of Mr. Tongue's (re cating with the department at Port Plata, and learn if the department had liver a general pension speech when obtained information as to the moves of the Spanish vessels. "At Cape Haytien, I received word

from the department that the Spanish vessels had been sighted off Curacoa mines, while that of Cienfuegos had on the 14th. "As I stated in my telegram, no serious injury was done to any of the clined to believe that the Spanish ships, and only one man was killed squadron had now got behind the hills and seven wounded slightly.' in a bend of the harbor, so that a

thorough investigation will be made to-Hawaiian Annexation. Washington, May 27 .- The Hawaiian annexation question, which has been the subject of no little concern about Tuesday morning-Still of Clenfuegos the senate for the past few days, as--(I am sending this by one of the sumed definite shape in the senate today when Senators Lodge and Morgan this morning by the cruiser Marbichead offered amendments to the war revenue bill directly upon the subject. Senand the gunbeat Eagle. It was still lying off the harbor and the arrival ator Lodge's amendment is in the words of the Newlands resolution, and of these two ships, both of which have provides in direct terms for the annex ation of the islands Senator Lodge onstrated by the shattered buildings on seen immediately after he had sent the coast, may asist in solving the his amendment to the desk and anquestion of what is consealed in the nounced it to be his purpose to press deep harbor which lies at the end of the amendment to the end. a long and tortuous channel norrow

Investigation develops that Senator Lodge's action in presenting the amendment was the result of more or less conference, though of an informal character, among the staunchest advocates of annexation. The members of the senate committee on finance are generally averse to the Lodge amendment as inimical to the speedy passage of the revenue bill. They say that the bill would be indefinitely delayed with the Hawaiian amendment included and that under existing conditions this, cannot be thought of.

Decisions in the Prize Cases

Key West, Fla., May 27.-In the United States circuit court, Judge Locke rendered decisions in the cases of the six Spanish steamers seized during the first days of the Cuban blockade. These included the most valuable prizes taken since the war begun. The Catalina and the Miguel Jover were released, both vesels and cargoes. The Pedro and the Guido were condemned and forfetted. The Buena Ventura and the Panama were condemned and forfeited. The cargo of the Buena Ventura being neutral property is to be restored to its owners, as it is protected by the president's proclamation. be for several days, as the corps will The question of the Panama's cargo is be made up of twenty-seven regiments when completed, while only a third of

taken under advisem In the case of the Pedro, Buenta Ventura and Panama, the gwn-ers through their attorneys filed no-It is ordered that the general officers tices of appeal. The United States alof the troops already in camp select of filed appeals in the cases of the Caof the troops already in camp select their aides from the officers belonging taking and the Miguel Joves,

Senator Gorman.

Advocated by Him-His Attack on Supreme Court for the Decision on Income Taz Case-Provision for Governors of Islands Captured from Spain -House Passes Senate Resolution to Present a Sword to Dewey and Medals to the Crews.

Washington, May 27-A notable speech on the war revenue measure was deivered in the senate this forenoon by Senator Gorman, demorcat, of Maryland. In the course of an argument in support of a tax on corporations he denounced as "infamous" the decision of the supreme court declaring the income tax law of 1894 unconstitutional. The warning sounded by some senators that if a tax was placed upon corporations it would be pronounced unconstitutional by the supreme court had, he said, no effect upon him. A decision against such an amendment would not destroy our financial structure, but it would destroy the court which should hand it down.

Senator Gorman took decided issue with the majority of his fellow democrats upon their proposition to coin the silver seigniorage and to issue legal tender notes, and made a powerful argument in favor of the issuance of bonds to raise funds with which to prosecute the war. Senator Teller, silver republican, of

Colorado, concluded his speech began vesterday, advocating the coinage of the seigniorage, the levving of an income tax, and the issue of legal tender notes, and opposing the issue of bonds. . Senator Nelson, republican, of Minnesota, presented a carefully prepared

argument against the issue of legal tender notes. In a speech of two hours, Senator Cockrell, democrat, of Missouri, discussed the financial questions in contention between the democratic and republican parties. He urged that the bill as reported by the majority of the finance committee ought to be enacted into law The bill providing for a second as-

sistant secretary of war was passed. Senator Morgan offered an amendment to the war revenue measure, authorizing the president to appoint a

civil or military governor of any is-

lands that may be acquired by this

government as a result of the war

with Spain. The amendment also pro-

vides for the levying of taxes and the

At 5:10 o'clock p. m. the senate went

into executive session and soon after-

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

tive for more than an hour, while

at-arms was engaged in bringing in

absent members to make a quorum

The suspension was caused by a wran-

publican, of Oregon) attempt to de

the house was considering a private

pension measure (Mr. Dalzel, of Penn-

Mr. Richardson, democrat, of Tenn-

Mr. Cannon, republican, of Illinois,

esee, made the point of order that the

speech of Mr. Tongue was not ger

took issue with the Tennessee mem-

The speaker sustained the point of

order and Mr. Cannon appealed from

the decision. Upon the motion of Mr.

Richardson to table the appeal eighty-

seven voted in the affirmative and

With the foregoing exception today'

The senate resolution authorizing

the secretary of the navy to present

George Dewey and cause to be struck

bronze medals commemorating the

battle of Manila bay and to distribute

them to the officers and men of the

Asiatic squadron; was passed unani-

At 5 o'clock the house took a recess

until 8 o'clock, the evening session be-

ing devoted to the consideration of

pension legislation. Adjournment was

Why allow yourself to be slowly tor-

tured at the stake of disease? Chills

and Fever will undermine, and event-

nally break down the strongest consti-

tution. "Febri-Cura" (Sweet Chill

Tonic with Iron) is more effective than

Quinine, and being combined with Iron

is an excellent tonic and Nerve medi-

cine. It is pleasant to take, and is

sold under positive guarantee to cure cr

money refunded. Accept no substitute.

The "just as good" kind don't effect cures. Sold by J. C. Shepard, J. H.

The London Times Correspondent

In Cabanas Prison

Knight, the correspondent of The Lon-don Times, who on Sunday night when

seven miles off Havana, was lowered

over the bow of a dispatch boat and rowed ashore alone in a 10-foot skiff,

was heard from today. He has been thrown into prison and is now in the

Cabanas fortress. Alexander Gollan, the Critish consul at Havana, has in-

stituted proceedings for his release.

Key West, Fla., May 27.-E.

Hardin and H. L. Fentress

a sword of honor to Commodore

session was without incident.

nously, without debate.

then taken until Tuesday.

Mr. Cannon made the point of

The house was this afternoon inac-

regulation of currency.

sylvania, in the chair.)

mane to the pending bill.

eleven in the negative.

ward adjourned.

Copy of Letter Sent by Mayor Russ, of Raleigh, to the Nantucket. A short while ago a movement was

A Notable Speech by All Depends Upon the Spanish Fleet.

CORPORATIONS TO USE THE HOLLAND.

Its Builder Offers it for Use in 1 %stroying the Spanish Fleet in Santi to Harbor No Official News at the 'epartments as to the Whereabou(Cof the Spanish or Schley's Fleets Casored Men for Staff Officers and

Washington, May 27.- The military situation as at present determined u on by those in authority is to make forward movement of troops eith upon Porto Rico or Cuba until full and definite information is received as the lower of the Spanish squadrin and its possibilities as a factor in the aggressive moves of Spain. For the last few days army circles

shared public belief that

Spanish ships were trapped in Santia to de Cuba herbor and that has given gipetus to a rangements by which la bodies of roops at Chickamauga elsewhere might be moved forward rapidly to Tampa for embarkati Presence of thirty or more transport in Florida waters added to the convi tion that a movement on a large scal was about to occur. All this h been going on with the understanding that Admiral Cervera's career as a poly sible mengee in the rear of our troops had been cut off, by his being securi held in Santiago harbor, but in the ar sence of positive information on us point there is no purpose whatever & the part of the war department hake an aggressive forward moven on Cuba or Porto Rico. This was sto ed tonight in the most positive man and from an authoritive source. It can be gain affirmed on the high est authority, and notwithstanding rumors to the contrary, that at close of the day the department h nothing more than a belief, founded en unofficial advices, that the Spanis squadron was lying in Santiago harb and no news as to Commodore Schleg whereabout However, the great m jority of the officials of the navy partment entertain no doubt that Ce vera is within Santiago harbor and they have speceeded in impressing the belief upon the president and the men bers of the cabinet. It was- announced today that land, the inventor of the submaria

IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE DAY.

E. P. Knight, The London Times Correspondent, is in Ca-At 10 O'clock Thursday Night the Dolphin Reached Sampson's Flag Ship with Dispatches from Commodore Schley.

The North Carolina Supreme Court Upholds the Tax on Gross Receipts of Hotels. A Spanish Auxiliary Cruiser was Sighted Fifteen Miles off Key West Thursday Evening, She was Chased by the Bancroft.

A Sentry on Duty at a Mortar Battery, at Key West, is Fired on by Three Men, who he says were Spaniards.

Judge Locke Releases Some of the Prize Ships and Condemns Orders. Commodore Schley's Fleet was at Cientuegos Sunday:

General Lee Issues Orders Brigading his Corps. General Blanco Cables Madrid that the Spanish Fleet is Still

Up to 11 O'clock Yesterday Morning Nothing had been Seen v the Scouting Vessels of the Blockading Fleet. Effort is Made to Have the Hawaiian Annexation Resolution

Annexed to the War Revenue Tax Bill. Mr. Holland wants the Government to Use His Boat for Destroying the Spanish Fleet in Santiago Harkor.

O'Neil, chief of ordnance, the feasibile

ity of using the novel craft in an at-

tack upon the Spanish squadron as Santiago if the vessels are still there.

The officials are disposed to receive

in a kindly spirit any suggestion that

and they will talk with Mr. Holland over the details of his scheme, prob-

ably on the hasis of a compensation to

be paid to him for each Spanish ves

regiments already furnished by them

together as far as possible.

tion, were spriously hurt.

The Bal imore Not Bisabled.

A Fatal Hailway Accident

sel destroyed.

might prove to be valuable in this line

Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H. L. Fen-

Beath of a Good Man. The Messenger is pained to learn of ton, one of the best men and most useful and prominent citizens of Bladen trouble at his home yesterday morning. He was in the 77th year of his age. Below we publish a tribute by a friend who knew him for a life time: boat of that name, was expected here tomorrow to discuss with Captail AN OLD LANDMARK GONE. 1

Clarkton, N. C., May 27. Died this morning at his residence in Clarkton, Mr. J. H. Clark, in the 77th year of his age. His health had been giving way for several months, but his death was sudden and unexpected at the time it occurred. But yesterday he was out on a short drive and was feeling better than he had for several days. This announcement will carry An important phase to the military sadness to the hearts of a host of programme is a decision not to take up friends, for who has visited Clarkton prepare to protect the landing of our the details of organizing the new force or passed this way that has not met of 75,000 volunteers for at least a week, the cheering smile and kindly greeting

or ten days. If the regiments under of the "Old Countryman," a title he the first call are to be brought up to humorously assumed. 000 men for the second call to com of the ordinary; born poor and without plete the 15 regiments under the first the advantages that an early educacall. This wil leave 35,000 men to be tion gives, he twice achieved a success organized in distinctly new regiments; in business by the force of industry, The war department is anxious to system and good, hard sense. I have obtain the views of the governors of heard him say that he spent his first the states and territories in regard to year in Bladen among the pines with filling the maximum strength in the hacker in his hands, as it was the first work offered him, and it goes without saying that his boxes were chipped

under the first call of the president for the 125,000 men and with this object in view. Adjuta it General Corbin at the direction of Secretary Alger sent telegrams asking the several governors to At the breaking out of the war he had acquired a good property, mainly in slaves, which was the guilt-edge inmake recommendations to the depart, vestment of those days. The war came and swept away all property ed. It was more than an hour before the requisite quorum appeared. The appeal was then laid upon the table—yeas 134, nays 9—and consideration of private bills proceeded.

ment on this subject.

The question arose today as to right in slaves, and left him poor whether color of officers as well as color sagain, out not discouraged, for he whether color of officers as well as color when to work with a manly good-will officers as well as a part and died the owner of a fine property, of the organization offered. General in the meantime educating a large family of children. ored officers were as much entitled and never from his lips was heard to

ed to recognition and acceptance in the fall a complaint against Providence.

military service as were the troops Peace to your ashes, genial, jovial, dethemselves. In this connection it desperated friend.

J. D. C. veloped that eolored men are being considered for some of the staff ap-pointments and the surgeon general of The Cuban question and political issues sink into significance with the man who suffers from piles. What he the army has accepted a colored mane

as surgeon, with the rank of captain. The colored surgeon will be assigned most desires, s relef. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cures piles. For sale by to a colored regiment, and colored R. R. Belamy.

Cablegrams from Blanco. Madrid, May 27.-General Blanco cables

Chattanoogi, Tenn., May 27.—A sperior Terror, from Martinique, has arcial to The News from Oakdale, Tenn. rived at Fajardo, on the east coast of says: An engine collided with the Porto Rico. She intended to go to San Oakdale. Oakdale eccommodation today at Juan, but found four American warships Graysville, north of Chattanooga, on cruising in front of the harbor and the Cincinnati Southern railroad. The changed her direction for Fajardo. crew on the engine, composed of Con-le miral Cervera's squadron is still at San-Fireman Edwards and two brakemen, Sampson's squadron is blockading that port; that Commodore Schley's squadron Matthews and Swanson, were instant it watching the Yucatan passage; that the American vessels have left Cienfuely killed, except Simpson, who it not expected to live. All reside in Somerset, Ky., except Matthews, whose home is in Cakdale. Engineer Walkgos and that the American fleet of block-aders remains in sight of Havana. General Blanco says in, his dispatch that he opposed the departure of the French steamer LaFayette with a cargo enshaw, Fireman Day and Baggage, Master Drestack, of the accommodaof coal, as the coal was required for

Liondon, May 27.—The stories circuit. Not to be Held as Prisoners of War. inted at Madital and eisewhere regarding the Baltimore, are evidently from the navy department for the regroundless. The dispatch received at lease of the passengers ad crew of the the Spanish papital from Manila apparently referred to the alleged distablement of the Baltimore during the ablement of the Baltimore during the baltic of Marille when a Spanish shelf. Not to be Held as Prisoners of War. Yale will not be held as prisoners battle of Marilla, when a Spanish shell struck her and exploded some ammu-The government will provide with transportations to New nition, slighting injuring eight men on

SHARP LOOKOUT

Nantucket to raise money for the Kept by All the Warships in Cuban Waters Worth Bagley Monument. In this connection we yesterday obtained from a private source the following copy of a for the Spanish Squadron. letter sent by Mayor W. M. russ, of

DISPATCHES SENT BY SCHLEY.

The Dolphin Brings Them to Sampson---Their Contents not Revealed ... The Belief that Cervera is in Santiago Harbor Strengtheued .-- An Auxiliary Cruiser Within Fifteen Miles of Key West---Chased by the Bancroft .-- Suspicions Conduct of Three Men at Key West-.. They Fire

(Copyright by Associated Press.) Off the Northern Coast of Cuba, May 27. 2 a. m., (via Key West, Fla., May 27.)-At 10 o'clock last night the Dolphin ran alongside the flagship New York Her lights showed that she bore dispatches for Read Admiral Sampson, The commander of the Dolphin shouted through the megaphone: "I have dispatches from Commodore Schley to the comamnder-in-chief."

A cheer went up from the crowded decks of the New York. Commodore Schley's dispatches were dated off Cienfuegos.

"Absolutely nothing definite can be said," was the reply which Captain Chadwick, of the New York, made to a question as to what had transpired. linee he heard of Admiral Cervera's arrival at Curacoa, Rear Admiral Samp son has repeatedly said he believed the Spaniards would go to Cienfuegos or Santiago de Cuba. To prove that the American admiral

was almost sure the Spaniards would be caught, the following may be divulged without a breach of confidence. When the ships of Commodore Schley's division were sailing out of Key West under Rear Admiral Sampson's orders, Groceries, etc., March and April. 266 00 to nab the Spaniards, and good luck Rent for those in need 29 50 to you." Since then, the rear admiral has been cruising around as a purely precautionary measure. He thoroughly believed Commodore Schley would bottle 20 up the Spaniards either in Cienfuegos Railroad Fares 4 30 or at Santiago de Cuba, but he took Balance-May 10th 77 92 all measures to guard against a pos-

sible evasion of Commodore Schley by

the enemy and any attempt to make

Havana through the eastern or west-

ern passage, though there is little doubt that the commodore, had he met Rhodes, John F. Garrell, W. M. Hays, the Spanish ships, could have defeat-Jr., beef; W. L. Parsley, two loads of ed them. There is good reason to believe, from wood: R. M. Nimocks, one car load of a strategic point of view, that more can be gained by the Spaniards being bottled up in Santiago de Cuba, than in an engagement which, though it would result in a victory for the Americans, might have resulted in some

Mrs. E. J. Powers, Mrs. T. A. Lawther, damage to our ships. In the harbor of Santiago de Cuba the Spanish fleet will be helpless. The channel leading into the harbor is narhe said, "but I have used 'Parker's row and the enemy can either be kept Tolu Cough Syrup' in my family for a prisoner there by sinking a few hulks n the channel, or he can be destroyed by a superior force. ferior preparation that was being urged upon him." Parker's Tolu Cough ately relieve any Cough or Cold, Whooping Cough, Sore Throat, Hoarse

If Commodore Schley has successfully accomplished this object, there now seems nothing to prevent active operations upon the part of the enemy. That is the idea of the best navad authorities. The climate in Cuba is not what it was a month ago, but it is much better than it will be a month hence, and before another Spanish fleet can reach these waters, the navaauthorities hope to see our troops in possession of a base of operation in Cuba. The navy would be able to cover the landings of the troops and enable the death of Mr. J. H. Clark, of Clark- the military forces to get ashore with out hindrance.

intense enthusiasm reigns tonight among the officers and men over the county. He died suddenly of heart news, even though it is not absolutely certain, of the success of the work of the last month. The days have passed slowly and

wearily, and no persons have chafed more over the delay and inactivity than those who have been cruising in Cuban waters since the war begun. But if Commodore Schley has really got the Spanish fleet at Santiago de Cuba, it is almost as complete a victory as could have been expected from a naval engagement. The Spaniards' policy was to avoid an encounter, and it would have been difficult for any division of Rear Admiral sampson's fleet to have overhauled or captured them But now, if they are bottled up in Santiago de Cuba and baffled at their own game, the future seems bright and all that is waited for is the order to military forces in Cuba. Since Rear Admiral Sampson'

squadron left Key West an intensely close watch has been kept for the Spanish fleet, in spite of the belief that it was at the south of Cuba. Several false alarms have been given, the men on the lookout in the tops being so anxious to catch sight of the Spaniards that they would see five columns of smoke where only one was really discernible, and that the smoke of one of Rear Admiral Sampson's own boats. The tension was naturally great. This was not caused by any feeling of doubt as to the result of a naval engagement, for Rear Admiral Sampson's fleet has been so active since left Key West, that the Spaniards would have been completely annihilated if they had courted a fight. The fleet as at present constituted without Commodore Schley's command, and without the ships actually engaged in the blockade, forms the most powerful squadron ever gathered by the forces." United States navy. Then again, Com- It turns out that these paragraphs were modore Schley's ships are fully able not in the platform and resolutions pre miral Cervera, even under conditions favorable to the enemy, a state of pastime for the Massachusetts, Texas and Iowa to sink the Vizcaya, Almirante Oquendo, Cristobal Colon and

out of the harbor. CHASING A SPANISH CRUISER. Key West, Fla., May 27.-A Spanish | years of house keeping that gave such steamship, thought to be an auxiliary satisfactory results as a laxative or cruiser, was sighted by the United States warships Wilmington and Bancroft, fifteen miles off Key West last night, and at last accounts she was being chased by the Bancroft. The ship was a three masted steamer and apparently a merchantman of large tonnage. She had one smokestack. No doubt was entertained of her being a Spaniard, because, when

the Bancroft pur after her, she steamed away at full speed. The Wilmington was coming in here for coal when at about 5:30 o'clock last evening and between twelve and fifteen miles off Key West, she saw the smoke of a steamer and turned in the latter's direction. At about the same time the Bancroft came along and asked the Wilmington if she had seen anything of a three masted steamer which had chased the auxiliary gunboat Eagle. The Wilmington then notified the Bancroft of the three masted steamer, and while doing so, a stranger hove in sight. The Bancrof went after her and the vessel headed southeast, with the Bancroft following at full speed. The chase was a most exciting one when the Wilmington

It is presumed that the Spanish ship,

on the Sentry. observing the Wilmington's military top, mistook her for a battleship and thought it safe to continue scouting, trusting to her superior speed for escape, but when the Bancroft appeared, the Spaniard wasted no time in trying to get away. Captain Todd, of the Wilmington, has no doubt the Bancroft will catch

the Spaniard. A custom house official here, when he heard the story, said he had seen a strange ship off Key West, adding that she was gone in the morning. Captain Todd is confident the vessel being chased by the Bancroft, is a Spanish auxiliary cruiser on scout duty. The Wilmington came in from the

blockade and reports all quiet there. BENTRIES FIRED UPON.

A sergeant of artillery on duty at a mortar battery near Fort Taylor was fired upon early this morning by three unknown men, whom he says he knows to be Spaniards. The fire was promptly returned but the men escaped affair, which is involved in a good deal of mystery, began yesterday afternoon when three swarthy men made an attempt to enter the gate of the reservation, but were summarily turned off by the sentry. No further attention was given to the incident until last night when between 10 and 11 e'clock the sergeant of the artillery guard, near the mortar battery, discovered the figures the admiral set this signal to Captain of three men a few yards ahead of him. Philip, of the Texas: "You are going | Almost simultaneously with the discovery, they opened fire upon him with pistols. Three bullets whizzed harmless ly past the sergeant, but a fourth lodged in the fleshy part of his left arm, just above the elbow. The sergeant droped his raised rifle, and, as he did so, and before he could raise his rifle again the men turned and fled out of range. He sent several shots after them and then went for the guard. A sharp lookout was kept for the

strangers and, soon after midnight, a suspicious noise was heard outside the gate near which the mortar batery is located. An investigation resulted in the discovery of a carriage in the street just outside the gate. . The sergeant gave orders to fire and a volley was sent at the vehicle. A moment later, it appr -- s, three men were seen running up the street and the fire of the soldiers was directed upon them, but without effect, the suspects escaping apparently unharmed. The sergeant declares that on the occosion of the last visit of the strangers one of the latter carried a suspicious looking

package about three feet long. The sergeant who was the principal in the adventure with the three strangers is Charles W. Richards, Battery B., First Artillery.

CEVERIA NOT AT SANTIAGO. New York, May 27 .- An afternoon paper prints a dispatch from its Key West correspondent alleging, on the best of authority, that Cervera's fleet left Santiago de Cuba on Saturday. The statement likes confirmation.

"In a minute" one dose of Hart's Essence of Ginger will relieve any ordinary case of Colic, Cramps, or Nausea, An unexcelled remedy for Diarrhoea, Cholera Morbus, Summer Complaints and all internal pains. Sold by J. C. Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H. L. Fen-

The Hotel Tax Valid (Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh. N. C., May 27-The supreme court files an opinion in an important case—that of the commissioners of Durham against Manager Cobb, of Hotel Carolina. Cobb contested the legality of the act of the last legislature, imposing a tax of 11/2 per cent. on gross receipts of hotels in excess of \$2,000. The court says the tax is legal and not discriminative.

A son of the commissioner of agriculture is at death's door from a congestive chill at the Apricultural and Mechanical college.

S. L. Parker, Sharon, Wis., writes:-'I have tried DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve for itching piles and it aways stops them in two minutes. I considler DeWitt's Witch 'Hazel Salve the greatest pile cure on the market. For sale by R. R. Bellamy.

It Was Not in the Platform (Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., May 27.-Last night a

proof of the democratic platform and resolutions was furnished your correspondent. It contained the following paragraphs: "Whereas, The democratis party is a

national organization, and "Whereas. The democratic organization of North Carolina is a part of the said organization,

"Resolved. That we endorse the letter of Mr. Bryan, and the address of Chairman Jones, seeking to unite the silver

to defeat the Spanish force under Ad- sented and adopted. Naturally the proof was accepted as being entirely accurate, things which is thought to exist at nor was there occasion or time to com-Santiago de Cuba. It would be mere pare it with what was presented and

S. C. P. Jones, Milesburg, Pa., writes: -"I have used DeWitt's Little Early Maria Teresa if they attempted to file Risers ever since they were introduced here and must say Ishave never used any pills in my family during forty cathartic. For sale by R. R. Bellamy.

