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MUST NOW KEEP MUM.

Secretary Long Issues An Order to This Effect.

BLOCKADE OPEN TO VESSELS.

Blockade Designated as Commander of the Seventh Corps, With Headquarters at Tampa.

Washington, (Special).—An order was issued and signed by Secretary Long, relative to the publication of information from the Navy Department, which will have the effect of completely cutting off the supply of information that heretofore has been freely given out. The Secretary was directed to Captain of the Navy, chief of the Navigation Bureau, and he in turn gave it effect by an order in his own name that was connected with his bureau in

BURIAL OF ENSIGN BAGLEY.

Military Feature Was That Proper at the Funeral of a Brig-Gen.

WAS A GREAT DEMONSTRATION.

Palms From Gen Breckenridge--Seaweed and Oleander From Key West--Impressive Scenes.

On the 19th, at Raleigh, N. C., the United States and North Carolina paid noble tribute to the memory of the gallant ensign, Worth Bagley, the first officer killed in the war with Spain. The body was met by an escort of the First Regiment of Volunteers and taken to the home of Ensign Bagley's widow, where a detail of troops kept constant guard. The scene at the home was mournful in the extreme and the tender love of all classes of people for the dead was shown in the stream of callers and the wealth of floral tributes. On the case at the head of the casket and around it were the dead officer's cap and sword. Among the floral offerings which literally banked the casket and filled all available space in the rooms were palms sent by General Breckenridge in memory of his son, the late General Breckenridge, young Bagley's classmate.

RE. HOV. GLADSTONE DEAD.

He Suffered No Pain, But Passed From One Sleep to Another.

Rt. Hon. William Edward Gladstone, M. P. P. C., died at his home, Hawarden, Eng., on the 19th. He was the fourth son of the late Sir John Gladstone, Bart., of Fasque, County Kincardine, N. B., a well-known merchant of Liverpool, and was born there December 29, 1809. He was educated

HORRORS IN HAVANA, CUBA.

All the Reconcentrados Said to Be Dead or Sent Away to Die.

MANY TOO WEAK TO LEAVE.

Flocks of Vultures Circling in the Suburbs--These Birds Are Now Called "Weyler's Chickens."



W. E. GLADSTONE.

A special from Key West, Fla., says: The conditions in Havana, resulting from the blockade, are being gradually brought out by information obtained from fishing smacks and other small vessels captured off the coast. The situation in the blockaded city appears to be worse than at any other time since the Weyler regime ended. The fishermen who at first braved the blockade for the high prices which fish brought in Havana, now run the risk not for money, but for the food which they get from the sea. A number of these men have been captured at different times by the vessels of the blockading fleet, nearly all of them being released after having been questioned by American officers. They unite in picturing the state of things at Havana as critical in the extreme.

CONDEMNNS THE UNITED STATES.

Prince Bismarck Talks on the Hispano-American War.

Prince Bismarck, of Germany, according to an Associated Press dispatch, has this to say on the Hispano-American war: "The whole course of the Washington administration has been insincere. My views are well understood. I have always held that war is only defensible after all other remedies have failed. The result of the war cannot be wholehearted either to America or Europe. The geographical position rendered unnecessary an intermeddling policy, leading to avoidable frictions. She thus abandoned her traditional peace policy, and, in order to maintain her position, she must become a military and a naval power an expensive luxury which her geographical position rendered unnecessary. America's change of front means retrogression in the high sense of civilization. This is the main regrettable fact about the war."

MEXICO CO-OPERATES.

President Diaz Orders Troops to the Border.

President Diaz, of Mexico, has written Governor Culbertson that he has ordered Mexican troops on the border to render assistance and protect citizens on the Texas side, if needed. He says he has sent additional troops to the border with orders to co-operate with the United States troops in preventing depredations on Texas soil, and has instructed them to ask the co-operation of United States troops, if necessary. He closes his letter by saying: "With the hope that the good relations of true and cordial friendship which for so many years have united the two republics of North America may continue, and with the purpose of cultivating them on my part, interpreting the will of this country toward yours, I subscribe myself your attentive servant and friend."

SPAIN DOES

Not Like the Talk of an Anglo-Saxon Alliance.

Spain is not pleased with the utterances on the subject of the possibility of an alliance between the United States and Great Britain. Spain, it is said upon good authority, will draw the attention of the powers to the transcendence of the suggested Anglo-American alliance, with respect to European interests.

FEELS THE SHARP CRITICISM.

The administration evidently feels the sharp criticism of his appointments of wealthy young clubmen and those (whose only recommendation is that they are their fathers' sons) to important commands. This has caused a storm of indignation, and the administration hastens to announce that these birds of the feather will be put in the background as much as possible.

SPAIN'S NEW CABINET.

It Has Been Formed With Sagasta as President.

The new Spanish cabinet has been formed as follows: President of the Council of Ministers, Senor Fraxades Sagasta; Minister of Foreign Affairs, Senor Leon Castillo; Minister of War, Lieutenant General Corra; Minister of Marine, Senor Auzon; Minister of the Colonies, Senor Romero Giron; Minister of Finance, Senor Lopez Pulgar; Minister of the Interior, Senor Capdepon; Minister of Justice, Senor C. Graissard; Minister of Public Instruction, Senor Gamazo. The Premier will act as Foreign Minister, pending the arrival of Senor Castillo.

OFF-HOLDER COMMITS SUICIDE.

W. G. Essoy, for twenty-one years county auditor of Charleston, S. C., and a man 72 years old, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. He was popular and highly respected. He was appointed by Governor Hampton, in 1877.

EVANS APPOINTED INSPECTOR GENERAL.

The President has nominated John E. Evans, of South Carolina, to be inspector general, with the rank of Major.



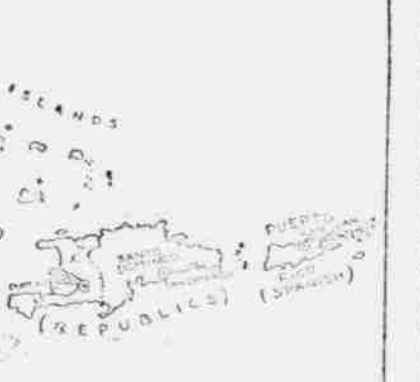
THE GOVERNOR'S PALACE AND AN ANGLE OF THE SAN JUAN FORTIFICATIONS REDUCED BY ADMIRAL SAMPSON'S FLEET.

General John J. Coppinger, United States Volunteers, the Fourth Corps, Mobile, Ala.; General Wm. L. Shafter, United States Volunteers, the Fifth Corps, Tampa, Fla.; Major General Edward S. Otis, United States Volunteers, to report to Major General Merritt, United States Army, for duty with troops in the Department of the Pacific; Major General James H. Wilson, United States Volunteers, the Sixth Corps, Chickamauga, reporting to Major General Brooke; Major General Fitz Lee, United States Volunteers, the Seventh Corps, Tampa, Fla.; Major General Jos. H. Wheeler, United States Volunteers, the Cavalry Division, Tampa, Fla.

THE TIME AT MANILA.

The difference in Washington time and that of the Philippine islands is thirteen hours and sixteen minutes, therefore according to our time, the battle of Manila was fought at 3:14 p. m., Saturday, April 20.

PORTO RICO AND THE SCENE OF NAVAL OPERATIONS.



Contractors of Havana harbor, who would be deprived of a large part of their defensive strength. This would allow the Spanish to make all attempts at blockade running in the bay. It is believed that the Spanish fleet, recently referred to as being the Spanish flying squadron are of

HOMEARMS PERISH IN A CYCLONE.

At Madrid, the London Standard says: "According to a cablegram from India, a terrific cyclone has destroyed a great part of a warehouse on the island of Malacca, Malay Archipelago. The shelves of Simbawa Bay are strewed with thousands of victims. The force of the hurricane.

THE ORDERS TO THE TROOPS.

Washington, (Special).—After generalizing the situation with General Merritt, Adjutant-General Corbin and chiefs of the supply departments, Secretary of War has made an order of the assignment of volunteer troops being mustered into the ranks of the United States and detailed points where they will assemble at the earliest possible date. The first regiment of South Carolina infantry, and one battery of Virginia infantry, and one regiment of South Carolina infantry to Tampa, Fla., and two regiments of Virginia infantry to the same place.

ADVISES THEM IN ITALY.

According to dispatches from various parts of Italy, Rome, Milan and the large towns continue quiet, but the large towns that the state of siege is maintained until parliament has passed the necessary repressive measures. All horse races at Milan have been stopped for three months. Although members of the Chamber of Deputies have been imprisoned and others have been arrested in Rome, it is believed that the agitation will result in the resignation of the cabinet. Signor Sonnino as the



ENSIGN WORTH BAGLEY, (First American killed in the war with Spain).

from the people of Key West; flowers from Capt. Chester, of the cruiser Cincinnati; porcelain flowers from the men of the torpedo boat Winslow; palms sent by the navy colleges, orange and blue, sent by Miss Gertrude Phillips, of Washington, and a North Carolina flag of flowers from Savannah. There were scenes of floral pieces from towns in North Carolina.

The body remained at the house until 2:30 this afternoon, when it was taken to the capitol and placed in the rotunda. The rotunda was draped in the national and State colors. A steady stream of people flowed by for two hours. The face was not exposed. It had been reported that it was disfigured by the explosion of the shell, but this was inaccurate. The face wore a smile.

The casket was removed from the rotunda at 5 o'clock and placed in front of the statue of Washington, where the exercises were held in the presence of the family and the city clergy and 19,000 people, including all the United States, State and city officials, military, veterans, cadets and school children. Col. Thomas S. Kenan was master of ceremonies.

The exercises were as follows: Hymn, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War, prayer, solo; There Is a Land Made of Ivory, Hymn; the 12th Psalm, quartet; "Ade with Me," Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. Dr. Eugene Daniels, Ensign Bagley's pastor, hymn, "Just as I Am."

The procession at 5:00 moved to Oakwood cemetery, as follows: Pipes, First and Second Regiments of United States Volunteers; music; body to funeral or draped in black, drawn by six horses with black trappings, clergy, family and relatives; the funeral orator, Lieutenant Adams, United States Navy; Agricultural and Mechanical College cadets; Confederate veterans camp; Grand Army Post; Governor Russell; Senator Butler and other national, State and city officials; Raleigh Male Academy students, including Bagley's classmates, and pupils of public schools.

Fifteen thousand persons saw the procession, which was suspended during the exercises. The ceremonies at the grave were brief, consisting of the recitation to the grave, prayer and benediction; hymn, "Now the Day is Over," a solo, "The Last Sentence of a Hero," and a hymn, "The Navy's Pastor."

DISCHARGE OF ENLISTED MEN.

The Secretary of War has made an order that men enlisted or re-enlisted in the regular army during the war shall be informed that they will be granted their discharges, if desired, at the close of the war, upon their individual application.

FACTS ABOUT CUBA.

Cuba is about as large as the State of Pennsylvania, containing as it does about 43,000 square miles. According to recent statistics the population is 1,631,087, about 65 per cent. is negroes, although some figures give very much lower totals. If all the lands suitable to the cultivation of sugar cane were utilized the island could produce enough sugar for the entire Western Hemisphere. In one year with the small area under cultivation over 1,000,000 tons of sugar have been exported.

WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

Warm Weather Helped the Appearance of Field Crops Generally.

The following are extracts from the weekly crop bulletin as issued by Section Director Lanier, for the week ending May 16th:

The warmer weather caused a noticeable improvement in the appearance of field crops generally and particularly in the condition of corn which has to a large extent, regained a healthy color, and shows improvement in stand, although stands are not entirely satisfactory being much broken by the ravages of cut, bud and heart worms, and uneven on account of much replanting.

Corn planting continues to a limited extent, but may be said to be practically finished, except for stubble corn to be planted in June.

Cotton shows little recovery from the set back of the previous week, caused by the cool nights and damaging cool winds and reports of cotton doing well received from various localities. The stand of cotton ranges from "very good" and the "poorest seen in a lifetime." That is to say, there is a great irregularity in the stand even in adjacent townships which differ greatly, some reporting fair stands and others very poor. But almost without exception, correspondents state that a great deal of replanting has been done and much yet to do before full stands can be secured. In many instances whole fields were plowed up and replanted.

In the eastern portion of the State, early planted cotton is looking best, while over the western portions late planting has done better except that in places the ground is so crusted that sprouting cotton seems unable to break through it, and some farmers are harrowing the fields to break the crust. Sea-island cotton is not doing well owing to the drought that prevails over the region of its cultivation. Cotton planting is practically finished, although in a few localities it is unfinished. Chopping well under way.

Tobacco seems to have responded quickly to the better weather conditions that have prevailed lately, and can be said to be doing nicely with the sets larger than usual for the season. There is need of rain in some tobacco raising sections. A small white worm is doing considerable damage in places by boring the ribs of the stem, otherwise tobacco is in a satisfactory condition.

Rice is looking well and growing fast in the coast rice districts, but in Kernshaw the seed rotted in the ground, necessitating replanting. The condition of wheat continues very promising. It has not increased during the week and is not prevalent enough to materially injure wheat, except in portions of Lexington county. Wheat is heading and stands in urgent need of rain.

Oats are ripening in the southwest portion of the State and harvest has begun in Hampton and Beaufort counties, with a good average yield. Oats are heading well everywhere but, like wheat, need rain. Spring oats will likely be a failure in the low counties, but in the upper portion of the State are looking well, but need rain.

The general outlook for fruit continues to be good for peaches, especially in the counties where most attention is given this crop, but pears and apples are generally much brighter in color, and there is dropping too freely. Apples have set well in some localities, while others report the trees barren. Plums are ripening and will be quite plentiful. Grape blooms in profusion in the western counties, and there is an appearance of doing well everywhere. Attention should be given grapes now by giving the vines not less than three successive sprayings at intervals of about two days.

Wild berries will be abundant in places, but in Hampton and Beaufort the berries appear small and shriveled. Forest fires during the winter destroyed many wild blackberry vines. Watermelon is growing up to good stands. Sweet potato grounds being transplanted, but the ground has too dry for this work to be pushed. There appears to be no scarcity of draws. Irish potatoes are not yielding over one-fourth an average crop in Charleston county owing to the deficiency of over 10 inches in rainfall since January 1st. Other vegetables, in the same vicinity, have yielded less than normal by 50 per cent, and shipments have been correspondingly light.

Melons are now doing well, having made marked improvement except in Newberry and Barnwell counties, where poor stands are the rule. Peanuts not doing well. Some peas have been sown in Greenville and Lexington.

Gardens continue backward but looking well. Pastures need rain. Farm work is up with the needs of all crops and fields are in good condition generally, except that grassy fields are reported from Beaufort.

Chinch bugs have attacked corn in York, and have appeared on grain in Chester. Cut, bud and heart worms are reported numerous and destructive over nearly the entire State.

THE GEORGIA POPULISTS.

The Populists of Georgia nominated J. R. Hogan, of Lincoln county, for Governor; Felix N. Cobb, of Carroll, for Attorney General, and W. P. Glover, of Bibb, for Commissioner of Agriculture, to fill vacancies caused by the death of those named at the regular convention six weeks ago. The platform as agreed upon was endorsed by the convention.

100,000 IN CUBAN ARMY.

The strength of the Cuban army of invasion now forming has been raised to a hundred thousand. It will move on Cuba regardless of the Spanish fleet.

TROOPS FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

It is announced in Washington that General Merritt has won his fight for a larger force for the invasion of the Philippines. It is now stated that the first installment will be eleven thousand men, with fourteen thousand troops following as early as possible.

ORDERED TO TAMPA.

The First Regiment of North Carolina volunteers have been ordered to Tampa. It has fifty officers and 932 enlisted men.

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A large part of the country is occupied by impenetrable forests, not more than 10 per cent of the island being under cultivation.

The United States imports from Cuba sugar, leaf tobacco, cigars, cigarettes and cheroots, molasses, fruits, nuts, iron ore, tropical woods and manufactures of hides and skins, chemicals, drugs and dyes.

The climate is hot on the coast and of course more temperate above in the higher lands. The temperature ranges from 72 to 82 degrees. Ice sometimes forms at night after a long continuance of northern winds, but snow is totally unknown.

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" 10:25 a.m. Kingsville "	" 4:44 p.m.	
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" 12:05 p.m. Kershaw "	" 4:00 p.m.	
" 1:45 p.m. Lancaster "	" 3:10 p.m.	
" 2:30 p.m. Columbia Jct. "	" 2:15 p.m.	
" 2:55 p.m. Rock Hill "	" 1:45 p.m.	
" 4:00 p.m. Anderson "	" 1:10 p.m.	
" 5:20 p.m. Abbeville "	" 9:20 p.m.	

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Northbound	S. C. & G.	Southbound
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" 8:00 a.m. " "	" Leesville 5:50 p.m.	
" 8:40 a.m. Patterson's Pt. "	" 5:30 p.m.	
" 9:45 a.m. " "	" 4:30 p.m.	
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" 11:05 a.m. " "	" 3:45 p.m.	
" 11:25 a.m. " "	" 3:25 p.m.	
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