munitioned.

The completion of a flying squadron of the American navy by the assignment of Commodore W. S. Schley to take charge is an epoch-marking event in the history of the present difficulty. No other action of this government since the Maine disaster so actively de-

since the Maine disaster so actively determines the fact that actual warfare has been expected.

But flying squadrons while the direct outcome of dangerous war conditions, are not necessities of standing havies in time of peace. It is therefore not o'ily possible, but highly probable, that the new American flying squadron has work cut out for it.

The fleet is one of the most formidable that can be gathered together by any nation. In average rate of speed, in armored protection, in calibre and number of guns, and in fighting quality and discipline of men it can be proven

and discipline of men it can be proven that the composition of this flying squadron is superior, point of numbers being equal, to any organization of a like nature to be formed by a foreign

COMPARED WITH SPAIN'S SHIPS. In the make-up of the flying squadron speed and fighting qualities have been considered. A summary of the points in comparison with those of the best boats that Sapin can offer in making up a similar squadron, follows:

Name. Tons. H-Power. Speed.

Brooklyn ... 9.271 18.000 22 knots Columbia ... 6.375 12.000 23 knots Minneapolis ... 7.375 11.000 233 knots Minneapolis ... 7.375 11.000 234 knots Massachusetts 10.288 9.000 17 knots The four best armored cruisers that Minneapolis . 7,375 11,000 23½ knots Massachusetts 10,288 9,000 17 knots The four best armored cruisers that

Spain has compared with this fleet of flyers would be as follows:
Name. Tons. H-Power. Speed.
Vizcaya 7,000 13,000 20 knots infanta Maria 7,000 13,000 20 knots Pelayo 9,000 8,000 16 knots Oquendo 7,000 13,000 20 knots OUR EVERY ADVANTAGE.

The total displacement tonnage of the United States flying squadron is 123 and of the Spanish only 30,996. The average hase-nower of the United tates vessels is 12,500 and that of the panish 1,770. The average rate of peed of the four United States ships s 21% knots per hour, while the Span sh fleet has to content itself with 19

achusetts, being somewhat slower han the rest of the fleet, will be suphan the rest of the fleet, will be sup-planted in the squadron by the cruiser New York and the average of speed and fast fighting capabilities of the squadron will be increased. The Brooklyn and New York are two of the finest types of fighting machines in the world, having their main batteries supplied with rapid-fire guns with which very few war ships are equip-ped, except in a secondary battery. The work on the Brooklyn has been fully completed. Her eight-inch tur-ret guns will now throw a much great-er distance. The Columbia has finish-ed painting and coaling and is in d painting and coaling and is in lendid condition. Commodore Schiey aderstands that the Texas, now at New York is thoroughly completed in rovement; is painted the prevailing d color, and is all ready for sea as oon as she arrives here.

OUR ADVANTAGE IN GUNS. The great point of vantage of this fleet is in thickness of armor, calibre of guns and the fighting qualities of the men. There are five 13-inch guns on the American flying squadron, while the whole Spanish navy has not one, and only two 12-inch guns. Of 12-inch guns our settledon has four and of leted vessels have five 11-inch gun and the rest are mainly five-inch. When on Morelay morning, Comme dore Schley russed his flag on th dore Schley raised his flag on the Brooklyn, evidence of an unmistakable character was apparent that every man, from stokes to commandant we not only fearless of battle, but court-ch it, and hoped it would come. The small calibre gun that fired the com-modore's salute with blank cartrides sang out a high-pitched passar of well-come and war. About the land-batted come and war. About the land-locker

water of Hampton Roads, where thir ty-five years are, the Monitor and Merrimac fourth their terrible battle was the humming refrain, in w one might hear the warning of Kip f drunk with sight of power, we bose Wild tongues that have not Thee in

Or lesser breeds without the law. Lord God of hosts, he with us yet. Lest we forget-lest we forget. SCHLEY, THE COMMODORE.

f, S. Schley, commodore command-is a well-built man of about 52 g, is a well-built man of about 52 ars of age, with a general appearace denoting thoughtfulness and disonacy, coupled with certain characters and quickness of artion when velopments require those features, rgc-beaded and kindly-faced, a smileye, evidently not given to temperck of answer, searching in inquiry, a man as he treads the captain's lige of the cruiser Brooklyn in full form, or shakes hands with you in lobby of the hotel in civilian, impresses you as the firm, unang warrior; just the man to take tial" orders for a flying squadron complete them himself with credit is country. In the atmosphere to today surrounds him there is a takin to that German song, which

akin to that German song, which "We have all had more than h of love, and now for a song of

FLORIDA CIGARS.

Result of the Cuban War Upon the Country.

Cuban war has done one big g for this country, says a Washon dispatch to the Cincinnati Enr; it has compelled recognition city, of the value of Florida lands the production of the finest tobacco he world. In the course of his re-

trip to the South, Secretary of Agture Wilson was astonished to ever that 150,000,000 Havana cigars actually grown and manufactured present on the Florida peninsular, ady great acres in the western part be State are planted with this crop, extensive arrangements have been for its introduction into the cen-

n. Thus it may be expected in. Thus it may be expected in it elong Florida will rival Cuba to accopy producer, in respect to the autity of yield, while the quality of its elgar leaf seems to be quite equal to that of the famous Vuelta Abajo.

All the conditions of climate in Florida favor the production of the highest grade of tobacco. The soil is much like that of Cuba, and, by the aid of the system of spraying that imitates natural rainfall, the plants are ripened in days after they are put out. Tobacockin be grown almost all the year, and crops can be set out in every month nearly.

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vast area is guitable and available
this branch of agricultural indusThe tobacco, furthermore, has all
qualities requisite for cigars. To
t for making cigars, the leaf must
a peculiar texture and composi-

tion. Cigar tobaccos will grow only in certain regions. If a manufacturing type of tobacco, fit for pipe or plug, be planted in Connecticut, it will acquire a likeness to the cigar type, and vice versa. It is all a matter of soil and climate, But it a very curious fact that versa. It is all a matter of soil and climate. But it a very curious fact that, whereas regions in the latitude of Sumatra, Cuba and Florida produce cigar tobaccos, one must jump over the intermediate space in order to find cigar tobaccos again in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. The tobaccos of Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina and other intervening States are useful only for chawing, pipe smoking and the

only for chewing, pipe smoking and the only for chang, pipe smooting and the export trade.

The growers in Florida use seed imported from Cuba. They are able to get two, and even three crops a year. Of course, some are better than others. and often it is not possible to tell why Only certain plantations in the Vuelta Abajo yield the finest cigar tobacco, and it is the far west end of Cuba alone

that furnishes the "weeds" so highly valued. AUDUBON IN HOMESPUN

Bird of Freedom's Capture and Re

lease From Sympathetic Farmer. From the California Whittler. There was an interested crowd be fore a large glass frot. Everybody who came along stopped either to make in-quiries or ellow in toward the window to see what the attraction was. Inside was a magnificent white-headed eagle. There was a chain from its right fool

There was a chain from its right foot to a huge piece of fron, some water in a pan, an untouched piece of fish, a few sods and a large card with the words, "Fof Sale."

The big bird's wingb drooped, on either side, to its feet. Its eyes were glazed and dim-looking. It opened and shut them, but never once turned them to the feetling, noisy crowd that stood to the jostling, noisy crowd that stood

to the jostling, noisy crowd that stood just outside the glass.

One of the crowd in the street was a sturdy young farmer who had come into town early that morning. He was sure he had seen the bird before. It had been captured, he learned, from what some of, the crowd said, in the country from which he had come. That settled it: it was the same bird. settled it; it was the same bird.

He had seen it on the mountain where he sometimes had hunted for a stray sheep. He knew the big pine in the top of which it had its nest. He had noted it soar majestically and free about him. as he worked in the valley, and had seen it sit motionless for hours on the top of some tall, distant tree. Now and then he had a suspicion that it had carried off an occasional lamb, and had nore than once tried to shoot the bird but had never succeeded in getting near

The young farmer elbowed his way along the window to the door of the

along the window to the door of the store; then he went in.

"What d'ye want for that bird?" he said. I'd like to buy him."

"Two dollars," was the reply.

"Very well. I'll take him."

He paid over the money and the bird was handed out to him.

The crowd at the window watched experty as the fearer cane out with The crowd at the window watched eagerly as the farmer came out with the big eagle under his arm, and went straight across the street to where a ladder leaned against a billboard that was some 10 or 12 feet high. At the foot of the ladder he stopped and took the chain from the bird's leg, then he went slowly up and placed his old friend—or enemy, he was not sure which, but no difference—on the top of the billboard, and came down.

The great bird had been a prisoner so long that it seemed for a time to have forgotten how to be free. It sat for a while as it had sat in the window. But gradually it came to itself. It lift-

But gradually it came to itself. It lift-ed first one side, then the other. It raised itself slowly to its full height and strettched out its great head toward the sky. The duliness went out of the eyes, and a flerce new light flashed in: then, nervously stretching out its huge pinions on either side and taking

a step or two forward, it rose with a hoarse scream and swept out toward the sun. A burst of applause from the crowd met the farmer as he recrossed the "I had seen him on the mountain," he said, "an' I couldn't bear to see him there." He pointed to the window;

then, in a moment, he was gone.

From the Newbern Journal. The fight of the N. C. Railroad Com-mission against the railroads in the tate in attempting to reduce passen ger rates, and affect fieldly rates, the surfaced interest of the reach, a matter of far reaching consequence. The statements packets the rail one efore the railroad commission are no

The statements made by the rail and before the railroad commission at ample proof that the railroads are recommended to the passencers and freight at the minimum figure, consistent with the reasoned freight at the minimum figure, consistent with the reasoned investment involved.

The natter of conducting a creat railroad is not based, cannot be based upon anything, except pure besides principles. To compet a railroad accurry posenters and freight at pales avolving a loss to the reads, cannot be dore, nor is it just that any railroad after making its statement of its business before the Commission, should be arbitrarily called upon to accept rates that make its business unusuligible.

The fact of the Atlantic Coast Line Southern and Scabbard Air Line being most important factors in the development of the resources of North Carolina, is entirely ignored, and a fight has been made against them as if they were despollers of the people.

The Commissioners entire the against the railroads has been one to disgust every person who wanted to see the State's resources developed. It has been a fight discouraging progress, and one against all equity of rights of the recognition of fairness towards. been a fight discouraging progress, and one against all equity of rights of the recognition of fairness towards radicad officials who have been great factors in this State's development and

THE OLD MAN'S REVERIE

Dar's a tender sort er yearnin' Seems to grip my po' ole heart z I set befo' de fiah in my cheer. En my eyes is slowly closin'
Fer I'm thinkin' er de days
When my deah ole marse an' missu
bofe wuz heah.

Once mo' I lif' my banjo Fer its place upon my knee, In my fingers slowly move acress de

strings To de tune of "Ole Kentucky" En my foot begins ter pat Thile dis po' ole darky's cabin fairly

But my heart is gitten feeble En' de day is drawin' nigh When I'll have ter lay my deah ole banjo down, An' when I heah de rustle

Of dem snowy angel wings Den I'll fly away ter Cansan en' my crown. CHARLES IDEN. Rogers, Ark.

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