Strange Disappearance of a Lieutenant and 14 Sailors.

CAPTURED AMERICANS

The Report Is Discredited at Washington-A Cabinet Conference on the Situation - Spaniards Hold Baler Against Filipinos.

Manila, April 19.-Admiral Dewey has been notified of the strange disappearance of Lieutenant J. C. Gilmore and 14 ance of Lieutenant J. C. Gilmore and 14 members of the crew of the United States gunboat Yorktown. On Saturday last the Yorktown anchored at Baler on the east coast of Luzon, 200 miles from here, where a Spanish garrison of 50 men has been defending itself against several hundred Filipinos for months past. Lieutenant Gilmore, Ensign William Standley and a boat's crew were up the river from Baler bay to communicate with the Spaniards, the town of Baler being situated some distance inland Ensign Standley, who landed at the mouth of the river, reports that he heard three volleys, a bugle call and cheers from up the river, but the automatic gun, which was a part of the equipment of the boat, was not heard firing. Standley later paddled to the Yorktown in a canoe, and a search was afterwards made for the Yorktown's sailed for Iloilo, from which place the commander cabled to Admiral Dewey his theories that the Filipinos had captured the junk boat or the Spaniards had rescued the American party. A scouting party of American troops this morning found the rebel skirmish line, more than two miles east of Malolos. A sharp fusilade followed, but no losses were sustained. members of the crew of the United States

Reported Capture of Americans.

Lodon, April 19.—The Filipino European junta claims to have received a cablegram from General Luna, commanding the district of Manila, direct from Manila on Friday, declaring that General Lawton, "whose object was to proceed to Baler and effect a junction with the Yorktown, was inveigled by Filipino tactics into perilously extending his line, with the result that his column, consisting of 140 officers and men, on reaching a place called Binagonam, was ambushed by a large Filipino advices further assert that General Lawton, who was at Laguna de Bay, on hearing the news "retired to Manila, stating he had been recalled by General Otis on the ground that a native rising in Manila was imminent."

The foregoing is said to be a separate affair from the disappearance of the boat's crew of the Yorktown in the vicinity of Baler.

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Washington, D. C., April 19.—The war department does not credit the Filipinos assertions in the dispatch, because it is believed General Otis would have cabled any such disaster. It is further stated that General Lawton could not possibly have had in mind a junction with the Yorktown, as there is an impassable range of mountains between the points he traversed and the sea shore. The Yorktown was cruising.

The following cablegram has just been received from General Otis: "Manila, April 19.—General Lawton returned from the lake country on the 17th instant, bringing the captured vessels. The insurgents were much scattered and retreated before our forces and await an opportunity to attack detachments. The better class of people are tired of the war and desire peace. The enemy build hopes on the return of our volunteers to the United States. Its army is much demoralized, and it less by desertion is large. It will, the proposition of the late John Collins, who was killed at the Virginia mine on Tuesday, will be sent through to Butte today, will be sent through to Butte today for inter bringing the captured vessels. The insurgents were much scattered and retreated before our forces and await an opportunity to attack detachments. The better class of people are tired of the war and desire peace. The enemy build hopes on the return of our volunteers to the United States. Its army is much demoralized, and its loss by desertion is large. It will, probably, prosecute guerilla warfare, looting and burning the country which it occupied. The health and spirits of the troops are good. The volunteers' return will commence about May 5th, and they will render willing service until the return of the transports which may be available. The embarkation will continue through The embarkation will continue through June and July. Reports from the Visayan islands continue very encouraging. Inter-island commerce is heavy and customers in the Mikado. She is stately in figure and sings and acts with ease and grace. toms receipts are increasing. (Signed)

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A BASEBALL CLUB.

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A meting was held Tuesday night at the Dominion hall to organize a baseball club for 1899, and there was a good attendance. The following signified their willingness to play, viz: Con Whalen, Billy Gibson, Al. Gibson, Mike Lahey, D. Cronin, H. Whittier, Doc Pullman, Jack Pasco. Edward Tighe, L. J. Holland, R. W. Kelly, Norman L. Jackson, Chas. G. Vaughan, S. Graham, F. S. Lewis, Harry B. Potts, R. I. Leath, W. J. Henry, W. H. Pierre, W. C. Hiteshue, C. F. Hanning, Leo. E. Walters and Steve Cronen.

A committee, consisting of Messrs. Whalen, D. Cronin and Lewis were appointed to see the business men relative to club uniforms and necessary bats and balls; also to the fixing of the grounds, and to report at the next meeting, to be

C. H. Topp of Chatham May Be Victoria's New Enginer.

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

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NEWS OF MANILA MADE A FOURTH CHOICE THE DREYFUS CASE

The Continuation of the Testimony Given Before the Court.

HOST OF WITNESSES

Victoria, April 19.—The city council in secret session this morning made C. H. Topp of Chatham, Ont., the city's fourth choice for city engineer, and revoked the unaccepted appointment of Mr. Smith of Toronto, who was their third choice.

Mrs. Carey, wife of ex-Mayor Joseph W. Carey, died today. She was one of the pioneer residents of Victoria, having arrived here 40 years ago.

The steamer Humboldt, which arrived down from the north last night, reports having struck on the Vanderbilt recis in Lynn canal, about 40 miles south of Skagway, on Friday last, about 1 o'clock, The steamer lost her way for want of any way, on Friday last, about 1 o'clock, The steamer lost her way for want of any way, on Friday last, about 1 o'clock, and the steamer lost her way for want of any way, but was subsequently ordered to dock at Quartermaster harbor, Tacoma. The Humboldt is a wooden vessel. Had an iron ship struck as she did, the consequences would have been much more services.

Sam Reid's gents' furnishing store, on Government street, was this morning the scene of a fire, which did considerable damage to the stock, valued at \$25,000. The flames had been smouldering for a long time, but had not made much head way when discovered, about 6 o'clock, and the damage was more by smoke and water. There is \$15,000 insurance.

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and told me the minister and others were aware that if I delivered documents to Germany they were unimportant and had the object of obtaining important ones in

the object of obtaining important ones in return."

Captain Lebrun-Renaud then related how he had repeated the words of Dreyfus to numerous officers. The next day he repeated them to General Mercier and to M. Dupuy, who took him to President Cassimir-Perier. The latter questioned him (the witness) regarding his indiscretions to journalists. The witness denied, on that occasion, speaking to reporters, but he admitted that perhaps he had spoken in their hearing. Since that time, as the result of this blame, and on a warning from his superior officer, Colonel Risbourg, he had not spoken of the matter, except to some superiors. He did not make any affidavit, but just an ordinary report of a conversation, which he regarded as a confession, of the delivery of documents. He did not repeat the words of Dreyfus before M. Cassimir-Perier or M. Dupuy, as they did not ask him anything about Dreyfus, but he showed his notes of the conversation with Dreyfus to M. Cavaignac.

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Colonel Risbourg was called, and confirmed Captain Lebrun-Renaud's account of his (Risbourg's) reprimanding him, and admitted that he had not made an affidavit of the incidents because they were known to the minister and to M. Cassimir-Perier. Some officers testified that Captain Arelles, who, according to Captain Lebrun-Renaud, was present during the conversation with Dreyfus, had described the interview to them immediately afterwards, clearly showing that Dreyfus had made the avowals. General Barras, who commanded the parade at the execution of the sentence, testified that when the judgment was read, Dreyfus exclaimed: "I am still worthy to belong to the army; Vive la Armee, Vive la France." General Barras said he heard no other words from him during the ceremony of degredation.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

Sir Arthur Charles, a retired justice of the Queen's bench, has been appointed judge of the court of arches, the eccles-iastical court, in place of Lord Penzance Toulouse-Lautrec, thepaster designer, is not insane, according to Le Figaro, but undergoing a cure for alcholism, with good prespects of recovery

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A fisherman's trawling net brought up recently, near Carlingford Lough, on the Irish coast, a lot of law documents missing in Irish chancery cases. Though much damaged the papers could be read.

Kaiser Wilhelm, havig appointed himself admiral-in-chief of the German navy and given orders that all naval officers must be either clean shaven or wear full beards, but on no consideration moustaches, what he will do with his own cherished moustache is beig watched with interest.

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"Thrums" has grown too strict even for its minister. TheRe v. W. C. Conn has resigned from the Original Secession Kirk at Kirriemuir and applied for admission to the Presbyterian church of England, being in search of "a larger outlook." The number of "Auld Lichts" in Thrums is now 37.

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A good deal of interest centers around the Samoan islands on account of the recent disturbances, and the following authentic information about them will be of interest to our readers:

The islands lie in almost direct line between San Francisco and Australia and slightly south of the direct steamship line connecting the Philippines with the proposed Panama or Nicaraguan interoceanic acaling and repair stations on these great highways of commerce rather than in their direct commercial value, their population being small and their exports and imports of comparatively little importance.

The group consists of ten inhabited and two uninhabited islands, with an area of two uninhabited islands, with an area of 1,700 square miles, and an aggregate population, according to the latest estimates, of 36,000 people, of which something over 200 are British subjects, 125 Germans, 25 Americans, 25 French and 25 of other natives of the Polynesian race. The bulk of the population is located in the three islands of Upolou, Savii and Tutuila, the number in Upolou being 16,600; in Savii 12,500, and in Tutula, which contains the harbor of Pago Pago, ceded to the United States in 1873 for a naval coaling station, 3,700. The islands are of volcanis origin, but fertile, producing cocoanuts, cotton, but fertile, producing cocoanuts,



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MINES AND STOCKS

Weekly Market Review

The local stock market has been active lately. We have filled several large orders from Toronto and Montreal, and there is a noticeable increase in the demand from England for shares in the mines of the Boundary and Ymir districts, besides several inquiries for large blocks of War Eagle. The largest individual transaction was the sale by us of 100,000 Monarch to Eastern customers. This stock has experienced a sharp advance in the last few days, and ern customers. This stock has experienced a sharp advance in the last few days, and there is every indication that it will continue to climb upward. At its latest quotation it is undoubtedly a good buy. The Monarch mine is situated near Hall's Siding, in the Ymir district. The vein is an enormous showing of copper-gold ore about 75 feet wide, and can be traced to a great distance on both sides of the claim. Recent developments has proved that the property has the ear-marks of a great mine. The company will do a large amount of work this year, and it is expected that shipments to the Hall Mines smelter will commence as soon as the snow disappears commence as soon as the snow disappear from the trail between the mine and the

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The demand, both locally and in the East, for McKinney-Kamloops shares was decidedly strong last week. Most of the first block of this stock offered to the public has been promptly taken. For the amount of development done on the Kamloops it is certainly the most attractive amount of development done on the Kamloops it is certainly the most attractive free gold proposition in Southern British Columbia. The recent big strike in the famous Minne-ha-ha mine, near the Kamloops side line, has greatly enhanced the value of the property. The management of the Minne-ha-ha has made overtures to the McKinney-Kamloops company with a of the Minne-ha-ha has made overtures to the McKinney-Kamloops company with a view to joining the later at an early date in the erection of stamp mills for the the erection of stamp mills for the treatment of the ore on both properties. The chances are that this offer will be accepted, and should this happen both mines will make a great saving. All that the Kamloops needs to bring it to a dividend-paying basis is a development to admit of transits of transits of the property of the propert mit of stoping ore in quantities sufficient to operate a stamp mill without interruption. We strongly recommend the purchase of this stock before it advances, for certain it is that it will advance, and that heavily, before the end of the present summer.

The inclination of English clients to purchase War Eagle shares in considerable quantities we take as a good indication of the growing interest of Old Country investors in British Columbia

mines.

The indications are that this summer will witness unprecedented activity in the Rossland mining market, and it is our op-Rossland mining market, and it is our opinion that all stocks of merit will soon experience a considerable advance. We advise our clients to keep in close touch with this field of investment. Now is the time for fortune making in the mines of this section. To delay is to lose the opportunity of buying sound stocks cheaper than they will be again for a long time to come.

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We invite correspondence with regard to investments in British Columbia min-

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Grand Rapids, April 19.—One week from

today Grand Rapids will be the Mecca of today Grand Rapids will be the Mecca of the advocates of woman suffrage. On that day will open the thirty-first annual convention of the National Woman's Suffrage association, which will bring to this city a galaxy of famous women, including the venerable Susan B. Anthony, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt of New York, Mrs. May Wright Sewall of Indianapolis, Rev. Anna Howard Shaw of Michigan, Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton of Ohio, Mrs. Sarah Clay Bennett, and Miss Laura Clay of Kentucky and Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery of Philadelphia. Miss Anthony and her sister workers expect the coming convention to

Patriots' Day

Boston, April 19.-"Patriot's Day" was generally observed throughout Massachusetts today, the celebration recalling the old traditions and historic incidents of the revolution. From the belfry of Old North church two lantern were hung to recall Paul Revere's ride, and at daybreak this morning the drum corps and patriotic organizations of Lexington marched over the route taken by the British, April 19, 1775. In this city all of the old houses of historic interest were carried as a second content of the conte historic interest were gayly decorated, and were kept open all day for the inspection of visitors.

Republic to Have a Telegraph Line. Republic, April 19.—[Special.]—It is expected here that the lines of the Spokane pected here that the lines of the Spokane & Northern Telegraph company will be completed on or before the 15th of May. The work of building the line has been in progress for some time past, and it will now take less than a month to finish it. When this line is finished it will give Republic telegraphic communication with Rossland. Hitherto quick communication has been carried on between the two has been carried on between the two cities by telephone.

Marcel Prevost, the author of "Demi-Vierges," has been elected president of the Societe des Gens de Lettres, Jules Le-maitre of the French Academy and of the League of the Fatherland, being his op-ponent. In his speech of acceptonce, M. Prevost declared that "itwould be a scharge to expedice of collegages." shame to expel like cowards a colleague and master like Zola because the mob is now yelping at his back." Two Do

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