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ROAR OF BATTLE

Heavy Cannonading Heard at Sea in the Vicinity of Port de Paix.

Supposed That Naval Engagement Has Been Fought - Rumor of Spanish Defeat.

New York, May 23.-A cable to the World from Port Au Prince says: Heavy cannonading is reported to-day from Port de Paix and Conaves. It is supposed that a naval engagement has been fought. Rumors are current that the Spanish were defeated disastrously.

Madrid, May 23.-An official dispatch from Havana says: Two American warships attempted to force their way into Isabella Sagua, in the mouth of the Sagua river, province of Santa Clara, on the north coast. Troops massed on shore and compelled the Americans to retire.

Coal For Spain's Fleet. St. Pierre, Martinique, May 23.-Admiral Cervera's squadron, it is reported on good authority, will return to these islands in a few days. A number of Spanish colliers are on their way to Port de Paix.

News from Key West. New York, May 23.-A dispatch to the Tribune from Key West says: It was figured that Commodore Schley had time to come up with the Spanish fleet if it remained in the neighborhood of Santiago, but there has not been back word to that effect.

A newspaper despatch boat was in the night of the 21st. It was twelve hours before the Spanish fleet made its appearance. It met no American ships en route to Cuba.

New York, May 23.-A dispatch to the World from Kingston, Jamaica, says: Direct Spanish advice says the appearance of the Spanish fleet off that port compelled Admiral Cervera to retreat.

The Spanish authorities have a gunboat at Cabaiguana, the nearest landing place to Gomez's headquarters, and are trying to strengthen the patrol. They cannot, however, extend it east.

New York, May 23.-A dispatch to the World from Cadix says: It is stated here very positively that the Atlantic steamers and two torpedo boats are about to sail for the Philippines.

It is reported that the Spanish fleet left Madrid without instructions from the Madrid government. Admiral Cervera said: "The state of my country compels me to do as I please."

Madrid, May 23.-Captain Deschamps, of the Spanish auxiliary cruiser Montserrat, which arrived unexpectedly at Coruna on Friday evening from Cienfuegos, having es-

DOMINION HOUSE.

House Devotes a Good Deal of Time to Discussing Estimates.

Montreal Harbor Improvements Debated and Important Statements Made.

Ottawa, May 16.-The House of Commons spent the whole of yesterday in committee of supply, making considerable progress in the estimates.

Mr. Monk criticized the item of \$17,000 for the maintenance of the harbor. Mr. Tarte explained that the estimate was about the same as under the late government.

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THE YUKON RAILWAY

Possibility of the Dominion Government Supplementing the British Columbia Subsidy.

Provincial Liberal Members Forcing the Matter Upon the Attention of the Government.

Ottawa, May 23.-It is just likely that the government will supplement the capital subsidy from the British Columbia government to the Yukon railway by a land grant from the Dominion.

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THE VENEZUELA DISPUTE.

Arrangements for the Tribunal Which Will Assemble in Paris in February.

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