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is said, will then leave himself free to act.

SANITARY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES CAMP.

Washington, Aug. 5.—The following report of the sanitary condition of the American camp at Santiago was made public at the war department this morning:

Sanitary report for Aug. 3.—Total sick 3,778; total fever, 2,696; new cases of fever, 449; cases of fever returned to duty, 585.

WELCOME GIFT.—Santiago, August 5.—The Red Cross schooner Mary E. Morse has arrived here with 900 tons of ice, the gift of Miss Adelle Gardner, of Long Island. Miss Clara Barton presented the complete cargo to General Shafter for the use of the army. The gift was greatly appreciated by the sick, as the hospital corps was in need of ice.

SPANIARDS LEAVING NEUVITAS
Key West, Aug. 5.—No confirmation has been received here of the report that Neuviatas, the chief port of the Province of Puerto Rianco, had been captured by the Spaniards. The report was based on a bombardment by the American ships. The auxiliary cruiser Badger, which captured three prizes at Neuviatas on July 26, and left with them that day for Tortugas, arrived here this morning. Captain Snow said that at the time of his departure all but 1,600 Spaniards had left the city, and a general evacuation was expected, but the report to all intents and purposes the place would be abandoned. The Spaniards had been nothing in the nature of a attack.

Washington, Aug. 5.—Formally, but courted by the United States, the earnest appeal of the French ambassador to modify the United States' attitude toward the Cuban revolutionarily unimportant results. On that point which Secretary Day impressed upon the French minister, the evacuation of Cuba, Porto Rico and one of the Ladrone Islands, had been selected by the United States, and the minister expressed the hope that all of these islands, except Cuba, was made a condition precedent to the negotiation of peace, and until these terms had been fully complied with would this government refuse to negotiate with the Cuban positions whatever. The question upon which the Spanish authorities have been asked to make an admission is regarded by the administration as perfectly legitimate, and up to this time no admission has occurred to bring in question the sincerity of the United States. Under the circumstances it is the purpose of the president to deal with the matter in the most direct manner and make the road to peace as smooth for the Spaniards as possible, while at the same time the rights and dignity of the United States will be maintained.

PRIZE SOLD FOR \$12,200.
New York, Aug. 5.—The first prize steamer captured by the Americans during the present war, the Buena Ventura, was sold to the highest bidder for \$12,200. The price is considered a good one. The Buena Ventura was captured by the gunboat Nashville off Key West on April 11, the day war was declared.

GIBARA EVACUATED.
 Madrid, Aug. 5. — It is announced from Havana that the town of Gibara on the north coast of Santiago de Cuba Province, has been evacuated by the Spanish.

SPANISH COMMANDER SHOT.
An official dispatch from San Juan de Porto Rico says that Col. San Martin, who was in command of the Spanish troops, and that the rebels on entering killed 18 volunteers.

ish garrison at Ponce, has been court-martialed and shot for abandoning the place without resistance. Lieut.-Col. Plus, the second in command, committed suicide.

A dispatch from Havana says: "The Saboya battalion has defeated a large band of insurgents near Monte Verde, Province of Matanzas, and were pursued at the point of the bayonet. The

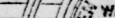
lost heavily, including their commander, Jovel. The Spaniards had killed and 14 wounded.

WOMEN NURSES.

Washington, July 5.—Surgeon-General Sternberg has sent to the chief

"I have to inform you that I do not approve of having female nurses with troops in the field or in camps of instruction. But in general, because

ties exist for taking care of them, they may render valuable assistance, and approve of the employment of properly trained female nurses under suitable circumstances."



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