

while Mr. Deane has been intelligent stude ry and its government for about ion . Then C. W. Sares, with his smile aldlike and bland, pens the most ab-untruths about his friend Deane in icular and the opposition party in ral. As for the paper he professes and its government for abo for downright churlishnes ht, for downinght charmsness, guardism, malevolence and menda-its only competitor in British Co-its is the Janus-faced Vancouver Then John Fremont Smith, th mt of the Vancouver W into an alliance with John ood Wells, the friend of his and the joy of his soul, the object boow partnership being the re-election tin. Mayor Gordon tried to gr r Lee to join hands and hearth ng Mr. Deane's defeat, but Mr get aembers too well the mean, un-lying methods used by Gordon lying methods used by Gordon supporters at the last civic-and he is too upright a man to be over by the growing decidedly a Things are growing decidedly n this district. Mr. Editor, and nees are we will have a rare "hot before the campaign is over. But is solid for Deane, who has alis solid for Deane, who has al-proved himself a fair, square, and man, possessing a better know-of the needs of the country than of the needs of the country than of the needs of the country than Martin ever had or could have. will head the poll in spite of the sable tactics of the Martin boosters. NICOLA.

ola, 5th April, 1898. correspondent's opening sentence

ourse, written in a facet ous ven, s of the Times telling a different -Ed. Times.)

TAX ON LAND.

the Editor: Lately from his place in cincial legislature the attorney declared that the mortgage to a dual us, that if a duat tax, I Exaction. I understand that legal exaction. I indicate and that ence of this vexed question to the court that the mortage tax is ced to be a dual form of fination legislature, and therei he legislature, and increiore it was deemed necessary, I obtain this decision of its ave the Victoria muncipal, j ing bordering on bankruptcy nable the government to continue this tax upon the overburdened whose improvements are d then also the money he has pon mortgage wherewith to e

me to inform the farmers of Columbia, whom it may concern, content with this, the govern-i lately endeavored to fix upon them mposition, viz., to deripve them of their improvements, as against on of wild land tax, where ovements happened by chance to by a public road from the bulk id upon the other side legal quibble that his of that his ovements on one side of ere in the words of the ct not "immediately adjo e other; and this meant that in a penal tax of three per cent. valorem was to be chars ads to oblige the owners chargod ads to oblige the owners taxable improvements to m making a perfectly serious This judgment of the presiding of the court of revision held in nalt district in January last was upon a hair-splitting interpretation 9, chapter 45, section 2, of the at act, 1891 (still in force), which

ments upon any part of land any person shall be deemed to provements upon any part of land d by any person shall be deemed to mprovements upon the immediate ad-ag land of such person to the extent 40 acres in like manner as if such im-ements had been equally distributed the whole of the said immediately ining land of such person not exceed. ing land of such person, not exceed-

s entirely new reading of an act that been in force for seven years, an act was singularly free from ambiguity, upon the good faith of which numerous ers had made their improvements, was wrested from its obvious meaning to w taxes from them. As 262 acres was the one s was the one selected to similar cases upon small British Columbia, and the tax in sin hat our improvements exthan five times, over in value

in the absence of the act. I i, laid the case before his deputy, only be curily informed that the government ald certainly uphold the decision of the essor's court in any appeal we made in matter to the full court of the prov-

THIS MAY MEAN WAR negotiating for the purchase of several vessels for Spain. The minister of war is pushing work actively on the defences of the Balearic and Canary Islands, ai-Morocco. In military and naval circle so the Spanish stations on the coast of it is believed that the truce will be un-U. S. Senate Foreign Committee Ask for Armed Intervention

debt charged to Cuba.

the present.

Spanish Press Opinions,

torpedo vessels to Havana.

THE CENTENNIAL DELAYED.

tains at Vancouver.

Madrid, April 13.-El Liberal, hitherto

in Cuba.

Every Indication That the Struggle Cannot Now Be Much Longer Delayed.

Washington, April 13.-The house was excited during the preliminary business. No attention was paid to it, Members wded about Mr. Adams, acting chairthe foreign affairs committee, brought over a printed copy of the senate resolutions, and read them aloud o half a hundred members in the main

The following is the majority resolution reported to the senate by Senator Davis, immediately upon the convening of the senate at noon to-day: "Whereas the abhorrent conditions

which have existed for more than three which have island of Cuba, so near our own borders, have shocked the moral sense of the people of the United States; sense of the disgrace to Christian civilization, culminating as they have, in the destruction of a United States battleship with two hundred and sixty-six of its officers and crew, while on a friendly visit to the harbor of Havana, and cannot longer be endured, as has been set forth by the president of the United forth by the pressage to congress on April 11, 1898, upon which the action of congress is invited; therefore, Resolved-First, that the people of the island of Cuba are and of right ought

to be free and independent. "Second, that it is the duty of the United States to demand and does hereby demand that the government of Spain at once relinquish authority and government in the island of Cuba and withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and

Cuban waters. "Third, that the president of the United States be and be is hereby directed and empowered to use the entire land and naval forces of the United States, and to call into active service the United States militia of the several states, to such an extent as may be necessary to carry those resolutions into effect.

Later-Resolution passed. British Press Opinions.

London, April 13.-The Daily News

says editorially this morning: "We do not desire to detract from the Vancouver, April 13.—The Centennial is delayed in port in consequence of a row with the Ning Chow over horses. Three animals were booked for the latcredit that justly belongs to the Pope, neither the spiritual nor temporal machinery of Europe would have been machinery of Europe would have been put in motion to stop the horrors in Cuba but for the United States. A Weyler would be invaluable in Ar-menia. There is nothing selfish in Am-erica's resolve that Cuba shall be free fore the Cemennial should have sailed. The captain will be brought up in the cuba but por butchers and tormentors. If from her butchers and tormentors. If the Pope really desires peace he should police court this afternoon.

powers.

the whole of his great influence SPANISH WAR OFFICE ACTIVE.

with Spain, who cannot, in the long run, disobey him, while Spain would not stif-fer humiliation in submitting to the pon-tiff, who has no physical force belind him." The Times says: "Optimist critics of President McKinley's message have lost sight of the fact, in both Wahington and Madrid, that those whose chief pre-occupation, to say the least, is not the maintenance of peace, are playing with free in a powder magazine. General ry the suspension of hostilities into prac-tical effect, "according to circumstances fire in a powder magazine. General Fitzhugh Lee's influence will tend to agin each district." gravate the bitterness felt for the loss WHAT DOES LEE KNOW? the Maine-a natural cause of suspicion and anger, but to blow these smol-dering fires into flames at the present It Is Reported That He Can Tell Who Blew Up the Maine. critical moment is a rash act, not easy be condoned by the conscience of the New York, April 12 .- A dispatch from civilized world.' Washington says: The sensation of the week may follow The Powers Powerless. Consul General Lee's appearance before the London, April 13 .- The Spanish presenate foreign relations committee on Wednier in an interview this morning, ac-cording to a special dispatch from Madnesday or Thursday. It is believed that he knows more about the Maine explosion rid, said he thought the powers could not than any other man. than any other man. There is an extremely interesting, but unvertified, story told in the best informed circles here that General Lee has been able to trace the shore and harbor batterles which controlled the 500-pound submarine mine planted by the Spanish government under the Maine. Six keys could have been used to explode that mine. The knowledge of these keys and how to use them was necessarily a secret of the Spanish gov-ernment. do more than they have already done in

SHIPS READY FOR SEA. Half a Dozen War Vessels Turned Out FAST ATLANTIC LINE of New York Navy Yard.

New York, April 12.-The Sioux, in command of Ensign Gherardi, is ready likely to lead to anything, unless the Pope and the powers exercise again the for sea and will probably sail to-day. same pressure upon Spain and President The Uncas is nearly ready and the re-McKinley and force both to make con- pairs to the Tecumsah are expected to cessions in the final settlement of the Cuban question, which it will be difficult he finished to-day.

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When the Eagle and the Hornet were to force the Spanish people to accept, unless her rights are respected and her floated out of the dry dock, the Scorpion and Wasp were put in their places. The

Eagle and Hornet are painted and have War Orders Issued. New York, April 13.-Colonel William their guns in position. They will be fin-Seward, ninth regular senior colonel in the state, who will have the right of line in the event of the first brigade be-ing ordered out have issued orders to her and their foretop masts taken down. line in the event of the first brigade be-ing ordered out, has issued orders to his The steamers are to be plated on the regiment to prepare for war service. These orders were issued through the company commandants, and are expliterday and is now nearly ready to go to cit to the minutest details. Similar or-ders will, it is said, be received by other Sea. Work on fitting out the El Norte, now the Yankee; El Sol, now the Yose regiments, and before many hours every national guardsman in the city will know exactly what he will be expected to take with him on a campaign. mite, and the Niagara has been begun and the gunboat Annapolis is being overhauled and having changes made in her ammunition hoists.

The Atlantic transport line steamer Europe, which is now due from London, The Flying Squadron Sails. Old Point Comfort, Vs., April 13.-The flying squadron sailed at 2 o'clock under sealed orders for the south. has on board 300 cases, 20 tons of rapid fire ammunition, consigned to the com-mandant of the navy, and 12 cases of Postal Service Terminated.

New York, April 13.—With the de-parture of the steamer City of Wash-ington to-day, the postal service from the United States to Cuba will close for ammunition consigned to the military academy at West Point. The Europe

MILITARY MOVEMENTS.

All Troops May Be Organized on a War

and a state of the second second THE VICTORIA TIMES, THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 1898

so ravorable to the present cabinet, criticises in the sharpest manner its sur-Basis Within a Week. render to the powers, and urges an New York, April 12 .- A special from

states. It is clear that a recognition of Washington says: Should the recommendations of Major the rights of Spain in Cuba and the General Miles, commanding the army, be approved by Secretary Alger, all the United States infantry east of the Rocky cessation of assistance from America to the insurgents will redeem the conduct of the cabinet in the eyes of a nation that is morally sad and weary of succesmountains will be massed at Chickamuga National park before the end of the Sive humihations. The Imparcial boldly asserts that the week.

Secretary Alger, however, up to this time has withheld his approval of the honor of Spain can only be vindicated if the truce is short and the time devoted to complete naval and military preparaconcentration orders, having permitted of battleships, cruisers, destroyers and only the movement of the 25th infantry, which has started from Fort Missoula. Mont, after many delays. Six com-'The ministerial Liberal papers and Conservatives like the Epoca do their panies of this regiment are under orders to proceed to Chickamauga, and two go direct to Dry Tortugas. General Miles had a long conference

best to allay public opinion and military displeasure by showing that the Spanish position has been strengthened for future developments in Cuba by having assent-ed to the proposals of the Pope and with Secretary Alger yesterday in which the commanding general strongly urged upon the secretary the necessity of prompt action with regard to the con-centration of the available military They try to make out now that all conrespecting the rights of Spain and the new autonomous regime in Cuba.

Trouble Between Rival Steamship Capat the department consider that the Span-ish overtures of the last few days have not in any way changed the outcome of the situation. They regard the situation as serious in the extreme and that war is imminent. For this reason they strenuously advocate the concentration and organization of the troops on a war basis the earliest possible moment.

> calling out of the national guard in advance of actual hostilities. Their ser-vices will not be asked until war has been declared or intervention in Cuba

THEIR SAFETY CONFIRMED. Ice-Bound Whalers in the Arctic Have Fienty of Food.

been received from Foint Barrow, where oou ice-boand whaters, who sailed from this port about a year ago, are sately awaiting the return of the season when the Arctic seas will open for navigation. No fear is expressed that there will be any loss of life on account of scarcity of

> An fact, the timely precautions that were taken by Charles Brewer, agent of H. Liebes & Co., in laying in a big suppay of provisions at Point Barrow, laye preciuded the possibility of any suffering on the part of the whalers. The news is confirmed that the Jessie H. Freeman was totally destroyed by In the free and that the Orca was crushed un the re and finally sunk. Of the other whaters held in the ice pack, the Belvedere is suid to be safe,

but what fortune may overtake the Jeannie, Newport, Fearless, Rosario and the Bark Wanderer cannot be told until the ice begins to move. A few men of each crew are standing

guard over the vessels where they are held prisoners in the ice. The rest have taken refuge at the Point Barrow station, where they are quartered in the houses of the fur company, the Esquimaux who formerly occupied these buildings having been given guns and ammunition and sent to hunt deer in the interior.

Fifth Mate Walker, of the Orca, has reached Saddle Lake on his way to this city. He telegraphed that the vessels now in the ice will get out safely next spring.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Liberal Gains in Ontario-Farming Operations in Manitoba.

Toronto, April 12 .- Judgment in the South Perth election to-day upset the de-cision of the county judge and gave Moscrip, Liberal, the seat by a majority of 4. In the West Elgin case, where there was a tie, the seat was given by the High court judge to McDermid, Conservative, by a majority of 1. The net situation therefore remains unchanged. There are no more election

appeals and no seats are now in doubt. The Liberals have gained West Huron in the courts. The standing of parties is: Liberals, 50; Conservatives, 42; Con-servative-Patron, 1; Independent-Liberal, 1. Fifty-six protests have been filed, twenty-eight for each party. Winnipeg, April 12.—Reports from Southern Manitoba are that seeding operations were general in eastern local-

ties to-day, Around Morris, Roland Emerson, Letellier, St. John. Gretna and Harney, farmers were sowing all this week. In Gladstone district seeding be-gan yesterday. The Portage plains district has been ready for seeding for sev-eral days. The season is nearly a month ahead of last year in the Red river val-ley, where the high water retarded seed ing operations. Montreal, April 12.—Senator Desjar-dins presided at a complimentary ban-quet tendered last night to Lieut.-Gover-

French Consul-General, Minister Mulock, Fitspatrick and Geoffrion of the Ottawa government, Premier Marchand and ex-Premier Flynn, of Quebec, and numer ous prominent citizens were present. An interesting incident of the evening was relations," proposed by the president, who expressed his pleasure at the pre-sence of the French and Spanish consuls. When the name of the Spanish consul, Signor Mantel, was mentioned, there was an outburst of vociferous cheering, nearby the whole audience, which was com-posed almost entirely of French-Cana-dians, rising and joining in enthusiastic applause:

The new Canadian Pacific air line be tween here and Ottawa, better known as the Montreal and Ottawa railway, which it has been announced will open for through passenger traffic is now practically

THE MESSAGE AT KEY WEST. Key West, April 12 .- The bulletin of

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the Associated Press, announcing the de-livery of President McKinley's message to congress, was promptly sent to Capt, Sampson, in command of the fleet, by Commander Forsyth. It was also posted in the hotel here and copies were sent on board the Amphitrite, Puritan, Terror, Nashville and Helena. The interest in the message was most intense. The firm stand taken by President McKinley was received with profound satisfaction here. Some of the commanders think now that they are likely to be in Havana on Wednesday next,

BLOCKADE OF HAVANA.

The Probable Move the American Govern-mept Will Soon Make.

New York, April 12 .- A special from Key

West, Fla., says: Since the synopsis of the president's mes-West, Fin, says: Since the synopsis of the president's mes-sage was received here there have been more inquiries about the means of trans-porting troops to the seaboard and thence to Cuban ports than regarding movements. The message is interpreted to mean a mill-day occupation at an early date with the facet opening the way either by a blockade of Havana or by silencing its defences. The blockade, if one is attempted, is not expected to be of long duration, and the noderstanding is that the army should fol-low immediately in the wake of the navy. So the ships await the action of congress and other steps leading up to a military occupation, which they expect to come this week. Officers of the fleet believe they will be moving within a few days. It is not anticipated that Gen. Blanco's armistice prodamation will have any effect on the situation upon the island. It will enable the insurgents to occupy a larger area of territory and will be used as an excuse for withdrawing troops from the country and bringing them to Havana. On Saturday last the troops in the im-mediate neighborhood of Havana numbered between 3,000 and 10,000. By the end of this week their number will be doubled. They will be reinforced by 18,000 volun-teers. The point of this is when the navy has once made a breach a considerable force

They will be reinforced by 10,000 may teers. The point of this is when the navy has once made a breach a considerable force has once made a breach a considerable force will be needed has once made a breach a considerable force of regular American troops will be needed to follow up the advantage and occupy Ha-vana, which may be defended stubbornly. The Spanish authorities, when forced to yield, are likely to leave all the elements of anarchy. The insurgents may be disap-pointed if their independence is not recog-pointed if their independence is not recogpointed if their independence is not recog-nized. This will not affect their activity in harassing the Spanish forces, particu-larly if they can secure arms and ammuni-don. They have been preparing for armed intervention by the United States. It is probable that the public feeling will be intervention when Consul General Lee and

It is probable that the public feeling will be intensified when Consul General Lee and Consul Barker reach Washington. They are able to give a very accurate report of the conditions in Cuba. In the opinion of both officials, starvation is still the leading issue and the feeding of the reconcertrados the pressing duty of the United States.

SILVELA PLEASED.

Thinks the Granting of the Armistice the Proper Step.

New York, April 12 .- A dispatch from Ma-This government will find its hands

This government will find its hands strengthened by the patriotic support it will receive from the Conservative opposition, under the leadership of Senor Silvela, who has just returned from Paris. While not yet prepared to discuss the last step taken by the ministry, Senor Silvela declared em-phatically that he approved of it. "I will go further," he said, "I regret that this government did not grant the armistice immediately, as advised by the Pope, without waiting for any action on the part of the powers. It would have been the part of the powers. It would have been even a stronger indication of their desire to be guided in the way of peace. I cannot make any useful statement or investigation. make any userul statement of investigation. It is of international politics and is being dealt with diplomatically; consequently, it is one which can only be completely treated by those who know all the data, which no one outside the circle of the diplomatists dealing with it can do. "Of this, however, you may be quite sure. The covernment will not be embar-

"Of this, however, you may be quite sure. The government will not be embar-rassed by any opposition from us. This is not a question to be used as a plank in any political platform. It is one in which the nation must be the first consideration, and we shall do all we can to help the government to a final solution of the prob-lem."

THE SOUND TO BE PROTECTED.

San Francisco, April 12,-Letters have Sir Wilfrid Laurier Announces That the Contractors' Plans Have **Been Perfected.**

Women Servants To Be Brought From the Old Country by the Government.

Ottawa, April 13 .- Sir Wilfrid Laurier stated in the house to-day that by the first of July next he believed that Paterson & Tate would have their vessels for the fast Atlantic line under construction. The capital has been secured and a

strong board organized. In the house to-day Mr. Sifton said that Mrs. Livingston had gone to the Old Country and will bring women servants o Canada. The government will pay their passages to Canada and the amount

end of six months. Mr. Sifton also said that 10,852 free miners' certificates had been issued up to March last. Li a meeting of the railway committee

John.

The incorporators of the bin which was just passed. The Miles Canyon & White Horse Tramway Company's bill was adopted. The C. P. R. asked power to construct railways in the Rainy River district from Minnehaha lakes to' upper Manitou lake and sound. These roads are a por-tion of the route between Wabigoon and Pairs? The company asked power

Rainy River. The company asked power to operate ropeways and tramways for the transportation of ores and other freight in the Rainy River district and rovince of British Columbia. Mr. Blair

had this amended to provide that such transways and ropeways should not be more than 10 miles, and that approval had to be got first from the railway nittee of the privy council. The bill was

General Miles does not advacate the

the bill to incorporate the Miles Canyon & Lewis River Tramway Company was passed. Those asking for incorporation were: John J. Shallcross, Victoria; Molyneux St. John, Ottawa; Akndon Clark, Yukon; and John Connor, St.

The bill to incorporate the Canada Railway Company was withdrawn, as the parties intend to amalgamate with the incorporators of the bill which was

When the Brandon & Southwestern

railway bill was reached a protest was read by Mr. Blair from settlers along the Secretary Alger will have another con-ference with General Miles to-day, when the general situation, with especial refer-ence to the attitude and probable action of congress, will be again discussed. General Miles and all the army off

population.

Lee.

LONG FOR INTERFERENCE. The Cubans Anxious for Help From the

United States. 9 6 New York, April 12 .- Chief Officer Frank Crosslin, of the British steamer

Aoldene, which has just arrived from Matanzas, Cuba, said: "When an American army reaches Cuba the people will flock to its ranks. All Cubans want is a surety of help and

they will rise in a body. They were won by the magnificent gifts of clothing and food and are longing for American inter-ference and many of them want to be-

come part of the States. "The Spanish soldiers are among the weakest specimens of humanity that dissatisfied lot. Most of them are boys who are poorly clothed.

had and they say they will serve the rest

CONSULAR CORRESPONDENCE.

Much Space Given to the Maine Explo-

sion in Havana.

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ullished either in whole or in part.

two and was desired to make arrange-

of the same would be refunded at the

gave notice of appeal, and for three I months afterwards I danced atte on this case in Victoria, ten m our farm, and failed to obtain the ur farm, and falled to obtain trail, or ce of the deputy attorney-general, or nsel on behalf of the government, to the case to be heard by the full During this period I must have over the same road to and from Vicen over the same road to and from Vie-a between four and five hundred miles obtain a hearing and decision in this e, a public one affecting generally the ning community rather than myself. y experience illustrates the government ulation, that the ordinary, recalcitrant, ridden farmer must of necessity ac-resce under such treatment without re-ance, or he worn out and successible to the succession of the nce, or be worn out and succumb to of time and money in any attempt he of time and money in any attempt he make to defend his property against st government demands. However, in own case my perseverance is at length rded by an intimation conveyed to me he last moment that if I allow this ter to drop the government will forth-amend the "assessment act" to virtual quash the decision of the assessment act" to virtual-quash the decision of the assessor's court this matter, the Indicrous position of the 'ernment being obviously that on the eve an election they will not risk defeat a question of revenue? from a taxpayer such an issue, whilst a decision in their or against him would in this case array upst themeoluce helf the formers in the ist themselves half the farmers in the

the devil's cockpit of party politics, re these men struggle to retain the s of power to drive their tax-cart gor-ment Juggernaut car over the bodies of men, how many small househo his province, striving bravely for a mer Istance against the oppressive exactions the tax collectors, go under? Or, seeking e temporary relief of the mortgage, are timately submerged and disappear? At an election the various constituencies n but vote one party out and the other try in but they have no real control

ty in, but they have no real contro r the borrowing power of the state of grants of the public domain and of the lic money for subsidies, and for other poses that exploits Canada, increases public debt and piles on more taxes. e have, however, at least this consola-t, that we can call all this representa-government and ourselves free and upendent electors and the prefessional overnment and ourselves tree and indent electors, and the professional dans we pay and entertain to per-te this fiction are satisfied with this of all possible arrangement they call ity rule, which means that the ma-coerce the mirority to enable the clan to exploit both, the definition of ician" in Webster being "a man of the and deep contrivance," a lucid ifice and deep contrivance." a lucid gesis we may one and all be content to

evertheless, this and the fiscal question its bearings upon solf-created or c. brute-force government of the based upon enforced tribute. is per-he most momentous issue before the most momentous issue now before our eyes in Cuba, that has been axed and exploited into Insurrection. I m. sir. etc.. ARTHUR M'CALLUM. Colwood, Vancouver Island. at present, as it is the origin and root

Honest Help Free!

An old clergyman, deploring the fact hat so many men are being imposed unscrupulous quacks, is willng to inform any man who is weak and ervous, or suffering from various ef-ects of errors or excesses, how to ob-ain a perfect and permanent cure. Havng nothing to sell he asks for no money. is desirons for humanity's sake elp the unfortunate to regain their ealth and happiness. Perfect secrecy ssured. Address with stamp, Rev. A. ealth ssured. H. MACFARLANE, Franktown,

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the way of intervention. The Foraker Resolution.

Washington, D. C., April 13.-The Foraker resolution, which it is believed will be the one submitted to both houses d the senate to-day, by which the foreign affairs committees, after the elimi Fation of the second section, and which, it was thought late last night, would pass both branches of congress to-day, eads as follows:

'Be it resolved by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America: "1. That the people of the island of Cub are, and of right ought to be, free

and independent. "2. That the government of the United States hereby recognizes the republic of Cuba as the true and lawful government of that island. That the war Spain is waging

against Cuba is so destructive of the commercial and property interests of the nited States and so cruel, barbarous and inhuman in its character as to make it the duty of the United States to demand, and the government of the United States does hereby demand, that she at once withdraw her land and naval forces

from Cuba and Cuban waters. "4. That the president of the United Ready to Co-operate With the United States States be, and is hereby authorized, emowered and directed to use, if the entire land and naval forces of he United States to carry these resolu-

tions into effect." Atlantic Liners Purchased.

ed very carefully and the main portion sent to the New York Junta's office, yet in Washington, D. C., April 13 .- The is ascertained that it brings news is ascertained that it brings news that Gomez is preparing to co-operate with the United States forces in case of war in an attack upon Havana. Calixto Garcia has passed the trocha, and he and Gomez with 18,000 troops are now marching westward and towards Havana. navy department has determined to buy the trans-Atlantic liners St. Paul and St. Louis

interest.

INSURGENTS REJOICE.

Against Havana.

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President McKinley Blamed. London, April 13 .- The afternoon pabers in this city unanimously express the opinion that both the United States

and Spain are heading streight for war, Spanish Military Preparations. We York, April 13.—A cable to the rid from Madrid says: he press cansor argain istons all news President McKinley for his alleged indecision.

New York, April 13 .- A cable to the

World from Madrid says: The press censor again stops all news section. The press censor again stops all news f the government's naval and military reparations from being sent abroad, hough Madrid papers publish the same aily. The ministers of war and ma-ine have publicly stated that a sus-ine have publicly stated that a sus-tion of hostilities will not stop the analy for the declaration of war will be carried to him by means of private signals without Tine have Spanish preparations, especially and the loss of time, so that he can move with haval arsenals of Ferici, Cadiz and Car-thagena, where men are working night and day to prepare war stores and get

day to prepare war stores and get A REGIMENT GOING EAST. Cortes, directly it meets, will be

The Cortes, directly it meets, will be asked for considerable credits for baying ships and completing others building for Spain abread. Crews have been sent out to take out two fine, large steamers bought at Hamburg, The government is

SPAIN PROFITS BY DELAY.

Improving the Time by Getting Her Warships in Good Order.

Washington correspondent sends this news of the Spanish naval operations: Instead of the battleship Pelayo sail-ing for the Canaries a for down and the sender the s Washington correspondent sends this news of the Spanish naval operations: Instead of the battleship Pelayo sail-ing for the Canaries a few days ago, she has merely gone to sea for a final trial. Their liberty." From the deck of the vessel, he said, every night configgrations could be every night configgrations could be an and Mantanzas, caused by burning and Mantanzas, caused by burning A message announcing the return of the Pelayo from her trial states that she made an extreme speed of 16 knots an

hour, The armed cruiser Carlos V., the of-ficials have been informed, will be ready to join the force which sailed for the Canary Islands a few days ago. She will be accompanied by the remainder of the torpedo boats now in Cadiz.

The troops sent by Spain to the Ca-haries are to be used in manning the fortifications, in order to prevent the is-lands from falling into the hands of the United States in case of war, for they are a most important base of supplies for the Spanish verse and Spain. That Spain will be benefited by delay At least three of the keys or switches must have been used to make the electric circuit which exploded the mine. The officers who were in charge of three of

officers who were in charge of three of the keys are said to be known to Consu' General Lee and their whereabouts on the night of the explosion has been accounted for sufficiently to free them from any sus-pleion of complicity in the plot. The names of the other three Spanish officers having charge of the keys used are known to General Lee, it is said. Detec-tives employed by the government know every movement of these officers during the evening before and after the Maine was blown up. They cannot prove an allbi. in acting is a matter of common talk in naval circles. The ron battleship Nu-ma c a will be ready within a very short-time, and faree torpedo vessels will chartle shortly be ready for service. Within had and they say they will three we ke Spa'n will be in her best as the Maine was served. of getting her ships ready, but in getting them to be quickly combined. was blown up. They cannot prove an alibi. This report is credited here by high naval

them to be quickly combined. Work is being rushed with the utmost lispatch on the armored cruisers Carofficers, and at least one member of the cabinet, who has been informed of it. It is this report which makes General Lee's testimony waited with the keenest dinal Cisneros, Catalina and Princess de Astures and Caribaldi, which was purchased from Italy, and the officials say their completion is only a matter of a few months and they will constitute a powerful reserve for Spain to draw upon.

LEE HEARTILY CHEERED.

Jacksonville, Fla., April 12.—The Cuban Junta here received a very important letter from General Gomez yesterday, via Key West. While its contents have been guard Washington, April 12.-Upon his arrival this afternoon General Lee was driven at once into the state department corridor in front of the secretary's door, which was fammed with people. As Lee appeared the crowd gave three rousing cheers, which rang through the building. Enthusiasm throughout the building was tremendous. In a few minutes Lee departed, accom-panied by Secretary Sherman and Assistant Secretary Day, for the White House. The state department telephones the senate to state department telephones the senate to arrange for Lee's appearance before the

ments for an interchange of friendly calls between officers and authorities. Under the same date General Lee ad-vised the postponement of the Maine's widt for air or correndays so that the exvisit for six or seven days so that the extement might abate.

HAVANA FULL OF RUMORS

Havana, April 12 .- The city is full of poli tical rumors, warkke nad otherwise, and others conflicting in tone. The morning others conflicting in tone. The morning newspapers print extracts from McKinley's message and comment upon it from various standpoints. The Diarlo de la Marina, in an article commending the suspension of hostilities generally referred to as an armis-tice, says this action upon the part of the Spaniards has removed all pretext for inter-vention for the United States in Cuba, which, it now says, would be "arbitrary and impossible to tolerate from the stand-point officient."

San Francisco, April 12.—Police Sergeant Jack Hayes, who is organizing the first com-pany of the proposed regiment of "Califor-nia Rangers," is receiving letters from all parts of the state, the writers being anxious to fight against Spain if their services are needed. Already a number of expert horse-men and sharpshooters have been enlisted.

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never paid and homesick all the time. utskirts of the capital. A cablegram has been Desertions are frequent.

ouncing the death in England of Rev. hn Jenkins, D.D., formerly pastor of "The Cubans are pinning their faith on the United States and waiting for a signal to rise in thousands. They could St. Paul's Presbyterian church in this signal to rise in thousands. They could under no circumstances be brought to Quebec reports that Cardinal Tasch fight bygainst the United States, junta or

eau died early this evening.

THE SPANNER.

Minister Polo Claims the Situation Has Been Misrepresented.

of crops and plantation buildings. One of the engineers of the steamer Saratoga, which has just arrived from the south coast of Cuba, said: "Around Manzanillo the skies were Washington, April 12 .- The Spanish minister, Senor Polo, has written a letter to Henry E. Burton, of Middletown, Conn., which, although of a personal character, presents the Spanish situation from his aglow at night with the fires of the blazstandpoint. It was in response to a letter ing plantations. The misery in the towns is dreadful. No sooner does a ship from Mr. Burton, commenting on the recent aterview with the minister, asking for tie up than there is a crowd of poor creatures around her begging for food. fair play and a consideration of both sides The feeling against Americans is very bitter among the Spanish part of the of the case. Senor Polo's 'etter is as fol-WS:

"Dear Sir:-I enclose herewith in reply "Dear Sir:-I enclose herewith in reply to your letter of yesterday date copies of the new constitution for Cuba and Porto Rico. The Caban parliament (the house of representatives elected by universal suf-frage) will meet May 4. The interview of which you send me a copy is a correct statement of what I said to the represen-tative of the Associated Press: "Ignorance of certain facts and exag-geration of others has created a fictitious statement of opinion that certainly could not exist if the exact truth was known. It is next to dimpossible now to convince 'If something is not done now," intericted a young engineer, "the life of an American sailor in any of the South American countries will be unbearable. They all say with a grin: "Americans all bluff; big mouth; all talk; no fight." "In Cuba the average Spanish believe

there will be no trouble in whipping the United States. They think the Maine was the finest ship that the United States

not exist if the exact truth was known. It is next to impossible now to convince the average American that autonomy is a reality, that the Cubans themselves have the power in Cuba, and that the govern-ment of Spain cannot appoint a single civil officer in the island other than the personal staff of the governor-general. "All the governors and officials, including the judiciary, are appointed by the Cuban cabinet, and all of them are Cubans. The governor-general, like the king of Italy and the queen of Spain and England, does not govern. He only reigns as the queen's re-presentative. At this moment of trouble he has had more power as commander-in-chief, but in ordinary times he will have really less control of affairs than the governor-general of Canada. Washington, April 12.-The consular correspondence sent in to congress yes-terday in part was devoted to the Maine disaster and in this part of the correing points are developed. The correspondence consists largely of

cablegrams exchanged by Assistant Sec-retary of State Day and Consul-General ess control of analys than the governor-general of Canada. "It has been impossible to have the true Spanish and Cuban sides of the question made known. The newspapers have, with very few exceptions, refused to publish any-thing on our side of the question, or have Lee: The first of these telegrams is dated Havana, January 12, and relates to the riots which were then occurring in the city. This and the subsequent engage-ments upon the same subject have been upbliched atther in which or in part done so in such a way that it has not at-tracted the public notice. People have made up their minds already on the Cuban question and anything that is contrary to their belief is supposed to be a Spanish lie, On January 24 General Lee was notified by the state department that the Maine would call at Havana in a day or

etc. "It is also next to impossible most Americans understand that if the in-surrection in Cuba exists, the United States surrection in Cuba exists, the United States have a great deal to do with it and this present situation here, certainly not creat-ed by Spain, instead of helping to end the sad state of affairs in Cuba, only favors a rebellion that has no means of assuming success and has detained the very strong movement for autonomy amongst the in-surrents that are not adventures or sal-

Later in the same day Mr. Lee was ad-vised that the Maine would arrive in Hayana the next day and was asked to co-operate with the authorities for her urgents that are not adventurers or solers of fortune "There is talk

diers of fortune. "There is talk of war all the time and while the probability of a conflict hangs that strong movement, of course, is held back waiting events. I regret to say it seems to me too late to change now Am-erican public opinion, misled to such an ex-tent in the Cuban question that it has Wiring the state department the next day, General Lee informed the depart-ment that the Spanish authorities pro-fessed to think the United States had an ressed to think the United States had an ulterior purpose in sending the ship. The next cablegram of importance was sent by General Lee early in the morn-ing of February 16, announcing to the state department the destruction of the Maine. That telegram has been pub-lished. tent in the Cuban question that it has actually arrived on the verge of inanity."

The Best Liniment.-"Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the finest on earth." write Edwards & Parker, of Plains, Ga. is the verdict of all who use it. cheumatism. lame back, sprains, swel-lines and the numerous slight ailments During the forty-eight hours following the general kept the department advised of the occurrence in chronological order. and accidents common to every house Are free from all crude and irritating matter. Concentratedmedicine only. Car-ter's Little Liver Pills. Very small; very easy to take; no pain; no griping; no purg-ing. Try them. hold, this liniment has no equal. With it in the house, a great deal of pain and suffering may be avoided. For sale by Langley & Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

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Washington, April 12.—Many letters have recently been received by members of the Washington delegation expressing fear that the ports on Fuget Sound and on the Wash-ington coast will not be properly protected in case of war with Spaln. These letters come principally from persons interested in commerce, although others have been heard from. In compliance with many requests a statement of the unsafe condition of the coast has been placed before the de-paitment, and it is expected that sufficient protection will be offered the coast to de-fend it from privateers and other vessels fend it from privateers and other vessels which may attempt to destroy the commerce.

DEVIOUS DEFINITIONS.

Millionaire-One man in a million. Coupon-The veal cutlet of the golden

calf Heat-The tailor that makes the pants of a dog.

Fable-An open-faced lie with a moral attachment.

Diamonds-The gems of thought most peculiar to women.

Monopolist-A man who tries to get a

Egotist—A man who can't disguise the interest he feels in himself. Hypocrite-A man who prays for something he isn't willing to work for.

Energy-The ability to work given to Mitten-Something a girl gives the fellow she doesn't care to go hand in glove with.-Chicago News.

THE RETORT COURTEOUS.

Irate Old Lady-I tell you, your man was disgracefully drunk last night. Proprietor of Livery Stable-Must be some mistake, mum. Known the man

for twenty years, very steady, sober man. Never had my complaint about him before. I. O. L .- But I tell you he was drunk.

Do you think I don't know a drunken man when I see him?

P. L. S.-Can't say, mum. Man was quite sober, I assure you.

I. O L. (getting more irate than ever) -Then, do you mean to say that I'm a

P.L.S.-I never said so, mum.-Punch.

HARSH.

"I don't quite see why that very deca-dent author is the recipient of so much attention," said the old-fashioned lady. "That is very easily explained," re-lied Miss Cayenne. "There is a natural curiosity to see a person who could put such things into cold type without being cshamed."-Washington Star.

THE FIGHTING EDITOR.

"War is coming, blood must flow!"-Mary, get my satchel packed!-"We must meet the craven foe!" Mary, get my satchel packed!-"There are wrongs that we must right, Durofe are wrongs that we must right, Freeborn men, prepare to fight, Tis no time for childish fright"-Mary, get my satchel packed!

"Now, let all the world give ear"-Mary set in the while give end -... "We've begged for war for half a year".-"The president, at last, is stirred." We have spoken—he has heard— Now, then, for the final word".-Mary, get my satchel packed! This

"Clouds of war obscure the sky"-Mary, get my satchel packed!-'Cuba's hope is mountain high''-Mary, get my stachel packed!-"Let our tars prepare to fight. I start for Halifax to-night, Mary, get my satchel racked! -Cleveland Leader.

and impossible point of bright.' THE CALIFORNIA RANGERS.

marching westward and towards Havana. The insurgents are recruiting in all sec-tions, and from good authority is is ascer-tained that Gomez promised to have 25,000 or 30,000 troops behind Havana, 70 aid in foreign relations committee. The ovation was repeated The ovation was repeated as Lee went from the state department to the White