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252½; do new, 450 at 249½; Mont. St. Ry., 369 at 252½; do new, 450 at 249½; Toronto Ry, 25 at 95½, 100 at 95½, 100 at 95½, 25 at 94½, 50 at 94½, 25 at 94½; Royal Electric, 50 at 150; Merchants Pank, 96 at 174; Montreal Cotton, 25 at 146; Dom. 5 at 90, 25 at 91, 25 at 91½, 25 at 93. New York Stocks. Reported by F. H. Butler, 15 and 16 Masonic

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N. P. Pfd 66%	6558	661/4	653%	653/8
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### COMMERCIAL.

Toronto Produce Market. Toronto, May 6.-Wheat-In active demand, the offerings are not liberal, and the market is firm at \$1 06 to \$1 07 for red winter west. Manitoba wheat s firmer at \$1 40 for No. 1 hard grind-ing in transit and \$1 35 Goderich and Owen Sound. Flour-Dearer in symwheat, and cars of straight roller in bills. wood are now quoted at \$5 25 Toronto freights. Manitoba flour has been advanced 25c-to \$6 50 for patents and \$6 for strong bakers. Mill-feed-In fair demand and steady at \$12 to \$13 for shorts and \$10 75 for bran west. Barley-Nominal. Buckwheat-Firmer at 43c west. Rye-Firm at 80c. Corn-Steady at 35c for Canada yellow west and 43c American Toronto. Oats-firmer at 341/2c to 35c for white west. Peas-Firm at 61c to 62c north and west. Baled hay-Dull; cars on the track here \$8 to \$8 50. Baled straw-Quiet at \$4 50 to \$5 here. Eggs-Steady at 101/2c. Butter-In fair supply and steady at 13c to 131/2c for large rolls; 18c for creamery prints and 17c for

Montreal Produce Market. Montreal, May 6 .- Grain in store: White oats, 35c; peas, 691/2c; rye, 52c; buckwheat, 48c; red wheat, \$1 25; white \$1 10. Flour-Manitoba bakers, \$5 60 to \$5 70; straight roller, \$5 40 to \$5 50; spring patents, \$6 40; winter, \$5 70; Feed-Manitoba bran, \$14; shorts, \$16; Ontario bran, \$13 50; shorts, \$15 50.
Provisions: Canada pork, per bbl,
\$16 50 to \$17. Lard—Pure, 7c to 7½c; compressed, 5c to 5½c; hams, 11c to 12c; bacon, 13c. Produce: Eggs-Receipts liberal; feeling is easier; 9c to 10c for new laid. Beans-Dull; 70c for primes, 75c for choice hand picked. Honey-Quiet; white clover comb, 11c to 12c; enough to last three weeks, for 50 dark, 8c to 10c; white strained, 6c to 7c; dark, 4c to 5c. Maple product, 4%c to 5c per lb in wood; 45c to 50c in tins

for syrup, and 61/4c per lb for sugar. American Markets BUFFALO, May 6 .- Spring wheat, No. 1 northern offered at \$1 40; Wisconsin do, \$1 31; winter wheat, No. 2 red, nominal, \$1 25; No. 1 white, \$1 23. Corn—No. 2 yellow, 39%c; No. 3 yellow, 39%c; No. 8 corn, 39% to 39%c; No. 3 corn, 39%c. Oats-No. 2 white, 361/4c; No. 2 mixed,

DETROIT, May 6.-Wheat - No. 1 white cash, \$1 20; No. 2 red cash and May, \$1 30; July, 99%c. TOLEDO, May 6.-Wheat, cash and May, \$1 37; July, \$1 01. Corn-Cash and May, 841/2c; July, 343/4c. Oats-Cash and May, 301/2c; July, 261/2c.

MILWAUKEE, May 6. - Wheat -

### without much change; city mills patents, \$7 25 to \$7 50; city mill clears, \$6 20 to \$6 30; Minnesota patents. \$6 50 to \$6 85; Minnesota bakers, \$4 70 to \$3 40 to \$3 85; sales, 200 bbls. Wheat— Receipts, 175,750 bu; sales, 2,450,000 bu; options opened easy on disappointing cables, but rallied on foreign buying

and a local short scare; May, \$1 40 to We are open for offers of GRAIN, FLOUR and MILLEED. If offering please state quan titles and lowest prices.

And a local snort scare; May, \$1 40 to \$1 45; July, \$1 03½ to \$1 10; Sept., 89½c to 91½c. Rye—Steady; No. 2 western, 74c, c if Ruffalo, Comp. Positive 106 to 91%c. Rye—Steady; No. 2 western, 74c, c.i.f. Buffalo. Corn—Receipts, 106,-75 bu; sales, 50,000 bu; options opened ower with wheat, but recovered on frost talk; May, 38c to 39%c; July, 38%c to 38%c. Oats—Receipts, 120,000 bu; finactive. Butter—Receipts—3,658 pkgs; steady. Cheese-Receipts, 2,849 pkgs; quiet and steady; large white, 8½c; small white, 8½c; large colored, 8½c to 8%c; small colored, 8¾c. Eggs -Receipts, 15,271, pkgs; weak; state and Pennsylvania, 11c to 111/2c; western, 101/2c to 11c; southern, 10c to 101/2c. Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining, 3%c; refined steady. Coffee—Quiet; No. 7, 6%c. Hops-Steady. Lead-Quiet; bul-

lion price, \$3 50; exchange price, \$3 70 to \$3 80. Potatoes-Steady. Chicago Exchange CHICAGO, May 6. Following are the fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade furnished by F. H. Butler, broker, Masonic Temple. Phone 1,278. | Open. High. Low. Close. | Wheat—May . 1 46 | 1 50 | 1 40 | 1 49 | 1 00 | 1 10 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 | 1 40 83% 33½ 33% 34½ 30¾ 26½ 11 00 5 82 35 ½ 35 ½ 31 ¾ 27 ⅓ 11 17 6 90

English Markets.

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Wheat—Spot, firm; No. 1 Cal., 7s 10%d to 7s 11%d; No 1 cash, firm, 8s 2%d; No. 2 red western winter, firm, 8s 8d; spot No. 1 red northern spring, steady, 9s 7d. Corn—Spot American mixed, new, firm, 48 3d; May, 4s 2½4d; July, 3s 10%d; Sept., 3s 10%d. Flour—St. Louis fancy winter dull, 12s 3d. Peas—Canadian, 5s 2½d.

short clear backs, 16 to 18 lbs, dull, 35s. 6d; short clear backs, 16 to 18 lbs, dull, 35s. Shoulders—Square, 12 to 14 lbs, dull, 27s 6d. Lard—Prime western, dull, 27s 9d. Butter—Finest American, 34s; good, 60s. Rosin—Common, strong, 5s 3c. Cheese—American finest white, dull, 42s; do, colored, dull, 44s. Tallow—Prime city, firm, 20s 6d.
Cottonseed oil—Liverpool refined, strong,

Turpentine spirits—Firm, 25s 6d.

Hops—At London (Pacific coast), dull, £2 10s

Live Stock Markets. CHICAGO, May 6.-Hogs-Estimated receipts today, 25,000; left over, 3,000; opened strong, closing easy; light, \$3 95 to \$4 15; mixed, \$4 to \$4 20; heavy, \$4 10 ugns, \$4 to \$4 10. Cattle— Receipts, 3,500; slow, steady; beeves, \$3 90 to \$5 25; stockers and feeders, \$3 70 to \$5. Sheep-Receipts, 6,000; steady to strong.

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## East London Robbery.

Robbers entered the residence of Mr. Jones on Rectory street, near the Ham- anti-English feeling has developed in ilton road, last evening, in the family's absence and stole \$360 in cash and a absence and stole \$360 in cash and a large assortment of clothing. The friendly English comments reproduced in the Spanish and Cuban papers. pathy with the advance in the price of Jones. The cash was chiefly in \$20

BIG BLAZE IN CINCINNATI. Cincinnati, Ohio, May 6 .- Maus Bros. and Wolf Bros'. shoe factories at Seventieth and Sycamore streets, each seven stories, were completely gutted by fire this morning. Loss estimated at \$200,000. The building is liable to protection. fall at any moment.

CANADA AND THE WAR.

[Montreal Witness.] If Canada should derive some commercial advantage from the present Hispano-American war, our people will might be expected from Porto Rico also have to endure some disadvantages. For instance, the rise in the prices of wheat and sugar will increase the cost of living, and other foodstuffs will likely become dearer in sympathy. We shall have the benefit, however, of the 25 per cent reduction on British goods after the 1st of Aug- Made by the Blockaders at ust next. It is also to be noted that when times are good prices generally rule high and wages are better than when times are dull.

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News of the Fall of Porto Rico West, escorted by the Wilmington. May Come Any Day.

Nice Points of Difference in Regard to the Capture of the Lafayette.

Nothing From Dewey. WASHINGTON SPECULATIONS-A

SPANISH EXPLANATION. Hong Kong, May 6.—Communication with Manila has not been restored. Washington, May 6.—The fifth day since the battle of Manila opened without bringing the slightest news of the engagement from a v official source to the navy department. The state department is in similar circumstances, notwithstanding the fact that it has taken steps to receive the earliest information that might reach Hong Kong through Mr. Wildman, the United States consul at that point. There is no apprehension expressed, however, as to the safety of the American fleet at Manila, though there is a dawning suspicion that Commodore Dewey was not able to subdue the forts at Corregidor Island and the defenses of Manila proper immediately.

cable communication, it was not made quite clear that the Spanish forts of Cavite were forced to surrender immediately succeeding the naval engagement. If that were the case, Commodore Dewey would be under the necessity of destroying or capturing Peas—Canadian, 5s 2%d.

Pork—Firm; prime mess, fine western, 56s 9d;
do, medium, western, firm, 52s 6d.

Beef—Prime mess, firm, 70s, extra India mess, firm, 73s 9d; do, medium, western, 48s 9d.

Hams—Steady; short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 38s 6d.
Bacon—Steady; Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs, 38s; short ribs, dull, 20 to 24 lbs, 35s 6d; long clear middles, light, 35 to 38 lbs, dull, 36s; long clear middles, heavy, 40 to 45 lbs, dull, 36s; long clear middles, heavy, 45 to 50 lbs, no stocks; clear bellies, dull, 14 to 16 lbs, 36s 6d; short clear backs, 16 to 18 lbs, dull, 35s. them afterwards in order to insure the tasks take not only time but ships, and it is not to be supposed that Commother Frenchman blew a long, querulous simple purpose of carrying news when she was needed in the fight.

London, May 6.-The Spanish aua dozen concealed gunboats, which now gines and then put them going astern, prevent any exit. Therefore, the Span- while columns of steam from her es-

to Hong Kong.

TWO LITTLE ONES. West, Fla., May 6.—So soon as sels into Key West harbor during the dark hours, two little prizes were brought in. They were both Spanish fishing schooners, of no great value, the Oriente and the Antonia Suarez. The Oriente was captured by the gunboat Helena off Havana yesterday. She was bound from Yucatan with a cargo of dried fish. The Antonio Suarez was captured by the dispatch boat Uncas, off Boca Ceija, near Havana.

A SPANISH TORPEDO BOAT RE-PAIRED. Buenos Ayres, May 6.-The Spanish orpedo boat Termerio, which has been, it is said, undergoing repairs at Esaneda, on an estuary of the La Plata, 35 miles from here, and which was said to be without a crew and disabled, sailed today, presumably going northward.

NOW FOR THE CANARIES. here to the effect that the British admiralty has been advised by the Wash- Many times during the progress of that ington naval strategy board to remove British subjects from the Canary Islands, and it is added that this accounts for the British second-class cruiser Charybdis, being ordered to Las Palmas, and leads to the conclusion that Read Admiral Sampson may attack the Canary Islands, which would

ANTI-BRITISH FEELING IN CUBA. Kingston, Jamaica, May 6.-Since the American consular officers were placed in the hands of the British consul, the the cities of Cuba held by the Spaniards. This has been increased by the clothing belonged to a nephew of Mr. Naval men at Port Royal expect that fered with except upon the clearest the cruisers recently added to the West Indies fleet will be sent to Cuban ports for the moral effect of the demonstration. Senor Marconel, the Spanish consul here, has for the second time informed the colonial authorities that he does not believe himself safe, wing to the number of Cubans and Cuban sympathizers in Kingston. has applied for and been granted police

PORTO RICO NEXT. Washington, May 6.-It is expected in administration circles that Porto Rico will be taken by the United States forces tomorrow. A cabinet officer said today that important news

## Important Capture

Sunday.

Havana.

A Large French Steamer Captured-Incidents of the Chase-Compli-

cations Threatened. On board the Associated Press Dispatch Boat, via Key West, Fla., May 6.-The Lafayette, of the French General Trans-Atlantic Company, a vessel of 3,340 tons gross register, bound from Corunna, Spain, on April 23, for Havana, was captured yesterday evening off Havana by the United States gunboat Annapolis, Commander J. J. Hunker, while trying to run the blockade after having previously been warned off. She has on board a large number of passengers and a valuable general cargo, possibly containing contraband

The Lafayette, which hails from St. Nazaire, France, is a fine vessel of eight days ago that the Lafayette was the old type. She is over 344 feet long, has 44 feet beam, and is over 28 feet deep. She was built in 1864 at Green-

Her capture was made in the following manner: The Lafayette was bearing for Havana, and was boarded by an officer of the Annapolis and warned not remained to the french authorities took it for granted of the Holloway's Corn Cure a trial. Cash, May 6.—Wheat

NEW YORK, May 6.—Flour—Receipts, 23,504 bbls; sales, 3,200 pkgs;

again and was boarded by an officer of the Annapolis and warned not to enter the port. She afterwards that the Lafayette would be allowed to proceed on her voyage without molestation there was a feet without any pain. What it has one once it will be again.

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The understanding there was a color of the Annapolis and warned not the french authorities took it for granted that the Lafayette would be allowed to proceed on her voyage without any pain. What it has one once it will be again.

Indications of an Early Attack on the Canary Islands.

Wilmington, Newport and Moriff took part in the capture of the Frenchman.

After an examination of the Lafayette's papers had been made a prize crew from the Annapolis was placed on board her, and she was sent to Key Previous to this step being taken, Commander Hunker of the Annapolis, the temporary flag officer, and Commander C. C. Todd of the Wilmington, exchanged signals for over an hour. A delicate international question is thought to be involved in the capture of the French steamer, but it was seemingly finally decided to send her to Key West. The fact that she left a

> holding the Lafayette. On the question of contraband of war, the officers of the Wilmington were reticent. It is reported that the Lafayette, in addition to being a regular French mail steamer, is a French naval reserve vessel, mounting guns and carrying a crew sufficient to make her ready for active service at short notice. This, it is said, adds considerably to the gravity of the international aspect of the case.

Spanish port, Corunna, on April 23,

after the declaration of war, which oc-

curred on April 21, seems to warrant

THE CHASE. blockading squadron, and getting un-From the meager reports received ferent directions, three American warfrom Manila before the interruption of ships joined in the attempt to block final destination of the line. the stranger's entrance to Havana.

The Annapolis soon overhauled the stranger, and a boat full of marines whistle and put on full steam ahead, pointing straight to the entrance of Havana harbor.

A sharp word of command rang out on board the Annapolis, and quickly thorities are trying to make as much her crew were at quarters, and the as possible out of the absence of news muzzle of every gun of her starboard from Commodore Dewey. They are broadside was pointing in deadly earn-supplying matter to the London newspapers to the effect that the American big after gun roared forth a hoarse Admiral Montejo, who, they add, is known to have left outside Manila Bay

Admiral Montejo, who, they add, is the warning note had its effect. The big liner again stopped her eniards claim, it is impossible for Com- cape pipes telling of the high pressure modore Dewey to send a dispatch boat | below pleading for release.

At 7:45 p.m. the Annapolis and the Wilmington lowered boats with officers and boarded the Frenchman. sunrise this morning lifted the regu- and after the boats had returned to their respective ships a prize crew from the Wilmington was put on board the Lafayette, and the big Frenchman was headed north and was piloted to Key West under the guns of the Wilmington. The prize anchored here this morning, and the prize court will probabily decide what will be done with her.

Caused a Sensation. COMMENT ON THE CAPTURE OF

THE LAFAYETTE. Washington, May 6.—The seizure of the French liner Lafayette by the gunboat Annapolis caused a distinct sensation in official and diplomatic circles here, as it was believed to involve the possibility of more serious foreign complications than had arisen thus far. In the state department it was taken as a forerunner of a number of cases of a London, May 6.—A story is published the experience of the United States like character to follow, for this was blockading force during the civil war. war the country was on the verge of a breach of diplomatic relations with some of the European nations because of the seizure of blockade runners. Taking the facts as recorded, the officials of the department declare positively, and in this they are supported either draw the Spanish fleet out of Cadiz, or give the United States a naval that the Lafayette was a blockade runby the unanimous voice of the naval ner, pure and simple, and as such is A LAWFUL PRIZE.

The state department has been disposed to treat with the greatest liberality the shipping of neutral powers. In his proclamation of the 26th ult., the president said: "The right of search is to be exercised with strict regard for The Drummond County Railway Again ground of suspicion of violation of the law in respect of contraband or block-ade." It will be noticed in this that the presidently expressly warns foreign vessels, even mail steamers, against breaking the blockade, which seems to be exactly what the Lafayette did. It seems that whether or not the ship carried contraband is absolutely immaterial in the disposal of her case.
In his preceding proclamation of the 22nd ult., the president said: "Any neutral vessel approaching any of said ports, or attempting to leave the same, without notice or knowledge of the establishment of such blockade, will be duly warned by the commander of the blockading forces, who will indorse or have registered the dates of such warning, and where such warning was made, and if the same vessel shall again attempt to enter any blockading point, attempt to enter any blockaded point, she will be captured and sent to the nearest convenient point for such proceedings against her and her cargo as prize, as may be deemed advisable." In the opinion of the officials the Lafayette has clearly violated the prohibitions of this section of the proclamation which was carefully drawn in accordance with the most advanced theories of the rights of neutrals. The seriousness of the question, however, arises from the fact that the foregoing view of the officials here is not likely to be accepted by the French Govern-

ment and its representatives in Wash-AT THE FRENCH EMBASSY. At the French embassy the ambassador had intended to go to New York today, but on hearing of the taking of the Lafayette he determined to remain here. In the absence of official information, he asked to be excused from discussing the matter. It is said to be unquestionable, however, that France will lodge a protest with the state department immediately upon the receipt of official information of the seizure. The embassy was advised on her way to this side, and accorddepartment that this French mer-

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that she had sailed from St. Nazaire, France, not from Corunna, Spain, as St. Nazaire is the usual sailing point for the steamers of this line. One of the officers of the legation made the There seems to be no doubt that she trip on one of these vessels a short was bent on running through the time ago, and says no stop is made at Corunna except occasionally on a reder the guns of Morro Castle, if possible, before being overhauled. But ing also that the Lafayette was stopwithin five minutes, from as many dif- ping at Havana merely to recoal, prior to going to Vera Cruz, Mexico, the

The French think that the Lafayette has been detained through a misapprehension, and that her release will folboarded the Frenchman, as the low speedily. The grounds for this stranger was then made out by his view are that she sailed prior to the colors to be. On board the liner a declaration of war, and therefore her crowd of excited passengers pressed captain could not know of this declaraanxiously about the vessel's side. A tion. It is pointed out that the declaramoment or so later the three warships tion of war was on April 25, the prewould be necessary to silence the Cor- lay by till the boat from the Annapolis sident's proclamation concerning the regidor guns in order to avoid being bottled up in the harbor. Both of these boat. Then, suddenly, to the astonishand the official notice thereon signed ment of all on board the warships, by acting Secretary of State Aide and the Frenchman blew a long, querulous addressed to the ambassadors and ministers here, including the French ambassador, bears date of April 27. This, however, is complicated by the that the president's proclamation of a blockade was on April 22, and official notification to the French and other ambassador, signed by Secretary Sherman, bears date of April 23.

## Probable Naval Battle.

FIRING AT SEA HEARD OFF CHARLESTON TODAY. Charleston, S. C., May 6.—Firing at

sighted. NO SPANISH SOLDIERS ON BOARD Key West, Fla., May 6.-Ensign H. H. Ziegiemer, of the Annapolis, who is in charge of the prize crew on board of marrying. The elder Mr. Weller has the Lafayette, says the latter's commander denies that he has Spanish soldiers on board.

### THE SPANISH SIDE.

Polo's Secretary Addresses an Audience in Toronto-A Vote of Thanks. Toronto, May 6.-Between 1,500 and 2,000 citizens listened last night in Massey Hall to the lecture of Senor Du Bose, late first secretary of the Spanish legation in Washington, on the causes of the Cuban revolution and the present Spanish-American war. The lecture was a concise and lucid exposition of the Spanish side of the case, and was interlarded with bitter hits at the filibustering spirit which, the speaker said, pervaded American politics and newspapers. On the platform and in the audience were many preminent citizens, among them Archbishop Walsh, Prof. Goldwin Smith. Polo y Bernabe, the Spanish ambassador, and his party occupied one of ence seemed to be with the speaker, and he was tendered a hearty vote of

## At the Capital.

[C. P. R. Special to Advertiser.] Ottawa, May 6.-At the meeting of committee today, Mr. Farewell, mana-ger of the Canada Eastern Bank, who was interested in the Drummond Railway, swore that he had interviews with Messrs. Pope and Cleveland, Conservative members of parliament, and Mr. Ives, minister of the crown, in regard to the government taking over the road. He also swore that he had an impression that Sir Charles Tupper in 1896 had written a letter to Mr. Pope, saying that if the government were returned at the last general election, they would take the road on the terms mentioned. If the Conservative government did so, the owners of the road would have had a very much better bargain than they did now.

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Marries Under 20. Between 15 and 19 only 1 girl out of 73 marries. Marriages used to be much earlier. In the old novels 19 was about the extreme limit of age for a heroine and 17 was perhaps the most popular. Between 20 and 24, 1 girl out of 13 marries, but the most-marrying age for spinsters (1 in 8) is between 25 and 29, sea was heard off Charleston this morning, but no vessels have been after they have "coiffed St. Katharmorning, but no vessels have been ine." After 25 young ladies were called "thornbacks" by the much-marrying Puritans of New England, who

preferred widows. Widows throughout life have a greatprophesied in vain. "A little widow is a dangerous thing," probably because it is easier to glide into confidences with a lady who has known affliction. Widows from 20 to 34 are especially noted for what, from the point of view of

girls, is mere poaching. A widower remarries more frequently than bachelors marry. A widower thinks he knows the worst, and marries again at large. "Appetite grows with eating," as Bluebeard may have remarked. A widower from 25 to 34 belongs to the most-marrying group in existence, except perhaps tutors of col-

LAST OF THE FRENCH

leges.

Only One Official Language in the

United States Hereafter. The Louisiana constitutional convention, now in session, will drop French as one of the two official languages of Father Ryan, O. A. Howland, J. Enoch Thompson and E. E. Sheppard. Senor lingual war that has been going on fiercely for a century. The committee having control of this matter declares the boxes. The sympathies of the audi- that publications in French of legal and official notices are no longer necessary, and have drawn up the necessary ordinance doing away with French offficial advertisements. Some very strong protests have been raised against this proposed action, but they will not check the drift of sentiment. The French, or creole, influence is on the wane. Of the 134 delegates composing the convention only 21 are of Latin or French origin, speaking French as their mother tongue. All of them speak English with equal the Drummond county investigation fluency, and they see that the day of French has passed in Louisiana; indeed, many "creole parishes" are represented in the convention by delegates who do not know a dozen words

of French. It is the longest struggle of its kind ever known in America, for it has been nearly a century since the French-Spanish colony of Louisiana became a part of the American Union. During that century the French language held its own against all adverse influences. It has been the only language in the United States which survived so many years against the crushing domination of the English tongue. Dutch, in New York, yielded readily, and Spanish, in Florida, Texas and California, gave way in comparatively short time, but the French has proved itself more virile. It has taken 6 years even to get rid of it as the official tongue of Louisiana, and that in spite of the fact that there has been little French immigration to Louisiana to strengthen the creole, or Frenchspeaking population of the state.

LIFE SAVED.-Mr. James Bryson Cameron writes: "I was confined to my bed with inflammation of the lungs and was given up by physicians. A neighbor advised me to try Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, stating that his wife had used it for a throat trouble with the best results. Acting on this advice, I procured the medicine, and less than half a bottle cured me; I certainly believe it saved my life. It was with reluctance that I consented to a trial, as I was reduced to such a state that I doubted the power of any other remedies do me good.

DIED. MACDONALD-In this city, on Friday, May 6, 1898, Henrietta Millar, beloved daughter of John and Christeen Macdonald, aged 16 years, 2 months and 10 days. Funeral will leave her late residence, 242 Talbot street, on Sunday, at 4:30; services at 4 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation.

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