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ing, and hence the office is at present being administered by Col. Aylmer. Premier Laurier's abrupt notice to Carransea and Dubosc to guit Canada has caused much surprise in official circles here. The inference is that the premier acted wholly of his own motion in the matter and without consulting, his colleagues. The counsel for the Spaniards when here Curtis was held here today, His Honor satisfied the government that they were not promoting espionage, but engaged in the purchase of supplies for of Garfield Astles and intent to do the army and navy in Cuba, so that bodily harm to George Coughlan. Laurier's brusque decision is only ex-plainable on the theory that he is deplainable on the theory that he is de-shrous to modify the American opin-ion in advance of the Quebec confer-lor appeared for the crown and S. W. ion in advance of the Quebec confer-ence. Some of his cabinet, at least, notably Cartwright, are convinced that he time is entirely wasted. OTTAWA, July 13.—Premier Laur-Scotch dialect." the time is entirely wasted. SCYTHE MADE BY THE **DUNN EDGE TOOL COMPANY** Will cut faster and last longer than any other. The Brands are CLIPPER, FINEST OUTLERY STEEL, DOUBLE BIBBED DANDY See that the name DUNN EDGE TOOL CO. is stamped on each Scythe, and order from your nearest dealer or W. H. THORNE & CO., Limited.

at the capital.

Some doubt exists as to who is in

command of the militia of Canada.

The recent order places the command

in the hands of Lieut. Col. Lake, quar-

termaster general, as senior officer in Canada. An order issued in Febru-

uary, 1897, which has not been can-celled, states in the absence of the commanding officer the adjutant gen-eral will act for him. Both Cols. Lake

and Aylmer are therefore officially in command. Col. Lake is away summer-

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC. The extraordinary session of the On-tario legislature is explained by the fact that Hon. Mr. Hardy is to step OTTAWA, July 12.-Hon. Mr. Tarte out of the premiership to receive a will go to the maritime provinces be- federal office, and will be succeeded by fore he visits western Ontario. He will G. W. Ross. spect the harbors of St. John and General and Mrs. Gascoigne left for Halifax. His departure will leave

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MARKET SQUARE, St. John, N. B.

Montreal this afternoon on their way Hon. Mr. Fielding the only minister | to England. The officers of the local garrisons were at the station to bid the general good by. The intention was to send the bands of the different. regiments of the city to accompany the major general to the depot, but he declined to accept, preferring to depart quietly. Capt. MacLean, late A. D. C. to the

general, receives a commission in the Royal Regiment of Cauadian Infan-NOT GUILTY.

The Grand Jury Found No Bill in the Case of William Curtis.

NEWCASTLE, N. B., July 13 .- A pecial sitting of the court to dispose of the case of the Queen v. William Judge Tuck presiding. The prisoner was charged with the wilful murder The grand jury, after remaining out

deemed prudent to bring them in un-necessary contact with new troops, in view of the danger of spreading contagion. The sick soldiers will be nursed back to health and brought to the United States as soon as they can be safely removed. Immune regiments will be ordered to Santiago to garrison the town, and two of

these regiments are already under orders to proceed. -The Porto Rican expedition will be

mand at Camp Thomas, is expected to be his main dependence. The size of the 'expedition will depend upon Gen. Miles' wishes, although it is believed that 25,000 men will be sufficient for the purpose. At San Juan the navy will be of greater assistance than it was at Santiago, owing to the possibility of approaching the town more closely without risking contact with mines.

Gen. Brooke is now on his way, to Washington by direction of Secretary Alger, so that he will be in a positioin to make his views known to the department. The experience gained in despatching Shafter's expedition, it is expected, will aid the officials in their determination to make short

work of the Porto Rican affairs. There will be plenty of transports available for the expedition, as the government has devised other means of removing the Spaniards captured at Santiago. to Spain than by carrying them on

The secretary said that the Porto Rican expedition would go forward immediately. It will comprise new men entirely. The warriors in the trenches before Santiago have dis-tinguished themselves, and it is not where the heat is less severe and where recovery could proceed without the fear of communicating the disease to the rest of the army. Secretary Alger is anxious to bring

the entire army back as soon as it can be done with safety to themselves and without jeopardy to the other troops in Florida and to the general public. The active preparations made to deal with the emergency are such that it is felt the question of disease commanded by Gen. Miles in person, can be coped with successfully now though Gen. Brooke, now in com- that the military situation has been

simplified. GENERAL WHEELER'S HEAD-

QUARTERS, Before Santiage De Ouba, July 13, 4 p. m., via Kingston, Jamulca, July 14, 1.30 p. m.—It appears that on Monday General Shafter did not again demand the unconditional surrender which Toral had refused or Sunday, but he offered, as an alternative proposition, to accept the capitu lation of the enemy, and to transport the Spanish officers and troops to Spain, they to leave all their arms be-hind and he to accept their parole. It was this proposition which Gen. Toral deslined yesterday.

This morning it was decided to hold a personal interview with Gen. Toral. Gen. Miles and his staff, who got no further that Gen. Shafter's headjuar ters last night, accompanied by Ger Shafter and his staff, rode out to the front shortly before 8 o'clock under a flig of truce. A request for a personal to Spain than by carrying them on firg of truce. A request for a personal interview with the Spanish comman-these transports. That the navy is interview with the Spanish comman-goes, without eaving. Porto Rico is interview with the Spanish comman-der was made and acceded to, and at interview with the Spanish comman-der was made and acceded to, and at interview with the Spanish comman-der was made and acceded to, and at interview with the Spanish comman-der was made and acceded to, and at interview with the Spanish comman-der was made and acceded to, and at interview with the Spanish comman-der was made and acceded to, and at interview with the Spanish comman-der was made and acceded to, and at interview with the Spanish comman-der was made and acceded to, and at interview with the Spanish comman-der was made and acceded to, and at interview with the Spanish comman-der was made and acceded to, and at interview with the Spanish comman-der was made and acceded to, and at interview with the Spanish comman-der was made and acceded to, and at interview with the Spanish comman-der was made and acceded to, and at interview with the Spanish comman-der was made and acceded to, and at interview with the Spanish comman-der was made and acceded to, and at interview with the Spanish comman-der was made and acceded to, and at interview the to discourse the interview that followed is and his chief of staff, under a spread-ing mongo tree, at the bottom of the valley, about half way between the interview that followed is at allowed is allowed is proceed to a staff. The interview that followed is at allowed is allowed is at a store and the interview that followed is at allowed is allowed Brace may ensue before housings
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theon was served. It on beans, hard-tack and coffee After tris meal, Gen. Milles, Gen. Shafter and Gen. Garcia, with their staffs, rode off to inspect the positioin of the right flank. They all agreed that Gen. Toral was securely wedged in and that escape was impossible. But, (wing to the delays and the possibly incidental loss of life which was certain to result from an attempt to Lurry the town by assault, the danger

to our troops from fever and disease, and above all the fact that the Spanish fleet was destroyed, which has been the real object of the camraign, it seemed to be the general disposition to allow Gen. Toral to evacuate Santiago. This would give a military and naval base, permit the. starving refugees to return to their homes, and would allow the immedi-ate embarkation of the bulk of the

ate embarkation of the bulk of the arrhy for the Porto Rico campaign. The rain falls in sheets every day, drenching the soldiers, washing out the roads and swelling the stream, into torrents. In fact, use base of supplies is actually threatened by the mountain streams. Two bridges were carried away this afternoon after a downfall in which an inch and a half of rain fell. The Aguadores river is

The water, shoulder deep, is running like a small Niagarar. A mule ambulance, filled with refugees, which attempted to cross the river, was car-ried 200 yards down the stream to Caney, where the passengers were ed with difficulty.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt, is one of those who believe the army is threat-ened with a great disaster unless ened with a great disaster unless Gen. Toral and his troops are allow-ed to depart. Two of Gen. Ran-dolph's batteries reached the front to-day and were posted in the centre of Gem. Lawton's division on the ex-treme right, where they can com-mand the town beyond the lines and over the churches, hospitals and other public buildings, flying the Red Cross flags at the eastern edge of the city. Already the movements of the army for the future, as outlined, are based on the fallen dity. The plans of the general are not to allow the troops to enter the city except a sarrison of immunes which will re-main here, proof against the yellow fever.

PLATA DEL ESTE, Guantanaz Bay, July 14, 2 p. m. General Tor commanding the Spanish forces Santiago de Cuba, this morning se ication to Gen. Shafter dicating his willingness to accept the terms of surrender proposed yester-day, and asking the American commander to appoint commissioners to meet the Spanish commissioners to arrange to send the Spanish troops back to Spain.

This will be promptly done. The surrender of Gen. Toral not only means the fall of Santiago, but by the terms of surrender the whole eastern end of the island falls into the hands of the United States without firing a shot.

The surrender is to include all the Spanish troops at Santlago, Guanta-namb, Caimaera and Sagua, composing the fourth corps of the Spanish

The portion of the province of San-tiago de Cuba that lies east of the line from Sagua, via Las Palmas to Abserradores, is surrendered to the United States.

LONDON, July 15.—The Madrid cor-respondent of the Datly Mall says: "A despatch from Havana to El Impar-cial says that three thousand Amercial says that onee thousand Amer-icans have landed near Cienfuegos, under cover of the guns of the U. S. cruiser Montgomery." El Correo doubt the truth of this re-

Gen. Toral cables that the losses of the last few days have been 400 killed and wounded and taken prisoners. He says that he has 12,000 trrops left in fine condition

THE FOLKINS FAMILY REUNION.

esint family reunion took place eping at the Lansdowne hous of S. B. Folkins. Four bu eisters of the Folkins family later from Miller and twe elsters of the Folkins family were prevent-John, from Millstream, Kings coun-ity Peter, from Iowa; Isaac, from Belletsler, Henson, from St. John; Mrs. Parlee and Mrs. Nerthrup of this city. There were also about thirty other suests, being nephewa, misces and other family connections. Twe abstream, were not present. After a sumptuous supper there was music and other entertainment and much pleasant conversa-tion. Peter Folkins is 'making his first visit to this province since he left it a young man of 26 in 1849. He went first to Brantford, Ontario, and theace moved to lowa in 1855. This was the year of the Sioux Indian mas-sacre in the northwestern part of the state and in Minnesota. Ai that theme land in lowa was free and the country was yet in almost a primitive condition. Mr. Folkins, whe is a carpenter, worked for a time at his trade, but at length bought a farm and set-tled form to make his living on the land. He says his farm is hot a large one, but he lives in the corn bett and raises thirty or forty screes of oora, besides other crops.