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nntil six o clock, he evening session Senator Boul-moving the adoption of the re-the committee appointed to en-into the probable cost and feasie opening up direct commun tween the railway system of Can-nd the navigable waters of the went into the evidence taken bee committee at great length.

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evidence taken before the comwas not relevant to the reference est of it was hearsay evidence re accurate information when the survey of the route when the survey of the route d by the government was made. In went into a lengthy criticism action of the Senate in throwing government Yukon Railway bill. Mackenzie Bowell defended the restate a committee which he committee which was not committee whic the committee, which, he said, hed much information which if the ment had possessed earlier in the they would not have submitted posal they did to parliament. He to the criticisms of the minister ice on the action of the Senate. ling that the Senate's action bad the approval of the public. debate was continued by Senators on, Allen, Mills, Macdonald, B.C.; nd and Boulton, after which the was adopted, and the Senate adat eleven o'clock.

British Warship Linnet Brings rther News From the Seat of War in the Pacific.

voring to Starve the Spaniards Submission-Dewey Await ing Reinforcements.

S. Linnet (Captain Smyth) which I at Hongkong on the 12th inst. Manila, brought up two "specials," them the Hongkong Telegraph's entative at the seat of war. He The American fleet is lying at anff Manila blockading the port and roring to starve the Spaniards inbmission. The latter have made ir minds to hold out to in a position to give Uncle Sam deal of trouble, for they have 25,000 regulars garrisoning and have enrolled upwards of 10.

modore Dewey cannot land from ips a force that could by any posless he is awaiting the arrival of from the United States it is probhat as the action off Cavite has d in a complete stoppage of the of the port some of the powers tervene to bring about a cessa-the blockade. Already signs of to bring about a cessation by interested states is not g, and when the Linnet sailed, British. French and Japanese ips were in port. They are the bran, Irene, Le Bruix, Immortalite, sukushima Kan. The Marco Polo urly expected as well as the Kai-Augusta and another Japanese

first thing that catches the eve of sitor on landing is the great num-f British and German flags disnies. If one were not informthe cause it would lead to the that the town is en fete. That, er, is not the case. Far from it, Trade is at a standstill. Scores asting steamers and schooners are up in the river Pasig, which is ers. The foreign banks are closed, the whole day, there being no ss to transact. The Europeans ving chiefly in the country and suband soldiers and guards are met

in every direction.

s probable that there will soon be a massacre of the Spaniards by oels, who are in great force near and it is believed to be quite the bounds of reason to assume when this commences the Spanvill murder many Europeans, chief-tishers. The latter feel very unand consider that the admiral should at least two big ships on the spot third vessel (a first class crui up rapid communication between and Hongkong. The Linnet is little ship, and she has a stout llant crew, but she lacks speed neither armed nor manned suffi to render much service in the nt emergency.

N IMPORTANT JUDGMENT.

Osgoode Hall, Toronto, on May on application of G. T. Fulford & proprietors of the Dr. Williams' cine Co., a perpetual injunction was ted by Chancellor Boyd restraining dore Sweet, druggist, of St. Cath-s, from selling a pink colored pill hitation of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Pale People. It seems necessary to impress upon the public the fact Dr. Williams' Pink Pills can only btained in packages, the wrapper ad which bears the full, law-protectade mark, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Pale People." Pills offered in any form, and notwithstanding any-the dealer may say, are fraudu-imitations and should always be ed. The Dr. Williams' Medicine will be glad to obtain (in confi-), the name of any dealer offering sale any imitation of their pills, mpany is determined to protect the

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SPANIARDS VICTORIOUS

Americans Repulsed With Loss of 1,500 Men.

Little Damage Inflicted on the Shore Batteries, Which Were Not Silenced.

The Spanish Included the Cruiser Reina Mercedes, Which Was Sunk.

Madrid, June 8.-A semi-official note published to-day, purporting to give an account of the bombardment of Santiago de Cuba by the American fleet on Monattacked Santiago de Cuba bloody encounter ensued. The Americans made three attacks on the Spanish marine and land batteries, which need be given peace rumors." Americans made three attacks on the replied. As a consequence, the Americans were repulsed with heavy losses, estimated at 1,500 men. American projectiles, however, sunk the Spanish cruiser Reina Mercedes.

10 a.m.—Despatches received from Havana say: "The Americans were again repulsed at the last bombardment of Santiago de Cuba."

Continuing, these reports assert that the damage done the batteries and town was "unimportant and already repaired," adding: "Spanish guns did not cease fire for an instant during the fight, and the batteries were all in condition to reply to the enemy's fire. During the second attack Col. Ordonez was on board the Reina Mercedes and personally assisted n working the guns. Every one regards Colonel Ordonez and General Linares as the heroes of the day."

According to official Spanish despatches eceived here the exact loss to the Spanards at Santiago de Cubs on Monday are as follows. Land forces, one soldier killed, five officers wounded, including Col. Ordonez, slightly wounded; sea forces, second officer in the command of the Reina Mercedes, four sailors, 29 marines, killed; and an officer and 11 sailors wounded. Official despatches also say that the mer. wounded, including Col. Ordonez, were able to attend to their duties.

An Insurgent Victory.

Luzon.

"The nation," says El Liberal, "has remained patient only because it believed that the government would really arrange such an expedition."

El Imparcial advocates a similar course, insisting that the late of Spanish rule in the Philippines could this way be easily decided at Manila. the Reina Mercedes, four sailors, 29 mar-

New York, June 8.-News has just eached the Cuban junta in this city of a victory achieved by the Cuban forces over a division of the Spanish army at Jieguani, province of Santiago on May Jieguani, province of Santiago

advance towards the coast, evacuated the town of Lapiedra, after having destroyed their forts and fortifications to pre-cent them from falling into the hands of the insurgents and camped at Jiguani, where they expected to remain awaiting The Spaniards were surprised on the morning of May 22 by being attacked by a division of the first curps, belonging to Gen. Calixto Garcia's command, under the leadership of Col. Jos. Rabi. Al-

together they numbered little more than 1,000 men, while the Spaniards had fully twice that number. They advanced in good order, heing well equipped with artis and ammutation. They took the enemy completely by surprise. At the start in the Spaniard were scattered, but made an effort to rally their force. They only succeeded in being able to retreat in regular order to the village of Palma. After six hours' hard fighting at Palma the Spaniards raised a flag of truce and expressed themselves as being willing to surrender. Terms were speedily arranged and the Cubans took as prisoners a Spanish colonel, seven captains and several other officers, besides 103 soldiers. The Spanish loss amounted to 76 dead, hesides a large number of wounded. Included in the Spanish losses were thirteen officers. The Cubans sustained heavy loss, but considerably small-er than the Spaniards. They reported 45 killed, including five officers of lesser rank, and about 60 wounded. After the battle the Cubans returned to Jiguani. There they recovered a large quantity of There they recovered a large quantity of arms and ammunition from the deserted Spanish camp, together with provisions and supplies, which the enemy had been compelled to leave behind. These were much reeded and were sent to the head-quarters of the general camp at Bayamo...

France and Russia Auxious. London, June 8.—The Paris correspondent of the Standard says the French onders of the Standard says the February and Russian governments are exchanging views as to the expediency of subjecting such conquests as the United States make and hold good in the China seas to Euopean sanction.

Insurgent Success Near Manila. London, June 8.—A despatch to the baily Telegram from Manila, dated June 5, says: The Spaniards in the church at Old Cavite are still holding out, but the adjacent town of Imus has been captured by the insurgents. This is an important per, and its possession by the rebels is a serious matter for the Spaniards, bedry and through it supplies are ght to the city of Manila. It will afford an admirable base of operations for a further advance toward the

has been found impossible to conceal from the inhabitants of Manila the urgents' success and it has cast a p gloom upon the foreign residents. who are more anxious than ever to get away. For the most part the men re-main, but the women and children have sent to Cavite, where they are under the Stars and Stripes. The friendly relations exist between Dewey and the consular representatives and commanders of the European warships in the bay. The Spanish who have been captured are a sorry looking lot.

If they are a fair sample they will be

Probable Junction With Insurgents. Cape Haytien, Hayti, June 8 .- According to the latest direct advices from Santiago de Cuba, dated Monday night, the bomburdment which began at 7.45 a.m. yesterday and continued until half past ten in the morning was resumed again for a short time about midnight. It was then believed that the Americans had effected a junction with the insur-gents near Daiquirri, east of Aguadores

Negotiations For Peace. London, June 8.—A despatch to the Standard from Paris says: "Reports of negotiations for peace continue to be spread. I have reason to believe that France and Russia are exchanging views as to the expediency of subjecting such conquests its the linited states may make and hold in the China seas to European sanction. In other words, whether the Americans, having conquered the Philippines are to be allowed to retain their conquests, save by leave of

Americans Were Repulsed . London, June 8.—The Times, comment-ing upon the fact that the Cuban authoriing upon the fact that the Cuban authorities have permitted its correspondent, Mr. Knight, to forward a despatch as to the Monday engagement, says: "His despatch says the American fleet was damaged. As he, doubtless, was subject to rigid censorship, this admission is significant, and the statement that the Americans were repulsed again is probably correct."

American fleet on Mon"The American navy d Santiago de Cuba ncounter ensued. The editor, summing up the situation, says: "Spanish obstinacy may prolong the war for months. The American government is acting wisely and prudently in refusing to send to Cuba an army of

The Santiago Victory. London, June 8.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Cape Haytien says: The American victory at Santiago has cleared the way for the entrance of Admiral Sampson and the destruction of the Spanish flet. As the Santiago land defences are reported weak it is likely that the city will yield to a vigorous attack. It is reported that the commander of the Reina Mercedes is the second in command of the Spanish fleet under Cervera killed during the command. vera killed during the engagement. The combined American and insurgent forces are entrenched near Dalquirri,

mounted in preparation for a further From Spanish sources comes the report that a party of Americans landed at Aguadore. Whether true or what was the result is not known here.

Spain and the Philippines. London, June S.-The Madrid corres-pondent of the Standard says: El Liberal calls upon the government to take steps promptly to satisfy public opinion, which is clamoring for the immediate despatch of a relief expedition to aid Captain-General Augusti in forcing the Americans to leave Manila. This alone, the papers argue, would put a stop to the spread of the agitation for disaffection among the natives of the Island of

El Heraldo is even more energetic in its call upon the cabinet to act before it

press campaign is evidently in-

expected from the natives.

The Americans have been preparing defences at the mouth of the bay ever since the Spanish authorities set a rumor affoat among the natives that a relief expedition was on the way and expected

very shortly, Senor Sagasta is manoeuvreing very dexterously and refraining from giving any pledges to the reformers on the plea that under the present circumstances any definite solution must be postponed until the end of the war.

The Fight at Santiago. London, June 8.—Morning papers are inclined to doubt the account of the destruction and silencing of the forts at Santiago, but believe that the bombardment was intended to draw the Spaniards' attention from a landing seewhere.

The next day or two ought to see excit-ing events in Cuba.

The sinking of the Reina Mercedes is regarded as probable, for it is known that her boilers are defective and that she had no armored deck. The wounding or death of Colinel Ordonez means a serious loss to Spain, Ordonez being or having been been been the artiflery expert with a having been her artillery expert, with a European reputation, and designer of ordnance bearing his name. The Cape-Haytien advices of the Daily Mail practically confirm the account from the Astically confirm the account from the Associated Press boat Dandy. All other accounts here, except brief despatches from Madrid, emanate from New York. A special from Havana, evidently prospanish, says nine American vessels retired seriously crippled; the Reina Mercedes was only slightly damaged and the American losses were heavy.

Belgic Sighted the Fleet. San Francisco, June 7.—The steamer Belgic arrived from the Orient via Honolulu early this morning, but was put into quarantine, three cases of smallpox having developed since her departure from Hongkong. One was landed at Nagasaki, another at Kobe and a third

The Belgic reports sighting the first fleet of fransports, which left this city May 25, about 150 miles east of Hono-

The Belgic sailed from Honolulu June 1. The Charleston arrived at Honolulu two days before and was being coaled at the time of the departure of the Belgic. Great preparations are being made at Honolulu for the receipt of troops expected to arrive there the day the Belgic

Monterey Still in Port San Francisco, June 7.—The Monterey and Brutus are still in the harbor. Both vessels are ready for sea. Probably the Monterey is waiting advices from Washington or a reply to telegrams brought by the steamer Belgic, which arrived from the Orient and Honolulu to-day.

Transports Nearly Loaded. Chicago, June 7.—A Tampa dispatch from a reliable correspondent of the Chicago Daily News, dated June 7, says the work of loading the transports with horses, guns, ammunition, stores, equipment and medical supplies for the first great invasion of the Spanish West Indies is almost completed, and before many hours General Shafter's corps (the Fifth) is expected to sail away. The destination is known only to a few, and may not be given out until the fleet and may not be given out until the fleet.

of transports with its convoy of war well on its way to Cuba. Camara to the Rescue.

ion, June 8.—A special to the Dally iole from Gibraltar says that Admiral a will start for Cuba in a fort-Rebels Approaching Manila.

London, June 8.—The Manila Railway Company have received the following dispatch from Manila:

"The line has been cut at the first section; the rails have been removed, and there is no means of communication between the second and third sections. Traffic is suspended. The rebels are approaching Manila and an attack is expected any day now.

Americans Repulsed at Aguadores. Madrid, June S.—In a newspaper dispatch last night Captain Aunon, minister of marrine, read Admiral Cervera's dispatch and a dispatch from Blanco to the effect that Senor Linares had repulsed an American attempt to effect a landing at troops at Augauores. The senate, after hearing Admiral Cervera's dispatch, unanimously congratulated the army and navy. gratulated the army and navy.

SUMMER CAMPAIGN. Hot Weather Not to Interfere With War

-Activities Will Be Pushed. New York, June 7.- Summer has set in

in earnest, with a more fervent heat in Florida and Cuba than in Washington, but summer weather is not to be wasted by the administration in this case, says Washington correspondent of the The Spanish forces in Cuba may have found it comfortable and consistent with

the policy of prolonging the war to drop war when summer comes on, and they

of the war department.
Some of the old men in the quarter-

master general's office, the commissary general's department, and in other branches, have been running business as it has been run for thirty years, insisting that the red tape that answered well enough in time of peace must be made to work in time of war.

Under vigorous direction this red tape could be dispensed with or stretched to

answer, but the vigor can never be developed in subordinates while there is a lack of it at the head. No one knows this better than the president, and he ought to be able to find it out if he does not know it now, and also to find a remove the contract of the contract o All plans for the occupation if Porto All plans for the occupation if Porto Rico are kept very secret in the war department. Just who has made them is not ascertained, but the assumption is that the best suggestions have been made by the careful mind of General Schofield, General Miles being occupied very fully with the direction of routine business and only having time to consider them with the prepage of earrying them.

and the forces of the United States, as it appears to the administration, will be much better off in the matter of clothes, food and discipline than the Spanish

At all events, it is war, and not a matter of pleasure, that the country is em-barked in, and some men are sure to luse their lives on the field or in hospitals as the result of the war.

The administration does not desire to prolong it, even if contractors for the army take the other and heartless view

that a war now and then is a good thing, particularly for contractors.

These are some of the ideas that are being discussed by the administration at the beginning of June, with the hottest weather of the year coming on.

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It is the opinion of some of the president's advisers that the war can be terminated before winter if the summer is employed to good advantage.

Movements upon Porte Rico and Santiago, folowed by successes, and probably by a season of camping on acquired territory that is not unhealthful, even for Northern men will mainfain the swirts. Northern men, will maintain the spirits of the troops not yet ready, but preparing to be ready bye and bye. The navy and the army will both be occupied in the operations of the army, and possibly before summer is ended part of the navy will be called upon to go to Cadiz to look for the lost fleet of Spanish reserve vessels. This has been thought of several times, and, with Porto Rico vested, and the Cadiz fleet not yet on this side, it will be possible to spare a squadron of half a dozen or more ships to man across the core and see what has

to run across the ocean and see what has become of Admiral Camara and his much talked of fighting ships. TRANSPORTS BADLY NEEDED.

San Francisco, June 7.—The Call prints an interview with General Wesley Merritt, in which, after praising the troops here, he says. in which, after praising the troops here, he says:

"My only complaint now is the delay in the furnishing of transports. I have represented to the war department that the transports are coming in very slowly. After I make the shipment of troops completed by the three vessels—the Colon, China and Zealandia—I will have forwarded to the Philippines but one-fourth of the crying need of the expedition. Twenty thousand men are to be sent to Manila. The vessels which I have mentioned will carry only about 2.500. There are now on the way across the Pacific 2.500 troops, so you can easily see the situation. I do not wish to be quoted as making any complaint or criticism of the war department. I am merely making a statement of facts to one of your inquiries."

Commons Passes an Address to Lord Aberdeen on His Leaving Canada.

All Parties Join in Agreeing That Their Excellencies' Administration Was Praisworthy.

passed an address to Lord Aberdeen on presidency, General Villanueva fought the occasion of his leaving Canada bravely against President Heureaux, the occasion of his leaving Canada. Sir Wilfrid Laurier spoke breifly to it, and Mr. Foster said that aithough there has been living in Great Inagua, Bahawas a constitutional difference of opinion mas, for some time past, and the Fanita between Sir Charles Tupper and the Governor-General, and although he are said to have been very elaborate, and shared Sir Charles' views, still all parthere is a strong belief here that the reties would join in agreeing that their Excellencies' administration in Canada was excellent and that they shared this good feeling with all classes in the country.

HURRY ORDERS AT TAMPA. Arrangements Proceeding for the Rapid,

New York, June 7.-A special to the Times

MANILA READY TO FALL.

gents.

From the general tenor of the news from Manils, there is a right to believe that the city will fall into Dewey's hands before the arrival of the American troops.

ONE MORE CABLE STILL TO CUT. Washington, June 7.—The cable cutting ship sent down by the signal corps to Santiago to cut the cables connecting Cuba with the cutside world has not yet completed that work for the cable teaching from Guantanamo to Hayti was said to be still in operation. This particular cable was reported in a press dispatch to have been cut, but it is probable that a mistake was made, and one of the local cables running along the coast of Cuba was cut, under the impression that it was the main line. It is believed, however, that this last link connecting Hayapa with Madrid will not last longer than a day or two more.

THE SQUADRON STILL AT CADIZ. New York, June 7.—Special dispatches to the local newspapers from Cadiz state that Spain's reserve squadron is still there.

DIPHTHERIA IN RUSSIA. In Russia eleven laboratories are engaged in the manufacture of diphtheria serum, in which the entire people place great confidence, and not without reason, as in 44.631 registered cases in which the serum was used the death rate was but 14 per cent., against 31 per cent. of the 6.507 cases in which it was not employed.

OFFICIAL TALLY OF OXEN.

The Belgian director-general of agriculture has issued a regulation that all animals of the bovine species are to wear earlings as soon as they have attained the age of three months. Breeders are obliged to keep an exact account of the animals raised by them, and the ring, on which is engraved a number, is fastened in the animal's ear to prevent the substitution of one animal for another.

"Mout I hab de politniss to inqwhire wat for you hab de razor up your sleeve, Mr. Johnsin?" sa'd the "gee'man" about to shuffle the cards.

"Oh, I just t'ought dere mout be some occasion dis evenin', Mr. Ferriss, to cut de cards," said the citizen with the redstriped shirt.—Youkers Statesman.

"But what reason," asked the disputa-tious boarder, "have you for averring that Adam was made of a particularly fine qual-ity of clay?" "Because," said the cheerful idiot, "sub-sequent events showed that he had no sand."—Indianapolis Journal.

please, mister? Passerby—You know you want it for a drink.

Mendicant (lightly)—Wotever you says,
boss; you're payin' for it."—Brooklyn

E. A. Jacobs, of Victoria, formerly private secretary to ex-Lieut.-Governor Dewdney, was married at Ottawa to Miss Macbain, of that city, to-day. The ceremony was performed at St. Andrew's Presbyerian church by Rev. Mr. Herridge.

Householder—My name is Fish—Employment Agent—Ah! Then, of course, would prefer a couple of Finns.—Richmond Dispatch.

Mrs. Wood, Miss Cruise and Mrs. Monro, of Nanalmo, are at the Oriental.

REVOLUTION IN DOMINGO. General Pablo Villanueva Has Landed at Monte Cristo.

carrying away by the Fanita of the Dominicans is regarded by the Spanish entered formal protest with the Haytien authorities. The majority of the Dominicans when here were shut up in the hold of the Fanita to escape attention. General Sidro Jimenes and General Pablo Villanueva were believed to have been on board. It is also noted that the former has long been publicly mentioned Ottawa, June 8.—The Commons to-day in Domingo as a desirable man for the and it is alleged for this was exiled. He is said to have stopped there to take him aboard. Preparations for the revolution volution is sure to be a success. volution is sure to be a success. The Dominican consul here says he has a report that the revolutionists have been defeated, but the report is not generally believed. According to the impression which prevails at Cape Haytien, the Fanita when she left here had on board a tried and absolutely resolute body of men, and also carried a heavy supply of arms and ammunition. It is charged that arms and ammunition. It is charged that she skilfully stimulated the impression that she was engaged in an expedition to Cuba, and was going to Monte Cristo

Movement of Troops.

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New York, June 7.—A special to the Times she skilfully stimulated the impression before the summer is over.

After a brief experience of summer camping, with men hoping for active operations, only to remain in hot camps, to think over rumors of activities soon to come, the president thinks there will be less danger to the troops with occupation, even though it be in Cuba or Porto Rico, than there would be in camps resonote from the scene of war and in mere schools for driling.

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So promptly was this order attended to that the ammunition was taken from the government arsenal at Governor's Island. Thursday afternoon and delivered at Tampa within the time prescribed, going faster than the mails.

At the same time a train lead of subsistence supplies went forward on the same harry schedule. There are incidents in the proceedings of the last few days which indicate an accession of haste at the front since General Miles reached there.

Another indication of the approach of the long-deferred forward movement is the chartering by the war department of new transports after it has announced that it had all it would need for the Cubah invasion. That was that the transports were to be called upon to transport some 20,600 or 25,000 men directly across the gulf to the northern coast of Cuba.

Now that Porto Rico is to be occupied and an army landed to assist in the capture of Santiago, it is found that more ships will be needed to supplement the fleet of 30 already secured.

MANILA READY TO FALL.

The supplementation of the provisions for the navy, which she landed at Matthetwown, in the Bahamas, She slipped away about 10 o'clock the same night and was to touch at Monte Cristo or at the Keys just outside, with the object, it is alleged, of filling up the empty portion of her hold. She had on board Chris Roberts, Great Ingua, the most famous pilot in the West Indies. The captain of the Fanita said the portion of the suspicion of the Spanish consal here was aroused and he denounced the landing.

AT MANILA.

An Important Success Achieved by the Insurgents.

Washington, June 6.—After a lot of conflicting rumors of naval engagements, the landing of troops, and such matters the success and such matters the landing of troops, and such matters the success and such matters.

conflicting rumors of naval engagements, the landing of troops, and such matters other sources it is learned that the deal the landing of troops, and such matters at the navy department there came at the close of the day one important bit or news, embodied in a report from Admiral Dewey, of an important success achieved by the insurgents at Manila. The officials have been more anxious than they cannot to betray as to Admiral Dewey's Philippines, it is understood that the piestident will insist that the officer in command of the expedition, be he Merritt, Shafter or Miles himself, shall be permitted to work out, each for himself, as completely as he may, with co-operation of the navy, his own plan of campaign. Hot as it is in Santiago, considered one of the summer towns in Cuba, it is not hotter for the Spaniards than it will be for the United States army and navy, and the forces of the United States, as it grocers to the admirattree and the piest has gathered steamers now blockading in the first of Caylte in readiness to condition. They were seriously apprehensive of danger to the fleet, but an impression was gaining ground that the admiral had not had the same measures of success in his operations in Manila bay that rewarded his first efforts. Now the report received goes to show that his plans are working out admirably; that he has succeeded in placing upon the insurgents the burden of conducting the Spanish lines for the insurgents the burden of conducting the summer to the officer in readiness to condition. They were seriously apprehensive of danger to the fleet, but an impression was gaining ground that the admiral had not had the same measures of success in his operations in Manila bay that rewarded his first efforts. Now the report received goes to show that his plans are working out admirably; that he has succeeded in placing upon the insurgence of the burden of conducting the form the properties. that he has succeeded in placing upon the insurgents the burden of conducting military operations against the Spanish while he himself is lying in enforced idle ness awaiting the arrival of troops, and that he has succeeded in preventing the corruption of the insurgent's leaders by

the Sprniards, which appeared at one time threatening.

There is some speculation here by anxious minds as to how the insurgents will treat the prisoners they have taken, who are more numerous, it is said, than all the captures made by the Cuban insurgents since their war began. It was reported by cable soon after he had, secured the co-operation of the insurgent chief. Aguinaldo, that Admiral Dewey would see to it that the insurgents observed the rules of civilized warfare.

cial circles that the nations of the civilized world will hold the United Stats a
morally responsible for any great excesses that may be committed in the
Philippines as a result of their action
there. The navy department officials declare that Dewey is not responsible for
the safe keeping and maintenance of
these prisoners, which is most fortunate,
considering the limited resources of the
admiral in the matter of provisions.

The Cadiz fleet, which was reported

The Belgian director-general of agriculture has issued a regulation that all animals of the bovine species are to wear earlings as soon as they have attained the age of three months. Breeders are obliged to keep an exact account of the animals raised by them, and the ring, on which is engraved a number, is fastened in the animal's ear to prevent the substitution of one animal for another.

THE GERMAN ASIATIC SQUADRON.

The Cadiz fleet, which was reported to be doing strange things in the West Indies yesterday, is not giving the naval officials any concern. They have learned at through the state department that the Spanish ships were at Cadiz last Friday, so they could not well have been in the West Indies two days later.

Up to the close of office hours it could not be learned at the war or navy departments that any news had reached The German squadron on the China station will next summer be composed of the Kalser and Deutschland, and three second, two third ane one fourth-class cruiser, carring a total of 3,184 men.

Dartments that any news had reached there to show that troops had landed in force near Santiago, and the officials. high and low, made no concealment of their incredulity.

The Y.P.S.C.E. of the Congregational church have prepared an interesting programme for the Gospel Temperance meeting, to be held in Temperance Hall Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Rev. W. H. Barraclough will be the spriker; Mr. G. F. Watson will provide a quartette, and Mr. Firth will sing a solo.

"But what reason," asked the disputations boarder, "have you for averring that dam was made of a particularly fine quality of clay?"

"Because," said the cheerful idiot, "subsequent events showed that he had no sand."—Indianapolis Journal.

Mendicant—Could ye give me a car-fare, please, mister?

"Indianapolis Journal."

"Jasper, if you had the same experience that you have now, and you had your life to live over again, would you marry the same woman?"

"Boss, ercordance ter de 'speunce dat I done got at de presen' time, hit wouldn't be a mather fo' me ter 'judicate on elder de one way or de udded; ef Jermimy wanted me, dat'd settle it."—Boston Courier.

Householder-I am looking for a couple of domestics to serve in my family.

Employment Agent—I guess we can supply you, sir; your name, please.

Householder—My name is Fish—

Employment Agent—Ah! Then, of course, you would prefer a couple of Finns,—Richmond Dispatch.

THE ELECTIONS.

An extra of the British Columbia Gazette, issued last evening, contained Cape Haytien, Hayti, June 3.-The the proclamation dissolving the Legislative Assembly, and the writs for the ejections in all the constituencies. consul as an act of piracy, and he has Nomination day is fixed for Saturday, June 25th, and polling will take place two weeks later, on Saturday, July 9th. Cassiar is the only exception. In that district the dates have not been named. The writs bear date 7th of June and are returnable on or before the 31st day of

MORE TROOPSHIPS

The U.S. Government Secures a Number of British Steamers to Carry Troops to Philippines.

Arrangements Pending for the Purchase of the C.P.R. Liners-Centennial Disappoints Them.

The United States government is buyng up a number of the big steamers brought to this coast to engage in the Alaskan trade to act as troopships and freighters to carry so diers and supplies to the seat of war in the Pacific. Among the last to be purchased are the steamer Ningchow, which arrived at San Fran-eisco with a cargo of coal from Comox a few days ago; the Centennial, and, acare now endeavoring to make arrangements for the purchase or charter of the two big U.P.R. liners Tartar and

Athenian.
The Ningchow arrived at the Bay City on May 24th, and went direct to Mare Island naval yards with her 2,285 tons of coal. The negotiations for her purchase were begun ere she left Victoria, and have just been completed. Capt. Cross, his officers and the engineers will leave the steamer as soon as she is turned over to the American government and

will go back to England.

The agent who is conferring with the C.P.R. officials for the charter or purchase of their steamers is Capt. Robinson, assistant quartermaster of the United States army, who was here endeavoring to make arrangements for the charter of the Pakshan a short time ago. Talking of the matter, Mr. J. D. Townsley, assistant superintendent of the C. P. R. at Vancouver, says: "The United R. at valicouver, says: The United States government wants to charter our two steamships, but we prefer to sell them outright. Capt. Robinson inspected both vessels and says they would exactly suit the government, their object being to use them in transporting troops to Manila. There is some objection, I believe, being made to the purchase of Canadian vessels for such a purpose, but it will not interfere with the sale of the steamships if we decide to let them go. Capt. Robinson is in direct communication with was aroused and he denounced the landing.

AT MANII.A.

An Important Success Achieved by the Insurgents.

Koolinson is in direct communication when Washington, and in a few days will know whether the deal is to be put through. If our terms are accepted the boats will be sold. They have lately been on the Alaska run, which, owing to the falling off in travel, has been anything but in-

Commander Pybus, of the Tartar, con-

Engineers' Association, assert that she was condemned by the British government. She was then put under the Japarese flag, and after a time the govern-ment of Tokio condemned her. She then wandered under the Danish flag and now omes under the Stars and Stripes as a first-class troopship.

METHODISTS AT ESQUIMALT. Services Held by the New Chaplain to the Fleet.

On Sunday last Methodist services were conducted in the Blue Ribbon hall, Esquimalt, morning and evening by the the conference as chaplain to the Wes-leyan Methodists of H. M. navy, which, would see to it that the insurgents observed the rules of civilized warfare. This caution was made necessary by the terrible tales that had been circulated of the barbarous treatment of prisoners captured by the insurgents.

It is sincerely hoped that Aguinaldo will see to it that this agreement is observed in the case of the 1,800 prisoners have many holds for it is helieved in officeronce to appoint him to 16 sagninalt. he now holds, for it is believed in offi-cial circles that the nations of the civil-as their chaplain. A church and home

The Western Union Telegraph com-pany will in all probability open to-mor-row. The final arrangements are being rapidly pushed to completion and if all goes well Manager Dee expects to transmit his first message over the new cable to-morrow morning. The officials state that no consideration or expense will be spared to give those patronizing them a

good service.

Manager Dee, who is to be in charge here, is well known in Victoria and Vancouver as an expert telegrapher, he having been connected with the C.P.R. Telegraph company here and on the mainland for a number of years. The operator who is to finger the keys in the new office is Mr. Lipscombe, a good telegrapher, who has made himself exceedingly popular wherever he has been stationed. He is an old employee of the Western Union, being transferred to the Victoria office from Pendleton, Oregon.

The staff of the new office will, for the present consists of the mean of the present present, consist of the manager, the operator, one counter clerk and two cycling messengers. It is the intention of the company as soon as they get into working order to establish a call-box system for their messenger service. The office will be open daily from 8 a.m. to

10.30 p.m. HOOLEY A BANKRUPT.

London, June 8.—A receiving order for bankruptcy has been issued against Ernest Terahy Hooley, for years prominent as the biggest company promoter in this country, prominently interested in bicycle, land and boyril concerns, and who was supposed to be a multi-millionaire.