

UNCLE SAM'S DEFENDERS

Will be Royally Treated on Their Arrival at Honolulu.

Inhabitants of the City Will Make Their Stay a Memorable One.

If Allowed to Land They Will be Given the Use of the Drill Shed and Grounds Surrounding the Executive Building and Treated to a Sumptuous Spread.

HONOLULU, May 20 (via San Francisco, May 27.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The citizens of this city held a mass meeting on the evening of the 18th inst. and made arrangements to entertain the United States troops when they pass through this city. The meeting was a most enthusiastic one. Stirring speeches were made by United States Minister Sewall, United States Consul General Hayward, William O. Smith, Attorney General for Hawaii, William Kinney and others. A committee of 100 prominent men was appointed to handle the affair.

Meetings have been held from day to day, and all preliminary arrangements have been made. The Government has tendered the use of the large drill shed and the grounds surrounding the executive building. A sumptuous spread will be prepared for Uncle Sam's defenders, under the direction of the ladies of Honolulu. Fruits and flowers in profusion will be provided for the guests, and everything will be done to make the short stay of the soldiers in Honolulu a memorable one. Over \$5,000 will be subscribed for the entertainment.

There is much speculation here in regard to the visit of the soldiers. Many believe that the men will not be allowed to land. If the men do not come ashore the success of the affair will be marred to a considerable extent, but the boys will be provided for, nevertheless. Well cooked food, fruits and other luxuries will be sent on board of the steamer to be eaten on the trip over to the Orient.

A squad of ten men were sent ashore from the Bennington yesterday to assist in decorating the drill shed, where the soldiers are to be feasted. The Bennington may convey the City of Pekto to Manila. The fact that the alert is to come here seems to warrant the impression that the Bennington is for other services than to lie at anchor in a peaceful port, while battles are being fought elsewhere. The Pekin is expected to bring orders for the Bennington.

The Hawaiian "Star" published the following last evening: "There is no doubt whatever that the Hawaiian Government has made a distinct tender of the islands to the Executive of the United States. The news has been published in many of the coast and Eastern papers, and has been denied. The "Star" is in a position to state that such a letter has been written, and that a reply to it is being awaited here. This reply will probably reach Honolulu by the next mail. It is impossible to get the exact text of the letter, as the Island Executive does not feel that it is diplomatic courtesy that the letter should be given to the public here before the United States Government can reply. The mere fact that the transports are coming here, and that this port is to be used as a basis for additional supplies for the Manila squadron, makes a large number of people think that the offer will undoubtedly be accepted."

EBANKS EXECUTED.

Suffers Death for Murder of Mrs. Stiles and Her Father.

SAN QUENTIN, May 27.—Joseph J. Ebanks, a West India mulatto, was hanged here this morning for the murder of Mrs. Harriet Stiles and her father, John Borden, in San Diego County.

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Struck on the Head With a Piece of Rock, Causing Instant Death.

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gallows and had nothing to say. His neck was broken when he dropped through the trap, and death was instantaneous.

Joseph Japhet Ebanks was a West India mulatto. His crime was the murder of Mrs. Harriet Stiles of Fall Brook, San Diego County, and her father, John B. Borden of Michigan, the latter 34 years of age. The deed was committed in a tent on the beach at Las Flores, a few miles north of Oceanside, on September 10, 1895. Mrs. Stiles, her husband, Leroy Stiles, and her father, Mr. Borden, were camped at Las Flores for a short outing.

At the time of the murder Mrs. Stiles and her father were in the tent, Mr. Stiles being temporarily absent. When he returned he found them both dead, each having been shot twice. The officers began at once routing suspicious persons, and Ebanks was arrested. The evidence against him, though circumstantial, was very conclusive. He was convicted on January 22, 1896, and soon after sentenced to be hanged. His life has been prolonged by legal tactics quite similar to those employed in the case of Durrant.

In the prosecution that Ebanks made to a reporter in San Diego, and which he subsequently repudiated, he said that he entered the tent to get a drink of water. Old Mr. Borden was alarmed, and made a motion as though to use a weapon. Ebanks thereupon shot him. The mulatto, according to his story, gave Mrs. Stiles one minute in which to pray and then killed her, so that there might be no witness of the murder of Borden. Then to make a sure job he shot each of them a second time.

Before retiring last night Ebanks wrote and signed a statement, declaring his innocence, and stating that he would die a brave man.

WEATHER NOTES.

Rainfall Harmful in Some Parts and Beneficial in Others.

NAPA, May 27.—Rain began falling here at noon, and to-night the precipitation continues. While it would have been welcome a few weeks earlier, it comes too late to be of benefit. In fact, both farmers and orchardists agree that the storm will do much damage.

STOCKTON, May 27.—The rainfall here to-day was light, but it was good for the county, and did no harm in any direction. With an occasional shower and continued cool weather, considerable grain is heading out well, and crop prospects have been greatly improved. The crop will be light, but it has been increased by favorable weather.

SAN JOSE, May 27.—There was a slight fall of rain here this afternoon. It was much heavier in the western foothills, where the best orchards are located. The effect, though slight, will be beneficial.

SAN LEANDRO, May 27.—The early cherry crop in this section will be a total loss, on account of the rain here last night and to-day. A falling barometer indicates more rain, and the alert cherries will suffer if the fall is heavy.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY ROAD.

Bakersfield Celebrates the Opening of the Line to That City.

BAKERSFIELD, May 27.—The formal opening of the San Joaquin Valley Railroad from Stockton to this place to-day was signaled by one of the greatest popular demonstrations ever known in this part of the State.

Immediately after the arrival of a special excursion train from the north this morning the celebration began, and was continued until a late hour of the night. There was a procession over a mile in length, the most striking part of which was the Oriental division, in which marched over 200 richly attired Chinese, who spent \$5,000 in the display. They had two bands and several floats.

In another part of the parade rode 250 horsemen wearing the national costume of Mexico. There was a grand float displaying the varied products of Kern County and many other novel features.

From the reviewing stand at the Arlington Hotel speeches were delivered by Senator S. C. Smith, who welcomed the guests; Hon. E. F. Preston, in behalf of the road; Mayor Snyder of Los Angeles, Mayor Phelan of San Francisco and C. C. Wright, who spoke for the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association of Los Angeles. H. J. W. Mahon presided.

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PORTO RICO FIRST.

WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE CUBAN INVASION.

Belief This Can be Done With Regulars While Volunteers Are Being Conditioned.

NEW-YORK, May 28.—A "Times" special from Washington says: Though to-day has been devoted to definite developments of a military nature, it has been marked by a strengthening of the conviction, now general, that Porto Rico and not Cuba is to be the first object of invasion by the combined land and naval forces of the United States. The Administration is not making its plans known, nor is the War Board taking the public into its confidence, but there are other ways in which coming events make themselves known, even in war time.

A significant indication of the attitude of the military arm of the Government toward the Porto Rican invasion is afforded by the earnestness with which high members of General Miles' staff urge the measure. The commanding General of the army is not talking for publication, but it is understood that the members of his staff who declare unreservedly in favor of taking Porto Rico without delay reflect his views on that subject.

The announcement that General Miles may leave Washington in a fortnight or two on a tour of inspection of the army camps in the South is regarded as confirmatory of the understanding that there is to be no invasion of Cuba at once. It has been taken for granted that General Miles will go to Cuba, with the army. If the invasion is to be put off and Porto Rico taken instead, his present tour of inspection is easily explained.

The strongest argument used in favor of the attack on Porto Rico now is that it is the easiest thing the army can do just at present, and in fact, about the only thing it can do. The decision was reached long ago that not less than 50,000, preferably 75,000, men will be needed for the first army that is sent to Cuba. Not more than 25,000 men are now in shape for a foreign campaign. These are the regulars and the equipped volunteers at Tampa. The rest of the volunteer army is untrained and un-equipped, and it may be accepted once for all that it is not going to be sent to Cuba until it is both equipped and to some extent, at least, instructed in and inured to the practices of war.

With the 25,000 men already at Tampa, it is urged that Porto Rico could be taken and subdued while the rest of the army is being put in shape at Chickamauga and the other camps. Then, when all has been made ready for the grand move on Cuba, the regulars could be withdrawn from Porto Rico and used to land the army against Blanco. The facts that, while giving needed training to the regulars themselves and diverting them from the debilitating inaction at Tampa, this move would strike a deadly blow at Spain in a vital part of her colonial structure, and rob the reserve Spanish fleet of its only base of supplies on this side of the Atlantic are given as reasons in its favor, which are believed to have had the effect of determining the powers that be to undertake it.

HAWAIIAN ANNEXATION.

It Will Hereafter Travel With the War Revenue Bill.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—The Hawaiian annexation question, which has been the subject of no little concern about the Senate for the past few days, assumed definite shape to-day when Senators Lodge and Morgan offered amendments to the war revenue bill bearing directly upon the subject. Senator Lodge's amendment is in the words of the Newlands resolution, and provides, in direct terms, for the annexation of the islands. Senator Lodge was seen immediately after he had sent his amendment to the desk, and announced it to be his purpose to press it to the end.

"Henceforth," said he, "the two measures must travel together. Both are equally important, and under the circumstances it would be foolhardy to forego our advantages in presenting the Senate's action in presenting the amendment was the result of more or less conference, though it was of an informal character, among the staunchest advocates of annexation. They express the opinion that the amendment in the end will be accepted, but admit that, in all probability, it will result in delaying the passage of the revenue bill. Incorporation of Hawaiian annexation in the revenue bill would, of course, have the effect of forcing the matter upon the attention of the House. Advocates of annexation say all but four Republican Senators and many Democrats, Populists and Silver Republicans will vote for Lodge's amendment.

The assertion is made by Senators in favor of annexation that the administration is more anxious than at any previous time for legislation providing for annexation. The condition of affairs in the Philippines and the necessity for a stopping-place for our ships on the way to those islands, they say, is the reason for the present urgency. It is asserted that to hold the Philippines without the possession of Hawaii would be next to impossible.

BALLOONS.

May be Called Into Service to Locate the Spanish Fleet.

NEW-YORK, May 27.—The "Tribune" to-morrow will print the following: There were shipped to Governor's Island yesterday from the pier of the French line of steamers two big balloons and equipment which the Government has purchased for use in army operations. The plan has been proposed of sending one of the balloons now at Tampa on a vessel of high speed to join Commodore Schey's squadron, and to use it in search of the Spanish fleet. It is asserted that the balloons will be shipped to such points as the officers of the signal service may determine.

Explosion in a Powder Mill.

HAZARDVILLE (Conn.), May 27.—The cornmill of the Hazardville Powder Company, in which fuses are prepared, exploded to-day. Alfred D. London was killed and Foreman James Colby was seriously injured. The mill was a small building, one of a hundred constituting the Hazardville Powder Company's plant.

Death of Newton W. Taylor.

CLEVELAND, May 27.—Newton W. Taylor, President of the Cleveland Paper Company, and for many years an important factor in the paper industry of the United States, is dead. A complication of diseases, augmented by refusal to retire from active business life, caused his death. He was 75 years old.

Clearance Papers Refused the Steamer Oscar III.

PHILADELPHIA, May 27.—The Norwegian steamer Oscar III, with a cargo of coal for Tampico, Mexico, was to-day refused clearance papers by the Collector of the Port, pending an investigation as to her destination, which the new regulations require. This is the second steamer held this week, the

Royal Baking Powder Absolutely Pure. ADMIRAL CERVERA'S SQUADRON.

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two hours. At 9:45 last night Richards, when walking over to Fort Taylor, across the reservation, heard sounds coming from the mortar battery, close to the roadway. Getting his rifle ready, he crept stealthily up to the pit, and when close by heard voices say: "Jim, get the package."

The sergeant then entered the pit and confronted a stranger who was coming out with a three-foot package in his hand. Richards aimed his rifle at the man, and ordered "hands up," but without an instant's hesitation the stranger blazed away with a revolver, which he apparently had drawn and ready. Two shots flew past the soldier, and he dropped to his knees. As a third bullet ploughed through the flesh of his left arm, above the elbow.

After the three shots the mysterious assailant of the Sergeant turned and fled at top speed toward the road, Richards firing one shot after the fugitive and missing him. He saw the man leap into a carriage just inside the gate in which were seated two other men and the trio drove furiously away.

The suddenness of the attack caught Richards unawares, and the men were out of range before he could bring his rifle to bear upon them effectively. Shortly after midnight Sergeant Richards with several artillerymen returned to the mortar pit, to see if all was right there. As they drew near a figure darted out and sped up the road. Richards recognized the figure as the man who shot at him, and ordered Private Gato to fire. But the suspect was again too agile, and one shot fired went wild.

"We chased him some distance," said Richards, "but he got away. At the road we found a long Cuban cigarette dropped by him and still burning. He was about 6 feet tall, had a heavy black mustache, wore a blue military coat, I am satisfied that the three men were Spaniards, and that the package contained dynamite, with which they intended to destroy the battery."

Richards was emphatic in his assertions, and added: "There are other details, which I am not permitted to reveal."

MAJOR-GENERAL LEE.

Commander of the Seventh Army Corps Announces His Staff.

TAMPA, May 27.—Major General Fitzhugh Lee, commanding the Seventh Army Corps, announced his staff officers to-day as follows: Personal staff, First Lieutenant Alperson Sutoris, First Regiment United States Volunteer Engineers; First Lieutenant Fitzhugh Lee, Jr., First Regiment Volunteer Engineer Corps staff; Lieutenant Colonel J. H. Dorst, Assistant Adjutant General; Captain R. E. L. Michie, Assistant Adjutant General; Lieutenant Colonel V. R. Livermore, Chief Engineer; Lieutenant Colonel Curtis Guild, Jr., Inspector General; Lieutenant Colonel J. N. Morrison, Deputy Judge Advocate General; Lieutenant Colonel L. M. Maus, Chief Surgeon; Colonel C. P. Miller, Chief Quartermaster; Lieutenant Colonel O. E. Wood, Chief Commissary.

Pending the arrival of Lieutenant Colonel Miller, Lieutenant Colonel Wood is appointed Chief Commissary of the Seventh Army Corps. It is the intention to place several more volunteer regiments at Palmetto Beach, the camping ground of the volunteer troops around Tampa.

The First Florida, which has been encamped on the old Fort Brooke reservation, was moved to Palmetto Beach to-day.

CRUISER NEW ORLEANS.

Her Speed and Apparent Fighting Qualities Greatly Admired.

KEY WEST, May 27.—The rainy season is just beginning in Cuba, and the fleet of warships and newspaper dispatch boats have experienced bad weather during the past week, with frequent violent rain storms. Off the Cuban coast to-day the weather is pleasant.

A SUICIDE'S REQUEST.

Gives His Body to Any Medical College That Will Cremate It.

ST. LOUIS, May 27.—It was ascertained today that L. Buchener, 70 years old, who committed suicide last night in Forest Park by shooting himself through the head, belonged to one of the best families in St. Louis. He was a brother of Mrs. Samuel T. Glover and an uncle of Mrs. Robert H. Kern and ex-Congressman Glover. The following note left by the suicide gave no reason for the deed, and none is known: "It is my desire and wish that my body be given to any medical college that will cremate or destroy it with chemicals after serving their purpose. I want relatives to leave my body alone." L. BUCHENER.

VESEL DETAINED.

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THE NONPAREIL STORE. TODAY, May 28th, 5 per cent of the sales of the entire store will be donated to the Red Cross Sanitary Commission. Women's Lawn Wrappers, \$1 25 each. Women's Kidskin Gloves, \$1 00 pair. American Beauty Roses, Special 23c. Women's Oxford Ties, \$2 50 pair. Figured Mohair Skirts, \$1 35. Children's Dress Shoes, \$1 90. Men's Night Shirts, 50c. Women's Muslin Gowns, \$1 00. Leghorn Hats, Special \$2 50. Children's Trimmed Hats, Special \$1 50. Articles for the Toilet. Women's Underwear. Ladies' low neck, sleeveless, Jersey Ribbed Cotton Vest, fancy edge, with tape running round neck and sleeves, color white. Price, 12 1/2c. Ladies' low neck, sleeveless, Richelieu Ribbed Lisle Vest, rick-rack finish, run with silk tape around neck and sleeves, colors white and ecru. Price, 25c. Ladies' extra fine Swiss Lisle Vests, low neck, sleeveless, colors ecru, pink, blue and white. Price, 50c.

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605 J Street. A still greater sacrifice will be made, for we never carry any Shoes away. They must be sold. Remember we are manufacturers and can sell Shoes CHEAPER than any retailer can buy them, so you had better come now and get them.

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Ladies' Fine Kid Button Shoes 1 00, worth 2 50
Ladies' Fine Kid Ties 50, worth 1 50
Misses' School Shoes 75, worth 1 50
Gents' French Calf Shoes 1 50, worth 2 00
Gents' Fine Calf Shoes 1 00, worth 1 50
Boys' School Shoes 75, worth 2 00
Children's School Shoes 50, worth 1 25

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