

FILIPINOS AGAIN SUFFER DEFEAT.

A Force of Rebels Attack Outposts of Washington Regiment.

Routed After Two Hours' Fighting, Leaving Twelve Dead on the Field.

Six Companies of the South Dakota and Minnesota Regiments Encounter and Defeat a Rebel Force of Five Hundred Men, the Latter Suffering Heavy Loss.

MANILA, April 21.—A force of about 200 rebels yesterday afternoon attacked the outposts of the Washington Regiment near Taguig, south of Pasig and Pateros. Two companies engaged the enemy and advanced into the open in a skirmish order. The rebels were checked and routed after two hours' fighting, leaving twelve men killed on the field and several wounded. The American troops also obtained possession of Mauser rifles and many other weapons. Three Americans were wounded.

Later the army troops opened fire on the enemy along the river banks. The rebels are unusually active west of Matolos as far as Calumpit. They have been busy at work on their trenches, and several new trenches have been discovered within two miles of the railroad. Fires are burning east of the railroad, and it would appear that the rebels are evacuating the foothill towns, in anticipation of an attack upon the part of the American troops.

At 6 o'clock this morning three companies of the South Dakota Regiment marched from Bocavie and, in conjunction with three companies of the Minnesota Regiment from Guiguinto, north of Bocavie, encountered a rebel force numbering fully 500 men, when two miles out. The enemy retired three miles in fairly good order, in spite of the fact that the rebels suffered heavy losses. The Americans, having exhausted their ammunition, were compelled to return to their camps.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The following dispatch was received at the War Department today: "Manila, April 21.—Adjutant General, Washington: Troops abundantly supplied, and sickness, wounded included, only seven and a fraction per cent. of command. OTIS."

THE SAMOAN TROUBLE.

Germany Orders Two More Warships to Proceed to Apia.

LONDON, April 21.—A dispatch from Shanghai to a news agency says the German protected cruiser Gefion has been ordered to proceed to Apia, Samoa, after embarking an extra supply of ammunition at Kiau Chou, China, and that another cruiser is to follow her.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The report coming from Shanghai via London that another German war vessel has been ordered to Samoa was received with interest by the officials here, though no particular importance was attached by them to the report, the opinion being expressed that the German Government was simply making an addition to its naval representation in Samoa, so as to equal that of Great Britain.

From the German point of view the dispatch of the vessel to Samoa would be entirely consistent with the maintenance of Germany's prestige in the island group, where her material interests are greater than those of other nations represented there. These, it is claimed, have been endangered by recent happenings to the prejudice of the country. Such an act, a German diplomat said to-night, could not be construed as unfriendly to the interests of this Government, nor a menace to existing conditions. Germany at this time has only one war vessel at Apia, while Great Britain has two and the United States one. The suggestion was made in German official circles some days ago that additional vessels might be sent to Apia.

The report that an extra supply of ammunition would be embarked at Kiau Chou is suggested by this diplomat as probably a malicious invention. Secretary Long said to-night that the Navy Department had no information of the

kind contained in the dispatch but even if it was true, he said, he did not attach any importance to it.

LONDON, April 21.—According to a letter received here today from a British naval officer at Apia, dated March 18th, the British cruiser Porpoise, Captain Sturdee, in order to cripple the rebels, cruised around the coast of Upolu, burning villages and carrying to Apia all the boats of the natives. As their boats are regarded by the Samoan Islanders as their most valuable possessions, it was believed that this plan would really inflict greater hardship upon them than the destruction of their villages.

MURDER NEAR PANA.

The Mutilated Body of a Woman Found in a Well.

PANA (Ill.), April 21.—The mutilated body of Miss Jane Brunot, a wealthy woman of Dana, Ind., was found buried in an abandoned well on a farm of her sister-in-law near here today. Mrs. Anna Brunot, son Henry Brunot and Frederick Sibley are under arrest in this city charged with murder. The Chief of Police says the three persons under arrest entered Miss Brunot to the farm house, shot her through the head and buried her body in an abandoned well.

Miss Brunot came to this city on a visit about April 1st. It is said she brought with her a valise containing a draft for \$500 and other valuables. Neither the valise nor Miss Brunot were seen after April 1st. A few days later Henry Brunot and Sibley disappeared. The police learned that they went to Indianapolis, where they, it is said, cashed a draft for \$500 and spent the proceeds. On the strength of this clue and a letter from Indiana friends inquiring for Miss Brunot, the three inhabitants of the Brunot farm were arrested at 2 o'clock this morning. At 8 o'clock the police found Miss Brunot's body in the old well. Her clothing was found in the garret of the farm house.

The police claim that Mrs. Anna Brunot and her son, Henry, are guilty of murdering Miss Brunot. The husband of Anna Brunot, who died at the dinner table a year ago. Brunot carried \$2,000 insurance. The police also allege that Henry Brunot and Frederick Sibley killed widow Mary McIntyre, whose husband was a neighbor of the Brunots, in Platham mining district last February, their object being robbery.

Considerable talk of lynching is heard, but the strong guard of militia on duty here will prevent such action. The afternoon Henry Brunot, who with Frederick Sibley, was arrested today for the murder of Brunot's aunt, Miss Jane Brunot, made a full confession to Chief of Police Kleier. Brunot said:

"On Monday, April 10th, the day of the Panu riot, Sibley and I having laid our plans to kill my aunt that night, I brought my mother to Pana. I then drove home. My aunt was then in the barn yard milking. She went into the kitchen and was preparing supper. Sibley and I entered. We had planned that both should draw revolvers and fire. Sibley fired first. I drew my gun and fired first. She fell, and I fired several more shots into her body. She died instantly. Sibley did not fire. Sibley tore all her clothing from her, searching for money, but found none. We dragged her out on the porch, threw her into a wheelbarrow, and Sibley wheeled her to the well and dumped her in, head first. We then built a platform a few feet below the surface of the ground and filled it with earth. My mother had nothing to do with the murder. Our object was robbery. We thought that Aunt Jane had money on her."

Sibley later made a confession corroborating that of Brunot. Brunot deplored his father three years ago to obtain his insurance. Both Sibley and Brunot admitted all knowledge of the murder of widow McIntyre in Platham district two months ago. Mrs. Brunot has been released from custody. Sibley and Brunot were remanded without bail.

MISSOURI STILL RISING.

Lowlands Above Sioux City Under Water.

SIoux CITY (Iowa), April 21.—The Missouri River continues to rise and to-night is nearly nineteen feet above low water mark. At Walker's Island, just above Sioux City, all farms and truck gardens are completely flooded and the farmers have barely escaped with their lives. Several persons on the Nebraska side took refuge in trees and were taken off in boats.

OMAHA, April 21.—The gaging this morning showed a rise of nine-tenths of a foot in the Missouri River during the past twenty-four hours. Indications are that a further rise will occur, and the lower ground on both sides considerable damage has been done, but not serious. The principal danger is to the large ice houses belonging to packing houses and private dealers. These are situated in a lake northeast of the city, which was formed by the channel of the river. Water from the river is now running into the lake and a large force of men is at work building dikes around the houses.

VERMILLION (S. D.), April 21.—The flood situation is far worse to-night than it was this week, and the Missouri River has risen ten to fifteen feet. Stock left on farms between the Missouri and Vermillion Rivers cannot now be taken off. At Burbank cattle are reported to be drowning. From Vermillion for fifteen miles toward Yankton and eight miles south of Nebraska, thirty-five country is almost a solid body of water from two to four feet deep. The land east of Sioux City is fast being submerged.

KANSAS CITY, April 21.—All points between Kansas City and Sioux City report the Missouri River still rising. It reached the danger line at St. Joseph at 7 a. m. to-day. At Kansas City at the same hour it was only 1.65 feet below the danger line. The river, according to the local weather bureau, will continue to rise for at least four days, reaching between 22 and 25 feet at Kansas City by Monday.

Disastrous Fire in Kentucky.

Monterey and Fresno Road.

NEW YORK, April 21.—The Sheriff has served an attachment against the Monterey and Fresno Railroad Company of California and Alfred Walker Jones of Pacific Grove, Cal., for \$700,000 in favor of George Eckhardt, which was obtained by Philip Carpenter, on the ground of non-residence. It is an assigned claim from Henry H. Finley and Fred E. Pettigrew for services in procuring an underwrite for an issue of bonds to the amount of \$7,000,000 of the railroad company.

Vice President Hobart.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Vice President Hobart had a fairly good day and was able to sit up several times.

The short lie often casts a long shadow.

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Makes the food more delicious and wholesome
ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

FATAL FIRE AT YUBA CITY.

An Insane Man Sets Fire to Sutter County's Courthouse.

The Building Entirely Destroyed, the Occupant Perishing in the Flames.

All the Records and Some of the Furniture in the Various Offices Saved—The Hall of Records and the Jail, Adjoining the Courthouse, Not Injured by the Fire.

YUBA CITY, April 21.—At 2 o'clock this morning Deputy Sheriff Fields, who sleeps in the Sheriff's office at the Courthouse, was awakened by a smell of smoke and found flames bursting out of the insane ward in the main corridor.

In the insane ward was a Corishish man named Richard Willis, who had been examined by physicians for insanity, and was awaiting to be sent to the asylum at Stockton. He had evidently set fire to his bedding, which had spread to the partition walls and set the Courthouse on fire.

The door of the cell was broken open, and the man was found dead and so badly burned that it was impossible to remove him during the fire.

Every effort was made to check the flames, but there being no fire engine, they soon enveloped the entire building. By the united efforts of these present the records and some furniture in the various offices were saved.

The Hall of Records, a fireproof building near by, was not damaged, neither was the jail, which adjoined the main building. No prisoners were in the jail. The Assessor's vault and safe were found all right, and the Treasurer's safe in good condition, having been opened this afternoon. It contained many valuable papers and records, besides considerable money, nothing being damaged.

The Courthouse was built in 1872 at a cost of \$30,000, and was insured for \$20,000. The building just burned replaced an old one which was burned in 1871.

As soon as the fire went down the Coroner secured the body of Willis, which was partially burned and hardly recognizable. A jury was summoned, and will hold a verdict to-morrow. The deceased was a stranger here, and had not been in the State long, according to his story.

OREGON VOLUNTEERS.

Governor Geer Will Not Demand Their Return From Philippines.

PORTLAND (Or.), April 21.—A special to the "Oregonian" from Salem says: Governor Geer has given out a statement in reply to many requests that he make a demand for the return of the Oregon volunteers now at Manila. The Governor says:

"For the Governor of a State to demand the return of United States soldiers during the most serious and active service in which they are engaged, is not only discreditable to the State, and destructive of military discipline, but would be wholly unjust to the boys who begged to be sent to the Philippines, and after arriving there sent thousands of letters home complaining that they were not allowed to see active service in the field."

"As Governor of this State I am not inclined to demand the return of our volunteers, for to do so would be of doubtful propriety, unless coming first from the boys themselves."

"A formal demand for the discharge of United States troops by a State would be an exhibition of attempted insubordination and impertinence."

DECIDUOUS FRUIT CROP.

Said It Will be Handled by Two Refrigerator Car Lines.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21.—According to the "Chronicle," the entire deciduous fruit crop of the State will be handled by two refrigerator car lines this season. The Santa Fe Fruit and Refrigerator Line will permanently retire from the business of handling deciduous fruits from California to the Eastern distributing centers, and will confine its attention to orange shipments from Southern California hereafter. The payment of rebates to growers and shippers will be abolished, and the refrigerator lines will divide the business between themselves at established tariff rates, which in many cases are lower than those now in effect. The companies, however, will effect a great saving in rebates.

BRUTAL ASSAULT.

Committed Upon an Aged Man in a Church at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21.—St. Rose's Catholic Church on Brannan street, near Fourth, was the scene to-night of a brutal assault which may result in Patrick A. Donovan, a member of the choir, being charged with murder. Just after the evening services, Donovan saw in the church Alexander Jardine, a man 77 years of age, against whom he bears a grudge. He attacked Jardine with a hatchet, and inflicted wounds which are likely to prove fatal. Donovan admits his deed, and says that he is now even with Jardine, whom he claims has tried to throw him out of employment several times.

The police think that Donovan is mentally unbalanced.

AN OCEAN TRAGEDY.

Nine Men Perish at Sea—One a Former Sacramentoan.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21.—The steamer City of Para, from Central American ports, brings details of an ocean tragedy. While the vessel was

at Corinto an open boat containing the remains of nine men who perished months ago drifted ashore there. The bodies were horribly emaciated, and the manner in which their limbs were contorted showed that they must have died in terrible agony. Not a drop of water and not a particle of food was in the boat.

In December last Louis W. Maslin of the El Triunfo Pier Company, three of the port officials and five boatmen went out to the mail company's steamer lying in the offing at El Triunfo. They boarded the mail boat and awaited until signs of an approaching storm warned them to return. The gale came up quickly and overtook the boat soon after it got away from the steamer. It was never seen again until it floated into Corinto harbor.

Louis W. Maslin was the son of E. W. Maslin, Deputy Naval Officer of this port. The names of the other victims are not given.

Cole Gets the Decision.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21.—Willie Cole of this city got the decision over Jimmy Anthony of Australia at the eleventh round, but before the Washington Square Athletic Club to-night. The contest was clever throughout, young Cole making a remarkably good showing against the seasoned Australian. Twice he knocked Anthony down, once in the second and again in the eleventh round. The decision gave general satisfaction, though a number of experts thought the fight should have been declared a draw. Doc Flynn was the referee.

In the preliminary contests Jake Kinnane lost to Chick Ponnyer in a ten round go, at the end of which time it was found that Kinnane's jaw had been broken some time during the fight. Jack Kane defeated Charles Goebel in the second round. Goebel became so groggy that, though he was not knocked out, the fight was given to Kane.

Fraudulently Labeled Cigars.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21.—Ten thousand cigars were seized to-day by the internal revenue officers because the internal revenue stamps on the boxes were found to be fraudulent. The seizure was made by Collector of Internal Revenue John C. Lynch and Internal Revenue Agent Bert Thomas. They will not divulge the names of the firm in which the cigars were seized. The cigars are the manufacture of Factory No. 3,741 of Lancaster County, Penn. The firm, it is understood, has packed thousands of boxes of cigars and posted upon them the fictitious labels Agent Thomas is on the track of 2,000,000 fraudulently labeled cigars.

Edward J. Pringle Dead.

OAKLAND, April 21.—Edward J. Pringle, Supreme Court Commissioner, died to-night. For nearly two days he has been unconscious, and the fatal end has been expected. The crisis of his illness was reached this morning, but he failed to rally, and gradually became weaker. All his family were at his bedside when the end came. The deceased illness was acute typhoid fever. He was one of the most prominent lawyers of the State.

Suicide at Santa Rosa.

SANTA ROSA, April 21.—H. M. Wilson, who for many years was President of the Healdsburg Bank, committed suicide at his home here to-day. He tied a heavy leaded hammer around his neck and deliberately drowned himself in a horse trough. The deceased was 85 years of age, and died possessing a large amount of real property. Dependence over ill-health is supposed to have been the cause.

E. B. Howard's Insolvent Estate.

SAN JOSE, April 21.—The appraisal of the insolvent estate of E. B. Howard, the fruit handler, whose estate precipitated the suspension of the Union Bank of California, and the total appraisal value of the property is only \$56,625. Besides, there is an estimate of \$83,351 of "doubtful" accounts, while \$38,979 is reported to be "worthless." The appraisal will pay about 15 cents on the dollar.

A Successful Bidder.

SAN JOSE, April 21.—Charles Parker of Santa Clara was notified to-day that he had received the annual Government contract for seeds, his bid being \$64,900. The seeds to be forwarded will be twenty-two car-loads, and will include several car-loads of sweet peas and other flower seeds.

Life Imprisonment.

SOLOMONVILLE (Ariz.), April 21.—George Wilson and Dave Holland were to-day convicted of the murder of M. G. Allen at Eden in July last. They were sentenced to imprisonment for life. Allen came from Riverside, Cal., to Arizona on a prospecting trip, and was killed by Wright and Holland, the motive being robbery.

Neall Court-Martial.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21.—The Neall court-martial continued to-day. Major Moseley, post surgeon at the Presidio, testified as to the health of Lieutenant Neall, which he asserted was generally good. All of the witnesses in the case, with the exception of General Compton, have testified.

FIVE LIVES LOST.

Fatal Explosion in a Coal Mine in New Mexico.

DENVER, April 21.—A special to the "News" from Albuquerque, N. M., says: "Four men and a boy employed in Cook & White's coal mine at Madrid lost their lives at noon to-day. Orders are being issued for the mine to be closed, and the machinery refused to work, and it was not until 2:30 that a descent could be made. Two dead bodies were found at once, and about 4 o'clock the remaining three. The men evidently died from suffocation, as no bruises could be found. Had it not been for the injury to the machinery, it is thought all could have been saved. The two open lamps were found by the bodies. The mine is badly wrecked."

THE NON-PAREIL STORE
TRIMMED MILLINERY.

As usual for Saturday's selling, the unmatched showing of our medium-priced trimmed hats for women, misses and children will be on display. So well known is the superiority of style, material and workmanship at these standard prices in our goods that we simply quote misses' and children's prettily trimmed hats from \$1.75 to \$3, and the women's stylish creations from \$2.50 to \$5, and we are sure to please you.

New Sailors.

Came just in time for Saturday's selling, too. Can't get them fast enough to satisfy demand. Two of these styles made expressly for us—NOT FOUND ELSEWHERE. Both are rough straws, one a nobby round crown style with black velvet band and quill, at \$1.25; another a square crown, knob block, with folded velvet band and quill through bow at side. Price, \$1.75.

At 25c and 50c.

A showing of sailors, very superior values, in split and rough straws, in black and white, with silk band around and bow at side.

At \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50

Will be found an assortment of sailors, split and rough straws, mixed or plain, and some with colored straw brim and chip crown; styles to please all.

White Silk Parasols.

You will want sun shade ere the season has passed, and these are the favorites. They will go nicely with your Summer gown and holiday attire. They have white enameled handles and paragon frame. With one ruffle, priced at \$1.25; with two ruffles, priced at \$1.50; with three ruffles, priced at \$1.75.

Knights Templars and ladies are cordially invited to visit our store, make it a resting place and enjoy the many conveniences which are always at the command of the public.

New Belts.

The reign of the shirt waist and separate skirt has necessarily brought about a great demand for belts, and many new styles have been forthcoming to meet all requirements. We show at notion counter as follows:

Woven leather belts, in tan, brown and black. Prices 50c, 65c, 75c.

Leather belts, in tan and black, with steel trimmings. Priced 50c, 60c and 75c.

Patent leather belts, with steel trimming. Price 50c each.

High grade qualities in black, patent leather belts. Prices 25c, 50c and 75c.

Leather belts, in tan, brown, black, etc. Prices 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c each.

Men's Furnishings.

That this store for men as well as for women is becoming better known each succeeding day is evinced by the increasing number of appreciative patrons who respond to our mention of their line in these columns from time to time. Our Summer assortment of underwear, negligee overshirts, neckwear, etc., is at its best now. SEE OUR NEW LINE OF 50c NECKWEAR FOR TO-DAY'S SELLING.

New fresh pretty silk ribbons, get first showing to-day, just when they are most wanted. Ribbons for neckwear, for hats, for belts and sashes, for hat bows and many other uses; all the newest styles and colorings; some novelties in extreme.

Priced from 25c per yard up.

According to quality and in the wide widths; some with running stripes and print warp, Dresden effects combined; others very decided effects in transverse stripes, also, checks and plaids, in variety.

Crush Neck Ribbons and Belts.

The new ribbons make up most attractively into neckerchiefs, which go twice around the neck and crush, having pretty buckle fastening. Priced from 50c up, according to grade of buckle and ribbon.

The belts are most attractive in style, and priced also as to quality; both belts and stock collars made at counter from ribbon and buckle selected, if so desired.

Silk Mull, 50c yard.

This silky sheer 46-inch material comes in all the desirable light dainty shades, also white and black; is lavishly used for trimming Summer hats and for making women's pretty neckwear. Can be purchased at fancy goods counter at 50c per yard.

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ARMY BEEF INVESTIGATION.

THE COURT HOLDS TWO SESSIONS AT WASHINGTON.

President McKinley's Instructions to Board at Opening of Inquiry Made a Part of the Record.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The Wade Court of Inquiry devoted to-day's session to reviewing testimony and to-night held another session for the purpose of reading reports, letters, depositions and other papers bearing upon the beef investigation.

The most interesting matter developed was President McKinley's instructions to the Court of Inquiry, which were delivered to the members of the court on February 20th last. These instructions were read by Colonel Davis in order to make them a part of the record, and are as follows:

"The character and quality of the meat, refrigerated and canned, furnished to the army; how purchased; how shipped to the soldiers; if good, and if so, whose fault; what the cause of its deterioration, if any."

"Was it the meat of commerce?" "Was it inspected by the Government Inspectors as provided by law?" "Was it an authorized ration in the army?" "If good when purchased, what made it bad?" "Was it anybody's neglect or fault, and if so, whose?" "When unfit for use, if you should so find, was the fact made known to the War Department; when and by whom?"

"If after leaving the Depot Commissary it was not cared for and properly preserved, whose fault?" "Was it a suitable ration for the campaigns in Cuba and Porto Rico?" "Was there anything better that was practicable?"

"Would it have been prudent for our troops to have made the expeditions to Santiago and Porto Rico without the preserved meats, either refrigerated or canned, with which they were supplied?" "Could the army with any certainty rely upon the cattle on the hoof in those islands?"

"Did the commanding officers in Santiago or Porto Rico or the Major General commanding report during the war that either the refrigerated or canned beef was an unfit ration?" "When were these reports first made and by whom?" "If the allegations of the Major General commanding are established, I want the court to find the cause and fix the responsibility for the fact, so that the guilty may be properly punished."

"Did the cattle in Porto Rico make a wholesome ration?"

"If the allegations of the country are guilty, it must be known. If the officers of the Commissary Department are guilty, it must be known. If any officer of the army is guilty it must be known."

LEXINGTON (Ky.), April 21.—Clay City, forty miles east of here, was nearly destroyed by fire to-night. Eleven buildings are in ruins. Twenty-one families are homeless. Loss \$40,000.

If You Have Glasses

CHINN, Optician, 526 K Street.

DEWEY STANDS NO TRIFLING.

GIVES A GERMAN OFFICER A PIECE OF HIS MIND.

Captain Coughlin Relates an Incident Which Occurred During Blockade of Manila Harbor.

NEW YORK, April 21.—Captain J. B. Coughlin and his officers of the United States cruiser Raleigh were entertained at the Union League Club to-night. The dining-room was handsomely decorated with American and British flags.

President Elihu Root presided, and after a speech of welcome, called for three cheers for Admiral Dewey. They were given so that the building seemed to throb in sympathy. Three cheers followed for Captain Coughlin. Almost immediately the shouts of approval when President Root called for three cheers for the men behind the guns.

Captain Coughlin was called upon to speak. He accepted, he said, all the good things that have been said about him and his men as meant for Admiral Dewey. "Every day we were with him," he added, "we learned more and more to love him, and more and more when the country's interests were safe in his hand and he could do nothing but that which would redound to the country's credit. Through three months of waiting and the most outrageous nagging that anybody could suffer, wearing him to the very bone, he held himself up and he held us up with him."

Then Captain Coughlin told the following story of his Admiral:

"An officer of our friend Admiral Von Diederich came down one day to make a complaint. It was my pleasure to step out on the quarter deck just as he came aboard. It was partly by accident and partly by design. I heard him tell the Admiral about his complaint, and I heard the Admiral reply: "Tell your Admiral those ships of his must stop when I say so. I wish to make the blockade of this harbor complete." The German officer replied: "But we fly the flag."

"The reply of the Admiral was just like Dewey," he said. "Those flags can be bought at a half dollar a yard anywhere."

"There was no fun in that expression of the Admiral. He told the officer that any one could fly a German flag and that a whole Spanish fleet might come upon him with German flags up. Then he drew back and stroked his mustache. He had a great habit of stroking his mustache when he gets mad. He said:

POULTRY.

Here is the place for chickens. Come early to-day (Saturday) and your chances are good of getting just what you want. We have been making preparations all this week for a big chicken sale today.

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"Tell your Admiral I am blockading here. Now, note carefully what I say, and tell your Admiral that I say it. I have been making this blockade as easy for everybody as I could, but I am getting tired of the puerile work."

"It is my opinion that such a character that a man would not make it, although children might fight over it; but the time has come when it must stop. Tell your Admiral that the slightest infraction of any rule will mean but one thing: That will be war. It will be so accepted, and resented immediately. If your people are ready for war with the United States, they can have it any time."

"I am free to admit that that almost took my breath away, it came so suddenly. We had expected it all along, but things have been expected always come unexpectedly. As he left with a face about this long (indicating by holding his hands apart) the German said to me:

"I think your Admiral does not exactly understand."

"Not only does he understand," I told him, "but he means what he says, and you had better look out."

"After that he did not breathe more than four times successively without asking permission."

WRECK OF THE PLUTON.

Discovered About Three Miles From Morro Castle.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, April 21.—The wreck of the Spanish torpedo boat destroyer Pluton, which was sunk in the great battle that resulted in the destruction of Cervera's squadron, was discovered yesterday about three miles from Morro Castle in eight fathoms of water. It was found by divers from the Yankton, who made a thorough inspection, finding the hull lying on the port side, and with no indications of having been struck by a heavy shell, as was originally reported. The vessel, however, is badly stove and literally riddled with six pounders. Evidently the Gloucester did her work well that day, for the Pluton is utterly ruined, and no attempt will be made to raise her.

Rigadier General Frederick D. Grant, who has been ordered to the Philippines, arrived here to-day with his staff on board the United States transport Meikenshon, formerly the steamer Omdam, which left San Juan de Porto Rico Monday evening.

Alaska Boundary Question.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—An unexpected delay has occurred in the negotiations toward an Alaskan boundary. The modus vivendi problematical. Extended conference was held on the subject to-day, the result being far from encouraging. The principal difficulty arises from dealing with Ottawa as well as London, this dual negotiation causing great delay and complication.

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