

MERRITT TOLD THE TRUTH

AMERICA'S WAR POLICY IS SHARPLY CRITICISED

The Merritt interview under discussion in every hotel and club in the National Capital—What might have happened in event of war with Germany or France—President wants proof.

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Special to The St. Paul Globe. WASHINGTON, May 17.—A decided sensation in cabinet and army and navy circles was experienced in Washington today.

Gen. Wesley Merritt's sharp criticism of the policy of the war department in conducting the Cuban and Philippine



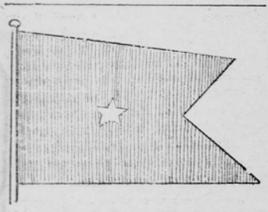
REAR ADMIRAL'S FLAG, UNITED STATES NAVY. (The Stars Are White on a Blue Field.)

campaign is the talk at every club and hotel in the capital tonight.

The discussion which Gen. Merritt's interview has aroused at the capital has developed the feeling that our military system is singularly unadapted for purposes of foreign war, and that Merritt has doubtless told only a part of the truth.

It is pointed out that congress declared war on the 19th of April, after months during which such action was clearly anticipated, and yet a month has passed, and we have only a half-equipped army of 70,000 mustered into service.

Had we declared war against France or Germany, for instance, with their big armies, navies and transports, it



COMMODORE'S FLAG, UNITED STATES NAVY. (The Star is White on a Blue Field.)

would have been possible for either of these countries to inflict irreparable injury upon us before we could get an army together and in fighting shape.

One Minnesota congressman said today: "Either our system should be revised, or we should mind our own business and keep out of foreign entanglements."

It is said tonight that President McKinley wants proof that Gen. Merritt really made the criticism before he takes any action.

MERRITT DENIES IT.

Alleged Sensational Interview Officially Discredited.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Secretary Alger this afternoon received the following telegram from Gen. Merritt:

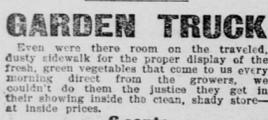
Hon. R. A. Alger, secretary of war: I desire you to know that the interviews published in the New York papers this morning in every way correct and unauthorized. I had intended to take no notice of them, but I understood the articles are taken seriously in Washington.

—Wesley Merritt.

MILITARY PROMOTIONS.

War and Navy Nominations Sent to the Senate.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The presidential



GARDEN TRUCK

Even were there room on the traveled, sturdy sidewalk for the proper display of the fresh, green vegetables that come to us every morning direct from the growers, we wouldn't do them the justice they get in their showing bins, the clean, shady stores at inside prices.

6 cents Per pound for choice lot of Evaporated Apples, to close out.

Strawberries, 5c per Quart.

Very large shipments we receive now, and must keep them at such prices.

4 cents A peck for home-grown, crisp Spinach.

3 cents A pound for best bulk Gloss Starch.

2 cents A bag for 3-pound bags best fine Salt.

1 cent A bunch for fresh, home-grown Asparagus. 1c a pound for fresh Elephant.

8c cents For 3-pound cans of a real good Baltimore Peach.

20 cents A pound for the very finest Creamery Butter in America. 17c a pound for fresh, sweet Dairy Butter.

10 cents A gallon for pure White Wine Vinegar, full strength—45-gal.

PANSIES, 25c Per dozen for blooming Pansy Plants. We will have the best that are offered in this section this season. Roses 25c per dozen, and Carnations 20c a dozen, fresh cut.

Buy Pillsbury's Vitas, a specially good breakfast food for summer.

9 cents A pound for nice, fresh-smoked Hams.

Tom Moore Cigars, each.....6c Hoffman House Cigars, each.....6c

FRESH MEATS.

Boiling Beef, per pound.....7c Fresh Pork Shoulders, per pound.....5c Fresh Boston Butts, per pound.....8c Fresh Pork Chops, per pound.....8c Loin of Pork, per pound.....10c Pork Spareribs, per pound.....9c

JAM SALE.

For 1-pound glass jars of assorted Fruit Preserves and Jams.

dent today sent these nominations to the senate:

Navy—Capt. Silas Casey, U. S. N., to be a commodore; Benjamin P. Lamberton, to be a captain; Lieut. (junior grade) Harry George, to be lieutenant; Harrison C. Commander Hamilton C. Colby, to be a commander; Lieut. John H. Moore, to be a lieutenant commander; Lieutenant Commander Leavitt C. Logan, to be a commander; Ensign Ralph E. Walker, to be a second lieutenant in the marine corps; Second Lieut. Amos Bronson Jr., to be an ensign in the navy; John B. Bennett, of Maryland, and William S. Thomas, of New York, to be assistant surgeons in the navy.

Navy—to be assistant paymasters to fill vacancies: George Palmer Dyer, of New York; Robert C. Dray, of Delaware; Frank W. Hart, District of Columbia; Webb Van Hornes Rose, of New York; Chas. Williams Pearce, of New York; Abel Brown Pierce, Texas; Robert H. Woods, District of Columbia; William Alfred Merritt, of Maryland; Harrison Lemar Robins, of Mississippi; William Henry Doherty, of Massachusetts; Charles Morris Jr., of New York.

Homer B. Stanford, of Tennessee, to be a medical inspector in the navy; Surgeon Medical Inspectors—Hosea J. Rubin, to be a medical director in the navy; Surgeon Charles A. Siegfried, to be a medical inspector in the navy.

War—to be assistant adjutant general, with rank of major: George S. Hobart, of New Jersey. Withdrawn—Capt. Harry C. Ward, Sixteenth infantry, for inspector general, with rank of major; J. M. Simeral, of Nebraska, for commissary of subsistence, with rank of captain; Richard H. Davis, of Massachusetts, for assistant adjutant general, with rank of captain.

To Be Engineer Officers, With Rank of Major—First Lieut. James F. Bill, Seventeenth cavalry; Hugh B. Gordon, of Georgia; William D. Jenkins, of Mississippi; First Lieut. L. S. Stroth, First infantry; Robert B. Bennett, of Maryland; First Lieut. Clement A. F. Flieger, corps of engineers.

To Be Assistant Adjutant Generals, With Rank of Captain—First Lieut. William M. Wright, Second infantry; Sherrill Babcock, of New York; W. J. Sewell, of New Jersey.

To Be Assistant Quartermasters, With Rank of Captain—First Lieut. W. C. Brooks, Fourth artillery; John C. Breckinridge, of New York; Frederick W. Cole, of Kansas; W. English, of Indiana.

To Be Commissaries of Subsistence, With Rank of Captain—Smith D. Brock, of New York; Edward R. Hutchins, of Iowa; Orson Pettijohn, of Illinois; Peter C. Deming, of Ohio; Morton J. Henry, of Pennsylvania; John Carmichael, Virginia; Moses R. Davon, of Wisconsin; Seth M. Milburn, Maine; Oliver W. Partridge, of Pennsylvania; Salmon E. Dutton, of Vermont; John Landstreet Jr., of Tennessee; Robert S. Massachusetts; Philip M. Lydig, New York; Miller R. Downing, Ohio; Wilson Davney, Illinois.

To Be Chief Quartermasters, With Rank of Major—Capt. John M. Carson Jr., assistant quartermaster. To Be Chief Commissaries of Subsistence, With Rank of Major—James Ogilthorpe Varnedoe, of Georgia; Samuel T. Hay, Pennsylvania; John H. Moody, North Carolina.

To Be Inspector Generals, With Rank of Major—Capt. J. E. Ballance, Thirty-second infantry; Capt. William C. Ordinance department, U. S. A.

To Be Chief Surgeons, With Rank of Major—John G. Wausonbury, of New York; Louis Schuler, of Iowa.

NO MORE VOLUNTEERS.

President Will Not Issue a Second Call at Present.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Gen. Miles, commanding the army, said today that it was not the intention of the president to call for an additional number of volunteers at this time.

It is suggested that such a call at present would be a little premature, in view of the fact that little over 80,000 of those troops already called for had been mustered into the service of the government.

THE VOLUNTEER ARMY.

Eighteen States Have Completed Their Quota.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The volunteer army is rapidly nearing completion. Reports received by Adj. Gen. Corbin tonight show that 92,580 men have been mustered in.

Eighteen states have completed their quota, as follows: California, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

FOUR WERE KILLED.

Fatal Fall of an Elevator in an Uncompleted Warehouse.

BOSTON, Mass., May 17.—By the falling of an elevator, used for hoisting building material, at the uncompleted warehouse of the Boston Wharf company, today, four men were killed and four were injured. The dead: O. S. HENRY, foreman.

DANIEL DOWDY, New York-Western; LEO CARDAMAN, HENRY HARVEY, William Dison, Michael Griffin, Pietro Piro, Bruno Senco.

The men were riding on the elevator, which was heavily loaded with material for use in the construction of the building.

The combined weight was too much for the car, which gave way at the eighth story, and the men and material fell to the bottom of the well.

Words Can't Describe It.

Imagine yourself in a beautiful home, thoroughly appointed from kitchen to dining room and bedroom, modern in every respect, and all at a cost of \$10,000. It is not only a home, but a money maker. It is the "Northwestern Line," and you have a faint conception of what the new North-Western line, now running from Minneapolis and St. Paul to Chicago, is.

Words cannot fully describe every device on this luxurious train, and the only way to realize the new features and innovations in this magnificent place is to try it for yourself on a trip to Chicago.—Minneapolis Tribune.

THE FOUR GREAT FLEETS.

ADMIRAL SAMPSON'S SQUADRON.

Ship. Big Guns. Men. Commander. Iowa.....4-12-in. 600 Evans Indiana.....4-13-in. 455 Taylor New York.....8-8-in. 668 Chadwick Terror.....4-10-in. 151 Ludlow

ADMIRAL CERVERA'S SQUADRON.

Ship. Big Guns. Men. Commander. March'setta 4-13-in. 600 Higginson Texas.....12-in. 2800 Conroy Brooklyn.....3-8-in. 641 Philip Minneapolis 1-8-in. 469 Jewell New Orleans.....2-10-in. 500 Sigbee

REPORTED PROVISIONAL SQUADRON UNDER CAPT. CLARK.

Ship. Big Guns. Men. Commander. Oregon.....4-12-in. 590 Clara Marietta.....4-12-in. 590 Symonds Buffalo (Netherlands) (Provisional crew.).....4-12-in. 590 Montgomery.....2-10-in. 590

ADMIRAL CERVERA'S SQUADRON.

Ship. Big Guns. Men. Victoria.....2-11-in. 400 Infanta Maria.....2-12-in. 400 Cristobal Colon.....2-9.8-in. 600 Furor.....2-10-in. 400 Pluton Destroyers.

Terror

TWELVE THOUSAND TROOPS

THAT NUMBER REPORT TO GEN. BROOKE AT CHICKAMAUGA

Eleven Regiments of Infantry, One of Cavalry and Five Light Batteries—Gen. Brooke Completes Assignments for the First Division of the Sixth Provisional Army Corps—Brigadiers Are Sent.

CHICKAMAUGA NATIONAL PARK, Ga., May 17.—At 6 o'clock this evening eleven regiments of infantry, one of cavalry and five batteries of light artillery, 12,000 men all told, had responded to Gen. Brooke, in command of the Chickamauga army.

The assignments have been provided with camping grounds, tents and equipments as rapidly as possible, and the historic battlefield begins to present proof of what the United States can do in the way of assembling a volunteer army when the necessity of the government requires.

Gen. Brooke this morning completed the assignments for the first division of the sixth provisional army corps, Maj. Gen. James H. Wilson, commanding, as follows: First Brigade—Brig. Gen. A. S. Burt, First Ohio, Col. Hunt; Third Wisconsin, Col. Martin T. Moore; Fifth Illinois, Col. J. S. Calver.

Second Brigade—Brig. Gen. C. E. Crompton; Fourth Ohio, Col. A. B. Colt; Third Illinois, Col. Fred Bennett; Fourth Pennsylvania, Col. D. B. Case.

Third Brigade—Brig. Gen. H. W. Lawton; Sixteenth Pennsylvania, Col. Hultine; Second Wisconsin, Col. C. A. Boon; Seventeenth Indiana, Col. George M. Seudebaker.

Gen. Brooke began this afternoon the organization of the second division of the Sixth provisional army corps, the brigadiers yet to be named. The Thirty-first Michigan and the Third Pennsylvania have been assigned to the First brigade, and regiments as they arrive will be assigned to fill up the various brigades.

OFFICERS ASSIGNED.

Brig. Gen. W. S. Lawton today received orders to report to Tampa and Col. Wilson to report to Chickamauga, Pennsylvania, being the senior officer in Camp Thomas, was assigned to the Third brigade of the First division.

Gen. Beck, who has been transferred in the department of the Gulf, will make his headquarters at Chickamauga. Gen. James Wade, who has been assigned to the Third army corps, will report to Gen. Brooke tomorrow.

It is expected that Gen. Wilson's corps will have been completed by Wednesday evening or Thursday morning, by which time Gen. Wade will be here to assist in the reorganization of the divisions of his corps.

There is a scarcity of brigadier generals for the provisional army, and Gen. Brooke will appoint brigadiers from the ranking officers of the various regiments as they report for duty.

All the troops that have arrived have been located along the slope of the ridge along the Lafayette road. The grounds are excellently adapted, and on the east are wooded, shaded groves. Not far away is the Chickamauga creek, which furnishes plenty of water for cooking and bathing.

ADJOURNED IN CONFUSION.

Disputed Election of M. E. South Bishop to Conference.

BALTIMORE, May 17.—Rev. Dr. Warren A. Candler, of Oxford, Ga., and Rev. Dr. H. C. Morrison, of Nashville, Tenn., were elected bishops of the M. E. church South today by the general conference in session here.

Only two ballots were taken, but a large proportion of the delegates were of the opinion that Rev. E. F. Hoss, of Nashville, was also elected.

The discussion on this point was lively. The whole number of votes cast on the second ballot was 249. Bishop Wilson, who was presiding, announced that 128 were required to elect. Dr. Candler received 148, Dr. Morrison 140 and Dr. Hoss 27.

The conference had started out to elect only two bishops. This limit was determined upon several days ago. As soon as Bishop Wilson retired, Dr. Candler and Dr. Morrison had been elected there was a storm of protest.

It was claimed that Dr. Hoss had also been elected. Dr. Candler offered thick and fast. The confusion grew. Only men with stentorian voices had any chance at all, either of recognition by the chair or of hearing by the conference.

The struggle was ended by a vote to adjourn in the midst of business. The effect of this adjournment was that Dr. Hoss had been elected, and others claim not. It is generally agreed that Dr. Candler and Morrison are elected. Dr. Hoss is merely predicted.

The method of accomplishing this will be either a new election or as a special new action to be taken by the conference.

The mere mention of it is expected to arouse a lively parliamentary skirmish.

WORK OF RED CROSS FOLK

IT WILL BE A GODSEND TO THE THIRTEENTH

Auxiliary Society Formed Here Recently Is Sprung Neither Ingenuity Nor Industry to Anticipate the Wants of Such Soldiers as May Be Hurt or Taken Ill in the Field Far Away From Home.

The St. Paul boys who have gone to San Francisco cannot help but warmly congratulate them when they arrive there from St. Paul some days following their own arrival at the coast. The supplies being prepared at present by the women of the Red Cross society.

Every stitch and every bit of cloth will bring with it earnest thoughts for their welfare and the care with which each kind of article or garment has been selected as best suitable for its own particular use will tell them plainer than words that the women of St. Paul are still with them in spirit and will watch, so far as possible, over their material wants with true maternal anxiety.

And it cannot be too warmly commended that in such close touch with those at home, kept in such close touch with those at home, for many of the women who are so busily engaged in cutting and making garments in the Red Cross headquarters have relatives among the companies. Though many others are simply interested spectators, their enthusiasm is just as great, however.

Mrs. E. H. Bailey was on duty all day yesterday, and she succeeded in securing a group of women with her, Miss Frederica Sommers supervising the work, and Mrs. W. H. Wright receiving the work.

Night shirts, sheets and pillow-cases lay piled on the shelves all ready to pack. Among the articles the most highly praised and gratefully received by the boys were the flannel abdominal bandages which have been provided for the well men as well as for the sick and convalescing.

By Saturday there will probably be enough of these made for the entire Thirteenth regiment.

Material is needed, for as far there have been more offers from workers than those ready to donate cloth.

The bandages for the bandages is soft and white, of medium weight. Old knitted underwear is also excellent for this purpose.

Material for sheets and pillow-cases is also needed, as are night shirts and material for their making.

linen and cotton for use on the field will be gladly received.

The women will meet today again with Mrs. Thomas Cochran on duty.

DUER-MACKAY, WEDDING.

A Home Affair, Conducted by Archbishop Corrigan.

NEW YORK, May 17.—At the home of the bride, today afternoon, Miss Katherine Duer was married to Clarence Hungerford Mackay, son of John W. Mackay.

Owing to the religious beliefs of the contracting parties differing, the bride being a Protestant and the groom a Catholic, the wedding ceremony was a home affair, and witnessed only by the immediate relatives and friends of the bride and groom.

The wedding was solemnized by Archbishop Corrigan, assisted by his private secretary, Rev. James H. Connolly.

The archbishop sat on a raised dais under a canopy of palms and lilacs. The bride and groom knelt during the ceremony on prie dieus.

The bridesmaids were Miss Daisy Letter, Miss Letitia Vandenberg, Miss Evelyn Burden and Miss Inez Telfener, a cousin of the bride.

Columbus C. Baldwin acted as best man. The ushers were Philip Lydig, E. L. H. Betts, Frank L. Polk, William T. Burden and William C. Martin, of San Francisco.

Miss Duer was one of the bridesmaids at the wedding of Consuelo Vanderbilt to the Duke of Marlborough. The honeymoon at the resort will be spent at Homestead, near Westbury, L. I. Later they will go to Newport.

Graciosa Colonna, formerly Eva Mackay; the Countess Telfener, Mrs. Mackay's sister, and her two daughters, were present.

The wedding gifts were many and of great value. The bride's wedding outfit cost over \$10,000.

SPANISH ARE SARCASTIC

CHIDE THE AMERICANS ON REMOVING TROOPS FROM CUBA

Say They Have Failed to Accomplish a Twenty-Three Days What They Demanded Should Be Done in Forty-Eight Hours—Editorial of News From the Cuban Capital.

HAVANA, May 17.—Inquiries made at the palace here show that Capt. Gen. Blanco was unwilling to receive Lieut. Brainerd, U. S. N., the special agent of the government of the United States in the proposal to exchange Spanish prisoners held in the United States for Messrs. Thrall and Jones because the general considered the last was not empowered with sufficient authority.

Therefore, he simply accepted the documents presented by the lieutenant, and consulted with the Spanish government on the subject. The answer from Madrid has not yet been received.

On Sunday morning the representatives of the Spanish government arrived at this harbor, on a small steamer, bearing a flag of truce. There were five American vessels in sight of Havana, and four of them were in sight the same afternoon. In addition, a vessel, supposed to be a Norwegian frigate, was in the offing.

Yesterday morning there were five American vessels in sight of this harbor. The Spaniards say an American force attempted to make a landing on May 13, but was repulsed. The American ships fired the three American warships were reported off Marsi Sunday, three were sighted off Cardenas and there were some American ships off Cienfuegos.

It is announced at the palace that a Spanish force, on Saturday last, was engaged at Chimborazo, province of Havana, with a combined force of insurgents under the leadership of Maya, Acosta, Colares and Jacinto-Hernandez. The whole insurgent force is said to have numbered 800 men, and it is alleged that the enemy lost eleven men killed. The Spanish loss is officially represented as being two lieutenants and three soldiers wounded.

The French third-class cruiser D'Estimang is expected here shortly.

Norwegian steamer Bratsberg arrived on Sunday at Sagua la Grande and will leave there on May 18 with passengers for New York.

Captain General Blanco yesterday definitely appointed the secretaries of the colonial council, who have been re-elected. They are Senor Galvez, president of council; Senor Montero, secretary of finance; Senor Govin, secretary of justice; Senor Dolz, secretary of public works; Senor Rodriguez, secretary of commerce; Senor Zayas, secretary of public instruction.

There are seven American warships in sight off Havana this evening, and rumor has it that the Spanish fleet is making for an important part of the United States.

The captain general of Porto Rico has called to Captain General Blanco, saying that, although the bombardment of San Juan de Porto Rico took place at rifle shot distance, not a gun of the forts was silenced, and he adds, the Spanish losses were only eighteen men wounded, among the troops composing the garrison, and a few persons wounded among the civil population of the place.

The captain general of Porto Rico further reports that the United States warships Indiana, New York, Montgomery and Amphitrite were in sight of Porto Rico during Saturday last.

The Lucha, in an editorial article yesterday, said: "The American government gave the Spanish government forty-eight hours to remove its troops from this island, and it now finds, after twenty-three days of blockade, that it cannot land American troops. Apparently the island contains more soldiers than they thought. Such a number could not be removed in forty-eight hours."

This last remark was intended to be sarcastic.

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War Tax

Will increase the cost of medicines, and prudent families are buying supplies now as a matter of economy. Don't get caught, but at once lay in a year's supply of Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills; the most important of all family medicines. If you have neglected your course of Spring Medicine or if you are in need of a good blood purifier and tonic, TONIX buy and begin to take.

NEWMAN ELECTED. Formerly Chosen as the Successor of Callaway.

NEW YORK, May 17.—At the Grand Central depot today were held meetings of the boards of directors of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, of the Michigan Central and of the Nickel Plate. Chauncey M. Depew was elected chairman.

William M. Newman was elected president of the New York Central. H. B. Ledwith was re-elected to the presidency from the Michigan Central; W. H. Caniff was elected president of the New York, Chicago & St. Louis.

Just Out—1898 Edition Of the Lake Shore's Summer Tourist Book. More interesting and attractive than ever. If you contemplate an Eastern trip it will be of special interest. Sent free on application to E. Hull, T. P. A., No. 11 East Sixth Street, St. Paul, or G. K. Wilber, A. G. P. A., Chicago, or A. J. Smith, G. P. A., Cleveland.

Hood's Sarsaparilla America's Greatest Medicine.

CERVERA'S PRETTY TALK

AN ADDRESS TO HIS FLEET BEFORE SETTING OUT

A Promise to Lead the Spanish Ships to Victory for the Glory of Spain—Gory Story From Havana of the Loss by Explosion of an American Vessel on the Cuban Coast.

MADRID, May 17.—An official dispatch from Havana confirms the report of the blowing up of an American vessel off Cardenas and the killing of eighteen on board.

An official dispatch from San Juan de Porto Rico says that no warship arrived there yesterday or today.

Rear Admiral Camara, who is in command of the Spanish reserve squadron at Cadix and who has been ordered to come to Madrid to consult with the ministry of marine as to his naval plans, has received counter orders instructing him to remain at Cadix.

CERVERA'S TALK. At the moment of his departure from the Cape Verde islands, Admiral Cervera, in command of the Spanish squadron in West Indian waters, made the following address to the crews of his ships:

After three years of struggle in Cuba, we were nearing the end of the trouble which certainly would have ended three years but for the American aid. That nation, believing she had created by underhand means a thousand embarrassments, but that, nevertheless, she would not be able to attain the object of her ambition, at last threw the mask, and when the insurrection was on its last legs, commenced against us the most unjust war in the history of the world.

Forward then, to the stars, since we are forced thereby by the Americans' blind ambition. But let us enter the combat as did the Spaniards of old, strong in their rights and trustful in God, who will never abandon a just cause and who will aid our efforts.

I need not enjoin discipline upon you, for during the past six months you have been using any command. I have only had cause for congratulations. You are Spaniards, and that is sufficient in war.

Then, when I lead you to battle, have confidence in your chiefs, and the nation, whose eyes you will see, who see that Spain is the Spain of the time. Viva Espana! Viva el Rey, Viva la Reina Regenta!

TO PHILIPPINES. Preparations for the relief of the expedition to be sent to the Philippines are being hurried both in military and naval departments. Five battalions, each 1,000 strong, under thirty-eight officers, are assembled at Cadix, Barcelona and Valencia already, or will be ready for embarkation this week.

Warships to convoy the transports will go from London to Barcelona.

NO SHIP EXPLODED. Blanco's Gory Story is Discredited at Key West.

KEY WEST, May 17.—Incoming vessels report that all is quiet on the blockading line. There is no definite news of the fleet. The only activity of the day in this locality has been the work of coaling such vessels as are here now.

The story from Madrid of an explosion on the Cuban coast and the loss of eighteen men is not credited here and there is nothing to confirm it. The United States cruiser Wilmington, Commander C. C. Cook, when about thirty miles east of Havana yesterday, fired four shells into a Spanish trap, in the shape of a derelict, sinking it and doing away with another piece of Spanish trickery. This may be the foundation for Blanco's story.

SPANISH GENERALS QUARREL. Agacarraga is Grossly Insulted by Sanchez Mira.

LONDON, May 18.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily News says: "General Sanchez Mira tonight insulted Lieut. Gen. Agacarraga, minister of war in the last Canovas cabinet and the head of the military organization after the murder of Canovas."

"The incident occurred in the Puerta del Sol. They were separated, and the military authorities will probably prosecute Mira."