IUT OFFICIALS WON'T GIVE HER

CUTTING CUBAN CABLES

THE MOPES OF FINDING THE

SOLDIERS START FOR MANILA

lifting the Harvest of Rumors Reveals Not Even the Proverbial Grain of Truth

lated Press Special Wire FASHINGTON, May 24.—Inquiries as to he whereabouts of the Oregon brought e dispatch boat from the Oregon, which

o-operatinis with our fleeets. Cable Cutting

The cuttting of the cables at Santiago aco at the other end of the island.

Off for the Orient

The Philippine expedition is now off in sead earnest. The sending of these ships Like the Charleston, the transports must lling the United States either to ume a protectorate over the islands or

The Crop of Rumors

There was a lapse into sensational war ors in Washington today, after a week ranged all the way from the capture of the M. third; time, 1:031/2. to the reported destruction of the tire Spanish fleet by Sampson's and Schley's combined forces. They were cirtheir denial as soon as they could be sht to the attention of any official ble of passing judgment on their acshown by the frequency with which manner that the navy department had This did not specifically cover the waters of the West Indies, but, in view of the fact hat the department has almost pledged it nature of a general engagement, posally busy day, he stated to a group of eived no information of importance.

sh fleet was located. Mr. Long re rted capture of the Mangrove and the of other ships, the secretary dismissed se stories as purely conjectural and no orted by facts. Word had come from nmander of the Mangrove since the time of the alleged capture, showing tha the thin could not have been in the hands

Mr. Long paid a handsome tribute to the ard, and stated that there was no se whatever of changing the present whereby this board co-operate ith him in giving every possible ass se and advice, mainly in the way of in Mee of the war board, the secretar lusively the province of the squad-maphers. The beard acted merely,

REGON IS SAFE ?? CAPTAIN CHARLES E. CLARK, COMMANDER OF THE OREGON



Captain Charles E. Clark, U. S. N., commanding the first class battleship
Oregon, was the first naval officer to bring a great modern battleship around
Cape Horn. Captain Clark is a cool, sturdy seaman and fighter, and a credit
to the service. His feat of steaming, safe and sound, around the dangerous
and stormy cape from San Francisco to New York would of itself give him
a special niche in the mavy, and has already made his name known to the navies of the world. During his service on the Pacific coast, where, before he
was placed in charge of the new hig battleship, he was the commander of the
monitor Montersy, he made himself very popular by his courteons ways and
won no end of admiration for his ability. The Oregon's commander is about 50
years old. He was born in Vermont. His wife is the daughter of Wendell T.
Davis of Greenfield, Mass., and his sister is the wife of ex-United States Senator John Conness. Captain Clark was a cadet in the naval academy at Annapolis when the civil war began, and was made a midshipman in the navy
before the completion of his studies. He has long been attached to ships in
Pacific waters, in the Pacific and Aslatic squadrons.

sumed executive functions

Spanish Activity

The Spaniards appear to be making bly this statement is made with a delib erate purpose of misleading American sail ors into the belief that Cervera has taken

ON THE TURF

Winners of Baces Bun on the Eastern

ST. LOUIS, May 24.—The weather wa clear and track fast. Results: Five furlongs—By George won, Dandy H. second, Ollie S. third; time, 1:03. Seven and a half furlongs—Bridgeton won, Farondelle second, Parole third;

Six furlongs—Sorrow won, Mitchell sec-ond, Empress Josephine third; time, 1:15%. Handicap, mile and a sixteenth—The Elector won, Fervor second, Imp. Skate

third; time, 1:47.
One mile, selling—St. Roquet won, Linda second, Laureate third; time, 1:41½.
Seven furlongs—Ed Farrell won, Our Chance second, Libation third; time, 1:23½.
CINCINNATI, O., May 24.—Weather fine;

Five furlongs—Parker Bruce won, Flavius second, Bannie third; time, 1:03. Six furlongs-Panchita II. won, second, Maggie S. third; time, 1:16.

Mile—St. Helena won, Spaldy second Sky Lark third; time, 1:44%. deriette won, Preliminary second, Maymie One mile and an eighth-Banished won

non second, Colleen third; time, 1:44.

At Morris Park NEW YORK, May 24.-Results at Morri

furlongs-Filament won, Her Ow second, Charentus third; time, 1:31.

Four and one-half furlongs—Roystere on, Extreme second, Kirkwood third;

furlongs-Hanwell won, Lamben econd, Ten Spot third; time, 1:13. Pocantico stakes, mile and a sixteenth-Sly Fox won, Mont d'Or second, George

Keene third; time, 1:49%.

Amateur cup, one mile—Sir Vassar and Damien ran a dead heat by two lengths in front of Knight of the Garter; time, 1:47%. tonald second, Royal Stag third; time

Coast Trotting

SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.—The Pacific Coast Trotting Horse Association has been incorporated with the following directors: John F. Boyd, A. B. Spreckels, C. P. Heald, A. G. Burnett, F. M. Covey, Alfred H. Cohen, T. J. Crowley, C. A. Hug, D. E. Knight, J. C. Kirkpatrick and Jos. C. Simp-

ON THE DIAMOND

Winners of Games Played by League Clubs CLEVELAND, May 24.-Evans wa

today's game and the Indians had an asy time defeating the Senators. At-Cleveland 4. hits 9, errors 0. Washington 0, hits 7, errors 10.

Louisville—The Colonels could not hit
Meekin and the Giants had no trouble in

vinning. Attendance 1100. Score: New York 6, hits 15, errors 1. Pittsburg—Pittsburg won its second game rom Philadelphia in a contest full of bril-lant plays. Attendance 2000. Score:

Pittsburg 4, hits 6, errors 2
Philadelghia 3, hits 8, errors 2
Cincinnati—The Reds played stupid ball
oday and Brooklyn won. Attendance 1200.

nnati 2. hits 8. errors 2.

RIDE FOR ARMOR

Maximum Price

NGTON, May 24.-B

tion at the Union Iron Works, Newport News and Cramps. This is the second time that the government has endeavored to secure bids for supplying the armor for these ships. The effort made about a year ago was unsuccessful because Congress had made the minimum cost per ton for armor at a figure below the cost of production. The present naval appropriation having increased the price to \$400 per ton today's effort was successful.

For the Illinois the two armor companies, Bethlehem and Carnegie, divided thair bids.

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For the Illinois the two armor companies,
Bethlehem and Carnegie, divided their blds,
the one taking the lighter armor and the
other the heavier. For the Alabama the
Bethlehem company bid \$1,022,504, while the
Carnegie Company did not bid. For the
Wisconsin the Carnegie Company bid
\$1,023,504. The rate in each case was \$400
per ton for plates, bolt and armor, the maximum amount allowed by Congress. The
Bethlehem Company undertakes to begin
deliveries within seven months after contract and supply 300 tons monthly. The
Carnegie Company will begin December 1
next and supply the same amount monthly.

CHINESE LABOR

Employed on Contracts for Supplies for Soldiers

SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.-The Examiner says: Labor Commissioner Fitzgerald charges tracts with Chinese cutters. He has received complaints of numerous white peo-ple who assert that they have made dili-

gent efforts to secure work, but have been refused both by the government officials and the contractors.

Assistant Quartermaster Major Long is astounded at the revelations that have been made. In the contracts that he now gives to merchants he says he inserts a clause in writing providing that the work shall not be done by Chinese or in the sweat shops of the city. He has given the

CABLES CUT

But Blanco Can Still Tell of His Great

Victories WASHINGTON, May 24.-Late this wASHINGTON, May 22.—Late this a afternoon it was ascertained that the cable from Santiago that was cut by the American warship St. Louis was not the line controlled by the French company running from Santiago to Hayti, through Guanatanamo, but one of the two British cables running from Santiago south to Jameica. This in the of the two British cables running from
Santiago south to Jamaica. This information was communicated to the
officials of the government by Mr.
Lucienne, general agent of the French e
Cable company in the United States.
General Blanco, therefore, is not isolated from the rest of the world, but e
can still communicate with the home e
government by either the French cable going to Hayti or the English one e
running to Jamaica.

Wire Tapper Caught

CHICAGO, May 24.-Oscar M. Stone be in jail for wire tapping. The prisoner is believed to have been the most successful wire tapper in the country. Hereto-fore he has entirely escaped punishment. The sentence in this case was pronounced by Judge Grosscup of the United States Circuit Court. The particular offense was interfering with wires of the Western Union Telegraph Company a few miles outside of Chicago, just across the In-

Artillery Recruits

SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.—First Lieut. Delamere Skerrett has turned over the recruiting office of the regular artillery to Lieut. Abernathy, also of the Third, and will go to Los Angeles tonight to open a recruiting office for the same arm of the service. He expects to have the books open Wednesday morning. The examining surgeon reports the men enlisting of generally superior mental qualifications, the hospital corps having received as recruits a number of physicians and pharmacists.

CHICAGO, May 24.-Two hundred Illin Naval Reserves left today for service in Sampson's fleet. They go direct to Mo-bile, thence to Key West over the Plant system. All along the line of march and at the depot the reserves were cheered.
About 250 students from the University of Chicago marched as an escort in honor of the commanding officer, who was a professor in the department of physics at the University.

ST. LOUIS, May 24.—Lieut. H. V. Cross-man, commanding the Third Division, Second Battalion, Naval Militia of Illinois at Alton, has received a telegram notifying him to be ready by Thursday to furnish 100 men, the full strength of the command for Admiral Sempoon's Sect. Neval Beserves

RECAUSE CERVERA HAS NOT BEEN FOUND

WHEN SAMPSON IS HEARD OF

He Is Expected to Be Able to Silence the Impatient Naval Experts Ashore

Associated Press Special Wire

NEW YORK, May 24.—A Washington dispatch to the Times says:

News from Admiral Sampson and Commodore Schley is looked for at the Navy Department every hour, but no one at the department appears to be able or willing to say just where the news is to come from. All that can be positively ascertained there is that the United States fleets are somewhere out of Key West looking for Admiral Amessage from Dewey at Manila & Amessage from Dewey at Manil Cervera and hoping to come up with and fight him. Whether it will be at Santiago, Cienfuegos or somewhere between these points, or at San Juan de Porto Rico, not culative expert will venture to

Meantime, there is some doubt among naval officers about the actions of the fleets of Admiral Sampson that suggests a spirit of criticism. Naval officers, who have the highest respect for the men who are sup-posed to have designated the plan of campaign for the United States fleet, are openly was permitted to travel all the way from San Juan to Key West, to consume a great deal of coal, and then to coal again merely to sail back over the course he had just traversed. His personal inclination, it is believed, would have led him to remain in the Windward Passage, holding a position of great strategic advantage until his secouts brought him news of the presence of scouts brought him news of the presence of the enemy, and many officers believed him to be there after he had returned to Key

To the suggestion made to these officers that the Washington authorities did not know the Spanish fleet was at Martinique until Sampson was fairly on his return trip, the unofficial strategist answers that the Navy Department knew a week ago that Cervera was at Curacao; that it had at its could have stopped Sampson before he had come half way on his return, and that colliers could have been provided to take coal to him and that he might thus have been able to intercept the Spanish fleet on its miral Sampson left Key West the day the news was received there from Washington that Cervera had arrived. If the news of Blanco he probably sent it by wire to Santiago the next day and Admiral Cervera was afforded a chance to move out and renew

his explorations of the Caribbean Sea.

But the Navy Department will forget the waste of time by Admiral Sampson if it learns tomorrow or next day that he has that cutters employed in the United States Commissary Department have been working nights on government conmiles to reach Santiago and tound Admiral Certain the Commissary Department have been working nights on government conmiles to reach Santiago. At a ten-knot miles to reach Santiago. At a ten-knot pace he should have made the distance in three days.

The almost unanimous opinion of nava

fficers is that whether Cervera has delittle while before giving battle he cannot long postpone a meeting with Admiral Sampson and perhaps with Commodore Schley at the same time.

The policy of silence concerning naval novements has been very strictly obsweat shops of the city. He has given the following contracts for soldiers' suits:

Seventeen thousand white suits, 17,000 blue blouses, 15,000 canvas suits, 50,000 blue shirts, 80,000 pairs of socks, 50,000 suits of underclothes and 25,000 blankets. Major Long insists that all this work shall be done by white labor. He is now about to place contracts amounting to fine contracts of contracts amounting to fine contracts of contracts amounting to fine contracts of contracts for solders, but it is did not become known from Madrid today says:

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Naval officers assume that everybody is tiago harbor and the disadvantage in which a fleet would be placed that retired into it to await the coming of an opponent. Few of them believe that Cervera has attempted this course. They incline to the opinion that he went toward Martinique to meet colliers sent over to provide him with the fuel he must now need and perreported at Cadiz or some other Spanish officers are firmly convinced may have een on their way across the Atlantic to reinforce him.

This last possibility will not spoil the chance, now seemingly good, of an early fight. Very prominent naval officers who today talked with members of the dministration expressed very decidedly he view that Admiral Cervera had neither sufficient skill nor coal to escape the con-

A gentleman who is not connected with the navy but who is very much interested is a mistake to suppose that the Naval Strategic Board has trammeled Sampson or Schley or both with conflicting or em-

"Practically," said this gentleman, "Ad miral Sampson has had his own way in all that he has done. If he returned to Key West when Cervera was at Curacao knowing that he must return to find him he did so for a reason that seemed im-

The Coal Question NEW YORK, May 24.—A passenger on board the Atlas Line steamer Altal from Kingston, Jamaica, which reached port to-day says that he was at Barbadoes three weeks ago when the Spanish troop ship Alfonso XIII put in there for coal. The port harbor master found that she had 1100 men over the number of her crew. The Spaniards desired to purchase a large quantity of provisions and coal, but were only permitted to buy sufficient to last to the next port. This passenger said that at Kingston the supply of breadstuffs was very short and that he knew of three vessels which had accorded to married to the control of the supply of the sup very short and that he knew three very sels which had succeeded in running in full cargoes of food supplies to the ports on the south side of Cuba in spite of the ef-forts of the Jamaican government to pre-

Still at Santiago NEW YORK, May 24.—A Key West correspondent telegraphs to the Evening World that he has information from unimpeachable authority that the Spanish fleet is still at Santiago.

Has Sailed Away PORT-AU-PRINCE, Hayti, May 2.—According to current rumors here the Spanish Cape Verde squadron, commanded by Admiral Cervers, which arrived recently

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The navy department once more and nounces that the Oregon is safe, but declines to say where the vessel is; declines to feel through the official sleve and leaves declines to decline the carriage of letters to decline the senate session opens with prayer declines to decline the senate session opens with prayer declines to the senate session opens with prayer declines on the war measure; the expected opposition to taxing corporations materialized in full measure.

The Zealandia arrives at San Francisco with Hawaiian advices; the isdenic services with the services of the services of the same transitions.

says the condition is unchanged, ex-cept that food is getting desperately scarce in the Spanish quarter; the government troubled by the transpor-tation question; Silver Candidate Sew-ell offers a vessel now at San Fran-

schley is cruising around in the waters south of Cuba and Sampson is somewhere in the vicinity; a small boy swimming in forbidden water couldn't hide any closer than Cervera's fleet.

Balfour, the British government leader, seconds the motion made by Chamberlain looking to an Anglo-Saxon alliance.

Twelve thousand men all that are to needed to complete the number of volunteers called for by the president.

Advices sent to Spain indicate very to clearly that Cervera is still at Santiago to Cuba.

Officials of the navy department betileve that Cervera is still at Santiago to Cuba, with Sampson guarding the entrance to the harbor and Schley to not far away; as the Spaniard will not come out to fight, the next move is the bombardment of the place, orders for twhich action are said to have been to seed to complete the seed.

expecting news from Sampson; if Certoward has not already accepted a challenge to battle he must fight soon, or to be chased home across the Atlantic or
get smashed on the way.

at Santiago de Cuba, subsequently sailed

Or Was Yesterday MADRID, May 24, noon.—It is officially announced that the squadron of Admira! Cervera was still at Santiago de Cuba yes-

The Cadiz Fleet

LONDON, May 24.—A dispatch to the Evening News from Madrid published this

Camara starts hence tomorrow to rejoin the fleet it would not be surprising to learn that the squadron has already left and that the presence of Admiral Camara as well as the official announcements about the fleet soon sailing westward, have been a blind to cover its departure.

There is some anxiety here as to whether Admiral Cervera's entire squadron has been able to unite in Cuban waters. If the Ministers are aware of the precise where abouts of Admiral Cerevera they are keep ing it secret.

A Pretty Plan

LONDON, May 24.-A special dispatch

NEW YORK, May 24.—A dispatch to the World from Tangler, Morocco, says: The following vessels of the Spanish reserve at Cadiz under Admiral Camara are preparing to sail: Battleship armored cruiser Emperador Carlos V, pro-tected cruiser Alfonso XIII, torpedo gun boat Destructor, torpedo boat destroyer Prosperina, auxiliary cruiser Patria and Prosperina, auxiliary cruiser Fatria and Rapido, formerly Hamburg-American vessels, transport ships and three vessels whose names are unknown. It is said that instead of going to the

Philippines this squadron will probably cross the Atlantic and reinforce Admiral Cervera's squadron, which is understood to be at Santiago de Cuba.

The Very Latest

WASHINGTON, May 24,-The Navy De partment has advices from Cadiz that the osperina have been put in order and are ready to start with Cervera's fleet as soon as it reaches Cadiz en route to the Philip pine Islands. The Alfonso XII and Pelavo are expected to remain at Cadiz with the home squadron. The Navy Departmen is suspicious of the news so far as it relates to Cervera's movements.

HARBOR DEFENSE

Planting Mines Off the Shore at San Diego

SAN DIEGO, May 24.—Lieut. Meyler, U. S. A., who has been intrusted with the work of planting the mines in San Diego harbor, announced tonight that the work had been completed. The exact number of mines will not be made public, but it is known that there are enough to blow an entire fleet into driftwood. The entire channel is protected.

channel is protected.

It is expected that a small steamer, to be used for patrol duty, will come from San

Francisco soon.

Until arrangements are perfected for maintaining the patrol in the usual manner, Lieutenant Meyler has adopted temporary rules that will be no less effective. Sentinels will be placed in boats beyond the mines, with instructions to warn incoming vessels, and a 12-pounder brass gun now mounted at Ballast point will back up the men in their warning. Any incoming or outgoing vessel violating the rules adopted by the war department respecting this harbor will be brought to by a shot across her bows.

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sponded to the mayor's address in a happy The minutes of the last session were read and approved, after which the secretary made his report, which was accepted.

Doctors Webster, Stout and Harvey were

appointed an auditing committee. The president appointed Dr. C. E. Bainbridge a censor to fill a vacancy.

The board of examiners of the society reported that since November last the board has issued thirteen certificates to physicians to practice in this state. The report

adds:
"Several inquiries have been made by persons holding diplomas from the no-torious Wisconsin medical college of Milwaukee and Chicago, all of which were informed that their papers were worthless."

A motion was carried that in the future no certificte be issued unless accompanied

Mrs. Ella R. Coutere of Auburn was ad-

The Signal Service

WASHINGTON, May 24.-After several weeks of working along the entire stretch from Atlantic and Gulf coasts, the Navy Department has completed the most com prehensive and efficient system for ob has ever been put into operation. Another SACRAMENTO, May 24.—The twentyfifth annual meeting of the Eclectic Medical society of California, which will continue in session over Friday, convened at
2 oclock this afternoon in the senate chamber at the state capitol.

The society was called to order by the
president, Dr. John Fearn of Oakland.

Mayor Land was introduced and delivered

signal office of the Navy Department and operators are on duty night and day keep-ing the Navy Department in constant tele-graphic touch with the Atlantic and Guis

THE SPANISH FLEET Never Did Intend to Give Sampson

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, May

24.—A local newspaper, the Matin, says

that Rear Admiral Osborne of the
British navy, who left for New York

on Sunday on board a Dutch steamer,

saw at Curocao a Spanish squadron

composed of five cruisers and five torpedo boat destroyers or torpedo boats.

The Spanish officers are reported to
have said that they would not accept
a battle unless with an equal number

of ships, and that they would avoid

encountering superior numbers.

Admiral Osborne did not consider

the Spanish squadron to be in any way

formidable. PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, May of the Spanish squadron to be many of the formidable.

The last news received here from of the last news that the Cuban government had decided to admit coal and oprovisions free of duty.

A Fatal Fall SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.-William C. Antisell, piano manufacturer, died at the receiving hospital in this city Sunday afternoon. He fell from a street car on Satand booked for a lacerated scalp, possible fracture of the skull and alcoholism. He

died the next day. the manufacture of the Antisell plane, and was reputed a millionaire. The deceased lost all his money in stocks. He was a native of New York and aged 5 years.