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partment warns all persons writing to

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dress of the sender either upon the en-

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"Private John Smith, Company B,

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location of the regiment be unknown to

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The department will appoint at once

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ooking after the mail intended for the

touch with the troops and provide ways

and means of delivering their mail.

Should the army invade Cuba or even

Spain, the letters from home will fol-

low the soldiers, and they will have

every facility for answering the com-

Chased by a Big Warship.

Rebecca W. Huddell, Captain Tower,

from St. Johns, N. B., which reached

City Island early today, reports that at

6:20 o'clock Tuesday morning, 25 miles

southeast of Portland, Me., a large war-

ship painted black was seen. The war-

for half an hour, at a distance of about

ship followed the Rebecca W. Huddell

NEW YORK, April 28 .- The schooner

They will constantly be in

The rank, company and regiment of a

morning.

October 13-tf.

1620 MAIN STEET,

Portugal to Prevent Advices Regarding Verde Fleet Reaching Public.

DECISION BENEFITS DONS

cent Will In Future Be Known Only to the Government In Madrid.

LISEON, April 28.-The Official Gazette today announces that the Portuguese government has, so far as the public is concerned, stopped the dispatch of telegraphic information regarding the movements of warships on the seaboard, or in the harbors of Portugal.

The Spanish torpedo flotilla, together with several firstelass Spanish cruisers. has been at St. Vincent, Cape Verde islands, a Portuguese port, for some time past. Daily bulletins have been received from there by the Associated Press, but the action of the Portuguese government apparently closes this source of information regarding the movements and whereabouts of the Spanish fleet.

ACTION CAUSES SENSATION. Decision of the Portuguese Govern-

been caused by the action of the Portuguese government in stopping the transmission of telegraphic information, so far as the public is concerned, regarding the movements of warships in Portuguese ports, as it reveals the hitherto scarcely concealed fact that Portugal is doing everything possible to aid Spain. The decision of the Portuguese government today is undoubtedly in response to the pressure brought to bear upon her by Spain, and the sole object

news of the departure of the Spanish fleet from being cabled from St. Vincent, Cape Verde islands. A dispatch received here from Lisbon this morning, in reiterating the denial made in the Portuguese house of peers vesterday that President McKinley had called upon Portugal to obtain the departure of the Spanish squadron from St. Vincent, Cape Verde islands, adds: "President McKinley's notification is

understood to have threatened, unless the Spaniards were ordered to leave St. Vincent, that the United States would regard Portugal as an ally of Spain and treat her accordingly.'

TROOPS MOVE ON TAMPA. Whole Army Is Likely to Start South Early Next Week.

TAMPA, Fla., April 28. - Camping grounds are being laid out for 35,000 men, which is the number of volunteers expected here next week.

Within a few days regular field movement practice will begin, when the entire command will be marched out to remain for days, taking nothing with them except what they carry in their knapsacks. The conditions will be made as like as possible to these which they will encounter in Cuba.

Advertisements were issued today for coal for the docks at Port Tampa, and it is stated that over 200,000 tons is It was learned at headquarters today

that all the troops stationed at Chickamauga will be moving this way next FILIBUSTER MAY GO FREE.

President Likely to Pardon Captain Hart of Philadelphia.

Washington, April 28.-The president has been asked to pardon Captain J. D. Hart of Philadelphia. The captain is the owner of the Laurada, a vessel that made a number of filibastering expeditions to Cuba. He was convicted of participating in the preparation of one of these expeditions, and on March 8, 1897, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment in

the Philadelphia penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$500. He appealed from the conviction, but the higher court sustained it in a de- Friday. The American cruiser Nashville cision rendered March 8, 1898, Justice captured, just off Key West, the Spanish Achison dissenting.

British Government Warned. LONDON, April 28.-The Spanish embassy has informed the foreign office that the ports of Cuba, the Philippine islands and Porto Rico are defended by torpedoes and that entry is only possible under the guidance of pilots in

Great Britain May Protest. LONDON, April 28 .- The Spanish ambassador having opened a fund here to increase the strength of the Spanish fleet, the matter is regarded as a serious abuse of diplomatic privileges and it will be brought up in the house of cour-

Unable to Secure Coal. PLYMOUTH, England, April 28. - A

steamer which arrived here today from St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, reports that the Spanish warships there are unable to get half the amount of coal which they require to fill their bunkers.

Spanish Fleet May Sail. ST. VINCENT, Cape Verde Islands, April 28.—Although the Spanish squadron is still at anchor here, it is believed the warships will probably sail tomerrow, as the paymasters have been settling up accounts today.

Wattersons Go to War. Louisville, April 28.—Henry Watterson sends his two sons to the war. They are splendid young Kentuckians. Send us what you owe us. laration of war be made and that body

Gained Forty-eight Pounds.

"I had a strong appetite for liquor which was the beginning of the breaking down of my health. I was also a salve to tea and coffee drinknot belp me.

This is a portion of an interview clipped from the Daily Herald, of Clinton, Iowa. It might well be taken for the subject of a temperance lecture but that is not our object in publishing it. It is to show how a system, run down by drink Movements of the Squadron at St. Vin- | and disease, may be restored. We cannot do better than quote further



"For years I was unable to do my work. I could uot sleep nights or rest days on account of conr tinuous paius in my stomach and back. I was un-

- able to digest my - food Headaches and painful urination were frequent, and my I RETIRED TO CITY heart's action became increased. I

left my farm and retired to city life,

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of the order, it is believed, is to prevent "My weight has increased 48 pounds. I cannot say too much for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and claim that they have cured me.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this sixteenth day of February,

A. P. Barker, Notary Public. To people run down in health from whatever cause-drink or diseasethe above interview will be of interest. The truth of it is undoubted as the statement is sword to, and we reproduce the oath here. For any further facts concerning this medicine write to Dr. Williams' Micine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

The name and address of the subject of above interview is John B. Cook, of 208 South 5th Street, Lyon,

WAR NEWS OF A WEEK

Record of Events Leading Up to the Rupture.

Weedford's Train Attacked. General Stewart L. Woodford, the United States minister to Spain, accompanied by his staff and others, reached the French frontier at 8 o'clock Friday experiences. The Spanish police attempted to capture a member of the legation and at Valladolid the train was

The first gun of the war between the United States and Spain was fired ship Euena Ventura, of 1,000 tons, having on' board a cargo of lumber.

The Nashville at first fired a blank shot, which the Spaniard ignored. This was followed by a shot from a 6-pounder. The Buena Ventura then surrendered with her crew of 20 men. A Call For Volunteers.

The president Saturday issued a proclamation calling for 105,900 troops to serve two years unless sooner discharged. Another Spanish Prize.

A United States warship captured auother Spanish vessel Saturday. The erniser New York, while about 15 miles off Havana, sighted a steamer which proved to be the Pedro, bound for Pensicola. Our ship fired on the enemy and the latter surrendered with the crew. She was taken to Key West. Fired on Our Fleet.

News reached Key West Sunday to the effect that Morro Castle opened fire on the fighting squadron of the United States at 11 c'clock Saturday night. About ten shots were sent in the direction of our ships, but not one of them took effect and no shots were fired in Spanish Steamers Seized. Two more Spanish palzes were landed

by American warships Saturday. The eraiser Detroit captured a steamer of 2,491 tens and the gunboat Helena took | ence of rich men to serve their country a vessel of 3,000 tens, which, with her cargo, is valued at \$500,000. War Formally Declared.

in times of trouble. Pilone, a sure cure for Piles. Try Monday the president sent to congress | it, 50 cents a bottle. Murray Drug

responded promptly by adopting the Royal makes the food pure, A bill declaring that war exists between the United States of America

and the kingdom of Spain Be it enacted, etc., First, That war be and the same is hereby declared to exist and that war has existed since the twenty-first day of ing. I took the gold cure, but it did | April, A. D., 1898, including said day. between the United States of America and the kingdom of Spain. Second, That the president of the

United States be and he hereby is directed and empowered to use the entire land and naval forces of the United States and to call into the actual service of the United States the militia of the several states, to such an extent as may be necessary to carry this act into effect. The action of the president in recommending a formal declaration of war was welcomed by officials in every direction as putting the present struggle on a more dignified basis and tending to the avoidance of international complica-

Nations Will Be Neutral. Notice came to the state department from the four quarters of the globe Tuesday showing that the nations are, as a rule, prepared to assume an attitude of strict neutrality as between the United States and Spain in the present

In most cases they were in answer to the identical note sent out Monday by the state department to all United States embassies and legations instructing them to inform the governments to which they were accredited that war has existed since April 21.

Spanish Cruiser Captured. The lighthouse tender Mangrove arrived at Key West Tuesday with a rich prize. The captive was the Panama, Captain Quivido, a big transatlantic liner and an auxiliary cruiser of the for I was a confirmed invalid, and | Spanish navy, which has been plying of LONDON, April 28.-A sensation has the doctors said I would never be late between New York and Havana. Manifesto by McKinley.

The president issued a proclamation

Tuesday laying down rules as to the

seizure of prizes, etc. The proclama-

tion pledged this country to refrain from privateering and abide by the declaration of Paris of 1856. Blanco Wants No Warships. Captain General Blanco cal·led the government at Madrid Tuesday to the effect that the Spanish squadron of warships might be utilized elsewhere, as he

could account for the defense of Havana without the assistance of the fleet. Matanzas Forts Bombarded. The cruisers New York and Cincinnati and the monitor Puritan bombarded the forts at Matanzas, Cuba, Wednesday afternoon. There were no casualties on our side, but great damage and loss of

life is believed to have been done the About 300 shots were exchanged. The Spanish guns proved too weak to reach the American vessels. The object of the attack, which lasted

a little less than an hour, was to prevent the completion of the earthworks at Punta Gorda. The half completed Spanish earthworks and battery were apparently all

plowed up by the shells. Big Naval Fight Expected. An official dispatch from Manila, capital of the Philippine islands, Wednesday, announced that the Spanish ficet had sailed to take up its position to meet the American squadron. The latter had not been sighted when the cable message was sent, but the American

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warships were expected at any moment.

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ASTOR TO JOIN THE ARMY. Wealthy New Yorker Announces That

He Is Ready For War. WASHINGTON, April 28 .- John Jacob Aster of New York came to Washington to see President McKinley and to offer him his services for war duty i2 any capacity for which he may be con-

Mr. McKinley received the multimillionaire most cord ally, and in the conversation Mr. Astor carnestly cold he president that he would raise and equip a regiment in New York. The president was much inspressed by this generous effer, and warmiy thanked Mr. Astor, and teld him that his patriotic offer would undoubtedly lead others in the country to fellow his ex-After talking over the present condition of Cuban affairs, and just as Mr.

could be of use. It is expected that Mr. Astor will be appointed by the president to some general's stail. One friend of the executive, in speaking of the offer made by Mr. Astor, said he thought such acts on the part of men of millions will weaken the socialistic outery against wealth and the indiffer-

Astor was about to take his departure,

he told the president that he was ready

to go to Cuba tomorrow if his services

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Warships at Hampton Roads Tossed About Like Toys by Angry Winds.

CRASH SEEMED CERTAIN

The Massachusetts and Texas Almost Went Together-During and Coolheaded Judgement Averted a Great Disaster.

FORT MONROE, Va., April 28.—For 26 hours the flying squadron has been unable to communicate with shore. The storm, which still prevails, making it unsafe to use the steam launches or cutters, a tug brought out the mail this

day night came up Hampton roads like a fury. It whistled at the rate of 50 miles an hour through the great superstructure of the flagship Brooklyn and whipped up the sea so that the white foam broke in huge masses over the Martial Law Proclaimed and Being decks of the Massachusetts and the Texas. The heavy draft of the big war vessels made it impossible for them to get into smooth water and they had to stand the brunt of the storm. Towards morning it increased in vio-

itor Terror Takes Vessel lence and as the tide turned flood, the lookout on the forward bridge of the Brooklyn announced that the ship was dragging its anchor. The officer of the deck simultaneously reported that the Brookiyn was getting in dangerous proximity to the battleship Massachusetts. Porto Rico and it is being enforced in a SPANIARD ALMOST SUNK Captain Cook and Executive Officer Mason went to the bridge immediately and ordered the second anchor gown. At Her Pilothouse Nearly Blown Into the fiercely that men could hardly keep population. their feet on deck.

The second anchor ran out about 20 KEY WEST, April 28 .- The United ship stopped and for a short time breasted bravely the wind and tide. States Monitor Terror, Captain Ludlow, But in a few minutes she began to go captured the big Spanish steamer Guido, back slowly and it was evident there bound from Corunna, Spain, for Hawas no hold for the anchors. The sigvana, yesterday. The prize had on nal was immediately given to prepare to get under way and in the meantime board a large cargo of provisions and it was hoped that the anchors would money intended for the Spanish troops

Faster and faster she went back, her The capture took place 10 miles off big broadside swinging towards the dangerons ram on the the prow of the Mas-Cardenas, after a desperate chase, dursachusetts. The latter was signalled to ing which the Terror and the gunboat pull out her cable and drop away and she drd. In the meantime, on the Brook-Machias fired, almost blowing the Spanlyn, the men in charge of the forward compartments are preparing without

The Terror was alone when the Guido was sighted, and another army boat any outward evidence of excitement for gave chase. After a blank shot had the expected cellision. been fired to order the steamer to heave The Massachusetts cleared away her to, the Spaniard put out all her lights big booms and prepared for the collision. not daring to ship the anchor for fear of and fired up in an attempt to run away. The big monitor, plowing after her, running herself on the sandbor in close brought her 6-pounders to bear on the proximity or drifting into the Texas. steamer and fired shot after shot at the Faster and faster went the Brooklyn tolatter, nearly all of which took effect on wards the battleship and the men at the the Guido's pilothouse. One man in stations on both vessels stood unflinchthe pilothouse was injured, but how seingly, ready to perform the special duties assigned them in case of collision.

The Machias, which was some dis-There was no confusion. tance away, heard the sound of the On the decks, with sharp eyes and firing, came up and brought her 4-inch active brains, were Captain Cook and into play, firing a shot which failed to his executive officer, while on the after hit the Spaniard. This, however, bridge, not interfering with the manbrought her to and Lieutenant Qualto agement of the officers of the ships, and a prize crew were put on board of stood Schley and his flag lieutenant, her and brought the prize in here this Sears, watching with interest, but with as little excitement as they would a The money captured is in an iron practice cruise, the big ships coming together. A conflict of orders would have The Guido is one of the richest prizes

meant great disasters, but there was It is estimated that the Guido with An order from the captain and one of the big anchors comes rattling up and the ship drifts on a little faster towards its evident fate. Then in obedience to Armarechia, is a vessel of 2,065 tons net, the helm, the stern now almost scrap-Bilbao. She was built at Belfast in ing the Massachusetts' bow, swings ou and the head, partly controlled by the 1883, is 360 feet long, has 41 feet beam and is 26 feet deep. The Guido left Liverpool on April 2 and Corunna on anchor, swings in as though to take the blow. It is within a few yards of the huge battleship and all are awaiting the

Captain Cook looks over the port side MAIL FOR THE SOLDIERS. of the bridge and says sharply: "Full speed astern." There is a clang of Postoffice Department Promises to bells, a shiver as the big engines turn and then the cruiser slides rapidly clear WASHINGTON, April 28. - The postof the Massachusetts, with barely a hand to spare. "Ceverly done." says office department officials are planning Commodore Schley, as he goes down to the delivery of mail to the troops. Prac-

Clever seamanship, perfect discipline and coolheaded judgment averted a disaster. "This ship oleys her engines perfectly," said Captain Cook, modestly, after he had anchored further out.

AWAITING THE AMERICANS. Madrid Announces That Her Fleet Is Still Of Manila. MADRID, April 28. - The Spanish

squadron off Manila is still awaiting the

arrival of the United States fleet. The perfect confidence which appears to be felt here at the outcome of the war between Spain and the United States is reflected by The Liberal (moderate Republican), which, contrasting "Spanish calm and American excitability," says: "Spain is patiently awaiting the attack which America is noisily threatening to make simultaneously on Cuba. Porto Rico and the Philippine islands,

with her undisciplined forces, while

her preachers and merchants, finding the task more difficult than they had calculated, are already quoting the Bible to prove that peace is a good thing for civilized nations On the American side are hodge-podge, brag, bluster, hypocrisy and funk; on the Spanish side are complete unanimity and readiness to die for the country, trusting in God. The version of the bembardment of Matanzas by the United States fleet, which has reached here, says that 'after half an hour's fight the Americans were obliged to retreat."

Dewey Must Take Manila. 8 miles. The wind was blowing half a WASHINGTON, April 28.-Naval offirale from east northeast and Captain Tower crowded all possible sail on the cers say they expect the first big war schooner. The steamer made no pernews from the Philippines, as Dewcy ceptible gain and then turned about and went off in an cast southeast direceither must capture a Philippine port as a base of operations or sail for San Francisco.

amount of \$34,019,997.

Beats the Klondike. Mr. A. C. Thomas, of Marysville,

COLUMBIA, S. C.,

Tex., has found a more valuable discovery than has yet been made in the Klondike. For years he suffered untold agony from consumption, ac companied by hemorrhages; and was absolutely cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. He declares that gold is of little value in comparison with this marvelous cure; would have it, even if it cost a hundred dollars a bottle. Asthma, Bronchitis and all throat and lung affections are positively cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Trial bettles free at J. E. Kaufmann's Drug Store. Regular size 50 cents and \$1 00. Guaranteed to cure or price

PORTO RICO PREPARING

The storm that struck the coast Tues- Torpedoes Laid to Keep Out Invading Troops.

NO LIGHTS DURING NIGHT

Enforced in a Most Tyrannical Manner-American Sugar Estate Is Attacked.

St. Thomas, West Indies, April 28 .-Porto Rico advices received here today say that four Spanish gunboats are at San Juan de Porto Rico. They are being rainted black or possibly gray. Martial law has been proclaimed

tyrannical manner. Crowds of people

are leaving for the interior and the capthis time the wind was blowing so ital is almost deserted by the civilian The military authorities are most fachoms of chain and stack and the big actively engaged in preparing for the defense of the island. Thirty-four torpedces have been planted in the main channel. They are controlled from Morro Castle. In addition, an old steamship has been sunk across the harbor entrance, the buoys in the channel have been altered and from Monday, after the blockade of Havana, accompanied by a report that the capital had been bom-

barded, all lights were ordered to be extinguished at night. The French residents, when these advices left San Juan, were seeking refuge on board the French cruiser Admiral

Rigault de Genouilly. An American sugar estate, it is annonneed, was plundered after the receipt of the news of the deciaration of war between Spain and the United States. The British consul at San Juan, who has charge of American interests, has cabled to his government that a

British warship be sent to that port. Danger is apprehended from incompetent and youthful volunteers of Porto Rico. They are armed with Mauser rifles and are displaying considerable war enthusiasm.

Arecibo lay, on the west coast of the island, has been planted with torpedoes from the signal station to a point about I mile west of it. There are many Spanish volunteers here and on their way to Spanish steamers landed at Mayaguez, 70 miles from San Juan, on

Wednesday a quantity of apris and ammunition, and there was a milar landing of supplies at San Juan on Tuesday. Besides this, about 5,000 tons of provisions were landed at San Juan on last The warehouses of Porto Rico are re-

ported to be full of provisions and the Spanish authorities say they can stand a siege of two months. All the coast lights have now been ordered to be extinguished. No United States warships are known to be in the vicinity of Porto Rico.

Florida Troops to Front. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 23 .- All

the Florida troops have volunteered for active service with the understanding that they go as organizations intact, and this has been accepted by the government. The governor will appoint the officers for the companies and regiment that the men select and vote for, respecting their wishes instead of his own. All the companies, with hardly an exception, voted to go solidly and all their ranks are full. Governor Bloxham has not issued any orders as yet to move, but an order to mobilize and camp will be received very soon.

Russian Jews Volunteer. NEW YORK, April 28.-The Russian Jewish farmers, composing the Baron De Hirsch colony of Woodbine, N. J.

have offered their services to the gov-

ernor of New Jersey for the war and a large number who have served in the Russian army are likely to be accepted. On the east side a company of Russian hussars, numbering 70, all of them Jews. and about 250 others, have signed applications for enlistment, and recruiting continues very lively. On the Stock Exchanges. LONDON, April 28.-The market for American securities opened fractionally lower on the New York parity and at

12:30 ruled steady. Spanish 4s on the

Stock Exchange opened at 34 and later

advanced to 341s. The closing price yesterday was 341s. Spanish 4s opened

on the Paris bourse today at 34 7-16, 18

under yesterday's closing prices. After American Vachts.

LONDON, April 28 .- According to a special dispatch from Cadiz, the new torpedo boat destroyer Destructor, accompanied by three torpedo boats, sailed vesterday for Tarifa and Centa, probably to attempt to intercept American yachts in the Mediterranean. Thousands of sufferers from grippe

have been restored to health by One M. James, Bregdon, S. C. Minute Cough Cure. It quickly cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, pneu-The wa department is short to the monia, grippe, asthma, and all throat and lung diseases. J. E. Kaufmann. and yet efficient.

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Fleet Off Cuba Made No Effort to Reduce the Matanzas Fortifications.

BUT SOUNDING BATTERIES

Sampson Only Wanted to Ascertain the Strength of the Spaniards. Likely to Open Fire In

Earnest Later. WASHINGTON, April 28 .- Intense interest was shown at the navy department today in the published reports from on board the flagship New York and from Key West of the engagement Matanzas yesterday noon between the shore batteries and three vessels of

Admiral Sampson's fleet. The navy department itself had absolutely no report from any of its agents or any of the officers of the blockading fleet of this affair. It, of course, could not be expected that news would be had from Havana, with a Spanish censor

manning the end of the cable there. The fact that Admiral Sampson has not made any report to the secretary as yet, notwithstanding he must have had the same opportunity to communicate with Key West as was enjoyed by the press, leads the officials of the department to believe that the affair was not of great consequence. Indeed they say it is inconceivable that any very extensive damage could have been inflicted upon properly placed batteries at the distance reported, varying from 21/2 to 4 miles, in the short space of 18 minutes, during which, it is said, the engagement lasted.

A member of the strategy board, who is of course thoroughly conversant with the plans of Admiral Sampson, so far as they have been generalized, is authority for the statement that the admiral had no intention whatever at this time to bombard the Matanzas battery. To do so now would be had strategy and of little avail, for in the absence of any landing force the admiral would be unprepared to take advantage of the victory he might gain through a reduction the forts and the Spaniards might have ample opportunity over night to repair in a large measure the damage inflicted on their fortifications. It is stated positively that Admiral Sampson's purpose was simply to ascertain if any sho .: batteries existed at Matanzas and if so to draw their fire and ascertain their character, and then to retire beyond range. In other words, it was simply a naval reconnaisance. In

works and endeavoring to knock over a It is the general belief at the department, however, that Matanzas is to be soon reduced and made a base of operations in the campaign against

the event that during his observations

the admiral discovered that the new de-

fenses were under construction on shore

he would, it is said, of course, not lose

the opportunity to cripple them by

throwing a few shells into the earth-

It is also the president's purpose to keep in mind throughout the war he awful condition of the reconcentrados, who are most numerous in and around Matanzas. Unless relief is extended to them they undoubtedly will perish during the progress of a long drawn out

The reported seizure by the Spanish military authorities at Matanzas of stores contributed by Americans and held in trust there for the relief of these poor sufferers is regarded as a clear indication that even if the Red Cross steamer Texas is permitted to land her cargo of supplies at Matanzas under existing conditions the food will not reach the reconcentrados, but will only go to support the Spanish garrison in their

Therefore, it is believed, that the president contemplates the early seizure of Matanzas, not only because of its military importance, but in order that he may from there hold out a helping hand to the starving peasantry. It is likely, therefore, that while there was nothing of the nature of a general engagement in Admiral Sampson's reconnaisance of yesterday he will soon take steps to begin a heavier and livery bombardment of Matanzas.

ALLEGED SPY IS ARRESTED. Supposed to Be Securing Views of

Forts For Spaniards. NEW ORLEANS, April 28 .- A man, believed to be a Spanish spy, was arrested at Pert Eads yesterday by the United States signal station officers. A kodak was found in his possession and a lot of views of Forts Jackson and St. Philin and all the lower Mississippi river fortifications. He also had a book with 17 pages of

closely written notes containing numerous facts about the forts and bends in the big river. The man said his name was John Waltz and that he was from New Orleans, but further information he would not give.

prison at Fort St. Philip tonight. He looks like a Spaniard. Mexico to Remain Neutral.

The officers took him to the army

CITY OF MEXICO, April 28 .- United States Minister Clayton has communicated to the foreign department of the government of Mexico the resolution of congress declaring war with Spain. Minister Mariscal of the foreign department has replied lamenting the war and hoping for its speedy termination. He assures the American minister, on the authority of President Diaz, that Mexico will maintain the strictest neutrality.

the Sisters of Mercy here will enlist as nurses to go south or to Cuba as the government may direct.

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