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SCRANTON, PA., MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 18, 1898.

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S DEVELOPMENTS.

The ambassadors at Washington have ceased their attempts at interference.

The new battleship Alabama will be launched at Cramp's ship yard May 18.

Four hundred thousand bushels of wheat destroyed in a grain elevator fire at Boston.

Spanish minister charters a steamer to carry Spanish colony from Tampa, Fla., to

The American line steamer St. Paul sailed for Cramps, where it will be converted into

Central Cuban relief committee will send an American steamer with supplies to Cuba,

A parliamentary commission, designated by the Autonomist party to approach insur-

Colored Companies A and G, of the Twenty-fifth infantry arrive at Key West and

The 51 senators who voted for Cuban recognition threaten to hold out indefinitely if

The Spanish paper, Imparcial, condemns the attack on the American consulate at

Commander Brownson reports European sentiment divided. Englishmen favor the

United States and on the continent the prependerance of popular sympathy is with Spain.

Monitors Montauk and Lehigh have been placed in commission. Another link of evidence is discovered in the Kaiser murder case. In official circles in Washington the day was the quietest in weeks. TEN PAGES.

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# DIFFERENCES IN CONGRESS

The Task of Adjusting the Disagreements Between the Senate and House Is Liable to Prove Very Difficult-The Whole Programme Has Not Been Decided Upon-From Talk of High Officials It Is Evident That Delay Is an auxiliary cruiser. Certain.

difficult task of adjusting the differ- | death. They say they could not justify ences between the two houses of congress on the Cuban question begins, The rock upon which the two houses split is the recognition of the independence of the existing republic which will be incorporated in the senate resolutions. Were that clause of the senresolutions eliminated nothing could have prevented immediate concurrence in the house, as the great majority of the Republicans of the lower branch of congress are eager for a But the action of the senate declaring for the recognition of | do not have to go to the committee, but Cuba's independence against the direct and specific recommendation of the president has given the conservatives rallying cry from the standpoint of party loyalty, which proved very offective today.

One of the most prominent Republican leaders on the floor of the house denominated that portion of the senate resolutions as a direct "assault" upon the president which no loyal Republican could endorse. And upon this theory Speaker Reed and his lieutenants have been proceeding today in their campaign against concurrence in the senate resolutions.

BUSY BUTTONHOLERS.

All day long the speaker's rooms at the Shoreham have been the headquarters of the commander in chief of lieutenants, Mesers. Dingley, of Maine; of New York. He has seen Messrs. Joy, of Missouri; Lorimer, of Illinois; Heatwole, of Minnesota; and other leaders of the Republican opposition and through other agencies has had a thorough canvass made of the Republican side of the house. Tonight he is confident the Republicans of the house can be marshalled against yielding to the senate on the main issue.

those who, like Mr. Cooper, of Wisconsin; Mann, of Illinois; and Bromwell, of Ohio are disposed to take the shortest cut out of the woods and by agreeing end the matter, have been such as to shake the convictions of these gentlemen. The chief complaint of those who want to concur is that non-concurrence means delay, complications, possibly a re-opening of diplomatic negotiations and possibly further concessions to Spain which will embarrass the United States when the time for action arrives. These members have been labored with separate ly. The arguments against recognition have now been reiterated and re-enforced in the light of the speeches in

### ARGUMENTS USED.

Especially potent has been the argument advanced by Senators Allison and Morgan that if we recognized the independence of the existing government, General Gomez night at any time negotiate a peace with Spain. which would leave the United States in the lurch. When France allied herself with us in the Revolutionary war was for the purpose of gaining our independence, but we were held to the compact by a stipulation that no peace with Great Britain should be negotinted without France's consent

More than this, it is claimed that there are evidences that the senate will yield the recognition of independence if the house stands firm. Notwithstanding the large majority the resolution, Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, today urgently counselled the house leaders to reject tensclously the senate's proposition. He assured them that the senate would not hold

### THREATS OF A VETO.

But possibly the strongest argument brought to bear was that the president himself could not approve any resolution which contained such an invasion of his prerogative, and which so plainly violated every precedent of international law. This strong intima tion of a presidential veto, which would involve an entirely new start and the delays incident to it, had a powerful influence, although in certain guarters it was asserted that a presid utial veto would be overridden. The suggestion that the president might sign the resolution and send a message to congress saying that the clause recognizing the independence of Cuba was ultra viresbeyond the jurisdiction of congress frowned upon by the president's friends. Those who were in favor of concurrence in the senate amendment were not particularly active today, but some of them are showing determination. At one time today it was wald that 22 Republicans had agreed to vote for concurrence but this could not be confirmed and the conservatives are confident that not half that number will break over the traces. They realze, however, that the chief danger lies

# in a stampede.

DANGER OF STAMPEDE 17 25 Republicans join the Democrats. and Populists in voting for concurrence. the resolutions will go to the president as passed by the senate. Should the little band of Republicans who will vote to concur make the result doubtful, it is feared that many others who are held only by considerations of party loyalty will go over in a body. Some of them have made their acquiesence in the programme mapped out contincans to carry it out. If the resolutions

Washington, April 17 .- Tomorrow the | cannot afford to be left out at the such a course with their constituents. are warmly received by the citizens. It is said that many of the western Republicans have been besleged by their constituents today to vote for the senate resolutions.

has not been absolutely decided upon. Something will depend upon the situation as it appears when the final reports are made to the speaker in the morning. The speaker, however, will hold that the resolutions as amended a motion to concur or non concur is in order. This will bring the whole question immediately before the house. It are resolution made an assault on the president. It is further said the senate will yield the motion shall be to non concur with a in the other sections of the senate resolutions. In the latter case, the position lined and might be more satisfactory to the radical Republicans who are suspicious naturally of conferences. But in either event, except in the improbable one that the senate would accept the house amendment without further action, the resolutions would go to con-ference. So that it would amount to the same thing in the end.

quarters of the commander in chief of an army. He has consulted with his the verbiage of the senate amendments today. General Gresvenor said sarcas-Dalzell, of Pennsylvania; Cannon, of tically that resolutions which are to Illinois; Grosvenor of Ohio; and Paine, bear the inspection of the world should matic.

#### DELAY CERTAIN.

held out to their colleagues the assur-ance that action should be had at every subsequent stage of the proceedings with dispatch and that the resolutions would go to the president as finally dispassionately do not believe that such expedition is possible. There is a strong intimation that delay is what is desired by those opposed to war in the hope of some action by the Spanish cortes. A hope is expressed that Mr. Hitt, chairman of the foreign affairs committee, who has been quite ill but who is much better, will be able to be in his place tomorrow. In that case he will be in charge on the floor, and he and Mr. Adams, of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Dinsmore, of Arkansas, the senior member of the minority of the comnittee, will be appointed conferces on the part of the house. If Mr. Hitt is not able to be present. Mr. Adams and Mr. Quigg, of New York, will be the Republican conferees. Both are thorough sympathy with Speaker Reed

long, possibly two hours, and if neces

and motions. minor matters to fill up whatever time remains during the week in the

# Malaga.

ferring to the attack upon the American consulate at Malagn yesterday, de plores the outrage as necessarily calling for apologies and warns the Malaguenos against provoking a war, which parcial adds:

Greeks made demonstrations many days in Athens, but 'this did not prevent them from quickly forsaking the heights of Thessaly. should enter the conflict like gentlemen and not like ruffians."

### ST. PAUL AT CRAMPS.

Phitadelphia, April 17.—The American were to be concurred in, they say they | 20 or 25 men in each or be made into I her act

which will sail under Red Cross flag.

gent leaders, leaves for Eastern Cuba.

one large compartment similar to the

teries. Her armament will consist o

fire guns for the main battery, and

twelve three pounders for the secon

dary battery. From present indica-

the vessel, as she now has plates as

The same general repairs, it is be-

lieved, will be followed in the altera-

tion of the St. Louis, New York and

FEELING AT MADRID

Stringent Orders Have Been Issued

to Provincial Governments to

Suppress Demonstrations.

London, April 18.-The Madrid corr

spondent of the Daily Mail telegraph-

of yesterday, the ministers preserv-

ing a waiting attitude. They believe

two houses of congress will have defin-

itely agreed as to their line of action.

and that the course of events will then

"In the meantime the draft of the

speech from the throne, which is to be

laid before the cortes on Wednesday,

has been substantially drawn up. It

is short and strongly worded, but prob-

ably will undergo modifications in ac-

cordance with events that may take

"The Spanish report on the Maine

"Stringent orders have been issued

received from South America, while

great patriotic orthusiasm is reported

from the Spanish colonies. The situa-

tion in the Philippines causes the gov-

ernment some uneasiness; but it is not

Standard, telegraphing Sunday night,

e that reinforcements are to be sent

depend upon President McKinley.

"The situation is identical with that

ing Sunday, says:

heavy as the small cruisers in the

BRVV.

Paris.

the house does not accept the senate resolution.

at least be "grammatical and diplo-

and the administration. sary a special rule will be brought in to cut off embarrassing amendments

### RIOTING DEPLORED.

### The Imparcial Rebukes the Mobs of

Madrid, April 17 .- The Imparcial, re-Spain would avoid if possible. The Im-

Rioting is no proof of courage. The The Spaniards

#### The Line Steamer Will Be Remodelled Into a Craiser.

line steamer St. F 4. which sailed from New York today for this city, passed in the Delaware capes at 5.30 o'clock this afternon. She will reach Cramp's ship yard tomorrow and on Tuesday morning the work of transforming her into an auxilary cruiser will begin. It is estimated that the work will require about fteen days, and will amount to an almost entire reconstruction of her interior. The state room gent upon the ability of the Republic partitions will be pulled down, and either will be enlarged to accommodate

#### NO PROGRAMME.

Malaga and says Spaniards "should enter the conflict like gentlemen, not like ruffians." The whole programme for tomorrov tion immediately before the house. It has not yet been decided whether the recognition of independence if the house stands firm. On the other hand it is alleged that request for a conference or to concur with an amendment striking out the recognition of independence and per-haps making other light amendments the senate resolution without change. of the house would be definitely out- berth deck in a man-of-war. A large portion of her bulwarks will be removed as well as her superfluous deck structures in order to place the bat-

The speaker's lieutenants today have

place in America during the next few The motion to be made tomorrow will f course be antagonized by a plain explosion will be published temorrow motion to concur. The latter motion or next day. It is said to be very would take precedence over a motion to technical, but to prove that the dison-concur and would have to be voted upon first, but Speaker Reed has atcause. It practically shows that the ready held this session that a motion to concur with an amendment takes refused to produce proofs for joint use, precedence over a metion to concur. It us the Spanish freely did, thus showis very desirable from a strategic point ing their own good faith. of view that the first vote to be taken shall be on the position of the Repubto the provincial government to suplican leaders, and therefore the strong press any disturbances of an antiprobability is that this will be the mo-American character. At the cabinet council yesterday (Saturday) teletion. The debate probably will not be grams of a sympathetic nature were

If the resolutions should result in ar, the revenue measure agreed upon by the Republicans of the ways and means committee will be presented at once. The army reorganization bill as modified also will be pussed as soon as opportunity offers. The opposition to the modified measure from the National Guard has been withdrawn. There are contested election cases and other

### consequences in Spain.

# RELIEF STEAMER.

Central Committee Will Send Supplies Under the Red Cross Flag. Washington, April 17.-The Central Cuban relief committee of New York. will load an American steamer with supplies for the relief of the reconcentradoes in Cuba immediately and despatch her to Key West for orders. She will sail under the Red Cross agents.

It is hoped that the way will be clear for the vessel to proceed to the Cuban ports, land and distribute the supplies, but a naval and military escort will be provided in accordance with the Geneva treaty should hostilities have broken out before the arrival at Key West.

### Suicide of an Invalid.

Atlantic City, N. J., April 17.-Mrs. J. N Burson, wife of a prominent citizen Canton, O., committed suicide this aft oon by shooting herself through the leart. She was a guest at a prominent health. Her ailment was cancer of the stomach. In a note she left to her hus-band, she says she could bear her suffering no longer and asked forgiveness for

# LAUNCHING OF

#### THE ALABAMA to Europe, and owned by J. V. Leiter, A New Craft for the United States Navy

shels of grain in the elevator, the ele-

vator officials stated today that over

half of it was wheat waiting shipment

of Chicago, The remainder consisted

of oats corn and other cereals, the

property of various parties in the

ANOTHER LINK OF EVIDENCE.

Two Important Witnesses Have Been

Secured in the Kniser Case.

prove another link in the chain of evi

Philadelphia, April 17.-What may

discovered in the arrest and detention

of two men giving the names of Eg-

bert Plulson and William Rapp, The

men were arrested while in possession

of a horse which was identified by its owner, E. F. Kromer, as one hired from

him by Lizzie DeKalb shortly before

the prisoner said that the purchase

was made in November, the object of

the incorrect date being to show that

the transaction had taken place before

The two prisoners, after being re-

Clemmer for years, and it was owing

to a promise made him that they never

divulged to the police the facts touch-

ing on the disappearance of the horse

and carriage. They said that Clemmer

had requested them to sell the carriage

AT NEW YORK'S SPANISH CONSULATE

spaniards Are Leaving Their Ad-

dresses with Senor Baldasano.

New York, April 17.-In response to

the notice published in the Spanish

paper of this city on Wednesday last

a number of Spaniards called at the

Spanish consulate yesterday and left

their names and addresses. Senor Bai-

lasano was so busy in the office with

these visitors that he would receive no

press representatives. All persons not

Spaniards were referred to Secretary

Suarez and Vice-Consul Valquez for

Information, 'A reporter for the Tri-

une called at the consulate and saw

Senor Suarez, who speaks English

duently. In the course of the interview

the secretary said that a number of

Spaniards had called at the consulate

and made arrangements to be informed

mmediately in the event of the out-

No fear was expressed as to any vio-

ence here against the Spaniards. As

to the rumor that the registration of

Spantards here was for the purpose of

MONITORS IN COMMISSION.

The Montauk and Lahigh at Portland

and Boston.

Philadelphia, April 17.-The old moni-

tors, Montauk and Lehigh, which have

been assigned respectively to Portland,

Me., and Boston, will go into commis-sion tomorrow. The Catskill, which

went into commission yesterday, will

sail for Boston on Tuesday. The full crews for the Montauk and Lehigh

have not yet reached League island,

but skeleton crews of naval reserves

are aboard, and were busy all of today

getting things ship-shape. Work was

also being pushed elsewhere in the

yard. The repairs to the Miantono-

moh's hoisting apparatus have been

completed and she is expected to sail

yacht Josephine, will be placed in dry dock today to have her bottom at-

ended to. Her six-inch rapid-fire guns

mounted, and she will be ready to sail

and her one-pounders are yet to be

Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, April 17.-The following

gunboat Vixen, formerly the

this week without fail.

Friday or Saturday.

break of war between Spain and the

nited States.

the murder.

for him.

west.

two six inch and ten five inch rapid Will Float May 18.

ONE OF THE LARGEST VESSELS tions there will be no armor placed on

> The New Ship Is Eight Feet Longer Than the Large Battleship Iowa. tier \*teel Appurtenances and Armament Will Be Among the Most Modern and Effective.

Philadelphia April 17.-It was learned iere today that May 18 has been fixed as the date for launching the United States bartleship Al-bania, in course of construction at Cramps' ship yard. Mrs. Kaiser's murder. He never saw Miss Morgan, daughter of United States Senator Morgan, will, it is stated, christen the ship named in honor of her

The Alabama will be the first in the water of the three blg battleships contracted for in October 1896. The other two, the Wisconsin and Illinois, are that by Wednesday or Thursday the being built respectively at San Francisco and Newport News. All three are identically alike. The Alabama's keet was laid in November, 1896, and work on her has been considerably delayed because of the complication that arose over the question of the price the government should pay for armor plate. This matter is likely to be settled speedily now, as the bill providing for the payment of \$400 a ton for armor has passed the house and is now sending in the senate. In all, 8,600 tons of armor will be required for the three battleships, including ballistic plates, bolts and other necessary Harveyized

steel appurtenances. originated from an internal The size of the Alabama can be comprehended from the fact that she is Americans concealed documents and eight feet longer than the large buttleship lows, completed by the Cramps hast year. She is No. 8 in the naval register and is technically known as a first-class sea-going battleship. Her length on load water line is 368 feet, extreme breath 72 feet 5 inches, mean draught, 23 feet 6 inches and displace ment at that draught 11,525 tons. She will have two vertical inverted three cylinder triple expansion enginea driving twin screws, estimated to develop 10,000 indicated horse power under a moderate forced draught. Her guaranteed speed is 16 knots an hour, The botters are to carry 180 pounds The Madrid correspondent of the pressure.

### AN EFFECTIVE ARMAMENT.

The armament will be four 18-inch "The vote in the senate has caused breech loading rifles, mounted in pairs a most unfavorable impression in Madin two elliptical turrets on the middle rid, as closing the door to an understanding of any kind being arrived at line, one forward and one aft of the between the Spanish and American superstructure; fourteen 6-inch rapid governments. Should President Mcfire breech loading rifles, mounted in Kinley endorse either the idea of arsponsons, and a secondary battery of ogation of the independence of Cuba sixteen six pounder and four one or armed intervention, no Spanish govpounder rapid fire guns together with rnment could tolerate either of these one Gattling and one field gun. She courses without risking the gravest will also have four torpedo tubes,

The side armor of the Alabama is to belt, tapering to 91/2 inches at the bottom. In the turrets the port hole plates will be 17 inches thick and other plates 15 inches. Inside of this will rise a protective deck, with armor four inches thick on the slopes aft, 3 inches forward and 2% on the flat top.

### GRAIN ELEVATOR BURNS.

### Ignited by an Explosion of Dust.

400,000 Bushels Destroyed. Boston, April 17 .- The roof of the grain elevator at Hoosac tunnel docks, Charlestown, was blown completely off by a dust explosion at 4 o'clock this morning, and the fire that followed not only destroyed the remaining portions of the immense structure, but consumed nearly the entire contents, over 400,000 bushels of grain, mostly wheat. Some of the small tenants adjoining and a building used as a distillery by Chapin & Trull was damaged to the extent of \$15,000.

The loss is estimated at nearly \$600. 000, well covered by insurance. The grain was valued at about \$400,000. The loss on the structure is \$150,000 and the damage to the pier and adjoining property is about \$50,000

Pennsylvania pensions have been issued Restoration and reissue—John Schoon over, dend, Pittston, \$12. Reissue-Wealthy S. Schoonover, Pittston, \$12.

### J. L. Hanno Returns.

New York, April 17 .- J. L. Hanno, United States consul at Cardenas, Cuba, or rived on the Norwegian steamer Editar Of the four hundred thousand bu- nica today with fifteen other passengers.

# SCHEME TO TEMPT THE INSURGENTS

Senores Robelle, Dolz, Gibberga and Sola, the Parliamentary Commission Appointed to Approach the Insurgent Leaders in Eastern Cuba, Leave for Batabona and Will Endeavor to Ascertain Whether the Insurgent Government of Puerto Principe Will Accept the Armistice.

morning Senores Perro Rabelle, colonial secretary of posts and communications; Dolz, Gibberga and Leopoid Sola, a well known lawyer, designated by the Autonomist party as parliamentary commission to approach the insurgent leaders in Eastern Cuba, left by rail for Batanbano, from which point they will proceed by coast steamer to Santa Cruz del Sur, to ascertain whether the insurgent government in After a day of busy button holing of Republican members Speaker Reed last night the province of Puerto Principe will felt confident that the house would vote down the senate clause granting recognition to the accept the armistice.

If received the commission will indicate a neutral zone and propose conditions and place of meeting. Senores Juan Ramierez and Silvestre Anclada, 33 Republicans have signed an agreement to vote with the Democrats for recognition. Twenty-five Republican votes added to the Democratic strength in the house would pass prominent Autonomiets and members same end in view. They left this morning for Santa Cruz del Sur, where they will use their influence in the name of the Autonomist party, but independently of the paraamentary com-

There is great expectations as to the esult, which is anxiously awaited. At 10 o'clock General Blanco had a conference with the president and secretary of the commercial chamber shortly after the action of the American senate began to be freely reported about the city, with reference to the commercial issues involved and the relation of the trade of the port to existing circumstances. Other authorities of all classes called at the palace and General Blanco conferred with the dence against those charged with the chiefs of the political parties. murder of Mrs. Emma Kaiser, near Norristown in October, 1896, has been

El Correo says: "In these solemn whose history a most glorious page is to be written, we must continue, as hitherto, to maintain ourselves in serenity and calm until the chief of the army calls us to shed the blood boiling in our veins in defense of the honor of our beloved land and to finish our lives shouting "Viva Espana."

the horse since that time. When ar-The paper also says that there is raigned before Magistrate Hughes, great enthusiasm in naval and mili-Rapp produced a receipt for it signed by James A. Clemmer, who is now ington was received. awaiting trial for the crime. The date The extras published this evening of the receipt was October 5, 1896, but

containing reports of the action of the American senate yesterday, were greedlly snatched up at high prices. The senate's action has been received with great coolness by the general pub-

#### lic. The people say they are prepared for a fight and are waiting for the first moved to a cell, said they had known shot to be fired, the sooner the better. INFANTRY AT KEY WEST.

The Colored Troops Are Greeted

with Words of Praise. Key West, Fla., April 17.-The rival of Companies A and G, of the Twenty-fifth infantry, late last night roused Key West from tropical lethargy and this Sunday has been marked by a stir unwonted here, even in these exciting times. The ficet in the harbor and the military on land give this lazy little town a warlike aspect which sits the barracks, already given over to two batteries of artillery. It was eventually decided to quarter them in old Fort Taylor and this morning they formed in double file and marched there a staiwart body of men, many of whom have seen war service in Indian campaigns, and most of whom rank

high as sharpshooters. Some of the local papers have been protesting against having colored troops sent here and there had been a slight fear of an unfavorable demonstration. So far from anything of the kind happening, the colored troops were greeted with words of praise. Throughout the day wagons have been going between wharf and the forts, transferring the effects of the newcomers.

calling them back to Spain for military There was no movement of the fleet duty the vice-consul refused to make today. Chaplain Chidwick celebrated mass on the Cincinnati this morning and tonight preached in the Catholic church. The Nashville took the patrol tonight.

### MOVEMENTS OF BRITISH SHIPS.

Troops Are to Be Sent Across Canada on the Way to China.

Halifax, April 17 .- It is said that the

### THE NEWS THIS MORNING

#### Weather Indications Today: Thunder Showers Probable.

1 Telegraph-The American-Spanish Sit Another Bait for the Insurgents.

Launching of the Alabama The Tribune's Popular Want Columns.

Editorial.

Comment of the Press.

Local-Victim of Battle's Blow is Dead lke Seidman Badly Beaten.

Local-Bishop Talbot Here. Preparations for the Irish Centennial.

Local-Preparations for Bryan's Com-Stepmother was First in Him Affec tions.

Advertisements.

Lackawanna County News.

19 Telegraph-Forcast of Week in Con-

gress. . Proceedings of the Wyoming Confer-

Havana, April 17, 8 p. m .- This | dock yard authorities here have received word that the British cruiser Crescent, which was Admiral Watson's flagship on this station a year ago, is now fitting out at Portsmouth to be recommissioned for the West Indian and North American station, and that the cruiser St. George will also join this squadron, now commanded by Admiral Sir John Fisher.

The British war office bas a standing agreement with the Canadian Pacific railroad for the transportation of troops across the continent from Halifax to Vancouver. Communications are now passing regarding the transport of a regiment to the Chinese territory recently acquired by England over the Canadian Pacific road and thence by the company's steamers on the Pacific.

#### BROWNSON'S RETURN

#### The Commander's Observations fr the Old Country -- England Is with Us to a Man.

Washington, April 17.-Today was xceptionally quiet in official circles and on the surface at least there were no new developements in the Spanish situation. The reports of yesterday's action by the senate were an absorbing subject of discussion and the probability of what the house will do was uppermost in everyone's mind. For the first time in several weeks the president was able to devote Sunday almost entirely to his family and to resume his church going which had ben interruptmoments for the country, a nation in ed by the important Sunday's conferences with the members of the cabinet, In company with Mrs. McKinley and some friends the president this afternoon went for a long drive thoroughly enjoying the country scenery which because of the advanced spring like weather has begun to put on its summer dress.

Assistant Secretary Day was at the White House for a short time in the President Hobart and Postmaster General Gary also called while the president was at church.

In the war and navy departments there was also lacking that evidence of activity and rush which has characterized them for so many days past. In the war department Adjutant General Corbin was at his desk for a short time in the morning. He said there had been no change in the details for the mobilization of troops announced some days ago nor any important assignments of officers. proposals received from railroads for transportating the troops from the various places where they are now located will be opened tomorrow and the expectation is that the soldiers in many instances will begin their journey south on the same day. Assistant Secretary Roosevelt was at the navy department for some time during the strangely on it. The colored troops, 125 morning transacting matters requiring in number, were obliged to remain on his attention. He had a visit from board the City of Key West all night, Commander Willard H. Bronson, who because of lack of accommodation at has just returned to the United States from his visit abroad where he was sent to purchase men-of-war and munitions for the use of the United States navy. The commander is looking well bronzed and says he had an enjoyable trip, having spent practically all his time in Italy, France and Empland. He made a number of recommendations and reports to Secretary Long during his inspections abroad and will submit the final one to the secretary tomorrow. He asked to be excused from discussing the results of his trip pend-

ing his report to the secretary. Commander Brownson during his visit was able to guage the feeling which the European nations have for this country in its issue with Spain, Concerning the Englishmen, he marked that their sympathy is for us and they are with us to a man. A great many Frenchmen sided with Spain, although the commander said his observations regarding them were based on reports only. Italy being one of the Latin countries, there is an element which sympathizes with Spain, although many of the commercial classes, realizing that much of the trade of the peninsula is with the United

favor. Commander Brownson says that wing to the uncertain state of affairs in Europe growing out of the eastern question, in which most of the great nations are interested, very few really satisfactory warships are to be found on the market, while in six months from now, when possibly no one will want to purchase any, no doubt some vitt be available. Unfinished ships and those of inferior quality were to be abpreferred not to purchase vessels of that kird. The commander will leave the city tomorrow for New York, where he is to assume command of the Yankee, to which he has been assigned.

#### WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, April 17.-Ferecast + for Monday: For eastern Pennsyl vania, partly cloudy weather, prob-· ably thunder storms in the afternoon; cocler Monday might; southwesterly shifting to northerly winds. For western Pennsylvania.
showers; cooler; light winds be coming northerly.