

## The President's message last week

 asking Congress to give him the right to use the land and naval forces of the United States, to secure permanent on the Island of Cuba. Wednesday, Aprill 13 , passed a resolution granting the power that the the President asked. On the afternoon of that day, the American warships, The Flying Squadron under ships, The Flying sauadron under ward from Fortress Monroe. The
ships in the squadron are the Brook-
lyn, the Massachussetts, the Minneapolis, the Texas, and the Columbia. This is a picture of the Brooklyn, Commodore schley's flag ship.


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Where did Commodore Schley go with the Flying Squadron? was asked. Answer.
Washington, Baltimore, and every other place that had learned of the departure of the Flying Squadron, were on a strain to know whence it had gone. On Friday, after an absence of 48 hours it returned to Norfolk. It had been out to sea maneuvering. The flag ship, Brooklyn crew beat all the others of the Squadron in the response of its men upon a call to quarters. In 4 minutes after the call every man was in place ready for action, and its shooting at mark was the best. The navy is being prepared for an attack on Havana, and a fight with Spanish war ships in cuban waters. When of Spanish war vessels, the land troops will be sent across to Cuba to battle with the 200,000 Spanish army on the island. To that end United States troops are now being
concentrated infour large camps, one at Chickamauga, one at New Orleans, one at Mobile, and one at Tampa. wenty thousandtroopsare
assembling. There should be ooo,ooo thousand go to Cuba instead of 20,000. There had better be too
many go to Cuba than too few, if The Government seems to be alive to the fact that the impending
war after Cuba has been taken, wast needs be a war on the sea. The island in the sea across the ocean to ward Spain must all be taken if the war is prolonged and it will take a powerful navy to do that. Many
a brave ship will have to go to the bottom before that has been accomplished. The Spanish have their worst language at their tongues end
and say they will blow ship and crew to hell before they will allow yankees to board them, an equally vile languaged American commander says, we'll pack hell so full of Spaniards that the Spanish language will be the only language spoken in hell for years to come. That is vulgar naval warfare bluster but it indicates a
spirit that means war for quite spirit that means war for quite awhile once it is commenced.
The ocean will swarm with Span-
ish privaeer that will capture our
merchant ships. It will take a large merchant ships. It will take a large and powerfull navy tochase and catch the Spanish privateers. But if we the islands of the Atlantic ocean, they must stay on the other side. Stone conl in the coming war is aimost as

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