OFFICIAL REPORT ON THE MAINE

OUTSIDE EXPLOSION.

Discipline on Board the Ship Was Excellent and the Temperature of the Magazine Normal.

The report of the officers appointed to investigate the Maine disaster was made public last Monday. The American people now have positive evidence that the ship was blown up by an outthat the ship was blown up by an out-side explosion. Hundreds of loyal American soldiers were hurled to death and a proud cruiser sent to the bottom by an act of treachery. "A tremendous crowd was present in the halls of con-gress last Monday as the report, of which the following is a snyopsis was presented. The report is made up of eight parts as follows: First-The court finds that at the

eight parts as follows: First-The court finds that at the time of the explosion the battleship Maine was lying in five and one-half to six fathoms of water. Second-The discipline aboard the ship was excellent; everything stowed seconding to orders-ammunition.

ship was excellent, everything slowed according to orders-ammunition, guns, stores, etc. The temperature of the magazines at 8 p. m. was normal, except in the after ten-inch magazine, and that did net explode. Third-The explosion occurred at 9:40 oclock on the evening of February 15. There were two evenings with a very

There were two explosions, with a very short interval between them; the ship lifted on the first explosion. form

Fourth-The court can form no definite opinion of the condition of the wreck from the divers' evidence. Fifth-Technical details of wreckage from which court deduces that a mine was exploded under the ship on the post eide port side. Sixth-The explosion was due to no

fault of those on board. Seventh-Opinion of the court stating that the explosion of the mine caused

the explosion of the mine caused Eighth-The court declares that it cannot find evidence to fix responsi-bility.

report is unanimous and is signed

by all the members of the court. It does not refer to the existence or nondoes not refer to the existence of norms existence of mines in the harbor of Havana except in the specific finding that a mine was exploded under the ahip, and the opinion that the ex-plosion of the two magazines was

caused by the civil magazines was caused by the civil of a mine. The discipline the court specifies with extreme minuteness, the least detail of the satisfactory condition of every-thing on board being given. The northing on board being given. The nor-mal temperature of the large forward magazines at 8 o'clock-only an hour and forty minutes before the explosion —disposes of the question of accidental combustion within these magazines. While the court holds that these maga-zines did not explode from internal causes, they nevertheless are of the opinion that the explosion of the mine under the port side of the ship caused the explosion of the two magazines. This will explain the remarkable de-struction wrought, the explosion thus being shown to have combined the force of a mine without and two mag-azines within. The two explosions which the court finds to have occurred, with a very short interval between them, is an additional detail showing that two forces operated in causing the destruction. destruction.

The finding that the ship lifted on the explosion indicates an external source, and one of tremendous power to be able to lift a battleship of thousands of tons.

The feature of the report of deepest interest to the navy is the complete ex-oneration of Capt. Sigsbee and all on board, contained in the second finding, setting forth the perfect order and discipling prevailing on the ship, and more directly stated in the sixth find-ing, which declares the disaster to be due to no fault of those on board. The inability of the court to find evidence to fix responsibility, as stated

evidence to fix responsibility, as stated in the eighth part, makes the report so guarded in expression of blame that neither Spain nor the Spanish are men-tioned throughout. The Spanish government has cabled officially to Washington that the Span-ish naval commission holds the disas-ter to the Maine to be of internal origin.

origin.

The orders issued by the navy de-partment last week obvered every branch of naval armament. The "flying squadron" was definitely established, with Commodore W. S. Schley in com-mand. He has hoisted his commodore's

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

Miss Barton has left Cuba, but will shortly r turn. China has decided to agree to Rus-sia's demands.

\$145,800 has been subscribed for a new observatory at Allegheny, Pa. Out of a party of \$0 Spanish guerrilas, 40 were slain by Cuban insurgents.

English ship owners are having "war lauses" inserted in their charters. clauses' A railway will be built from Mexico City to Manzanillo on the Pacific coast.

An appropriation of \$250,000 to feed starving Cubans will I ikely pass the

senate. It has been officially declared that Great Britain has no designs on Great

Fourteen houses were destroyed dur-ing a storm a few days ago at Blue Mills, Mo.

John Cox is under arrest at Texar-kana, Ark., for burning his wife and baby to death.

Ex-president Cleveland says that the government at Washington is pursuing the proper course.

General Gomes of the Cuban In-surgents is willing to pay Spain \$200,-000,000 for the island.

Thus far the deaths in Cuba resulting from starvation and cruelty amount to nearly 450,000 victims.

Many of the Southern republics will recognize the independence of Cuba simultaneously with the United States. In Dallas county, Alabama, Sam Ellis, a negro, confessed to attempting to assassinate H. A. Hardy and was

Five lives were lost and a million dollars worth of property was destroyed by the flood at Zanesville, O., last woole

remains of Lieut. Jenkins of the Maine Maine have been recovered. The body will be removed to Allegheny,

The British cruiser Cordelia, is at St. Augustine, Fla., presumably to look af-ter British interests in case of hostili-

ties with Spain. Heavy rains have done havoc in many of the western states. The Ohio and Mississippi rivers are rising, caus-

Ing much anxiety. A receiver has been appointed for the American Developing and Mining Company, of Butte, Mont. Liabilities are placed at \$270,000.

The Michigan legislature assembled the other day in answer to the call of Gov. Pingree, who wants the taxes on corporations increased.

Because his property has been dam-ged by the recent flood, John Der-inger of Zanesville, O., committed aged by ringer of Zanesville, suicide a few days ago.

suicide a few days ago. Rev. Orson D. Taylor has been sen-tenced to Michigan state prison for six years for selling stock in an investment company which did not exist. The two great battleships, the Kear-sarge and the Kentucky, were launch-ed at the Newport News, Va., ship yards last Thursday.

The "Schischau," a torpedo boat that has been constructed for Germany in London has been purchased by the United States. Speed, 23 knots.

A ton of dynamite exploded near Youngstown the other night, causing people to believe it was an earthquake. No lives were lost and it is believed that lightning struck the magazine.

The house of Edward Hansman burn-ed the other night at Kent, Minn., and all the family perished in the flames, including Mr. Hansman, his wife and five children. The family was suffocated.

In the district of Walter S. Barker, United States consul at Sagua la Grande, Cuba, there are 50,000 people who must soon die of starvation. Nine-ty per cent, of these are women and children.

Sherwood C. Cunning, receiving teller of the First National bank at Cincin-nati, who pleaded guilty to the embezz-lement of \$28,000 from the bank, was the other day sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

Senor Marcos Garcia, Spanish autonomist governor of the province of Santa Clara, has received an official notification from the insurgent army that he has been sentenced to death as a traitor to his country.

Advices received from Port au Prince, Haiti, report a terrible financial condi-tion to be existing there. The premium on gold is 220 per cent. The greatest mixery and starvation prevail in the interior and flour costs \$20 a barrel.

SPANISH ABUSE.

Threatening Attitude of the United State Leads to a Patriotic Movement Through out Spain Baising Funds.

SCORNFUL WORDS FOR M'KINLEY

out spain—Raising Funds. The latest intelligence from the United States has occasioned a great patriotic movement throughout Spain. A large number of persons have an-nounced their intention to give up a day's pay for services in order to raise a fund to purchase a warship. A com-mittee, over which the bishop of Madrid will preside, has been organ-lized to receive subscriptions. Special the treeceipts of which are to be de-voted to this purpose. The Duke of Veragua, who knows President McKinley personally, is pe-ported as saying: "President McKinley does not inspire me with confidence. He thinks himself the first statesman in the world. He is proud and vain, and his great vanity makes him believe bimself a Napoleon, when in reality he senter to propose that the Conservatives interior of Cuba should withdraw to the coast until the Autonomists and separatists arrive at an agreement, but it is not expected that the cortes will the world of the elections in Spain for the popular branch of the cortes will senter and the spected that the cost of the cortes by the coast until the Autonomists and separatists arrive at an agreement, but it is not expected that the cost in Spain for the popular branch of the cortes will the will control 300 of the 422 seats There was unbounded enthusiasm in the will control 300 of the 422 seats throughout the country. The elections in the capital were without especial in-cident. The elected deputies include inclust.

Conservatives.

FEELING IN SPAIN

as Gleaned From the Columns of Her News

A general in the Columns of her seven papers. A general in the Spanish army said recently that it was increditible that the report of the American court of inquiry into the Maine disaster should attri-bute the distruction of the vessel to a submarine maine. "Not even among savages," he as-serted, "would such mines be placed in their noris. Moreover, our own ships

seried, would such mines be placed in their ports. Moreover, our own ships would have incurred equal peril had the mines been placed in Havana hat-bor. Mines are laid only in times of war, and then only friendly nations are notified.'

"La Correspondencia de Espana" says it understands that the govern-ment is occupied with certain new fac-tors in the situation, which it believes may give a more favorable turn to

"El Correo" says the government is "El Correo" says the government is calm in the consciousness of having done its duty, and is satisfied. The for-eign press has recognized this, and also the firmness with which Spain is re-solved to defend her national right and honor. It adds: "God knows if matters are becoming worse, which is possible, the proveca-tion is notorious and scandalous, and if onerous resolutions are proposed to us the country, en masse, faithful to its traditions, will repel them." The "Epoci" says that Spain is trying to prevent war considering it a calam-ity and has freely made important con-cessions, such as autonomy, in order to

essions, such as autonomy, in order to consent to the perpetual intervention of Americans and the American Gov-

"El Heraldo" declares that without "El Heraldo" declares that without the intervention of the United States the Cuban insurrection would have been reduced to mere brigandage. "If the revolt continues," it says, "it is be-cause the rebels see in America the hope of an ill-starred morrow of Spain, and while this hope exists the insur-rection will maintain sufficient strength slowly to consume our blood and money. War with the United States represents to them the solution of the problem which we must examine with minds."

Large Mortgage Filed. A large mortgage has been filed by the Detroit, Toledo and Milwaukee Railway Company in favor of the Cen-tral Trust Company, of New York, on all its lands, buildings, personal pro-perty, etc., between Toledo and Alle-gan, Mich. It was given to secure the issue of \$3,150,000 worth of 5 per cent first mortgage bonds.

CABLE SPARKS. GRAND LIFE SLOWLY EBBING AWAY

The Frince of Wales is learning to ride a bicycle. The Spanish minister of war has ob-tained a loan of \$1,300,000.

The Kalser says the Maine was blown up by internal explosions.

Spain is not succeeding in suppres-sing the rebels on the Philippine is-

tands. Of 100 Russian officials arrested for bribery and corruption five committed suicide. Mr. Gladstone is dying of a cancer-ous growth involving the bone tissues of the nasal passages. London bankers are making a strenu-me offort to avery use between Seats

ous effort to avert war between Spain and the United States.

The agreement by which China leases Port Arthur and Ta Lien Wan to Rus-sia was signed a few days ago.

The Paris Matin says the court of April will quash the conviction of M Emile Zola and order a new trial.

Twenty miners were killed by the ac-cidental firing of a dynamite torpede in a coal mine near Liege, Belgium.

A telegram for Tromsee reports that to fishermen have been drowned off the porth coast of Norway in the storm.

In the French chamber of deputies if was decided by vote that all should be done to avert a war between the Unit-ted States and Spain.

Six persons were drowned by the cap-sizing of a boat in Dutch harbor, Alas-ka, March 6, Father Alonzo, of St Louis, Mo., was one.

French passenger steamers are now experimenting with carrier pigions. Ir case of accident in mid-ocean they could be used in establishing communi-cations with shore.

The Berlin "Boursen Courier" pub-lishes a dispatch from Vienna saying that, according to information from the best source, European mediation bet ween Spain and America is being unween Spa dertaken.

Ensign Chandler, of the cruiser Sar Francisco was shadowed by detective while in England, who believed him to be a forger. Not until he was seer to board the cruiser were the detectives convinced of their error.

renvinced of their error. Prince Bismarck is highly amused au the almost daily cable messages he re-ceives from America, mostly with prepayment for an answer, requesting his views of the loss of the Maine or on the Cuban question. He says he pays ne heed to these requests.

The total pack of salmon in Britist Columbia for the past season is 1,015,47 cases, compared with 601,570 the previ-ous season. Shipments made during the season were as follows: By sea to Eng-land, 733,704 cases; overland, 43,323 cases; to Eastern Canada, 130,815 cases; to Australia, 25,579 cases; to other des functions 926 cases. tinations, 225 cases, The Politische Correspondenz

The Politische Correspondenz of Vienna gives what purports to be the information Russia has received re garding Japan's naval activity, put-ting in concrete form what is already partly known, namely, that 47 war-ships are being built to Japan's order in Great Britain, Germany, France and the United States, at a cost of 193,000, M0 yea

Mrs. Parnell, mother of Charles Stewart Parnell, met with an accident ins week at Avondale, County Wicklow Ireland, which may cost her life. She was nodding in an arm chair before a

was nodding in an arm chair before a fire when her clothes ignited. Before the flames could be extinguished she was badly burned. The Princess Louise of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, eidest daughter of King Leo-pold of Belgium, wife of Prince Philip of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, has commenced an action for divorce. Prince Philip fought a duel on February 18, with Lieutenant Mattachich-Koglevitch, un-der stringent conditions, on account of the princess action in eloping with the lieutenant.

Business Not Affected by the increased war Preparations.

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value. In consequence of these rela-tions the bank closed its doors. The state insurance commissioner on Wednesday asked the court to appoint a receiver for the Guarantors Finance Company, which did an insurance business, and it is believed that Hop-kins, on learning that the company could not make good its indebtedness to the bank, and knowing that expos-ure would follow on investigation of the Guarantors' affairs, concluded to end his troubles by taking his life. There will be no receivership for the People's bank, and depositors and cre-ditors will receive doilar for dollar. Cashler Hopkins left a letter in which he blames Loper, of the Guarantors Company for his act. R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade reports as follows: A waiting state of things always hinders business to some extent. With more than 134,-90,000 gold received or on its way since this movement began, with ample bank reserves and treasury re-serves, and a redemption of notes in all ways nearly a third smaller than in February to date, with no stringency in the money market and sterling ex-change weak, with the volume of busi-res at clearing banks outside New nes at clearing houses outside New York larger than in 1892 by 5.9 per cent this month, and with failures nearly 30 per cent smaller than last year, and 51 per cent smaller than in the same month of 1892, there is not much visible forts should fail to keep peace with bonor. Warlike reports come every day bonor. Warlike reports come every day and stock operators make the most of them, and yet the average of prices of railroad stocks is \$53.08 against \$53.24 two weeks ago to-day. Some decrease in new engagements would he expected with war appartity near, but as yet scarcely any indication of decrease for that reason is seen. It is difficult to take dismal views when the nation is surpassing all records in marketing products. Atlantic exports of wheat for the week have been 2.160,825 bushels against 1.272,286 bushels last year, and in four weeks 9,302,514 bushels (flour in cluded), against 5,103,427 bushels last year, with Pacific exports 4,232,039 year, with Pacific exports 4,232,032 bushels, against \$99,242 bushels last year. The price has declined 2% cents but the heavy shipments and contracts for export are having a constant influnce. Domestic exports from New York in two weeks have been \$9,108,000 or 37.5 per cent larger than last year, while imports have been scarcely larger. imports have been scarcely larger, foreshadowing exports again exceeding 100,000,000 for the month, and \$24,000,000 over imports. In such conditions no stringency in money is needed to bring <text>

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Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teching, softens the gums, reducing in-fammation, allays pain, cures wind colis, Se, a bottle.

WILES OF THE GUIDE.

Bomehow the Best Fishing Grounds Are Always on the Other Side.

Being a scientific fisherman, he is an

racle on all matters pertaining to pls-

catorial pastimes. He carries three tackle-boxes and every tray is full. He has the finest rods, reels, flies, spoons, trolley lines, and hooks. He is pre-

pared to take anything from muskel-

"One thing I want to tell you," h

these island lakes the fishing is on the other side. Stop off at any resort, hire a guide, tell him you want the best there is, and it's 99 to 1 he'll pull for

the other shore, no matter how many miles have to be traversed. He will

take you to the favorite haunts of the

gamy black bass. Incidentally he will see that you get a few big fish weigh-ing from fifteen to twenty pounds each,

that you may take thom home and

and perch, possibly a couple of wall-eyed pike, a few rock bass, and some

sun fish. There is always an explanation for this vast discrepancy between hope and realization. They day is too bright; it's too windy; the lake's too

rough, or the appetite of the fish has

been taken in their desire to get further

up-stream. You have the same experi-ence every day, for these guides are

wiser than serpents and keep you in a flutter of joyful anticipation through

an entire season. Figure it up and you'll find that most of your money is spent in going to and fro from the other

"Last season I dissected some bass

that I bought, found that they were feeding on crawfish, hunted out the

rock bottom in the lake, and took 15 of

the gamy beauties in one afternoon. The guides acted just as though I had

jumped a gold claim of theirs, but I

"What you really get is some pickerel

"At all

said to the comparative novice:

lunge to minnows.

astonish your friends.

side of the lake.

Lope

found

plece of furniture in existence in the British Museum. It is the of Queen Haitsu, who reigned Nile Valley some 1600 years

Trial-Annoyed by Too Much Spir-itual Advice.

Notwithstanding the threatening at titude of the European Powers against Great Britain and the interest shown Great Britain and the interest shown in the impending conflict between the United States and Spain, the English people are most keenly interested in the condition of Mr. Gladstone, though it is not permitted to know how ill he is Perhaps it should be said that he is not so much ill as that his powers are fall-ing and that he is apparently sinking under the weight of years and vital ex-haustion. The bestinformed people ad-mit that amendment of his aliment is impossible, and that his physicians only hope to alleviate the pain he is suffering. The "Lancet" says, on the suffering. The "Lancet" says, on the suffering that that there is serious cause for the symptoms from which he has suffered for nine months. At his great age the gravity of any surgical alliment is apparent, and the exhaust-ion, in consequence, is prolonged. The severe neuralizit is in from which we

allment is apparent, and the exhaust-ion, in consequence, is prolonged. The severe neuralgia is in itself an unfavor-able feature. His vitality, however, is wonderful, and his general health is good." An examination of the patient with the use of the Roentgen rays dis-closed inflamed cartilage, but there was

closed inflamed cartilage, but there was no sign of cancer. Although inquiries for press para-graphs are kept from Mr. Gladstone, it is said he had bid farewell to several old friends, and knows that his end is approaching. Referring to his illness. Mr. Gladstone said to a friend: "A fin-al lesson-a final trial." The old states-man has been sensibly happier at Hawarden that at the Riviera or at Bournemouth.

Hawarden that at the Riviera or at Bournemouth. A painful incident of Mr. Gladstone's illness has been his bombardment by uninvited spiritual advisers. Not a mail reaches his residence without con-taining a shower of chapters of the Old and New Testaments, extracts from the lives of scriptural personages, or isolated texts, hymns, poems_etc.

CASHIER SUICIDES.

People's Bank of Philadelphia Closes Its Doors-Private Loans.

The sudden death last week of John S. Hopkins, cashier of the Peoples bank, of Philadelphia, and the assign-

bank, of Philadelphia, and the assign-ment made Thursday night by the Guarantors Finance Company, were followed by disclosures which showed an important connection between the two events. The coroner's investigation developed the fact, hitherto concealed by the family, that Hopkins had committed suicide by shooting himself, and an ex-amination of the affairs of the Peoples bank by its officers resulted in the revelation that Hopkins had, during the past two years, loaned the bank's revelation that Hopkins had, during the past two years, loaned the bank's funds in large amounts to Richard T. Loper, general manager of the Guaran-tors Finance Company. These loans, which remain unpaid, and aggregate, it is said, over \$600,000, were made wholly without the knowl-edge of the officers and directors of the bank. The securities given by Loper

bank. The securities given by as collateral for the loans were

according to the statement of one of the bank's officials, to have very little value. In consequence of these rela-tions the bank closed its doors.

mand. He has hoisted his commodore's flag on the flagship Brooklyn. The squadron is to consist of exactly flye ships, no more and no less, despite con-jecture as to possible ships that might be added. Those of the squadron will be the crack armored cruiser Brooklyn, the battleships Massachusetts and Texas, and the cruisers Columbia and Minneapolis. Other ships which are now or hereafter at Hampton Poads Minneapoils. Other ships which are now or hereafter at Hampton roads will not be of the flying squadron, but will belong to the North Atlantic str-tion under Capt, Sampson. The flying squadron is to be a small, compact fleet of the best ships in the navy, for quick service at any point along the Atlantic.

service at any point along the Atlantic. Serious attention is being given by the navy department officials to the question of the acquisition of a suitable location for a coaling station some-where in the West Indies. Steps have been taken already to establish such a station at the Dry Tortugas, but this, it is said is the only deen water harbor

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Alexander H. Revell, of Chleago, has offered, through the industrial art de-partment of the Central art school, a prize of \$2,500 for a color sketch which shall present the most practical sug-gestions for the decorating of a public school room.

gestions for the decorating of a public school room. A terrific windstorm swept over the country between South McAlester and Lehigh and Colgate, I. T., the other night. Four farm houses were demol-ished, and the occupants of three of 'hem are reported to have been killed. Those reported killed are James Sea-foam, wife and three children.

Peacefully, without struggle or warn-ing. Adam Adamcek, 115 years old, died at his home at Chicago, Tuesday. His li5th birthday was celebrated Thurs-day with a great feast, and his daugh-ter Pauline, aged 92, thinks he over-exerted himself in entertaining his cuests guests.

Reports to the war department show Reports to the war department show that about 400 men up to this time have been enlisted for the two artillery re-giments recently authorized by con-gress. About 1,600 men in all are re-quired. Most of the new recruits are sent to join old established regiments, and in many cases experienced men from the latter are detailed for duty at the sea coast fortifications.

At the banquet of the London cham-At the banquet of the London cham-ber of commerce recently Rt. Hon. Chas. T. Ritchie, president of the board of Trade, speaking of America as a more formidable competitor in manu-factures than Germany, declared it was due to the energy displayed by both masters and men in America, that Great Britain would do well to imitate. Lord Stratheona echoed the sentiment.

Lord Strathcona echosed the sentiment. Two thousand students of the Uni-versity of Michigan paraded the camp-us the other night, armed with pitch-forks, muskets, etc., in a Cuban demon-stration. Will Day, son of Judge Day, assiatant secretary of state, addressed the students, and at the close of the meeting telegrams approving the Unit-ed States policy were sent to Judge Day. Secretary Algor and President McKinley. The boys also, amid great enthusiasm, burned an effigy of Spain.

A Taith Curies Colony. A depatch from Kendland, Ind., mays by Dowie, the noted Chicago faith cur-iet, has about completed nagotiation for the purchase of 15,000 scores of lang h Newton country, where it is proposed to found a community which will be po-pulated excusively by believers in faith healing. Dr. Dowle proposes to visit pritaburg, Cleveland and other hars rities in the interest of his colony. He will bonte a number of industries found churches and schools and erstab-lish a Mucca for believers in the faith of which he is the acknowledged apostle. The movement is interesting national attention and informer.

PEEPABATIONS FOR WAR.

Few Americans are now to be found in Havana. Spain is working hard upon her Cuban forts.

"Intervention is impossible," say the officials at Vienna.

The double-turreted monitors, Puri-tan and Terror, have been sent to Key

Representatives of the United States are searching France for more War ships.

Last Monday the ships of the navy were ordered painted a duil lead, in-stead of black.

Captain General Blanco and admiral Monterola have sent conditional resig-nations to Spain.

The National Tube works, of Mc-Keesport, Pa., has been given a con-tract for 90,000 shells.

An order for 1,600 cast iron projec-tiles was given to two Virginia com-panies a few days ago.

Nine hundred men and nineteen vessels of the revenue cutter service ready for immediate action.

The old monitors of the civil war will be ready for service in a few days They will act as a coast defence.

Spaniards, fearing the wreck of the Maine will be blown up by dynamite, are keeping a strict watch in Havana harbor.

A contract of \$500,000 has been awarded to an Alliance, O., firm to build gun carriages for the govern-

A contract involving \$500,000 for dis-appearing gun carriages has been swarded to the Walker Company of Cleveland.

John Philip Sours, the bandmaster, maid that in case of war he and his entire band would wolunteer. Sourse is of Spanish birth.

of Spanish birth. Veterans on both sides of the late war are making preparations to raise the uargest volunteer army which ever assembled under one flag. "Riciotti Garibaldi," of Italy, says that if the United States will defray their expenses he will engage to such 40,000 Garibaldians to Cuba." In England it is thought the Jacua

In England it is thought that Japan will seize the Phillippine Islands as toon as war between the United States and Spain has been declared. A torpedo flotilla, capable of doing terrible destruction, and which has filled the naval authorities with anxiety is now on his way to Port.

conference for some time the other day Gen. A. W. Greely, chief signal officer of the army. Gen. Greely has urged of the army. Gen. Greely has urged upon the secretary the importance of an allotiment of money for the purpose of connecting the various parts of the fortifications at port cities by means of electrical communications and in res-ponse to his representations on this subject work in that direction is about to begin in New York harbor. Another matter which Gen. Greely thinks of great importance to the army in case of hostilities is the employment of balloons for observation purposes. He has asked repeatedly for an appro-priation from congress for experiments in this line, but thus far his efforts to obtain money have been unsuccessful.

BALLOONS IN WAR.

Distant Ships Could be Sighted and Land Movements of Troops Noted.

Secretary Alger had with him in

priation from congress for experiments in this line, but thus far his efforts to obtain money have been unsuccessful. He hopes that some money may be soon put at his command for experi-menting with balloons, as he believes they would be invaluable for many purposes in time of war. For instances he says while floating in the air off the coast around any of the seaport cities they could observe the presence of ships of the enery's fleet at great dist ance off shore, and by means of the cable attached to them and connecting with telegraphic instruments below fact, while the ships were yet a great distance off. Balloons, moreover, he inlinks, would be of great value to the military branch of the service. Though an army of occupation be sent is thought, in the observations of the operations would be of use, it is thought, in the observations of the operations of the enemy's army, the opting troops while on the ground Gen. Greely does not believe there is much danger to be feared from the first of the enemy as experience has shown it to be a very difficult matter to gauge properly the heighth to which the aer-onuct takes his balloon and guns of peculiar pattern and manufacture are almost a necessity for use against bal-loon.

May Abandon the Wreek

The navy department has arranged for the practical withdrawai of all its naval officers at Havana, and the shandonment of the wreck of the

abandonment of the wreck of the Maine. Secretary Long said that the officer would probably be ordered home in a fay or two. It might be necessary for Lieutenant Commander Walnwright who is in special charge of the wrecked reased, to remain there a short time tonger, or at least until it is finally set lied that the wreck cannot be raised in the event of the abandonment of the wreck it is likely that the navy depart ment will strange for its complete de-itruction by the one of dynamite or

kept quiet and caught bass while the guides kept taking the other fellows across the lake in the morning and back at night. Just to make the whole thing plain, prospect till you find out where the fish are and then go after them."-Detroit Free Press.

MRS. PINKHAM'S ADVICE. What Mrs. Nell Hurst has to Say

About It.

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:--When I wrote to you I had not been well for five years; had doctored all the time but got no better. 1 had womb trouble very bad. My womb pressed backward, causing piles. I was in such misery I could scarcely walk across the floor. Menstruction was irregular and too pro-

fuse, was also troubled with leucorrhoa. had given up all hopes of getting well; everybody thought I had consumption. After taking five bottles of Lydia E. Pink-PA ham's Vegeta ble Compound, I felt very much better

and was able to do nearly all my own work. I continued the use of your m work. I continued the use of your meat-sine, and feel that I owe my recovery to you. I cannot thank you enough for your advice and your wonderful medicine. Any one doubting my statement may write to me and I will gladly answer all inquiries.—Mrs. NELL HURST, Deepwater, Mo.

Letters like the foregoing, stantly being received, contribute not a little to the satisfaction felt by Mrs Pinkham that her medicine a are assisting women to bear their heavy burdens

Mrs. Pinkhem's address io Lynn, Ma All suffering women are invited to write to her for advice, which will be given without charge. It is an an-perienced woman's advice to women.

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