

# Eugene City Guard.

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## DOINGS OF THE WEEK

A Complete Review of the Telegraphic News of This and All Foreign Lands.

The queen-regent of Spain has signed a royal decree, convening the cortes September 5.

Crops in several provinces of Russia are worthless this year and people are beginning to ask the government for relief. A famine is feared.

General Merritt has assumed governor's duties in the Philippines, and the command of the army at Manila has been transferred to General Otis.

Correspondence published by Secretary Long goes to show that Commodore Schley agreed with Admiral Sampson as to the danger of entering Santiago harbor as long as the mines were in position.

According to a dispatch from Madrid to a London news agency there has been serious fighting between the Spanish and insurgents in Cuba in which insurgents lost 500 killed and wounded. The report cannot be confirmed from other sources.

Madrid is irritated at the failure of the Cubans to respect the protocol in Cuba. Trouble may possibly follow, and the Spanish government threatens to send the Spanish troops in Cuba against the insurgents unless the latter cease their reprehensible actions and abide by the terms of the protocol.

The first mustering out orders issued include eight regiments of infantry, five batteries and six troops of cavalry. The list as made up by the war department include 28 batteries of artillery, nine regiments of cavalry and 62 regiments of infantry. Both batteries of Oregon artillery are included in the order.

A Madrid dispatch says the government has advised from Rio, governor of the Visayas islands, and successor of General Jaudenes in the governor-generalship of the Philippines, saying there has been bloody fighting between Spanish troops and insurgents, with an estimated loss to the latter of 500 men. The Spanish losses were "unimportant." The dispatch says a number of insurgent chiefs were captured and shot.

A Manila dispatch says that at a conference held between the insurgents and Americans, the former declared emphatically they were willing to cooperate with the Americans and to surrender their arms promptly if assured the islands would remain either an American or British colony, under the protectorate of either nation. Otherwise the insurgent leaders asserted they would not dare to disarm.

Orders for releasing 100,000 volunteers have been issued by the government.

John Eolo was drowned by the capsizing of his boat during the fishboat race at the Astoria regatta.

The supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias, met in biennial session in the hall of the house of representatives at Indianapolis, Ind.

The British expedition in the Sudan reports terrible scenes of slaughter by the dervishes. Everywhere are evidences of misery and decay.

The 24th annual meeting of the American Bankers' Association convened at the Broadway theater, Denver, Colo., Tuesday. Most of the 800 delegates expected were present.

There are now in the hospitals at Camp Wikoff, Montauk Point, more than 1,200 men. Of these about 900 are in the general hospital in detention. Many of those in the general hospital are improving, and some are now being discharged as well every day.

Eight men were killed, possibly 10, and five injured, two fatally, at the Carnegie tunnel on Chartier's division of the Panhandle railroad near Pittsburgh, Pa. The accident was due to the wall of the tunnel caving in. The dead are: John Jones, foreman; Felix Mills, a laborer, and six unknown foreigners.

General Merritt has sent word to the war department that he needed no more troops. This statement was in response to an inquiry from the White House. The president and his war managers are well pleased with the general's dispatch. They accept it as an assurance that the American commander has the Filipinos under his control.

Coincident with the West Indian sugar conference to assemble at Barbados September 8, for the purpose of protesting against the sacrifice of the colonies, Jamaica is preparing a plebiscite to the British parliament, requesting permission to endeavor to arrange for annexation to the United States. The promoters of this movement are endeavoring to secure inter-colonial cooperation, but are not depending upon it.

John H. Lane, storekeeper of the United States transport Minnewaska, dropped dead on his boat at Savannah, Ga.

The total earnings of 56 railroads for the month of July amounted to \$24,423,483, an increase of \$650,278 over the same month in 1897.

One of the first business enterprises to follow the acquisition of Porto Rico is likely to be a new cable connecting that island with the United States.

Three hundred and sixty-seven thousand acres of land will be restored to the public domain in Minnesota and on October 5 next entries for homestead titles can be made.

Mrs. Charles Frederick Worth, widow of the famous couturier who died in March, 1895, and his successor in the superintendence of the Worth establishment, died in Paris.

Col. Roosevelt has sent \$5 to each of the five rough riders lying wounded in the post hospital on Governors Island, with the message to notify him if they needed anything.

## LATER NEWS.

Camara's decrepit squadron, all that is left of Spain's navy, has arrived at Ferrol.

Dewey has transferred his flag to the cruiser Baltimore, the Olympia sailing for Hong Kong to be docked and cleaned.

The United States peace commission, so far as it has been made up, is composed of Senator Davis, Senator Frye, Whitelaw Reid, and Secretary Day.

William K. Vanderbilt and the captain of his half-rater were thrown into Newport harbor by the capsizing of their craft, and had a narrow escape from drowning.

Senator Hoar may be our next ambassador to Great Britain. President McKinley will, it is said, make the appointment if given assurance that it will be accepted.

In a statement by General Shafter he says the Santiago campaign was faultlessly conducted. And the man who so conducted it was Shafter, who is not too modest to say so, and incidentally to reply to some reflections which have been made upon his method of doing things.

General Aguinaldo, interviewed at Bacoor, declared that he was anxious to support the authority of the United States in those islands, and he had persuaded the other leaders to accept his views. Once Spanish rule is ended, he favors the disbandment of the insurgent army.

A translation of General Blanco's latest proclamation to the people of Havana has reached Washington. It says: Property-owners in Cuba should refrain from all hostile manifestations and put their trust in the United States, which will do them justice and protect them as regards their private interests.

The United States and Germany are not in harmony regarding the government of Samoa. Emperor William, it is said, is jealous. A desire to absorb the islands prompts his course. Correspondence now in progress between Washington and Berlin may lead to serious friction. The United States maintains a firm attitude with regard to the recent extension of the boundaries of Apia district.

There has been a serious clash at Cavite between United States soldiers and insurgents. The riot resulted in the killing of one soldier, and the serious wounding of another. The man killed was Trooper Geo. Hudson, a member of the Utah battery. Dis-mounted cavalrymen charged and finally dispersed the natives, killing four and wounding several. A band of natives engaged in plundering a wrecked gunboat was charged by American troops, who killed one and wounded another.

Secretary Alger, while on a visit to Camp Wikoff, ordered a furlough for a sick soldier.

Acting Secretary Allen says there is no prospect that the battleship Oregon will return to the Pacific coast in the near future.

By the explosion of the boiler of an engine used to operate a threshing on the farm of J. F. Kirk, 15 miles west of Eugene, Or., one man was instantly killed and five terribly scalded by escaping steam.

At Middletown, N. Y., ice cream prepared with lemon extract, purchased from a traveling salesman, caused the death of three persons and a score of others are sick, and more fatalities are expected.

Merritt cables from Manila announcing the arrival of the transports Rio Janeiro and Pennsylvania. All were well, and no casualties were reported, excepting that Private Wenks, First South Dakota, died on the voyage.

A serious insurrection has broken out at Nadsao, in the interior of the Hainan islands. The American missionaries and native converts have sought refuge in safe territory. The French may interfere if rebels are not suppressed.

The Thivalva line steamer Norge, which has arrived in New York, reports that she sank the French fishing schooner La Coquette, of Bayonne, France, Saturday last, on the Grand Banks. The captain and eight seamen were saved and 16 went down with the vessel.

Spain is apparently willing that Cervera's men remain in America. Sagasta's refusal to accept McKinley's offer is now regarded with suspicion, and the prisoners in consequence may not fare so well in the future. No officers will be liberated unless the sailors accompany them.

Two passenger trains came together at Port Huron, Mich., with serious results. Many persons were seriously hurt. A panic among the passengers followed the collision and in the rush for the doors and windows of the cars many women were trampled under foot, many slight injuries being thus inflicted.

Advices from Honolulu, by the steamer Moana, states that the congressional members of the commission to report on a form of government for the territory of Hawaii, arrived at Honolulu August 17. The commissioners met Dole and the cabinet, and proceeded to organize for business. Senator Cullom is chairman.

F. A. Leach, superintendent of the United States mint in Fort Townsend, Wash., estimates that the gold output of the Klondike this year has been only about \$5,000,000.

The president has appointed Judge J. M. Hobson, father of Lieutenant Hobson, of Merriam fame, postmaster at Greensboro, Ala. Mr. Hobson is a democrat, and the nomination was made at the earnest request of his republican fellow townsmen as a mark of good feeling.

A company of New York business men are making arrangements for the erection of an American hotel in Havana, as soon as the city is evacuated by Blanco.

Pettit, the missing millionaire real estate dealer of New York, is reported to have been among the passengers who perished on the steamer La Bourgogne.

While leaning from a window of the knitting works in Shamokin, Pa., Miss Jennie Allison, aged 18 years, was electrocuted by her nose coming in contact with a telephone wire that had been crossed by a live arc light wire.

## ENGLAND AND CHINA

### Relations Strained to the Point of Rupture.

#### BRITISH NAVAL DEMONSTRATION

Chinese Foreign Office Acting Under Instructions From Russia—Activity at Port Arthur.

London, Aug. 29.—The Peking correspondent of the Daily Mail says: The situation has become acute. The relations between the tsung-li yamen and Sir Claude McDonald, the British minister, are strained to the point of rupture. Sir Claude McDonald has intimated that any failure by China to observe Great Britain's wishes will be accepted as a casus belli. In support of Sir Claude McDonald, the fleet has been concentrated at Wei-Hai-Wei and Hankow, and all the warships under 5,000 tons have been mobilized in the Yangtze river. The naval demonstration is solely directed against China, as it is semi-officially stated that the existing relations with Russia are cordial.

A special from Shanghai says: Violent scenes are reported to have occurred between Sir Claude McDonald, the British minister, and M. Pavloff, the Russian charge d'affaires, owing to the latter's commanding the tsung-li yamen to revoke its agreement with the Hong Kong bank, under pain of the czar's strong displeasure. The Chinese are inclined to obey M. Pavloff, seeing that the British confine themselves to verbal protests. The position is now worse than ever. All the Russian ships have returned to Port Arthur, while the British vessels are assembling at Wei-Hai-Wei and Cheo Foo. Extreme activity prevails ashore at Port Arthur. All the information obtainable tends to show that the dispatches sent to London from New York confirming yesterday's cablegram that England has been preparing for a naval demonstration in the event of grave Anglo-Russian complications, are merely gossip.

#### ANGLO-EGYPTIAN ADVANCE.

##### British Forces Within Forty Miles of the Khalifa's Stronghold.

Wady Hamid, Aug. 29.—Yesterday, the gunboats with the Anglo-Egyptian expedition seized the island of Glib-Koyan, opposite Elhajir, about 40 miles north of Omdurman, the capital of the khalfia. The island will be used as an advance depot for stores. The Anglo-Egyptian forces began to advance yesterday, moving in five parallel columns at a deploying distance. They were led by Jalin guides and by bands of pipers, who were playing. It was an imposing spectacle. The friendly natives on the opposite bank of the Nile indulged in delighted war dances. The camp is now a wilderness of broken biscuit boxes and other rubbish.

The dervish scouts are active, and it is rumored there is a dervish force on the left bank of the Emirs Seeki and Wabishara. It is reported that the khalfia is preparing to make a stand at Kererri, seven miles north of Omdurman, and will defend the Mahdi's tomb to the last.

#### OUTBREAK IN HAINAN.

##### British Consul Looking Out for American Missionaries.

London, Aug. 29.—The Daily Mail's Hong Kong correspondent telegraphs: The British consul at Kiang Chau Hainan, has asked the American consul at Canton to urge the victory to send soldiers to Noda, near Hoilow, to protect the lives and property of American missionaries there, who have been obliged to flee for their lives from Noda and seek the protection of the British consul at Hoilow.

The British consul appealed to the tao-tai to protect the threatened Americans, and soldiers were dispatched who succeeded in rescuing them and escorting them from Noda to Hoilow.

#### RELIEVING HAVANA'S POOR.

##### Bazaar Inaugurated for the Purpose of Raising Funds.

Havana, Aug. 29.—Last night, a bazaar was inaugurated having for its object the raising of funds for the relief of the poor. The civil governor was one of the patrons of the bazaar. The building in which the affair was held was filled to its utmost capacity, and a large crowd had assembled outside.

An American merchant has given 25 barrels of potatoes, and Miss Clara Barton has offered 50 barrels for use in the free kitchen.

Miss Clara Barton, accompanied by a number of her party, went this morning to Matanzas. The remainder of the Red Cross delegation remained on board the Clinton at Havana.

#### Death of Peter H. Hatch.

Salem, Or., Aug. 27.—The death of Peter H. Hatch, which had been expected since Sunday, when he was stricken with paralysis, occurred at 1 P. M. this afternoon at the family home. For the past four days he had lain in a semi-conscious condition. The funeral will be held Saturday.

#### Debs' New Association.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 29.—The secretary of state today licensed a new political body to incorporate—the "Social Democratic Association." Eugene V. Debs, Victor L. Berger and Seymour Steadman are incorporators.

#### Heavy Bank Failure in Germany.

Berlin, Aug. 29.—A report published in some of the papers that the Allgemeine Deutsche Credit Effecten Versicherungs bank has failed, with liabilities of several millions, and no assets. The bankers, it is said, have disappeared.

#### Tokio Warehouse Frauds.

Seattle, Aug. 29.—The steamer Riojan Maru brings intelligence that the Japanese commercial world is being torn to its center by the discovery of frauds in the management of the Tokio Warehouse Company (Higo Soko Kaisha). Up to the time the Riojan Maru left the Orient, the investigation of frauds showed the deficiency to be over 500,000 yen.

The skin of an eel, if worn about the leg will cure rheumatism.

## EXPLOSION AT SEA.

### Stickeen Chief Undoubtedly Lost With All Hands.

San Francisco, Aug. 29.—News has been received here confirming the reported loss of the stern-wheeler Stickeen Chief. A letter received from Juneau dated August 10 brings the confirmatory news, and further says that the disaster was doubtless caused by an explosion, and that the crew and passengers, numbering 43 persons, were undoubtedly lost. The Dora saved a dog, which was found floating on a piece of wreckage.

That it was an explosion that caused the loss is inferred by the Dora's crew from the fact that most of the wreckage was broken into small bits.

The wreckage was found in latitude 56.28 north, longitude 142.13 west, on August 6.

#### MAKING A SLOW VOYAGE.

##### Steamer Two Months Out From San Francisco for St. Michaels.

San Francisco, Aug. 29.—The steamer Dawson City, which departed from here for St. Michaels more than two months ago, had a very bad time of it on her voyage, and when last heard from had not reached her destination. She was the smallest steamer ever left here carrying passengers for Alaska, and was intended to go up the Yukon, dredging the river to make it navigable and also to scoop up gold. A letter from the steamer dated at Dutch Harbor says that it took her 35 days to reach that port, which her commander expected to make in 10 days.

#### BARK GUARDIAN LOST.

##### Old Lumber Drogher a Wreck in Alaska Waters.

Seattle, Aug. 29.—News reached here this afternoon of the wrecking of the bark Guardian on the rocks off Tegald island, Alaska. No lives were lost. Captain Eagles and the crew took to the lifeboats and pulled through the fog 23 miles to Unalaska. The Guardian will undoubtedly be a total loss, as she was fast going to pieces when last sighted. The Guardian was returning from Kotzebue sound, where she had landed a large number of passengers.

San Francisco, Aug. 29.—The Merchants' Exchange here has received word from Unalaska, confirming the report of the wreck of the bark Guardian. The captain and crew have landed at Unalaska. The Guardian was bound from Kotzebue sound for Seattle, and ran aground during a fog on Tegald island.

#### A RIOT AT CAVITE.

##### One Utah Soldier Killed and Several Wounded by Natives.

Manila, Aug. 29.—Last Wednesday a corporal and two men of battery B, Utah artillery, after disembarking at Cavite were sent on an errand. While passing through the streets, Trooper Hudson discharged his revolver. It was in mere fun, but the natives in the immediate locality were much alarmed for a time.

The natives immediately began firing. Dismounted cavalrymen were sent to quell the disturbance, but the natives misunderstood the movement, and the firing became general.

Trooper Hudson was killed, and Corporal Anderson mortally wounded. Troopers Laydon, Machbar, Connolly and Doyle, of the Fourth cavalry, were seriously wounded. Four natives were killed, and several wounded.

Aguinaldo has expressed regret at the encounter, and promises to punish the offenders. No further trouble is apprehended.

#### Particulars of the Clash.

New York, Aug. 29.—A copyright special from Manila to the New York Journal says: There has been a serious clash at Cavite between United States soldiers and insurgents. The riot resulted in the killing of one soldier, and the serious wounding of another.

George Hudson, a member of the Utah battery, got into a dispute with a native shopkeeper. Fearing trouble he fired his revolver in the air to attract the attention of some fellow-soldiers. A great crowd of natives ran to the scene of the disturbance, and began firing their revolvers, killing Hudson, and seriously wounding Corporal William Anderson, of the same battery, who had hurried to the assistance of Hudson.

A detachment of the Fourth cavalry was called out and dispersed the Filipinos, who continued to fire their revolvers as they retreated, but without doing any more damage.

On the same night some of the soldiers doing guard duty saw a large party of natives stripping the wreck of a gunboat which was lying in Cavite bay. A boat with an armed force was put off shore, and the sailors lashed the natives, who failed to answer. Then the soldiers fired a volley, killing one and wounding another.

Hudson Came From Baker City. Salt Lake, Aug. 29.—The killing of another at Cavite, as announced today, created much interest here. Both men were members of battery B, under command of Captain F. A. Grant. The man who was killed was George H. Hudson. He enlisted at Mercer, May 5. His home was originally at Baker City, Or., where his father, Dr. Hudson, now resides.

#### A Foolish Expedition.

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 27.—In a boat 13 feet long, well provisioned, Captain William Andrews has sailed from Young's ocean pier for a trip to Europe. His boat, which is peculiarly constructed, is known as the Phantom Ship. The captain expects to reach Europe within 60 days, in spite of all storms.

Professor Hill, of the geological survey, says annexation is Cuba's ultimate destiny.

#### Another War Department Blunder.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Aug. 29.—It is announced this afternoon that it will be practically impossible to maintain the Third army corps at Huntsville, where it has been ordered to proceed from Chickamauga. The indications are that the corps will be sent in entirety to Anniston, Ala., a place said to be adapted for camping a large body of troops. The officials here have agreed upon the change in plans, and only await indorsement from the war department. The reason for the change is scarcity of water at Huntsville.

## ON THE AMERICAN SIDE

### Mines Better Than in the Klondike.

#### BETTER FIELD FOR THE MINER

Estimate of a Competent Man, Who Has Succeeded There—Fort Yukon Food Riot.

Portland, Or., Aug. 27.—"The man who can go into the Klondike country and succeed now would succeed if he stay at home," said H. W. Sheridan, who has just returned from that far land. He was formerly superintendent of a Kansas City railroad, but a year ago he left Portland for Alaska, went over Chilkoot pass and down the river to Dawson, thence to Fort Yukon, where he spent most of the winter, then he returned to Circle City, and finally out by way of St. Michaels, where he stopped several weeks.

"Yes," continued Mr. Sheridan, "a year ago a man stood a good chance of striking something worth having, if he got in before the main rush reached the camp. But those chances were all taken long ago, and the man who succeeds now will have to be possessed of the qualities that would bring him success anywhere. And in that case, he would better remain in a civilized country."

Mr. Sheridan went in with a party of seven men, which was signed as H. W. Sheridan & Co. After making up the situation at Dawson, they took a contract from one of the big companies for chopping 120 cords of steambark wood, and delivering it to the river bank near Fort Yukon, and thither they went. The terms of the contract were that the company was to provide the necessary supplies for the woodchoppers and pay them \$5 per cord for the wood. Sheridan swung a 4 1/2-pound ax until the wood contract was filled, and then he took to trading, and found it a great deal more profitable and a great deal more laborious. He bought and sold outfits or mines or anything that was an article of commerce in that country. He said his business brought him entirely satisfactory returns, but declined to say just how much richer his year's existence in Alaska had made him.

"I will say this," said he: "I cleared as much in gold in my one year in Alaska as I could have made in 10 years railroading, and I have always commanded a pretty fair salary, too. Besides, I have two good claims there, in American territory. I shall return to them again."

Mr. Sheridan had some notable experiences in Fort Yukon. He was brought to the front at the time of the food riot and rendered valuable service to Captain Ray.

At Circle City Mr. Sheridan thinks present prospects much brighter than at Dawson. The Birch creek diggings cover a much greater area than the whole Klondike country, though the claims there are not so fabulously rich as a few of the choicest Klondikers, still many that paid \$20 to \$50 a day were abandoned for the Klondike rush and are now being retaken. Restaking is in progress all along Birch creek and its branches, and a great many miners are going in there again. As a permanent proposition those mines will beat the Klondike. I regard it as a better field for the miner. Mr. Sheridan says there are just four good mines on Minnaek creek, and that the great future over that creek is a systematic booming scheme for the benefit of certain promoters.

#### DEATHS AT CAMP WIKOFF.

##### Nine Sick Soldiers Unable to Stand the Intense Heat.

New York, Aug. 27.—The heat is playing havoc with the sick men in Camp Wikoff, and is partly responsible for the following deaths which were reported today:

Private John Hullen, Seventy-first New York; Private Thomas Smith, Seventeenth United States infantry. Both of the above expired in the general hospital.

Durant, a colored man of company A, Twenty-fifth infantry; Ausex, Ludwig and Desch, troop E, rough riders; August Shraeter, orderly of company K, Seventy-first New York; John Simpson, company D, Tenth regiment regular infantry; Sergeant G. P. Bradley, company F, Sixteenth infantry, at the detention hospital.

There are 1,120 sick in the general hospital, and 336 in the detention hospital. There are 210 cases of typhoid fever. One hundred and thirty sick of the Eighth Ohio volunteers were landed from the Mohawk today and taken to the detention hospital.

#### Brutal Sport.

Allen City, N. J., Aug. 27.—While wrestling today at the Linet Park for the championship belt turned over to Richard K. Fox by Ernest Roebler, "The Terrible Greek," Heraklides, and "The Strong Jack," Takezawa, became involved in such a heated struggle that the former was rendered unconscious by the fearful pressure exerted by the Japanese wrestler. When the match was stopped, the Greek was black in the face and was in spasms. Tonight he lies in a precarious condition, and his death is expected.

#### H. T. Gage for Governor of California.

Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 27.—Henry T. Gage, of Los Angeles, was today nominated for governor, Jacob H. Neff, of Placer county, for lieutenant-governor, by the Republican state convention. All the other candidates for governor withdrew before the convention met, except Dr. George C. Pardee, of Oakland, whose name was placed before the convention, and who then asked the delegates to cast a unanimous vote for his rival.

#### Japan Wants the Ladrones.

Seattle, Aug. 27.—Japanese newspapers received here today say that Japan wants to buy the Ladrones islands for their fish resources. About eight years ago, it is stated, the Spanish government offered to sell the islands to Japan, but their purchase was successfully opposed by Count Inouye.

New York, Aug. 27.—Morris D. Kane and Christopher Jurgensen, privates of the Seventy-first New York volunteers, were killed while skylarking on a train near Westbury, L. I., today.

## LAST TO LEAVE CUBA.

All of Shafter's Army, Including the General, Sail From Santiago.

Washington, Aug. 27.—The last of Shafter's army will sail from Cuba tomorrow. The following dispatch was received at the war department late this afternoon:

"Santiago, via Hayti, Aug. 27.—Adjutant-General, U. S. A., Washington: Command all embarked except detachment of recruits of the First Illinois volunteer infantry, and a part of the Ninth Massachusetts volunteer infantry, all of which will embark tomorrow morning on transports now here. General Butt, with the First Illinois, on the Berlin, and the Berkshire with 350 convalescents, leave this morning for Montauk Point. I leave with headquarters and one company of the First infantry on the Mexico by noon today. Instructions about the Orizaba proceeding to Montauk Point just received. The Allegheny left yesterday with the Ninth Massachusetts on board. The Unionist, having on board one company of the First Illinois and private horses, leaves today. The Saratoga, with Lieutenant Freedman and 850 of the Fifth infantry, arrived this morning; 307 more are expected on the Knickerbocker in two or three hours.

#### "SHAFTEK" Major-General.

#### NORTH ATLANTIC SQUADRON.

##### Will Be Kept Intact Pending Conclusion of Peace Negotiations.

New York, Aug. 27.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Acting Secretary Allen said in an interview that there is no intention on the part of the government to diminish the fighting strength of the North Atlantic squadron until peace has actually been declared. For the present and pending the conclusion of peace negotiations, the squadron under command of Rear-Admiral Sampson will be kept intact, with a view of meeting any emergency that may arise.

Mr. Allen added that much time and money had been expended in the assembling of a formidable fleet of warships, and it would not be judicious to disband or scatter that fleet prematurely. The various ships will be sent to the several navy-yards to receive such repairs as they may need, but they will be continued in commission and prepared for immediate service.

Mr. Allen says there have been no requests from the people of the Pacific coast for the return of the battleship Oregon. It is possible that she may at some future time return to the Pacific station, but for the present she will remain with the Atlantic squadron.

Pending the conclusion of peace negotiations, those officers who participated in the war will be given leave of absence when circumstances will permit. The vessels of the fleet will not be sent out of the country on special or other service.

#### RATIONS FOR CUBANS.

##### Shipment of Provisions for the Starving People of the Island.

Washington, Aug. 27.—The Comal sailed from Tampa to Havana today with 1,000,000 government rations for distribution to the starving people of Cuba. These rations will be distributed by Lieutenant A. D. Niskern, under the direction of Captain Lotus Niles, of the artillery, in conformity with the orders of the president and secretary of war. Supplies will be furnished to other provinces in the island under the direction of officers of the army as the emergency demands.

It has been learned that there will be no difficulty regarding the entry of the supply vessels to Cuban ports or their distribution under the direction of United States officers. It is said that the Spanish authorities in Cuba are glad to have the provisions sent in.

#### Insurgents Welcome Peace.

Havana, Aug. 27.—The British steamer Bayan, from Jamaica, arrived at Cienfuegos today with 900 tons of provisions for the Spanish army. The steamer Clinton, with Miss Clara Barton, of the American Red Cross Society, has also arrived with provisions for the society.

Reports from Pinar del Rio say that the suspension of hostilities comes agreeably to the insurgents, as they were entirely without clothing, and were obliged to divide in small groups, it being impossible to find provisions for all.

#### Settlement of War Claims.

Salem, Aug. 27.—Governor Lord today received, concurred in and signed a joint memorial to congress, urging prompt and final legislation for the settlement of the war claims of Oregon, California and Nevada, accruing by reason of the "costs, charges and expenses incurred by them from 1861 to 1865, for the defense of the Union."

The document contains a full, yet concise history of the steps heretofore taken by the states to have the great public claims settled, and was signed by Governors Budd, of California, and Sadler, of Nevada.

#### Prominent Stockman Killed.

Thompson Springs, Utah, Aug. 27.—B. F. Graves, a prominent stockman, of this county, was shot and instantly killed yesterday by Del Wenz. The men had some difference regarding the ownership of property. They met yesterday at Bargard's ranch, and after a few words wenchesters were brought into use, and Graves was shot and instantly killed.

#### Brishane, Queensland, Aug. 27.