SCARES MODERATES

Jobs to Liberals.

FORCES CUBANS TO NEGOTIATE

Rebeis and Government Will Treat With Each Other - Marines Needed Anyway.

Havana, Sept. 27 .- The government party last night abandoned its basic contention that it is impossible to treat for peace with armed robels, and proposed to negotiate directly with a com-mittee of its opponents. It agreed to case extrading for 30 miles. leave all points upon which under-standing is not reached to the final arbitration of Secretaries Taft and Bacon. The government first suggested that it would treat with the Liberals if they would lay down their arms, but the American commissioners ruled that this stipulation was unfair and the Moderate representatives hold this view.

It is beyond question that both parties were brought to a more tractable frame of mind by the verbal ultima-tum issued by Messrs. Taft and Bacon yesterday in the name of President Roosevelt, that, unless they consent to a fair arbitration, the United States must compel the same by a temporary military occupation. Such occupation, it was declared, would not mean American sovereignty. It would continue only until new elections had been held, the government firmly established and order restored.

Whatever the outcome of the negotiations between the Liberals and Moderates may be, it is felt here that there will be need for all the American marines within reach, as there is little confidence in the ability of the rebel leaders to control their men when ordered to give up their arms and return to their homes.

It is tactitly understood by the committees of the two parties that, unless an agreement is reached this week, armed American intervention will ensue. The Moderates declare that the appointment of a committee to negotiate with the Liberals does not mean the conceding of new elections. The general disposition to get together is stronger.

NOMINATED IN NEW YORK.

Hearst for Democrats and Hughes for Republicans Will Lead Fight.

New York, Sept. 27. - By nominating Charles E. Hughes, of New York city, for governor, the Republican state convention turned down the old leaders and recognized the new ones, headed Malmuish district and eight of their by Herbert Parsons, chairman of the subordinates have been killed. It also bowed to the judgment of President Roosevelt as to the strongest can didate to nominate, and accepted the preference of Governor Higgins. By electing Timothy L. Woodruff for state chairman it finally retired "Boss" Odell, placated Senator Platt and at the same time recognized the ability of a man who is a strong political force irrespective of his affiliation with any of the old bosses. The control of new leaders was further emphasized by the absence of Senators Platt and Depew, who have not missed a state convention in many years. The old leaders, however, were pacified by the renomination of all the state officers except that Lewis was named for controller in place of Otto Kelsey.

HURRICANE IN SOUTH.

Millions of Dollars Damage Done and Probable Loss of Life.

Louisville, Ky., Sept. 28 .- The trop-They Fear Uncle Sam May Give ical hurricane which for the past 24 hours has been churning the waters of the Gulf of Mexico and doing much

damage on the coast and far inland, is Annual Meeting at Hood River Octowhipping through North Alabama in a

northeasterly direction at a velocity but slightly less than that of 45 to 60 miles an hour, recorded in New Or-leans during the day. Reports received by the Associated Press do not indicate any loss of life, but the damage to properity over the territory touched by the storm is something enormous.

All wire communication is seriously disarranged and in some instances has resulted in cutting off cities completely, Mobile not having bene heard from in nearly 24 hours.

Numerous washouts have occurred. the interruption from this cause in one

Pensacola, where the maximum ve locity of wind was probably felt early this morning, reports a property loss of \$3,000,000 in the city alone, and sends rumors of loss of life, which it is impossible to confirm.

The damage to railroads is very heavy. Reports to the officials of the Louisville & Nashville road from the superintendent of the Mobiile and Montgomery divisions indicate that the loss approximates \$1,000,000. The tracks between Flomaton, Ala., and

Pensacola, Fla., are obsurncted in many places and in some places badly torn up by falling trees. At Pensacola, the Louisville & Naah-

ville grain elevator has been destroyed and the entire trackage to Escambia bay is ruined. The railroad wharf at Peneacola is reported to be a total loss and 39 cars of coal of the company was

washed into the bay. Biloxi, Miss., and Moss Point, Miss., have not been heard from for 24 hours. Moss Point reported the water five feet deep in the streets of the little town at 10 o'clock Wednesday night.

There was a heavy rain and high wind at Montgomery, Ala., during the day, but no serious damage was done. A gale is blowing at Birmingham tonight after a day of steady rain; which has been continuous for 36 hours.

VIATKA IN GENERAL REVOLT.

Peasants Resist Army Enrollment, Kill and **Disarm** Police.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 28. - Grave agrarian disorders have broken out in the province of Viatka, the center of the disturbance being the important district of Malmuish, with a popula-tion of over 100,000, where the inhabitants of more or less villages have joined in the uprising have disarmed and expelled the police and are pillaging and destroying the residences of the landowners and devastating the country. It is rumored at Viatka that the administrative police chiefs in the

The excesses began September 20, reserve men for the automobile service. tion, killed a sergeant and six rural poant police chief of the district and destroyed the list of reserve men. The Viborg manifesto is thought to and its exhortation to the peasants to refuse to do military service was spread by the members of the outlawed parliament from Viatka.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

IRRIGATION ASSOCIATION.

ber II and 12 Promises Well.

The fourth annual meeting of the Oregon Irrigation association will be held at Hood River in connection with the Hood River Valley Fruit fair, October 11 and 12, 1906, and all who are interested in furthering the irrigation movement which at this time means so

much to the development of the state, are invited to be present and participate in the work of this organization. The appointment of delegates will be as follows: All state officials, includ

ing members of the legislative assembly, senators and members of congress including members of congress elect and senators nominated, the mayor of all cities, the presidents of the state university, state agricultural college and state normal schools, shall be considered ex-officio members of the association, and delegates shall be appointed as follows: Fifteen by the governor of the state, ten by the mayor of the city of Portland, five by the mayor of each other city in the state, five by the county judge of each county and five by each chamber of commerce, board of trade or other commercial body or regularly organized irriation, agricultural, horticultural or engineering society within the state.

It is respectfully urged that in the appointment of delegates, persons shall e selected who are sincerely interested in the subject and who are likely to attend the convention, and that appointments shall be made as early as possible.

The appointing powers will please have the full name and postoffice address of their appointees mailed to the secretary, A. King Wilson, at his office in the Chamber of Commerce building, Portland, immediately upon appointment being made.

Information of every character relative to this meeting will be furnished by the secretary.

A partial program has already been arranged as follows:

"Irrigation Under the Carey Act in the Deschutes Vailey," Jesse Stearns, attorney for D. I. & P. Co.; "Need of Legislation in Oregon on the Subject of Waters," John H. Lewis, state engineer; "Irrigation for Humid Regions," (Oct. 12) Prof. F. L. Kent, dairy instructor, O. A. C.; "Irrigation Conditions in Malheur County, Oregon," F. W. Metcalf, manager famous Arcadia farm; 'Fruit Growing on Irrigated Lands,' Judd Geer, of Cove, Oregon; "Some Legal Phases of Irrigation," John H. Lawrey, attorney, Pendleton; "Irriga-tion in the Willamette Valley," Grant B. Dimick, county judge, Clackamas county; "Irrigation in the Rogne River Valley," J. W. Perkins, member of legislature, Jackson county.

Working Old Hammersley Mine.

ment.

Is To Be Found in No Other Section of United States.

COBALT IN GRANT.

Salem - According to the statistical information furnished Labor Commissioner Hoff, by the United States geo logical survey bureau, at Washington. D. C., there are 2,170 mines of different kinds in the state of Oregon, under development, the greater number of which are gold and copper, while in some portions of the state deposits of some kinds of mineral are found which do not exist elsewhere in the United States. Notable among these latter are

the cobalt mines of Grant county, said to be the only discovery of this valuable mineral to have been found in the country.

Cobalt is used extensively and is of great value for coloring purposes and in the arts. It is found in combination with copper, carrying a large per cent of gold. In his forthcoming biennial report, Labor Commissioner Hoff will comment upon this statistical data as follows:

"A large number of the mines given in the table are not operated, some having been abandoned, and many are in the first stages of development, on account of the lack of capital to carry on the work. Considerable harm has been done the mining interesst of the state by unscrupulous promoters who, by 'wildcatting,' have succeeded in swindling many unsuspecting investors and are responsible for retarding the development of the industry generally.

"The principal mining counties in the order of the number of miners employed are: Baker, Josephine, Jackon, Grant, Lane, Douglas and Coos Other counties have extensive mining interests, and the industry, already of some magnitude, will continue to grow At present there are about 3,370 miners in the state who draw an average wage of \$3 per day. Estimating that they work, on an average, two-thirds of the time, the amount paid them annually in wages is \$2,022,000."

Siuslaw is Full of Salmon.

Eugene - Reports from the Siuslaw river state that the present run of chinook salmon is the biggest in a num ber of years, and the pack of the two canneries and the co'd storage plant at Florence will be a record breaker. The canneries are owned and operated by O. W. Hurd and William Kyle & Sons, respectively, and the cold storage plant by the latter. The silversides are just now beginning to run, and they, too, promise to be very plentiful.

Farmers Catch Salmon.

Arlington-The John Day river, a few miles west of Arlington, is simply alive with fine big salmon, and farmers are catching them there each day by PALMA QUITS JOB.

Will Thus Force intervention by the United States.

Hayana, Sept. 26 .- The Cuban re-Havana, Sept. 20. The best of a second Cuban Congress Gives h Moderate party, which six weeks ago was in control of every office in the inland, national, provincial and municipal, is determined to abdicate everything and compel the United States to intervene. In fact, every government official from President Palma down is sincerely anxious to force such inter-vention rather than yield to any one of the terms offered by the Liberal party

and those in arms against the govern-

Cuban Congress,

vention in Cuba will be an arrest

President Rooseveli's piace on of the United States into intervention. sioners, although clothed with the est authority from him to take mi This, it has been stated, is precisely what President Roosevelt has been most est authority from him to take me tion whenever it became obviou the securing of peace by harm the warring Cubans was imp Senor Palma has called a special ses-

sion of congress for Friday, when he will present the resignation of himself patiently withheld their had thus setting selde Cubas tormin and Vice President Mendez Capote. until the last hope disappeared, stage was reached at a late hop night, when a majority of all is refused to attend the s stimular called to a.t upon the reigning members of the government as a quit forthwith. They will not or have ed definitely that they would anything more to do with the govern-nothing more to do with the government of Cuba.

ment of Cuba. As was expected, there has a much rabid denunciation of the co-pursued by the American countin ers, who, it has been alleged, has ed unfairly towards the governe but the great mass of the raiden Cuba, Cubans, Spanlards, Anen and all other foreigners, welcous in vention as something for which the have longed throughout six web unrest, disorder and ill-feeling. The proclamation will be imad

day. It will be singed by Mr. Ta virtue of the authority vested is by President Roosevelt. It will a Mr. Taft provisional military put of Coba until he deems the on sufficiently pacified for civil part ment, whereupon he will call Beith Winthrop, governor of Porto Ein act as civil governor.

NAVY IS SHORT OF MARINES

Urgently Needed at Cienfuegos, M Are Available.

Washington, Sept. 29 .- Au for more men to assist in protect property at Cienfuegos, Cabs, was ceived today by Acting Secretary is berry, of the Navy department, Commander Smith of the croiser (land, which is now stationed at 0 fuegos, together with the gunboat | rietta.

In addition to the regular comment of marines and bluejackets at warships, 225 other marines was to Cienfuegos to assist in looking foreign interests there, and at p

The Moderates, however, will not attend that session of congress, for in their hurriedly called National Moderate assembly yesterday alternoon they decided unanimously simply to quit forthwith. They will not even atment of Cuba, alleging that they have been unjustly treated by Mr. Roosevelt's commissioners. FOREIGN IMPORTS EXEMPT.

anxious to avoid.

Moody's Opinion on Meat Inspection -New Rules for Exports.

Washington, Sept. 26 .- A decision has been reached by the department of Justice that the meat inspection law recently enacted by congress does not apply to foreign products shipped into this country. This opinion was pre-pared several days ago and submitted to Attorney General Moody. He concurred, it is understood, in the opinion prepared by the department.

The acting secretary of commerce and labor today promulgated certain rules regarding the exportation of meats and meat products, prescribing the manner of inspecting carcasses and the issuance of certificates, labels, etc.

The rules require that both the original and duplicate certificate shall be delivered to the exporter, who shall file the original with the customs officer and the duplicate with the consignee, to be used by the latter in identifying the shipment at the point of destination by comparison with the original.

Clearance is to be denied to any ves sel carrying meat products for exportation where regulations have not been strictly complied with. The rules will go into effect on October 1.



TAFT AS GOVEN

He Assumes Control INTERVENTION WAS VED

Majority of All Parties Refus

tend the Special Session y

The Liberal leaders characterize the Havana, Sept. 29.-America conduct of the government as treason to the republic, while Secretary of War Taft regards it as an unwarranted and dishonorable attempt to force the hand ed fact today.

Buffalo, Sept. 27. - William R. league nominated for state offices eargovernor and secretary of state-were nomiated by the Democrats.

Wreck Police Chief's House.

Helsingfors, Finland, Sept. 27 .- A second bomb was thrown during the night against the residence of Captain Albrecht, commander of the police, following the unsuccessful attempt made house was wrecked, but there was no perpetrators of the outrage were actuated by a spirit of revenge for the recent arrests of the Finnish refugees in has been experienced recently in re-Stockholm, in which the Finnish police curing cars in which to transport the co-operated.

Illegal Fencers Fined.

Withita, Kan, Sept. 27. - In the United States District court here today, dictment for maintaining fences on government land. Jadge Pollock sentenced the company to pay fines aggre-The cases against gating \$1,250. were continued until next term. There were originally 13 defendants, but the other cases were dismissed.

Honors for Japanese Heroes.

London, Sept. 27. - Telegraphing from Tokio, the correspondent of the

Make Final Effort.

Havana, Sept. 28. - The Moderate party last night decided to make a final effort to perpetuate the authority of Hearst, backed by "Boss" Murphy, of the Palma administration by deter-Tammany Hall, has been nominated mining to reject the resignation of the for governor by the Damocratic state president when presented to congress convention. The platform extends fe- today. When this decision was reachlicitations to William Jennings Bryan ed, Secretary of War Taft and Assistwithout saying anything about the ant Secretary of State Bacon, the Amerpresidency. With Hearst two of the ican commissioners, had already con-other candidates of the Independence cluded to intervene, but they agreed to cluded to intervene, but they agreed to await today's developments, as they lier in this month-those of lieutenant are anxious to afford the Cubans every opportunity to work out their own salvation.

Salt Trust Raises Price.

New York, Sept. 28 .- The International Salt company yesterday raised its prices on all grades of salt approximately 60 cents per ton. This is said to be the third raise within a period of early yesterday morning to blow up the three months. The reasons given are police reserve barracks. The captain's that the shutting down of two of the largest producing plants in the Utica loss of life. It is thought that the district has caused a shortage in the supply, that the demand is unprecedentedly large and that much difficulty product.

Typhoon in North Luzon.

Manila, Sept. 28 .- The Cagayan valley, in the northern part of the Island the Boyce Cattle company entered a of juzon, was devastated by a typhoon plea of guilty to four counts of one in- September 18. Barrios, Gallaran and Lagunan were totally destroyed and four towns were badly damaged. Cagthe island, and the crops were practi-James W. McClain and M. C. Combs cally destroyed. No estimate has been made of the amount of damage done, but the loss of life is known to have been slight.

Estimates of Loss at Hongkong.

Manila, Sept. 28 .- Chinese newspa pers received here today estimate the Daily Telegram says that, in connection low of life resulting from the typhoon with war honors, Marquis Ito and at Hongkong, September 18. at 10,000. Field Marshals Yamagata and Oyama and the loss of the fishing fleet and the have been created princes and Vice Ad-mira. Togo a marguis. damage to property at from \$3,000,000 many years and reaped a fortune. The 8@8%c. Pork-

with a riot over the enrollment of army mine, in the Jump-Off Joe district, is least 10,000 of these fish will be capagain the scene of active mining opera- tured in that stream within the next At the village of Mulnami a body of tions, after lying id'e for a number of two weeks. peasants attacked the enrollment sta- years. R. G. Smith, of this city, has a force of men at work, and the stamps licemen, mortally wounded the assist- of the old mill are again dropping on good ore. The old pile of tailings, of which there are in the neighborhood of 350 tons, is being run through a cyanbe more directly responsible for the ide plant which has been erected. The disorders than anything else. It had a tailings, according to assays, carry \$11 wide circulation in Viatka province, in gold, and as the expense of working them is small, a handsome profit will be realized.

O. A. C. Starts Well.

Corvallis-In spite of the fact that the O. A. C. opened early this year, \$12@14, clover, \$7@7.50; cheat, \$7@ the first two days showed the largest 7.50; grain hay, \$7; alfalfa, \$10; enrollment for a similar time in the vetch hay, \$7@7.50. history of the institution, 498 being enrolled and many are still coming. This enrollment is an increase of 56 over @\$1.25; grapes, Oregon, 50@75c per last year. At this rate an enrollment crate; peaches, 75c@\$1: pears, 75c@ of more than 900 will be reached this year. With an expectation of this four prunes, 25@50c per box new professors and assistant professors have been added to the faculty. Very noticeable among the new students is the increase in the number of high school students, several coming from 11/2@2c per pound; cauliflower. \$1@ the Portland high school.

Teach Spanish in University,

Eugene - The University of Oregon has established a new department, that dozen; peas, 4@5c; bell peppers, 5c; of romance languages, which will be under the charge of Dr. Timothy Clo- 4@5c per pound; tomatoes, 40 @ 50c ran, who has just returned from a per box; pareley, 10@15c; sprouts, 8c year's travel in France and Spain. per pound; squash, 114c per pound; Heretofore the university has offered turnips, 90c@\$1 per eack; carrots, \$1 courses in French, with the instructor under the direction of Professor F. G. sack; horseradish, 10c per pound. G. Schmidt, professor of modern lan- On guages and literatures. But with the dred. coming of Dr. Cloran Spanish will be added to the university curriculum, and there will be opportunity for broader work in the department of Germanic pound. language and literature under Professor Schmidt.

Chittam Bark in Demand.

price rapidly. All the past winter @14c; spring, 15c; old roosters, 9(a Eugene dealers have been paying 33% 10c; dressed chickens, 14@151%c; turand 4 cents for the bark, but at present keys, live. 16@21c; turkeys, dressed. the price offered is 6 cents. Light peel choice, 21@221/2c; geese, live, 9@10c; ayan is the principal tobacco section of for the past two seasons is given as the ducks, 14@15c. cause for the rise. Manufacturers' stocks are running low. There are 1905, nominal; 1904, nominal, about seven carloads of the bark in Eu- Wool-Eastern Oregon average gene warehouses, some of which was 15@19c per pound, according to shrinkpurchased two and three years ago at a sge; valley, 20@22c, according to price about the same as is now offered. fineness.

Offers Big Ranch for Sale.

Athens-J. J. Rauistone has placed

Grants Pass - The old Hammersly the wagon load. It is expected that at

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Club, +4@65c; bluestem, 67 @68c; valley, 67@68c; red, 61@62c. Oate-No. 1 white, \$24@24 50; gray, \$22@23 per ton.

Barley-Feed, \$20@21 per ton; brewing, \$21.50@22, rolled, \$22. Rye-\$1.35 per cwt.

Corn-Whole, \$27; cracked, \$28 per

Hay-Valley timothy, No. 1, \$10 @ 11 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, 7.50; grain bay, \$7; alfalfa, \$10;

Fruits-Apples, common to choice, 25@75c per box; choice to fancy, 75c \$1.25; crab apples, \$1@1.25 per box;

Melons-Cantaloupes, \$1@1.25 per crate; watermelons 34 @ lc per pound; casabas, \$2.50 per crate.

Vegetables-Beans, 5@7c; cabbage, dozen; cucumbers, 15c per dozen; egg plant, 10c per pound; lettuce, head, 20c per dozen; onions, 10@1234c per pumpkins, 1%c per pound; spinach, @1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.25@1.50 per

Onions - Oregon, \$1@1.25 per hun-Potstoes - Oregon Burbanke, deliv-

ered, 80@90c; in carlots f. o. b. country, 75@80c; sweet potatoes, 214c per Butter-Fancy creamery, 27 1/2 @30c

per pound. Eggs-Oregon ranch, 29c per dozen

Poultry - Average old hens, 14@ Eugene-Chittam bark is going up in 143%c per pound; mixed chickens, 183%

Hops - 1906, 15@17c per pound;

Wool-Eastern Oregon average best

Mohair-Choice, 29@30c per pound. Veal-Dressed, 5%@8c per pound. Beef-Dressed bulls, Sc per pound his large ranch on the market. He has cows, 41/2@51/2c; country steers. 5@6c. 1,100 acree of the very best wheat lands in Umatilla county, has farmed it for pound; ordinary, 5@8c; lambs, fancy,

Pork-Dressed, 7@8%c per pound.

Railroads Refuse Cars and Boost the Price to Consumers.

Salt Lake, Sept. 26 .- That the railroads are to blame for the high price and periodical shortage of coal in Salt Lake was the conclusion to be drawn from the testimony presented before Charles A. Prouty, of the Interstate Commerce commission today. The inquiry was adjourned until Thursday

morning at 10 o'clock when it will be resumed in Denver. Mark Hopkins, who opened two coal mines at Cumberland, Wyo., was sworn as an expert today. He said that coal could be placed in cars at Wyoming and Utah mines for \$1 a ton and allow a reasonable profit. The present price on board cars is \$2 a ton. Salt Lake dealers pay \$3.75 for the coal laid down and the

consumer pays \$5.25 a ton. P. J. Quealy, manager of the Kemmerer, Wyoming, coal company, and will be known for a week or more. Thomas Soeddon, superintendent of the Diamondville mines, admitted that bile. The lose of life is known to vent the annual winter shortages, but reach \$5,000,000. The smaller trea said that the railroads did not furnish cars to carry a larger product.

An attempt was made to show that two cities. the Union Pacific railway carries sup-1 25 per dozen; celery, 50@90c per that quoted to independent operators, plies for its mines at a lower rate than but this was not substantiated by direct testimony.

Army is Ready.

Oyster Bay, Sept. 26 .- Plans for the transfer of troops from the United States to Cuba in event of the failure of Secretary Taft's mission to bring about a peaceful solution of the trouble in the island republic have been completed. The final step was taken today, according to an announcement made here tonight, when the transport Sumner, now lying at the New York navy yard, was put in commission. Negotiations are already under way for the acquisition of merchant steamers to be used as transports.

Terrorists Try Fire.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 26 .- The Yamburg district has been devastated by a series of configrations which are believed to be the work of organized bands of incendiaries. Six private estates have been destroyed, and a great paper factory has been burned down. Two villages were in flames today. Great damage was done by fire in the Ohkhota quarter of St. Petersburg last night. Three persons are known to have lost their lives in this fire.

Adds to Montana Reserves.

Washington, Sept. 26 .- The secretary of the interior today withdrew from entry 380,000 acres of land in the Kalispell, Mont., land district, which are to be added to the Lewis and Clark and Kootenal forest reserves.

the Nave department has no stall men. Practically all the matine vi can be spared from barracks is f United States and from warships a preparing to go to Havana. It is a believed by the Navy department # any of the men now at Havans or their way there can be spared to an at Cienfuegos.

Work of the Hurricane.

Mobile, Ala., Sept. 29 .- Between and 100 lives lost, fally two score a sels driven ashore or wrecked is a ous parts of the Gulf of Merico, age amounting to \$4,500 000 in the da of Mobile, and two millions more a outside points, is the record of storm which swept Mobile Wednesd and Wednesday night. No accusate timate of the casualities can be m as yet, and it is doubtfu! if exact furn

Pensacola suffered as much as

Insured by Penny Paper. New York, Sept. 29 .- A special als dispatch to the Times from Lasia states that the heirs of one of the vie time of the Granthan disaster have ceived \$1,000 insurance, which a effected at a cost of 1 penny. The is sured was a regular subscriber bit London penny weekly which insert its readers against acceidents as death. His bag, containing a curs copy of the paper, duly stampid, so at the hotel at Retford. Within a ler hours of his death the claim was surined, allowed and settled.

Cold Storage Chickens Conden Chicago, Sept. 29.-Two care of cal storage chickens and over ten estade of meat were condemnad yesterday of meat were condemned yestendy of Chief Food Inspector Murray and he assistants, to say nothing of 15 cause-es of diseased cattle and four calve. The condemnation of the chickens rai due to private advices received by W. Murray from Canada. When he haned that the lot bad escaped him ad was on the way to New York, he usi-fied the authorities there.

Uncle Sam Owns Palma Islat Uncle Sam Owns Panlt is aid a Washington, Sept. 29.-It is aid a the State department that no. exists as to the American owner and control of Palma's island, os the small islands on the sou edge of the Philippines. About h months ago the War department quested the department of State