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The Porto Rico expedition, now under way, under the command of Gen. Miles and Admiral Sampson, is no bluff, for one of the certainties of the war is that we are to get and keep Porto Rico for our very own. How soon the town can be captured will, of course, depend on how vigorously the campaign is conducted.

The bluff, if bluff it is, is in connection with the movement against Spain itself. All last week there was mysterious talk about Watson's fleet being accompanied, or closely followed by an army of invasion, and the activity in the movement of the troops from the various camps, which has been much greater than necessary in connection with the invasion of Porto Rico, has lent probability to the talk.

And the calling of Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, who is still drawing salary as U. S. Minister to Spain, to Washington for the purpose of conferring with McKinley and his cabinet, has not lessened the talk, although some think that Woodford was sent for in connection with some proposition for peace that may have been received, notwithstanding the official denial that any such proposition had either been received or made.

The clashing between Gen. Shafter and Admiral Sampson, which formed such a disagreeable feature of the campaign against Santiago, broke out in the cabinet this week, secretaries Long and Alger respectively taking the sides of their superiors as to whether the valuable Spanish merchant ships that were in the harbor at Santiago when the place was surrendered to Shafter should be held by the army and thus become the property of the government without the payment of prize-money or should, in accordance with Sampson's demand, be turned over to the navy.

Just as the two secretaries were getting warmed up in their dispute attorney general Griggs settled the whole business by saying: "Neither of you may have the ships. The supreme court has rendered a decision on that very point. When there is a joint capture of ships by army and navy, or when the army alone captures them they are not to be considered prizes. Nobody gets any prize money." Official orders have been issued in accordance with what Griggs said.

Those who have stood up for the Cubans are anxiously waiting to see if Shafter's official reports will confirm the press dispatches as to the insurgents under Garcia being in almost a state of revolt because Santiago was not turned over to them; also as to the numerous stories of shirking, both of working and fighting, on the part of the insurgents. If these stories are officially confirmed, stock in the insurgents will take a decided slump. It has already been seriously affected by the dispatches of the correspondents with the army, many of whom are known to have gone to Cuba strongly prejudiced in favor of the insurgents and more likely to exaggerate their good qualities than their bad ones.

Secretary Alger is being accused of allowing his political prejudice against the southern regiments, most of the members of which are known to be democrats, to prevent his giving them a chance to win any glory out of the war by fighting. It is pointed out that such extraordinary orders as combining two brigades have been issued from the war department so as to shut out a southern regiment from each brigade; also that Gen. Fitz Lee was being kept in camp with the hope that the war may end before he had a chance to do any fighting. These are not pleasant things to write, but the accusations are being made, which make it necessary that they should be written. It is only fair to add that secretary Alger's friends deny that he has discriminated against either the southern troops or generals.

There is much criticism in Washington of the hobnobbing of American officers with Spanish officers of the surrendered army at Santiago. The general opinion is that if our officers properly remembered the Maine they would confine their association with Spaniards to military courtesy.

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The railroad graders have camped in Moro and it will not be long until the Columbia Southern trains will be puffing into the county seat.
Johnson & Donahoe, livery men at Moro, sold their rigs and lots last Monday. Hulise and McCoy get the rigs, and Moore Bros. get the lots.

There will be an auction clearance sale at W. M. Barnett's store every Saturday afternoon, from 3 to 4 o'clock, until further notice. Don't miss it.
Mrs. Will Johnson, Miss Mae Johnson, E. E. Cooper, and P. J. Patterson enjoyed a days recreation and sight-seeing at Multnomah falls last Sunday.

Prof. R. Hargreaves and family attended the Gladstone Chatauqua, and go from there to Weston, Oregon, where he will devote his entire time to the ministry.
There will be a meeting of farmers at Moro, Saturday, July 30, at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of arranging with the Columbia Southern for freight rates from Moro and way points to Biggs. All farmers are