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A STATE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE

Fifteen Hundred People Left Homeless by a Conflagration on Lake Avenue.

WORST FIRE DULUTH HAS HAD

About Fifty Ramshackle Buildings Burned and Many Poor Families Destitute.

s were gotten under control it is estimated that about \$100,000 damage was done. The fire was the largest that Duluth has experienced in years. A row of worden buildings on the east side of Lake avenue on the lower side of the viaduct were destroyed. For No. 22 to No. 578, inclusive, the fire burned its way and for a time bid fair to take most of the south side of the street in its embrace. In addition to the damage on Lake avenue, a large number of small shacks in the rear of the burned store buildings and on St. Croix avenue were burned. Detective Troyer, who is well acquainted with that part of the city, estimates that as a result of the fire, 1.090 to 1.590 or 2.090 people were homeless last night. In some instances two and 11 % 2 families were crowded in one shack and beside the shacks, the upstairs parts of the saloons, stores and of several tenement houses on St. Croix avenue were occupied by one or two

There were many pathetic scenes everyall, scarcely saving what they had on. The men were usually occupied in helping one another or cursing their luck, while the women gave vent to their grief in floods of tears. Mothers were seen making sure that all their little ones were safe and after assuring themselves of this they seemed to get some com-fort. One woman, Mrs. Samuel Jones whose husband is in Minneupolis, waound in a very weak condition with he 6-days-old baby in her arms. Detective Troyer, who found her sitting on a va-cant let across from the fire, had an ambulance called and the sick woman was taken to St. Mary's hospital. Mrs. Jone had been living with Mrs. O'Connor over

had been living with Mrs. O'Connor over Thomas Trevilion's store.

Mrs. John Gustafson, who had given birth to a child 2t hours before the fire, birth to a child 2t hours before the fire, sprang from her bed when she realized the danger that threatened and ran out with her baby to take refuge in the American arms in the war with Spain, with her baby to take refuge in the American arms in the war with Spain, which her baby to take refuge in the American arms in the war with Spain, was saved either from their stores or ing condition when the ambulance was called. She was taken to St. Luke's Many acts of heroism were performed by the firmen. No lives were lost so far

It is claimed by some that the fire of them children, were reported by the firemen. No lives were lost so far as known but several persons, two of them children, were reported missing thrown carelessly down a crack in the stdewalk. Others say that some small boys had a playhouse under the state. boys had a playhouse under the side-walk and the fire was station by Batter. Capt. Savage's place. One man that that claims to have seen the fire start said that a little smoke was noticed coming up through the cracks in the sidewalk but nobody paid much attention to it.

"I walked past," continued the man. "never thinking of fire but had proceeded mates of these houses had narrow escaped."

Searcely 25 yards when I heard a cry and looking around found that the flames were leaping up the front of the buildings and the three or four neighboring Stores seemed to be all on fire at once ever saw. From that on, the flames spread along the roofs and the buildings could be preceded along the roofs and the buildings could be preceded along the roofs and the buildings could be people on that thoroughfare because the people of the people burned like tinder. When the fire de-partment arrived three or four buildings had already been consumed."

The day was a perfect one for the wind blew from the southwest the flames spread north and With this wind prevailing and with the flimsy structures on fire, the fremen had a hard time of it to make the shore were stolen by men in boats any impression with the water. The Trunks were carried out and rified of any impression with the water. blowing directly in their faces and thos ut work on Lake avenue could make but little progress at first. When the fire of the district hoarded their money in reached 25 Lake avenue, the work of the money in house and their losses are complete. Hundreds of homeless people had and this building was kept from com Pictely burning down. The building next to it. The Rising Sun hotel, was only scorched but while the flames were apbreaching it some very exciting seen occurred. As usual bed clothes were car-Pied down stairs and mirrors thrown ou

arms in the other direction, although account of the direction of the wind, It did not spread so fast. Ex-Alderman Jimmy Dingwall's saloon and lodging bouse was soon wiped out but the stock of liquors was saved. Alderman Tom tevilion's store followed soon after Mr Dingwall's place but Mr. Trevilion has ing had a little warning managed to say Considerable of his stock. He lost \$2.0 orht, however, and has only \$700 insur thre on it. In this direction the fire we Stopped at 378 Lake avenue.

All this time the fire was making great his time the fire was making greater and to the lake and on St. fore the work of sufficient the lake and on St. fore the work of sufficient the lake and sufficient the starting of the lake the Leidel estate burned as well as two tenement houses that were on the edge of point

house overhung. She miscalculated the end of the block the men made a stand lepth, it is said, and came near drown- at the Rising Sun hotel, and all the

The fire field got in its work on Lake ing, but was gotten out and resusci-grenue yesterday afternoon and before tated. Inquiry failed to develop who the woman was and it is believed that the

report was a mere fire story.

Lake avenue, most of St. Crox avenue and the large vacant space across from the fire on Lake avenue slip were packed with people and it is estimated that from 19,000 to 20,000 saw the fire. The remarks that passed between the mem-bers of this crowd were very amusing. Everybody suggested to everybody else that "This is a bad fire" or sometimes in place of this came the query. "Bad-ant't it?" Groups gathered in every di-rection and discussed Chief Black's methods of fighting the fire pointing out what should have been done at such and such a time. When a homeless family passed, expressions of pity and sympathy were heard from the crowd and then the attention of the crowd would be turned to the fire again.

It was generally wondered at that in such a quick fire no loss of life should be reported. There were one or two cases where people searched widdly about in search of their children. One mother where. Some people—and most of those that lived in the burned district are of that lived in the burned district are of the control of the children up for that lived in the burned district are of the control of the children up for the lived in the burned district are of the lived in the burned district are of the lived in the lin and it was here that the people suffered most, for the flames spread so rapidly that but few of them had time to save even their small personal effects.

At the north end of the block a one-story building occupied by H. Hill's grecery store formed a fort for the firemen, and the flames were stopped there, but not until the building had suffered considerable damage. At the south cut of was humorous. In a few minutes the other missing child was found and an-other scene cusued, No case of any per-son missing has been reported to the

Some of the dwellers in the burned se tion kept a horse or cow and a number of these animids were destroyed. A Hebrew teacher is reported to have had destroyed a valuable library. It con-tained many books in the Hebrew lan-guage that It is said cannot be replaced for a money consideration as they have been many years out of print. Among the people that suffered heaviest

walk and the fire was started by lighted carriage overturning as he neared the matches. However, eye witnesses say it fire. This accident was due to his trystarted under the sidewalk in front of ing to avoid running over some people

trict was destroyed and many of the in-mates of these houses had narrow es-capes with their lives. One of the scenes in the alley between Lake and St. Croix avenues was that of a woman smoking a eigarette and playing on a plano that had been moved in the street. She had to be removed from danger by force. When gan moving out their effects toward the lake shore, and many houses were emptied to what was supposed to be a place of safety. In spite of their efforts the goods were destroyed by blazing embers that fell so fast and so thick that men could not stand the work of further re

thrown overboard. A Jew named Jake Mattson lost \$500 in gold by the fire. Most of the inhabitants of the district hoarded their money in the Hundreds of homeless people huddled

out the blazing squares without a ra of clothing other than what they had o The work of relief began at once. A the charitable organizations in the city ere engaged last night in caring for the omeless. Hacks, the patrol wagons and other vehicles are carrying away the women and children. Food and clothing are distributing at the Bethel. Sick pe ple were carried to the hospitals.

The fire gained headway in a mann that was almost miraculous. The alarm was terned in a few minutes before a o'clock, and by the time the first of the fire apparatus reached the scene the flames had spread from the sidewalk to age, and from there to the adjoining structures on each side and in the reaecontil and third alarms were quickl turned in. Quite a little difficulty was experienced in getting water, and before the work of sugging the fames

It was seen that it would be an impo as reported that one we sibility to save the burning buildings in ther baste to get out the center of the block, and the firement of these tenements jumped from directed their efforts toward stopping er back window in the lake which the the course of the flames. At the north

ANOTHER FIGHT IMMINENT,

Sampson and Spanish arrive off Porto Rico, Montgomery lures Vizcaya under Sampson's guns. Eighty thousand troops to be landed in Cuba at once, Spanish vessls had no steam up when Dewey attacked them, Naval officers believe Sampson's armor superior to Spanish. New Orleans joins Schley, who will be ready to move in a few days. Spanish ministry decides to try it again, but another plot hatches against it. Two American vessels escape destruction at Havana only by Spaniards' bad aim,

available streams of water were poured over the building occupied by Charles Kannara, adjoining it on the south. **NEARLY SINK** In spite of all efforts, it seemed that TWO OF OURS the flames could not be controlled, and they had reached the roof of the hotel when assistance came in the form of an adidicional stream of water from the tug Lyon, which had anchored in the slip across Lake avenue and run out a line

of hose. A few minutes later the fiame

at that corner of the district were under

under Second Assistant Chief Boynton were not so successful in their efforts to

occupied by James Dingwall, but the fire

proved too flerce for them, and they

were driven back repeatedly until they reached the Empire hotel at 358 Lake

avenue south. There a small building

and a vacant space gave them a chance

to fight the flames from the front and side, and they succeeded in stopping the

On St. Croix avenue the flames were

subdued on lines that were almost par allel with the final stands that had been

made by the firemen on Lake acrue. While the buildings on St. Croix avenue

were not so large as those on Lake ave-nue, they were more numerous and as dry a stinder, and burned like powder,

and it was here that the people suffered

siderable damage. At the south end of the block the fire was gotten under con-

ment house, 362 St. Croix avenue, owned

The loss will be a heavy one, for the reason that insurance rates were so high in that district that but little of the

property was insured, and the spread of

the fire was so rapid that but few of the people had time to save their property. On Lake avenue the buildings burned

included seven saloons, several restaur-

ants and stores and a few vacant houses

The saloons burned were owned by James Dingwall, Smith & Savage, Wil-

liam Poirier, Davidson & Mattson, Charles Hill, Mike Lati and August Signer. Aside from a few liquors saved, the loss at each of the saloons was total.

and, as far as could be learned, little or

no insurance was carried. The candy

store of Maggie Davidson was destroyed, with its contents, and no insurance.

James Dingwall, at 261 and 266 Lake

boarding house and saloon. He said last

night that his loss would reach \$2,00 and that he had no insurance.

Thomas Trevillion carried but \$750 insurance on his \$6,000 stock of groceries

and he saved but a small part of his

Among the other losses where there

was no insurance were those of the Pa

cific restaurant, Stevenson's bakery, the Klondike restaurant, Stencil's barber

and boarding house; Louis Goldberg

clothing: Jennie Adams, restaurant: Mrs. Joseph Burns, residence and store build-ing; Sing Wing, Chinese laundry: Henry

Cheeser, meat market, and Charles Kan

nara, cigar store and factory.

In all the above instances the loss was total, excepting that some saved a few

Three or four vacant store building

were destroyed. One of these was owned by Charles Banks, and was not insured. Two belonged to the Liedels, and we not insured. The building occurried by

surance in the Merchants of New Jersey

The building at 300 Lake avenue wa

owned by Charles Ruella, and was in sured for \$500 in the Queen and \$500 j

the British America. The vacant build

ing at 21 Lake avenue, formerly occur

vied by M. Timlin and insured by him carries \$1,000 in the Norwich union. The Rising Sun level, owned by Wil-

lam Lawrence, was only slightly dam-

ged, but the contents suffered from wa

'er to quite an extern. The loss there's fully covered, as Mr. Lawrence car--fed \$2,000, distributed as follows: \$500 in

the Insurance Company of North Amer

ea, \$500 in the Philadelphia Underwriters, \$1,000 in the Queen, \$500 in the Niag

ara, and \$500 in the Merchants of Nev

On St. Croix avenue and St. Croix alle-

the loss falls heaviest on Mrs. Brown, Mayor Truelsen, Johnson Brothers, Capt.

Ice Lloyd, L. McLain, Charles Banks

Worris Deneke and H. Hill. As far a ould be learned, none of them carried assurance. Mrs. Brown owned and occu

nied one of the best residences in the burned district, and lost everything. Three of the four buildings owned by Mayor Trucisen were destroyed, and the

hat it is almost a total loss. Johnson

Brothers owned a grocery store on St Croix avenue, and saved but a smal

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James Dingwall was also owned by

personal effects and small trinkets.

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subdue the flames. Their first was made to the north of the b

American Vessels Lured Under Fire of Santa Clara.

ONLY POOR AIM SAVES THEM

SPAMSII ARE SUCH WRETCHED SHOTS THAT GAME FAILS.

Sent Out by Spanish to Buit the Vicksburg and Morrill of the Blockading Fleet Leads Them to Within a Couple of Lengths of the Maine Wreck.

Copyright by Associated Press.) KEY WEST, Fla., May 8 .- Only poo marksmanship on the part of the Spanish conners saved the Vicksburg and the cutter Morrill from destruction off Havana yesterday morning. For over half an hour the vessels were under the fire of the guns of the Santa Clara water batteries, but both escaped without ma

terial injury, although shrapnel shots from eight-luch guns exploded all about them, and both now show the pitted scurs of the Spanish bullets. The wily Spaniards had arranged trap to send a couple of our ships to the bottom. They batted it as a man would balt a trap. A small schooner was sent out from Havana harbor shortly before by Mayor Truelsen. The fire burned daylight yesterday morning to draw flercely for more than two hours, and it some of the American boats into the amwas, not until after 5 o'clock that it was buscade. The ruse worked, it a charm fully under control, and even after that The Vicksburg and the Morrill, in fact the firemen remained and poured water heat of the chase and in their contempt

for Spanish gunnery, walked straight into the trap that had been set for them. Had the Spaniards possessed their souls in patience but five minutes longer, not even the bad gun practice would have saved our ships, and this morning two more of our vessels would lie at the bottom, within two lengths of the wreck of the ill-tarred Maine.

Friday evening the Vicksburg and the Morrill, cruising to the west of Morre castle, were fired on by the big guns of the Cojimas batteries. Two shots were fired at the Vicksburg, and one at the Morrill. Both fell short, and the vessels, without returning the fire, steamed out of range. It would have been folly to have done otherwise. But yesterday morning the Spaniards had better luck. The schooner they had sent out before daylight ran off to the eastward, hugging the shore, with the wind on her starboard quarter. About three miles east of the entrunce of the harbor she came over on the port tack. A light haze fringed the horizon, and she was not discovered until three miles off shore, when the Mayflower made her out and signalled the Morrill and Vicksburg.

Capt. Smith of the Morrill and Com-mander Lilly of the Vicksburg immedi-ately slapped on all steam and started in Morrill's stern.

ran for Morro castle before the wind. In for as the Morrill veered off a solid eight laing so she would according to the precan warships directly under the guns of the Santa Clara batteries.

These works are a short mile west o Morro, and are a part of the defenses of the harbor. There are two batteries, ne at the share, which has been recently thrown up of sand and mortar, with 18 wide embrasures for eight-inch guns, and the other on the crest of the hill. The upper battery mounts modern 10-inch and 12-inch Krupp guns behind a tine-foot stone parapet, in front of which ire 20 feet of earthwork and a belting of

This battery is considered the most fornidable of Havana's defenses, except forro castle. It is marked, but has not een absolutely located by the American varships. It is probably due to the fact that the Spanlards did not desire to ex-pose its position that the Vicksburg and Morrill are now afloat.

The Morrill and Vicksburg were about six miles from the schooner when the hase began. They steamed after her at full speed, the Morrill leading mile and a half of the Santa Clara batteries.

Commander Smith of the Vicksburg was the first fo realize the danger into which the reckless pursuit had led them He concluded it was time to haul off. aml sent a shot across the bow of the schooner. The Spanish skipper instant ly brought his vesel about, but while she was still rolling in the trough of the sea, with her sails enlapping, an eight-inch shrapnel shell came hurtling through the air from the water batteries. It passed over the Morrill between the pilot house and the smokestack, and exploded les 50 feet on the port quarter. The small shot rattled against her side. Two more shots followed in quick succession both shragnel. One burst close under the starboard quarter, filling the engine

This Morning's News.

Both Spanish and Sampson's fleets rrive of Porto Rico and a battle in looked for by tomorrow.

Montgomery said to have been

Montgomery said to have been chased by Viscaya.
Fifteen hundred people estimated to have been burned out of their homes by yesterday's fire on Lake avenue, worst of kind Duluth has ever laid.

Vicksburg and Morrill, lured un-

der Santa Clara batteries by bait schooner, narrowly escape destruc-

tion.
Spanish vessels at Manila had no steam up when Dewey surprised

Naval officials have no fear but that Sampson will be able to answer for himself at Porto Rico.

Chief of secret service says tha

Rawlins is proved a Spanish spy.

Army officers at Tampa do not look for invasion until Sampson defeats Spanish fleet.

Minister Woodford and suite ar-rive in Washington. Returning Americans tell of bitter anti-Amerian sentiment in Paris.

Descriptive story of how Dewey whipped Spanish fleet at Manila. Orthodox Hebrews of Daluth Join in union prayer meeting for success of American arms. Ordinance to be, introduced in

connell tonight licensing bicycles.
Companies G and A feel fit to make
a fight away.
War revenue measure not likely to

be reported to senute until Wedner Dr. Humnson urges that grace be extended faulty neighbors. Dr. Ryan on cujoying the world's good

things. GENERALLY FAIR. For Duluth foday: Clear, and generally fair.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—For Minneso a: Partly cloudy weather, light scatering showers; cooler; westerly winds.

The Wenther Yesterday. Conditions at 7 o'clock last night and he maximum temperature and total pre-lipitation during the preceding 12 hours as eported by the United States weather sureau.

Stations.	Weather.	Ther.	Max.	P
Duloth		70	78	
St. Paul	Cloudy	70	76	
Winnipeg	Cloudy	G1	70	
Bismarck	Clear	62	GG	
Helcna	Cloudy	58	62	
Huron		64	64	
Chicago	Cloudy	G1	68	
Davenport	Clear	72	74	
Omaha	Raining	(2)	70	
Kansas City .	Pt. Cldy	70	74	
Dodge City	Raining	61	72	
Pueblo	Cloudy	34)	61	

and the other, like the first, passed over

and exploded just beyond.

The Spanish gunners had the range, and their time fuses were accurately set. The crews of both ships were at their guns. Lieut, Craig, who was in charge of the bow four-inch rapid fire gun of the Morrill, asked for and obtained permission to return the fire. At the first sho the Vicksburg, which was in the wake of the Morrill, slightly in shore, sherrd off and passed to windward under the

The schooner instantly put about and his helm to port, and was none too soon, inch shot grazed her starboard quarte and kicked up tons of water as it struck a wave 100 yards beyond. Capt. Smith sald afterward that this was undoubted ly an eight-inch armor-piercing project tile, and that It would have passed through the Morrill had he not change her course in the nick of time. As the Morrill and the Vicksburg steamed away their aft guns were used, but only a few shots were fired. The Morrill's six-inci gun was elevated for 1,000 yards, and struck the earthworks repeatedly. Vicksburg fired but three shots from her six-pounder. The Spaniards con tinued to fire shot and shell for 29 minutes, but the shots were Some of them were so wild that the aroused the American "jackles" to jeers The Spaniards ceased firing only whe the Morrill and Vicksburg were com

pletely out of range.

If all the Spannish gunners had been suffering from strabismus their practice could not have been worse. But the officers of both the Morril

and the Vicksburg frankly admit theh own recklessness. They are firmly convinced that the pursuit of the schooner was a nearly planned trick, which almos roved successful.

If any one of the shots had struck the thin skin of their vessels it would have offered no more resistance than a piece of super to a rifle ball. The accurate of the first few shots is accounted for by the fact that the Spanish officer had ample time to make observa-The bearings of the two vessels wer probably taken with a range finder at the Santa Clara battery, and as this bat-tery is probably connected by wire with Morro, they were enabled to take bearings from both points, and by laboriou alculations they fixed the positions of the vessels preity accurately. With such opportunity for observation it would have been no great trick for an American gunner to drop a shell down the smoke stack of the vessel.

TO MEET TUESDAY

Sampson and the Spanish Fleet Are **Both Off Island of Porto** Rico.

HAVE DONE SOME FIGHTING

Montgomery Baits the Vizcaya Within Range of the Gun's of Sampson's Boats.

(Copyright by Associated Press.)
PORT AU PRINCE, May 8.—The United States cruiser Montgomery, Commanler G. A. Converse, is supposed to have out engaged with a much larger Span ish cruiser last night, northwest of Cape Haytien, a scaport town of Hayti, on its north coast, 90 miles north of Port Au

While the French steamer Olinde Roddrigues from Havana on April 16 for Hay-tien ports, was off Capt Haytien, a Spanish warship is said to have been watching her, mistaking the steamer for an Ameri-can vessel. When the Olinde Roddrigues left Capt Haytlen, the Spanish warshir inue on to this port, on recognizing the French flag.

The United States cruiser Montgomery left Cape Haytien soon afterward, and the Spanlard, which is presumed to have een watching for her, is said to have pursued the American cruiser, both of them putting on full steam. The Spanlard, according to the story told by the crew of the French steamer, gained in the pursuit, which was witnessed from the bridge of the Olinde Roddrigues by the officers of that vessel.

The two warships they say went in the same direction, with the Spaniard be-hind. The latter appeared to be a forsame direction, with the Spanfard be-hind. The latter appeared to be a for-midable vessel and much larger and faster than the Montgemery By nightfall, it is added, four discharge

of cannon were heard, which were be-lieved to be the result of the Spaniard firng on the American warship. Darkness further said, prevented the making of further observations, though the French officers say the moon was so bright that the battle could have been continued, especially as the sea was beautifully calm, only a mild trade wind plowing from the land.

The arrival is rumored late this even

ing of 17 Spanish vessels, warships and others, at Porto Rico; and a battle is expected on Tuesday.

It is also reported from Cape Haytien

that Rear Admiral Sampson's squadror as been sighted to the north.

The vessel that pursued the cruiser Montgomery is supposed to have been the Spanish warship Vizcaya; and it is suggested that Perry, of the Montgomery, entired the Spaniard within striking distance of Admiral Sampson. The crew of the German ship Bolivia, Capt. Bruhn, which arrived today, say they heard can-nonading to the northward about 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Advices from Cape Haytien say that yesterday, off Mole St. Nicholas, two Spanish warships captured a schooner bound for Cape Haytien.

SAMPSON OFF CAPE HAYTIEN.

Montgomery Story.

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erort cannonading to the northward bout 4 c'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Trejellas, an Englishman, who while reporting for an American paper was suspected as a soy, was forced to take refuge on a foreign vessel, and is now on his way to New York.

Dame Hermance, a French subject, reshling in Martinique, and an octoroon who is accused of having insulted the wife of President Simon Sam, in the cathedral, during the Easter services, in quarrel over the occupancy of a seat vill be expelled from the country. The decree of expulsion will be published tonorrow. The quarrel grew out of an old and The French authorities endeavored to intervene, but without result.

RATIONS FOR 40,000 TROOPS.

Governor of San Juan Ordered to Prepare Them.

(Copyrighted by Associated Press.) CAPE HAYTIEN, Hayti, May 8.—The Associated Press dispatch boat Dauntless has arrived here. According to advice from Martinique, the Spanish fleet has not been sighted off the Island.

Thme governor of San Juan de Porte tico recently received orders from Madrid to provide rations for 40,000 troops. He asked the time of their arrival, and got he reply:

vements of Spanish fleet are kept strictly secret. Your question cannot banswered. Be prepared." It is reported that five Spanish war-

ships were seen off St. Thomas on Thursday, but they were probably only gunboats from San Juan de Porto

Cont for San Juan. ST. THOMAS, Danish West Indies, May 2.—The British steamer Arbborough, hav-ing 2,000 tens of coal on board, has ar-

Juan de Porto Rico. She called here for orders and to see if it was safe for her The German warship Geler leaves here

oday for Cuban waters. The Spanish steamers Rita and Paulina have sought refuge here. They had on board general cargoes, intended for Porto Rico. Later they cleared for sea and went westward. The British steamer Aldborough, with

coal for San Juan, has also sailed. The Spanish steamer Alfonso XIII. Is reported to have arrived at San Juan de

FOOD HIGH IN HAVANA.

But Refugee Spaniards Say Speculators linve Ample Supplies.

(Copyright by Associated Press.)
KINGSTON, 6 p. m., May 7-Delayed in
transmission.—Acting under instructions
form Washington, United States Consul Dent has chartered the Atlas line steam-er Adula to bring refugees from Cien-fuegos to this port. She will sail to-night, and return again to Cuba on Wednesday. It is probable that the British consul at Cienfuegos will take charge of American interests there.

A dispatch was received from Cienfue-

gos four days ago asking for a ship, but there were none available, and the consul sent an urgent message two days later. Today he asked that a ship be sent immediately, saying that he feured a Span-ish outbreak against the lives of Ameri-cans and the prosperous Cubans. The ca-ble dispatches received on the subject are censored, and consequently give no de-

tails of the outbreak.

The presumption is that an outbreak has becurred, and that the ship was requested in anticipation of a disturbance. Forty Spandards that arrived here from ...

Havana, which place they left on April
on board the Italian cruiser Giovani Bausan, were released from quarantine today. They say there is plenty of food in Havana, but they add k is held by speculators at famine prices, in anticipation of a siege and long blockade. Raw fool, they say, costs in the market about \$5 a day for a single person. Senor Julio de Cardenas, a rich Span-fard, pald \$700 to feed his family for 12

weeks before leaving Ikivana. Finally, the refugees assert that the unfortunate reconcentrados are starving and dying, uncared for by the government, while even'soldiers are wretchedly ill fed.

HEARD AT SAN DOMINGO.

Cannonading North of San Domingo.

NEW YORK, May 8.—The World has received a copyrighted cablegram from George Bronson Rea, dated Puerto SAN DOMINGO, May 8.-Domingo re-

ports heavy cannorading north of Monte Cristo, about 80 miles from here. It is believed here that Admiral Sampson's squadron is engaging the Cape Verde fleet. The firing began about 3

The Spanish fleet was expected at about the same time. Sampson came with orders to find the flect and reduce it. He will after de-stroying the Spanish ships begin a strict blockade and it necessary he will bom-bard and capture Porto.

MCCLLOCH RETURNS.

leaves Hong Kong But Awalts Instructions at Mirs Bay,

HONG KONG, May 8.—The United States gunboat Hugh McCulloch left here at 3 o'clock this afternoon (Greenwich time) on her roturn to Manila, after, it is understood, receiving many urgent dispatches from Washington, But it is believed the McCulloch will first go to Mirs hay to await there final in-structions for Admiral Dowey, as to how he is to deal with the Philippines. According to reports current here the American admiral will insist by force if necessary on the Spaniards accepting at least a temporary protectorate of the United States. The desire is, it is al-leged, to avoid disturbing the present administration as, it is pointed out, the insurgents of the Philippine Islands are quite unit to join in their government. However, it is believed here that if the Spanish do not meet the views of Washngton in the matter, the American adpiral will take prompt steps to adminster the islands for the United States roops and supplies from San Francisco.

B. & O. Incomotive Explodes,

BALTIMORE, May 8.—The boiler of engine No. 1552, attached to an extra east bound freight train on the Baltimore & Ohio road, exploded today near Water-ville. Engineer Burns and Fireman Schilfreight cars were detailed and slightly damaged, but there was not much delay to traffic. It is not known what caused rived here from Scotland, bound for San the explosion.