L. M. Woods returned Ville Friday, where he $h$
ing relatives and recuper ing relatives a
Rev. G. H. Turner, at the C. P. church, is ex rive today and will deliy
mon Sunday morning. The newbers of the $C$ tion will tender a rece
Hew pastor and his wife hurch. All are invited
Judge Meeker receive
pesday morning from his nesday morning from hi
is in Chicago, that he in is in Chicago, that he in
in the government servic L. T. Hagerman will s Wire fence made. A sam
gan be seen at his offic sonth-of the square. 1 Mf. Kirspatrick wa Stanford, Kon, this w
ot the serious illness of the residence of lsaac R There are many subst ments in contemplation
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The lecture was on preciated by those
nate as to hear it a
van fiends wion portunity to again

\section*{| length. There are three gravel pit gaugs now at work and in addition to this several tons of 70 pound steel rails will be laid. <br> Mrs. M. N. Bennett has moved her millinery business to the room on the north side recently occupied by the Conkiliu \& Co., stock of clothing. <br> C. W. Young has been quite ill for several days, being confined to his bed at Mrs. Bristow's. His classes at school are in charge of G. W. Monroe. <br> C. F. Sanday left on the early morning train Wednesday on the P. D. \& E. for Springtield to join the Arcola company of militia of which he is a mem- |
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Mrs. H. Landon and her danghter,
Mrs. C. Landon, who wite the guests
of J. R. Pogue and famity for several days, returbed to their home at Anbirn
Tuesday. Tuesday. W. A. Duncan haidles all kiuds of
conl, hard, soft or smithing. delivered promplly in any part of the city.
Leave orders at Reimunds or Archer \&
Crat's. 10-1f.
The W. C. T. U. will meet on Mon-
dary, May 2 at $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$ at Mrs. McMurav, May 2 at $3 \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{m}$ at Mrs. McMur-
y 's. There is inportant business on haud. All interested
rged to be present.
Poland \& Puvers have decided not to
hasdle farming implements and will close out their stock yow on hand a greatly redueed $p$
chatice for burg ains.

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 The Mattoon Stealready laying this summer, havid
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# WAR 

Americain Men-of=War Ad= vance on Havana.


White Squadron to Silence Guns of Morro Castle.

CALLS THE NATION TU ARMS

President McKinley Asks the Country for 125,000 Volunteers.

FIRST SHOT IS FIRED AT SEA.

Cruiser Nashville Captures the Spanish Ship Buena Ventura.
vitimatum of the vintea states was Considered a Jeclaration of War by
the Government at Madrid-Handing of Passports to Minister Woodford
Definitely Puta Stop to All Peaceful Diplomafic Negotiations-MycKinley
Signs the Bill Asking for 125,000 Signs the Bill Asking for 125,000
Men-Those Willing to Serve Are to Men-Those Willing to Serve Are to
Take Up Arms at Once aud Aid in Fighting the S paniards.

Washington correspondence
Events are transpiring rapidly these
days. History is being made in Jeaps, and many pages are completed in a week. Beginning with the heated sena-
torial discussion as to how the President should be authorized to intervene in Cuba, a seren days closed with the call for 125, the regular army to about 60,000 mene the most warlike men at the national capital.
Firit the long and bitter fight oree the Cuban resolution in Congress, which cult
minated
in an ansrement at
20 oclock




 The captay for Conadan the sume evening




 fired the first gun in the war and captur-
ed the first prize. The President ed the first prize. The President issued
his proclamation declariug the blockade
to volunteer army bill. Congress passed th Saturday came the culminating event of
the week; the call for 125,000 volunteers, the last resort of the Government in soing,
to war. It was a week filled with excitement. The War and Navy Departments
were crowded with oflicials in makit active preparations for the prosecution of
the war; the White House was besiege With friends for appointment as muior urgerals and brigadiers; the National Guard
of the District was under arms, a awaiting of the District was under arms, a awaiting
the order to be mustered into the service.


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and no more thraatening than the raving
of. mm miace belind the b bris.
of. maniac behind the bars.
Tlue President issued
for volunteres Saturidar beacause the coution
try expected it. He renlized that thpeople wanted to know whether he in
tended to call upon the volunteer force to tight Spain. So he signed the proclagress recommenending a delecirsation of or wan.
He recited the events that hare brought about a state of war and asked Congress
to declare that war eesists betiveen the
United States United States and the kingsom of of Spain
and her colonies, und Congress did in very and her colonies, and Congress did in very
short order.
The war is on formally and in reality The President's call to arms was anti-
cipated by everrs State, and it found the
volunteers ready to go . volunteers ready to go. In a fer days
the reginents will be in the service of the
Gorernment, and they are not made up or raw troops.
These 125,000 volunteers are largely
confined to the National Guard, have been mobilized in their respective
States and will be drilled or a short time.
Thes will then be bored to the They will then be moved to the coast, and
if it is decied to send a large army of oc
cupation to Cuba the transports will b ready, and, guarded by the navy, these
transports will carry the bors in the transports will carry the boys in bluc over
to Cuba to fight freo freem nad dive
out Spain. While the remember the
Mnine. Most or the Mnine, Most of the men are alreany
iell dilled, well trained, nad used to camp life. They are eager for service;
they are resolute for immediate action

The Vizcayn and Oquendo must belong
to the Spanish Ising suadiron, Juaging
towed her prize into Key West harbor at
11 oc clock, and put a prize crevw on board The news of the capture of the Span
iard set the people of Key West frantic
with enthusiasm. All work was zuspeni Nith enthusiasm. All work was buspend-
ed and the people crowded the docks in Eecond hip Taken. The Spanish freighter Pedro, from An
trerp for Pensacon, Fla., was captured by the U. S. cruiser New York Saturday
morning. The steamer was sighted about ten miles off Havana by the flagship o
Captain Sampson's. Ileet. The New Yor Captain Sampson's. Ileet. The New Yor
sent a shot across the Spaniard's bow
This did not stop her. Then Captai sent a shot across the Spaniards bow.
This did not stop her. Then Captain
Sampson otereed all steam on, and a
stern chase the flagskip got in better range she sent
three more shots after the Spaniard. Then three more shots nifter the Spaniard. The
the steaner hove to. Shermian out of the cabinet Venerable Secretary of state Resign Secretary or State Shernman handed his resignation at the special cubine
meeting Monday morning. Thie resigna meeting Aonday morning. The resigna-
tion went into effect at noon the same
day. Secretary Sherman says he does not day. Secretary Sherman says he does not
want his retirement from the' cabinet mis. understood. anderstood. It is, Le says, entirely vol
untary. While his health is good, he rec
ognizes his extreme ognizes his extreme age, and that the
very exciting timus which at present pre vail make it neecessary thit a y younger
and more active man should be placed at and more actire man should be placed a
the head of the State Denartment. Mr service of more than forty years, embrac
ing the House of Representatives, th United States Senate, the secretarsship State. Wiliam R. Dny, first assistant
Secretary of State, succeeds to the offlee Secretary of State, succeeds to the offree
vacated by Mr. Sherman. He has had
entire charge of Cuban affairs almost entire charge or Cuban affairs almos
since the beginging of the present admin istration Postmastet General Gary resignea
Thursiny, and Charles Emory Smith was
immediately
 is generally understood that Gary revign
ed because he opposed war and does not care to be connected wi
tion that conducts it.

RUSHED TO THE FRONT. Infantry, Cavairy and Artillery
Hurried Towards Cuba. On to Chricked Towards Cuba. to New Orleans! On to Tampa! and-On
to Havana! For a week 18,000 men to Havana! For a week 18,000 men ip
Uncle Sam's army blue have been moving towards points of concentration from
which they could be quickly hurled into action.
Not s
Not since the close or the civil war has
there been such unanimous action among
the the troops. The startling events of the
previous few days prepared the soluer previous fer days prepared the soluiers
for the order issued and found every man ready for the march. The President hesi-
tatea till the tatea till the last possible moment before
sanctioniug the order, for the expense or sanctioning the order, for the expense of
sending the ariny to the South has been
enion enormous.
The four points to which the army has
been moving are Clickamauga battlefield,
Tampa been moving are Chickamauga battlefield,
Tampa, New Orlenns and Mobile. As
soon as renching tos soon as reaching those places the troops
go into camp. Adrance agents or the dego into camp. Adrance agents of the de-
partment preceded the troops and made all necessary arraugements for their com.
fort and convenience. The soldiers carry thirty days' rations and
rounds of ammunition.

REFUSE WOMILN NURSES
Under No Circumstances Wint the Gen-
tice :ex Cake Part in War.
ther =ex Sake Part in War. The Secretary of Nar and the surgeon
general of the army issued an ultimatum Which is caleulated to create a sensation
throughout the country. This is the throughout the country. This is the un-
alterable decision not only not to employ
trained or rolunteer women nurses for
the care of the sick and wounded in the

THE NASHVILLE, WHICH FIRED THE FIRST SHOT.



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