CONDUCT OF THE WAR CAMPAIGN.

No Change in the Plans Laid Out.

So Decided at a Council Called by the President.

Wetmore's Fleet to Go Once Proceed to the Spanish Coast.

General Miles and Staff Leave Washington for Curacao, Where the Party Will Examine for the Scene of Action of Santiago.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—The President called a council of war today to see if the forces under the command of Admiral Dewey could be spared and directed to the southern coast of Cuba. It was decided to send the fleet to the southern coast, and to proceed against the Spanish fleet in the harbor of Santiago. The council of war was held in the General's Mansion, and the President, who was the only member of the council, emerged from the meeting saying that the President of the United States was willing to make any sacrifice necessary for the Union of the American people. The President was accompanied by Generals Ripley, Morris, and Wood. The President stated that the American people were determined to be free from any foreign influence, and that the American people would not be satisfied until the Spanish fleet was destroyed and the independence of the United States was secured.

CUBANS.

Hobson and His Companions Out of Prison.

Exchanged for Spanish Captured by the Americans.

The Returning Heroes Greeted With an Ovation.

Tells the Situation.

It was the object of the council of war to decide upon the course of action to be taken by the American forces in the event of a Spanish fleet being discovered. The President was of the opinion that the American forces should be directed to the southern coast of Cuba, as the Spanish fleet was supposed to be in that vicinity. The council of war decided to send the fleet to the southern coast, and to proceed against the Spanish fleet in the harbor of Santiago.

TROUBLE WITH CUBANS.

Thousands of Cuban Volunteers in the War Fleet from Santiago.

Starting Refuges.

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PRISONERS OF THE COLOR.


VICTORY.

The Spanish Admiral's Report to Captain General H挫is.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—The Spanish Admiral's report to Captain General H挫is has been received. The Admiral states that the Spanish fleet was in the harbor of Santiago, and that the American forces were at liberty to destroy the Spanish fleet. The Admiral also states that the American forces were not at liberty to allow the Spanish fleet to escape.

CUBAN SITUATION.

The naval forces of the United States are now at liberty to attack the Spanish fleet in the harbor of Santiago. The American forces have been directed to proceed against the Spanish fleet, and to destroy the Spanish fleet if possible.

SITUATION IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Dewey Tells of Aguinaldo's Doings.

Proclams Himself President of the Spanish Republic.

No Attack Made on Manila Up to the Third Instant.

The rumor that Admiral Dewey would strike a blow at Manila has been denied by the American authorities. It is understood that the American forces will not attack Manila until the Spanish fleet is destroyed.

THE REINA MERCEDES.

The Spanish Warship by the Reina Mercedes and Transatlantic.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—The United States has taken possession of the Spanish warship "Reina Mercedes." The vessel was captured by the American forces, and is now in the harbor of Santiago.

MERRIMAC PRISONERS LIBERATED.

INQUIRY:

The United States Government has been advised that the Spanish authorities have released all of the prisoners taken by the American forces in the engagement with the Spanish fleet. The Spanish authorities have been advised that the American forces are not at liberty to release any prisoners taken in the engagement with the Spanish fleet.

THE REIGN OF ZARA.

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