HOSTILE FLEET NEAR.

ARMY GUARDS PORTLAND.

Within a Few Hours.

Portland, Me., Aug. 24 .- Tidings of the ap-

proach of a hostile fleet, which was sighted at

ceived here in the early hours of the morning

the island of Miquelon late last night, were re-

and by Tuesday night a mighty fleet, composed

of battleships, first class cruisers and smaller

craft, amounting almost to an armada, will be-

gin its devastating work on the Maine coast

As is well known, the American fleet is engaged

in a fruitless chase in the Carribean, and can-

and the army is seized with consternation, as

the fact is realized that without the assistance

of any vessel larger than a tug it must cope

Colonel Mills, commanding this artillery dis-

trict, has appealed to the local authorities for

assistance, and regiments from Maine and Mas-

sachusetts have been hurried to this city to as-

By the most fortunate of chances Major Gen-

eral A. R. Chaffee, commanding the Department

Cape Elizabeth detachments of Signal Corps

men are establishing lookouts, and a light bat-

tery has been brought from Fort Ethan Allen, in

Vermont, to welcome landing parties. Major

General Chaffee and his gallant subordinates

refuse to be terrified by the gravity of the situa-

defences recently completed here will cope suc-

cessfully with the attacking fleet. They realize

fully, however, that the enemy may at will seize

any one of a dozen of the admirable, but unde-

fended harbors north of here, and with this base

of operations launch their assault upon the de-

It is in some such fashion as this that an

actual war situation identical with that existing

at the outset of the war manœuvres might be

chronicled, and this version best describes the

theoretical basis of the game. The forts sur-

rounding Portland lie naturally in the way of a

hostile fleet coming across the North Atlantic,

and Rear Admiral Barker's fleet will assume to-

morrow night the character of such a fleet.

When he sails and severs his connection with

the land he will have to depend upon the base

MILITARY PROBLEMS.

The military problem of the defence of Port-

land is purely one of the defence of a fortified

harbor against a powerful fleet. There are three

passages which give access to the harbor from

the ocean which may be used by the larger

ships of the enemy, and countless smaller water-

ways that are open to gunboats. The three

head Passage and Hussey's Sound. These are

in turn commanded by Forts Preble and Will-

iams, Fort Levett and Fort McKinley. At Fort

Proble, a relic of early defence architecture,

there are mortar batteries. Further down the

main ship channel Fort Williams, a new fort,

has modern guns which sweep the water ap-

proach for miles. On Cushing's Island, north of

the ship channel, is Fort Levett, the key of the

whole situation, the focal point of the network

of wires and signal stations, the centre of the

fire control system and the headquarters of

Colonel Mills, actually commanding the army

forces, as well as General Chaffee's land base

fort on the Atlantic coast, sweeps the northern

entrances with 12 and 10 inch guns, as well as

smaller batteries, and closes the Casco Bay en-

The enemy, Admiral Barker's sailor folk, may

come up the main channel, as the big Atlantic

less big and secondary batteries; or through

slip gunboats in through the upper entrance of

was, they got to sea and were becalmed. All

lights, some of them brought from the Sound,

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SEE THE SIGHTS OF NEW-YORK.

entrances are the ship channel, White-

of operations he seizes for land news.

fences of Portland.

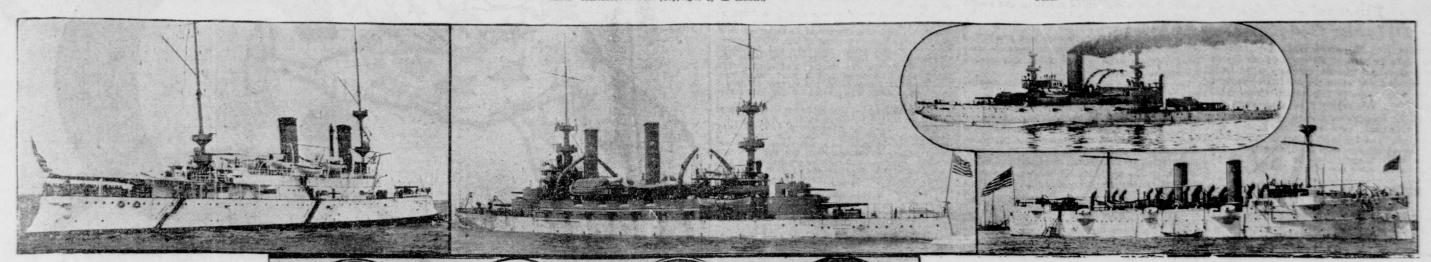
tion and are confident that the new system of

sist in the defence. Channels are mined, and

with a mighty modern fleet.

THE OLYMPIA.

OFFICERS AND SHIPS IN THE WAR GAME OFF THE MAINE COAST.



ADRIANOPLE MASSACRE. CHRISTIANS MURDERED.

Two Versions of Mahometans' Slaughter of Fellow Citizens.

Sofia, Aug. 24.-Travellers who arrived here this evening from Adrianople state that a massacre of Christians occurred there on Sunday

One version says the guns in one of the forts opened fire on an insurgent band which had attacked a military outpost. A panic followed inside the town, and the Mahometan population fell upon the Christians.

According to another version, a Turkish officer tried to force an entrance into a Bulgarian house in order to molest the inmates. The latter resisted, whereupon the Mahometans became excited, and bands of soldiers and bashi-bazouks attacked the Bulgarian quarter of the town.

It is reported that the foreign consuls addressed energetic protests to the Vali, who declared his inability to check the fanaticism of the Mussulmans.

REVOLT NEARER BORDER.

Fighting in Adrianople - Greater Fear of War-Atrocities.

Sofia, Aug. 24.-With the rumors of massacres, atrocities and the murder of prisoners in Mon astir now authenticated, the general situation is considered here as fast becoming intolerable Official and diplomatic circles are alike concerned, having every reason to fear that only a part of the horrors enacted in the interior of Macedonia have yet come to light.

The revolutionary committees are doing their

utmost to force the hands of the Bulgarian and the outlook is exceedingly

It appears that the Turks have obtained the upper hand in the vilayet of Monastir, and the insurgents are planning to move the centre of their activity to regions in unpleasant proximity Bulgarian frontiers. Dispatches arriving to-day from the disturbed area are exceedingly of the East, and Brigadier General Randolph gloomy. From Adrianople comes the news of a and General Gillespie happened to be here on an Turkish defeat and the extension of the revolu-Turkish victories, acccompanied by barbarous ordnance, is also expected. From Owl's Head to

HORRORS AT KRUSHEVO.

According to the "Sofia Dnevnik," the Turks committed unspeakable atrocities at Krushevo. The mutilated corpses of ninety women and children were found in one building; pieces of the bodies had been thrown into the street. Fifteen of the principal merchants of the town were killed, and their heads exhibited on poles at Monastir. The churches were demclished. the houses sacked and the town is now a heap of ashes. The populace fled to the hills, where they are in a starving condition

The sanitary conditions at Krushevo are described as revolting. The dead are lying in the streets, stripped of every garment, the Turks even taking the vestments off the body of a

The "Dnevnik" also asserts that a general massacre has occurred in the whole vilayet of Monastir. Nearly all the villages have been destroyed. The treacherous murder of eighty insurgent prisoners by their guards near Monastir has made an especially bad impression

At the village of Armensko the Turks destroyed 150 houses out of a total number of 157, and massacred every man, woman and child. The women were subjected to the most terrible atrocities by the soldiers.

RUMORS OF ADRIANOPLE MACCACRE. Many rumors are current of massacres in the city of Adrianople, but confirmation is lacking. The situation there, however, is undoubtedly serious. The population is afraid to leave the houses. The prisons are full, and the Vali has taken private houses to be used as jails. When the Russian Consul protested at the situation the Vall is reported to have answered that he was powerless against the fanatical population. Following the proclamation of the revolution in the vilayet, the insurgents cut all the telegraph lines connecting the city of Adrianople

With the eastern parts of the province. Anarchy exists at Losengrad. Fighting is going on everywhere in the neighborhood. Insurgent bands have occupied the strategic points around Malkoternovo. Eight villages to the north of Losengrad have been burned by Fort McKinley, the newest and strongest single bashibazouks, while the insurgents attacked two Turkish posts in the vicinity of the same town and killed their entire garrisons, consisting of sixty soldiers and one officer. At Almogic sixty trance, as well as the Hussey's Sound entrance. insurgents engaged with three hundred bashi-

bazouks. The result is not known. The town of Bunar Hissar has been burned liners do, but this is mined and swept by endand a part of the Bulgarian population was massacred. The rest of the Bulgarians fled to Hussey's Sound, also mined and circuited; but the mountains. At Burgas Majura, after eight they will hardly attempt Whitehead passage, teen hours' fighting, the garrison was killed by which is narrow and dangerous. They may rebels, who also destroyed the garrisons of Silkilher and Kalovo. At Karacunovo the insurgents | Casco Bay and attack the forts in the rear. In killed fifty-seven Turks, while fifteen Turks the Civil War the Confederate privateers that were killed at Kurkolibi, in the vilayet of Uskub. stole the revenue cutter Caleb Cushing came New outbreaks are reported from the vicinity this way, and almost escaped before the surof Kresna, where serious fighting has occurred. prised authorities realized the game. As it The Macedonian leaders admit that the insurrection in the vilayet of Monastir is practically at these entrances are covered by great searchan end, and they appear to pin their hopes on the transfer of active operations to the territory ner the Bulgarian frontier. Within three

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PRESIDENT'S CUP-OPEN GOLF Mont. Open to Oct.-Advt.

Rear Admira! ALBERT S. BARKER, Major General ADNA R. CHAFFEE, Commander of the New-York Navy

Record by 21-4 Seconds.

Readville, Mass., Aug. 24.—Lou Dilion accomplished at Readville track this afternoon wha American trotting horse breeders have labored years to produce-a mile trotted in two minutes Millard Sanders, driver of the great mare, after one heat in the regular Grand Circuit card had been decided, brought the daughter of Sidney Dil-lon out for the attempt. For pacemakers there were two running horses hitched to road carts, Peggy From Paris, driven by "Doe" Tanner, and Carrie Nation, driven by Scott McCoy.

On the first score the little mare made a break just before reaching the wire. On the second at-tempt, however, the word was given, though Starting Judge Walker rang his bell, but Tan-ner nodded for him to say "Go," and, turning to Sanders, called to him to come along. Tanner kep Peggy From Paris directly in front of the peerles hestnut trotter, while McCoy laid at her when 3014 seconds. Lou Dillon went so smoothly down the backstretch that her speed did not seem tast, save to those who held watches. The half was licked off in 1:00%. Around the turn to the three ter being in 30% seconds, making the three-quarters up to a state of highest efficiency before the in 1:31. Ther came the crucial test. Sanders sat seconds, making the mile in the wonderful time of two minutes. When Sanders jogged the mare back to the wire, amid the applause of the crowd, she was apparently as fresh as though she had only mary outbreak; from Monastir, the news of fence preparations. General Crozier, chief of taken a practice spin. Sanders said that before the season closes he expected to drive the mare in 1:59 | call forth the spectre of a third term, and militate

> been raced. She was trained last year for the in his party, and has maintained a dignified attifor \$12,500 ar the sale of the Henry Pierce stables at the Cleveland May sale last year. The reason for the low price was her bad disposition and the difficulty ir driving her. Last year she did a mile in 2:06 in her work at Memphis, Tenn.

On Monday, August 17, Lou Dillon, at the Brighton Beach track, was sent against her best preious record of 2:0234. She made the first quarter in the phenomenal time of 0:28%, and the half in She reached the three-quarter pole in 1:301/4. but in the last quarter her strength failed and 2:03% was the best she could do for the mile. This was a full second behind her record, and a second and a half slower than the record of Cresceus. No other trotter of prominence ever reached fames so suddenly as Lou Dillon. Previous to her trial at Brighten Beach a week ago she had made only five starts in public, yet each time she had sucpeeded in improving upon her previous efforts.

Mr. Billings denied, a few days ago, that the mare was not easily controlled in a field of horses

her at all times subject to my control," said the In speaking of the wonderful speed of the mare Mr. Billings said that he had every reason to believe she would break the world's record for a trotter when the conditions happened to be favor Continuing, the owner said: "When I told my friends that the mare had trotted a quarter in conds in her work it was received with in Now she has demonstrated it by a

I have driven the mare in company, and found

ulity. Now she has demonstrated it by a llc performance, and I believe she can trot a rter in 28 seconds."

I the time she failed to lower the record A. J. sh, owner of Charter Oak Park, predicted that Dillon was the coming two-minute trotter. My reason for believing this." said Mr. Welsh, that if a horse can do a quarter in 0:28 it hat to be able to trot a mile in two minutes an all conditions are favorable, I believe that Dillon will trot in two minutes next year, if this year."

this year."
ou Dillon is 15.1 hands high and weighs only 804
inds. Her action is extremely low and reaching,
is is particularly noticeable when she is comred with the runners who pace her in her trials,
ey seem to have more knee action than the
rse in harness. No appliances are needed to
ep her in her gait, and she has never been driven
a break in ner public work.

KETCHAM CONGRATULATES BILLINGS.

Calls Lou Dillon's Performance Wonderful, and Says Crown Is in Good Hands.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Toledo, Aug. 24.-George H. Ketcham, owner of Cresceus, was very much interested to-day when notified of Lou Dillon's wonderful performance. He was at the Ketcham farm, just preparing to leave here for Dayton. He had little to say beyond the fact that Cresceus still holds the stallion record. As soon as he heard of the little mare's new record, he immediately wired Mr. Billings, the mare's owner, a message of congratulation. Mr. Ketcham's message to Mr. Billings read as follows: I congratulate you upon the wonderful performance of your mare. Cresceus transfers the crown to good hands.

BEN H. RUNS AWAY.

Goes Two Miles Without Driver at Readville Track.

Readville, Mass., Aug. 24.-Lou Dillon's remarkable performance took away from the work of the Favorites won all the four races here. Electric Hansoms, Victorias, Surreys, &c., to all points, including Coney Island. Each operator a competent guide. Telephone, 2389 Columbus. New York Tran. portation Co.-Advt. Scott Hudson drove two of the winners, Nervola,

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A TWO-MINUTE TROTTER, TALK OF JUDGE GRAY. LOU DILLON DOES IT. DEMOCRATS FAVOR HIM.

Brigadier General GEORGE L. GILLESPIE,

General Chaffee Expects an Attack Lowers Cresceus's World's Mile May Be His Party's Candidate for President Next Year.

Judge George Gray, of Delaware, is being con-idered seriously by Democrats of influence and onservatism as a strong candidate to nominate for President next year. This fact became known yesterday from an ex-United States Senator who passed out of public life and political activity when Bryan secured control of the organization. The statement was made that within the last two nonths many of the old time Democrats who were powerful in the days of the Cleveland administraion have been quietly conferring, and the name of Judge Gray has been discussed as a candidate upor whom the conservative Democrats of the country ers that Judge Gray can be nominated, a united party brought to his support and the Democracy urned back into the channels of conservatism and divested of the charlatanism and fallacies that have held sway for the last eight years.

It is said that Bryan is growing weaker day in lay, and that his hold upon the organization when the convention meets next year will be so feeble that he will hardly be in a position even to make trades On the other hand Hill Gorman and thers are carrying on an internecine warfare that it effective, even if there was a chance of nomi be a strong man to nominate and would be a safe candidate, yet his nomination would revive the animosities and feuds of his last administration,

if his nomination could be brought about Lou Dillon is a five-year-old red chestnut mare by On the other hand, it is pointed out that Judge Sidney Dillon, dam Lou Milton. She has never Gray has kept singularly clear of the brawlings She was bought by C. K. G. Billings tude and served his country well in the various duties that have been assigned to him. He is considered a sterling Democrat of the old school, and his record in the Senate as a gold Democrat is recalled. Strong efforts will be made to bring about the nomination of Judge Gray, so it is said, and the ex-Senator who made this statement declared that it was only by nominating Judge Gray, or some other Democrat of that type, that the Democracy could be redeemed or hope for victory.

Judge Gray has been in public life for more than twenty years. He is now sixty-four years of age. In 1889 President McKinley appointed him a member of the Peace Commission to draft the treaty with Spain. After his return to this country he was appointed United States Judge for the IIId Circuit of Pennsylvania. He was graduated from Princeton in 1859, and later from the Harvard Law School. He practised law in his native State and served it as Attorney General. He was a delegate to the Democratic National conventions of 1876, 1859 and 1881. He was chairman of the strike com-GAVE AID AND LOST LIFE. served it as Attorney General. He was a delegate to the Democratic National conventions of 1876, 1859 and 1831. He was chairman of the strike com-mission that settled the great coal strike last year. He has served as a member of the Anglo-American Joint High Commission and of the International Committee on Arbitration under The Hague Con-

GREAT STEAMSHIP 'DEAL.

An Anglo-German Combination in the Atlantic Trade.

(Special to The New-York Tribune by French Cable.) (Copyright; 1963; By The Tribune Association.)

London, Aug. 25 .- An important meeting of the directors of the German Atlantic steamship lines was held at the Savoy Hotel yesterday under the chairmanship of Herr Ballin, director the strictest secrecy has been maintained as to what actually took place, "The Morning Adver-Anglo-German combination in the Atlantic ported her and began to swim.

bring about a commercial relationship between England and Germany, and thus build up a strong foundation for the future friendliness between these nations.

MAY DEPOSE FERDINAND.

Deputation Visits Him to Force a Statement of His Policy.

London, Aug. 25 .- A deputation left Sofia last Friday to visit Prince Ferdinand, who is in Hungary, to invite him to declare publicly his Macedonian policy, says the Berlin correspondent of "The Morning Post." The Prince will have ten days to reply. In the event of his declining, it is understood that the deputation bears a mandate from the Bulgarian people to depose him.

CIGARETTE FACTORY BURNED.

Havana, Aug. 24.-The big consolidated cigarette factory belonging to the American Tobacco Company and the English trust was totally destroyed by fire this evening, with its valuable contents, consisting of new cigarette making machinery and quantities of tobacco. Nothing was saved except the books and the contents of the office. The loss is estimated at upward of \$250,000, fully insured.

Remember, all R. R. tickets bet. N. Y. and Albany re good via Day Line steamers. Music.—Advi.

RIVALS READY FOR TO-DAY.

THE BALTIMORE.

SHAMROCK LOSES NO TIME BY REMEASUREMENT-BOTH HAVE NEW MAINSAILS

Challenger's Speed on Triangular Course an Unknown Quantity-Sir. Thomas Still Confident-Stormy Weather Likely.

SPECIAL YACHT RACE WEATHER FORECAST.

Winds will be light to fresh and variable, though mostly from some easterly point. Unsettled weather and possibly showers

SECOND MATCH RACE FOR THE AMERICA'S CUP. The conditions of the race are as follows:

Yachts and numbers-No. 1, The Reliance; No. 3, Shamrock III. Time allowance-The Reliance allows Shamrock III 1 minute 57 seconds. Start-From Sandy Hook Lightship at 11 a. m. Course-A 30-mile triangle, 10 miles to each leg. Time li.nit, 5 1-2 hours.

Intervals between signals-Preparatory to warning, 10 minutes; warning start, 5 minutes; start to handicap, 2 minutes ^

Sir Thomas Lipton's challenging yacht, Sham- | ock III, was remeasured in the drydock at the Erie Basin yesterday with her anchor and chain on board, which, it is said, weighed 1,100 pounds. The new measurement made by Charles D. Mower, measurer of the New-York Yacht Club, assisted by Albert G. Hunt, differs from the old by only five one-thousandths of a foot, affecting he time allowance by such a small fraction of a econd that the time allowance stands the same as it was before, 1 minute 57 seconds.

To neutralize the extra weight of the anchor and chain, that amount of pig lead ballast was removed from the yacht's hold, slightly decreasng the waterline length. Another measurement of the sail area, asked for by Fife, the designer, on account of slinging a new mainbe the length of the topmast greater by 3.16 feet. This offset the reduction in the waterline length, so that the allowance stands exactly as it did

For purposes of comparison, here are the ne

and old measurements,	together	with th	ose of
the Reliance, taken last	Tuesday:		
		Sham- rock	Sham- rock
	Reliance.	(old).	
Length on load water line Length from the after end of	89.66	89.81	89.78
the main boom to the for-		100000000000000000000000000000000000000	
ward point of measurement.	201.76	187.54	187.54
Length from the forward side			
of the mast to the forward		81.4	81.40
line of measurement Length of spinnaker boom		81.4	81.40
Length of gaff	ms 00	65.77	65.77
Length of topmast		69.15	72.31
Eighty per cent of topmast		55.32	57.87
Height from upper side of			
boom to lower side of			
sheave of topsail halyard		144.83	144.83
block	149.68		144.00

The operation of measuring Shamrock III occupied just an hour and twenty minutes. The water was let into the drydock early, and the yacht was affoat by 8 a. m. Sir Thomas Lipton nd his party on the Erin arrived at the Basin between 8 and 9 o'clock, the yacht going to the

nel D. F. D. Nell. Dr. A. G. Neale and Vice-Commodore Sharman-Crawford, went in a launch to the dock where the Shamrock lay. Her owner stepped aboard and took his place beside Dr. Neale and the crew of fifty-four men, and the measuring of the water line began Chairman S. Nicholson Kane and Edward Wales, of the regatta committee, Secretary

George Cormack and George C. Pease, all of the just before 9 o'clock in the committee tug Unique. Secretary Cormack went with Mr Fife, Mr. Mower and Albert Hunt in the punt from which the measurements were made. Captain "Nat" Herreshoff was not present. tain Wringe and Captain Bevis were on b the Shamrock. Robert Bacon looked after the interests of the New-York Yacht Club

wharf to coal up, while Sir Thomas, with Colo-

After the water line measurement had been taken in the usual way, by means of floating battens and plumb lines at bow and stern, it was transferred to the deck. There the overhangs were measured in a straight line by

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VAN COTT OUT \$1,200.

Dentist Drowned While Helping Must Stand Loss of Salary to Graff. Young Women in Danger.

Deal Beach, N. J., Aug. 24 (Special).-While aiding two young women who were in danger at the Deal Beach bathing grounds to-day, James H. Blaisdell, jr., a young Brooklyn dentist, was drowned shortly after noon

put up at the Dunes Hotel. This morning he ances of the Postoffice Department. By a dewent bathing with Miss Magdalene Harris and cision of Mr. Tracewell, Controller of the Treas-Miss Josephine Kelly, of Brooklyn, both of whom ury, supplemented by the action of the Auditor are summering at Allenhurst. Miss Kelly could for the Postoffice Department, Mr. Van Coul not swim, and, in assisting her across the deep | will have to stand the loss of the entire salary, water which cuts off the sandbar from the paid to H. C. Graff, beginning October, 1902, and beach, Dr. Blaisdell, unable to withstand her struggles, was overcome, and sank before assistance could reach him. Miss Kelly and Miss Harris were rescued by the life guard, Lemar.

Dr. Blaisdell had known Miss Harris at home, and the young people made up a party to bathe. When they had been in the water a few minutes one of the three suggested that they carry Miss of the Hamburg-American Company. Although Kelly, who could not swim, across the deep place between the shore and the sandbar, a tiser" learns that certain negotiations are now took Miss Kelly on one side and Miss Harris for the quarter ending January 1, and the audibeing carried on which are likely to result in an held her on the other. In this way they sup-

Half way out, Miss Kelly, who was kicking tional that Graff was attached to the depart-It is stated to be the Kaiser's ardent wish to to help, said she would rest, and tried to touch bottom. The water was over her head, and she sank. Immediately she became frightened and struggled. The others tried to keep her up and bring her ashore. Lifeguard Lemar hurried out alone and threw a life preserver to Miss Harris, at the same time catching Miss Kelly and holding her until the surfboat came up.

"In the mean time," Lemar says, "Dr. Blaisdell had started for the beach. The surfboat came out soon, and Lemar returned with Miss Kelly to the beach. It was some time before Dr. Blaisdell's absence was noted, both girls being exhausted. When his absence was discovered Griswold Thompson, a New-York broker, staying at the Dunes, put off again in the surfboat with Lemar and made a search. The body was discovered by Mr. Thompson, who dived and brought it to the surface. Bathing attendants and Lemar worked over Dr. Blaisdell until a Deal doctor arrived. The latter made the usual tests and pronounced Dr. Blaisdell dead."

Griswold Thompson was an intimate friend of the drowned man. Dr. Blaisdell's parents ar rived in Allenhurst to-night.

GEN. YOUNG'S DAUGHTER TO MARRY.

Omaha, Aug. 24.-Announcement was made to-day of the engagement of Miss Young, daughter of Lieutenant General S. B. M. Young, and Lieutenant John R. Hannay, of the 22d Infantry, now stationed at Fort Crook. Lieutenant Hannay's regiment has been ordered to the Philippines, and for that reason the wedding will occur early next month.

Says Controller. [BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Washington, Aug. 24.-Postmaster Van Cott. of New-York, will suffer a personal loss of between \$1,100 and \$1,200 as a result of the prace tices of George W. Beavers, formerly the super-Dr. Blaisdell came to Allenhurst Saturday and intendent of the Division of Salaries and Allow-

ending when Graff went to New-York to assume the duties of cashier in that postoffice, to which he had been originally appointed. At the behest of Beavers, Mr. Van Cott certified to the appointment of Graff; and although Graff never was employed in the New-York Postoffice he permitted Beavers to assign him to duty as a repair clerk for the cancelling machines in use in the larger postoffices throughout the country. Controller Tracewell has now short distance off. Accordingly, Dr. Blaisdell refused payment of the salary paid by Van Cott tor has declined to pass Graff's salary for the subsequent quarter and several weeks addi-

> ment in Washington. In rendering his decision the Controller supports the opinion of the Auditor, who has always maintained that postmasters and their bondsmen were responsible for funds paid out illegally, even though such payment was made by instruction of the Postmaster General or some

The only resource which Postmaster Van Cott now has will be to secure the enactment by Congress of a special appropriation reimbursing him for the amount lost.

other officer of the Postoffice Department.

Postmaster Van Cott could not be seen at his ome last night. Richard Van Cott, his son, declared he was positive his father had not heard a word about any deduction in his salary. Asked whether his father would take any action to prevent the Treasury Department from taking such a measure, Mr. Van Cott said that should the news be correct, he was of the epinion that some action would be taken, although he could not speak for his father.

REWARDED FOR KINDNESS.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Easton, Penn., Aug. 24.-Daniel Prime, a well known colored man, of this place, received word that \$5,000 had been left to him by Jonathan Moore, of Jackson, Mich., whom Prime befriended in the Civil War. Both men participated in the recapture of Fort Sumter. When Moore had one of his legs shattered and lay bleeding to death. Prime tore his blouse into strips, bound the injured leg and carried Moore to a place of safety.