

CONSTITUTION ABOUT READY.

Committee Appointed on Relations with This Country.

HAVANA, Feb. 13.—The finishing touches were to-day given to the Constitution by the Editing Committee, which will report the corrected project to the Constitutional Convention to-morrow, when it will undoubtedly be adopted.

At the last moment the reference to "pernicious foreigners" was struck out, and a clause was inserted providing for two sessions of Congress, beginning in April and November, instead of one.

Señores de Quesada, Tamayo, Gomez, Villuendas, and Silva were appointed a committee to draw up a proposition defining the relations to exist between Cuba and the United States.

Gen. Rivera, in a letter to the press, objects to the convention making any attempt to settle the question of future relations. He says the matter should be decided by the republic after the Constitution has been adopted. "If the United States is allowed to have coaling stations in Cuba and to draw up the programme of our foreign relations," he declares, "there will be no feature of independence left. Such an arrangement would not be living up to the resolution of Congress."

On the other hand a majority of the delegates are in favor of considering the question now, and probably a meeting will be arranged between Gov. Gen. Wood and the committee to consider some proposal that would be acceptable to the United States Government. The committee is expected to report to the Convention next Monday.

THE UNITED SERVICE.

Army.

Capt. George W. Burr, Ordnance Department, will proceed to the Sandy Hook proving ground for temporary duty, under special instructions from the Chief of Ordnance.

Col. James M. J. Sanno, Eighteenth Infantry, will proceed to Plattsburg Barracks, N. Y., and enter upon duty pertaining to the organization of the Twenty-seventh Infantry.

Chaplain Thomas W. Barry is relieved from duty in the Department of Cuba and will proceed to Fort Monroe and report to the commanding officer of that post for duty.

Major Earl D. Thomas, Fifth Cavalry, will report to the Quartermaster General for duty pertaining to the purchase of horses for the army.

First Lieut. Nathan K. Averill, Seventh Cavalry, now on duty at the United States Military Academy, will proceed, Feb. 19, to Richmond, Va., and report to Capt. Fred W. Foster, Fifth Cavalry, recruiting officer, for recruiting duty.

Dental Surgeon Robert W. Morgan will report in person to the Surgeon General of the army for instructions.

First Lieut. Charles C. Todd, Twentieth Infantry, will proceed to New Orleans and report on or about March 1 to Capt. Walter A. Thurston, Sixteenth Infantry, recruiting officer, for recruiting duty.

Capt. William K. Jones, Sixth Infantry, is relieved from duty as Acting Quartermaster and Acting Commissary of Subsistence on the transport Indiana, to take effect upon his arrival at San Francisco, and will then proceed to Vancouver Barracks, Washington, and report to the commanding officer of that post for duty pertaining to the regiment to be organized at that point.

Navy.

Assistant Paymaster T. J. Arms is detached from the naval station at San Juan and ordered home to wait orders.

Passed Assistant Paymaster George Brown, Jr., is ordered to additional duty at the naval station at San Juan.

Lieut. P. W. Hourigan is detached from all duty with the New York; he will continue on duty on the Vermont.

Movements of Naval Vessels.

The South Atlantic Squadron arrived at Monevideo yesterday.

The Mayflower left Santa Lucia yesterday for San Juan.

The Hartford sailed this morning from Santa Lucia for Guadeloupe.

The Buffalo reached Colombo to-day.

The training ship Prairie has been ordered out of commission at the Boston Navy Yard.

The Peoria was put in commission yesterday at the Boston Yard.