

# Have They Met

Heavy Firing Heard Off the Cuban Coast—The Spanish Fleet Probably Have Been Found.

## CERTAINLY A NAVAL BATTLE

Highest Authorities Vouch For Truth of Statement—Great Excitement in Port au Paix.

KEY WEST, May 23.—It is reported here on the highest authority that the Spanish and American fleets are fighting off the southern coast of Cuba in the Windward Passage.

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, May 23.—Continuous cannonading has been heard at Port de Paix, which has thrown that town into a state of the wildest excitement. Dispatches say that very heavy firing is going on in the northwest in the direction of the Windward Passage. At least twenty shots were heard at first. There was then a brief lull, following which cannonading was resumed.

There is no doubt in Port de Paix that a great naval engagement between the fleets of Sampson and Cervera is being fought and that full details of the battle will soon be obtained.

It is quite generally believed that the shots heard Friday and Saturday were annunciators of the first skirmish between Sampson's scout ships and the Spanish cruisers.

## GREAT JOY AMONG OREGON BOYS

First Regiment of Oregon Volunteers Will Leave Soon—Troops to Receive A Month's Pay in Advance.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—Over in the camp of the first regiment of Oregon Volunteers there was much enthusiasm during the morning and a great deal of hard work. The regiment has received its marching orders, the third battalion being ordered to report tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock at the dock, it being understood that four companies will leave on the City of Sydney with the six companies of the 14th U. S. infantry and a detachment from Major Rice's volunteer battalion of heavy artillery. The first and second battalions of the Oregon regiment will go on the steamer Australia with Gen. Anderson of the U. S. A. and his staff, who arrived yesterday.

When the men go on board the Australia and City of Sydney the steamers will go out in the stream to join the City of Pekin. The three transports will probably leave the port by Wednesday or Thursday.

The troops bound for the Philippines received glad news from Washington today that they would be paid off before sailing. The request for pay in advance was sent by Col. Smith to Senator White about ten days ago and the matter was placed before the war department. Gen. Otis received an order to see that all troops are paid one month's wages before they get away.

## A DASTARDLY SPANISH SCHEME

They Try to Blow Up the Blockading Squadron with Floating Mines—A New Kind of Warfare.

KEY WEST, May 23.—News reached here today of a dastardly attempt to blow up the boats of the blockading squadron. What is believed to have been a submarine mine was exploded yesterday by the Spanish off Cape San Antonio.

Officers of the warship say that the Spanish have out floating mines throughout the gulf stream in an attempt to blow up the blockading squadron.

The vessels were scouting well out from land in Yucatan channel, and were in a semi-circle 800 yards apart,

when an explosion lifted the ships and sent the seamen and officers spinning across the decks. It was at first thought that it was the shock of a large gun, and men rushed to their quarters.

The explosions adds new features to the naval warfare. One of the officers said: "None of our ships were injured, but the explosion warns all vessels to look out for floating mines."

## MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION

The Shock Plainly Felt on Board the American Vessels.

KEY WEST, May 23.—Four of our warships, whose names cannot for good reasons be telegraphed, were cruising off the westernmost Point of Cuba yesterday, when a tremendous explosion occurred. It seemed to be right under the feet of everybody, but the quiet signals which were exchanged among the fleet showed that it had not occurred on any of our vessels. Various theories have been advanced, some of them thinking it was an earthquake, while others believe it was a floating mine which had been placed by the Spaniards.

There have been a few other explosions, but none of the magnitude of the first. The blockade along the coast is very quiet and the rainy season has begun. Almost every day sees almost a torrent of rain.

## BRITISH VESSEL FIRED UPON

Evident Object Was to Prevent Her Departure—Incident May Lead to Serious Complications.

ST. THOMAS, May 23.—The British steamer Aldeborough, which arrived at Porto Rico May 8th, from Morthil, Scotland, reached this port from San Juan yesterday. She reports that the Spanish cruiser Isabella II fired on the British steamer Roth, which was loaded with coal, with the intention of crippling her, and thereby preventing her departure. The officers of cruiser claim that the firing was accidental.

The Aldeborough also reports that an American cruiser captured a Spanish bark north of San Juan Saturday morning last. The prize was towed to the northward.

CHICAGO, May 23.—A special from Washington says: The firing upon the English ship Roth by the Spanish cruiser Isabella promises to lead to serious complications. The Spanish say it was a mistake, but the British and Americans think not.

## THE CREW REPORTED SAFE

The Bear Will Not Reach the Fleet Before July—No Fears Entertained For the Safety of the Crew.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Captain Shoemaker, chief of the revenue service, says there is no truth in the report from Afognak that the crew and vessels of the whaling fleet at Point Barrow have been lost. He does not expect the revenue cutter Bear to reach the fleet before July 1st; but has no fear for its safety. He says that from his knowledge of the Arctic region, he is satisfied there can be no truth in the report coming from Afognak.

## TO INVADE SPANISH POSSESSIONS

Four More Regiments Have Been Ordered to the Front.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Mustering figures received at the war department show that up to this time 106,000 volunteers have taken the oath of allegiance to support the United States government.

Orders to the following regiments to move to front were given today: Thirty-third Michigan, Colonel Chas. L. Boynton, commanding, to Chickamauga; Second Virginia, Colonel J. C. Bacon, commanding, to Tampa; Second Kentucky, Colonel E. H. Gaither, commanding, to Chickamauga; Twenty-second Kansas, Colonel Henry E. Lindsey, commanding, to Camp Alger, Va.

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## Our First Defeat

Little Lighthouse Tender Mangrove Has Probably Fallen Into the Hands of a Spanish Cruiser.

## MUCH EXCITEMENT OVER IT

Reports State That Her Entire Complement of Officers and men were Butchered—Other Reports Say They Were Taken to Cuban Port.

KEY WEST, May 23.—This town is all a-gog over the story of our first naval disaster. The story goes from mouth to mouth of the capture of the Mangrove by the Spanish. The wildest stories, made even worse at every repetition, are handed from one to another. It is said that the entire complement of officers and men of the little lighthouse tender have been butchered. This was modified to some extent by the fact that they had been taken to Santiago de Cuba.

Everybody is filled with terror for the worst. The naval station here will not verify the story, but those in charge are evidently uneasy over the affair.

Telegrams sent to Washington asking whether or not the dread report was true elicited unsatisfactory replies. The navy department would neither confirm nor deny the report.

As the story went, an American vessel had been picked up by a big Spanish cruiser off the southern coast of Cuba.

It was supposed she had been grappling for the Santiago cable to cut it in order to cut off the Spanish communications with Madrid. She was especially equipped for this service. The Mangrove was not intended for active service and had fighting this year. After she had acted as a sort of dispatch boat between Havana and Key West in the days of the Maine inquiry, and had brought over the recovered guns of the sunken battleship, she was equipped with two rapid fire one-pounders and complete cable grappling apparatus, and then placed in charge of Lieutenant Commander Wm. Everett. Her crew consisted of thirteen men.

With her two one-pounders she distinguished herself during the blockade in the latter part of April by bringing in the Spanish steamer Panama, which had two fourteen-pounders and a crew of seven, y-two.

## PRESIDENT'S ACTION APPROVED

He Demonstrated His Wisdom By His Action in Regard to the Strategy Board—In Case the Spanish Fleet Escaped the Latter Will Be Blamed

WASHINGTON, May 21.—If the Spanish fleet succeeds in getting away from Sampson it will demonstrate more clearly than ever the wisdom of the president in taking away from the strategy board the right to issue orders to the admirals in command of different squadrons in the North Atlantic. It is learned authoritatively that Sampson's return to Key West after bombardment of San Juan, was under instruction from the strategy board, against his judgment. Sampson believed it would be better policy to absolutely control the windward passage, and thereby to ascertain the movements of the Cape Verde fleet in the event of Cervera's attempting to make port anywhere along the Cuban coast.

The fact that the Spanish admiral chose Santiago instead of Cienfuegos as his landing port, indicates that his object was not to land small arms and ammunition for Blanco as was supposed. He probably touched at Santiago for the purpose of coaling and making necessary repairs. Any supplies or ammunition which he may have landed could not possibly have been taken to Blanco from that point, because of the lack of transportation facilities; whereas, it is but a night's run by rail from Cienfuegos to Havana.

Still the president is said to be much vexed over the success of the Spaniards in reaching any Cuban port. He regards the action of the strategy board in ordering Sampson to ignore the windward passage, as an extremely bad move on the part of that useless organization.

Should Cervera succeed in getting away from the American fleet altogether it is likely, in fact most certain that his action will result in the summary disbandment of this organization of so called experts, who have thus far demon-

strated anything but an exact knowledge of science of naval tactics. It may result also in the ordering to sea of Captain Crowingshield, at present chief of the bureau of navigation and a member of the board of strategy. He has no particular desire to go to sea at this time, because, as he is understood to express it, he has had his share of sea duty in recent years.

## A DECIDED AMERICAN VICTORY

The Bombardment of Santiago Pronounced as Such—Cable Has Been Cut—No Injury to the Fleet.

ST. THOMAS, May 23.—The recent bombardment of defenses at Santiago resulted in a decided victory for the American ships, the cutting of cables shutting Blanco off from communication from Madrid. Acting under orders from Sampson, the auxiliary cruiser St. Louis and armed tug Wompatuck proceeded to Santiago to cut the cable there. The cable was picked up in range of the guns of Morro fort. The Spaniards opened fire on the Americans, as did also two sand and mortar batteries on shore and below the level on which Morro fort stands. The American vessels responded. The aim of the Spaniards was atrociously bad. The sailors secured the cable and lifted it to the forecable of the St. Louis, where it was cut.

The Spaniards meanwhile redoubled their efforts, and hit the vessels, and the engagement was lively. The St. Louis brought her six-pounders into play, and the Wompatuck used her one three-pounder. With this small armament the Americans finally silenced all but two or three of the Spanish guns. The topmast stay of the St. Louis was shot away, and the pilot house of the Wompatuck was slightly shattered. One man on the St. Louis, while handling the cable, had his finger broken by flying fragments of shell. This was the only damage done to them. The Americans then proceeded to Guantanamo, shelled the batteries, and under an effective fire cut the cable, thus completing Blanco's isolation.

The Americans simply laughed at the wretched gunnery of the Spanish.

## SPANISH FORCES ROUTED

A Sharp Engagement Near Matanzas in Plain Sight of the Blockading Warships.

NEW YORK, May 23.—A Key West special says the Cubans are fighting their way to the coast, where they will join with our forces of invasion. Three hundred Cubans engaged a squad of Spanish cavalry on Thursday 10 miles west of Matanzas. The battle was fiercely waged in sight of the ships of the blockading squadron. The fighting continued after dark, and Friday morning the Spanish cavalry, which have been reinforced during the night by a battalion of infantry, was seen retreating toward Havana. The Cubans approached rapidly to the coast to join our landing troops.

## BRITISH STEAMER TAKEN IN.

Captured While Trying to Enter the Harbor of Havana.

KEY WEST, May 23.—The British steamer Ardambor came into port this morning in charge of an ensign from the auxiliary gunboat Osceola, by which the vessel was seized yesterday off Canaries' fort light, because she was acting in a suspicious manner, and was supposed to be trying to enter Havana harbor.

## GUKEE'S RICH STRIKE.

Wonderful Wealth of the Great Northern Mine.

HEPPNER, Or., May 23.—Great excitement prevails in the mining region near Canyon City, as well as in adjacent towns. Saturday Isaac Guker, owner of the Great Northern mine, near Canyon City, Grant county, took out \$1642.35 in fifty minutes. One nugget alone weighed \$983.87. Klondike isn't in it with the Oregon mines.

## Naval Experts Think Our Warships Will Soon Catch Cervera.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Naval experts believe Admiral Cervera's squadron is rapidly exhausting its coal supply, and that as many ports are now closed against it, it will not be able to long elude our fleets unless it gets coal at sea from colliers.

## Result of a Troubled Conscience.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—A money order for \$38.98, in an envelope post-marked Portland, Oregon, was received at the treasury department today and deposited in the "conscience fund."

## Spains Next Move.

MADRID, May 23.—From a discussion in the Spanish senate today it appears that Spain seriously contemplated having recourse to privateering in the near future.

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No. 3, from Spokane and Great Northern, arrives at 6:50 a. m., departs at 6:55 a. m. No. 1, from Baker City and Union Pacific, arrives at 8:20 a. m., departs at 8:30 a. m.

The following freight trains carry passengers on the first and second districts, but do not stop at station platforms:

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No. 24 east, arrives at 12:30 p. m., departs at 1:45 p. m.

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Advertised Letters.

Following is the list of letters remaining in the postoffice at The Dalles un-called for May 20, 1898. Persons calling for the same will give dates on which they were advertised:

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Belmont, Tommy	Batorff, Wm
Burns, Mrs S E	Byers, R W (6)
Carlton Emma	Clark, Ollie (2)
Cary, Jno	Carlson, C F
Carpenter, Chas	Drummer, Mrs Will
Faust, R P	Green, Otto
Gieger, Charlie	Gilbreth, Wm
Hill, C R	Hightbotham, Mary
Jensen, Nes (2)	Johnston, Lillie
Jordan, J W	Knightly, T C
Leabo, Thos B	McLeod, Geo (2)
Mendelson, Mrs M	Mohr, Miss Mary
Morgan, J M	Nelson, Chas
Nielarna, Wm	Pauley, E
Parker, T J	Porter, C
Ruing, Callie	Richmond, Geo W
Slater, Jack	Shelly, Wm
Smith, Requina	Smith, C E
Taylor, Walton	Waver, J P
Tauscher, Fred	Theodore, L
Tillford, A L (3)	Thompson, Jno
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