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## CAUGHT IN A TRAP

Wretched People of Manila Shrink From Death

## FEAR YANKEE BOMBS

And Death From Knives in the Hands of Savages.

New York, April 27.—A dispatch to the Herald from Hong Kong says:

O. F. Williams, the American consul at Manila, who arrived here on the steamer Emerald, says that he was delighted to escape from the island, and immediately joined Commodore Dewey. He says the people of Manila are wildly excited, fearing that they will be between two fires, the American squadron and the insurgents.

Two days before he left, the Spanish cruiser Castello arrived. She is a wooden vessel of the old type, three masts, bar-riaged with one smokestack. She has four 5.8 inch Krupp guns, two 5.7-inch, two 2.3-inch, four 4.0 inch and eight rapid fire guns. She has two torpedo tubes, and a speed of 12 knots. She has aboard a cargo of miscellaneous war supplies, including torpedoes. These will be used for mines.

Until two weeks ago the authorities had no submarine cables, but they have obtained about 80 miles from the telegraph company and the harbor is now mined. The commander of the Castello was immediately requested by the governor general to assist in the defense of the harbor. He declared with vehemence he would sooner sink at his moorings than surrender his ship. He moved his ship at the entrance to the harbor and, taking the guns from one side of his ships, he placed them in emplacements on Corregidor island at the other side of the harbor.

He and his officers and crew declare they will die at their guns.

About 25,000 native insurgents are encamped outside of Manila ready to rush upon the Spaniards as soon as the American fleet appears.

All of the Americans except one are now out of Manila, many taken refuge aboard English merchant ships. All American ships except the Great Admiral have also got away. She is a wooden vessel of 1576 gross tons and is owned by E. R. Sterling of Newport, R. I.

All the Europeans who are remaining in Manila are fearful of outrages by the insurgents.

## Missouri Mule Trust.

St. Louis, April 27.—The government has broken the backbone of the Missouri mule trust by refusing to accept the bids recently sent in for furnishing these animals for the army.

The big dealers in mules in St. Louis and Kansas City formed a trust of their own when the demand for the animals became so brisk and advanced the price about \$25 a head. When the bids were opened it was discovered that there was scarcely 20 cents difference in the highest and lowest bids.

The bids were forwarded to Washington and word has been received that they were thrown out, the newspapers having announced a trust. Now, there is a wild scramble to dispose of the animals at a good deal lower figure.

## Looking to Intervention.

London, April 27.—The Vienna correspondent of the Standard says:

It probably due to a committed understanding reached between Count Goluchowsky, Austrian Hungarian foreign minister, and Prince Hohenzollern, the German chancellor, that all the inspired organs of the Vienna foreign office are propagating the idea that after the first serious encounter between Spain and the United States the intervention of the powers will bring the war to a close. The intervention would consist of a recommendation that Spain should give up Cuba after having saved her honor. It is in keeping with this idea that the foreign office organs expressed extreme impatience at the slowness of developments, while admitting that Austria and Germany are united in politics.

## Manila Is in Poor Shape.

London, April 27.—The Times correspondent of Hong Kong telegraphing Tuesday says:

The Emerald, brought 600 refugees, mostly Chinese, from Manila. On Saturday the 23 vessels in Philippine ports put to sea with one exception. The British consul is protecting American interests at Manila and the Americans will take refuge on British vessels.

The guns have been taken from the Spanish ships to assist in the defense of Manila, where the fortifications are useless, the guns obsolete, the torpedoes of doubtful value and ammunition of all

kinds scarce. The Spaniards have an effective military force of 5000.

Despite official contradiction, the rebels continue raiding the towns in the island of Luzon, and the appearance of the American squadron will be the signal for a descent on Manila. It is expected that the Spaniards will make but a feeble resistance.

## Moving to Battle.

Madrid, April 27.—10 a. m.—The Spanish Philippine island fleet has sailed to meet the United States squadron.

## May Fight Any Minute.

Madrid, April 27. 6 p. m.—The governor of Manila telegraphs that an engagement between the Spanish and American squadrons is hourly expected.

## Gomez's Army Is Raided.

Washington, D. C., April 27.—The conference now being held between Gen. Miles and other officials and representatives of Cuban insurgents while being productive of important results, are necessarily unofficial in character, owing to the unrecognized state of the Cubans. Now, however, that Gomez and Garcia are being recognized as material factors in the contest the desirability of their recognition, at least as belligerents, is being urged on as warranting formal recognition.

## Ready for a Race

San Francisco, April 27.—In a little more than a month there will be ready for service for the warships to Pacific waters a small but formidable vessel—the 30 knot torpedo boat Farragut, now on the ways at the Union Iron works. Contrary to the custom of shipbuilders, the Farragut's engine and machinery will all be in place when she slides off the ways. The Farragut is designed for a speed of 30 knots an hour. Her dimensions are: Length, 210 feet; beam 20 feet four inches; maximum draft with the ship ready for sea and bunkers full, 6 feet. Her displacement will be 237 tons and her engines will indicate a maximum of 5000 horse power.

## Spain Forty Years Ago.

The famous description of Spain given by Pickle 43 years ago has become even more conspicuously true by the interval that has elapsed since it was written: "There she lies at the farther extremity of the continent, a huge and torpid mass, the only representative now remaining of the feelings and the knowledge of the Middle Ages. And what is

the worst symptom of all, she is satisfied with her own condition. Though she is the most backward country in Europe, she believes herself to be the foremost. She is proud of everything of which she ought to be ashamed. She is proud of the antiquity of her opinions; proud of the strength of her faith; proud of her unwillingness to amend either creed or her customs; proud of her hatred of heretics, and proud of the undying vigilance with which she has baffled her efforts to obtain a full and legal establishment on her soil."

## ODD FELLOWS' ANNIVERSARY.

Appropriate Ceremonies Witnessed at Adams.

Many Odd Fellows and their friends attended the celebration of the seventy-ninth anniversary of American Oddfellowship, at Adams Tuesday.

The town was decorated, and the hospitality of the little city was wide open to the visitors. The Adams band contributed largely to the enjoyment of the day, and had the weather been more favorable, a much larger number of people would have enjoyed the excellent program that was rendered and which was as follows:

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- Prayer.....Rev. G. W. Rigby
- Address of Welcome.....B. A. Marquis, P. G.
- Opening Address.....Hon. W. M. Pierce, P. G., of Pendleton
- DINNER
- Music.....Band
- Song.....Choir
- Short Address.....Visiting Brothers
- Song.....Master Willis Hales
- Cornet Solo.....Bert Kirby
- Benediction.....Rev. G. W. Rigby.

## Bea's the Klondike.

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## Matanzas Bombarded.

Key West, April 27.—8:30 p. m.—The New York Puritan and Cincinnati bombarded the fort at Matanzas this afternoon. The engagement took place at 12:45 and closed at 1:15 p. m. There were no casualties on the American side, though great damage is known to have been done to the Matanza forts, and it is believed there was loss of lives. The United States vessels fired 300 shots and blew up the new earth works at the batteries which the Spanish were putting in place. The forts returned the fire but most of the shots fell short, and only a few went over our vessels. The squadron having located all the batteries, it returned to Havana.

## Considered Doubtful.

Washington, April 28.—8 a. m.—Naval authorities doubt that naval conflict is imminent in Philippine as Spanish fleet is inferior and will naturally seek protection from the guns of Manila. Our fleet may possibly seek some other port as base of supplies. The very fact that Madrid officials have declared that Spanish fleet has sailed to bombard cities on the North American coast is taken as a certainty of utter improbability of such movement.

## To Capture Yachts.

Cadiz, April 28.—8:30 a. m.—A dispatch says Spanish torpedo boat destroyer, Destroyer, and three torpedo boats sailed yesterday for Tonrifle and Centa to capture Yachts in Mediterranean sea.

## Not Swift Enough.

Colon, April 28.—8:30 a. m.—Steamer Alliance from New York was chased by Spanish gun boat off Cape May, but the American steamer beat her out fair and square.

## Expects to Do It Easy.

Hong Kong, April 28.—8:30 a. m.—Admiral Dewey of American squadron left here with the avowed purpose of capturing the entire Spanish fleet in Philippines, and expects to do it easy.

## National Guard Rebel.

Baltimore, April 28.—10:30 a. m.—Fourth Regiment national guard has broken camp at Penlico and returned to their armory. It is reported they have rebelled because they have not been ordered to active service.

## How Japan Stands.

Washington, April 28.—10:30 a. m.—Advices from Japan are that she sides with America against Spain. Tales of a brutal massacre of insurgents at Manila are at hand. Portugal has announced herself as being neutral.

The Spanish fleet will soon be cut off from important base of supplies. The governor of Kansas has had a row with the state Militia and now volunteers will probably be used. The state troops burned the governor in effigy.

## Provisions and Money.

Key West, April 28.—1:30 p. m.—Spanish steamer Guido with large cargo of provisions and money for Spanish troops was captured this morning by the United States Monitor Terror.

## After U. S. Merchantmen.

London, April 28.—1:30 p. m.—Dispatches from Madrid say it is reported that the Spanish Squadron of nine vessels left Manila Monday to capture United States merchant steamers.

## Will Sail Tomorrow.

Cape Verde Islands, April 28.—1:30 p. m.—Spanish squadron is still here, but will probably sail tomorrow, as paymasters are settling accounts.

## RUSHING TO RUIN

Spanish Fleet Said to Be in a Hurry

## TO MEET ASIATIC FLEET

Dons Boast of Victory, but Have not Half a Chance.

Madrid, April 27.—The minister of marine is in receipt of a cipher dispatch from Admiral Mantejo, commanding the fleet at Manila, announcing he is about to sail with his squadron to take up a position where he can await the coming of the American fleet and capture it.

The minister of marine immediately communicated with Premier Sagasta, who summoned the Minister of War Correa and the three held a conference. Admiral Bermejo expressed the belief that the United States squadron would reach Manila in about 60 hours and a battle, therefore, is expected in about three days.

## American Fleet Will Win.

Washington, April 27.—The United States Asiatic squadron, mobilized at Mars bay, China, consists of the flagship Olympia, one of the best cruisers in the fleet, Captain Grilley, Rear Admiral (Geo Dewey, commander in chief; cruiser Baltimore, Captain Dyer; cruiser Boston, Captain Wildies; cruiser Concord, Commander Walker; cruiser Raleigh, Captain Coghlan; gunboat Petrel, Commander Wood; dispatch boat, Hugh McCulloch; steamer Nanshan, storeship, and steamer Zaitoo, collier.

The Spanish fleet at the Philippines may resist the United States for a short time, with the assistance of guns from the Spanish forts, but otherwise the American vessels would make very short work of the Spanish squadron, which consists of the following vessels: Cruiser Reina Cristina, cruiser Castello, cruiser Velasco, cruiser Don Juan de Austria, gunboat El Cano, gunboat General Lazo, gunboat Marquez Toludero, transport General Alava, transport Manila, and transport Cuba.

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