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The Navy Department Pleased

Spain Will Send Her Fleet to Intercept the Oregon—Aid Will Be Sent.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—The navy department are well satisfied now that Spain's Cape Verde fleet is on its way to the Brazilian coast to intercept the Oregon, Marietta and dynamite cruiser Buffalo, just purchased from Brazil. The department will send aid in a day or two. Spain's evident plan is to send her fleet out over the course these vessels take and overhaul them.

CONTEMPLATES A SUDDEN BLOW

Firing Heard Near Cape Race—Probably Caused by the Capturing of Merchantmen.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Reports received from Madrid this afternoon announced that Spain proposed to mass her entire fleet and strike one supreme blow at the navy of the United States. That some scheme has been in contemplation by the Spanish naval authorities has been suspected for some time, and it has been the occasion of the most anxiety manifested by the navy department during the past week or ten days. Thus far the bureau of naval intelligence, upon which devolves the duty of securing the data concerning the foreign naval movements, has been unable to secure definite knowledge of the movements of the principal vessels of the Cadiz fleet. At last advice at least two most formidable Spanish vessels were reported to be undergoing extensive repairs, and it is not certain they have been completed, still the naval tactical board has every reason to believe that a powerful fleet is sailing under the Spanish flag and is headed in the direction of Porto Rico. Reiterated statements to the effect that a movement is contemplated against the cities of the North Atlantic seaboard is not credited by the naval board, but Secretary Long evidently takes some stock in the story and this accounts for the movement of the Columbia and Minneapolis with several auxiliary cruisers to points along the New England coast. This movement was due to the secretary alone, and was ordered in response to the frantic appeals for protection which came from Massachusetts particularly, but also from Maine, Rhode Island and Connecticut to lesser degrees. Scouts have been sent out quietly all over the northern track of trans-Atlantic steamers, and reports received from them are emphatic in declaring that no Spanish warships are anywhere between the coast defenses and banks of New Foundland tonight.

Dispatches from Halifax report that heavy firing was heard in the neighborhood of Cape Race. Inquiry at the navy department developed the fact that the San Francisco and one or two other vessels of our navy are supposed to be in the neighborhood, but that there is no Spanish man-of-war anywhere in view. It is therefore concluded that the firing was from the American vessels. It was undoubtedly due to an attack upon a Spanish merchantman; but no information whatever has been received of an engagement of any character near Cape Race.

It was learned officially this evening that at least five more auxiliary cruisers will be sent out with quick-firing guns of six-inch calibre. By the end of the week Spain contemplates a grand naval coup reports that it behooves her officers to place her fleets within gun fire of America as rapidly as possible, as every day's delay adds to the effectiveness of America's fleet. Including battle ships, armored and protected cruisers, torpedo boats, destroyers and effective steamers of the American navy in and near the Atlantic coast at the present time is upward of 125. While the most formidable sections of this great fleet are massed near Havana, Key West and Hampton Roads, many

of them are stretched out along the coast. The officers in the Atlantic squadron are just a little jealous of Dewey's fame, and are aching to demonstrate that the American navy is full of Deweys.

DASHING TEXAS CAVALRY REGIMENT

It Will Be Composed of Men From All Classes Who Will Die Rather Than Give up to the Spaniards.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Assistant Secretary Roosevelt will leave the state department Friday and proceed at once to San Antonio, Texas, where with Colonel Wood, he will proceed to organize the first regiment of rough riders. The general supposition throughout the country is that these three regiments will be composed largely of rough frontiersmen, but if the indications seen at Washington are to be taken for anything there could be no more erroneous impression possible.

Today, for instance, thirty young fellows from Yale and Harvard, men who have been foremost in the athletic sports of these two institutions, came to Washington, and after passing a physical examination, were accepted and sent forward to Texas.

Every man among them expects to be on the islands inside of ten days, and there is not a man in the party who will surrender to the Spaniards while there is breath in his body or a cartridge in his pistol.

POINTS OF CONCENTRATION

Chickamauga and Washington Have Been Absolutely Decided Upon.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Chickamauga and Washington have been absolutely decided upon as the volunteer army concentration points. At least one other Eastern point will be chosen, probably in New York or Pennsylvania.

Expecting that the senate would be in session today, the war department officials prepared a list of persons whose nominations were to be sent in as major generals and brigadier-generals. The list included the name of Fitzhugh Lee as major general, and it is believed also those of W. R. Shafter, commanding a brigade at New Orleans, and J. E. Wade, commanding regiments at Tampa, both of whom are now brigadier generals, to be major generals.

A Suspicious Circumstance.
SANTA CRUZ, Calif., May 3.—The coroner has learned that two Spaniards called at certain houses here on the day of the fatal explosion, and inquired the direction of the powder works. Operations at the works have been resumed. No one excepting employees is allowed to pass the gates without a pass. The works are now guarded day and night.

Gladstone Rests Easier.
LONDON, May 3.—Advices from Harwarden today say Gladstone is resting distinctly easier.

Extra choice, full weight, Tillamook creamery butter at 50 cents per square at Maler & Benton's.

WILL BE SENT TO THE PHILIPPINES

Five Thousand Pacific Coast Volunteers are Likely to Be Sent to the Support of Commodore Dewey Within Ten Days.

DETERMINED TO HOLD THE ISLANDS

Secretary Long Announces That the Brave Commodore Will Be Promoted to the Rank of Rear-Admiral—Supplies to Be Sent to the Asiatic Squadron at Once.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—The cabinet meeting today resulted in a decision to await the report of Dewey and send him the number of troops necessary to enforce control of the Philippines. For these purposes the Pacific coast troops will be used, and it is expected that at least five thousand will be en route within ten days. There does not seem to be any doubt as to the government's purpose to hold the islands pending a final settlement with Spain, when they will be used as collateral to secure payment to the United States of a war indemnity.

High officials are of the opinion that the powers will not seriously dispute our right to make such a final disposition of the islands as suits our purpose in the enforcement of war claims against Spain. In any event, this government will be prepared to contest any point raised on this score.

Secretary Long says Dewey will be made acting admiral and afterward nominated rear admiral. Deficiency estimates to the amount of \$10,000,000 for the purchase of supplies for the Asiatic squadron have been prepared for submission to congress.

A dispatch has been received from New York saying that a Wall street news agency published under date of Hong Kong a dispatch declaring that Manila had fallen, and that the stars and stripes wave over the Philippines.

No official confirmation of this report has reached the government, nor has any news whatever been received from Dewey, due probably to the fact that the Manila cable has in some way been severed.

FIRED ON A TORPEDO-BOAT

Fire Was Returned by the New York and the Spaniards Flee.

KEY WEST, May 3.—A regiment of cavalry which has been patrolling the Cuban coast for five miles west of Havana, fired on a torpedo-boat which was steaming along close to the shore, yesterday. The horsemen were close to the waters edge but the shots went wide of the mark. The Spanish kept peppering away. A few volleys from the New York from her 4-inch guns were fired and two shots took effect. The Spanish fled precipitately leaving a large number of dead and wounded behind them.

PAUCIPEOTE TO BE RECALLED.
Sir Thomas Sanderson to Succeed Him as British Ambassador.

LONDON, May 3.—According to a report published here today, the British ambassador at Washington, Sir Julian Paucifote, is to be succeeded by Sir Thomas H. Sanderson, K. C. B., K. C. M. G., permanent under-secretary of state for the foreign affairs and one of the most prominent officials in the British service.

Officers on the Passes.
WASHINGTON, May 3.—Secretary Gage has been officially informed that the Canadian government has established officers on the passes leading from Dyes and Skaway, where mining licenses may be obtained.

Use Clarke & Falk's Floral Lotion for rough skin.

REDUCED IN TWO MINUTES

Gunboat Wilmington Destroys a Spanish Fort Which Has Just Been Built Near Cojima.

RUIN WAS COMPLETE

A Body of Spanish Troops Scattered and Demoralized by the Same Vessel Near Jaruco Beach.

NEW YORK, May 4.—A dispatch to the World from Key West says:

The gunboat Wilmington early this morning destroyed a Spanish fort just being finished about four miles east of Cojima. The Wilmington also fired at a troop of cavalry passing Jaruco. Two men were seen to drop on the beach.

The Ericsson on Sunday saw a large body of infantry passing eastward toward Mantanzas on the beach. The Ericsson followed them for miles, but used no guns. Later they noticed another large body of infantry going eastward and apparently driving prisoners before it. The Ericsson also saw about 200 cavalry and 300 infantry passing Jaruco beach toward Matanzas. She signaled the Wilmington, which fired a small gun and then a four-inch shell. * Though a mile and a half away, two men could be seen to drop, and the cavalry and infantry dashed pell-mell into the bushes and up the hill. There was a fine confusion of horses, pack mules and cavalry and infantry for an instant.

The Ericsson yesterday discovered a force of men building a fort near Cojima, on the second of four or five small hills at some distance from the shore. All the afternoon and night the Ericsson's men watched them at work. They made out 58 cavalrymen quartered in a plantation house near the fort, and the Ericsson ran across the Wilmington and informed Captain Toad of that had been seen.

"They'll never finish it," he said. "Just watch."

The Ericsson drew away and the Wilmington leisurely proceeded toward the coast. In less than two minutes the fort was a shapeless wreck.

A PLUCKY CALIFORNIA WOMAN

She Puts Two Spaniards to Flight With a Monkey Wrench—They Attempted to Haul Down the American Flag Over Her House.

LOS ANGELES, May 4.—Two hunky Spaniards attempted to haul down the American flag over the residence of W. H. Wilcox, 825, Golden Avenue, choosing an hour when they would have only a woman to deal with. The woman they encountered had good fighting blood, as well as courage, not to speak of a monkey wrench. Mrs. Wilcox was alone in the house, and there was no help within call, but she resolved not to surrender her colors, and shut the door in the face of a patriot of Spain, who amused himself banging it. When she opened it again he was threatening and very angry. In her hand she held a tiny nickel-plated bicycle wrench, which she pointed at him like a revolver and told him to be off. He went away growling. She watched him go down the street until he was joined by another Spaniard. The two had a conference and then attempted a flank movement. The second don sneaked around the side of the house, while the first marched boldly up to the door. Before he reached it the plucky woman opened it suddenly and, with a wild yell, poked her shining weapon right under his nose. Like Mark Twain's coyote, there was only a crack on the landscape to indicate which direction the Spaniards' flying footsteps had taken.

Mrs. Wilcox has re-inforced her monkey wrench with auxiliary battery consisting of a six shooter, and is prepared to defend her colors against all comers.

Message Received from Dewey

Fifty American Sailors and Marines Killed and One Hundred Wounded.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.—Reports from the Mare Island navy yard tonight, from a trustworthy source, say that Admiral Kirkland received today a cipher message from the navy department saying that Commodore Dewey sent a brief cable message from Hong Kong giving the losses in the Manila fight at fifty Americans killed and one hundred wounded. The report also said that the Concord and Petrel were badly damaged in the fight, particularly in the upper works.

Dewey asked for a hospital ship and a force of 2,000 men, with supplies for three months, to be sent to the Philippines as soon as possible.

PORTLAND'S NEW POSTMASTER

The President Nominates Croasman to Succeed Protzman.

PORTLAND, May 4.—The president has nominated Allen B. Croasman to be postmaster at this place.

News of Mr. Croasman's nomination does not come as a surprise to people of Portland. It has been generally conceded for some time past by well-informed persons that he would secure this rich plum, as the Oregon delegation in congress was known to be favorably disposed toward him.

Mr. Croasman is about 50 years of age, and has been a resident of Oregon for thirty-four years. The new postmaster is a sound-money Republican, and his candidacy was endorsed by over 200 of Portland's leading business men. He expects to be ready to assume his duties as postmaster about June 1st.

TWO COASTERS REPORTED MISSING

The Alton and Forest Queen are Overdue and Supposed to be Lost.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.—Two coasting vessels are missing and it is feared both have gone down with all hands. No tidings of the Alton, which left the Sound two weeks ago for Copper river, has been received. The Forest Queen from Tacoma is overdue at San Pedro.

MURDERER CAPTURED

The Assassin of Hendrickson and Burns Captured by Canadian Police.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 4.—The Canadian police have arrested Clews, who confessed to the murder of Hendrickson and Burns on the Stickeen river last April. Two pocket books belonging to the murdered men were found on Clews, who will probably be lynched, as feeling against him is strong at Telegraph Creek, where Clews was brought after his capture.

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A bushel of notions doesn't weigh half as much as one stubborn fact.

Garland's Happy Thought Salve

is a sure factor for the cure of Skin Troubles and Piles.

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For sale at DONNELL'S.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

CAMP WILL BE AT SAN FRANCISCO

Orders Have Been Received to Select Suitable Grounds for the Encampment of Six Thousand Men.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 5.—Orders were received yesterday from General Merriam, commanding the departments of California and the Columbia, instructing Colonel Morris, commanding the post at the Presidio, to select a location for the encampment of 6000 volunteer troops, from the states of Washington, Oregon and California. About 500 men, it is said, can be cared for on Angel island. It is the opinion of Colonel Morris that some of the men manning the batteries of heavy artillery here will be sent to Manila to man the light batteries, and that their places will be filled from among the California volunteers recently enlisted and about to be mustered into the service of the United States.

THE STATEMENT IS AUTHORIZED

War Department Authorizes the Statement that Volunteers From the Western States Will Be Sent to the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—The war department late last evening authorized the statement that the volunteers from the militia organizations of California, Oregon and other states west of the Rockies will form the main body of the military force which is to be sent to the Philippines.

Pensions Granted.
WASHINGTON, May 5.—The following pensions have been granted! Original—John J. Paddock, The Dalles, \$6; Robertson S. Allen, Newbridge, \$6; Anton Abigton, soldiers home, Douzlas, \$12.

The farmer, the mechanic and the bicycle rider are liable to unexpected cuts and bruises. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is the best thing to keep on hand. It heals quickly, and is a well known cure for piles. Snipes-Kinersly Drug Co.