

MORE TROOPS FOR CUBA AT ONCE

Sixteen Warships Have Assembled in Florida Waters to Act as Convoys to Transport Steamships.

WASHINGTON, June 10.—A powerful fleet of sixteen ships has assembled in Florida waters to convoy troop transports to Cuba. Officials of the war department decline to give out any information as to the strength of the expedition or when it may get away, but the general opinion is that it will sail at once.

THREE KILLED AND ONE WOUNDED

Result of the Accidental Explosion of a Torpedo Which Was Being Planted in St. Johns River, Fla.

CHICAGO, June 10.—A News special from Jacksonville, Florida says:

Three men were killed and Lieutenant Hart, of the engineers corps, was badly wounded by the accidental explosion of a torpedo which was being placed in the St. Johns river about eighteen miles south of Jacksonville. How the accident occurred the report does not show.

PHILIPPINES TO BE ANNEXED

Complete Formation of a Policy for Taking Possession of and Governing the Islands.

CHICAGO, June 10.—A Tribune special from Washington says:

From information just come to light it appears that the administration has determined upon a state policy concerning the Philippines. It is the evident intention of this government to annex the islands. The policy has been hastily decided on, and it was outlined before Admiral Dewey began operations. It will be operative as soon as Hawaii is annexed. This accounts in a measure for the vigor with which the president is pushing the annexation of Hawaii. The Philippine policy will then be outlined to the powers.

Shortly before Dewey was ordered to take the Philippines, United States Consul Williams, at Manila, was instructed to collect all information, statistics, etc., concerning the Spanish system of taxation in the islands, their resources of revenue, etc., and to forward the information to Washington at once. Assisted by Vice-Consul Doland, he hurriedly compiled the desired data, and his report came into possession of the state department three weeks ago. As a result, a revised system of taxation is being formed, and is nearly completed now. A force of twelve clerks has been working upon the facts sent by Consul Williams, and upon their work being

completed the new system will be promulgated by the president to proper authorities.

In brief, the proposed plan of taxation is to remove entirely the tax imposed upon household goods, beasts of burden and native products, and to substitute a reasonable property and poll tax similar to those enacted in this country. No poll tax will be levied upon women.

Import duties to the Philippines will be lower and cut in half. The native products will be admitted free to the United States, by which it is calculated to protect home industries where affected.

It is also proposed to regulate wages in the islands. Philippine labor is now rated at from five to twenty cents per day. A minimum tax will be in force. By this means the revenues of the islands will be cut to about \$3,000,000.

It is believed that this new order of things will give new zest to commercial affairs in the islands and eventually put tax revenues above the \$20,000,000 now realized by Spain. The government is considering the appointment of an official collector of customs who shall be dispatched to the islands to inaugurate the new system. It is believed the selection has already been made, but there is no definite information concerning his identity.

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HOBSON'S BRILLIANT ACHIEVEMENT

Amiral Sampson Reports the Daring Lieutenant.

Attention of the Navy Department is Called to the Bravery Exhibited by the Lieutenant and Companions in the Recent Merrimac Episode at Santiago.

Hobson and His Men are Well.

NEW YORK, June 11.—The British consul at Santiago de Cuba has sent the following dispatch via Halifax to the World:

"Replying to your telegram, Lieutenant Hobson and his men are well. They are also well cared for by the authorities. I have myself just seen Hobson."

WASHINGTON, June 11.—The navy department today posted the following bulletin giving a detailed official report from Admiral Sampson upon the heroism of Lieutenant Hobson and his men in sinking the Merrimac in Santiago harbor:

"United States Flagship New York, off Santiago, June 3.—Permit me to call your special attention to the achievement of Assistant Naval Constructor Hobson. As stated in a special telegram, before coming here I was ordered to make the harbor entrance secure against the possibility of the egress of Spanish ships by obstructing the narrow part of the entrance by sinking a collier at that point. Upon calling upon Hobson for a professional opinion as to a sure method of sinking the ship, he manifested the most lively interest in the problem. After several days' consideration, he presented a solution which he considered would insure the immediate sinking of the ship when she reached the desired point in the channel. This plan we prepared for execution when we reached Santiago.

"The plan contemplated the employment of a crew of only seven men, and Hobson, who begged that the matter be entrusted to him. Anchor chains were arranged on deck for both anchors, forward and aft, the plan including the anchoring of the ship almost automatically. As soon as I reached Santiago and had a collier to work upon, the details were completed and diligently prosecuted to completion. The task was finished at 4 o'clock in the morning. After a careful inspection of the final preparations, I was forced to relinquish the plan for that morning, as dawn was breaking. Hobson begged to try it at all hazards.

"This morning proved more propitious, and a prompt start was made. Nothing could have been more gallantly executed. We waited impatiently after the firing by the Spanish had ceased. When they did not reappear from the harbor I feared they had all perished. The steam launch which had been sent in charge of Naval Cadet Powell to rescue the men, appeared at this time, coming out under the persistent fire of the batteries, but brought none of the crew. A careful inspection of the harbor from the ship showed that the Merrimac had been sunk in the channel.

"This afternoon the chief of staff of Admiral Cervera came out under a flag of truce, with a letter from Admiral Cervera, extolling the bravery of the crew in an unusual manner.

"I cannot myself too earnestly express my appreciation of the conduct of Hobson and his gallant crew. I venture to say that a more brave or daring thing has not been done since Cushing blew up the Albemarle.

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to Hobson and his companions. I must add that Commander Miller relinquished his command with very great reluctance, having believed he would retain his command under all circumstances. He was, however, finally convinced that the attempt of another person to carry out the multitude of details, which had been in preparation by Hobson, might endanger its proper execution. I therefore took the liberty to relieve him for this reason only. There were hundreds of volunteers who were anxious to participate, there being 150 men in the crew of this ship and large numbers from all other ships of officers and men alike.

SAMPSON.

ALL WILL REACH MANILA TOGETHER

Three Philippine Expeditions to Unite at Honolulu and Conclude Their Voyage in Company.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 13.—Brigadier-General H. G. Otis will today assume command of the Fourth brigade of the Manila expeditionary force. An officer on his staff states that the first and second expeditions will be held at Honolulu to await a third, so that all may reach Manila together.

The Fourteenth infantry has received forty-four recruits from St. Louis and Cleveland. Major Robe's command now requires about 125 men to complete it.

The fifty-first Iowa regiment will probably be assigned to the brigade commanded by General King.

The Nebraska regiment and one battalion of the Idaho troops spent Sunday afternoon in target practice at the presidio range.

The Idaho and Montana volunteers will be paid off today.

The Thirtieth Minnesota has been presented with a handsome state flag by Mrs. L. A. Runge, in behalf of the citizens of Minneapolis. It is the handsomest banner that will be carried away by any of the troops who are going to the Philippines.

The Christian committee, as the war department of the Y. M. C. A. is known, will send Frank A. Jackson and C. A. Glanz to Manila to work among the troops sent to aid Admiral Dewey.

All the supplies of the South Dakota volunteers have been received, and by this evening the regiment will be fully equipped.

I was seriously afflicted with a cough for several years, and last fall had a more severe cough than ever before. I have used many remedies without receiving much relief, and being recommended to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, by a friend, who, knowing me to be a poor widow, gave it to me I tried it, and with the most gratifying results. The first bottle relieved me very much and the second bottle has absolutely cured me. I have not had as good health for twenty years. Respectfully, Mrs. Mary A. Beard, Claremore, Ark. Sold by Blakeley & Houghton.

A Texas Twister.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., June 11.—A tornado decimated yesterday on Riddleville, a small town 50 miles from here, and three people were killed outright. Several others were injured. Much damage is reported.

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SANTIAGO'S FORTS AGAIN UNDER FIRE

The Bombardment Was Reopened and Continued Three Hours Yesterday.

SPANISH DISPATCHES SAY NO GREAT DAMAGE RESULTED

The American Vessels are Said to Have Withdrawn After an Unsuccessful Attempt to Cover Landing of Troops.

MADRID, June 11.—An official dispatch received from Havana, dated yesterday, says:

This morning Admiral Sampson's ships reopened the bombardment of Santiago. At the same time a number of transports towed by a steamer approached and attempted to make a landing. The cannonade lasted three hours. The Spaniards, carefully posted, repulsed the attempted landing and the Americans drew off. No damage was caused by the shells from the ships, which kept distant, evidently being afraid to venture within range of the forts.

A dispatch from Cuba announces that yellow fever is ravaging Sampson's fleet, the province of Santiago being, it is said, a hotbed of disease.

Santiago Said to Have Fallen.

CAPE HAYTIEN, June 11.—There is no direct news from Cuba this morning, but the report is again current that Santiago has fallen.

BATTLE GOING ON AT MANILA

Spaniards and Insurgents are Said to Be Engaged in Deadly Combat.

NEW YORK, June 11.—A special cable from Hong Kong says that a battle for the possession of Manila is in progress today between the Spanish forces and those of Aguinaldo. Dewey has promised to prevent a massacre should the insurgents capture the city.

The Spanish governor-general has been notified that unless he immediately withdraws the price set upon the head of the insurgent leader he will get no quarter. Otherwise the rules of civilized warfare will be strictly adhered to. As a result of this price being placed on his head, three attempts have been made to take his life.

SWORD FOR DEWEY; MEDALS FOR MEN

Resolution of Congress Providing for Suitably Rewarding the Heroes of Manila Will Be Put in Effect.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—The secretary of the navy has appointed a board to put in effect the joint resolution of congress authorizing him to present a sword of honor to Admiral Dewey, and to distribute bronze medals commemorating the battle of Manila bay to the officers and men of the ships of the Asiatic squadron of the United States, under command of Admiral Dewey on May 1st last.

The board consists of Mr. Allen, assistant secretary of the navy; Senator Lodge and Professor Marshall Oliver. These men will select suitable designs for sword and medals, and submit an estimate of the cost of the same.

The joint resolution providing for the sword and medals carried an appropriation of \$10,000 for their manufacture.

CRUISER ST. LOUIS TAKES A PRIZE

She Captures a Spanish Merchantman Just Outside of Kingston.

NEW YORK, June 11.—A dispatch to the World from Port Antonio, Jamaica, says:

The United States auxiliary cruiser St. Louis was off Morant point yesterday. She reported that she had captured a Spanish merchantman just outside of Kingston.

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