

THE FIRST EXPEDITION LEAVES FOR SANTIAGO

Fifteen Thousand Troops Under Command of Major-General Shafter Set Sail From Key West this Morning.

FORMIDABLE FLEET ACTING AS A CONVOY TO THE TROOPS

The Government Officials Believe the Expedition Will Reach Santiago No Later Than Thursday, When Troops Will Be Immediately Landed.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—It was formally announced at the war department this morning that the first military expedition had left Key West at day break for Santiago. A large force of transports conveyed the troops under convey of a strong squadron of warships ranging from the largest warships to the small gunboats and fast sailing yachts.

All yesterday there were lively conferences between official of the war and navy departments, and after an all-day session, the war department had completed its plans for conveying troops to the transports.

Major-General Shafter, who commands the expedition, has with him a force of 773 officers and 14,534 enlisted men. Regular troops make up the greater part of the force, these being only two volunteer organizations in the expeditions. These are the Seventy-first New York and Second Massachusetts infantry volunteers, and two dismounted

squads of four troops each from First United States volunteer cavalry regiment, which Col. Wood commands, and of which Theo. Roosevelt is lieutenant-colonel. Whether any of these officers are with the squads named is not yet known at the war department. It was difficult to prevail upon the mounted riflemen to leave their mounts behind, but this was a matter of necessity, it is said, owing to the lack of accommodations for horses on shipboard. The best the department could do at this time in the way of supplying the cavalry contingent for the expedition was to include among the troops one squad of the Second United States cavalry, fully mounted with nine officers and 280 enlisted men.

The troops that make up this expedition are: Infantry regiments—Sixth, Seventh, Seventy-first New York volunteers; Tenth, Twenty-first, Second, Fifty-third, Eighth, Twenty-fourth, Ninth, Twenty-second, Second Massachusetts volunteers; First, Fifteenth, Thirtieth, Seventh, Seventeenth, Thirteenth, Thirtieth.

Total infantry, 561 officers, 10,700 enlisted men.

Cavalry—Two dismounted squads of four troops each from the First volunteer cavalry Total dismounted 159 officers, 2875 enlisted men. Mounted cavalry, one squad of the Second, nine officers and 280 enlisted men.

Artillery—Light batteries, E and K, First artillery, A and F, Second artillery fourteen officers and 323 enlisted men. Batteries G and H Fourth artillery, four officers and 132 enlisted men.

Engineer—Company C and E, nine officers, 200 enlisted men. Single corp one detachment, two officers and forty-five enlisted men.

Hospital detachments are included in the above figures. The staff corps numbers fifteen officers.

The troops will arrive at Santiago Thursday morning at the latest, barring storms or accident, and the landing probably will take place on the afternoon of that day or the Friday following, as Sampson is extremely anxious to reinforce the small body of marines now on shore at Guantanamo bay. The position of the men is not entirely satisfactory to officials here.

ST. LOUIS' PRIZE A BRITISH COLLIER

She was Taken off Morant Point, Jamaica, While En Route to Santiago With Coal for Cervera's Fleet.

New York, June 13.—A dispatch to the Herald from Mole St. Nicholas, Hayti, says:

The merchantman captured by the auxiliary cruiser St. Louis, just off Morant Point, Jamaica, last Friday night, was the British steamer Twickenham. On board the Twickenham are 3200 tons of coal for the Spanish fleet. She has been sent as a prize to Key West.

The captured steamer is a London vessel, which first went to Martinique expecting to effect a junction with Admiral Cervera's squadron at this island. The fleet had departed before her arrival and she was detained there as a suspicious vessel by the French authorities.

Word was brought to Admiral Sampson that the Twickenham had left Martinique on Wednesday. The St. Louis was immediately dispatched to intercept her. Twenty miles out of Kingston on Friday night, the St. Louis fell in with the Twickenham. The armed liner showed only the green and red lights of a merchantman, and the collier kept right ahead on her northward course toward Guantanamo, where she has hoped to be able to find some means of getting her coal to Admiral Cervera's ships in the harbor of Santiago. Coming into close range, the St. Louis surprised the collier by sending a shot across her bows. The Twickenham instead of stopping put on full steam and tried to get away. Quickly overhauling the Englishman, the St. Louis fired again. The captain of the collier, seeing flight was impossible, hoisted a red flag and was boarded by a boat's crew from the St. Louis.

The British captain at first made a

vigorous denial that he was carrying coal for the Spanish fleet. His vessel was searched, however, by the men from the St. Louis. In the fire room a man in overalls was found who spoke only Spanish. After a vigorous cross-examination by Captain Goodrich, of the St. Louis, this man admitted that he was a Spanish officer in charge of the cargo. On the approach of the St. Louis he had thrown his papers and commission overboard. He appeared to be badly scared at the way things had turned out. He was sent as a prisoner of war to Key West on board the captured steamer.

The St. Louis has recently engaged in cutting cables around Cuba. Lieutenant Allen said that when she passed Guantanamo last night the Stars and Stripes were still flying over the marines on the hill. The American men-of-war were lying in the harbor, but there had been no engagement yet with the Spanish.

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A CASTLE ROCK FATALITY.

Five-Year-Old Boy Shoots His Two-Year-Old Sister.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., June 10.—During the absence of his mother this morning, the 5-year-old son of J. W. Scott secured a loaded gun and shot and instantly killed his 2-year-old sister. This is the second accident of the kind in this town within a short time, caused by the carelessness of parents in leaving loaded fire-arms in the reach of children.

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WAR REVENUE BILL IS NOW A LAW

President, Vice-President and Speaker Have Signed It.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—The president signed the war revenue bill at 3 p. m. The measure having been previously signed by Vice-President Hobart and Speaker Reed, is now a law.

Immediately upon information from the white house that the war revenue bill had been signed by the president, Secretary Gage issued a circular explaining to the public the proposed bond issue. That circular invites subscriptions for \$200,000,000 of three per cent bonds. Subscriptions will be received at par for a period of thirty-four days from this date. The bonds will be issued in the coupon and registered form, coupon denominations ranging from \$20 to \$1000, and registered bonds from \$20 to \$10,000.

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POWERS MAY OFFER MEDIATION

BERLIN, June 11.—The Krues Zeitung says it can confirm the report that several of the powers are consulting on the question of mediation between Spain and the United States, and that no decision as to the course to be pursued has yet been reached.

Use Clarke & Falk's Rosofoam for the teeth.

PERSONAL MENTION

Saturday's Daily

M. Fitz Maurice is a guest at the Umattilla.

B. L. Murchie is in from Wasco for a few days.

G. A. Yung, of Ridgeway, is registered at the Umattilla.

Mrs. E. H. England, of John Day, is in the city for a few days.

Elwood Thompson is in the city from his home near Monkland.

Geo. Kelsay and wife, of Hay Creek, are in the city for a few days.

Rev. Boltz, of the Christian church, was a passenger on the boat last night from Hood River.

Sunday's Daily

Harry Mercer left for his old home in Ohio yesterday.

Mrs. M. J. Mosier, of Mosier, spent yesterday in the city.

J. D. Murphy, of Independence, is spending a few days in the city.

Mr. I. N. Snow, a prominent Baker county sheepman, is in the city.

Chris Schwabe, of the CHRONICLE force, left last night for a business trip to Goldendale.

Mrs. Carl Gross, of Portland, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Keller, in this city.

A. M. Masters, of Baker City, who is engaged in the sheep business in that section, is in the city.

Dr. C. Gertrude French came up on the late train last night, and will spend the day with her parents.

Mrs. P. E. Michell and daughter, Miss Ursula, passed through on last evening's train from Portland, on their way to Columbus, where they will spend the summer.

Tuesday's Daily

Hon. A. S. Bennett went to Portland yesterday.

Miss Maie Enright spent Sunday with friends in this city.

Ferdinand Dietzel returned yesterday from a visit to Portland.

H. M. Ogden was a passenger on last night's train from Portland.

Mr. Clyde Riddell spent Sunday with the campers at Hood River.

Chas. Schutz returned from a few days visit to Portland yesterday.

Mrs. S. B. Havelly and daughter, Miss Nellie, were in this city from Boyd yesterday.

Mrs. W. H. Moody and children are in Salem visiting the family of Hon. Z. F. Moody.

Hugh Glenn was among the passengers on the 7 o'clock west-bound train yesterday.

Ralph Fisher returned yesterday from attending school at the state university at Eugene.

Mrs. A. S. Tomie is visiting her parents in Dayton, where she will spend some time.

Mrs. Doctor Frazier and family went to Moffett Springs yesterday for a summer outing.

Mr. Emil Schanno left on last night's train for Blalock and points east of here on business.

Roy Grimes spent Sunday with friends at Hood River, returning home on the evening train.

Bert Barrett, of this city, went to Moffett Springs yesterday for a two weeks' outing.

Miss Beattie Rowland returned last night from a few days' visit to friends at Hood River.

Mr. J. Robinson, of Hood River, came up on the Regulator last evening for a short business trip.

Mrs. E. E. Lytle went up to Wasco Saturday evening, where she spent Sunday with Mr. Lytle.

Charles Bayard and wife went to Hood River on the Regulator yesterday to visit friends for a few days.

Miss Nell Michell arrived from Portland last evening's train, and will spend a few days with relatives here.

Mrs. A. M. Kelsay was among the passengers to Portland yesterday where she will visit for a short time.

Mr. M. Seaman came up from Portland on the 5:20 train last evening, and spent the evening with friends here.

Mr. W. F. Gronow spent Sunday and yesterday in Portland, where he attended the Foresters' memorial services.

Miss Virginia Marden will leave this morning for Hood River, where she will enjoy a visit with the family of E. L. Smith.

Miss Margaret Jenkins, of Portland, came up on the Regulator last evening and will visit her sister, Mrs. Jones, in this city.

Miss Walling, who has been visiting Grace Hobson in The Dalles for several weeks, returned to her home in Portland yesterday.

Miss Katherine Ball, of San Francisco, came up on the boat Saturday evening and remained over till the midnight train with Mr. and Mrs. Blakeley. She was on her way to Pendleton to teach art and physical culture in the institute, which will be held at that place.

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