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HOBSON AND HIS MEN NOT CONFINED IN MORRO CASTLE

WASHINGTON, June 24.—The navy department has received a cablegram from Sampson, saying the Spaniards at Santiago report that Hobson and his companions are well. They are confined four miles from Morro.

SEVERE LOSS TO THE ROUGH RIDERS

Captain Capron and Other Brave Soldiers Killed.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—Army officers today read the news of yesterday's engagement with interest, but say there necessarily are omitted many facts essential to enable one to form a clear conception of details of the mission attempted by General Lawton and Colonel Young, which resulted in a severe loss for the rough riders. The rough riders were supplied with at least two Colt's automatic machine guns when they started from Tampa, and army officials are waiting to hear whether these were used with effect or not.

At 10 o'clock General Miles and Secretary Alger had a long conference. The general, when asked as to the situation, said the press reports told the whole story so far as was known. It showed the terrible earnestness and courage of our men and the spirit with which they were entering upon this attack. The loss of Captain Capron and other brave men from the rough riders and cavalrymen was a serious blow, Miles said. He said Capron had been one of the very best officers in the United States service, a man who knew no fear.

OFFICERS FOR NEGRO TROOPS

Matter of Satisfactorily Supplying Them Puzzles the War Department.

New York, June 25.—A special to the Times from Washington says:

When the mustering in of new organizations under the second call is completed the volunteer army will include between 8000 and 10,000 negro soldiers, and more negro officers than ever before were in the service of the United States. Under the first call no colored troops were ordered by the states, the restriction of the call to the National Guard having a tendency to shut out the colored men. When the second call was issued the president let it be known that he would like to have an opportunity given to negro volunteers to enlist when new organizations were to be taken in. In response to this suggestion seven companies of colored troops are to be mustered in North Carolina, which, added to three colored companies already in service from that state, will

make a ten-company regiment of more than 1000 men.

In Alabama a battalion of negro troops was taken in under the first call. Two battalions of negro troops will be accepted from Virginia under the second call. There is now at Camp Alger a colored battalion from Ohio, and one of the Massachusetts regiments includes some negroes. In addition to these volunteers raised under the regular levies, four of the so-called immune regiments will be composed of negroes.

In furnishing officers for these colored commands the department has had a serious problem to deal with. It is believed the president will give the negroes representation as officers.

Army experts regard the officering of negro regiments with negroes as an experiment which may or may not turn out well. The negro needs to be well led, they say, to make a good fighter, and there is some doubt whether colored troops will follow one of their own race as well as they would a white officer.

A BLOODY DOUBLE TRAGEDY

With a Hatchet an Aged Man and Wife Kill Each Other.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—One of the bloodiest tragedies enacted in Washington in years occurred last night in a little room in the rear of 924 Twenty-second street, northwest. Wm. R. Brooks, a veteran of the Civil war and a pensioner, and until recently a watchman in the navy department, was killed by his wife, Martha, with a hatchet, she in turn being fatally injured with the same weapon.

The old couple, Brooks being 76 and his wife 65, lived alone, and there were no witnesses to the tragedy. About 6:30 George L. Larsen, friend of the Brooks', called, and not getting a response to his knock, entered the house. Brooks was breathing his last and Mrs. Brooks was unconscious. The walls of the small room were spattered with blood and the floor was running with it.

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LAST AMERICAN TO LEAVE HAVANA

A Sailor Just Arrived at New York Tells of Conditions at the Cuban Capital Since the War Opened.

New York, June 24.—The last American to leave Havana was Arthur Parkinson, a sailor, who managed to get away as late as June 7th, and who has arrived in New York. Parkinson was boatswain on the Cuban mail steamer Concha, which lay in the harbor of Havana on March 31st. A fight broke out among the crew, and when it was over one of them, a Swede, lay on the deck with a bad scalp wound. Everybody said Parkinson did it. The Havana police heard of the affair, and Parkinson was arrested and locked up.

"I was put in an old military prison in solitary confinement for two days, and finally taken before a marine judge. He took down the evidence in the case, and sent me back with instructions that I should be fed on something besides bread and water, and that I should not be confined alone. My ship had sailed. I was thrown into a dirty hole with a crowd of Cubans and Spaniards. I was still there when the war broke out. I had written many letters to the American consul, but never received any answers. Finally I got out late in May

WORK OF ONE SPANISH SHELL

A Man Killed and Eight Others Wounded on Board the Battle-Ship Texas Off Matamoras.

New York, June 24.—A dispatch to the World from Santiago de Cuba, June 22, via Port Antonio, Jamaica, June 23, says:

One man was killed today and eight wounded on the Texas. The battle-ship at the time of the landing of the troops went to Matamoras to make a feint attack on the fortifications there in connection with a land force of Cubans under Rabi. The Texas silenced the Socapa battery. Just as the action ended a shell struck the battle-ship and exploded with the result given above.

The dead man is F. R. Blakeley, of Newport, R. I., an apprentice of the first class.

The wounded are: R. C. Engle, seaman, New York. H. A. Gee, apprentice, Philadelphia. J. E. Lively, landsman, Norfolk. G. F. Mullen, apprentice, New York. J. E. Nelson, New York. R. Russell, apprentice, Philadelphia. W. J. Simonson, seaman, New York. A. Soogvist, seaman, New York. Russell is very seriously wounded. The others will all recover.

CAMARA'S SQUADRON AGAIN OFF FOR THE PHILIPPINES

WASHINGTON, June 24.—The state department has just received advices confirming the report that the Spanish Cadiz squadron is in the Mediterranean, moving eastward. The dispatch came from an agent of the department in Algiers.

TERROR AT THE CUBAN CAPITAL

Police of the City on the Verge of Revolt, Inhabitants in a State of Panic—A General Famine Is Imminent.

Key West, June 27.—The most authentic and reliable news yet obtained of the true condition of affairs in Havana was today furnished by a British subject who left Havana on the British cruiser Talbot, and who arrived here yesterday. He says a reign of terror exists at the Cuban capital.

Blanco has issued a proclamation announcing that anyone daring to express an unfavorable opinion of, or suspected of being dissatisfied with the present policy of the government, will be summarily shot without trial or investigation. This proclamation, it appears, caused dissatisfaction among the members of the police force, who threatened to revolt if full rations were not given them. It is expected that, as the police is a numerous body, trouble will result. Spanish infantry and artillery soldiers are maintaining guard over them at every corner.

Famine, it seems, is imminent, and stories of supplies for Havana coming via Batabano are reported to be untrue. The informant thinks Havana cannot possibly hold out six weeks longer. The city is pronounced panic-stricken, its inhabitants expecting every moment to be bombarded by the American fleet, as they realize that Blanco's attitude releases the United States from the obligation of giving the customary bombardment notice.

Riots are daily expected at Havana, as the troops are suffering from hunger and volunteers see their wives and children dying of want. Under such conditions the captain-general cannot much longer keep the military force in check, and a rebellion is likely to devastate Havana before the city is captured by Americans. Blanco admits that the situation is desperate. He is reported

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to have said he will never leave Havana alive, as he is prepared to take his own life when the outbreak occurs.

Referring to the strength of the Spanish forces, the Briton says there are 120,000 men under arms at Havana, and a great number of them are ready to surrender rather than to die of hunger. In conclusion, the gentleman says he credits the report that the gunners of Morro castle and at other Spanish batteries were taken from foreign warships, and he says the consuls, including Gollin, the British representative, are Spanish sympathizers. He said, as a result of energetic protests made by Englishmen to the British foreign office, the Talbot will shortly return to Havana with Gollin's successor.

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A North Dakota Tragedy.

LA MOURE, N. D., June 24.—At Edley, a small place near here, last night Charles Handley, a hotel-keeper, shot and instantly killed his wife. He then attempted to kill himself. His death is expected momentarily.

THE CHANNEL NOT CLOSED

Sampson's Ships Can Enter When the Final Attack is Made.

NEW YORK, June 27.—A dispatch to the Herald from Port Antonio says that the dynamite cruiser Vesuvius was making observations along the inner harbor a few nights ago, ample evidence was discovered that the sunken collier Merrimac does not entirely blockade the channel. Further information develops the fact that two battleships can enter the harbor abreast, one passing on each side of the Merrimac. This will be of great advantage to Sampson when the final attack on Santiago begins. Lieutenant Hobson and his men are still in communication with the fleet. There is little prospect that they will be exchanged before the attack on Santiago is made.

through the efforts of the British consul.

"They are a cheerful lot in Havana. The people are buoyed up by false reports of victory. During my time out of prison several ships of the blockade line were reported destroyed, particularly the battle-ship Indiana, which was blown to pieces by the guns of Morro castle. I was there the day the newspapers got out extras about the sinking of the Merrimac. They called it a grand Spanish victory, and spoke of the men captured as only a few survivors.

"The British consul finally got me aboard the British man-of-war Talbot, which carried me to Kingston, Jamaica. I came to New York from Jamaica on the German steamer Holstein."

Miles Will Go to Cuba.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—Doubt as to General Miles' future movements was cleared up today when the definite statement was made that he would go to Cuba, but when it is not stated, Tampa is again to be made the rendezvous for a large force, and the department is securing complete details with a view to centering another large fleet of transports there.

Ice cream soda, ice cream and strawberries at the Columbia Candy Factory.

ADVANCE ON MANILA CHECKED

Insurgents Still in the Outskirts of the City—American Troops Had Not Yet Arrived June 23.

MANILA, June 23, via Hong Kong, June 27.—Up to the time this dispatch is sent, the transports from San Francisco, having on board the American troops, intended to reinforce Dewey, have not arrived here, and there is no change in the situation.

The insurgents have not made any further advance, and the Spaniards have been continuing the construction of sandbank fortifications and the planting of sharpened bamboos around Manila for the purpose of stopping the insurgents' advance.

The papers here continue appealing to the natives to come to the assistance of Spain.

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HEAVY FIGHTING GOING ON AROUND SANTIAGO DE CUBA

An Engagement More Severe Than Any Which Has Heretofore Occurred Said to Be Proceeding.

NEW YORK, June 25.—A dispatch to the Journal from Cape Haytien today says that reports have reached there to the effect that fighting of a more serious nature than any which has previously taken place is now going on around Santiago.

No details of the engagement are obtainable other than that both troops and ships are engaged and that the American forces are advancing on Santiago.

FORMIDABLE FLEET ORDERED TO SPAIN

The Iowa and Oregon, Cruisers Yosemite, Yankee, Dixie and Three Colliers.

WASHINGTON, June 27.—The navy department at 11:45 a. m., posted the following bulletin:

"Commodore Watson sails today on the Newark to join Sampson, when he will take under his command and armored squadron with the cruisers and proceed at once off the Spanish coast."

Watson's "Eastern squadron" consists of the Newark, Iowa, Yosemite, Yankee, Dixie and three colliers. They leave Santiago immediately.