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RAINY SEASON HOLDS ALOOF

Weather Conditions at Camp McCalla so far Favor the Army of Invasion—Men are in Good Health.

PORT ANTONIO, Jamaica, June 27.—Aside from the energetic attack of the Spaniards on the first American camp in Cuba nothing has astonished the inhabitants of Camp McCalla and the fleet generally as much as the present long dry interval in the midst of what was supposed to be Cuba's rainy season. May was ushered in with rains on the north coast, and when the troops reached the south coast there were a few noon rain gusts, then cloudy threats, but no rain, and since the marines have landed at Camp McCalla there has been but one brief shower, and no more.

Camp McCalla has proven healthful, and has hardened the soldiers. The men, some of whom were half sick from six weeks' confinement on the Panther, when they landed, are all as brown as Indians and as hard as prizefighters. They have had their baptism of fire and stood the ordeal. They have gone six miles inland and smoked the Spaniards out of their holes on the peninsula, beaten them in the brush at their particular kind of fighting and lost one man wounded in the exploit, while the Spaniards lost 75 dead and wounded not accounted for.

The Cubans are gradually winning the respect of the American regulars. The Cuban soldiers so far seen are about 95 per cent negroes, usually with white Cuban officers. The officers are intelligent and anxious for their troops to win the good opinion of the Americans. They are ready for any service.

If the regulars of the army take as kindly as the marines of Camp McCalla to their dusky allies of the rank and file, there seems no reason why the allied armies should not do effective work in Cuba.

MORE TROOPS FOR MERRITT

The New York Volunteers Have Been Ordered to San Francisco and Manila.

NEW YORK, June 28.—The New York volunteers, composed of the Fifteenth battalion of Albany and eight separate companies, have received orders to proceed to San Francisco, and to the Philippines, this regiment is doing coast defense duty at Forts Columbus, Wadsworth and Hamilton. The headquarters are Governor's island, and the men will be mobilized there preparatory to departure.

While the orders for the Philippines was a surprise to the men it was no news either to Colonel Barker or Lieutenant Colonel Stackpole. Both have been using all the influence that could be brought to bear to bring about this assignment.

Though actual orders have come, there is no way of knowing when the regiment will leave. Marching orders may arrive in an hour, and may not reach here in a month. It is reasonable to suppose, however, that they will closely follow those already received.

CREMATED LIKE A RAT IN A TRAP

Awful Fate of a Prisoner in a South Bend Jail—Set Fire to the Interior of His Cell and Was Soon Burned to Death.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., June 29.—Joseph McBride, of Bruceport, was burned to death in the city jail this morning about 5 o'clock. He was placed in the jail last night crazy drunk, after having assaulted a couple of men and nearly drowning in the Willapa river. McBride is supposed to have set fire

to the building, which is a wooden one, with the intention of escaping, but was suffocated by the smoke and partially burned before the fire was extinguished. The jail door was opened in time for him to escape by making a rush through the flames, but he was evidently too frightened to make the attempt. He was found lying on his back with his face and one leg badly burned. McBride was an old settler, and engaged in the oyster business. He leaves a widow and seven children.

TO START THE SQUADRON

Vessels May Go to Hampton Roads Before Starting for Europe.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—At the navy department it is said the present intention is to start Watson's Eastern squadron from Santiago, provided Sampson considers the vessels selected sufficiently provided in the matter of supplies and equipment for a long voyage. Otherwise, the vessels will be first sent to Hampton Roads to be put in first-class condition. Meanwhile, there is no mistaking the earnestness of the navy department in preparing this squadron for European service.

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NO FUEL FOR CAMARA'S FLEET

The Egyptian Government Refuses to Allow the Spanish Warships to Coal at Port Said.

CAIRO, Egypt, June 29.—The Egyptian government has definitely refused to permit the Spanish fleet to coal at Port Said.

NEW YORK, June 29.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Cairo, Egypt, says: The Egyptian cabinet having positive information that 9000 tons of coal are at present on board the Spanish colliers Covadonga, San Francisco and Colon, has instructed the governor of Port Said to notify Admiral Camara that no coal whatever can be supplied him.

Admiral Camara, instead of the 10,000 tons of coal for which he asked on Sunday, now demands 5500 tons; and as he insisted upon being allowed to take the smaller quantity, after firm but courteous refusals the governor of Port Said at last formally notified the admiral that under the circumstances any coaling whatever of the Spanish fleet in Egyptian waters would be forcibly prevented.

The Buenaes Ayres, the Colon and the

Isla Panay have removed into out-of-the-way berths, thereby indicating a long stay at Port Said. On the arrival of the transport Isla de Luzon the troops now on board the Buenaes Ayres will be transferred to the Isla de Luzon so as to enable the Buenaes Ayres to act as a cruiser or commerce-destroyer.

HAS PURCHASED THE O'HIGGINS

United States Embassy Has Reports to That Effect.

LONDON, June 28.—The United States embassy has reports from several sources to the effect that Spain has purchased the powerful Chilean armored cruiser O'Higgins, last heard from at Cape Verde, where a transport with Spanish soldiers is said to have gone to take her over.

Activity at Camp Thomas. CHICKAMAUGA, June 29.—The order issued yesterday stating that the First army corps would be sent to Cuba, has doubled the activity at Camp Thomas. Everybody in the twenty-seven regiments, from colonels to privates, is hustling today to be the first to get in shape. It is believed all under orders will be moving inside of two weeks.

Suicide of a Journalist. SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.—Harold Leach, a well-known journalist, committed suicide by taking poison on Monday night. His body was found in his room on Monday evening.

MORE TROOPS FOR SANTIAGO

Orders Issued for the Immediate Departure from Key West of Nine Thousand Men.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—Orders have been issued for the immediate sailing of another large expedition to reinforce Shafter. The soldiers will sail from Tampa and will number 9000 men. It is understood they will be taken from General Snyder's second division of the Fourth army corps. Eight transports will carry the expedition to Key West, where they will be joined by a strong naval convoy and proceed to Santiago. It is expected the start will be made today. Preparations have been proceeding vigorously for some days, but the rigid censorship at Tampa prevented a word going out regarding the expedition.

Snyder's second division, the Fourth army corps, looked upon by the war department as the one best equipped for an immediate start, is now at Tampa, and is made up of three brigades and nine regiments, which include both regulars and volunteers. If the expedition gets away today it will arrive at Santiago Saturday. This will bring Shafter's force up to 30,000 men.

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DEFEAT OF DONS AT SIBONEY

General Wheeler's Report of the Battle in Which Roosevelt's Rough Riders Figured Prominently.

CAMP JURAGUA, Wednesday 29.—General Wheeler has made an official report to General Shafter of what is known as the battle of Siboney. Of the actual battle Wheeler says:

"General Young and myself examined the position of the enemy lines were deployed, and I directed him to open fire with Hotchkiss guns. The enemy replied and the firing became general. Colonel Wood had deployed his right nearly reaching the left of the regulars. For an hour the fight was very warm, the enemy being very lavish in the expenditure of ammunition. Finally the enemy gave way and retreated rapidly. We followed them over the line, keeping close upon them, but our men being physically exhausted by both their exertions and the great heat, were incapable of maintaining the pursuit. "I cannot speak too highly of the gallant and excellent conduct of the officers and men throughout my command. General Young deserves special commendation for his cool, deliberate and skillful management."

CADIZ SQUADRON AT PORT SAID

Egyptian Government Finally Allows the Warships to Take on Coal From Their Own Transports.

PORT SAID, June 30.—The Spanish fleet under Camara has not yet sailed. The report is that he is awaiting three colliers, and he will leave his torpedo-boats here.

The Egyptian government this afternoon gave its sanction to the Spanish fleet coaling from its own transports, and the warships are now engaged in the work of taking on coal. Additional coal has arrived here. The Egyptian government had previously prohibited the Spanish fleet from taking on board any more coal than enough to enable it to return to Spain.

Whooping Cough. I had a little boy who was nearly dead from an attack of whooping cough. My neighbors recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I did not think that any medicine would help him, but after giving him a few doses of the remedy I noticed an improvement, and one bottle cured him entirely. It is the best cough medicine I ever had in the house.—F. E. Moore, South Baretstown, Pa. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

Soldiers Are Suffering. St. Louis, June 29.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Chickamauga says there is great satisfaction among the troops over the report from Washington that General Brooke will be appointed military governor of Porto Rico.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

ST. PAUL GETS PRACTICE OFF SANTIAGO

The Auxiliary Cruiser Under Command of Captain Sigsbee Repulses an Attack By Two Spanish Warships and Puts the Torpedo-boat Destroyer Terror Out of the Business.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—The navy department today posted the following bulletin: Admiral Sampson reports that the auxiliary cruiser St. Paul arrived off Santiago and discharged her troops. Captain Sigsbee reports that on Wednesday afternoon, while off San Juan, he was attacked by a Spanish unprotected cruiser and the torpedo-boat destroyer Terror. The Terror made a dash which was awaited by the St. Paul. Shots from the guns of the St. Paul hit the Terror three times, killing one officer and two men and wounding several others. The Terror dropped back under cover of the fortifications with difficulty, and was towed into the harbor in a sinking condition, where she is being repaired. Later the cruiser and a gunboat started out again but remained under protection of the fort.

MERRITT OFF FOR THE PHILIPPINES

Accompanied by His Staff, He Sailed From San Francisco Wednesday—Maj. Grogan in Command at Camp Merritt.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.—The steamer Newport, with General Merritt on board, sailed this morning for the Philippines. Great crowds had gathered to witness the departure of the vessel. Many tugboats and yachts, chartered for the occasion, accompanied the Newport down the bay and out through the Golden Gate into the Pacific, where the last farewells were waved to the departing military men gathered on the deck of the steamer.

General Merritt is very anxious to avoid an encounter with any vessel from the Spanish navy, and will issue orders to the fleet at Honolulu to make all possible speed to the islands. Major Hess, of the Third artillery, who is soon to go before a retiring board, has been relieved of the command of Camp Merritt. His successor is Major Grogan, of the Sixth artillery, which arrived on Monday. Within the last three weeks an aver-

age of \$500 a day, or \$110,000, has been sent away by the soldiers in money orders, nearly all to relatives at home. The day after the Kansas regiment was paid off the express office alone took \$27,000, practically all of which went home to the mothers of Kansas volunteers. Some of these Kansas soldiers sent as much as \$25 out of the \$30 received for their first two month's service and many gave the folks at home more than half their earnings.

REPORTS DENIED AT LONDON

America Has Not Protested Against Camara Coaling at Port Said.

LONDON, June 28.—Reports that the United States has requested Great Britain to enforce the neutrality laws by forbidding Camara's Spanish squadron to coal at Port Said are unfounded. Government circles believe America is not anxious to have Camara detained. It is pointed out that if the Spaniards are denied admission to the canal a precedent will be established preventing Americans from using the canal in the event that that country desires to send warships to the far East during the war.

VERY FEW MEN ARE SICK

Shafter Reports the Health of His Army Unusually Good.

WASHINGTON, June 29.—The war department has posted the following bulletin: "Playa del Este, June 29.—Russell A. Alger, secretary of war: The graves of the dead are marked so there will be no mistake in the identification. The health of the command is reported by the surgeons as remarkable, outside of the wounded. There are less than 150 men sick. So far no wounded have died, and but two men of disease since leaving the United States. (Signed) SHAFTER."

An Alleged Fiend Lynched.

KANSAS CITY, June 30.—A special to the Star from Macon, Mo., says: Henry Williams, colored, arrested here yesterday charged with outraging the Brown girls a few days ago, was hanged by a mob to the Washab bridge early this morning. He died protesting his innocence.

Camara Must Leave Port Said.

WASHINGTON, June 30.—It was learned this afternoon that the Egyptian gov-

ernment had decided to notify Admiral Camara that the continued presence of the Spanish fleet at Port Said is violating neutrality, and that the warships must leave. Secretary Long said this afternoon that he understood Camara's fleet had paid the canal dues, and the presumption is that they will continue the voyage.

A CABLEGRAM FROM HOBSON

Hero of the Merimac Assures His Father that He is Well.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., June 30.—The Age-Herald today prints a special dispatch from Greensboro, the home of Judge Hobson, father of the hero of the Merimac, giving a cablegram received from his son at Santiago today. The cablegram reads:

SANTIAGO, June 28. My health continues good; feel no uneasiness about me. Hobson.

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