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EPITOME OF THE DISPATCHES

Interesting Collection of Items From Many Places Cullied From the Press Reports of the Current Week.

The blockading squadron under Watson is doing duty along the western coast of Cuba.

The Madrid newspapers are urging the cutting of the American cable crossing the Atlantic, if the Cuban cables are severed.

The government is preparing to begin active operations in Cuba, the Philippines and Porto Rico at once, and bring the war to an end as quickly as possible.

The dispatch boat Dandy had a close call in a terrible storm at sea. The water gave out. Fuel also was running low and the little steamer finally made harbor just in time to avert serious disaster.

Captain Concha, of the ill-fated Spanish cruiser Don Juan de Austria, destroyed at the battle of Manila, says that Admiral Dewey's victory at Manila was partially due to the decrip condition of Admiral Montejos's fleet.

All Havana is fear stricken, and the conditions in the Cuban capitol are described as being most distressing. Famine is imminent. The Spanish government officials jealously guard food of all kinds, and refuse to issue to any family more than enough for the needs of a single day at any one time.

It is now said that other nations will object to Hawaii's aiding the United States. Such a move may lead to serious complications. Spain, it is thought likely, will demand an explanation of Dole's government, and in case of an unsatisfactory reply will appeal to the powers of Europe for support.

The war department has accepted the services of a company of German sharpshooters in the eastern district of Brooklyn. The organization is known as the independent volunteer company, and has 200 members. When war was first declared between the United States and Spain the organization was among the volunteers.

A Madrid dispatch says Spain is verging upon a revolution. Sinister signs of an impending outbreak are multiplying. The queen is brave and determined. She refuses to fly the country, although urged by Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria to do so. News of the capture or destruction of Cervera's fleet, it is said, is sure to precipitate a civil war.

Charles W. Richards, sergeant of artillery, on duty at a mortar battery near Fort Taylor, Key West, was fired upon by three unknown men, whom he says he knows to be Spaniards. The fire was promptly returned, but the men escaped. Richards was slightly wounded. He says the three men carried a package containing dynamite, with which they intended to destroy the batteries.

The Cuban insurgents have issued a war bulletin. Their representative in this country, Thomas Estrada Palma, has received a copy of Las Villas, published in the insurgent camp. In an address by Gomez, the attention of the Cuban people is called to the fact that the United States is helping them to throw off the Spanish yoke. Recent statements made by Blanco are denounced as false.

Preparations have been made for the cutting of the last cable between Cuba and Spain.

A negro ran amuck in Key West and attacked two sailors. One was shot and the other struck with a gun and seriously injured.

San Juan harbor is being heavily mined, and the Spaniards are ready to give our warships a warm reception should they return there.

The safe arrival of the Oregon is spoken of with great satisfaction in Washington by members of the cabinet. Captain Clark, of the Oregon, in his message to the secretary of the navy, reports his safe arrival, and says he is in condition for immediate active operations at the front.

Official advices received from Admiral Dewey, while confirming the belief that his supreme control of Manila harbor is as firm as ever, indicate that the necessity for reinforcements with a powerful military force is daily increasing, and is not safely to be delayed through any ordinary difficulty that may be encountered.

President McKinley has issued a proclamation calling for 75,000 more volunteers to come forward and serve their country. Enlistments will begin as soon as the regulations are issued. Members of the National Guard will not be given the preference over other citizens under the present call. The call, it is said, is evidence of the government's intention to vigorously prosecute the war against Spain.

LATER NEWS.

The British steamer Restormel was captured by the St. Paul while trying to enter Santiago harbor with a cargo of coal for Cervera's warships.

Premier Sagasta's race is almost run, says a Madrid dispatch, and the overthrow of the Spanish cabinet is only a question of a brief time.

On Decoration day the blue and gray united in honoring the heroes of another war, the present conflict awakening new interest in the day.

A change of front is strongly marked in Canada. The Canadians express great friendship for the United States and Toronto churches held special alliance services.

Dewey did much for cordage men in this country, and the profits in the ropemaking industry in America will be largely increased by our control of the Philippine islands.

Secretary Long has officially commended Captain E. C. Clark and the officers and men under his command for their excellent work in bringing the battle-ship Oregon safely to Key West.

Bids are to be invited at once for the construction of three modern fighting vessels for the navy. The new ships will all be of the Indiana type, heavily armored and formidably armed, of a maximum speed of 18 knots. All three are to be completed within two and one-half years.

As the result of a wreck on the Missouri Valley railroad near Blair, Neb., Engineer Cook and fireman Owens, of the Black Hills express, were killed, and Mail Clerks Gassard and Mason seriously injured. None of the passengers were seriously hurt.

President McKinley has directed that Major-General Merritt be furnished more troops for the Philippine campaign, and 8,000 additional men are to be added to the department of the Pacific. The increase is to be drawn from New York, Illinois and the District of Columbia.

Schley's warships are preparing to go into the harbor of Santiago de Cuba and force the squadron under Cervera to give battle. Schley's squadron, consisting of six formidable vessels, will probably be reinforced by the addition of others before moving on the Spaniards, thus practically assuring victory for the American fleet.

Military invasion of the Island of Cuba has commenced. About 25 of the fastest of the transports obtainable are being rapidly filled at the Gulf ports for immediate embarkation for Cuba. The ships can accommodate about 30,000 men. The last impediment to the enterprise was removed by the bottling-up of Admiral Cervera's fleet at Santiago de Cuba.

News received from Manila says: The Americans captured the Spanish gunboat Leyte, while the latter was attempting to run dispatches into Iloilo. A steamer is reported to have landed 6,000 rifles at Cavite for the use of the insurgents. The Spaniards have offered \$75,000 for the head of Aguinaldo, the insurgent leader. In reply to a Spanish attempt to win over Aguinaldo's men, the insurgents are said to have informed the Spaniards that they are neutral, and will await developments.

The house has passed the bondage bill by a vote of 132 to 65.

An army of 45,000 men are now encamped at Chickamauga.

Imparcial, the official organ of the Madrid government, reiterates that Cervera is in Santiago harbor.

A Hawaiian annexation measure in the form of an amendment to the war revenue bill has been offered in the senate.

An independent railroad line between Portland and the Sound is to be built at once. There is little doubt that the Vanderbilts are back of the enterprise.

J. J. Ehans, who killed two persons in San Diego county, eight years ago, has atoned for his brutal crime with his life. He was executed in San Quentin prison.

Preparations for getting the soldiers off on the second expedition to Manila are being carried forward with all possible expedition at San Francisco, troops being rapidly equipped.

While miners were working in the Red Ash vein of Casika William colliery, about 10 miles east of Pottsville, Pa., a large body of water was struck and six men are supposed to have been drowned.

Mrs. Frank M. Pixley, widow of the late politician and journalist, died at her ranch, near Corte Madera, Marin county, California. The cause of her death was heart disease, from which she had suffered for many years.

The war department has chartered the steamers China and Colon, of the Pacific Mail Company, which, with the Centennial, Zealandia and Ohio, will comprise the next expedition to the Philippines. They will carry 5,000 men.

A novel plan to reach Cervera and destroy his fleet is offered by J. J. Holland, the inventor of the submarine torpedo boat. He says he will go into Santiago harbor with his boat and after first destroying the mines in the harbor will blow up the Spanish fleet.

The one colored member of congress is named White.

SAYS HE SAW THE FLEET

Schley Positive of the Spaniard's Location.

SECURE IN SANTIAGO BAY

Believes That Cervera Will Blow Up His Ships Rather Than Have Them Fall Into Our Hands—Invasion of Cuba Expected Soon.

Washington, May 31.—At 12:30 o'clock this morning the navy department received a dispatch from Commodore Schley announcing definitely that he had located Admiral Cervera's Cape Verde squadron in the bay of Santiago de Cuba. The commodore states that he has seen and recognized the vessels of the Spanish fleet.

While the naval officers have been moderately certain for several days that Cervera's squadron is in the harbor of Santiago, the official announcement from Commodore Schley was received by the officers on duty at the department with intense satisfaction. Assurance is now doubly sure that the Spanish fleet is bottled up and the cork is in the bottle.

It is not believed that Admiral Cervera will attempt to escape from the predicament in which he now finds himself, as such a course would surely result in the destruction of his vessels, and the loss of many lives precious to Spain.

The suggestion is made, however, that the Spanish may blow up the ships rather than have them fall into the hands of Schley, as they certainly will if they remain in the harbor.

The definiteness of Commodore Schley's dispatch would seem to indi-



COMMODORE W. S. SCHLEY, In Command of the Flying Squadron.

cate that he had effected a landing near Santiago and made a personal investigation of the harbor. It would be impossible, from the entrance of the bay, definitely to see and recognize the Spanish vessels, but by effecting a landing at some point on either side of the entrance, a vantage point could be gained, from which the entire harbor, it is believed, could be examined. In all probability, Commodore Schley, or one of his trusted officers, has succeeded in performing this hazardous undertaking in order to obtain the valuable information contained in his dispatch.

What effect the certainty that Cervera is practically helpless will have on the plans with reference to the invasion of Cuba can only be conjectured. The transportation of land forces, it is thought, was delayed because of the uncertainty concerning the location of the Spanish squadron. If the understanding is correct, the probability of an early invasion of Cuba is strong. It is not unlikely that the movement of troops, which has been delayed from time to time, will begin this week, and before the end of the week, the United States forces will have obtained a substantial foothold upon Cuban soil.

Commodore Schley has not only his own squadron, but two or three vessels besides at his command, and it is not believed to be possible for the Spanish admiral to escape with his fleet. No information is obtainable as to the intentions of Commodore Schley. Whether he will endeavor to force an entrance to the bay and seek a battle with the Spanish squadron is not known, but such a course at present is not regarded as likely. It would be the better, in the opinion of some naval officials, to keep Cervera and his vessels safely in the harbor, where they are absolutely as useless as they would be at the bottom of the sea.

Funds for the Deceased. Madrid, May 31.—The minister of the colonies, minister of finance and Senor Sagasta had a conference last night on the methods of sending the resources asked for by the governor-generals of Cuba and the Philippines. General Augusti, at Manila, was authorized to draw on the treasury, and General Blanco has received 10,000,000 pesetas.

DEWEY'S CABLE.

No Reported Change in the Situation at Manila.

Washington, May 31.—The navy department this afternoon made public the following dispatch:

"Cavite, May 28, via Hong Kong, May 31.—To the Secretary of the Navy, Washington: No change in the situation. The blockade is effective. It is impossible for the people of Manila to buy provisions except rice. The captain of the Olympia (Gridley) has been condemned by the medical survey. He is ordered home. He leaves by the Occidental & Oriental steamship from Hong Kong, May 28. Commander Lambertson has been appointed commander of the Olympia.

"DEWEY."

Dewey Short of Provisions.

Kong Kong, May 31.—There is absolutely no truth in the report that the United States cruiser Baltimore, now at Manila, has been damaged by an internal explosion.

The United States auxiliary cruiser Zafiro, which arrived here at midnight yesterday, reports that Dewey is short of provisions and ammunition.

The Havia-Manila cable, it is said, was cut by Americans May 23.

A brush between insurgents and Spanish occurred near Cavite May 20. The entire American fleet is at Cavite. The report that some of the American ships had sailed for Iloilo, where the Spanish gunboat El Cano is supposed to be, is incorrect.

Aguinaldo, the insurgent leader, is with the insurgents, between the Americans and Spanish.

Incendiary fires continue. The priests and nuns at Manila have been removed from the latter place to Lagnan.

All the coast towns are reported to be held by the Spanish troops.

The Americans are repairing the slip at Cavite.

SPOILS OF WAR.

Spain Said to Be Ceding Territory That Is Not Hers.

Berlin, May 31.—Regarding the news that Spain has agreed to cede the Philippines to France, it is said at the German foreign office that Germany has information that pour parlers, looking to this end, have been proceeding for some time, mainly through Senor Leon y Castillo, the Spanish ambassador at Paris, and that the negotiations have already reached a rather definite stage.

Germany's answer to this is found in a semi-official communication, setting forth that Germany would protest against the cessation of the Philippine islands to France or any other single power, adding that a cession to the combined powers of Europe would be most acceptable. It is understood that the project had been dropped, at least for the present.

The report of De Rio, the new Spanish minister for foreign affairs, cautiously mentioned the negotiations with France above referred to.

GRAVE OF GLADSTONE.

The Statesman's Remains Lie in Westminster Abbey.

London, May 31.—The Northern transept of Westminster, where England's greatest dead rest, the remains of the late William Ewart Gladstone were entombed today with the ceremonies of the nation he had served and



WILLIAM EWART GLADSTONE.

of the church he had attended. His grave is beside that of his lifelong adversary, Benjamin Disraeli (Lord Beaconsfield), whose marble effigy looks down upon it, decked with the regalia which Gladstone had refused. The possible future kings of Great Britain walked beside the great commoners and nobility, and the learning of the state surrounded them, though the wish of the deceased had been for simplicity.

A New Mexican Train Hold-Up. Albuquerque, N. M., May 26.—The south-bound passenger train on the Santa Fe railway was held up last night near Belen by two cowboy robbers. They boarded the train at Belen and made the engineer run the train down the road three miles. They then marched the engineer and fireman to the express car, where they threw one of the safes out of the car, blowing it open with dynamite, taking considerable money. The amount secured is not known. The express messenger, Hiscock, was not molested, nor were the passengers. The sheriffs of Valencia and Socorro counties, with posses are now in pursuit.

IN A THICK FOG.

The Cruiser Columbia Sinks a British Steamer.

New York, May 31.—The United States cruiser Columbia reported at 7:30 last night, off Fire Island during a thick fog, she was run into by the British steamer Foscolia, hence the Bordeaux, grain laden. The Foscolia struck the Columbia on the starboard side, just forward of the after barbettes, cutting clean into the hull and filling the compartment. The Foscolia sank. The Columbia succeeded in rescuing all of her crew and landed them at St. George.

When the Columbia, in command of Captain Sands, anchored off Tompkinsville this afternoon, it was seen that she had a large jagged hole stove in her starboard side, abreast the mast. Above the waterline, the hole extended about 10 feet high and six feet wide.



ADMIRAL CERVERA, Commander of the Spanish Fleet.

Just how far below the water line the cruiser is damaged could not be ascertained. As soon as the vessel came to anchor, the captain and crew of the Foscolia went ashore. The captain and crew left at once for New York, to report to the agents of the company to which the vessel belonged. No one was allowed to go on board the Columbia, but to a representative of the press, the officer of the deck made the following statement:

"About 7:30 P. M. yesterday, the British steamship Foscolia, in command of Captain John Evans, collided with our vessel during a dense fog. We were then about eight miles southwest of Fire Island. We lowered two lifeboats and rescued the captain and crew numbering 21 all told. We stood by until the Foscolia sank at 3 o'clock this morning. As soon as we arrived here, we sent the rescued men ashore. Further information in reference to the accident I cannot give."

About 4 o'clock one of the navy-yard tugs steamed alongside the cruiser and delivered some messages from Rear-Admiral Bunce, commandant of the navy-yard at Brooklyn. A few minutes later, the Columbia headed for the Brooklyn navy-yard, where it is supposed she will be drydocked in order to ascertain the full extent of her injuries.

AFFAIRS IN SANTIAGO.

Food Becoming Scarce and Despondency Prevails.

Port Au Prince, May 31.—Two Italians, who set out from Santiago de Cuba in a small boat May 19 and landed near Mole St. Nicholas on the 23d, arrived here today, bringing information as to the situation at Santiago. The state of affairs there is critical, particularly so because of the lack of food. A great many of the unfortunate people, especially the reconcentrados, are dying of starvation. The whole population is terribly discouraged and are keenly desirous of peace.

The arrival of the squadron under Cervera without food supplies for the city deepened the general despondency. The squadron has disembarked 800 artillerymen and engineers, and landed 20,000 Mauser rifles, a great quantity of ammunition and four big guns destined for the fortifications.

In spite of the strict silence maintained by officers and crews, the general impression, when the Italians left, was that the squadron would set out for San Juan de Porto Rico to obtain supplies and land ammunition there.

To Save His Mother.

Tacoma, May 31.—A 6 o'clock this evening Frank Derville, aged 60, came home intoxicated, quarreled with his wife, drew a big knife and rushed upon her. His 12-year-old son, Jack, picked up a gun and shot his father as the latter was attacking his mother, the old man falling dead almost instantly. The family resides in the town of Stellacoom, 12 miles from this city, where the shooting took place. The boy was not arrested. The people of the town consider the killing as justifiable. The Derville family is well known in the West, being prominent on the variety stage.

Talking of Peace.

Madrid, May 31.—The papers continue to talk of the possibilities of peace. El Globo publishes an article, supposed to be inspired by Senor Morret, the late minister of the colonies, advocating peace, which has attracted great attention, but the discussion shows as yet nothing tangible.