

SUPPLIES FOR CUBAN ARMY

General Shaftner Will Lead the Expedition to Supply the Insurgents With the Munitions of War.

PORTLAND, April 30.—A Special from Washington received late last night, says:

The regular army force which will land in Cuba will be mobilized at Tampa and start as soon as transportation is at hand.

It can be said on the highest authority that its function is to land supplies, ammunition and ordnance for the insurgents and that it will be withdrawn as soon as that duty is performed.

The navy will convey transports to the landing point, which will probably be Matanzas or Cardenas and will protect the troops until they are established in camp.

As soon as the insurgents have received arms, ammunition and supplies the troops will return to the United States in order to leave the navy free to deal with the Spanish fleet.

None of the volunteers will go with the expedition which is to be commanded by General Shaftner.

MOVEMENT OF FLEET ANTICIPATED

The American Vessels Now Being Held in Readiness.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—News that the Spanish fleet has sailed from St. Vincent today, brought to a head the plans of the navy department for meeting such an emergency. Every arrangement has been made for a great naval engagement. Fast cruisers will scour the seas for the appearance of the enemy, and when sighted will rush to the nearest port to give notice. Captain Sampson will concentrate six armored vessels in anticipation of orders to move from Cuban waters to some central point where he can quickly reach the northern or southern seaboard. Work on the patrol squadron will be rushed. The flying squadron is an uncertain quantity. The Columbia and Minneapolis will act as scouts. According to an official dispatch from the consul at St. Vincent four armored cruisers and three torpedo boat destroyers sailed west and others north. To the west lie the West Indies and United States, and to the north the Canaries and Spain. The strength of the Spanish fleet is evidently headed this way and their every possible move has been anticipated. The Oregon and Marietta are coming up the South American coast may be objects of Spanish attack. It is extremely probable that they will be joined at Rio by the Brooklyn, Massachusetts and Texas, which combination could whip the enemy without any great difficulty.

ANOTHER SPANISH PORT BOMBARDED

Monitor Terror and Gunboat Machias Shell Cardenas, Silencing the Batteries and Killing Many Spanish Soldiers.

New York, April 29.—A dispatch printed by a Wall-street news agency says:

The monitor Terror and the gunboat Machias have bombarded Cardenas, killing many Spaniards. After an hour's firing the batteries of the enemy

were silenced.

An Evening Post special from Key West confirms the report received from the blockading fleet this morning, to the effect that the bombardment of Matanzas on Monday was followed up yesterday by the bombardment of Cardenas. At that station were the monitor Terror and the gunboat Machias, and a shot from the shore batteries provoked them to fire back.

For two hours, the reports say, Cardenas withstood the bombardment. Then the ancient guns, which did no damage to the ships, suddenly grew silent.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Secretary Long has received a brief dispatch from Admiral Sampson, reporting the firing on Matanzas. The admiral says a few shots were thrown at the defenses. He gives no details of the affair or its results.

It was officially announced at Madrid to-day that the fortifications of Matanzas have not suffered, in spite of 300 shells fired by the American fleet, and that not one man was killed or wounded thereby.

The stories of the bombardment received from the United States are received with shouts of derision.

Bianco, in his report of the Matanzas bombardment, says the French and English counsels have entered protests on the ground that no previous notice was given.

THE DETECTIVES ARE AT WORK

Sympathizers Supposed to Have Been the Cause of the Explosion.

SANTA CRUZ, April 30.—The work of the secret service detectives strengthens the theory that the explosion at the California Powder Mills, near this city, was due to Spanish sympathizers and not to accident.

The detectives found that three suspicious Spaniards were seen in Santa Cruz on the day of the explosion, talking excitedly. They had blankets on their backs and looked like traveling farm hands.

Later they appeared at the powder mill and applied for work but were not employed. Afterward they were seen loitering about the gates of the works, and after the debris of the explosion was cleared away three rolls of blankets and three dead bodies were found that could not be recognized. As no visitors were about the works at the time, the detec-

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tives think these must have been the bodies of the three Spaniards, who probably threw some heavy article in the nitro-glycerine or gun cotton room and this caused the explosion. Their own deaths were due to their lack of knowledge of the destructive force of the explosives.

PACIFIC COAST PROTECTORS

Auxiliary Cruisers Will Be Fitted Out as Soon as Possible.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Senator Perkins does not propose to take any chances of having any American merchant vessels on the Pacific coast captured by the Spanish privateers which may be fitted out in South American republics. He will have a conference to-morrow with the board of strategy of the navy department in regard to the purchase of auxiliary cruisers to patrol the coast from San Pedro to the Puget Sound. These vessels will be swift and well-armed and able to take care of any Spanish unarmed vessel that may be sent to the Pacific coast. It is probable that two fast steamers, recently completed for the Alaska Commercial Company at the Union Iron Works, will be purchased for this purpose and fitted with rapid firing guns.

SPAIN'S FIRST REAL MOVE MADE

The Spanish Fleet Sailed From the Cape Verde Islands This Morning For a Destination Not Yet Known.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—The navy department today received official advice from St. Vincent, Cape Verde islands, to the effect that the Spanish squadron sailed from there at 8:30 a. m. today, going in a westerly direction. Its destination was unknown, even to the officers of the warships, who sailed under sealed orders.

The squadron consists of the cruisers Maria Teresa, Oquendo, Viscaya, Cristobal Colon and the torpedo-boat destroyers Pluton, Terror and Furor.

At the same time the torpedo-boat Azore, Rayo and Ariet and two transports sailed in a northerly direction, presumably for the Canaries.

The naval authorities regard this long-delayed movement as most significant, being practically Spain's first move.

A later dispatch from St. Vincent says there has been a collision among the warships of the Spanish fleet, and that some of them have been returned to port.

Company B to Move Tomorrow. McMENVILLE, Or., April 29.—Separate Company B will start for Portland in the morning. The greatest enthusiasm and farewells is shown here to-night. The company will be breakfasted in the morning by the citizens.

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OUR WAR POLICY

Havana May Be Captured Without Destroying Morro Castle—All Small Forts Will Be Abolished.

MAY WANT MORE TROOPS

Regiments of Men Who Have Passed Through a Siege of Yellow Fever Will Be Raised—A Call for Such Troops May Be Sent in.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—General Miles believes Havana can be captured without destroying Morro Castle and Cabanas. The guns in these fortifications are very expensive and with their mounts would be invaluable in establishing defenses after Havana capitulates.

This is the reason that Admiral Sampson has avoided an attack on the forts near Havana, and it is this policy which is to be maintained, at least until the army invasion is ready.

The plan of enlisting the number of regiments of men in the southern states who have passed through the siege of yellow fever, and are consequently immune, meets with the warm approval of the military authorities. It is said that there can be raised at least ten such regiments in Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas and that any extra call for such troops may be sent within a few days. Meantime, it is understood, Admiral Sampson has been ordered to demolish all small forts along the northern coast of Cuba which might impede the plan for the landing of artillery men who are to man the points selected for the base of supplies and are at a point of union with the Cuban army.

AMERICAN FLEET STILL WAITING

A Naval Engagement Probable Near Manila Tomorrow—Gunboat Newport Takes a Prize.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—No important fleet movements were reported at the navy department today from any quarter of the world. Interest, which has centered principally upon Dewey's squadron because of the possibility that the first real naval engagement of the war will occur at the Philippines, was in some degree transferred to Sampson's fleet, in Cuban waters, upon the receipt of the news that the Spanish fleet had left the Cape Verde. It is still regarded as possible, however, that the theater of the first sea fight will be the waters in the neighborhood of Manila,

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where the Asiatic squadron is due to arrive tomorrow.

From Key West comes the report that the gunboat Newport captured the small Spanish sloop Engracia off Cuban waters yesterday, and sent her capture into port in charge of the prize crew.

War Revenue Bill Passed.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—The war revenue bill passed the house late this afternoon by a vote of 181 to 129.

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