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## THE OREGON IS SAFE

### The United States Battleship Oregon Arrives at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Last Night.

RIO JANEIRO, May 1.—The United States battleship Oregon arrived here safely at 6 o'clock last evening. Captain Clark is confident of reaching his destination without serious embarrassment. The Spanish officials are much disappointed at her arrival as they had great expectations of her being captured.

## UNCLE SAM ON SOLID FOOTING

A Novel Encounter is Now Looked for—America Expected to Triumph in the First Battle of the Kind in the History of the World.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—In the ten days which have elapsed since the formal outbreak of war between the United States and Spain, all glory achieved has been to the credit of America. So far as known, Spanish warships have not captured a single prize, and the only blood spilled has been Spanish gore in fortifications near Matanzas. The United States in a week has practically assembled an army of 150,000 men; as many as Spain has succeeded in landing and keeping alive in Cuba in three years, and while this army has suffered none of the hardships of war and has had no smell of gun powder, still it is composed of men whose service in the militia has demonstrated its effectiveness in the matter of handling arms. The bombardment of Matanzas seems to have proven beyond doubt that naval gunners of the United States are as skillful as any in the world. The authorities of the war and navy department believe the coming week will be replete with events of utmost importance in the history of the country. In the first place it is expected that before another sun sets, the first real naval battle will have been fought and won. Of course the expectation is that the fleet of America will triumph. In the first place, Spain has no such vessels near the Philippines as those of Admiral Dewey's fleet. And, again, the men composing his crews are among the best in the American navy; they are seamen and fighters; they are, above all, Anglo Saxons.

will be able to land an entire army in Cuba before the end of May.

News from Havana indicates that the effect of a peaceful blockade is already being felt. Provisions are growing scarce every day. No ships of importance have been able to run the blockade, and starvation threatens Blanco's men. If Gomez can do with what he says he can to prevent intrusion of food into Havana from the land side, capitulation is a matter of only a few weeks at the outside. Still precautions are being taken to insure the surrender of the Cuban capital. Foreign representatives here have been notified that it will be advisable for their people to get out of the way; and it may be, in fact it is believed to be highly probable, that a far more formidable attack is contemplated from the middle of the week than officials will admit, but plans hinge largely upon the news which is expected from Gomez, from whom nothing has been heard since the formal declaration of war.

The junta has several messengers on the way to the camp of the Cuban general, and that there are at least three army officers known to be in Cuba on some mission.

Sancti Spiritus and Washington will be in communication within a week and the outcome will have important bearing upon the question as to whether or not Havana is to be attacked at once.

It is known positively tonight the flying squadron will sail from Hampton Roads within the next 72 hours, but whether toward Porto Rico or the Canaries is only known to the president and Secretary Long.

## CRIPPLED FINANCIALLY

The Spanish Government Humbugging the Public—Cannot Pay Interest on Her Debt.

LONDON, April 30.—There is no doubt in the minds of any of the financial authorities that Spain would default in the payment of the next interest on her national debt. The result of the unloading of Spanish bonds on the European market during the past week has been that the securities are now held by the Spaniards themselves. Default in the interest will therefore be a severe domestic burden. It is evident that the Spanish government is humbugging the public by elaborate lies about the progress of the war. The most intelligent Spaniards believe Europe will not allow Spain to suffer disaster, but will impose peace after one serious engagement with the loss of Cuba as a maximum penalty for Spain. It is expected that the fall of Manila will be a basis of intervention, and as this is imminent there are others in Europe who think that the war will end almost as soon as it was begun.

## DEWEYS FLEET HAS NOT REPORTED

Navy Department Anxiously Awaits News of the Coming Engagement Off Manila.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—The anxiously awaited news of the engagement having occurred between the American and Spanish fleets off the Philippines had not materialized up to 6 o'clock this evening. The navy department's calculations show that Dewey's squadron should have arrived off Manila at 2 p. m. to-day, Philippine time, and it was expected that fighting would begin immediately.

It is considered probable that the engagement may have actually occurred, and that news regarding it is suppressed.

A Hong Kong dispatch says that the Manila cable is still in tact, but that transmission of news regarding naval or military movements in the Philippines is prohibited by the Spanish officers in Manila.

A steamer which arrived at Hong Kong from Manila today reports not having sighted the American fleet, which is supposed to be in shore trying to communicate with the insurgents.

It is considered impossible at Hong Kong for the American fleet to enter Manila without small ships or a strong land force.

The British warships and torpedo-boats at Hong Kong have been forbidden to commence fresh repairs, which would seem to indicate the possibility of a movement in the near future upon the part of that fleet.

The Hong Kong dispatches say the second-class German cruiser Irene, carrying a crew of over 300, started from Nagasaki, Japan, for Manila to protect German interests.

## DONS FAILED TO CATCH THE YALE

American Auxiliary Cruiser, Formerly the Liner Paris, Arrives Safely at New York.

NEW YORK, April 30.—The United States auxiliary cruiser Yale, formerly the American line steamship Paris, has eluded the Spanish warships. She landed at her dock here this morning with 150 passengers. She was sighted off Fire Island at 2:47, and came in at 6:30.

The liner, about which such deep anxiety has been felt, sailed from Southampton April 22, at 7 p. m. She was in command of Captain Watkins, and carried, besides passengers, a cargo made up mostly of munitions of war for

the United States. The vessel and her cargo are worth over \$3,000,000.

After clearing land Captain Watkins shaped his course about north, and after a run of 30 miles headed for home, keeping a distance of about 30 miles from the usual course taken in previous trips. Captain Watkins had no fear that a Spanish war vessel would catch his fleet steamer after he got sea room, but it was thought possible that some craft of the enemy might be lurking in the vicinity of the channel or the neighborhood of the Irish coast to waylay her. At night every light on board was extinguished and the headlights were covered. A strict watch was maintained to detect the approach of vessels.

The Yale entered the Narrows through a field of mines and torpedoes this morning, and was saluted by the steam whistles of passing craft as she went to her dock.

Since the Yale sailed from Southampton she has been several times reported captured by Spanish warships. American naval officers did not credit these reports, but some color was lent them by the fact that the Yale was not spoken by any vessel from the time she left the English coast until her arrival off Fire Island.

### WELL SUPPLIED WITH COAL.

It is said she purchased 17,000 tons before the war broke out.

LONDON, April 30.—The Gibraltar correspondent of the Times says: "I am assured that Spain bought 17,000 tons of coal before the outbreak of war, and that it was delivered. As neither this nor any important quantity reached Cadiz, it would be interesting to know where it has gone, if it has arrived."

### ANOTHER SUICIDE IN PORTLAND

Mrs. W. E. Harris Takes Her Own Life Yesterday.

PORTLAND, May 1.—Mrs. W. E. Harris, wife of the manager of the Portland Artificial Ice Co., shot herself yesterday afternoon, and lingered till twelve o'clock this (Sunday) morning, when she died. No cause is given for the suicide.

### Dugan Gets Thirty Years.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—George Spurgeon Dugan, who figured prominently as the leader of "God's Regular Army" in Portland, was today sentenced to 30 years the state's prison for a felonious assault on seven-year old Alice Joy. Dugan took the girl from Portland and committed the crime last Christmas at the army headquarters.

### Captured a Spanish Prize.

NEW YORK, April 30.—A special dispatch from Key West says:

The usual daily Spanish prize was towed to this port this morning. The captured vessel is the schooner Lolle. She was taken in by the dispatch boat Dolphin. The value of the prize will not be known.

### Conference Report Rejected.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—By a vote of 118 to 42, the house today rejected the conference report on the naval appropriation bill, after three hours' debate.

## GRIM TERROR REIGNS IN SANTIAGO DE CUBA

Every Man and Boy Refusing to Enlist in the Spanish Army to Be Court-Martialed and Shot—A General Massacre is Imminent.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, April 27, via steamer Remus, fled at Port Antonio, Jamaica, April 29.—Don Arseno Linares Pomo, commander-general of this division of Cuba, proclaimed four days ago that every male between 15 and 50 years of age must enroll that night with the volunteers for military service under penalty of arrest and military trial and death. Five thousand persons have left the country since the panic began, four-fifths being women and children.

Spanish soldiers now assume a bullying attitude, and threaten to kill every Cuban man and outrage every Cuban woman left in Cuba when the invasion begins. When the American fleet appears it is expected that all non-combatants will be expelled.

Although the governor of the city has seized for the government all the large stores of food in private hands, many shops still do business with small stocks and prices are doubling day by day. Monday meat was 40 cents a pound, and to-day is \$1. Other prices in gold are: Rice, 24 cents a pound; beans, 21 cents; flour, 19 cents; lard, 32 cents; chickens, \$2.50 each.

The Spanish soldiers, especially the sick, are abominably fed. Fourteen hundred sick in the military hospital here get nothing except bean soup three times a day, with an ounce of meat once a day. One thousand soldiers in San Louis hospital have only had salt fish this week, and conditions are now so bad that the Spaniards would almost rejoice to surrender after one good fight.

The preparations for defense go forward. A new battery has been erected at West Harbor entrance with four rapid-fire guns. Morro fort has at least 50 ancient brass cannon marked 1764.

### Spaniards Fear Treachery.

PORTLAND, May 1.—A special from Hong Kong says:

A battle was probably fought off Matilla yesterday. The Spaniards fear treachery, and five of their warships have gone out cleared for action. No further particulars.

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