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## Report May Not Be Made Public

It Is Known That the War and Navy Departments Have Full Information.

PORTLAND, May 5.—A special dispatch from Washington says:

Two theories are advanced tonight as the reason why a detailed report from Commodore Dewey has not been made public. A navy officer, who is connected with the jurisprudence department of that branch of the service, says that dispatches of this character are regarded as contraband of war, and cites cases of dispatches during the late war, of Mason and Slidell, as evidence of this fact.

It has been suggested that Spain has made a protest to England, which country controls the cable, against the transmission of information which would be inimical with the interests of Spain, and while the protest has been received by the British authorities after the transmission of dispatches, the representations which have been made to the United States by Great Britain have resulted in the determination of the administration not to publish the details of Dewey's report.

A western member of congress, on the other hand, who has close connection with the war and navy departments, said this evening: "It is not at all likely that the details of the report will be made public. The natural inference is that Dewey has informed the government as to just what he needs in the way of reinforcements, ammunition and supplies, and it would be the height of folly for the government to make public those needs. Whatever may be published as coming from Dewey is certain to be made the subject of severe treatment of the blue pencil before it is submitted to the press."

## REDUCED IN TWO MINUTES

Gunboat Wilmington Destroys a Spanish Fort Which Has Just Been Built Near Cojima.

## RUIN WAS COMPLETE

A Body of Spanish Troops Scattered and Demoralized by the Same Vessel Near Jaruco Beach.

New York, May 4.—A dispatch to the World from Key West says:

The gunboat Wilmington early this morning destroyed a Spanish fort just being finished about four miles east of Cojima. The Wilmington also fired at a troop of cavalry passing Jaruco. Two men were seen to drop on the beach.

The Ericson on Sunday saw a large body of infantry passing eastward toward Matanzas on the beach. The Ericson followed them for miles, but used no guns. Later they noticed another large body of infantry going eastward and apparently driving prisoners before it. The Ericson also saw about 200 cavalry and 300 infantry passing Jaruco beach toward Matanzas. She signaled the Wilmington, which fired a small gun and then a four-inch shell. Though a mile and a half away, two men could be seen to drop, and the cavalry and infantry dashed pell-mell into the bushes and

up the hill. There was a fine confusion of horses, pack mules and cavalry and infantry for an instant.

The Ericson yesterday discovered a force of men building a fort near Cojima, on the second of four or five small hills at some distance from the shore. All the afternoon and night the Ericson's men watched them at work. They made out 58 cavalrymen quartered in a plantation house near the fort, and the Ericson ran across the Wilmington and informed Captain Tood of that had been seen.

"They'll never finish it," he said. "Just watch."

The Ericson drew away and the Wilmington leisurely proceeded toward the coast. In less than two minutes the fort was a shapeless wreck.

## CALIFORNIANS ARE READY

The City of Pekin Will Bring the Wounded to This Country and Transfer Soldiers to the Philippine Islands.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.—The California volunteers are ready and anxious to start to the front. The officers were on duty at the armories at 8 o'clock, and at the headquarters the officers are kept busy answering dispatches from various parts of the state, concerning the concentration of the troops. The government has chartered the City of Pekin to bring the wounded from Dewey's fleet to this country. The vessel is due here on Saturday.

The above information is contained in a special from Washington, and is confirmed at Mare Island. Orders have been received instructing the department to immediately prepare all necessary supplies to be loaded on the Pekin at once upon her arrival in San Francisco.

## ANOTHER BIG NAVAL BATTLE IS LIKELY TO OCCUR

Six of Sampson's Fine Warships Have Sailed on a Mysterious Mission—The Combined Fleets of Spain Ready to Leave for American Waters.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—News of a naval battle in Atlantic waters, ending in an American victory of equal if not greater importance than that gained by Commodore Dewey off Manila last Sunday, is both anxiously awaited and confidently expected at Washington within the next ten days. Despite the reticence of navy department officers regarding fleet movements, it is generally reported that an important stroke is about to be delivered, and that the next news from the North Atlantic and flying squadrons will be of a sensational character.

The harbor of Key West is once again empty. Six of Admiral Sampson's most formidable ships, the New York, Indiana, Iowa, Cincinnati, Detroit and Mayflower came into port early today, and after coaling sailed for an unknown destination. It is from these vessels that the next important news is expected. The other vessels of the North Atlantic squadron are still maintaining the blockade of the ports of Cuba.

The mystery surrounding the destination and intentions of the Spanish Cape Verde squadron has been solved by its arrival at Cadiz, where it has joined the Spanish warships undergoing repairs there. This news comes in a dispatch from Lisbon, which also says that the entire Spanish fleet is on the point of starting for American waters, in furtherance of the plan of the Madrid government announced yesterday, which contemplates the staking of everything on a single blow to be delivered at the American squadron by the combined fleets of Spain.

The battleship Oregon and the gunboat Marietta sailed from Rio Janeiro today, presumably to join Sampson's fleet in Cuban waters.

## A MURDERER CAPTURED

The Assassin of Hendrickson and Burns Captured by Canadian Police.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 4.—The Canadian police have arrested Clews, who confessed to the murder of Hendrickson and Burns on the Stickeen river last April. Two pocket books belonging to the murdered men were found on Clews, who will probably be lynched, as feeling against him is strong at Telegraph Creek, where Clews was brought after his capture.

## A PLUCKY CALIFORNIA WOMAN

She Puts Two Spaniards to Flight With a Monkey Wrench—They Attempted to Haul Down the American Flag Over Her House.

LOS ANGELES, May 4.—Two husky Spaniards attempted to haul down the American flag over the residence of W. H. Wilcox, 825, Golden Avenue.

## A Lady

tried Schilling's Best tea and did not like it.

She tried it again and made it according to directions.

It's her only tea now.

choosing an hour when they would have only a woman to deal with. The woman they encountered had good fighting blood, as well as courage, not to speak of a monkey wrench. Mrs. Wilcox was alone in the house, and there was no help within call, but she resolved not to surrender her colors, and shut the door in the face of a patriot of Spain, who amused himself banging it. When she opened it again he was threatening and very angry. In her hand she held a tiny nickel-plated bicycle wrench, which she pointed at him like a revolver and told him to be off. He went away growling. She watched him go down the street until he was joined by another Spaniard. The two had a conference and then attempted a flank movement. The second don sneaked around the side of the house, while the first marched boldly up to the door. Before he reached it the plucky woman opened it suddenly and, with a wild yell, poked her shining weapon right under his nose. Like Mark Twain's coyote, there was only a crack on the landscape to indicate which direction the Spaniards' flying footsteps had taken.

Mrs. Wilcox has re-inforced her monkey wrench with auxiliary battery consisting of a six shooter, and is prepared to defend her colors against all comers.

## DASHING TEXAS CAVALRY REGIMENT

It Will be Composed of Men From All Classes Who Will Die Rather Than Give up to the Spaniards.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Assistant Secretary Roosevelt will leave the state department Friday and proceed at once to San Antonio, Texas, where with Colonel Wood, he will proceed to organize the first regiment of rough riders.

The general supposition throughout the country is that these three regiments will be composed largely of rough frontiersmen, but if the indications seen at Washington are to be taken for anything there could be no more erroneous impression possible.

Today, for instance, thirty young fellows from Yale and Harvard, men who have been foremost in the athletic sports of these two institutions, came to Washington, and, after passing a physical examination, were accepted and sent forward to Texas.

Every man among them expects to be on the islands inside of ten days, and there is not a man in the party who will surrender to the Spaniards while there is breath in his body or a cartridge in his pistol.

## TWO COASTERS REPORTED MISSING

The Alton and Forest Queen are Overdue and Supposed to be Lost.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.—Two coasting vessels are missing and it is feared both have gone down with all hands. No tidings of the Alton, which left the Sound two weeks ago for Copper river, has been received. The Forest Queen from Tacoma is overdue at San Pedro.

## PORTLAND'S NEW POSTMASTER

The President Nominates Crossman to Succeed Protzman.

PORTLAND, May 4.—The president has nominated Allen B. Crossman to be postmaster at this place.

News of Mr. Crossman's nomination does not come as a surprise to people of Portland. It has been generally conceded for some time past by well-informed persons that he would secure this rich plum, as the Oregon delegation in con-

## Message Received from Dewey

Fifty American Sailors and Marines Killed and One Hundred Wounded.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.—Reports from the Mare Island navy yard tonight, from a trustworthy source, say that Admiral Kirkland received today a cipher message from the navy department saying that Commodore Dewey sent a brief cable message from Hong Kong giving the losses in the Manila fight at fifty Americans killed and one hundred wounded. The report also said that the Concord and Petrel were badly damaged in the fight, particularly in the upper works.

Dewey asked for a hospital ship and a force of 2,000 men, with supplies for three months, to be sent to the Philippines as soon as possible.

gress was known to be favorably disposed toward him. Mr. Crossman is about 50 years of age, and has been a resident of Oregon for thirty-four years. The new postmaster is a sound-money Republican, and his candidacy was endorsed by over 200 of Portland's leading business men. He expects to be ready to assume his duties as postmaster about June 1st.

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