

Sampson Begins Operations

Complete Reduction of San Juan de Porto Rico is Now Predicted.

ST. THOMAS, Danish West Indies, May 12.—Brief dispatches received here state that ships under Sampson this morning began the bombardment of the fortifications at San Juan de Porto Rico. The big guns of the iron-clads Indiana and Iowa and monitors are said to have caused immense damage and to have quickly silenced the shore batteries. The battleships and monitors were in the van, the cruisers remaining some distance back of the first line. Despite the terrific storm of shells and steel projectiles the Spaniards fought with great persistency until many of their largest guns were hurled from their positions. Last advices state that the bombardment is still being continued with unabated fury while the fire from ashore was but dislatory. The early and complete reduction of the fortifications is predicted.

SAN JUAN BOMBARDED

Nine American Warships Reduce the Fortifications at San Juan de Porto Rico in Short Order.

PORT AU PRINCE, May 12.—Nine American warships began the bombardment of the San Juan fortifications today. The squadron arrived before daylight. The battleships Iowa and Indiana opened fire, their first shots striking Morro fort. The guns on the latter were quickly silenced, though they fired a number of heavy shells at the fleet. Morro fleet was torn to pieces by the heavy fire. None of the American ships were hit. The fire from the defence was surprisingly feeble.

There was a general panic among the people when the firing began, and thousands fled from the city in terror.

The city is now at the mercy of the American fleet, which, however has not fired a shot into it and will not do so. Admiral Sampson will endeavor to capture the cable station in order to communicate with his government. It is understood that he has demanded the surrender of the place.

All the foreign consuls have fled from the city. The cruiser Yale has captured a Spanish steamer with a valuable cargo aboard.

GRIM TERROR REIGNS.
Insurgents and Sympathizers are Being Cast into Prison.

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, May 12.—Senora Martin, wife of the chief of police of Ponce, has been cast into prison because she was suspected of being in sympathy with the insurgents and Cubans. Two hundred other patriots have been arrested and executions are of frequent occurrence in San Juan. It is reported that over 300 persons have already been shot by the orders of Captain General Nunez. Many families have fled to the interior and to the insurgent camps for safety.

WAR WILL BE PROSECUTED.
Large Increase Will be Made in the Army Invading Cuba.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Late reports state that the army of occupation of Cuba will be increased to 75,000, and probably 100,000 men. In consonance with Gen. Miles' conception, a big force, probably twenty thousand or more, if necessary, will be sent to aid Dewey to maintain the occupation of the Philippine Islands.

SECOND CALL TO BE MADE

May Be Necessary to Call for More Volunteers to Uphold the Flag.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—There is a great deal of talk heard about a second call for one hundred thousand volunteers and every manufacturing concern in the country that is capable of making small arms, ammunition and war stores has been requested to keep its force of workmen employed day and night in order that the necessary equipments may be ready in case of need. In this connection it may be said that the department has gained wisdom by the experience of the civil war.

Every manufacturing contractor has been virtually kicked out of the department when he has applied for a chance to get at the government again.

Only the best materials are accepted and the most rigid rules of inspection are adhered to in the examination of goods furnished under contract.

Should the war last 60 days the officers of the subsistence and ordnance department feel certain that they will be in position to place in the field an army twice as large as that which has already been called to uphold the honor of the American flag.

RESULTS OF THE BLOCKADE

Famine a Reality—Restaurants Are Guarded by Volunteers—All Ships Which Left Were Packed With Refugees.

HANANA, via Galveston, May 12.—The effects of the blockade have assumed alarming proportions. Famine is near for the rich, and a reality for the poor. Restaurants are guarded by volunteers, and only customers are allowed within.

The few ships leaving Havana since the blockade began were packed full of refugees.

The story circulated that the Montserrat ran the blockade and entered Havana is untrue.

There is still plenty of water, but meat is hard to obtain, and the price of bread is nearly prohibitive.

Outside of a Spy.
WASHINGTON, May 12.—George Downing, the Spanish spy arrested here several days ago, committed suicide this morning by hanging himself at the barracks in which he was confined.

AN ENGAGEMENT IN CARDENAS HARBOR

Torpedo-Boat Winslow Suffers Serious Damage Under Fire Spanish Gun-Boats and Land Batteries.

KEY WEST, May 12.—In an engagement in Cardenas harbor yesterday afternoon between the United States torpedo-boat Winslow and the gunboats Wilmington and Hudson on one side and some Spanish gunboats reinforced by land batteries on the other, the Winslow was badly damaged, one officer and four sailors were killed, and the captain and five men were wounded. The other American vessels engaged were not damaged.

The land batteries of Cardenas supported the fire of the Spanish gunboats. The engagement commenced at 2:05 p. m., and lasted for about an hour. The battle while it lasted was terrific. The Wilmington and Hudson were ahead, and opened fire on the Spanish boats, which were lying at the dock. The firing began at a range of 3500 yards.

A few minutes later the Winslow came up and also opened fire. In an instant the entire attention of the Spanish gunboats and land batteries was directed upon her. From all sides shot and shell poured in upon the little torpedo-boat. The Wilmington and Hudson still kept up their fire. The crew of the Winslow never faltered for a moment. At 2:35 a solid shot crashed into the hull of the Winslow and knocked out her boiler. In a moment she began to rock and roll helplessly. Then there was a moment of awful suspense. A fierce cheer of triumph went up from the Spanish on the gunboats and in the batteries.

The storm of fire was continued upon the helpless boat. The gunboat Hudson laying near by, started to her assistance. She ran along side of her and tried to throw a line to the imperiled crew. Up to this time, with the exception of the shot which disabled the Winslow, the firing of the Spanish gunboats had been wild, but she lay rolling in the water. The range grew closer and shells began to explode all about her. It was difficult for the Hudson to get near her, so terrible was the fire.

Finally, after about twenty minutes, the Hudson approached near enough to throw a line. Bagley and six men were standing in a group on the deck of the Winslow, ready to catch the rope. A line was thrown and at about the same instant a shell burst in the very midst of the group. Bagley was instantly killed and a few others dropped about him. Half a dozen more fell groaning on the blood-stained deck. One of the men plunged headlong over the side of the boat, but his feet caught on an iron rail and he was hauled back. Bagley's body was stretched on deck with his face completely torn away, and the upper part of his body shattered.

When the shell burst in the group on board the Winslow another wild shout of triumph went up from the Spanish boats and batteries, and again a heavy fire was opened on the torpedo-boat.

Finally the Hudson succeeded in getting a line on board the Winslow, and was towing her out of the deadly range when the line parted and again both boats were at the mercy of the Spanish fire.

At 3:05 p. m. the Hudson managed to get another line on the deck of the Winslow and the damaged torpedo-boat was towed to Pedras island, where her dead and wounded were removed. At 9:10 yesterday evening the Hudson, with the dead bodies and some of the wounded, started for Key West.

FATALITY ON CHILCOOT PASS.
Runaway Sled Crashes Into a Band of Klondikers.

TACOMA, May 12.—Herman Knable, who has just returned from Skaguay, reports that on April 30th a heavily loaded sled broke loose near the summit of Chilcoot pass, and tearing the downhill struck a band of Klondiker pilgrims, fatally injuring two and seriously hurting three others. No names were ascertained. He also reports that the dead body of a bunco man was found near Canyon City, shot through the head.

DISSATISFACTION IN ARMY SELECTIONS

Politics are Apparently Governing the President's Recent Appointments for Military Service.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—In the nominations that the president has sent to the senate during the past two days there are evidences that politics have entered very largely into the selections for adjutants, quartermasters, commissioners and other staff places. In view of the fact that there are scores of lieutenants in the army today who have grown grey in service, and who have never yet reached the grade of captain, because of slowness of promotion, there is a great deal of dissatisfaction expressed over the course of the president in ignoring the claims of men who have served for twenty years or longer in lower grades, and has selected for staff places sons and other relatives of men who are, or have been, prominent in political affairs in the country. Among men who have been appointed during the last two days to soft berths in the army, are the names of Blaine, Logan and Harrison. James G. Blaine, John A. Logan and Russell Harrison have certainly never distinguished themselves in any manner warranting their selections for staff appointments in the army, but these are not the only ones given command over men who have spent years in the hardest sort of campaigns on the frontier.

The list of nominations fairly bristle with politics. Among them are to be found sons and nephews of Secretary Alger, Senators Grey, Foraker and Allison, Representative Catching and Hull, the son of John New, of Indiana, and a score of others equally well known because of their blood connections with men at one time great, but for no other reason.

ANARCHY RAMPANT IN THE PHILIPPINES

Dewey is Unable to Control the Insurgents With His Forces.

HONG KONG, May 12.—The British gunboat Linnell, which left Manila Monday last has arrived here. She reports that the insurgents are uncontrollable. The whole country, it appears, is in a state of anarchy, and Admiral Dewey is powerless to restore order with his limited force.

The Spanish in Manila refuse to submit, and Dewey is unwilling to bombard the city. He hopes to starve the place into submission, but the Spaniards are confident of being able to hold out, and hope for European interference.

Two German, one French and one Japanese warship are now at Manila. A Russian vessel is expected shortly. A strong anti-British feeling exists among the populace at Manila, and the people are desperate and starving.

PORTLAND'S POSTAL INCREASE
Ranks Second in Fifty Cities in Increase of Business.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The statement as given out by the postoffice department shows that the postal receipts of Portland aggregates \$16,406 for the month of April and as \$12,934 in April of last year. This is an increase of \$3,472, or 26.6 per cent. Portland now ranks second in per centage in increase in fifty cities.

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SIEGE THROUGHOUT SPAIN.

Reports Exaggerated—Rioting and Looting of Warehouses Continues.

BARCELONA, May 11 [By special courier to Perpignan, France—State of siege has been proclaimed throughout Spain. Civil and military authorities seem to have entirely lost their hopes. Surveillance of foreigners and censorship of mails is absurdly exaggerated. Republican papers are fanning the flames, and preparations are being made for a revolution at the first opportunity. Rioting and looting of grain warehouses continues at a dozen cities, and the authorities are afraid to go to extremes and suppress riots with Weyler's sure methods, knowing that they would precipitate an instant and universal uprising, which would end in the overthrow of the monarchy and chaos in its place. The trans-Atlantic liner Colon has left here for Cadiz, with urgent orders from headquarters to embark troops for the Philippines. About thirty officers of various grades and 1500 troops have arrived and are awaiting orders.

GERMANY MAY TAKE A HAND.

Wants to Show Us How We Shall Dispose of the Philippines.

LONDON, May 12.—Germany has intimated to the United States, it is said here, that she expects to have a voice in the disposition of the Philippine islands.

A FATAL BLAZE AT CHICAGO

Boarding-House Burned and Three of the Inmates Lost Their Lives.

CHICAGO, May 12.—Two persons were

killed and four injured in a fire which destroyed a three-story boarding-house at 225 LaSalle avenue at 5:30 this morning. The dead are:

John Connell, found on third floor, burned to a crisp.

William Collins, roommate of Connell, badly burned. He died in a few minutes after being taken out.

The injured are:
Captain O'Connor, hands and face burned.

J. M. Reed, hands and face burned.
Walter Pike, jumped from second-story window; back sprained and badly burned.

Dr. J. W. Cox, hands and face burned. Several other persons in the building had narrow escapes.

NO NEWS FROM SAMPSON.

The Bombardment of San Juan Porto Rico Doubtful.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—At a late hour tonight the navy department professed to have no news about Sampson's reported bombardment of San Juan Porto Rico. The officials admit that Sampson might be bombarding the Porto Rico capital. Officials also said that they had nothing to confirm the report that the Spanish fleet was at Port de France Martique, but the general belief was that the return of the fleet to Cadiz was untrue.

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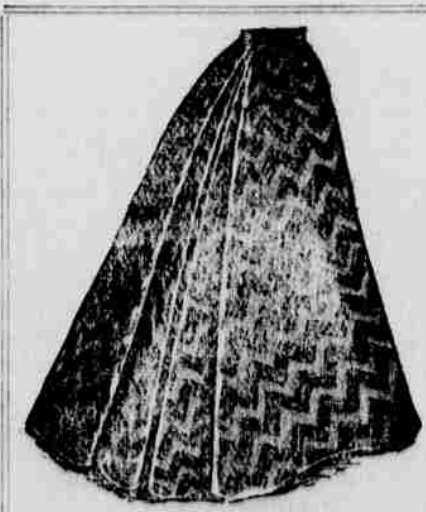
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