

## THE PRESIDENT WILL COMMAND

In the Future the Contemplated Movements of Land and Naval Forces Will Be Kept Secret.

## PLANS BEING ARRANGED

Everything For the Invasion of Cuba is Shortly to Be Completed—The Plans Being Cunningly Laid.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Authorities of the war and navy departments have practically adopted a system of censorship over all dispatches going out or coming into the United States through cables. Hereafter the policy of the secretaries as to military and naval movements which Spain has inaugurated will be carried out in the United States.

Its intention is to give no official information as to contemplated movements. No information whatever as to plans affecting either army or navy is to be made public. Only news of events which have happened will be available for publication. Nevertheless it is known that the president has determined there shall be no immediate invasion of Cuba.

The army will be sent forward at the earliest possible moment after a sufficient number of men can be equipped. Most of them will be compelled to carry Springfield rifles as it has been impossible to secure a full supply of Krag-Jorgensen arms.

While there has been some difficulty in securing arms and ammunition the chief trouble has arisen over the lack of adequate supplies in the quartermaster-general's department.

Every officer in the army who has had any experience with the climate of Cuba has called attention to the absolute necessity of protecting the men from the miasmas which arise from that tropical soil after sunset. It is urged that to send men to Cuba without proper provisions in the matter of tents, would be send at least twenty-five per cent of the unacclimated boys from the north to certain death from the fevers which prevail there.

Congress has seen fit to criticize the slowness of the administration in preparing its army of invasion, but congress alone is responsible for the inability of the officials to move the army.

For thirty years now while peace has prevailed it has been impossible to introduce laws making power to prepare for war, and when war came suddenly the authorities were utterly unable, even with fifty million dollars in the emergency fund, to buy in a day what should ordinarily take months to construct, still, since April 21st, the officers of the quartermaster and commissary department of the army have made strenuous efforts to supply deficiencies which congressional shortsightedness had created. As a result, it is learned today that fifty thousand men can be comfortably housed in tents by the middle of next week, and it is likely that an army of even greater numbers than that can be fully equipped and embarked from the Florida coast by that time. In any event the president has determined that the long delayed efforts to save the lives of the remaining reconcentrados shall be made without further delay and he has issued the necessary orders, which will result in the movement towards Cuba of a great body of United States troops with adequate supplies for a long campaign and food enough to feed the starving. Thousands of tons of bread and meat, products and other supplies for the commissary department have already been shipped to Gulf and Florida ports. Transports enough have been engaged to insure the

safe conduct of supplies, and in addition to this Commodore Watson knows just where the landing will be made and he is understood to have perfected all his plans for covering the landing of troops, but whether the movement will start tomorrow, or not before next Monday, is one of the secrets which the president will not trust to his most entrusted friends and associates, while it is generally known that all the details of the invasion have been carefully planned by the administration, and it is doubtful if there are three men in the United States outside of the chief magistrate, who know just what time orders to start will be issued.

## BLOCKADERS ARE ON GUARD

A Vigilant Lookout is Being Maintained Off the Cuban Coast.

KEY WEST, May 17.—[On board the Associated Press Dispatch Boat Kate Spencer, off Havana, May 16.]—Ships of the American blockading squadron are keeping a vigilant watch for the appearance of the Spanish fleet, and will be taken by surprise should Spanish men-of-war round Cape Antonio, the westernmost point of Cuba, and swoop down upon Havana. All our ships have been warned of the possibility of such a move, and our sailors are kept constantly in the tops, where they can sweep the horizon for 30 miles. The torpedo-boats and fast yachts of the auxiliary fleet keep the blockading ships in constant communication with Key West, whence the movements of the vessels are being directed.

The general opinion is that there will be no movement of the army in the direction of Cuba so long as the Spanish fleet remains in American waters, or until it is met and beaten.

## THE CHARLESTON READY TO START

She Will Leave Today for Manila With Munitions for Dewey.

VALLEJO, Cal., May 17.—The cruiser, Charleston has just finished filling her bunkers with coal and is ready to start on her long trip to Manila. She is still at Mare Island and will start about 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. Her magazines are filled to repletion, and have powder and projectiles for her own guns, as well as ammunition for Admiral Dewey's fleet. After having her compasses adjusted she will proceed directly through Golden Gate, no stop being made at San Francisco.

## AN ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION

A Second Effort Made to Kill E. E. McClintock of the Santa Fe.

PUEBLO, Col., May 17.—E. E. McClintock, city passenger agent of the Santa Fe railroad, received by mail today a small wood box, and when he opened it an explosion occurred, which burned his head and hands. An examination disclosed the fact that the box contained four inch-sticks of dynamite, still the cap attached to it only exploded. Several weeks ago some unknown person shot at Mr. McClintock on the street at night, but he does not know who his enemy is.

Gladstone's Death Expected Soon.  
HAWARDON, May 17.—5 p. m.—An official bulletin just issued says: "Gladstone's condition has taken a serious turn for the worst. His death may be expected in 24 hours."

One Minute Cough Cure, cures. That is what it was made for.

## GREAT BATTLE ALMOST DUE

Sampson's and Schley's Squadrons Will Soon Unite for a Combined Movement Against the Cape Verde Fleet

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Additional evidence indicating that a meeting between the Spanish Cape Verde squadron and that of Sampson or Schley, possibly both, is imminent is contained in a special dispatch from Washington today, which announces, on what is said to be excellent authority, that Spain's fleet in the Caribbean sea is to be met by a squadron, consisting of the armorclads of the United States in North Atlantic waters. Preparations, it is said, are being made to effect a junction of Rear-Admiral Sampson's and the flying squadrons with all possible dispatch.

The exact whereabouts of Cervera's fleet since it sailed from Curacao is not known, but a dispatch from Kingston, Jamaica, says a report has reached that place that three warships, the nationality of which it was impossible to make out, were seen last evening off the eastern extremity of Jamaica. The ships were taking a southerly course. It is supposed that the warships referred to belong to the Cape Verde fleet. Other warships have been reported off the island of Santa Lucia.

A dispatch from Cape Haytien, Hayti, says that two Spanish cruisers or gun-boats are making their base of operations at Badibucri, Guanamo bay. They are known to be moving every night in the waters between Hayti and Cuba. A Haytian schooner plying between Mole St. Nicholas, Jean Rabel and Glatignas, reports through an agent of the Cuban insurgents at Port de Paix, having met Spanish vessels several times during the past few weeks. The Spaniards are supposed to hide in Cuban ports during the day, and to go out cruising at night.

It is the general opinion among naval experts that Cervera will try to slip into Cienfuegos or Havana harbor during the absence of Sampson's squadron, and destroy the American blockading vessels.

## OBJECT OF SPANISH WRATH

England is Execrated Upon All Sides By All Classes at Madrid.

NEW YORK, May 17.—The burst of wrath against England throughout Spain in consequence of the speech of Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Salisbury is hard to describe, says the Madrid correspondent of the World. Every Spaniard from the highest to the lowest is quite as axasperated against England now as he is against the Yankees. England is denounced as mean, selfish, base and unscrupulous.

It seems not to have occurred to the Spaniards that the British ministers may have some loftier, further-sighted and deeper design in the European and Asiatic questions than paltry inquisitions of territory for coaling stations in the Philippines, the Canaries and the Balaeric islands. These are supposed here to be the only real objects English statesmen.

## PLANNING A NEW EXPEDITION

Spain Rushing Preparations for Sending Troops to the Philippines.

NEW YORK, May 17.—Preparations for the relief expedition to be sent to the Philippines are being hurried in both the military and navy departments, says the Madrid correspondent of the World. Five battalions each 1200 men, under eight officers, are assembled at Cadiz, Barcelona and Valencia, all

ready, or will be ready for embarkation this week. This force will be commanded by General Camprudi. It is made up wholly of picked men who have served two years. Several batteries will go with the expedition and large supplies of stores and coal. Warships to convoy the transports will go from Cadiz to Barcelona.

A Spanish fleet was to leave Cadiz today, bound for the Philippine islands. The expedition, which is said to consist of troops and warships, will go by way of the Suez canal. Its object is to raise the blockade by Admiral Dewey's ships, if possible and recover possession of the islands. If that cannot be accomplished troops will be landed for the purpose of enabling Manila to try to hold out against capture until the plans for intervention by Europe might restore the islands to Spain.

## WILL GO WITH GEN. MERRITT

Three Regiments at Tampa Will Likely Go to Manila.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Inspector-General Hughes was at the war department today in connection with the assignment of troops to accompany General Merritt to the Philippines. The department realizes that Merritt will have a delicate and important duty to perform as military governor, and should have a well-disciplined force to deal with the discordant elements. There are not enough regulars in the West to furnish what Merritt thinks would be necessary, and Secretary Alger has been considering the advisability of withdrawing three regiments of the regulars from Tampa.

General Greely is making arrangements to send with the expedition six officers and fifty-five men, made up largely of telegraph operators and electricians.

## FAMINE SPREADING IN CHINA

Caused by the Rise in the Price of Breadstuffs and Last Year's Short Crops—Selling Their Daughters for Bread.

TACOMA, May 17.—Hong Kong advices per steamer Tacoma state that famine is spreading in Southern China, including Hainan islands and parts of Tonking and Anama, it being due to short crops last year and the great rise in the price of bread stuffs throughout the Orient. Inland from Canton families are selling their daughters for bread, all other means being exhausted. Chinese speculators are taking advantage of their sorry plight by charging enormous prices for rice. Hundreds of cases of actual starvation have occurred.

## HAWAII IS NOT NEUTRALITY

On Account of Existing Circumstances She Takes This Stand.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—A dispatch from Honolulu, dated May 10, says: The Hawaiian government will not proclaim neutrality. The stand is taken to accept the existing conditions between the United States and Hawaii. The executive considers that the proclamation of neutrality would be a breach of good faith. The government made known its position yesterday at a secret session of the senate.

SHIP BLOWN UP  
An American Warship Said to Have Come to Grief.

NEW YORK, May 16.—A dispatch from Havana is to the effect that an American

war vessel engaged in removing torpedoes at Cardenas was blown up, and that the entire crew perished.

MADRID, May 17.—A dispatch from Havana says a naval boat has been blown up off Cardenas, resulting in the loss of 170 lives.

KEY WEST, May 17.—Boats which have just arrived here from the blockading fleet say the officers of those vessels have no knowledge of any craft having been blown up off Cardenas.

Discovered by a Woman.

Another great discovery has been made, and that too, by a lady in this country. "Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly, and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to recovery, by purchasing of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, and was so much relieved on taking first dose, that she slept all night; and with two bottles, has been absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus writes W. C. Hamnick, of N. C. Trial bottle free at Blakley & Houghton Drug Store. Regular size 50c and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed.

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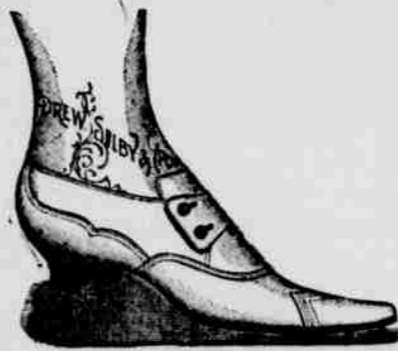
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### LOOK TO US FOR WEARABLES.



Swell things in Ladies' shoes. Just opened the handsomest shoe of the season. Our 2-button Vienna. Golden brown color, brocade silk vesting top, hand-turn soles, new coin toe, cottage ridge. An exquisite shoe; sizes 3 to 7—B, C and D—not high priced at our price of \$3.50. You'll agree when you see it.

Our Silk Waists at \$2.50 have had a popular run, and for those who have not seen them, we urge an early call, as we've but only a few left. Some with detachable white flower collar, others with silk stock. Material a fancy figured India Silk in washable colors. Ladies wearing a 32, 40 or 42 should consider our \$3.00 black silk grenadine waist seriously. All other sizes sold out.

Shirt waist selling very brisk with us—the better numbers first choice. All waists at 75c and over made blouse front. Pretty, attractive styles in those at 50c, too. Don't delay buying your shirt waist until too late; better choosing, larger stock right now.

### HOSIERY.

What a fund of good things that one word implies with us. We could write a book on the number of attractive items we are showing. Women's fast black hose at 5c per pair, better ones at 10c, and the regular 25c hose of many other stores at 15c per pair. Our 25c hose are so good in fact that it's hard for us to sell the higher grades; and we can't blame the people either, they know a good thing. When you call ask to see our "Puritan" fast black hose for children. The price is 8c per pair, in all sizes.

### SUITS FOR THE BOYS.

We've placed on sale today some more better than the usual value suits at \$1.78 for boys from 3 to 14 years. Those up to 9 years made with reefer collar, and neatly braided. The material is a gray striped half wool solid cassimere and will wear like sole leather. The lining a brown serge. This same goods, in three piece suits for boys from 11 to 19 years at \$3.85

### WASHABLE SUITS FOR LITTLE BOYS.

Black and white striped percale with light-blue sailor collar; white cord and whistle, will be all sold before it gets hot, for we ask only 75c per suit. Crash sailor suits at \$1.00 and \$1.50; nicely trimmed ones. White duck suits, pearl button and braid trimming, each \$2.00

### FOR THE HEAD.

We show a large variety of straw and crash hats, crash caps and tams. Our 25c line of Tams, Rob Roys, Caps and Misses' sailors still remains the best shown in town.

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