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PRESIDENT'S ACTION APPROVED

He Demonstrated His Wisdom By His Action in Regard to the Strategy Board—In Case the Spanish Fleet Escaped the Latter Will Be Blamed

WASHINGTON, May 21.—It is the Spanish fleet succeeds in getting away from Sampson it will demonstrate more clearly than ever the wisdom of the president in taking away from the strategy board the right to issue orders to the admirals in command of different squadrons in the North Atlantic. It is learned authoritatively that Sampson's return to Key West after bombardment of San Juan, was under instruction from the strategy board, against his judgment. Sampson believed it would be better policy to absolutely control the windward passage, and thereby to ascertain the movements of the Cape Verde fleet in the event of Cervera's attempting to make port anywhere along the Cuban coast.

The fact that the Spanish admiral chose Santiago instead of Cienfuegos as his landing port, indicates that his object was not to land small arms and ammunition for Blanco as was supposed. He probably touched at Santiago for the purpose of coaling and making necessary repairs. Any supplies or ammunition which he may have landed could not possibly have been taken to Blanco from that point, because of the lack of transportation facilities; whereas, it is but a night's run by rail from Cienfuegos to Havana.

Still the president is said to be much vexed over the success of the Spaniards in reaching any Cuban port. He regards the action of the strategy board in ordering Sampson to ignore the windward passage, as an extremely bad move on the part of that useless organization.

Should Cervera succeed in getting away from the American fleet altogether it is likely, in fact most certain that his action will result in the summary disbandment of this organization of so called experts, who have thus far demonstrated anything but an exact knowledge of science of naval tactics. It may result also in the ordering to sea of Captain Crowningfield, at present chief of the bureau of navigation and a member of the board of strategy. He has no particular desire to go to sea at this time, because, as he is understood to express it, he has had his share of sea duty in recent years.

SPANISH FLEET UNDER ORDERS

Spaniards Say the Philippines is Their Destination.

HONG KONG, May 21.—In Hong Kong and Manila the Spaniards openly boast that the fleet of battleships is on its way to the Philippines. Priests have issued pastorals, saying that Spain and God are preparing to drive out the "social excrencies" and urging that no quarter be given. They consider Dewey's humanity in not bombarding as a sign of fear, and are using money among the inferior insurgent leaders. Much anxiety is felt here because the American troops do not arrive. The consulate is crowded with volunteers and Wildman is on duty night and day.

CERVERA'S OBJECT NOT KNOWN

His Aim Could Not Have Been to Land Small Arms.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Up to a late hour tonight the report that Sampson had met the Spanish fleet and that he had destroyed twelve of their vessels and met with a loss of two of his own, has not been confirmed anywhere in Washington.

Just what the object of Admiral Cervera was in running into Santiago in-

stead of Cienfuegos, is not known. It is understood he has several thousand stands of small guns and several million rounds of ammunition for Blanco, but as Santiago is 500 miles from Havana and there is no railroad communication, he could have no other object than that of coaling and repairing his fleet.

It is the belief that Sampson knows more about the present location of the Spanish fleet than has been published. It is now believed that the New York is en route to Key West and that the principal vessels of the squadron are somewhere in the neighborhood of the northern entrance to Windward Passage.

POLO LEAVES BY REQUEST

Our Ex-Spanish Minister, Acting on a Hint From the Dominion Government, Sails For Liverpool.

NEW YORK, May 21.—A special from Montreal says:

It has not been possible for Spain to postpone the departure of Senor Polo y Bernabe any longer. Today he will sail with all his staff by the steamer Dominion for Liverpool. Senor Polo went on board the steamer last night, and will go from Liverpool to Madrid. He says that though he was detained here for some time on business, he respected the declaration of neutrality and left this country voluntarily.

He leaves behind, however, the Spanish consul to try to continue gathering information for the Spanish relative to the United States military governments. The authorities are closely watching the consul, and he will be promptly placed under arrest if the slightest deviation from the neutrality laws should be detected.

Senor Polo y Bernabe has been loud in his declarations that no official protest has been lodged against his proceedings here, but he now practically admits that he was requested to return to Madrid, for it was learned last night from an unimpeachable source that the Canadian government advised his departure.

Owing to diplomatic fiction that such questions are not dealt with by the Canadian cabinet, it was possible for our secretary of state to say that the government did not interfere. The action was taken by the governor-general, who is the queen's direct representative here, and who as such is supposed to, but never does act, without the sanction of the cabinet.

Captain Garranza, who left the city immediately after Downing's arrest, is, according to statements of some members of Senor Polo's staff, to be sent to the Philippines with a relief expedition. Other Spaniards, however, say Garranza went to Madrid with very important papers, and will endeavor to join Cervera's fleet, or the fleet which expects to call at Miquelon.

SPAIN OBTAINS FINANCIAL RELIEF

Hostile Feelings Existing Between England and Russia—European Interest in the War Keen.

LONDON, May 21.—The public attention of England and Europe has been absorbed in the national tragedy at Hawarden that the uneasiness over the vague political perils threatening have been forgotten. The gloomy utterances of Chamberlain and Salisbury have, however, caused a demand for assurances that there is no danger. The Franco-British relations form a most acute feature of the situation, but the fundamental hostility between Russia and England is the most permanent source of danger. Russia's hostility has recently become deep and implacable, owing to the Czar's personal attitude.

Interest in the American-Spanish war is still keen. While there is a great deal of admiration expressed at Cervera's clever maneuvers, general amusement has been caused over the Spanish exultation over the exploit. Spain's fortunes have been revived. She has obtained temporary financial relief, and is counting more than ever on ending the war with the loss of Cuba alone.

ANOTHER NAVAL VICTORY

Sampson Said to Have Sunk Twelve Spanish Ships.

OUR LOSS WAS LIGHT

Two American Ships Disabled—No Official Information Received—Not Fully Confirmed.

CAPE HAYTIE, May 21.—A story from Point De Paix tonight gives rumors of a sea fight in Windward Passage, in which twelve Spanish warships were sunk and two American vessels disabled.

NEW YORK, May 21.—A Washington special says that the report of a battle between the American and Spanish fleets off St. Nicholas Mole is discredited.

It is known that Sampson is in that vicinity and the Cape Verde fleet is not far away. Secretary Long predicted last night that a fight would take place within the next 24 hours. The navy officers do not expect anything official before tomorrow morning.

MONTEREY IS UNDER ORDERS

Her Destination Will Be Manila—The First Trip of the Kind Ever Made By a Monitor.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—It is expected that orders to the monitor Monterey to proceed to Manila were telegraphed to San Francisco this afternoon. Some slight changes will be made before the monitor starts; but it is said at the navy department that she will probably get away by the end of next week. No monitor has ever taken such a voyage, and great interest is taken in naval circles in the trip. She will be accompanied by the Collier and by the ocean-going tug Troquois to give tow if necessary. Her journey will take about fifty days.

The official of the war office expect the first detachment of troops for the Philippines will embark at San Francisco tonight or early tomorrow, the exact time being now dependent upon authorities at San Francisco.

It was stated today that the City of Peking, with 1200 troops, would go within twenty-four hours, and that the City of Sydney, with the same number, might get away at the same time.

General Merritt again conferred with officials today, and then he left for the West.

SAMPSON AFTER CERVERA'S FLEET

Information Said to Be Had that American Scouting Vessels Located the Spaniards at Santiago de Cuba.

NEW YORK, May 21.—A Washington dispatch to the World says: Secretary Long has received a cablegram from Rear-Admiral Sampson announcing that his scouts had located the Cape Verde fleet at Santiago de Cuba. The message was sent from a cable station in the West Indies, and indicated that the American commander was close on the heels of the Spaniards.

Secretary Long immediately summoned the members of the strategy board. Knowing that Rear-Admiral Sampson could be depended on to prevent Admiral Cervera from sailing north, orders were quickly dispatched to Commodore Schley at Key West to put to sea. The commander of the fly-

ing squadron's instructions were to sail around Cuba to the west and to find Cervera's fleet and capture or destroy it.

Commodore Schley was instructed to use his utmost endeavors to prevent the Spanish fleet from entering the harbor of Cienfuegos or Havana. Rear-Admiral Sampson and Commodore Schley were informed as to each other's movements.

It is expected that Rear-Admiral Sampson will come up with Admiral Cervera first. It is impossible to state with accuracy what ships Rear-Admiral Sampson and Commodore Schley have in their respective squadrons.

CERVERA BOUND FOR HAVANA

Naval Officials Believe that He Will Attempt to Run the Blockade.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—It is believed by naval officials that Admiral Cervera has left Santiago de Cuba. It is supposed that a dash into Havana is the Spaniards' intention, or to ascertain the position of the opposing fleet, or that Cervera is about to make a run through the Windward passage in the night; perhaps to make a circuitous steal through Yucatan channel. Dispatches from Key West convey the intimation that Schley is watching in Yucatan channel between the west end of Cuba and Yucatan, about six hundred miles from Santiago; that Sampson had his ships freshly coated at Key West, and is off northeast of Havana, toward the eastern end of Cuba, ready to intercept the ships of Cervera should they make Windward passage their thoroughfare.

News comes from Havana that all that city is filled with excitement because of the belief that the Spanish fleet is planning to rush into that harbor, and that the Spanish admiral will take his chances of avoiding Sampson and breaking his way through the blockade, carrying arms, ammunition and provisions to the blockaded capital.

Secretary Long received this afternoon cable messages from Rear Admiral Sampson, but the contents cannot be learned. The secretary hastened to the executive mansion carrying the message to lay before the president. It is rumored here that early bombardment of Havana is contemplated and will actually take place within the next few days without regard to any invasion of Cuba.

The naval officials look upon the feat as simple and involving no great danger to our fleet. Bombardment would force Admiral Cervera to come from cover and attack our fleet. It is plainly to be seen that the navy officials are expecting great events to occur at any moment. What they most fear is the effect that might be produced upon our people by greatly exaggerated and misleading reports, from the Spanish sources, of some great naval engagement in which Spaniards would claim the victory. It is realized that the first news of an engagement in the neighborhood of Cuba, or to the eastward, may reach the United States through the Spanish cables via Madrid.

The late concentration of all the ships of the North Atlantic fleet is credited to Captain Mahan. There is a rumor that, according to Captain Mahan's ideas, Key West should be the central station from which the fleets would proceed.

Scouts are cruising in the neighborhood of the Spanish fleet. The naval authorities, it is said, deem it unwise to attack the Spanish squadron at or near Santiago. Should the fleet attempt to pass toward the north, with the purpose of attacking our coast, it would be speedily waylaid with a fleet which could leave Key West at once with magazines filled and coal bunkers heavily laden.

Dynamite in a Depot.

OAKLAND, Cal., May 21.—The discovery of a stock of dynamite in the Emoryville depot is causing the police much anxiety. The dynamite was found among some rubbish and is now in possession of Superintendent Aglar. Much significance is attached to the discovery, owing to the fact that nearly every day trains loaded with troops are passing through that locality on their way to San Francisco.

Use Clarke & Falk's Rosofoam for the teeth.

PROVISIONS GETTING SCARCE

Distress in Havana Greater Than Reported—Another Engagement.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Secret information received by the war department today is to the effect that serious rioting is imminent in Havana. Food is much scarcer and the distress greater than has been generally reported. Captain-General Blanco, it is said, appreciates the fact that the pending naval engagement is apt to end the war, so far as sea fights are concerned, and that after it is over his last hope from home is cut off. Provisions are so scarce now that only those who have private means at their command can secure supplies, and even then these are dealt out sparingly. At the first chance thousands of the natives carrying Spanish arms will desert and either fight along with the insurgents or turn their guns on the Spanish within their lines.

An Insane Woman's Awful Deed.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., May 21.—Mrs. Lena Spori, the insane widow of a fireman at Vassar college, murdered her two children, a son 2 years old and a daughter 5 months old by decapitating them early this morning. She will be sent to the Mettewan asylum for insane criminals.

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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 linen 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.

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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 "Paritan" 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 stripe 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

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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

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