

## Have They Met

Heavy Firing Heard Off the Cuban Coast—The Spanish Fleet Probably Have Been Found.

## CERTAINLY A NAVAL BATTLE

Highest Authorities Vouch For Truth of Statement—Great Excitement in Port au Paix.

KEY WEST, May 23.—It is reported here on the highest authority that the Spanish and American fleets are fighting off the southern coast of Cuba in the Windward Passage.

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, May 23.—Continuous cannonading has been heard at Port de Paix, which has thrown that town into a state of the wildest excitement. Dispatches say that very heavy firing is going on in the northwest in the direction of the Windward Passage. At least twenty shots were heard at first. There was then a brief lull, following which cannonading was resumed.

There is no doubt in Port de Paix that a great naval engagement between the fleets of Sampson and Cervera is being fought and that full details of the battle will soon be obtained.

It is quite generally believed that the shots heard Friday and Saturday were unobscured by the first skirmish between Sampson's scout ships and the Spanish cruisers.

## THE CREW REPORTED SAFE

The Bear Will Not Reach the Fleet Before July—No Fears Entertained For the Safety of the Crew.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Captain Shoemaker, chief of the revenue service, says there is no truth in the report from Afognak that the crew and vessels of the whaling fleet at Point Barrow have been lost. He does not expect the revenue cutter Bear to reach the fleet before July 1st; but has no fear for its safety. He says that from his knowledge of the Arctic region, he is satisfied there can be no truth in the report coming from Afognak.

## GREAT JOY AMONG OREGON BOYS

First Regiment of Oregon Volunteers Will Leave Soon—Troops to Receive a Month's Pay in Advance.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—Over in the camp of the First regiment of Oregon Volunteers there was much enthusiasm during the morning and a great deal of hard work. The regiment has received its marching orders, the Third battalion being ordered to report tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock at the dock, it being understood that four companies will leave on the City of Sydney with the six com-

panies of the 14th U. S. infantry and a detachment from Major Rice's volunteer battalion of heavy artillery. The First and Second battalions of the Oregon regiment will go on the steamer Australia with Gen. Anderson of the U. S. A. and his staff, who arrived yesterday.

When the men go on board the Australia and City of Sydney the steamers will go out in the stream to join the City of Pekin. The three transports will probably leave the port by Wednesday or Thursday.

The troops bound for the Philippines received glad news from Washington today that they would be paid off before sailing. The request for pay in advance was sent by Col. Smith to Senator White about ten days ago and the matter was placed before the war department. Gen. Otis received an order to see that all troops are paid one month's wages before they get away.

## A DASTARDLY SPANISH SCHEME

They Try to Blow Up the Blockading Squadron with Floating Mines—A New Kind of Warfare.

KEY WEST, May 23.—News reached here today of a dastardly attempt to blow up the boats of the blockading squadron. What is believed to have been a submarine mine was exploded yesterday by the Spanish off Cape San Antonio.

Officers of the warship say that the Spanish have put floating mines throughout the gulf stream in an attempt to blow up the blockading squadron.

The vessels were scouting well out from land in Yucatan channel, and were in a semi-circle 800 yards apart, when an explosion lifted the ships and sent the seamen and officers spinning across the decks. It was at first thought that it was the shock of a large gun, and men rushed to their quarters.

The explosion adds new features to the naval warfare. One of the officers said: "None of our ships were injured, but the explosion warns all vessels to look out for floating mines."

## BRITISH VESSEL FIRED UPON

Evident Object Was to Prevent Her Departure—Incident May Lead to Serious Complications.

ST. THOMAS, May 23.—The British steamer Aldeborough, which arrived at Porto Rico May 8th, from Moolih, Scotland, reached this port from San Juan yesterday. She reports that the Spanish cruiser Isabella II fired on the British steamer Roth, which was loaded with coal, with the intention of crippling her, and thereby preventing her departure. The officers of cruiser claim that the firing was accidental.

The Aldeborough also reports that an American cruiser captured a Spanish bark north of San Juan Saturday morning last. The prize was towed to the northward.

CHICAGO, May 23.—A special from Washington says:

The firing upon the English ship Roth by the Spanish cruiser Isabella promises to lead to serious complications. The Spanish say it was a mistake, but the British and Americans think not.

### GUKER'S RICH STRIKE.

Wonderful Wealth of the Great Northern Mine.

HEPPNER, Or., May 23.—Great excitement prevails in the mining region near Canyon City, as well as in adjacent towns. Saturday Isaac Guker, owner of the Great Northern mine, near Canyon City, Grant county, took out \$1642.35 in fifty minutes. One nugget alone weighed 4983.87. Klondike isn't in it with the Oregon mines.

## Our First Defeat

Little Lighthouse Tender Mangrove Has Probably Fallen Into the Hands of a Spanish Cruiser.

## MUCH EXCITEMENT OVER IT

Reports State That Her Entire Complement of Officers and men were Butchered—Other Reports Say They Were Taken to Cuban Port.

KEY WEST, May 23.—This town is all a-zog over the story of our first naval disaster. The story goes from mouth to mouth of the capture of the Mangrove by the Spanish. The wildest stories, made even worse at every repetition, are handed from one to another. It is said that the entire complement of officers and men of the little lighthouse tender have been butchered. This was modified to some extent by the fact that they had been taken to Santiago de Cuba.

Everybody is filled with terror for the worst. The naval station here will not verify the story, but those in charge are evidently uneasy over the affair.

Telegrams sent to Washington asking whether or not the dread report was true elicited unsatisfactory replies. The navy department would neither confirm nor deny the report.

As the story went, an American vessel had been picked up by a big Spanish cruiser off the southern coast of Cuba.

It was supposed she had been grappling for the Santiago cable to cut it in order to cut off the Spanish communications with Madrid. She was especially equipped for this service. The Mangrove was not intended for active service and had fought this year. After she had acted as a sort of dispatch boat between Havana and Key West in the days of the Maine inquiry, and had brought over the recovered guns of the sunken battleship, she was equipped with two rapid fire one-pounders and complete cable grappling apparatus, and then placed in charge of Lieutenant Commander Wm. Everett. Her crew consisted of thirteen men.

With her two one-pounders she distinguished herself during the blockade in the latter part of April by bringing in the Spanish steamer Panama, which had two fourteen-pounders and a crew of seventy-two.

## A DECIDED AMERICAN VICTORY

The Bombardment of Santiago Pronounced as Such—Cable Has Been Cut—No Injury to the Fleet.

ST. THOMAS, May 23.—The recent bombardment of defenses at Santiago resulted in a decided victory for the American ships, the cutting of cables shutting Blanco off from communication from Madrid. Acting under orders from Sampson, the auxiliary cruiser St. Louis and armed tug Wompatuck proceeded to Santiago to cut the cable there. The cable was picked up in range of the guns of Morro fort. The Spaniards opened fire on the Americans, as did also two sand and mortar batteries on shore and below the level on which Morro fort stands. The American vessels responded. The aim of the Spaniards was atrociously bad. The sailors secured the cable and lifted it to the

forecastle of the St. Louis, where it was cut.

The Spaniards meanwhile redoubled their efforts, and hit the vessels, and the engagement was lively. The St. Louis brought her six-pounders into play, and the Wompatuck used her one three-pounder. With this small armament the Americans finally silenced all but two or three of the Spanish guns. The topmast stay of the St. Louis was shot away, and the pilot house of the Wompatuck was slightly shattered. One man on the St. Louis, while handling the cable, had his finger broken by flying fragments of shell. This was the only damage done to them. The Americans then proceeded to Guantanamo, shelled the batteries, and under an effective fire cut the cable, thus completing Blanco's isolation.

The Americans simply laughed at the wretched gunnery of the Spanish.

## MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION

The Shock Plainly Felt on Board the American Vessels.

KEY WEST, May 23.—Four of our warships, whose names cannot for good reasons be telegraphed, were cruising off the westernmost Point of Cuba yesterday, when a tremendous explosion occurred. It seemed to be right under the feet of everybody, but the quiet signals which were exchanged among the fleet showed that it had not occurred on any of our vessels. Various theories have been advanced, some of them thinking it was an earthquake, while others believe it was a floating mine which had been placed by the Spaniards.

There have been a few other explosions, but none of the magnitude of the first. The blockade along the coast is very quiet and the rainy season has begun. Almost every day sees almost a torrent of rain.

### SPANISH FORCES ROUTED

A Sharp Engagement Near Matanzas in Plain Sight of the Blockading Warships.

NEW YORK, May 23.—A Key West special says the Cubans are fighting their way to the coast, where they will join with our forces of invasion. Three hundred Cubans engaged a squad of Spanish cavalry on Thursday 10 miles west of Matanzas. The battle was fiercely waged in sight of the ships of the blockading squadron. The fighting continued after dark, and Friday morning the Spanish cavalry, which have been reinforced during the night by a battalion of infantry, was seen retreating toward Havana. The Cubans approached rapidly to the coast to join our landing troops.

### BRITISH STEAMER TAKEN IN.

Captured While Trying to Enter the Harbor of Havana.

KEY WEST, May 23.—The British steamer Ardmore came into port this morning in charge of an ensign from the auxiliary gunboat Osceola, by which the vessel was seized yesterday off Canaries' fort light, because she was acting in a suspicious manner, and was supposed to be trying to enter Havana harbor.

Naval Experts Think Our warships Will Soon Catch Cervera.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Naval experts believe Admiral Cervera's squadron is rapidly exhausting its coal supply, and that as many ports are now closed against it, it will not be able to long elude our fleets unless it gets coal at sea from colliers.

### Spain Next Move.

MADRID, May 23.—From a discussion in the Spanish senate today it appears that Spain seriously contemplated having recourse to privateering in the near future.

### To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

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

## TO INVADE SPANISH POSSESSIONS

Four More Regiments Have Been Ordered to the Front.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Mustering figures received at the war department show that up to this time 106,000 volunteers have taken the oath of allegiance to support the United States government.

Orders to the following regiments to move to front were given today: Thirty-third Michigan, Colonel Chas. L. Boynton, commanding, to Chickamauga; Second Virginia, Colonel J. C. Bacon commanding, to Trampa; Second Kentucky, Colonel E. H. Gaither commanding, to Chickamauga; Twenty-second Kansas, Colonel Henry E. Lindsey commanding, to Camp Alger, Va.

### Transports for Horses.

GALVESTON, May 23.—Orders have been received from Washington to charter the steam lighters Bessie and Laura. The belief is prevalent here that the lighters will be used in transporting the horses of the "Rough Riders" who are expected to embark from here for Cuba.

### Society Belle to Practice Law.

OAKLAND, May 23.—Miss Eucla Vroman, a society belle, has been admitted to practice law before the supreme court.

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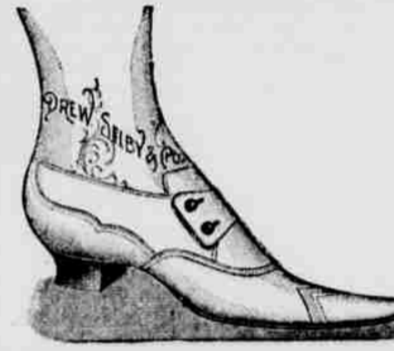
She graduated with honors from Hastings college of law, and now is a fully accredited member of the bar. Her father, the late Henry Vroman, was one of the most prominent attorneys of California. He left valuable estate, which his daughter proposes to manage herself.

LOST.  
One brown bay mare branded BN on left shoulder and split in left ear. One brown bay mare branded L on left shoulder and hip. Will give \$10 for return of same. Address JAMES ENGLISH, Hood River, Or.

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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.

### 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 "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 \$1.75 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

### 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 15c line of Tams, Rob Roys, Caps and Misses' sailors still remains the best shown in town.

An appropriate Fad—Military button gilt hat pin, each 5c. Red, White and Blue Silk Ribbons. We've enough for everybody at 8c, and 15c per yard.

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