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PORTO RICO TO BE TAKEN

This Island Is Used as a Base of Supplies for the Spaniards—General Miles Favors the Move.

THE PRESIDENT'S INTENTION

A Sweeping Assault Will Soon Be Made—The Island of Cuba will Not Be Invaded for Some Time—The Climate of Porto Rico Said Not to Be An Unhealthy One.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Many people find it almost impossible to believe that the president has consented to abandon the reconcentrados in Cuba to their fate for some months to come, while Porto Rico and the Philippines receive the attention of the United States army, yet the report is made repeatedly and apparently on the best of authority that this is the case.

General Miles who has been opposed to an immediate advance upon Cuba is said to highly favor the invasion of Porto Rico.

General Miles has urged upon the president and secretary of war, and he has been supported by General Schofield that from a strategic view it is imperative that Porto Rico be taken. He says that there the Spaniards have built their biggest forts and stored their largest supplies of food and coal, for the purpose of making that island a base of operations against the United States.

To go ahead now and capture Cuba leaving Porto Rico in Spanish hands, would, in General Miles' opinion, be making the enemy a present of a base of operations from which they could continually threaten the army in Cuba and the entire Atlantic coast of this country.

In Miles opinion it would require many more men and ships to conduct a war with Spain on that basis than if we go ahead and take Porto Rico now.

The president, it is said by his personal friends, has listened with favor to General Miles' argument. He has a particular horror of diseases that are liable to ravage the American army if it tries to operate in Cuba during the rainy season. He has all along feared that disaster would overtake the administration and the Republican party if the army in Cuba should be decimated by pestilence, because he believes it would take a very short time for yellow fever in the army to place mourning upon at least one family in every town in the United States.

Porto Rico and the Philippines, on the other hand, are deemed by the president as comparatively healthy. In Porto Rico, according to Gen. Miles, the deadly fevers of Cuba are unknown. The operations in Porto Rico and the Philippines, it is explained by the president's friends, would occupy every man of the army that can be drilled and equipped during the next two or three months. This would, in a sense, it is hoped, satisfy the country.

In the meantime, if it does appear to satisfy the country, it is said to be the intention of the president to get everything in shape for a grand sweeping three weeks' assault upon Cuba as soon as the rainy season is over, taking

everything in sight as fast as reached. This program will be helped by the decision to besiege Santiago. The country around that city is about as high and healthy as Porto Rico, and a mild campaign is expected to help the popular desire for the invasion of Cuba.

HAS SCHLEY BEEN DECEIVED

The Vanishing Squadron is Probably Beyond His Reach—Grave Doubts as to Cervera's Present Condition.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—News of importance, understood to be from Schley, was received by the navy department late tonight. Contrary to the custom, Long went to the department at a late hour and was closeted with Assistant Secretary Allen and Lieut. Whittlesey, the cipher expert, in view of the arrangements made for giving to the press any advices from Schley that Cervera's fleet was still at Santiago. His failure to make public anything about the message would indicate that Cervera has escaped, but this cannot be stated positively.

Some dozen of projected military and naval operations was had at the cabinet meeting today. The place of campaign was decided or was sketched to the cabinet officers. If Cervera has escaped, initiation of the plan will be postponed and the scheme will probably be rearranged. Meanwhile arrangements to carry out the plans are under way and won't be suspended unless definite assurances that Cervera has escaped are received. The military and naval program contemplates first the routing out of Cervera's ships in Santiago and if possible their capture, then an invasion of Cuba by a large army. After that, or simultaneous, will be the occupation of Porto Rico.

MANILA'S NEXT EXPEDITION

Will Comprise Four Ocean Liners, Carrying 5000 More Troops to the Philippines.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 27.—Preparations for the next expedition to Manila will be hastened. It can be stated on good authority that the expedition will sail next week. General Merritt will not go until all his forces have been dispatched to the islands. It is probable, however, that General Otis will sail with the next fleet, which will comprise the troop ships Zealandia, Centennial, China and the Ohio. The two last named vessels were chartered by the government today. The four vessels will carry five thousand men. The China arrived this noon from Hong Kong, twenty-four hours ahead of time.

It is almost certain that the Pennsylvania and Minnesota regiments will go. Possibly the Seventh regiment of this state will also be sent. In addition two regiments of regulars, the Eighteenth and Twenty-third, now en route from New Orleans, will go with this expedition. The cruiser Philadelphia will in all probability carry General Merritt and his staff to Manila. Repairs on the vessel are being rushed and it is a matter of only a few days before she will be ready to sail.

WAS KILLED BY THE TRAIN

One of Montana's Soldier Boys Meets a Sudden and Violent Death.

BUTTE, Mont., May 27.—W. H. Bowen while attempting to bid his brother good-bye, on his departure for San Francisco with the troops, fell beneath the train and was killed.

SQUADRON HAS VANISHED

A Dispatch Boat Brings the News That Cervera Is Not in Sight—Schley at Present is Looking for Him.

PATIENCE AVAILED BUT LITTLE

The Wary Commander of the Spanish Squadron Has Once More Given the Americans the Slip—Cervera's Whereabouts a Mystery.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, [Aboard the Dispatch Boat Premier,] May 27.—Schley's squadron sailed out of Cienfuegos Tuesday night. For three days they had watched the entrance of the harbor of Cienfuegos, with every gun shotted and manned, almost positive that the Spaniards were inside. Not until dusk Tuesday, when the Marblehead and Eagle returned from a scouting expedition, in the course of which they connected with the insurgents ashore, was it learned positively that the Spanish fleet was not inside.

Nothing was left them then but to start out and hunt again, and this was done within an hour. A dispatch boat followed the fleet for a while; but on account of storms and the shortness of coal and water, put in here. On the way she was fired on by the Scorpion. The latter, thinking it had a prize, sent a boarding party aboard. They said the Spanish fleet was not at Santiago, and had not been seen, and started to rejoice Schley.

THINKS A PRIZE IS IN SIGHT

Spanish Steamer Thought to Be a Scouting Cruiser Being Pursued Off Key West.

KEY WEST, May 27.—A Spanish steamship, thought to be an auxiliary cruiser, was sighted by the warships Wilmington and Bancroft fifteen miles off Key West last night, and at last accounts she was being chased by the Bancroft. The ship pursued by the Bancroft was a three-masted steamer, and a merchantman of large tonnage. She has one smokestack.

No doubt whatever is entertained of her being a Spaniard, because when the Bancroft put after her she steamed away at full speed. The chase was a most exciting one when the Wilmington last saw the two vessels. Capt. Todd, of the Wilmington, has no doubt the Bancroft will catch the Spaniard, and is confident the vessel being chased is a Spanish auxiliary cruiser on scout duty. The Wilmington came in from the blockade and reports all quiet there.

Merely a False Rumor. HALIFAX, May 27.—There is absolutely no truth in the story of Spanish and French warships being off this port and the forts having been manned.

Fired Upon by Spaniards. KEY WEST, May 27.—Charles W. Richards, sergeant of artillery, on duty

at a mortar battery near Fort Taylor, was fired upon last night by three unknown men, whom he says he knows to be Spaniards. The fire was promptly returned, but the men escaped. He says the three men carried a package containing dynamite, with which they intended to destroy the batteries.

WHERE IS CERVERA'S FLEET

Doubt Is Expressed as to the Spanish Fleet Being Bottled Up—A Mistake Has Evidently Been Made.

KEY WEST, May 27.—Although Washington dispatches indicate that Cervera's fleet is bottled up at Santiago, no information is obtained here looking to the corroboration of this impression. Washington is in possession of the official news from both Sampson and Schley later than anything that has come in here; but still that does not carry a belief with everyone. Bulletins were received here Wednesday stating that the government officials were positive Tuesday night that Schley had the Spanish fleet hard and fast in Santiago, and yet Schley's fleet on Tuesday night was off Cienfuegos. The torpedo boat Dupont left that night for Key West, arriving here yesterday. Since then no dispatch boat has come to this port from Schley's fleet, and if the government has been communicated with it is through other cables.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CASE

A New York Lawyer and Others Accused by Senor Jiminy—The Discovery an Important One.

KEY WEST, May 27.—In connection with the case of Senor Jiminy, who was seized as a spy on the prize steamship Panama on Wednesday, it is said that two men on the New York and another in Washington are to be arrested at once. One of these men is a lawyer, formerly in the employ of the Cuban colonial government. The others are said to be business men.

These men are supposed to be at the head of the Spanish secret service in the United States.

It is claimed that the Washington man has sent daily letters to his associate in New York, and that the latter cabled the contents in cipher to France to be finally transmitted from there to the authorities in Madrid.

There are several men suspected here and they may be arrested at any moment. It is said that one of these men paid \$750 for cable message to Havana in which he asked that \$10 be put to the credit of one Senorita Maria. The message of course was a blind.

The Rowan's Coming Trial.

SEATTLE, May 27.—The official trial trip of the torpedo-boat Rowan will probably take place Monday or Tuesday. Lieutenant-Commander Chas. P. Perkins commanding the Monadnock, has been designated as president of the trial board.

Six Probably Drowned.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., May 28.—While miners were working in the Red Ash vein of Casks William colliery, about ten miles east of here, a large body of water was struck and six men are supposed to have been drowned.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve Cures Piles, Scalds, Burns.

A. S. Roberts, of The Dalles, and J. W. Morton, of Hood River, candidates for joint representatives for Wasco and Sherman counties, accompanied by M. P. Isenberg, of Hood River, spoke at Wasco Thursday. A large audience greeted them.

Use Clarke & Falk's Rosofoam for the teeth.

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

Advertised Letters.

Following is the list of letters remaining in the postoffice at The Dalles uncalled for May 27, 1898. Persons calling for the same will give date on which they were advertised:

Adair, Wanley	Ashley, Jas
Brain, W H	Blank, Grace
Brant, E	Bortolains, Albert
Bingman, Mrs A T	Carr, Mrs Clara J
Christensen, Auton	Crow, Grace
Cooper, Russel	Collins, Bertha
Clyde, G B 2	Davis, Wm G
Davidson, Albert	Donnelly, Harry
England, Aug	Fox, M S
Fowler, Cora	Geiser, Fred H
Gillespy, Thos	Gordon, H F
Harding, Etta	Hall, N N
Hazen, Sadie	Henriques, M M
Horys, W D	Hubbard, Ollie
Hutson, Martha	Johnston, H
Keeny, Tom	Lankins, Susie
Lang, Geo W	Mathews, A H
Miller, J S	Myers, Henry
Mulligan, Chas	Oman, G W
Olfield, H	Redwood, Jas
Redwood, Jas	Shelton, Mrs L
Smith, Chas	Smith, Ed
Thomas, A B	Thomas, L A
White, E K	Wheeler, Johnny 2
Vickers, Sam	Wilson, Mrs W G
Van Delnater, L M	Vandervort, Minnie
	J. A. CROSSEN.

Cleveland wheels are selling in spite of all the cheap wheels that are offering. Call and see our '98 models. Maier & Benton.

Use Clarke & Falk's Floral Lotion for rough skin.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers, The famous little pills.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.



ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

TYGH VALLEY ROLLING MILL. At all times flour equal to the best for sale at Tygh Valley Roller Mills, at prices to suit the times. Also mill feed. W. M. McCORKLE, Prop. mch16-6m

Thirty-five years make a generation. That is how long Adolph Fisher, of Zanesville, O., suffered from piles. He was cured by using three boxes of De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. Suipes-Kinnersly Drug Co.

LEMP'S ST. LOUIS BEER. On draught at the White-house Saloon, Charles Michelbach, Prop.

Clothes to Fit All Sizes

ALL TASTES, ALL PURSES.

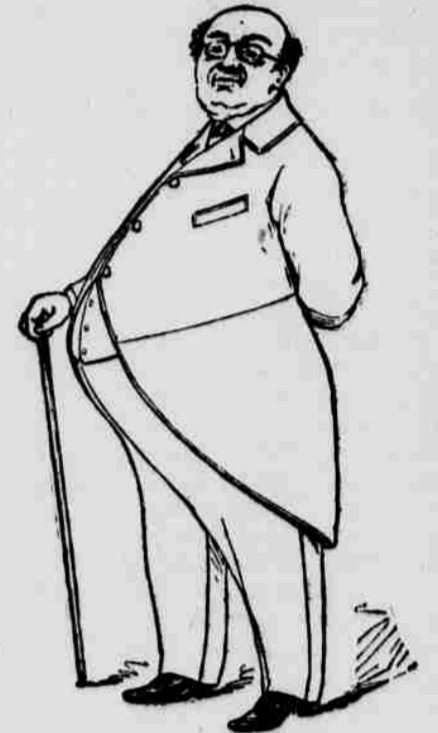
Black Clay Worsted Frock Suits; neat hairline Cassimers; modest, genteel patterns in worsteds; for the stout man, for the man who's hard to fit.

SERGE SUITS.

There's reason in buying serge suits; one of the coolest, one of the stoutest of summer stuffs; the most becoming suits to the most men. Our line of blue serges are the best for the least money.

\$16 a Suit.

No matter how big a man you are. The style, the finish is there too.



Mr. Pickwick PICKWICK'S STOUT.



A Wash Suit has double wear—the careless laundry's wear and the boy's rough wear—so should have double care in making. Careful sewing and the better class of wash goods cost more than the other sort, still our prices are found no higher than elsewhere.

75c to \$2.00

Today we also announce

New shipment Fine Colored Shoes for women. Just opened. Come and see.

A. M. WILLIAMS & CO.