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LADRONE ISLANDS TO BE SEIZED

Cruiser Charleston to Take Possession of Them and Establish a United States Coaling Station.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 9.—The Evening Post will say today that the cruiser Charleston will not go to the Philippines at once, but her destination is the island of Guahan, in the Ladrone group, which are controlled by the Spanish, and which are about 1500 miles from Manila and 300 from Honolulu.

The chief city of Guahan is exceedingly well fortified for such a small place, and affords one of the best harbors and coaling stations in the Pacific. About six months ago the fortifications were strengthened by the Spanish to present formidable resistance in case of attack.

The post says the United States will seize the group and use Guahan for a Pacific coaling station in addition to any others she may desire. The Charleston, the Post continues, was ordered to wait at Honolulu for the first fleet of transports that left the city and to take them to the Ladrone.

It is asserted that the artillery which went on the Pekin was really intended to garrison the fortifications at Guahan, and after quiet is restored and the islands are under control of the United States that the Charleston, with the transports, will go to Manila.

It is said that the Monadnock will not stay at Honolulu but proceed to the Ladrone and there remain as permanent guardian of the interest of the United States.

LAST CABLE CUT BY CAPT. SAMPSON

Communications Between Cuba and the Outside World Can Now Only Be Carried On By Means of Dispatch Boats.

OFF SANTIAGO, via Kingston, June 8.—Communication between Cuba and the outer world was severed yesterday. The Kingston-Santiago cable was cut on Monday, and the Haytian cable running into Guantanamo was cut yesterday. The ends were buried, and Sampson can re-establish communication with Washington direct.

The Marblehead yesterday engaged and drove a Spanish gunboat into Guantanamo harbor and shelled and reduced the antiquated fortifications. The insurgents co-operated on the land side. The place is being held until troops arrive. It is contemplated to establish a general base there.

Communication between the insurgents and the fleet is constant. The Cubans are active, and arms, ammunition and supplies for them were landed by Suanez yesterday in great quantities. The insurgents and Spaniards fight daily.

The Marblehead on Monday, when the insurgents had pressed forward west of Santiago, shelled the Spaniards, who fled to the mountains, checking the path followed in their retreat with dead and wounded.

Santiago is on the verge of starvation. All the food has been seized for the

army and navy, and troops are on half rations.

Sampson has officially declared that the purpose of the bombardment of Santiago was to clear the way for the troops. The object has been attained. He personally commended Ensign Palmer for approaching within 150 yards of the Spanish battery at night, and learning that the Spaniards were mounting guns.

The American naval commander is anxious to bring about the exchange of Lieutenant Hobson and his gallant companions from the Merrimac. The admiral sent the Vixen with a flag of truce to the entrance of the harbor yesterday, offering to exchange for the lieutenant and his party some prisoners taken from a prize of the Marblehead off Cienfuegos. Cervera considered the matter all night, and sent word today that he is powerless to act. He referred the matter to the military governor, who later in turn referred it to Blanco. A long delay is probable.

Sympathy for Mrs. Gridley.

OLYMPIA, Wash., June 9.—Governor Rogers has forwarded to Mrs. Gridley, widow of the late Captain Gridley, of the cruiser Olympia, on behalf of the people of the capital city and the state of Washington, an expression of sympathy for the loss of her gallant husband.

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

MAY HAVE FORCED THE BLOCKADE

Three Spanish Warships Said to Have Forced an Entrance to the Harbor of Havana.

KEY WEST, Fla., June 9.—There are persistent rumors here, credited by some high naval officers, that three Spanish warships have forced their way into Havana harbor.

One report says that one battleship and two cruisers have entered the harbor.

TEA BEING RUSHED INTO THE COUNTRY

Importers Making Strenuous Efforts to Get a Large Supply on Hand Before the New War Revenue Bill Goes Into Effect.

TACOMA, June 9.—It is reported here that importers are making a quiet and extraordinary effort to hurry all the tea possible into America before the prospective high war duty shall become effective, and that probably at least four of the Northern Pacific Steamship Company's fleet of steamers will arrive here this month, an exceptionally large number.

In view of the fact that the government is securing the use of these steamers for transports, it is inferred that the vessels may be loaded with tea at the nearest available point and rushed to Tacoma before July 1st, saving thousands of dollars duty, which would go to Uncle Sam after the war revenue law became operative, and at the same time hurry the boats along for service in embarking troops to Manila.

The Olympia is due here June 19th, and the Arizona July 7th. The Columbia is in Japanese waters, and the Tacoma will be in Yokohama in a day or two, and could be returned here in a very short time.

Pacific Coast Steamship Company officials here can say nothing about such a move, claiming that arrangements for freight coming this way are made on the Asiatic side.

NOT CHARTERED BUT IMPRESSED

Government Seized the Transports Senator, Puebla and Queen.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 9.—It appears that the steamers Senator, City of Puebla and Queen, owned by the Pacific Steamship Company, were not chartered but impressed into the service of the government as transports. The company hopes that the City of Topeka will be substituted for the Queen, which at present is in Alaskan waters. The City of Paris arrived last night and will be at once fitted out for Manila.

There were 2600 men in the first expedition. It is understood that the government intends to send to the Philippines 20,000 men. At least five more transports will be required.

ENGLAND MAY HAVE TO FIGHT

Secretary of the British Consulate at San Juan Grossly Maltreated and Banished From Porto Rico.

NEW YORK, June 9.—A copyrighted special from St. Thomas to the Evening Journal says:

Suspected of having furnished the United States with information regarding San Juan harbor, Walter Bett, secretary of the British consulate at that port, has received his passports and has been banished from Porto Rico by order of Governor-General Manclas. Bett was imprisoned in a dungeon for

fifty-six hours, and during that time he was subjected to gross maltreatment.

British Consul-General Crawford has made a formal protest to his government, and serious international complications are imminent.

THE ANNEXATION OF HAWAII

President McKinley will Recommend Immediate Action Toward the Annexation of These Islands.

WASHINGTON, June 9.—The president has in contemplation, according to a senator who was in consultation with him today, the submission of a special message to congress calling for the immediate annexation of Hawaii as a military necessity.

TWO STEAMERS TO SAIL WEDNESDAY

Nebraska Regiment Will Probably Go With the Expedition.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 9.—It is announced that the Morgan City and Senator will be added to the transports for the second Manila expedition, to sail on Wednesday next.

The Nebraska regiment will probably go with the expedition. The field guns of the Omaha battery will be moved to the ships today or tomorrow. One gun on each ship will be installed on deck for the purpose of defense.

A ice machine with a capacity of two and one-half tons a day will be sent to Manila in a few days in charge of three competent machinists.

AMBITIOUS PLAN OF GERMANY

Coaling Stations to Be Dotted From Morocco to the Levant.

LONDON, June 9.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily News says Germany intends to dot coaling stations from West Morocco to the Levant. The Spanish government has been approached on the subject. If cornered, Spain might lease a station in the Balearic islands in return for Germany's good offices. By leasing she would avoid wounding national pride.

SPANISH SPIES MUST MOVE ON

Notice of Expulsion from Canada Issued Against Caranza and Dubosc.

MONTREAL, June 9.—Word has been received here from Ottawa that a messenger has left there with notice of the expulsion from Canada of Lieutenant Caranza and Senor Du Bosc, the Spanish officers who were recently attached to the Spanish legation at Washington.

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