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## MORE TROOPS FOR CUBA AT ONCE

### Sixteen Warships Have Assembled in Florida Waters to Act as Convoys to Transport Steamships.

WASHINGTON, June 10.—A powerful fleet of sixteen ships has assembled in Florida waters to convoy troop transports to Cuba. Officials of the war department decline to give out any information as to the strength of the expedition or when it may get away, but the general opinion is that it will sail at once.

## THREE KILLED AND ONE WOUNDED

### Result of the Accidental Explosion of a Torpedo Which Was Being Planted in St. Johns River, Fla.

CHICAGO, June 10.—A News special from Jacksonville, Florida says:

Three men were killed and Lieutenant Hart, of the engineers corps, was badly wounded by the accidental explosion of a torpedo which was being placed in the St. Johns river about eighteen miles south of Jacksonville. How the accident occurred the report does not show.

## OUTCOME OF A BARCELONA AFFRAY

Two Frenchmen Made Claims Upon the United States Government for Alleged Violence.

LONDON, June 10.—The Paris correspondent of the Morning Post says:

M. Hanotaux, the French foreign minister, has received from the prefect of the Pyrenees Orientales documents containing claims made by Joseph Puig and brother for being shot at and threatened by two Americans and United States Consul-General Herbert W. Bowen, at Barcelona, during the Barcelona disturbances at the time that war was declared.

The two Americans, hearing a noise in the corridor of the hotel at which they were staying, and believing that they were about to be attacked, shot with a revolver the first man they saw. He proved to be a French waiter named Puig. The dragged him into a room and threatened him with death unless he signed a release of all claims against them, receiving 3000 pesetas Puig's brother, on his arrival, was similarly treated, Consul-General Bowen, it is claimed, directing the threat of death.

## SAGASTA'S CABINET WILL SOON FALL

Campos and the Conservatives Certain to Soon Succeed the Present Government—News from the Philippines Distresses the Queen Regent.

New York, June 10.—A dispatch to the World from Madrid says:

Popular feeling against the government and all existing institutions is assuming a dangerous phase. Everybody believes the Sagasta cabinet and liberal party will soon have to make way for Campos, Silveira and the conservatives, who will take a last stand for the defense of the dynasty against the bitter rage of the nation by making a pathetic appeal to the pope and the continental powers of Europe.

A startling telegram from Governor-General Augusti caused an impression that Manilla had surrendered already or was on the eve of surrendering. The latest report is that Augusti, in a fit of despair tried to commit suicide, but was prevented from killing himself by Admiral Montejó and the generals who wish to hold out.

The queen regent is profoundly grieved and alarmed at the news of the progress of the war, particularly the report from the Philippines.

## PHILIPPINES TO BE ANNEXED

Complete Formation of a Policy for Taking Possession of and Governing the Islands.

CHICAGO, June 10.—A Tribune special from Washington says:

From information just come to light it appears that the administration has determined upon a state policy concerning the Philippines. It is the evident intention of this government to annex the islands. The policy has been hastily decided on, and it was outlined before Admiral Dewey began operations. It will be operative as soon as Hawaii is annexed. This accounts in a measure for the vigor with which the president is pushing the annexation of Hawaii. The Philippine policy will then be outlined to the powers.

Shortly before Dewey was ordered to take the Philippines, United States Consul Williams, at Manila, was instructed to collect all information, statistics, etc., concerning the Spanish system of taxation in the islands, their resources of revenue, etc., and to forward the information to Washington at once. Assisted by Vice-Consul Dulan, he hurriedly compiled the desired data, and his report came into possession of the state department three weeks ago. As a result, a revised system of taxation is being formed, and is nearly completed now. A force of twelve clerks has been working upon the facts sent by Consul Williams, and upon their work being completed the new system will be promulgated by the president to proper authorities.

In brief, the proposed plan of taxation is to remove entirely the tax imposed upon household goods, beasts of burden and native products, and to substitute a reasonable property and poll tax similar to those enacted in this country. No poll tax will be levied upon women.

Import duties to the Philippines will be lower and cut in half. The native products will be admitted free to the United States, by which it is calculated to protect home industries where affected.

It is also proposed to regulate wages in the islands. Philippine labor is now rated at from five to twenty cents per day. A minimum tax will be in force. By this means the revenues of the islands will be cut to about \$3,000,000.

It is believed that this new order of things will give new zest to commercial affairs in the islands and eventually put tax revenues above the \$20,000,000 now realized by Spain. The government is considering the appointment of an official collector of customs who shall be dispatched to the islands to inaugurate the new system. It is believed the selection has already been made, but there is no definite information concerning his identity.

## SPANIARDS MAY BE WATCHING

Transports May be Intercepted by the Spanish Warships While En Route to Cuba.

WASHINGTON, June 10.—Another formidable American fleet has been assembled consisting of sixteen warships of various classes, headed by the big battleship Indiana, which for all-round effectiveness stands at the head of the navy. This fleet is assembled at Port Tampa, and is to serve as a convoy for troop transports from that point.

The formation of this formidable convoy fleet is due to reports more or less indefinite that Spanish warships were lurking between Florida and Cuba with a view to intercepting the troop transports. In order to avoid the slightest possibility of a dash by some Spanish ships against the transports, this new fleet was determined upon. The desirability of forming it was suggested by information coming through official channels that Spanish ships left Barcelona some days ago bound for Cuban waters.

This information came to the state department. It was to the effect that the ships included three Spanish warships

and one transport. The information was regarded as trustworthy. It was communicated to the navy department and led to careful consideration. A little later came a report from the ships off Florida that suspicious-looking vessels with military tops had been seen in the offing.

## WOULD HELP TAKE THE PHILIPPINES

Novel Scheme of a Chinese Physician—Offers to Enlist a Company of His Countrymen for Military Purposes.

CLEVELAND, June 10.—Dr. Jose E. Chan, a Chinese physician, highly educated and a naturalized citizen residing here, has conceived a novel plan for rendering assistance to the United States in driving the Spaniards from the Philippines, and has offered his services to the government to aid in carrying out the plan.

Dr. Chan proposes to enlist 200 of his fellow-countrymen in San Francisco and take them to the Philippines and do missionary work among the Chinese residents in that country. He says that of the 9,000,000 inhabitants of the Philippines, 3,000,000 are Chinese. They are strongly opposed to Spanish rule. He says the Chinese in the Philippines are almost entirely ignorant of the United States, but if he can go over there he would influence them to become in favor of a government of the islands under control of the United States and could organize a large army of the Chinese to fight under the stars and stripes.

## NOT UNDER THE PRESENT CONDITIONS

England Will Not Offer to Intervene Unless Assured that the Offer Will Be Acceptable.

LONDON, June 10.—Replying to a question in the house of commons today as to whether the British government or any of the European powers have any intention of intervening to secure the termination of the Spanish-American war, Balfour, the government leader, said:

"Her majesty's government will gladly take any favorable opportunity for promoting the cessation of hostilities and negotiations for peace, but any action upon its part for this purpose can only be undertaken if there is a reasonable prospect that it will be well received by both parties and likely to lead to an agreement between them."

### A CASTLE ROCK FATALITY.

Five-Year-Old Boy Shoots His Two-Year-Old Sister.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., June 10.—During the absence of his mother this morning, the 5-year-old son of J. W. Scott secured a loaded gun and shot and instantly killed his 2-year-old sister. This is the second accident of the kind in this town within a short time, caused by the carelessness of parents in leaving loaded fire-arms in the reach of children.

### Whooping Cough.

I had a little boy who was nearly dead from an attack of whooping cough. My neighbors recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I did not think that any medicine would help him, but after giving him a few doses of the remedy I noticed an improvement, and one bottle cured him entirely. It is the best cough medicine I ever had in the house.—P. E. Moore, South Burgetstown, Pa. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

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