

THE FIRST EXPEDITION LEAVES FOR SANTIAGO

Fifteen Thousand Troops Under Command of Major-General Shafter Set Sail From Key West this Morning.

FORMIDABLE FLEET ACTING AS A CONVOY TO THE TROOPS

The Government Officials Believe the Expedition Will Reach Santiago No Later Than Thursday, When Troops Will Be Immediately Landed.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—It was formally announced at the war department this morning that the first military expedition had left Key West at day break for Santiago. A large force of transports conveyed the troops under convey of a strong squadron of warships ranging from the largest warships to the small gunboats and fast sailing yachts.

All yesterday there were lively conferences between official of the war and navy departments, and after an all-day session, the war department had completed its plans for conveying troops to the transports.

Major-General Shafter, who commands the expedition, has with him a force of 773 officers and 14,534 enlisted men. Regular troops make up the greater part of the force, these being only two volunteer organizations in the expeditions. These are the Seventy-first New York and Second Massachusetts infantry volunteers, and two dismounted

squads of four troops each from First United States volunteer cavalry regiment, which Col. Wood commands, and of which Theo. Roosevelt is lieutenant-colonel. Whether any of these officers are with the squads named is not yet known at the war department. It was difficult to prevail upon the mounted riflemen to leave their mounts behind, but this was a matter of necessity, it is said, owing to the lack of accommodations for horses on shipboard. The best the department could do at this time in the way of supplying the cavalry contingent for the expedition was to include among the troops one squad of the Second United States cavalry, fully mounted with nine officers and 280 enlisted men.

The troops that make up this expedition are:

Infantry regiments—Sixth, Seventh, Seventy-first New York volunteers; Tenth, Twenty-first, Second, Fifty-third, Eighth, Twenty-fourth, Ninth, Twenty-second, Second Massachusetts volunteers; First, Fifteenth, Thirteenth, Seventh, Seventeenth, Third, Thirtieth.

Total infantry, 561 officers, 10,700 enlisted men.

Cavalry—Two dismounted squads of four troops each from the First volunteer cavalry. Total dismounted 159 officers, 2875 enlisted men. Mounted cavalry, one squad of the Second, nine officers and 280 enlisted men.

Artillery—Eight batteries, E and K, First artillery, A and F, Second artillery fourteen officers and 323 enlisted men. Batteries G and H Fourth artillery, four officers and 132 enlisted men.

Engineer—Company C and E, nine officers, 200 enlisted men.

Single corp one detachment, two officers and forty-five enlisted men.

Hospital detachments are included in the above figures. The staff corps numbers fifteen officers.

The troops will arrive at Santiago Thursday morning at the latest, barring storms or accident, and the landing probably will take place on the afternoon of that day or the Friday following, as Sampson is extremely anxious to reinforce the small body of marines now on shore at Guantanamo bay. The position of the men is not entirely satisfactory to officials here.

ST. LOUIS' PRIZE A BRITISH COLLIER

She was Taken off Morant Point, Jamaica, While En Route to Santiago With Coal for Cervera's Fleet.

New York, June 13.—A dispatch to the Herald from Mole St. Nicholas, Hayti, says:

The merchantman captured by the auxiliary cruiser St. Louis, just off Morant Point, Jamaica, last Friday night, was the British steamer Twickenham. On board the Twickenham are 3200 tons of coal for the Spanish fleet. She has been sent as a prize to Key West.

The captured steamer is a London vessel, which first went to Martinique expecting to effect a junction with Admiral Cervera's squadron at this island. The fleet had departed before her arrival and she was detained there as a suspicious vessel by the French authorities.

Word was brought to Admiral Sampson that the Twickenham had left Martinique on Wednesday. The St. Louis was immediately dispatched to intercept her. Twenty miles out of Kingston on Friday night, the St. Louis fell in with the Twickenham. The armed liner showed only the green and red lights of a merchantman, and the collier kept right ahead on her northward course toward Guantanamo, where she has hoped to be able to find some means of getting her coal to Admiral Cervera's ships in the harbor of Santiago. Coming into close range, the St. Louis surprised the collier by sending a shot across her bows. The Twickenham instead of stopping put on full steam and tried to get away. Quickly overhauling the Englishman, the St. Louis fired again. The captain of the collier, seeing flight was impossible, hove to and was boarded by a boat's crew from the St. Louis.

The British captain at first made a vigorous denial that he was carrying coal for the Spanish fleet. His vessel was searched, however, by the men from the St. Louis. In the fire room a man in overalls was found who spoke only Spanish. After a vigorous cross-examination by Captain Goodrich, of the St. Louis, this man admitted that he was a Spanish officer in charge of the cargo. On the approach of the St. Louis he had thrown his papers and commission overboard. He appeared to be badly scared at the way things had turned out. He was sent as a prisoner of war to Key West on board the captured steamer.

The St. Louis has recently engaged in cutting cables around Cuba. Lieutenant Allen said that when she passed Guantanamo last night the Stars and Stripes were still flying over the marines on the hill. The American men-of-war were lying in the harbor, but there had been no engagement yet with the Spanish.

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WAR REVENUE BILL IS NOW A LAW

President, Vice-President and Speaker Have Signed It.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—The president signed the war revenue bill at 3 p. m. The measure having been previously signed by Vice-President Hobart and Speaker Reed, is now a law.

Immediately upon information from the white house that the war revenue bill had been signed by the president, Secretary Gage issued a circular explaining to the public the proposed bond issue. That circular invites subscriptions for \$200,000,000 of three per cent bonds. Subscriptions will be received at par for a period of thirty-four days from this date. The bonds will be issued in the coupon and registered form, coupon denominations ranging from \$20 to \$1000, and registered bonds from \$20 to \$10,000.

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ALL WILL REACH MANILA TOGETHER

Three Philippine Expeditions to Unite at Honolulu and Conclude Their Voyage in Company.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 13.—Brigadier-General H. G. Otis will today assume command of the Fourth brigade of the Manila expeditionary force. An officer on his staff states that the first and second expeditions will be held at Honolulu to await a third, so that all may reach Manila together.

The Fourteenth infantry has received forty-four recruits from St. Louis and Cleveland. Major Robe's command now requires about 125 men to complete it.

The fifty-first Iowa regiment will probably be assigned to the brigade commanded by General King.

The Nebraska regiment and one battalion of the Idaho troops spent Sunday afternoon in target practice at the presidio range.

The Idaho and Montana volunteers will be paid off today.

The Thirteenth Minnesota has been presented with a handsome state flag by Mrs. L. A. Runge, in behalf of the citizens of Minneapolis. It is the handsomest banner that will be carried away by any of the troops who are going to the Philippines.

The Christian committee, as the war department of the Y. M. C. A. is known,

will send Frank A. Jackson and C. A. Glanz to Manila to work among the troops sent to aid Admiral Dewey.

All the supplies of the South Dakota volunteers have been received, and by this evening the regiment will be fully equipped.

NO MORE TROOPS FOR MERRITT

War Department Has No Intention of Increasing the Strength of Manila Expedition.

NEW YORK, June 13.—It may be stated with positiveness that the war department has no present intention of sending any more troops to San Francisco for the Philippine expedition than have already been ordered there, says the Washington correspondent of the Times. General Merritt, before leaving New York, said he wanted 20,000 men to take to Manila, and that he intended to have that number. It was generally accepted that General Merritt won his point, and that the department promised him the men he asked for. It is now stated that instead of the 20,000 men he has been counting on, only 16,000 have been assembled at San Francisco, and that the future governor-general of the Philippines is getting uneasy about the other 4000.

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