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CLEARING THE WAY FOR SHAFTER

Defenses at Caimanera, the Terminus of the Railroad Leading to Guantanamo, Were Reduced.

CAMP M'CALLA, Guantanamo Bay, June 15, via Kingston, June 16.—The brick fort and earthworks at Caimanera, at the end of the railroad leading to Guantanamo, were demolished today by a terrific bombardment conducted by the Texas, Marblehead and Suwanee. The warships opened fire at 2 p. m., and the bombardment lasted an hour and a half.

The Texas steamed slowly up the channel leading to the fortifications, followed closely by the Marblehead. The Marblehead stood off to the west side of the bay and opened with her 5-inch guns, knocking down part of the wall. The Texas then threw in some 12-inch shells, tearing down the walls of the fort and throwing bricks and mortar thirty feet in the air.

After badly damaging the fort, the Marblehead shelled the earthworks and barracks at the west end of the harbor. She knocked them into the air, and when the Spaniard fled from the fort, they were shelled by the St. Paul and driven into the bushes.

The Spaniards only fired five shots, which did no damage. After the ships stood out into the harbor the Spaniards opened fire on the Marblehead's launch, which replied vigorously. The Suwanee then turned back and shelled the bushes, driving the Spaniards inland.

DESTROYS CHANCES OF EARLY PEACE

Departure of Shafter's Expedition Commits the Government to a Vigorous Prosecution of the War.

WASHINGTON, June 16.—A leading member of the diplomatic corps said today that the departure of Shafter's army of invasion into Cuba put an end to all present prospects of peace. While none of the foreign representatives had ever made peace representations to the government, yet peace negotiations always seemed to the members of the diplomatic fraternity as within the bounds of possibility, and even probability, so long as the troops remained at Tampa and Key West. Now, however, with 15,000 American soldiers about to take a position on Spanish soil, it is said the conditions heretofore opportune for peace have undergone a material change, as the United States is committed to an aggressive land campaign, and it also makes it impossible for Spain to adopt any other course than that of defending her soil against invasion.

The cabinet crisis in France may exert indirect influence on the present war. Hanotaux, the minister of foreign affairs in the present French cabinet, has been foremost in overcoming the anti-American spirit shown by the people and the French press. He has, moreover, exercised a strong repressive influence on Spain. He was able to do this through his peculiarly close and personal intimacy with the Spanish ambassador at Paris, Senor Castillo, and through him to have a considerable part in shaping the policy of the Spanish government.

The course of Hanotaux has been highly gratifying to the authorities here, and they would be glad to see him regain control of foreign affairs in France. What is feared particularly in democratic circles is that Hanotaux' withdrawal, along with that of the Melline cabinet, will bring some fiery deputy to the head of the foreign office, thus giving free rein to the popular ill-feeling against the United States.

A CONTRIBUTION TO THE WAR FUND

An English Divine Expresses the Patriotic Sentiment of England for this Country.

WASHINGTON, June 16.—Hon. James F. Melne, assistant United States treasurer, has received through Speaker Reed a letter from Hume Elliott, of Manchester, England, enclosing a postal order for 10 shillings, 6 pence. In the course of his letter Mr. Elliott says:

"Will you kindly accept half a guinea as a very small token of a great regard for the United States in its present high and righteous enterprise? It may furnish a cup of cold water to some member of your army or navy, bravely contending in the interest of humanity and justice.

"May I venture to add that this simple offering does not spring altogether from a new-born sentiment. When last year we celebrated the diamond jubilee of our beloved queen, behind my pulpit platform were grouped three flags—the royal British standard in the center, while on the one side hung the union jack and on the other the Stars and Stripes. The explanation is simple. We felt that in the United States—whither so many loved ones had gone, countless hearts of kith and kin were beating in sympathy with our own. Moreover, it seems almost impossible for us to regard the Stars and Stripes like the emblem or any other nation as out-and-out a foreign flag. Had it not been so regarded by us, it could not have occupied the position it did on the august and memorable occasion I have reference to.

"May God bless, protect and prosper the United States."

In his response Mr. Melne says:

"Be pleased to accept the assurance that your generous expressions of sympathy are received with the feelings they naturally inspire, coming as they do from the near kin of a great part of the population of this country."

Use Clarke & Falk's Floral Lotion for sunburn and wind chafing.

SPANISH SOLDIERS DESERT IN A BODY

Six Thousand Volunteers and Many Regulars Flee From Puerto Principe and Neuvitas to Join the Cuban Army.

NEW YORK, June 16.—A special from Key West says that advices from the headquarters of the Cuban civil government in La Guanaja, Camaguay, report that over 6000 Spanish volunteers and many regulars from Puerto Principe and Neuvitas garrison have deserted to the Cuban patriot army. The immediate cause of the desertion was fear inspired by the proximity of the American fleet.

GERMANY DARE NOT INTERFERE

European Powers Would Not Tolerate an Attempt to Turn the American Victory at Manila to the Kaiser's Advantage.

NEW YORK, June 16.—A World dispatch from London says:

Neither Russia nor France, and still less England, would tolerate any attempt to turn America's gallant overthrow of the Spanish fleet and virtual capture of Manila to Germany's special advantage. In the jealousies are a guarantee that America will not be troubled by any interference in the Philippines. This is the opinion in high political quarters here, where the utterances of the Berlin chauvinist press are treated as of no account.

The arrival at Manila of Admiral Diedrich, the German naval chief, it is said, is simply because of the desire to witness the operations of Admiral Dewey's squadron for naval reasons.

ALL MUST SERVE THE FULL TERM

Disgruntled Sailors on the Harvard and Yale Will Not Be Released.

NEW YORK, June 16.—A Tribune special from Newport News says:

Those of the American line employes aboard the scouting ships Yale and Harvard who have not deserted will be forced to serve their full time according to the term of the mercantile enlistment. The 600 foreigners on board the two ships, however, maintain that the American line and the government is breaking the agreement with them and persistently refuse to go to sea, or if carried by force, to discharge the duties that will be expected of them. The British and German vice-consuls have refused to interfere in the matter, and the only course left open for the men is to desert, and if they do they can be apprehended by officers of the law.

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 Burgettstown, Pa. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

TRIED TO FORCIBLY COLLECT MONEY

An English Woman Arrested at Dyea on a Charge of Having Attempted to Murder the Postmaster.

SKAGWAY, June 12, via Victoria, June 16.—Mrs. Sarah Rowley, an English woman, has been arrested on a charge of attempting to murder Postmaster Steel, of Dyea. She learned that her brother had left \$125 for her with Postmaster Steel. When she asked him for it he is said to have informed her that it had been lost. She then borrowed a loaded revolver, and, aiming it at Steel's head, demanded her money. She was at once arrested and held under \$5000 bail for trial at Sitka. On her way to Skagway she jumped overboard. Her husband leaped into the water to save her, and both narrowly escaped drowning.

At the pack-train gambling house Samuel Dunderhoff dropped dead after losing considerable money.

HOBSON'S REWARD

President Will Recommend His Advancement Ten Numbers.

WASHINGTON, June 16.—The president will send to congress today a recommendation for the advancement of Lieutenant Hobson, who sunk the Merrimac in Santiago harbor, ten numbers in the list of naval constructors.

Arrangements are being made to give a grand moonlight excursion on the steamer Regulator on Friday, June 24th. It will be under the auspices of the Alpha Mandolin and Guitar Club, and will leave The Dalles at 7 o'clock in the evening, returning at 12. The club are practicing for the occasion and will furnish their guests with the sweetest music, which will seem all the more beautiful at such a time and place. This excursion will be attended by a select crowd of the best people in the city, and none need have any hesitancy about going on account of any questionable characters for care will be exercised in the sale of tickets and they are not transferable.

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