

## FALL OF MANILA IS NEAR AT HAND

Marines From Dewey's Warships and the Insurgents Have the City Surrounded and Cut Off From Food Supply.

## INSURGENTS ARE VICTORIOUS

Spaniards Suffered Heavy Loss in Hot Engagement and Insurgents Almost Forced an Entrance Into the City.

NEW YORK, June 17.—A special cable from Hong Kong to the Journal says:

The most severe and strongest battle since the annihilation of the Spanish fleet by Dewey has occurred at Manila. One thousand insurgents attacked two thousand Spaniards, inflicting heavy loss and almost forcing an entrance to the city.

The insurgents under Aguinaldo and the American sailors and marines from Dewey's fleet have completely surrounded Manila. Foreign residents have fled to the ships. Admiral Montejó and Governor-General Augusti have placed the women, children and priests in the forts for safety. Augusti is reported willing to surrender to the Americans, in order to prevent the insurgents from capturing the capital, setting it on fire and killing the Spaniards. The archbishop, however, is opposed to surrender, and has overruled Augusti.

The success of the insurgents is wonderful. The Spaniards taken prisoners during a two weeks' campaign aggregate 3000, including 200 soldiers of the regular army. Prominent among them are Generals Garcia and Cordoba. The governors of the provinces of Cavite, Balacan and Bataan were also made prisoners.

Two millions rounds of cartridges were seized in the fortified cathedral of Old Cavite. The garrison of Old Cavite was surrendered, thus giving the insurgents command of the shore of the bay. All interior sources of supply are now cut off from the Spanish forces in Manila.

The Americans can take Manila within 24 hours after the arrival of troops. The city is now at the mercy of the American fleet. Dewey's conduct during the blockade has been admirable.

A great fire is raging north of Manila. The insurgents have captured the water-works on which the supply of the city depends. Augusti has issued an order declaring that all males above the age of 18 years shall join the army and do military duty.

### Spanish Soldiers are Starving.

MANILA, via Hong Kong, June 17.—Spanish power is crumbling in the Philippines. General Pena and 1000 Spanish soldiers have surrendered at Santa Cruz, and similar surrenders have occurred at other places. The insurgents propose to form a republic under Anglo-American tutelage.

It is now officially admitted here that the lack of food supplies has become a serious matter. The gunboats conveying volunteers sent into the lagoon to search for food for the city on Friday,

June 3, returned here today, Sunday, and reported the total failure of their mission. It has been officially admitted that the troops have been 36 hours without food.

The commanders of the gunboats also report that every lagoon and town is hostile and that their garrisons have probably been massacred. The Spanish fleet was unable to effect a landing, in spite of prolonged firing upon the part of all the gunboats. This removes the last hope of provisioning Manila.

During the week all the garrisons were simultaneously overpowered or surrendered as prisoners. The latter are well treated. A majority of those who resisted were slaughtered. The insurgents are gaining ground everywhere, and are now pouring into Manila itself.

Whole companies of Spaniards have nothing to eat for two days and some of them are literally starving. It is a pitiable sight. The native peasantry charitably assists the starving soldiers, without compulsion, and Englishmen yesterday bought a hawk's store of eatables, for a few shillings, and gave the food to the soldiers, who said it was the first food they had tasted for 36 hours. There is no doubt, as one person remarked, that somebody deserves lynching for the state of affairs existing. Scores of bloated officers of the Spanish forces are to be seen daily loafing around beer shops and cafes, along the boulevards, reviling the English, while the men under their charge are starving.

## A FAVORABLE REPORT MADE

Hawaiian Resolution Went to the Senate From the Committee Today—Action to Be Swift.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—Soon after the senate convened today, Davis, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, favorably reported from that committee the resolution adopted by the house for annexation of the Hawaiian islands. The resolutions were not amended. Davis gave notice that immediately after the morning business was transacted he would move consideration of the resolutions.

A bill providing for the erection of a government building at Seattle at a cost not exceeding \$500,000 was passed. The conference report on the bankruptcy bill was read, but no action was taken. Hoar, in charge of the report, announced his purpose to endeavor to secure action upon it during the present session.

## SIGHTED OFF THE NORTH AFRICAN SEA COAST

Camara's Squadron Evidently Headed for the African Coast—Consists of Over Twenty Vessels.

GIBRALTAR, June 17.—The captain of the German steamer which arrived here this morning reports having sighted the Spanish Cadiz fleet off the north coast of Africa, opposite Gibraltar, late last evening. The warships were going in an easterly direction. The fleet consisted of two battleships, four large cruisers and four torpedo-boat destroyers.

As Reported at Washington.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—The state department has received the following dispatch from its agent at Gibraltar: The Charles V., Pelayo, Rapido, Patriot, Audaz, Osada, Prosperina, Giralda, Prelajo and Colon, with the minister of marine on board; Alfonso Doco, Canon-dong, Antonio Lopez, Isla Panos, Buenos Ayres and San Francisco, left Cadiz yesterday. The first eleven passed the rock, bound for Carthegena for orders; the last three had troops on board. This is Admiral Camara's Cadiz squadron and appears to be in the Mediterranean bound for African shores.

As Reported at Madrid.

MADRID, June 17.—Admiral Camara's fleet is said here to consist of over twenty vessels, and is reported to have been divided at sea and proceeded to different destinations.

## MORRO WAS NOT SHELLED

Fears That Hobson and His Brave Companions Are in the Fortress Saves It From Destruction.

OF SANTIAGO, June 17, via Kingston, June 16.—Only the fact that Lieutenant Hobson and his brave companions are supposed to be confined within the walls of El Morro saved that ancient fortress from destruction today under the fire of Sampson's warships. All the batteries were damaged and silenced and several were completely wrecked. It is believed the Spanish loss of life was heavy, though no means for determining the full extent thereof are available.

Previous to the beginning of the bombardment, the dynamite cruiser Vesuvius threw several charges of nitro-gelatin over the hills into the harbor, where Cervera's torpedo-boats were supposed to be lying. It is not known whether or not any of the Spanish craft were damaged, but probably they were.

## NO EXCHANGE AUTHORIZED

Blanco Declines to Enter Into Negotiations Looking to the Exchange of Hobson and His Crew.

HAVANA, June 17.—The Spanish government, it is said at the palace, has not authorized the exchange of the prisoners of the Merrimac. The gunboat Yanez Pinzon exchanged communication yesterday afternoon with an American warship under a flag of truce, and the commander of the latter was informed that Blanco had no authority to exchange Naval Constructor Hobson and his gallant companions for the Spaniards who are now held prisoners in the United States.

An Attempt to Negotiate an Exchange. New York, June 17.—A special to the

Herald from Washington says:

Instructions have been sent by the navy department to Commodore Watson, commander-in-chief of the blockading squadron, directing him to send Captain Nicol Ludlow, commanding the monitor Terror, to Havana to negotiate for the exchange of the Merrimac prisoners. Captain Ludlow did not go in his own ship. One of the smaller vessels attached to the blockading squadron, flying a flag of truce, was ordered to convey the officer to a point in front of Havana where the authorities understood he will communicate with a vessel sent by Captain-General Blanco.

Captain Ludlow has authority to accept any proposition about prisoners which Captain-General Blanco may make. The United States authorities are anxious to secure Hobson and his men without delay, in order that they may be moved from Santiago before the battle for the possession of the city occurs.

In sending Captain Ludlow to Havana the authorities were guided by information confirmatory to the press dispatches announcing that the Madrid government had authorized Blanco to treat with this government for the exchange of prisoners.

## UNKNOWN MAN KILLED

REMAINS FOUND ALONGSIDE THE O. R. & N. TRACK.

Cut to Pieces By a Train Near Troutdale Station.

The mangled remains of an unknown man, supposed to be a tramp, were found Thursday morning at 4:30 a quarter of a mile west of the station at Troutdale, alongside the O. R. & N. track. The night watchman at the station was notified, and he had the body conveyed to the station-house. Justice S. Bullock, acting coroner, received word of the death and went to Troutdale yesterday afternoon, and held an inquest over the remains, but failed to establish the identity of the man.

At the inquest nothing was found on his person to indicate his name. He had in his possession a number of election cards and also some cards with pencil scribbles on them, all of which left no doubt that he had been in Portland recently and was making his way eastward when killed.

One arm was tattooed with the figures of an anchor, a rope and woman, indicating that he was a sailor. On one of the cards found in his possession the name of Andrew Zingell was indistinctly pencilled, but whether that was his name there was no way of telling. He had brown hair and a light moustache, and was dressed in a pair of blue overalls and gray shirt with green facing. He was about 38 years old.

The body was horribly mangled. The head lay toward the east. The left leg was across the track, and severed close to the trunk of the body. A fearful gash was cut in the forehead. The left arm was nearly severed above the wrist, and had dropped just alongside the track.

Justice Bullock expressed the opinion that he had either fallen from the brake-beam of the freight train that passed at about midnight or had been killed in the attempt to board the train as it was passing. The testimony of residents was that the place where the remains were found is where tramps have made a practice of getting on trains.

One singular thing was that the man who informed the night watchman of the finding of the body disappeared, and with several others who were near, could not be found when the inquest was held.

The inquest developed very little about the man, and the verdict was that he had come to his death by being run over by a train. The cards and other articles which might in the future lead to establishing his identity were preserved, and the remains were buried at the Troutdale cemetery.—Oregonian.

### To Save Soldier's Souls.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17.—The newly organized Christian committee has planned a great revival at camp Merritt. A telegram has been sent to Evangelist Moody to ascertain if he could come to the coast. Rev. Minton has been elected president and L. J. McCoy treasurer of the committee.

### STRAYED

From the range near Hood River, a grey mare with grey mane and tail, branded R on left hip, weight about 900 pounds. Any one giving information leading to her recovery will be suitably rewarded. RALPH S. SHELLEY, Jun4-w2w Hood River, Or.

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