

ARMY OF INVASION REACHES SANTIAGO

Fleet of Thirty-five Transports, Under Convoy, Carrying 16,000 Soldiers, Off Santiago.

DEBARKING HAS NOT YET BEGUN

Officers Give no Hint of Their Intention Regarding the Time and Place of Landing—Blanco's Cable Service Cut Off.

Off SANTIAGO, June 20, via Mole St. Nicholas, June 21.—The United States army for the invasion of Cuba, about 16000 strong, and commanded by General Shafter, arrived off Santiago at noon today. The time of its debarkation has not yet been determined upon, but it probably will be within the next three days. When the fleet of thirty-five transports, with its freight of fighting men swept up the western coast today, and showed up within sight of the doomed city of Santiago, the anxious awaited soldiers were greeted with ringing cheers which faintly echoed to the transports from the decks of the blockading warships far in shore, they were answered by the troops enthusiastically, and in kind.

It was 1 o'clock in the morning when the lookout on the cruiser Brooklyn reported seeing the smoke of the steamers away to the southeast, and a moment or two later he announced that a dozen or two transports were in sight. The news was exchanged from ship to ship. Half an hour later a grim forest of masts had sprung up apparently from the sea, and a most impressive scene was presented as the armada swept gracefully up from the horizon toward the shore, where the great struggle is to take place.

The transports were ranged in three shifting lines, with the battleship Indiana on the extreme right, and the other men-of-war on the outskirts of the fleet. In this order the transports and their escorts steamed slowly in toward where Morro's red walls gleamed in the sunlight.

It was intended to take the entire fleet to the lines of Rear-Admiral Sampson's squadron of warships, but an order from the admiral stopped the advance of the ships about fifteen miles to the southeast, and General Shafter went forward on the Segurula to confer with him. The transports lay on the smooth sea while plans were being discussed by the leaders on board the flagship.

Not the faintest hint of their intentions regarding a landing has been allowed to escape. Undoubtedly, however, some of the troops will be landed at Guantanamo bay, but it is generally believed the main body of them will be landed at a point much nearer the fated city.

The long and trying journey from Tampa left the men in better condition than was anticipated. There are fourteen mild cases of typhoid on the hospital ship, among them being Major Horton, of the Twenty-fifth infantry, and several cases of measles. There are, however, no serious cases of sickness.

The dispatch boat of the Associated Press, as she steamed among the transports, was eagerly besieged on all sides for news of Admiral Sampson's operations, officers and men clamoring for word from the blockading fleet. Much

satisfaction was expressed among the troops when it became known that the actual capture of Santiago is to be left to the army.

The American fleet off Santiago has been materially strengthened by the addition of the warships, which escorted the transports, consisting of the Indiana, Detroit, Montgomery, Bancroft, Helena, Ericsson and Foote.

News Reaches War Department.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—There was important news at the war department when Secretary Alger reached his office today. The transports with 15,000 troops, he was informed, had arrived safely off Santiago, and direct communication had been established between the United States and Guantanamo, where the United States marines now hold a position on Cuban soil. Thus, not only is Blanco cut off from communication with the outside world, save through the Key West cables within our control, but the authorities in Washington have been placed in close connection with our forces, army and navy, which are conducting the invasion of Cuba.

The vessels that have arrived off Santiago with troops on board, according to data supplied to the war department by General Shafter, number, with convoys, 49 vessels. This is the largest fleet that ever left the waters of the United States for a foreign port.

It is expected here that the transports will remain off Santiago or perhaps nearer the exact landing point of the troops until Santiago has been captured, when they will take aboard the greater part of the invading army if they can be spared from that locality and convey the troops to Porto Rico to effect the capture of that island.

SEÑOR GALVEZ WAXES TRAGICAL

Hopes the Sky Will Fall Before Invaders Trample Spanish Soil.

HAVANA, June 21.—Senor Galvez, president of the colonial council, has closed the debates in the chamber with a message to the deputies. The president paid a tribute to the efforts of Captain-General Blanco. He concluded by saying:

"Let the sky fall flat and sink us in the abyss before daring foreign invaders trample Spanish soil."

The words of Galvez were warmly applauded by the deputies and others assembled in the hall.

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READY TO SAIL BY SATURDAY

Work on the Transports, Which Are to Compose the Third Manila Expedition, Is Progressing Favorably.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 21.—With the addition of 300 recruits from Minnesota, 150 from Iowa and 100 men of the Astor battery, the force of troops at Camp Merritt has been increased to 12,200. Early this morning 352 recruits from Kansas and Tennessee will arrive, and a number of recruits from Iowa and Idaho are expected in the evening. On Thursday 260 men recruited to fill the Seventh California will reach camp.

The First California volunteer has been recruited up to the maximum, and tomorrow the 300 new men will be turned over to Colonel Berry, of the Seventh, who will take them to Manila.

Work on the transports has progressed so favorably that they will probably be ready to sail by Saturday. The monitor Monadnock and collier Nero are expected to start for Manila at the same time. After the departure of the next expedition the remaining troops will be re-brigaded by General Otis.

Governor Richards, of Wyoming, will remain here until the troops from that state leave for Manila. The First Tennessee has issued its requisition for arms and equipment. Today the men will have stores, clothing and other necessities issued to them, and in a few days Colonel Smith hopes to get his command in shape for service in the Philippines.

The board of supervisors has adopted a resolution calling on Secretary of War Alger to provide an adequate water supply and sewer facilities for the Presidio reservation, as preliminary steps looking toward the concentration of all troops at that place. It points out the unsanitary condition of Camp Merritt, and urges the necessity of removing the soldiers from their present location.

HALF A HUNDRED LIVES LOST

Water Displaced By the Launching of a Battle-Ship at Blackwell, England, Submerges a Staging Which Is Crowded With People.

LONDON, June 21.—During the launching of the British first-class battle-ship Albion, of 12,950 tons, at Blackwell, today, by the Duchess of York, at which ceremony the United States ambassador Colonel John Hay, and Mrs. Hay and Lieutenant Colonel Wells, United States naval attaché, assisted, the displacement of water caused an immense mass of water to rise on all sides, completely submerging one of the lower stages of the yard, and immersing hundreds of people. It is estimated that 50 persons were drowned. Another, but discredited report, says the warship sank. As this dispatch is sent, the bodies of 27 men, women and children have been recovered.

The Duchess of York, Colonel and Mrs. Hay and the remainder of the distinguished guests did not see the accident, which occurred at the moment when three cheers were called for the successful launching, and the cries and screams of the victims were drowned by the outburst of hurrahs.

THREE INCIDENTS OF SEA CAMPAIGN

Camara's Fleet Returns to Cadiz With One Vessel Disabled.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—By way of Marseilles, France, the state department has received and transmitted to the navy department advices confirming the report that the Spanish reserve fleet has returned to Cadiz. The dispatch states that the Victoria came into port disabled and in tow.

An Unsuccessful Effort to Land Marines at Ponta Calvera.

HAVANA, June 21.—On Friday morning last the United States battle-ship Texas, it is announced, endeavored to cover the landing of American marines at Ponta Calvera, province of Santiago

de Cuba, but the Americans were repulsed by Spanish troops with the loss of several men.

The Maple Prevents the Escape of Three Spanish Gunboats.

KEY WEST, June 21.—On Friday last three Spanish gunboats and some large vessels, apparently merchantmen, left Havana harbor and proceeded eastward, close in shore. The auxiliary gunboat Maple fired upon the Spanish ships and they returned to port and have not since attempted a sortie.

ONLY FIFTY BOATS WRECKED

Reports of Disasters at White Horse Rapids Have Been Greatly Exaggerated.

SKAGWAY, June 15, via Port Townsend, June 21.—Reports that over 500 boats have been wrecked in White Horse rapids are pronounced to be wild exaggerations by Pierce Humbert and others who reached tidewater from White Horse today and yesterday. They say the total number of boats lost in the rapids does not exceed 50.

There have been no wrecks on the lakes above the canyon for nearly a fortnight, as the ice has ceased to be dangerous.

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