

DAY OF EXCITEMENT

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In Madrid and relate to the condition of affairs and plans for the defense of the island. Others were written by Spanish spies in this country. They contain information that has been repeatedly published in the newspapers which would not have been of any service to Spain. Other letters from business houses having connections in Spain contain information of more or less importance. Several letters will be turned over to the secret service of the treasury department as they contain clues that may be useful hereafter.

No one can remember when the government of the United States held up and opened private correspondence before. Certainly never since the war of 1812, although during the rebellion letters were frequently intercepted by orders of the war department or the department of justice when it was suggested they contained official information. For a long time it has been believed the mail of the United States consulate in Cuba was tampered with in the Havana postoffice, although communications between the consul general and the government could not have been disturbed, for they were always sent back and forth in a separate and exclusive pouch to which there were only two keys—one in the state department and the other at the consulate in Havana.

TROOPS MOVING

Chickamauga National Park, Ga. April 2.—This has been a bustling day among artillerymen at Chickamauga Park. In pursuance of orders issued yesterday, the light batteries in camp were ordered to Tampa, and the entire day has been taken up in getting the men, horses and guns aboard the cars. The trains leaving the men and their equipments have been given the right of way and it is expected they will arrive at Tampa early tomorrow.

The Twenty-fourth infantry will break camp tomorrow. The Ninth cavalry receives preliminary orders to move at once and the men are packing up tonight. Orders will be issued tomorrow for the removal to Tampa of the Twenty-fifth infantry and Tenth cavalry, and the Second cavalry and seventh infantry will probably go early next week.

Mobile, April 2.—The Tenth and Twenty-second regiments left camp this afternoon bound for Tampa.

New Orleans, April 2.—The First regiment left here tonight for Tampa.

CAMP MCKINLEY

Portland, April 2.—The national guard of Oregon, about 100 strong, will be assembled in Portland tomorrow. When the companies from the interior arrive tomorrow they will go immediately into camp at Livingston park.

In accordance with the order from General Bebe, the camp will be known as Camp McKinley, in honor of the president.

The first regiment will join the Second and Third at Camp McKinley on Monday morning. Governor Ladd has not yet announced his field and staff appointments and may not do so until Monday.

Lieutenant Colonel I. Garrison, of the First regiment, will be in command at the camp until the troops are ordered over to Captain Kendall, United States recruiting officer. It is believed either Colonel O. Summers or Lieutenant Colonel Jackson, United States army, retired, will be appointed colonel of the new regiment.

ARMY SURGEONS APPOINTED

Washington, April 2.—Secretary Alger has designated the following medical officers to examine the volunteer troops called out by the president's proclamation as to their physical qualifications for service: Major Lewis Triceheim, surgeon, Idaho; Captain Edward R. Morris, assistant surgeon, Oregon; J. L. Phillips, assistant surgeon, Washington.

THE REPORT DENIED

Key West, April 2.—A report that Captain B. F. Harrington, commander of the monitor Puritan and commanding officer of the Cardenas fleet, who has just come from there, specifically denies the story of the alleged bombardment of that port by the monitor Tarras and gunboat Albatross. He says there are no Spanish batteries there.

OREGON TROOPS GATHERING

Medford, April 2.—Company D, Second regiment, O. N. G., Captain May, of Ashland, passed through here tonight en route to Portland. More than a thousand citizens gathered at the station and gave the soldiers a hearty reception. The local company, which was organized last week, is ordered to be in readiness and may leave for Portland tomorrow night.

ARGENTINE NEUTRAL

Buenos Ayres, April 2.—It is announced that Argentina will promulgate a decree of neutrality during the war between the United States and Spain, but it seems certain the government will reserve liberty of action in regard to coal.

THE ASIATIC SQUADRON

Hong Kong, April 2.—It is reported from Manila that the American squadron was sighted off Hooligan, north of Manila, but the weather was too stormy to communicate with the insurgents.

ORDERS FOR SECRECY ISSUED

Washington, April 2.—Secretary Alger this morning issued a most sweeping order, directed to all the bureau chiefs of the war department and all officers on special duty from the highest to the lowest, instructing them under no circumstances to give information to the press on any subject connected with the war.

THE AUTONOMISTS

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The Transport City of Cadix. It was added that the torpedo boats Arife, Bayar and Asor would return to Cadix. If the small, unswayingly torpedo boats were left behind it is presumed that others intend to cross the sea.

Public indignation at being trifled with in reference to the Cape Verde fleet, of which great things are expected, was intensified by the news that the battleship Delago only left Cartagena last Sunday and reached Cadix today. It was supposed that she and another battleship, the Carlos V., were on the other side of the ocean by this time and perhaps preparing to bombard New York.

The same deception and dilatoriness have been disclosed in the fitting out of other vessels of war at the navy yards, due partly to the scandalous deficiency of equipment and supplies at the naval arsenals.

The Spaniards are extremely angry with their government. If the navy fails to come up to their extravagant expectations of men and money, there will be an uprising of the people which will be irresistible. The best that may be looked for then is the overthrow of the ministry, already much weakened by the collapse of its protracted negotiations with the United States and the failure of its colonial home rule policy.

The fear of popular outbreak kept many people uneasy and increases the depression in financial circles. Financiers are deeply disgusted with the finance minister's projects. They say he proposes taxes it is impossible to levy and damages Spanish credit abroad by his strange plans for increasing the bank note issue and the tampering with the payment of the coupons of the foreign debt.

Rumors are current again that Russia and Germany will assist Spain.

TEACHERS UNEARTHED

San Francisco, April 2.—The Call says: There is not the slightest doubt that plans of the works commanding the harbor of San Francisco are in possession of the Spanish authorities. Captain Casa, military attaché of the Spanish legation at Washington, was in this city last winter for several weeks, the guest of the Spanish consul, and while here had ample opportunity to stroll about the batteries, as no orders to the contrary had then been issued. Since he left, however, the defenses have been materially strengthened by the addition of rapid fire guns. The Line Point position has been made exceedingly formidable in many ways during the past month.

SPANISH SLOOP CAPTURED

Key West, April 2.—The Spanish sloop Egarcia, captured by the United States gunboat Newport off Calumet yesterday, was brought here today by the prize crew. Only one blank shot was necessary to bring the Egarcia in. She had a crew of seven men and a cargo of fish. The men had been in the Spanish navy and served as a sort of naval reserve.

The officers of the Newport say the capture is important in view of the fact that the little vessel was attempting to carry to Havana the news of the movements of the fleet.

SENIOR POLO QUIET

Toronto, April 2.—Senior Polo received several long cables from Madrid last night.

It would not say whether the questions in the house of commons and the press comments on his stay here had anything to do with the cables he received. Members of the minister's staff were equally reticent, but it is believed Senior Polo will leave in a few days for Great Britain and he will be appointed to the Spanish embassy in England.

WILL EXPEL AMERICANS

London, April 2.—A special dispatch from Madrid says the Spanish government is going to expel all United States citizens from Spain.

CALIFORNIA VOLUNTEERS

Fresno, April 2.—Last night, in compliance with instructions from Governor Bull, Companies C and F, N. G. C. met in Armory hall and muster rolls were opened for volunteers. Thirty-seven volunteers in Companies F and C, Captain G. W. Jones of Company F and Captain G. O. Duncan of Company C and their lieutenants will apply for commissions.

THE BHAEMAR'S CARGO

Portland, April 2.—Wheat—Walla Walla, 3000; valley and blue stem, 8000. The largest shipment of flour that was ever sent forward from a Pacific coast port for the Orient was cleared today for China and Japan. The steamer Braemar cleared with 4284 barrels, valued at \$19,216.

STUDENTS ENROLL

Stanford University, Cal., April 2.—Following the call for volunteers about forty Stanford students have enlisted in Company K, First infantry, of San Francisco, and will go to the city on Monday prepared to go to the front, and preferring that location where the charge is thickest. President Jordan has promised all students enlisting now their full credits. Nearly half of the members of the football team are among the recruits.

HEAVY ARTILLERY

San Francisco, April 2.—When the United States recruiting office closed yesterday 232 able-bodied men had made application for places in the heavy artillery volunteer service. One noticeable feature of the day's enlistment was the increased number of men of experience and a goodly showing from among the League of the Cross and Boys' Brigade organizations. Candidates for cavalry service were numerous and could not be induced to enlist in any other branch.

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