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# MUSTERING THE RECRUITS AND WAR MEASURES

## NEWS COMES SLOWLY

### No Official Report Yet Received from Commodore Dewey of his Great Victory Over the Spaniards at Manila

## RIOTING IN OLD MADRID INCREASING

### Martial Law Proclaimed Throughout the City—The Pope Prostrated at the News from Manila—State of Siege in Madrid—Civil Guards Hold the Streets.

WASHINGTON, MAY 2.—THE WAR DEPARTMENT IS LENDING ALL ITS ENERGIES TO THE MUSTERING IN OF VOLUNTEERS AND THE RECRUITING OF THE REGULAR ARMY TO ITS FULL WAR STRENGTH OF SIXTY THOUSAND.

SECRETARY ALGER AND GENERAL MILES HAD A LONG CONFERENCE WITH THE PRESIDENT THIS AFTERNOON, PRESUMABLY IN REGARD TO APPOINTMENTS TO THE VOLUNTEER SERVICE. IN A FEW DAYS ALL THE TROOPS THAT HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO TAMPA ARE EXPECTED TO REACH THAT PLACE AND EIGHT LARGE TRANSPORTS, WHICH ARE TO CONDUCT THE FIRST EXPEDITION TO CUBA HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO PROCEED TO TAMPA. THE OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, DECLINE TO MAKE PUBLIC ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE EXPEDITION OR PLACE IN CUBA WHERE IT IS TO LAND.

THE OFFICERS OF THE COMMISSARY DEPARTMENT AT NEW YORK TODAY OPENED PROPOSALS FOR BIDS FOR SUPPLYING FOOD TO AN ARMY OF 15,000 MEN, IF THE GOVERNMENT FINDS IT NECESSARY TO CONTRACT FOR THAT NUMBER. IT IS SAID THE OFFICIALS ARE OPPOSED TO BUYING CONCENTRATED FOODS ON THE ADVICE OF THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE SERVICE.

WASHINGTON, MAY 2.—It is a curious fact that the nation most interested of all the great powers in the combat that took place at Manila yesterday should be among the last officially to know of the result.

Up to the close of office hours today, absolutely all the information that our government has received of the brilliant victory of Commodore Dewey and the winning of the battle of Manila on May 1 came to the government through the medium of the press dispatches. If the report is true that Commodore Dewey has begun the bombardment and blockade of the city of Manila, it is unlikely that he can spare a vessel from his fleet to carry the news to Hong Kong, the nearest cable station, so it is not known when official advices will come. There was some expectation that through the surrender of the city, the commodore might acquire control of the cable, but even then there might be practical difficulties in communicating through it.

The officers of Commodore Dewey's fleet include at least one lieutenant who is a good practical electrician and telegrapher, but it is not known positively whether he is able to work the cable successfully. The greatest anxiety is felt as to the casualties sustained by the American fleet. From the stubborn defense made by the Spaniards it was feared that before they burnt, blew up or sunk their ships they managed to inflict severe damage on Commodore Dewey's squadron. If Commodore Dewey has lost a considerable portion of his men, it is feared that this has not yet taken shape, so far as can be learned, and it is likely the department will wait to hear from Commodore Dewey himself before taking any action. It may be, and in fact it is said, that by communication with the insurgents, he will succeed in having his men relieved of the task of attacking Manila. As to the future of the islands, it is likely that this government will retain possession of at least one good port, such as Manila, for a coaling station and a base of supplies during the remainder of the war.

DEWEY IS CONGRATULATED. On board the Flagship Brooklyn, off Fort Monroe, Va., May 2.—Commodore Schley refused to discuss the Manila victory, except to say: "It was what was to be expected from Dewey." As more definite news of Dewey's success came there was great jubilation. The Brooklyn was the first ship to carry Commodore Dewey's flag, and through the Associated Press these messages were sent: "To Dewey—The Brooklyn, which first flew your flag, glories in your victory." OFFICERS AND CREW. "To Dewey—The flying squadron says

## QUICK WORK IN THE SENATE

### War Bills Passed Without Debate or Comment.

## THE VOLUNTEER ENGINEERS

### Ten Thousand Additional Men in the South Who Are Immured to Yellow Fever Will Be Enlisted at Once.

WASHINGTON, MAY 2.—Several war measures were passed by the senate today, and notwithstanding their importance, not one elicited the slightest debate. Probably the most important measure passed was the emergency war deficit bill carrying \$5,720,945. Not more than ten minutes were consumed in passing it, that time being occupied in reading the measure. Hawley, chairman of the military affairs committee, secured the passage of a bill providing for the enlistment of a volunteer brigade of engineers and of 10,000 men in the south who are immured to yellow fever, these enlistments to be in addition to those provided for in the president's call for 125,000 men. The men will enlist "for the war."

Two other war measures were passed, one suspending the duration of the war restrictions placed by the existing laws upon the quartermaster's department of the army in order that such supplies may be purchased without the present formalities, and others providing that owners of mining claims shall not forfeit them for not performing assessment work upon them, provided they enlist for the war.

The war revenue measure passed by the house of representatives last Friday was received by the senate and referred to the finance committee for consideration.

## EMERGENCY WAR BILL

WASHINGTON, MAY 2.—The passage of the emergency war bill was the feature of today's action by the senate. The naval appropriation bill, with the senate amendment providing for the payment of officers of the navy for the use of their inventions by the government stricken out, was reported from the conference and passed. It now goes to the president.

## TROOPS FOR CUBA

NEW YORK, MAY 2.—A special to the World from Tampa, Florida, says: A rumor is in circulation here to the effect that 500 troops and as many Cubans as the Cuban junta can gather here will leave Tuesday night for Matanzas for the invasion of Cuba. The World correspondent's information says that an army officer told him that he had seen an order from the secretary of war ordering the troops to move Tuesday night, Matanzas being their objective point. The transports are expected Tuesday. It is known that of the thirty days' rations given out a few days ago, none is being used and the regimental officers have received word to have their commands ready to move at a moment's notice. It is known that the batteries have been served with 30 rounds each and all soldiers have full cartridge belts. General A. W. Greely, chief signal officer, is expected here today.

An attempt was made last night to blow up the powder magazine of Knight & Wall. This magazine contained a large store of powder, giant powder and dynamite. It is believed to have been the work of agents of the Spanish government now at work in this city.

## THE ARMY OF INVASION.

WASHINGTON, MAY 2.—When asked if the army was preparing for an invasion of Cuba at an early date, Secretary of War Alger replied: "We are preparing for immediate action and we try to keep so prepared, but plans made today may of necessity have to be changed tomorrow, and that is why we are compelled to keep such absolute silence, for every detail that becomes doubtful necessitates another change." The president has decided that there shall be five army corps of three divisions each. While this feature of the organization may be changed, there is no likelihood of it, since it has the sanction of the military authorities. This will give the president an opportunity to appoint major-generals, five in command of army corps, one of which General Rodge has declined, and fifteen in command of divisions. Each division will be composed of three brigades which will make commissions for forty-five brigades. Each brigade will be composed of three regiments.

## GRANT SWORN IN.

NEW YORK, MAY 2.—Colonel Fred Grant has been sworn in at brigade headquarters, Brooklyn, as commander of the "Fighting Fourteenth" regiment by Brigadier General James McLeer.

## CABLE CUT.

LONDON, MAY 2.—The Daily Mail has a dispatch from Hong Kong, dated Monday, saying Dewey's fleet is off Corregidor island, wholly engaged with the forts there. Electric engineers show that the cable is cut at or near Manila, where it caused great damage.

## TO RESTRAIN SPANISH.

WASHINGTON, MAY 2.—The president soon will issue a proclamation in restraint of Spanish subjects in the United States.

## GIBRALTAR WATCHED.

Gibraltar, May 2.—Spanish torpedo boats are still cruising in the straits of Gibraltar and adjacent waters.

## WRECK OF THE MAINE

### Destroyed by Spanish Officers to Prevent Her from Being Raised after the Capture of Havana.

## GOMEZ IS THE KING IN THE ISLAND

### Preparations for Active Measures in Cuba—Germany Is Not Interfering—Troops Will Leave at Once—The Army of Invasion—Grant Sworn in—Spain's Trade.

NEW YORK, MAY 2.—A DISPATCH TO THE JOURNAL FROM WASHINGTON SAYS:

THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED THROUGH SECRET AGENTS THAT THE WRECK OF THE MAINE, LYING IN HAVANA HARBOR, HAS BEEN DESTROYED BY THE SPANISH AUTHORITIES.

IT IS SUPPOSED BY OFFICIALS OF THE ADMINISTRATION THAT THE ACTION OF THE SPANISH AUTHORITIES HAS BEEN TAKEN TO PREVENT THE RAISING OF THE WRECK AFTER THE CAPTURE OF HAVANA. A CABINET MEMBER IS AUTHORITY FOR THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO THE JOURNAL:

"WE SHALL MAKE IT A PART OF OUR FIRST BUSINESS AFTER TAKING POSSESSION OF HAVANA TO FIND OUT WHO WERE THE PERPETRATORS OF THAT CRIME OF THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 15. IF WE FIND THAT THEY HAVE ESCAPED FROM THE ISLAND AND GONE BACK TO SPAIN, WE WILL FOLLOW THEM THERE AND WE WILL TELL SPAIN THAT THE WAR SHALL NOT STOP UNTIL THEY ARE DELIVERED UP TO US FOR PUNISHMENT."

NEW YORK, MAY 2.—While the squadron is cruising off the Cuban coast with little incident save the capture of an occasional fishing smack and the officers are fretting over their role in the peaceful blockade, progress continues to be made for united action for the army and navy, says the Key West correspondent of the Tribune. If this does not mean an early landing of United States troops at some point, all signs are misleading. Whether Admiral Sampson's action in silencing the Matanzas batteries was not in pursuance of definite orders from Washington to make a breach, but the result has been the same. A breach in the Spanish coast defenses is made. Ships lying well inshore between Havana and Matanzas report that cavalry forces are increasing. The evidences are that the insurgents are pressing them more closely. Insurgents who are believed to be in Betancourt's command are seen at times on the hills and in a good position to make an attack in the rear whenever the troops are occupied with repulsing marines and soldiers from the warships. All the efforts of the vessels of the squadron to draw the Spanish gunboats out from their hiding places in the bays have been futile. The refusal of the members of the hospital corps of the regular army supplements the work that has already been undertaken. The field hospital service is well organized. The presence of the aides on General Miles' staff and members of the signal corps is a further indication of the preparations for the regular troops to co-operate with the naval forces. The experiment of forming Cuban regiments to reinforce the insurgents seems likely to succeed. The junta in New York asked for 25 recruits from Key West to be men without families and capable of supporting themselves. The recruiting list which has been opened is fairly well filled. By the time the transport leaves here for Tampa the quota will probably be completed. The recruits are for the most part of good physical type. Few of them, however, have had military training. The understanding is that the United States will provide them with arms, ammunition and partial rations and will land them in Cuba, where they will join Gomez. They are to choose their own officers, who are to be Cubans. This may be a good provision, but the military efficiency of these Cuban regiments would be vastly increased if they had some American officer to drill them.

## GOMEZ KING.

Haverhill, Mass., May 2.—William C. Frost has returned to his home after a six months' visit in Cuba. During that time he was engaged in filibustering, was twice arrested and confined in Morro castle and spent two weeks in the camp of General Gomez of the insurgent army. In speaking of the insurgents, Mr. Frost says:

"Gomez is king. His word is law and it is enforced with an iron hand. Vices are not tolerated, not even card playing. The old general, who fought through one war, a natural leader of men, able, though not educated, is the law that these men have. With him are several Americans. In spite of all reverses, Gomez is still confident and has faith in the men under him. They look to the United

States for help and believe their deliverance is near at hand."

It was previous to this visit to Gomez that Frost was arrested. He was put under guard at Matanzas and tried before a drumhead court martial. He was convicted and sent to Morro castle at Havana with forty other prisoners, but was released three days later through the efforts of General Lee. He was a few days later again arrested and confined three hours in the guardhouse at Morro until word was sent by General Lee to release him. During his three days confinement he says many prisoners were shot, and he and his companions expected to meet the same fate. After that he was constantly under surveillance while in Havana. Mr. Frost was in Havana the day of General Lee's departure and went out of the harbor on the same boat, though he returned a few days later to visit General Gomez. Since the departure of General Lee the lives of Americans in Havana, he says, have been in constant danger.

## GERMANY NOT INTERFERING.

NEW YORK, MAY 2.—A dispatch to the World from Berlin says: A German official connected with the foreign office states that German intervention, even in an extreme case, is not to be thought of. It would be possible, he said, only if certain complications in the case should arise. The bitterness of the German press against America is on the increase, but the government is friendly. Count Goetzen, military attaché at Washington, has been ordered back to his post immediately. United States Naval Attaché Niblack has been ordered home, but no official announcement will be made until he is relieved by Commander Barber, retired, who is traveling in Sicily, but is now supposed to be on the way to Berlin.

## ANOTHER GERMAN DENIAL.

NEW YORK, MAY 2.—A dispatch to the World from Berlin says: The German government has not notified the government at Washington that

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