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# THE SPANISH "CIRCUMSTANTIAL" CABINET

## CERVERA IS A CUTE DODGER

Cabinet Congratulates Him on His Success in Eluding Our Squadron.

## UNITED STATES CABINET

At Yesterday's Meeting no Confirmation Received of Spanish Fleet's Location.

## POLO WILL SAIL FOR EUROPE

Leaves Canada Today on the Steamer Dominion—General Anderson Ordered to Take Command of First Manila Expedition.

**WASHINGTON, May 20.**—All of the news that was given out today at the navy department was concerned in one short bulletin, posted at the close of the day, stating that the department had information, believed to be correct, that Admiral Cervera with his flying squadron was at Santiago de Cuba. This went to confirm the newspaper reports and Madrid cablegram published this morning, the latter a rather unusual circumstance, for the Spanish bulletins have been notably desiccative ever since the flying squadron left Cadiz.

Accepting this statement as correct, it indicates that there is little probability of a hostile meeting between Sampson and Schley and Admiral Cervera immediately.

Admiral Cervera, says a cable dispatch from Santiago de Cuba, did not sight an American ship during the voyage. He announces that the crews of his ships are in perfect health and enthusiastic. Continuing the dispatch says:

"The blockading vessels quickly left on the approach of the squadron, whose arrival has created the greatest excitement and enthusiasm at Santiago. Immediately crowds of people thronged the quays and cheered our sailors. Havana relief at the arrival of the fleet is very great, as it was feared the American ships which lifted the blockade there had gone to intercept the Spanish fleet. It is now believed the Americans fled in order to avoid reverses."

## CERVERA'S CALLEGIARIAM

Madrid, May 20.—The minister of marine tonight received a dispatch from Admiral Cervera, in command of the Cape Verde squadron of the Spanish fleet. It read:

"Santiago de Cuba, May 19.—This morning I have without incident entered this port, accompanied by the squadron 'CERVERA'."

## SQUADRON HAS LEFT

Madrid, Midnight, May 20.—It is asserted that Admiral Cervera's squadron has left Santiago de Cuba.

## SPAIN'S NEW CABINET

Madrid, May 20.—The new ministers in full uniform appeared in the senate today. Owing to the circumstances the new cabinet is already named the "Circumstantial Cabinet."

Premier Sagasta asserted that the new ministry would continue the policy of the former ministry. "Spain," he said, "would continue the war to the utmost, until honorable peace is obtainable."

Count Ponamirio proposed the senate's congratulations to Admiral Cervera on his arriving safely at Santiago de Cuba and "eagerly judging the American squadrons."

## POLO GOING HOME

Montreal, May 20.—Senator Polo y Bernabe and his suit went on board the Dominion line steamship Dominion at a late hour tonight. The ship sails for Europe tomorrow morning.

## CABINET MEETING

Washington, May 20.—The cabinet was in session today. So far as can be learned no official confirmation has been received that the Spanish fleet arrived at Santiago de Cuba. Whether the navy department will proceed upon the assumption that the

## Spain Will Prosecute War Until Honorable Peace Can Be Secured.

ASTORIA'S BOYS TO THE FRONT.

**PORTLAND, May 20.**—Lieutenant Commander H. R. Lewis, of the Oregon naval reserve, tonight received a dispatch from Senator McBride stating that the Oregon naval reserve would be called out within ten days. The two divisions here and the one at Astoria will be drilled daily from now on in order to be prepared for service when the call comes. Lieutenant Commander Lewis will immediately communicate with the commander of the monitor Monterey at San Francisco regarding the movements of the Oregon battalion.

Spain's fleet is not known, but it is presumed they will obtain facts beyond a question before sending the squadron on so long a journey. The Philippine expedition occupied a considerable portion of today's meeting. The estimate of the number of troops the Americans will have to cope with were submitted. They range from 5,000 to 20,000 Spanish soldiers, but the conclusion reached was that the number could be counted on as about 10,000. The force already selected to go with General Merrill was to be more than adequate to cope with these troops, who were thought to be in not the best condition. A significant feature of the session was the absence of any discussion of military and naval movements as to Cuba or the Spanish fleet. This was one result of the policy which has been agreed on between the members of the cabinet, and aside from Secretaries Long and Alger very little is known as to what is going on.

**SPANISH COLLIERIES**  
Montreal, May 20.—The Star today says: Spanish ships carrying coal may now be well on their way across the Atlantic. Indeed, according to information received from a Star correspondent at North Sydney, C. B. I. it is possible that all the present time Spanish coal ships are in the waters about Newfoundland. Advice from Cape Breton point out that Senator Polo has been in correspondence with an agent at the Island of St. Pierre. For the past week lookout operators of the Newfoundland coast have reported the appearance of strange vessels. The Star's informant suggests that these strange vessels are gunboats conveying the Spanish coal.

**WORK GOES ON SLOWLY**  
San Francisco, May 20.—In addition to three trainloads of troops from Nebraska which reached the city yesterday, thirteen more heavily loaded specials containing the balance of the Nebraska, Minnesota, Colorado and Wyoming troops are now on the way from Ogden. There is a scarcity of cars on the Northern Pacific, but the company is doing all possible to get the troops here as soon as possible. Neither the City of Sydney or the Australia have received any supplies yet. Carpenters are putting up bunks and other temporary structures for the troops, but it will take a week to get the vessels ready for departure.

**THE OREGON NEAR KEY WEST**  
Chicago, May 20.—A Times-Herald special from Washington says: Unless intercepted the battle ship Oregon in a few days will be beyond all danger of the Spanish fleet. It transpired today that the Oregon did not stop at the Barbadoes, but was sighted by the American consul passing that point at full speed. The Oregon left Bahia, Brazil, on Wednesday last, and covered the 275 miles between that point and the Barbadoes within eight days, or at the rate of 34.4 knots an hour, and by this time ought to be at least 50 miles further north on her journey to Key West.

**SPANISH BRY ARRESTED**  
Tampa, Fla., May 20.—A boy named Garcia or Hernandez, who is suspected of being a spy in the service of the Spanish government, has been arrested. The boy, who is a son of a prominent cigar manufacturer of Tampa, was arrested while taking photographs of the transports at Port Tampa.

**GENERAL ANDERSON'S ORDERS**  
Vancouver, Wash., May 20.—In accordance with telegraphic orders received at noon, Brigadier General Thomas M. Anderson left for San Francisco tonight. The prevailing opinion here is that General Anderson will be sent to Manila with the first detachment of troops. Orders were also issued today for Companies A and G, Fourteenth Infantry, to report to General Otis at San Francisco. They will leave tomorrow.

**ANDERSON IN PORTLAND**  
Portland, May 20.—General T. M. Anderson received orders just before leaving for San Francisco tonight to take command of the first detachment of the Philippine

expedition, which will probably leave Sunday.  
**THE PRIZES TAKEN**  
Key West, May 20.—Over forty cases of ammunition were found today on the Spanish steamer Argonauta, captured during the first days of the war. It was on board this steamer that Lieutenant Colonel Cortijo, Weyler's brother-in-law, was captured. The discovery of the war supplies on board the Argonauta will not change the status of her case before the prize court. It had already been decided today, before learning of the find, that the steamer was legitimately a prize of war, no claims having been filed by the owners of the ship or cargo. A like decision was rendered in the case of the steamer Ambrosio Holivar and the schooner Mathilde and Sophia. The only formally remaining to make the vessels the absolute property of the United States is the confirmation by the federal court of the findings of the prize commission.

**ANXIOUS TO FIGHT**  
Tacoma, May 20.—Official information came from Washington today to the effect that the state troops of Washington would be retained on Pacific coast duty. Colonel Whalley, of the Washington regiment, stated this afternoon that no request of his from members of his command had been made that the Washington troops would be retained here, and he says he will feel it a personal disgrace upon himself if his regiment is not sent to the Philippines.

**MCCOY THE WINNER**  
Syracuse, N. Y., May 20.—The fight tonight between K. J. McCoy and Gus Rubin resulted in a victory for McCoy after 20 rounds. There was little betting on the result and the showing made by Rubin was a surprise. He stood a lot of punishment and was always ready to come back for more. He was apparently strong at the finish.

**DUN'S REVIEW**  
New York, May 20.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review will say tomorrow: Growing accustomed to the war possibilities, which are mostly far from probabilities of evil, and finding the nation moving along steadily in its industries, people are grasping the idea that it is throwing away some months of active and profitable life to wait until the war clouds have passed. Western prosperity has so greatly overbalanced the timidity of eastern capital that the actual business done increases, railroad earnings promise better for May than a month ago for April, and payments through clearing houses for the week in May show a gain of 56 per cent over last year and 7.8 per cent over 1899. Failures, 250 against 28 last year and 19 in Canada against 35 last year.

**DEATH AT SEA**  
New York, May 20.—The World says: Death visited the steamship Britannic and took Mrs. Mary L. O'Connell, a cabin passenger, while the vessel was bound for Liverpool from this city. The Britannic has just arrived and the information of the woman's death was received in a cable message. Mrs. O'Connell came here by way of the Northern Pacific, the agent of which says she was an invalid.

**WEPERS PROTESTED**  
New York, May 20.—The World says: It is rumored that Bernard J. Wepers, the world's champion sprinter, of Georgetown university, will be protested at the meeting of the executive committee of

## MORE SHIPS TO BE ADDED

World Will be Startled by British Movements in the Pacific.

## AUSTRALIA'S POSITION

Wants Anglo-American Alliance and Is With United States as Against Spain.

## THE STORY OF CARDENAS

Graphic Description of the Sharp Fight on the Winslow—Details of Engagement Which Was so Nearly a Disaster.

**VANCOUVER, B. C., May 20.**—The British fleet in the Pacific is to be strengthened to a considerable extent during the next few months.

The Temeraire, the first battleship to be permanently stationed here, is being fitted out at Portsmouth and will sail shortly for Esquimaux, and the big cruiser Warspite is also to be sent to join the Pacific fleet. The fleet is to be strengthened by replacing some of the smaller cruisers with larger ones, the second-class cruiser Arctura being now on her way here to relieve the third-class cruiser Laertes. In the south the battleship Iron Duke is to be stationed at Coquimbo. Among naval men the opinion is rife that England is about to make a move in the Pacific that will startle the world, or if not this, she is preparing to meet a contemplated move of one or other big powers.

## REBELLION IN CHINA

Tacoma, May 20.—Late Oriental papers state that there are many indications of rebellion in the Yangtze-ching valley, owing to the unsettled industrial conditions. The Koloai Hui, a formidable anti-foreign secret society, continues to increase in numbers. The real ruler of the Yangtze valley is stated to be Cheng Chi Tung, victory of Hunan and Hubei, who is disgusted with the weakness of the ruling government and is winking at the organization and prospective arming of the Koloai Hui society. Many missionaries in that section are thought to be in danger of death.

## HURRICANE IN AUSTRALIA

Vancouver, B. C., May 20.—Australian advices state that a hurricane which swept the shores of Australia have wrecked many small craft in the coast trade. The Wakatipu ran into the bark Larra in Dunedin harbor. The Larra was struck between the fore and main masts and foundered. The barkentine St. Hilda,

Vanover, B. C., May 20.—The steamer Aoranui, which arrived last evening from Australia, via Honolulu, brings the following mail advices:

In Australia the feeling is strongly in favor of the United States in the prevailing war. Sydney papers strongly favor an Anglo-American alliance. The result of the battle at Manila had been learned, but there was some fear among merchants that the war would interfere with trade between the colonies and the United States. When the Aoranui left Honolulu May 12, the Hawaiian government had not received official notice of a declaration of war. President Dole had confirmed a statement that he had brought from Washington a bill drawn up there placing the Hawaiian islands under the sovereignty of the United States in the event of war. President Dole refused to say whether the Hawaiian government would take any action upon the bill. The United States warship Bonington was preparing to leave Honolulu for San Francisco as soon as a British warship arrived, in Britain. France and the United States to pursue of an agreement between Great Britain and the United States for the joint protection of their respective possessions. A British cruiser was daily expected. Commenting on the fact of the Bonington being relieved by a British ship, the Honolulu Bulletin says:

"Instead of the Hawaiian islands being annexed as a war measure, the prospects are that they will virtually be abandoned by the United States until the war is over."

The Hawaiian senate committee has submitted a report on a bill authorizing

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