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SPAIN NOW PREPARING TO SUE FOR PEACE

THE SPANISH ARMADA IS STILL BOTTLED

Schley Will Guard Cervera While Sampson Takes Porto Rico.

THE CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

President Wants 75,000 More Men--Spanish Terror Sails--Rejoicing Over Oregon--Newspaper Boats Can't Go--Fight at Chickamauga Park.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—At the close of the day at the navy department the situation as to the fleet, both American and Spanish, was precisely as it was this morning, so far as the officials knew, the only notable difference being the apparent strengthening of the confidence of the officials in their belief that Cervera's squadron is lying in Santiago harbor.

If Cervera is actually at Santiago the officials feel not the slightest apprehension of any relief coming to him from the outside in the shape of another Spanish squadron from Cadix.

MADRID, May 25.—A Havana dispatch says that the Americans are concentrating before Guantanamo as well as Santiago. It indicates that the squadron is preparing to attack Cervera.

Cuba-Havannah, April, May 25.—(Copyright 1898 by the Associated Press.)—A rumor, which cannot be confirmed, is circulating here to the effect that the Spanish Cape Verde squadron, under Admiral Cervera, generally understood to be at Santiago de Cuba, is now at Cienfuegos.

Madrid, May 25.—A dispatch has just been published giving the details of the arrival of Admiral Cervera's squadron at Santiago de Cuba. It says: At 8 o'clock on the morning of May 19 the Infanta Maria Teresa entered the port of Santiago de Cuba, flying the flag of Admiral Cervera. She was followed almost instantly by the Vizcaya, Almirante Oquendo, Cristobal Colon and the torpedo boat destroyer Pluton. Soon afterwards the torpedo boat destroyer Furor, which had been reconnoitering, arrived.

SAMPSON'S POSITION MONDAY.

On Board the Associated Press Dispatch Boat Wanda, off Havana, May 25, via Key West, May 25, 12:36 p. m. (Copyright 1898 by the Associated Press.)—The situation of the blockade from Cardenas east of Matanzas to Mariel, west of the city of Havana, remains unchanged.

The American squadron continues to maintain a strict blockade and for the last five days there has been no fighting at any point and no incident worth noting, except that one of the large cruisers fired three shots at a schooner off Havana Sunday morning and brought her to. She proved to be an American vessel and after she had displayed her colors she was permitted to proceed without any one having been sent on board to examine her papers.

The light of Morro castle, which it is supposed has recently been burning at

SAMPSON TO MOVE ON PORTO RICO.

Chicago, May 25.—A special to the News from Washington says: Porto Rico is to be taken. The president has decided that Sampson shall immediately move on that island while Schley guards Cervera. At least 25,000 troops will be sent and another army is at the same time to enter Cuba, the plans now being ready.

From a cabinet officer it is learned that the haste in ordering troops and ships to Porto Rico is owing to the fact that the president has learned that the powers are preparing to ask that Spain be permitted to withdraw from Cuba and allow peace to be declared. The president feared that when Spain lost her fleet, she would sue for peace before the United States had the island. He said it would be much better to have Porto Rico when the negotiations began.

CALL FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS.

Washington, May 25.—The event of the day in the war situation was the issuance of a proclamation by the president calling for 75,000 more volunteers. It added a new and stirring phase to the lethargic conditions which have prevailed of late and came with an almost startling unexpectedness, even to many of the high officers in the army.

The proclamation means not only the assembling of a large force of troops, but also the appointment of a number of staff generals, colonels, majors, staff and field officers. It developed that the call was not due to any latent or serious emergency, but was rather in the line of getting together a large body of men to be drilled and seasoned, and to constitute a second reserve to be drawn upon

PROTECTING SAN JUAN.

New York, May 25.—A Herald dispatch from St. Thomas, D. W. I., says: Private advices which have reached United States Consul Hanna from Porto Rico show that now mines are being laid in the harbor of San Juan. Torpedoes are being placed in the exact spots occupied by our vessels during the bombardment. An unusually heavy mine is con-

SPAIN'S SQUADRON.

NEW YORK, May 25.—A Herald special from Washington says: Spain's flying squadron will fly no longer. It's race is run. Cooped up in the harbor of Santiago de Cuba, its destruction or capture is considered by officials here to be merely a matter of time. Before the harbor are the armor-clads of the American navy ready to give battle to Admiral Cervera's ships the moment they poke their noses out of the channel. Advice announcing these to be the positions of the fleets were received by the navy department last night from the commander of the American forces. It was these advices which enabled the department to deny emphatically the report that an action had occurred in the Windward passage.

WILL STARVE CERVERA.

Washington, May 25.—The question that agitated the navy department this morning was whether the Spanish squadron under Admiral Cervera is at Santiago de Cuba.

The department hopes and believes it is, but so far it is not in possession of accurate information on that point. The department officials accepting the view that Cervera is in Santiago harbor, are of the opinion that he is likely to remain there for a long time—weeks and months, perhaps.

A study of the defenses of the harbor and the topographical features has convinced the experts that to undertake to carry the place by storm from sea and to attack the fleet while it is under the protection of the forts would involve so great a loss of life on our part as to be entirely unwarranted under existing circumstances. An effort, therefore, will probably be made to starve Cervera into Santiago de Cuba harbor until starvation causes the surrender of the Spanish squadron and the forts of Santiago. That this can be done is not doubted by naval experts, as the narrow channel connecting the inner harbor with the sea, requiring the Spanish ships to emerge singly, would expose them to almost certain destruction at the hands of a certain number of vessels or monitors commanding the entrance.

SAMPSON'S PLANS.

NEW YORK, May 25.—A Times special from Washington says: Letters from Key West arriving lately convey the information that anything that can steam, sail or be towed has been forced into the service to assist Admiral Sampson and Commodore Meritt in their operations. Admiral Cervera is to be bottled up in the harbor and force him to give battle if he has not escaped. Not a word of elaborate preparations, except by way of round about hints has come from Key West, the newspaper correspondents have been on their honor not to give intimations of operations that can assist the enemy in the slightest particular. All the talk in the cabinet meeting today indicated the confidence of the administration in the early receipt of good news from Admiral Sampson. One cabinet officer who expressed great eagerness to hear from Sampson and Schley and who has no doubt that the news when it comes will be "great," admits that the outside limit of time in which it was expected that the vessels must meet had passed and that official information might arrive at any moment either that Cervera

DISQUIETING NEWS FROM ADMIRAL DEWEY

Troops and Supplies to be Hastened to His Assistance.

PHILIPPINES TO BE RETAINED

Permanent Occupation by United States Assured--No Dependence Can Be Placed in Insurgents--Spanish Red Book Received.

NEW YORK, May 25.—A Times special from Washington says: Important and disquieting news has been received from Europe and Dewey. It required an immediate and strenuous effort to be made to hasten the forwarding of troops. One republican senator who discussed the Philippine situation with the president said: "From the present outlook I do not expect to see the Monterey in these waters again in ten years. If it becomes a matter of deciding whether troops shall be hurried to Manila or Cuba, they will go to the former, as the situation there is vastly more critical."

PHILIPPINES WILL BE HELD.

NEW YORK, May 25.—A Herald special from Washington says: Major General Merritt, who is to go to the Philippines as military governor, is expected to govern them under martial law until congress decides what shall finally be done with them. There is very little doubt that they will be permanently held by the United States. In view of the jealousy existing among European nations many senators and representatives think it will be more difficult to relinquish control of the Philippines than to hold them. In this belief, consideration is already being given to the problem of a civil government for the islands when the war is ended. The extension of the system of the United States to the Philippines is out of the question, as it will be many years before the inhabitants are capable of self government. The proposition meeting the most favor is to have the islands administered by three com-

DEWEY CAN HAVE ALL HELP HE NEEDS.

NEW YORK, May 25.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: Official advices received from Admiral Dewey, while confirming the belief that his supreme control of Manila harbor is as firm as ever, indicate that the necessity for reinforcements with a powerful military force is daily increasing and is not likely to be delayed through any ordinary difficulties that may be encountered.

General Merritt's forces of 15,000 for the first expedition and securing the president's promise that 25,000 additional soldiers would be cheerfully furnished if required, is indicated in the opinion of military authorities, and through the day the efforts to expedite the departure of the remaining force was hurried by war department officials.

The reference in Admiral Dewey's dispatch to the forces being organized by Aguinaldo had the effect of disturbing the equanimity of officials whose ideas of permanent occupation of the Philippines by the United States forces have developed definitely in the last week, and the benefits to be gained through Admiral Dewey's amicable relations with the insurgents were clearly recognized.

No disposition is manifested to place too much reliance in this sort of assistance after the discouraging experience with the Cubans, who were unable to fulfill the promises made in their behalf before hostilities began. A determination was expressed on all sides to make Admiral Dewey independent of all foreign assistance at the earliest possible time.

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