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# ONE AMERICAN SHIP SUNK AT SANTIAGO

## A MADRID BLUFF MADE

They Say Cervera Is on His Way to Philippines and Never Saw Santiago.

### SCHLEY'S OFFICIAL REPORT

Tuesday's Battle to Test the Location of the Enemy's Batteries—Results Entirely Satisfactory.

### THE THIRD BATTLE IS ON

Spanish Batteries Silenced—Great Excitement in the City—Discrepancy in the Time—Vessel Apparently Lost—The Holland to Take a Hand.

PARIS, June 3.—A Madrid dispatch says that Admiral Cervera's fleet never has been at Santiago, but there is reason to believe his squadron is on the way to the Philippines.

Washington, June 3.—Commodore Schley's official report of the Santiago fight was read at today's cabinet meeting. He says there is no reasonable doubt that Cervera's fleet is inside the harbor, that his firing was to develop the enemy's batteries, and was entirely satisfactory. None of his vessels were hit and no casualties occurred.

New York, June 3.—The Tribune posts the following bulletin: Port au Prince, 11:15 a. m.—News has reached here that a battle was begun at Santiago before 3 o'clock this morning.

New York, June 3.—The New York Journal prints under a Cape Haytien date the following, which is affirmed to have been cabled verbatim to Europe today from Santiago:

This morning there was heavy cannonading from 2 to 4 o'clock. An armed American trans-Atlantic steamer tried to run over the first line of torpedo defenses. The Spaniards let her do so, but when the American ship, which had already got into the passage, attempted to run over the second line of torpedoes the Spanish set fire to one of them and the American ship sunk "right down immediately" after the explosion of the torpedo.

An officer, engineer and six seamen have been made prisoners. The name of the American ship is unknown, as well as the number of victims who perished.

Cape Haytien, June 3.—Santiago advices say that the American fleet again attacked the forts and warships at 3 a. m. The fire was sustained until 4. An auxiliary cruiser attempted to force the passage, but was sunk by a torpedo. Eight Americans were made prisoners by the Spaniards.

Cape Haytien, June 3.—Advices from Santiago say that the cruiser sunk there is said to be the Merrimac.

[The latest available records show no vessel of the United States navy named Merrimac. That was the name of a Confederate gunboat which engaged the first monitor during the civil war and was worsted. It is possible that the sunken ship, if one was sunk, is one of the hulks known to have been on the way for the purpose of blockading the harbor entrance.]

### SPANISH BATTERIES SILENCED.

Port au Prince, Hayti, June 3.—9:45 p. m.—(Copyrighted 1898 by the Associated Press.)—This morning at 8 o'clock the American squadron began the bombardment of the fortifications of Santiago de Cuba and a lively cannonading ensued for two hours, which silenced the Spanish batteries.

## A Third Battle in Progress--Reported Eight Americans Made Prisoners.

### THE CADIZ FLEET NEARING SANTIAGO DE CUBA.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, June 2-9 a. m.—(Delayed in transmission.)—(Copyrighted 1898 by the Associated Press.)—The correspondent here of the Associated Press has been informed, from an apparently authentic source at Port Antonio this evening, that the Spanish fleet from Cadiz is nearing the West Indian waters, and should it arrive on the prearranged schedule it will be off Santiago de Cuba tomorrow, in order to reinforce the fleet of the Spanish admiral, Cervera.

The Spanish fleet is said to consist of sixteen warships, among them being a battle ship and three torpedo boats. The British cruiser Indefatigable, Captain George A. Primrose, has sailed for Santiago with several doctors on board, in order to watch the impending battle and aid the wounded.

Gibraltar, June 3.—It is announced here that the Spanish Cadiz squadron has sailed, but the date of its sailing was not mentioned, nor was the destination of the warships given.

The American squadron was cruising all the while in the offing. (It will be noted that there is an important discrepancy as to the time at which the bombardment is said to have begun this morning between the dispatches from Cape Haytien and Port au Prince, the former saying 3 o'clock and the latter 8. It is possible that this arises from a confusion between the figures 3 and 8.)

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Washington, June 2.—The owners of the Holland submarine boat, who had proposed to go into Santiago harbor and destroy the Spanish warships at so much a vessel, have come forward with a request for a practical test by the naval officers of their craft.

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### REPORTS CONFIRMED.

Cape Haytien, June 2.—6:25 a. m.—(Copyrighted 1898 by the Associated Press.)—A correspondent at Puerto Plata cables a confirmation of the accounts of the repulse of the revolutionary party at Monte Cristo. General Augustin Morales and Ramon Bueta were killed. Five of the insurgents were taken prisoners and shot this morning. The other accounts of the steamer Panla, President Heuroux left the capital this morning with three men-of-war.

### THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT.

Washington, June 3.—The senate concurred in the amendment to the bill removing all disability imposed by the Fourteenth amendment to the constitution.

### THE WAR REVENUE BILL.

Washington, June 3.—While the war revenue measure was not passed by the senate today, two very important votes were taken, one on the proposition to coin the silver dollar in the treasury and to issue silver certificates against the coin, and the other on the bond proposition presented by the republican minority of the committee on finance.

In lieu of the seigniorage amendment recommended by the majority of the committee, Wolcott proposed an amendment authorizing the secretary of the treasury to coin the silver dollar in the treasury and to issue silver certificates against it. After some discussion a vote was reached and the amendment was agreed to, several republicans voting for it.

Aldrich then pressed the amendment of the minority of the committee, providing for an issue of \$100,000,000 of certificates of indebtedness and \$200,000,000 of bonds to be used exclusively for the payment of the expenses of the war. After an extended debate, the question was brought to an issue and by the decisive vote of 45 to 21 the bond amendment was incorporated in the bill as a substitute for the amendment to issue legal tender notes.

The bond proposition received the vote of 27 republicans, 7 democrats and 1 populist. The democrats who voted for it were Caffery, Faulkner, Gorman, Gray, Lindsay, Mitchell and Murphy and the populists were Kyle. No republicans voted against the issue of bonds, the votes in opposition being cast by 21 democrats, 7 populists and 5 silver republicans.

Yeas—Allen, Bacon, Bate, Berry, Butler, Cannon, Carter, Chandler, Chilton, Clark, Cockrell, Daniel, Faulkner, Gray, Hansbrough, Harris, Hethfield, Jones of Arkansas, Jones of Nevada, Kyle, Lindsay, McEvers, McClain, Hallock, Martine, Martin, Mills, Mitchell, Money, Morgan, Pasco, Perkins, Pettigrew, Pettus, Pritchard, Ravellins, Roach, Simpson, Stewart, Teller, Thurston, Tillman, Turley,

## WILL HURRY TO MANILA

Second Expedition Will Be Rushed to Dewey's Assistance at Once.

### ENTHUSIASM AT NEWS

Transports to Sail Thursday—Regiments Being Inspected—The 23rd Regulars to Form a Part.

### CRITICAL TIME NEAR AT HAND

Affairs in the Cuban Strife Rapidly Nearing a Climax—Orders Sent to General Shafter Point to Hot Work—Schley Trusted.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—Assistant Secretary Melick has telegraphed General Merritt at San Francisco to hasten the departure of the Philippine expedition.

It is the intention of the department to start this expedition as soon as possible, and so great is the anxiety to accomplish this result that orders have been issued to leave on transport behind if necessary to insure immediate sailing.

Active measures taken by the administration will shortly render Manila harbor impregnable against Spanish attack. In connection with the defenses of that harbor it is learned that the City of Peking carried with her to the far east a number of mines containing 60 pounds of gun cotton, of the same character as those sent to the North Atlantic at the request of Rear Admiral Sampson. Back of these will be placed the Monterey, which will very shortly start for the far east in tow of colliers, and there is good reason to believe that Admiral Dewey's force will be supplemented in the near future by the Bennington.

Fighting in the smooth waters of Manila bay, naval experts declare, the Monterey will be able to give an excellent account of herself. It is expected that she will leave San Francisco in a few days.

The Bennington, now at Honolulu, will come home to undergo a few repairs and convey troops to the Philippines.

### SECOND MANILA EXPEDITION.

San Francisco, June 3.—The Chronicle says: After taps at Camp Merritt last night General Otis issued an order directing the First Colorado and Tenth Pennsylvania volunteers to embark for the Philippines next Tuesday.

The news reached the encampment about midnight and was received with the greatest delight by the men chosen for the second Manila expedition. The Colorado regiment is 1008 strong and there are 60 men from the Keystone state. The order reads simply that the colonels of the regiments would take their commands on board ship on Tuesday with 60 rounds of ammunition to each man and six months rations. More definite instructions (Continued on third page.)

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New York, June 3.—The following article by Assistant Surgeon Raymond on the flagship New York showing the effect of the explosion of a 16-centimetre shell, appeared today in the Medical News. During the bombardment of San Juan de Porto Rico May 12, the New York was struck once by a 16-centimetre shell at a distance of about 500 yards. The shell came over the stern and struck an iron stanchion three inches in thickness, which was broken short off at the point of contact. The shell went on for a distance of fifteen feet and exploded in a wooden boat which was covered with canvas. The boat was demolished, the planking being badly splintered and driven downward and forward against a steam winch. The crew in the boat were broken and one piece was driven forward along the deck, but did no damage. The canvas covering of the boat was torn and rent into shreds by the force of the explosion by several splinters passing through it, and then caught fire, showing that canvas under such conditions will not stop splinters. The crew in the boat were broken and one piece was driven forward along the deck, but did no damage. The canvas covering of the boat was torn and rent into shreds by the force of the explosion by several splinters passing through it, and then caught fire, showing that canvas under such conditions will not stop splinters.

The vote on Aldrich's motion to substitute the bond provision offered by the minority committee for the paragraph authorizing the issue of legal tender notes follows: Yeas—Aldrich, Allison, Baker, Burrows, Caffery, Cannon, Chandler, Clark, Callum, Davis, Deboe, Ellkins, Fairbanks, Faulkner, Frye, Gallinger, Gear, Gorman, Hale, Hanna, Hawley, Hoar, Lodge, McMillan, Mason, Morrill, Murphy, Nelson, Platt of Connecticut, Platt of New York, Proctor, Sewell, Spooner, Wetmore—21.

### THE NEW NAVY.

New York, June 3.—A Tribune special from Washington says: An even date is the prepondering figure in the designs just practically completed by Chief Constructor Hibbourn for the four coast defense vessels authorized in the latest naval appropriation bill. These vessels are to be the most formidable ever constructed for their particular purpose and will include many novelties in modern architecture.

Under the provisions of the bill the cost, excluding armament, is limited to \$1,250,000 each. They will have 12 knots speed, 12 feet draught, 12-inch barbettes, 12-inch waterline turrets, 15-inch guns, 12-inch armor and each will be equipped with 1200 horsepower engines. Their displacement will be twice 1200 tons. The guns will be mounted in pairs in turrets placed a little forward of midship and will have an arc of fire of 20 degrees. They are unequalled by any vessel of the navy. The turrets will be the first constructed with inclined surfaces which are calculated to deflect them. The decks will have three feet freeboard covered with armor, and the engines will be better protected than those of any battle ship afloat.

The chief objection to existing monitors, the lack of berthing capacity for the men, will be obviated on these vessels by a superstructure on deck, extending from turret to within a few feet of the stern in which the men will live in time of peace. In action no particular harm will be done if this is shot away, as the crew and officers at that time will be below deck working the ship. It is expected the vessels will be begun in a few weeks and completed in twelve months.

### A NEW GUN.

New York, June 3.—The navy department will make an exhaustive test this week at Indian Head proving grounds of an automatic one-pounder rifle said to be capable of firing 180 shots a minute, says the Washington correspondent of the Tribune.

The tremendous advantage to be gained by such a weapon may be appreciated when it is said that the best guns now in the naval service capable of throwing one-pound projectiles are operated with hand drilled crews at a speed never exceeding 15 to 20 shots a minute, and at that rate for a very brief period. The terrific effect on slight armor of such a gun could hardly be overestimated, especially in action against torpedo boats, which would render them altogether useless in daytime and perhaps at night, as a vigilant watch is maintained against their close approach. The effective range of a torpedo is scarcely half a mile, and until a torpedo boat can approach within that distance of a battle ship or other object of attack its presence may be practically ignored. Projectiles from a one-pounder, however, can penetrate any armor it has yet been feasible to place on torpedo boats, and a gun that can throw over a hundred one-pound shells within a minute would annihilate any existing torpedo boat if it could enter the requisite half mile circle.

### THE ST. PAUL.

New York, June 3.—The auxiliary cruiser St. Paul, which was captured this morning by the British, is believed to have been captured for her dock. It is believed she has come for additional armor, guns and supplies.

### CORRESPONDENTS RELEASED.

Havana, June 3.—Correspondents Whigham and Robinson, recently captured after having been landed on the coast, have been released, owing to the representations made in their behalf by Mr. Gollan, the British consul.

### SPANISH SPIES AT ATLANTA.

Atlanta, Ga., June 3.—George Castellanos and Frank Miller, who are believed to be Spanish spies, were brought here from Tampa.

### THE SOUND PORTIFICATIONS.

Seattle, June 3.—Twelve cars loaded with gun carriages and machinery for the five mortar batteries which are to be placed on the fortifications at Admiralty Head arrived here today.

### WILL SERVE ONE HALF.

Olympia, June 3.—Governor Rogers today commuted the sentence of F. R. Baker and A. F. Tufwell, convicted by the supreme court of contempt, from 100 to 50 days imprisonment.