

SPANISH ELUSIVE.

EVIDENTLY WAITING FOR AN OPENING TO CUBA.

The Spanish Squadron Has Long Eluded Our Warships, but it is Generally Considered the Time of Battle is Rapidly Approaching.

Washington, May 18.—So far as an open speech is an indication the war administration believes the enemy is about to cross the Caribbean sea to some Cuban port, presumably a southern port, Cienfuegos or Santiago, and they declare that Admiral Sampson, passing south by the windward passage, between Cuba and Hayti, will head off the Spanish fleet and give them battle before they can reach port. But it is a matter of common knowledge that if Admiral Sampson should intercept the Spanish cruisers off Santiago, they could turn tail and in a chase to Cienfuegos beat Sampson's slower vessels easily.

For that matter, having located the American pursuers and got them in the rear, Admiral Cervera might make a dash, for one of the Gulf cities, and by reason of the superior fleetness of his cruisers reach that city and do incalculable damage before his pursuers could catch up.

This is the situation which is puzzling the naval strategists at Washington today.

Commodore Schley is within easy access of Havana or the Yucatan channel between Florida and Cuba, while Sampson guards the approach from the east, leaving Commodore Watson and his fleet of gunboats, monitors, torpedo boats and lesser cruisers to maintain the blockade of Havana, Matanzas and other North Cuban towns, and if the enemy starts to walk into the net spread by Washington there will be a fight with little doubt as to the result.

Spain's fleet can sail one-third faster than ours so once given it a start we can never catch it.

The Second Fleet a Myth. After a deal of hard hustling in which cable dispatches were exchanged between the war administration at Washington and its agents in a score of remote places all over the world it has been found that the stories about the appearance of Admiral Villamil off Martinique with a fleet comprising the Spanish cruisers Cienegos Cataluna, Princesa de Asturias and several smaller boats, were false.

The three fighting ships named are all at Cadiz, and each is receiving some needed repairs. Admiral Villamil is subordinate to Admiral Cervera of the Cape Verde fleet. He is in charge of work similar to that of Commodore Howell's mosquito fleet and when the fleet left Spain in command of that portion of it comprising the destroyers, submarines, scouts and the like. All of its command except the three destroyers, returned to the Canaries the day the fighting ships sailed for America.

After the American blockading fleet are keeping a vigilant watch for the appearance of the Spanish fleet and will not be taken by surprise should the Spanish men-of-war around Cape San Antonio, the western point of Cuba, and sweep down upon Havana. All our ships have been warned by Commodore Watson of the possibility of such a move, and sailors are kept constantly in the tops, where they can sweep the horizon for thirty miles, looking out for the first sign of a hostile ship.

All the naval officers on the blockade station are anxious for a meeting with the Spaniards, and when informed that the latest reports placed them off the coast of Venezuela they jubilantly declared that the enemy would be hemmed in between the Windward Islands and the Yucatan channel, to be destroyed. The only fear expressed was for the safety of our ships blockading Cienfuegos. It is not doubted, however, that precautions have been taken to safeguard our ships now on the southern coast of Cuba. The torpedo boats and fast yachts of the auxiliary fleet keep the blockading ships in constant communication with Key West, whence the movements of vessels are being directed.

Spain's Reserve Fleet. Washington, May 18.—Dispatches from London say that the Spanish reserve fleet left Cadiz last Friday for the Canary islands. This is said to be a move in a bold plan of attack on our New England coast.

The fleet includes the first class battleship Pelayo, the formidable armored cruisers Carlos V, Cardinal Cisneros, Princesa de Asturias and the Catalina.

Another story is that the fleet was gone to the Canaries in preparation for the expedition to Manila by way of the Suez canal.

Washington authorities laugh at the suggestion that the fleet is coming this way. They say she is needed at home.

NEW YORK MARKET REPORT. WHEAT—The market has a fairly strong one.

CORN—Wet weather news is partly responsible for a strong movement in corn, being supplemented by the advance in wheat and a decrease of 2,500,000 bush in the visible supply.

BUTTER—With pretty liberal receipts the market is quite heavily supplied and has taken a sharp decline.

EGGS—The market is not active, and while receipts are somewhat light the tone of the market is no more than steady.

POTATOES—Old potatoes are in moderate supply and held steadily at late prices.

Flour, winter straight, in bbls. \$3.25 to \$3.50

Barley, 60 lb. 1.70 to 1.75

Beans, marrow, 1.70 to 1.75

Wheat, No. 2 red, 1.54 to 1.56

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WAR FAILS TO CAUSE THE EXPECTED PANIC.

Iron and Steel Steady With Much Higher Prices Recorded For Wheat.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

Hostilities have lasted long enough to kill many predictions, if but few Americans. The European notion that the United States would begin by having a bad half hour, the theorists' notion that "everybody knows a great panic must follow the outbreak of war," the commercial buyers' notion that everybody would be ready to sell everything cheap if war came, the notion that it would pay to hoard money until the emergency had passed, have all been made laughable already.

The only panic was when money lenders were wondering what deadly impossibilities the unknown might have in store for them. The only hindrance of industry has been due to waiting of buyers who looked for lower prices.

Nothing disheartening can be seen in the industrial situation except the closing of some cotton mills owing to over production, and the fall of print cloths to 1.87 cents.

The general expectation of expanding demand holds prices steady for all finished products of iron and steel, and with considerable sales of Bessemer pig it is ten cents higher at Pittsburgh, with other quotations there and at Chicago and Philadelphia practically unchanged. Government orders are heavy, and yet cover but little of the consumption, though they go far to cause the over-crowding of ship yards and plate mills, but higher prices for wheat have brought enormous demand for agricultural implements, and also for locomotives and cars, while very many buildings in western towns and orders for many railroad and other bridges, for canal improvements at Chicago, and for 25,000 tons steel rails at the east, make up a heavy volume.

Failures for the week have been 246 in the United States against 264 last year, and twenty-four in Canada against thirty-one last year.

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There is considerable doubt as to the law regarding the chasing of rabbits out of season by dogs. It is the practice of many owners of rabbit hounds to allow them to run at large the year round and to chase rabbits at will, thereby, no doubt, causing the death of many young rabbits, which are caught and eaten by the dogs.

There is no law preventing their running at large, but their owners are responsible for them, and if a rabbit hound, or any other dog, is caught killing rabbits his owner is amenable to the law just the same as though he himself shot the rabbit out of season. The same interpretation of the law applies to bird dogs. The only remedy is to watch the dogs and when you catch one killing a rabbit, soak his owner to the full extent of the law.

The "crack" regiment of the New York State National Guards, is, or was, the Seventh, of New York City. Their armory cost a million dollars; their uniforms are of beautiful soft gray cloth with black trimmings, they are the very pink of aristocracy, representatives of the old Knickerbocker families who have been wealthy for 250 years, boys whose great grand fathers great uncles made fortunes buying skunk skins from the Indians. They are the pets of the ladies, and when a President is inaugurated it is worth a trip of 500 miles to see them march down Pennsylvania avenue. In their ranks are men of great talent, and poets of no mean ability.

When the call for volunteers to fight for Cuba came the Seventh Regiment to a man voted to stay at home. However, they will be at the next inauguration in new uniforms and will march beautifully and at the ball in the evening the officers will waltz just too sweet for anything. Pennsylvania has not a regiment that can make as fine an appearance as the Seventh, but they are all in line to fight for the flag.

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent. WASHINGTON, May 13, 1898.

When it comes to fighting we can whip the Spaniards just as fast as we can get at them, but when there is a chance for trickery Spain can give this government seven points in a game of ten and win out every time. This was proven again by the wild goose chase upon which Admiral Sampson and the strongest vessels of his fleet have been for more than a week—hunting for the Cape Verde Spanish fleet, which instead of being headed for Porto Rico has turned up on the coast of Spain, 3000 miles away. Now, when everybody is disgusted and disappointed, some officials have the nerve to say that they never believed the Spanish fleet was coming this way at all.

This Spanish fleet has been the bugaboo given by the administration as an excuse for the delay in invading Cuba. As soon as it was known that it was on the other side of the Atlantic it was announced that the invasion was to begin at once, Gen. Miles, who was to command, engaged a Pullman berth on a train for Florida and hotel quarters for himself at Tampa. Then, presto change! the engaged Pullman berth was not used, and Gen. Miles postponed his trip from Washington. Still the public is assured that there has been no doubt or hesitation on the part of the administration; that Mr. McKinley is not waiting to give Spain a chance to sue for peace, and that the invasion of Cuba will be an accomplished fact in the next few days. The men will be in Florida ready to do the invading, as they are being rushed there as fast as steam can carry them, and there will certainly be no good reason for further postponement. It is the opinion of such men as Fitz Lee, who know what they are talking about, that the campaign in Cuba need not last longer than thirty days, if as many as 50,000 men are sent over.

There has been no room to find any fault with the promptness of the administration in sending Admiral Dewey—the rank of Rear Admiral was formally conferred upon him by the President and Senate this week—reinforcements to aid him in holding and governing the Philippine Islands. The Cruiser Charleston has already started for Manila from San Francisco, and other ships are being prepared to start. It will take the Charleston about three weeks to make the trip.

There is no truth in the charges so persistently being made in republican papers that democratic Senators are responsible for the delay on the war revenue bill passed by the House. The fact is the bill as passed by the House was a very crude and imperfect measure, and the Senate committee on Finance has been trying to whip it into a more satisfactory shape by amending it. More amendments have so far been offered by republican Senators than by democrats. The democrats are too anxious to see this war fought to a speedy and successful close to refuse to do their part towards furnishing the government all the money it needs, but there is money enough on hand for all present needs and they do not intend being stampeded into supporting obnoxious methods of raising money just because the bill is labeled "war measure."

Major General Joseph Wheeler ("Fighting Joe Wheeler") was the first one of the new major generals to take the field. He bade his many friends in Congress goodbye and left for Chattanooga, where he will take

When Militiamen Become Real Soldiers They Will Have the Army Rations.

The question of what they are going to eat is disturbing the minds of the militia. It is generally supposed that the annual encampment is a week for regular army life, and while this is true of the drills, guard mount, police duty, and many other features, it is not altogether true of the daily bill of fare, for this is augmented by many delicacies which are purchased from the private purveyors of the some-time soldier.

The government ration is the allowance of one person for the day, and consists of the meats, the bread, the vegetable, the coffee and sugar, the seasoning, and the soap and candle components. When troops travel otherwise than by marching, or when for short periods they are separated from cooking facilities and do not carry cooked rations, soft or hard bread, canned beef and canned baked beans, together with coffee and sugar, are issued, and after troops have subsisted upon this for four consecutive days they are allowed canned tomatoes at the rate of one pound per man per day.

The kinds and quantities of articles comprising the ration for troops when cooking is practicable and the quantities computed for one ration are as follows:

Fresh beef, 20 ounces, or an equal quantity of fresh mutton, when the cost does not exceed that of beef; or pork, 12 ounces; or bacon, 12 ounces; or salt beef, 22 ounces; or when meat cannot be furnished, 14 ounces of dried fish, or 18 ounces of fresh or pickled fish.

Flour or soft bread, 18 ounces, or 16 ounces of hard bread, or 20 ounces of cornmeal. When troops are in the field and it is necessary for them to bake their own bread, 16-25 ounces of baking powder will be issued.

Vegetable components, beans or peas, 2, 2-5 ounces; or rice or hominy, 1, 3-5 ounces; potatoes, 16 ounces, or 12, 4-5 ounces of potatoes, and the balance to be made up of 3, 1-5 ounces of onions, making a total of 16 ounces. This can be changed another way by decreasing the allowance of potatoes to 11-15 ounces, supplementing it with 4-5 ounces of canned tomatoes or other fresh vegetables not canned, when they can be obtained in the vicinity of the camp or transported in wholesome condition from a distance.

The trooper gets 1, 3-5 ounces of green coffee or 17-25 ounces of roasted coffee. If he is fond of tea he may have 8-25 of an ounce instead. Sugar is allotted at the rate of 2 3-25 ounces per day, with 16-25 gills of molasses or can syrup as an alternative. Seasoning components consist of 8 2-5 gill of vinegar, 16-25 ounces of salt and 1-25 ounce of black pepper. Cleanliness and light are provided for by 16-25 ounces of soap for the former and 6-25 ounces of candles for the latter, when illuminating oil is not furnished by the quartermaster.

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