

GOMEZ SPURNS OFFER

INSURGENTS URGED TO HELP REPEL THE INVASION OF CUBA.

The General Demands That the Independence of the Republic be Recognized—Spain Must Surrender to America and Cuba.

Washington, June 1.—Advices have reached Washington of additional proposals made by the Autonomist government of Cuba to the government of the Cuban republic, by which it is urged that the insurgents join with the Spaniards in repelling the proposed invasion of the United States, in consideration of which peace and freedom are to follow.

The formal proposal at first failed to reach General Gomez, and a second letter, more eagerly praying for peace, was sent from Blanco's commissioners. Both letters came to Gomez, who grew so indignant as to threaten death to any one bearing any further communications of similar character.

General Gomez's reply, dated May 15, 1898, spurns the offer of Blanco, and gives warning that a repetition of the proposition will result in the death of the bearer of the message. General Gomez demands that the independence of the republic of Cuba be recognized, and seems to accept freedom, which, he says, has already been bravely attained after three years of fighting. The offer of Blanco General Gomez denounces as audacity.

Should General Blanco desire to communicate with us in an honorable manner," continues the reply, "he must do so through our foreign office, but it must be with the consideration and understanding that the army of the Cuban republic is in alliance with the United States army, and its communications must have no other object than the surrender of the Spanish army and the evacuation of our shores. A treaty of peace acknowledging the independence of Cuba forever from Spanish rule and the complete evacuation of the Spanish army is all that will be accepted."

Anyone who takes the liberty of speaking to him, he continues, with a view to inducing him to accept such a treaty, "will be shot within one hour as a traitor."

The reply closes with these words: "The only idea that could prompt Spain to make such a proposition for an alliance between the Spanish army and the Cuban army is the knowledge that she has already lost control of our island, and this is the last step which she is seeking to take before her final fall. She realizes that she must soon surrender her forces before the united armies of the United States and Cuba."

"Free Cuba! Hurrah for the United States! Hurrah for the free Republic of Cuba! Hurrah for all good and true patriots!"

THEIVES IMPERILED LIVES.

They Stole the Copper and Zinc from Railroad Signal Tower Batteries.

Elizabeth, June 1.—William McCandless, Paul Birtbauer and Frederick Birtbauer, three Elizabeth boys, each twelve years old, were arrested early yesterday morning on a charge of stealing copper and zinc that are connected with the batteries used in operating the signal on the line of the Central Railroad.

The company says that the safety of trains and lives of passengers were imperiled by this act of the boys, and that it was fortunate a disaster had not occurred on the railroad or the Newark Bay bridge through the inability of the automatic signals to work properly.

JENNY LIND'S MAD LOVER DEAD.

Spent the Earnings of Years in Following the Songstress About.

Bondout, June 1.—Tobias Van Steenburgh, 70 years old, known throughout the United States as the mad lover of Jennie Lind, the famous singer, died on Monday in a wretched hotel at Glasco, on the old post road leading to the Hudson river at Ulster Landing. Jennie Lind has been dead forty-seven years, but her hermit lover, familiarly known as Boot Van Steenburgh, has all these years cherished her memory, and until his death a faded portrait of the "Swedish Nightingale" hung on the wall in his rude cabin.

FORCES IN SANTIAGO DE CUBA.

Report That General Garcia Has Control of the Province.

Key West, Fla., June 1.—Senator Polo, head of the Cuban junta here, in his advices from General Calixto Garcia, is informed that Garcia is in complete control of the province of Santiago de Cuba. He claims to have from ten to twelve thousand men under him who are well armed, but in need of provisions, clothing and ammunition. Their food consists only of fruit and cereals. It is said that there are no Spanish troops in the vicinity.

REVENUE CUTTER RUN DOWN.

The Golden Gate Damaged by an Excursion Schooner.

San Francisco, May 31.—The revenue cutter Golden Gate was damaged to the extent of about \$1,000 Sunday by a collision with the schooner Mary F. Cruise. The schooner, which had a party of excursionists on board, "missed stays" and her bowsprit went through the cabin of the government boat, which was lying at her berth. No one was hurt and the schooner was not damaged materially.

Rough Riders Leave For Tampa.

San Antonio, Texas, May 31.—The entire regiment of rough riders left yesterday for Tampa.

The orders received Saturday directed that the first squad should go, but further instructions were received yesterday morning. The regiment travelled in ten special trains, and the first section left here over the Southern Pacific at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Hurrying Manila Expedition.

San Francisco, June 1.—General Merritt has impressed upon the contractors who are to supply the brown duck suits to be worn by the soldiers going to Manila the need of haste in filling the contracts. Double forces of men are now at work completing the suits.

Sampson has been ordered to cut all the cables that lead out of Cuba.

ATTACKED CERVERA.

The Bottled Admiral and Sanitary Safety from American Guns.

Port au Prince, June 1.—Yesterday afternoon an American squadron, composed of fourteen warships, of which the cruiser New York displayed the flag of Rear Admiral Sampson, and a number of torpedo boats, began a bombardment with heavy guns of the forts and the harbor of Santiago de Cuba.

The American fire was directed principally against the forts and the harbor. The forts of Morro Castle, La Zocapa and Punta Gorda suffered especially. The cannonading was very persistent and cannot have failed to be destructive. It lasted until 3.45 p. m. The town, which is situated near the inner end of the harbor, escaped damage.

From the Spanish account it is impossible to judge as to the exact merits of the encounter. The Spanish authorities maintain strict silence as to the number of victims, who were apparently numerous.

CAPOTE MAY BE PRISONER.

Vice President of Cuba May Be in the Hands of the Spaniards.

Kingston, Jamaica, June 1.—It is now confidently believed that the Spaniards have captured Dr. Domingo Mendez Capote, vice president of the provisional republic of Cuba, and that the fruit steamer Belvidere, on which he was a passenger, was deliberately wrecked by them by altering the light on Cape Maysi.

The Belvidere left here Wednesday morning with a number of passengers and was wrecked that night on Cape Maysi. The fruit steamers Ethelred and Kingston were expected to take off the passengers.

The Ethelred, however, has just arrived at Port Antonio, without any of the people of the Belvidere.

The captain reports that he visited the wreck and found such a condition of confusion on board the Belvidere as led him to believe the Spaniards had swooped down on the vessel after she had been lured ashore and taken off the passengers by force.

There were no indications of bad weather and none had been reported since Wednesday.

According to early dispatches there were twenty passengers on the Belvidere beside Dr. Capote. The steamer City of Kingston arrived here this morning and her captain reported that he had seen the Belvidere wreck, but discerned no signs of life on her. It was then hoped that the Ethelred would bring news of her, but the arrival of that vessel at Port Antonio seems to confirm the supposition that the Spaniards are responsible for the wreck and have captured Capote.

BLANCO NOW CUT OFF.

His Telegraphic Communication With Madrid Destroyed.

Key West, June 1.—The St. Paul has completed the cutting of the Santiago cables off Cape Maysi. This completely cuts Blanco off from communication with Madrid.

There were three submarine telegraphic cables leading out of Santiago de Cuba, two of them going to Kingston, Jamaica. These two lines are the property of the Cuba Submarine Telegraph Company.

The third line goes eastward to the Mole St. Nicholas, with an intermediate shore station at Guantanamo. All of these lines are owned by English concerns.

The cables leading out of Cienfuegos, where an attempt was made by United States warships to destroy communication, both touch at Santiago, so that the work of cutting them could be more effectually done at Santiago, where they touch shore for the last time before finally leaving Cuba.

The first attempt to cut the cables at Santiago was made by the auxiliary cruiser St. Louis and the tug Wampatuck on May 11.

The cables leading to Kingston were cut, but the one to Hayti was not. A further attempt to destroy this cable was made at Guantanamo on the following day, but it failed.

SPANISH LETTERS STOLEN.

Alleged to Contain the Names of Spies in the United States.

Montreal, May 31.—Lieutenant Carranza, Senor du Bose and other Spaniards here are much disturbed. A letter which is said to have contained a list of Spanish spies in the United States was stolen from their house at 42 Tupper street, Saturday. The entire city detective force is looking for it, but it is gone, and is supposed to be in the United States by this time. It is understood that Carranza has offered \$1,000 for the return of the letter. The detectives are now scouring the city, since until it is proved that the Spaniards are guilty of plotting, they must be protected.

AT THE TOMB OF LAFAYETTE.

Ambassador Porter Delivers a Speech on Franco-American Sympathy.

Paris, May 31.—The annual American manifestation at the tomb of Lafayette took place yesterday. United States Ambassador Horace Porter and all of the leading Americans in Paris were present.

General Porter delivered a speech in which he dwelt upon the sympathy of France with the United States. Mr. Bartholdi and others made similar addresses. A banquet was held in the evening.

\$25,000 for Rebel's Head.

Hong Kong, China, May 31.—The Spaniards have offered \$25,000 reward for the head of Aguinaldo, the insurgent leader, who is actively drilling the rebels, preparatory to an attack upon Manila.

In reply to the Spanish attempt to win over Aguinaldo's men the insurgents are said to have informed the Spaniards that they are neutral and will await events.

Aguinaldo went to Manila with Dewey's squadron and was landed to make connections with the insurgents. He is the most bitter enemy of Spain in the Philippines, and if he were removed the rebellion would lose its greatest leader.

Nothing was heard yesterday of the two alleged spies who escaped in an open boat to a waiting schooner. It is claimed that they are supposed to be the Fort Taylor spies.

THE CADIZ FLEET

Old That More Than Half of the Vessels are Unfit for Fighting.

Washington, June 1.—The frequent reports from Spain, through other sources, to the effect that a formidable fleet is preparing at Cadiz to sail for the West Indies in aid of Admiral Cervera, causes little apprehension here. Naval officers, through private means of communication, have pretty well satisfied themselves that the Cadiz fleet is a paper fleet. In other words, its offensive power is altogether illusory. More than half the vessels whose names appear so frequently in the press dispatches as formidable war craft, are of antiquated type and in a state of disorder. The old Numancia is an example. She is rated as a battleship of the first class. In her day she was a battleship, but she has not a turret nor a sponson, and would be little more than sport for a modern ironclad. In addition to being antiquated, most of these vessels are broken down in engines and boilers. There are some vessels, although a very few, of modern type, but they are not numerous or powerful enough to give our navy any serious concern.

Of course it is not to be understood from this that our naval officers are neglecting to take precautions against surprise at Santiago de Cuba. They have thrown scouts well out to the eastward of Cuba, so that they may receive quick notice if any of the Cadiz fleet was foolish enough to have started a day or two ago for the West Indies, as is now reported from Europe.

SICKNESS ON CRUISER BOSTON.

Spaniards at Manila Suspected of Having Poisoned Fish.

Hong Kong, June 1.—According to mail advices to the correspondent of the Associated Press from Manila, dated May 27, there is serious sickness on board the United States cruiser Boston. It is believed that the Spaniards poisoned the fish.

Rear Admiral Dewey promised to refrain from bombarding on condition that the Spaniards refrained from strengthening their defenses. On Sunday, May 22, they were observed violating the pledge, and Admiral Dewey fired, as a warning. The work was stopped. Nobody was hurt.

Numerous dispatches congratulating Admiral Dewey have miscarried.

The anti-British demonstrations at Manila are intensifying. The queen's portraits are insulted and all the foreigners are preparing to take refuge at Cavite.

MR. BRYAN DETERMINED TO FIGHT.

The Colonely of a Nebraska Regiment Offered to Him.

Lincoln, Neb., June 1.—W. J. Bryan yesterday received a message from Governor Stephens of Missouri offering him the colonely of the new Missouri regiment now organizing in that state. Bryan did not accept at once, but telegraphed to Missouri's governor that he could not ask for a better command than one composed of men of the well known valor of Missourians, but that he was not yet at liberty to accept his offer.

Mr. Bryan said privately that he still had hopes of being placed in command of the regiment he had organized, and, as it was through his personal efforts the silver battalion had been placed in the field, his first duty lay in that direction. "In any event," he added, "I propose to serve my country in spite of any injustice from official sources."

SPANISH SCOUT RETURNS.

The Mysterious Steamer That the Bancroft Chased Again Sighted.

Key West, June 1.—Within the past twenty-four hours the same mysterious Spanish scout steamer which was pursued by the Bancroft was seen twenty miles south of Rebecca Light.

She is a three-masted, with yellow-streaked funnels. She can do fourteen knots.

The scout has not been close enough to learn what ships are here. A sharp lookout is being kept up for her.

Purchased by Great Britain.

Kingston, Jamaica, June 1.—The British government has purchased in the United States, for delivery here, 120,000 barrels of flour for the army and navy stores. Consignees, Milling Company of Minneapolis. The flour will be transported here by the Atlas Steamship Company.

Spain Not Seeking Intervention.

Madrid, June 1.—In the cortes Monday evening Premier Sagasta declared that no negotiations whatever were on foot with any power looking to the conclusion of peace or interference with the United States in behalf of Spain.

WAR RUMBLINGS.

There are 8,400 troops at San Francisco in readiness for the second and third Philippine expeditions.

The cruiser Philadelphia will be ready to go into commission at Mare Island navy yard in two weeks.

The government has stopped buying mules in St. Louis, 12,000 having already been acquired at about \$100 apiece.

"Lew" Wallace, author of "Ben Hur," will doubtless be commissioned by the president as a major general of volunteers.

A man supposed to be a spy is in jail at Fort Jackson. He attempted to run the guard at the fort and was shot and seriously wounded.

It was reported at Gibraltar that the departure of Admiral Camara's fleet for Cadiz had been delayed by the discovery of defects in the torpedo boats.

An official dispatch from Havana says that two American correspondents from Key West, named Whigham and Robinson, have been arrested near Matanzas.

It was allowed to be stated yesterday from Key West that the Red Cross steamer State of Texas, with food on board, left Key West on May 21, ten days ago, for Cuba.

The cowboy regiment organized by Colonel Wood and Colonel Roosevelt has been ordered from San Antonio to Tampa in all haste, and it is understood that the regiment will go to Santiago.

The paymaster's department issued orders yesterday to pay the soldiers destined for Cuba and Porto Rico one month's salary in advance. This will be paid them as they go on the transports. The soldiers intended for the Philippines will also be paid four weeks in advance. This will require more than \$1,000,000.

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THE MARKETS.

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Table listing coal prices: No. 6, delivered, 2.60; "4 and 5", 3.85; "6 at yard", 2.35; "4 and 5 at yard", 3.60.

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Advertisement for The Veterans at Manila. I truly am son of the sea. Only one thing more to be. Them Spaniards to spy, Then see them fly. I'll give them plenty of steel, And hear them yell and squeal. —Carl M. Quick.

Advertisement for The German emperor seems to have been surprised at the skill as well as the valor exhibited by the Americans at Manila. He observed that "they fought like veterans." Why not? They are veterans. Commodore Dewey saw more and fiercer sea fighting during the civil war than any German or Spanish sailor has ever seen. He has worn the uniform of his country ever since he was a boy, and been constantly in the performance of one duty or another connected with his profession. If he is not a veteran, where may one be found? The officers under him are likewise all trained men. They know their duties thoroughly, and, as they have just shown, are capable of executing them admirably. Those who opposed the Spaniards at Manila, therefore, and crushed them, are veterans of the best quality.

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