

SAW SPANISH FLEET.

LIEUT. BLUE MADE A SEVENTY MILE JOURNEY.

A Despatch from Rear Admiral Sampson Telling of a Scouting Exploit—Counted the Vessels—The Cape Verde Squadron All in Santiago Harbor.

Washington, June 15.—The last lingering doubt that may have existed as to the presence of Cervera's fleet in its entirety in Santiago harbor was removed when Admiral Sampson's despatch reached the navy department yesterday.

Now, however, according to Lieutenant Blue, the ships have been actually seen by an American officer, counted and inspected from such points of vantage as were afforded by the high hills surrounding the harbor.

The navy department has posted the following bulletin: Mole St. Nicholas, June 13.—Lieutenant Blue has returned after a detour of seventy statute miles of observation of the harbor of Santiago de Cuba.

The Spanish attacked vigorously the camp at Guantanamo. An outpost of four marines were killed and their bodies mutilated barbarously. Surgeon Gibbs was killed.

The officials here are full of praise for Lieut. Blue's achievement. Victor Blue has long been known in the navy as an enterprising and daring young officer.

He was, in the eye of military law, nothing more nor less than a spy, and had he been captured by the Spaniards he would have been tried by drum-head court martial and executed.

Considering the fact that the marines' flight at Guantanamo last Saturday night was really the first engagement of the war on shore, Admiral Sampson's reference to the affair in his despatch posted yesterday was remarkably brief.

Hence it is inferred that perhaps too much importance has been attached to it by the public. The action of Lieutenant Colonel Huntington in removing his men to a more secure point than the exposed position occupied by them on Crest Heights, is taken here as an indication that no offensive movement is to be attempted by the Marine Corps.

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THE FIRST INVASION.

Eight Hundred Marines Were Landed at Guantanamo.

Kingston, Jamaica, June 12.—Latest advices in regard to the landing of American troops on Friday show that eight hundred marines have pitched their tents about the smoking ruins of the outer fortifications of Guantanamo and the Stars and Stripes for the first time float from a Spanish flag staff in Cuba.

These, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel R. W. Huntington, arrived at 3 o'clock, and within half an hour they had burned the buildings of the Spanish camp and had set fire to the little village which crouched on the beach under the hill of Guantanamo.

The whole operation of silencing the guns and landing the forces was as easy as the placing of a Sunday school picnic. The Marblehead, backed by the Vixen and the Dolphin, opened fire on the earthworks Saturday. The shores to the right of the entrance were lined with guns and rifle pits, but the Spaniards stampeded after firing a few shots.

The city of Guantanamo lies four miles up the bay and a little Spanish gunboat came down to help the shore batteries. She stayed just long enough to turn around. Numerous shots were fired by the Spaniards, but not one landed and no Americans were injured.

The main fort lies within the city limits and is yet to be reduced, but it is not in a difficult position and the American officers say it can be taken in fifteen minutes when desired.

The Marblehead, the Dolphin, the Vixen and two colliers have been off the entrance of the harbor for several days, and Saturday morning they sailed into the channel, and a mile further on they opened fire, sending fifty shots at the fortifications on the left. The hills on the right of the entrance were deserted. There are no defences on the right side of the harbor.

No attempt was made to land until the Oregon steamed in early Friday morning. Captain Clark immediately sent forty marines ashore, and twenty from the Marblehead followed. They found evidences of a very hasty departure upon the part of the valorous Spaniards. Hammocks, clothing, ammunition and several watches were scattered about the earthworks, and a Spanish flag was found in one of the rifle pits.

Company B, under Lieutenant Hall, was the first ashore, and without the loss of a moment the column started up the steep, rocky hill to the earthworks. For an hour a brown column of marines filed up the narrow path, eventually taking up a position at the top of the hill.

BLANCO FAILS AGAIN. Futile Attempts to Entice Our Ship Under Havana's Guns.

Key West, June 15.—Captain General Blanco has apparently not yet abandoned the hope of luring the American warships within range of the Havana batteries. He tried it again on Friday morning last, but with no better success than in his previous attempts.

Advices received here yesterday are to the effect that five Spanish ships ran out to the mouth of Havana harbor on the day mentioned and headed in an easterly direction. The vessels of the blockading squadron were lying well off shore. Upon sighting the Spaniards they ran in a short distance and opened fire on them.

The volley of shot and shell brought no response from the enemy, but the quintette of ships speedily turned tail and, hugging the shore, under the batteries, ran back into the harbor. The American ships, however, did not accept the bait, and made no further attempt to molest them. The character of the Spanish boats could not be positively fixed on account of the distance, but the American officers say one or two were small gunboats of the class which has been manoeuvring all along the north coast in futile efforts to draw the American ships within the fire of the Spanish batteries.

Monday afternoon three of the Havana batteries, the Santa Clara battery and Sand Batteries No. 1 and 2, opened fire upon one of the auxiliary gunboats which was cruising closely along the shore. About half a dozen shots were fired, none finding any other mark than the sea, although several dropped too close for comfort.

The gunboat made no reply, but hurried out of range and reported the attack to the flagship of the blockading squadron. No attempt at retaliation, however, was made.

MANILA'S GOVERNOR READY TO QUIT He Would Have Surrendered to Dewey Ere This but for the Army's Opposition.

Hong Kong, June 15.—The Spanish governor of Manila wants to surrender to Admiral Dewey, but his army will not allow him to give up. Several proposals by him to yield have been met with indifferent opposition by the army.

The army is holding out on the expectation of reinforcements from Spain.

Mrs. Porter Goes to the Front. Washington, June 15.—Mrs. J. Addison Porter, the wife of the secretary to the president, has joined the Red Cross Society and has left Washington for Tampa. Mrs. Porter goes to Tampa as chief of the staff of Miss Clara Barton, and she will go to Cuba if necessary.

The Red Cross party which left here was composed of Miss Barton, Mrs. Porter, George Kennan and several trained nurses.

Senator Aldrich Re-elected. Newport, R. I., June 15.—United States Senator Nelson W. Aldrich, Republican, was re-elected by the legislature yesterday on the first ballot. The vote was as follows: Senate—Nelson W. Aldrich 25, Benjamin Andrews 1. House—Aldrich 61, Andrews 2, L. F. Garvin 1.

Big Granite Plant Burned. Barre, Vt., June 15.—A disastrous fire Monday night destroyed Mackie, Hussey & Co.'s granite plant.

It was the second largest granite plant in New England, the loss being \$100,000; insurance \$25,000. The fire is supposed to have been incendiary.

THE LEITER DEAL ENDS.

Great Wheat Speculator Suddenly Comes to Grief.

Chicago, June 14.—There are all kinds of rumors here about Joseph Leiter and the action of the market goes far toward confirming many of them. His deal has gone to pieces. It has been gradually getting in position for such a collapse for a week past. Cash wheat has dropped \$1 in thirty days, July 50 cents and September more than 25 cents.

The break in the market has been too much for the young man. George B. French, Leiter's manager, was unable either to confirm or deny the story, but it comes from a source that is considered trustworthy. There are other rumors, but they have not developed tangible form. Leiter's interests in wheat here have been very small since the close of the May deal.

He has shipped his wheat out, and there are only about 750,000 bushels of cash wheat here. He has bought futures of late in his efforts to maintain prices in order to enable him better to market his cash wheat abroad.



JOSEPH LEITER.

Armour has taken Leiter's June wheat off his hands, about 250,000 bushels being transferred from Allen Grier, Leiter's chief broker. Leiter also transferred a lot of September to Lamson, but it has no significance except to enable him to settle trades.

Leiter has been in a combination with the smoothest lot of cash men in the Northwest—Fillsbury, Peavey and Thompson. They stayed with the bull leader until there was a good chance to unload, and the rumor is that they have dumped their holdings on him while he held the bag.

Thompson and Peavey were here yesterday and were not feeling particularly comfortable. Thompson professed ignorance as to the cause of the twenty-cent drop in cash wheat from the Northwest, also of any attempt of any party to sell out another. The game has been played by these parties before on other people, who have suffered severely.

Leiter, at the end of May, had profits of from \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000 in his trades. He then had more than 10,000,000 bushels, and had handled more than 40,000,000 bushels.

Now, in all the fifteen months' campaign, a good part of Leiter's cash wheat that has been shipped from here and the seaboard is sold for July delivery in Europe at high prices, so that the collapse at this end is looked upon as the cleaning up of the last of his trades. With fine crop prospects the world over, there is little chance for a bull to make much headway, with a big line and a small speculative trade, and, it is said, that he decided to get out.

Joseph Leiter was seen in the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank, in consultation with his father, L. Leiter. He said that he would make no assignment and that he had ordered his trades in futures liquidated. At the start, his cash wheat will be trusted. The Northwestern bankers are said to have come here on a special train and to be on the anxious seat.

Chicago, June 15.—The Leiter matter has taken on a new phase and one which seems to make the outlook much less threatening. At a conference yesterday, attended by a number of people heavily interested in the deal, P. D. Armour agreed to take over the entire cash wheat holdings of Leiter, amounting to about 7,000,000 bushels. Armour Monday consented to take over about 4,000,000 bushels of this wheat, but announced yesterday that he had decided to carry the remaining 3,000,000 bushels as well. Counselman & Co., it is understood, will take charge of the September trades.

This action on the part of Armour simplifies the situation greatly. It was at first proposed to appoint a trustee to handle Leiter's wheat, but it is believed that this will not now be necessary. With the wheat in Armour's hands there is little danger of its being shaken out and coming on the market in a lump.

The banks that have loaned money to Leiter are understood to be well satisfied with this arrangement, and as most of the loans are protested down to about 50 cents, the chances are that some of them will lose anything in the final windup.

Leiter's losses are variously estimated at from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000, but this is all guesswork. There is no way of getting at even an approximately correct amount. That he will lose a round sum is certain, but there is a possibility, in view of yesterday's developments, that it will fall below the minimum figure given above.

A NEW COMET DISCOVERED. Found Photographically by Mr. Coddington, of Lick Observatory.

Lick Observatory, Cal., June 14.—A comet was discovered here Saturday evening by Mr. Coddington. It is in constellation Scorpio, about one degree northeast of the bright star Antares.

The discovery was made by photography. A plate exposed for other purposes on that region of the sky showed when developed, a strong trail produced by a strange object. Mr. Coddington examined the object and found it to be a comet of about the eighth magnitude. Observations by Professor Tuttle showed that it is moving toward the southeast about one degree per day.

Mr. Wright found its spectrum to be continuous, with weak carbon bands.

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While four small boys were playing in the cellar of the Hollidaysburg Opera House last week, they discovered an old box filled with mutilated bills, notes obsolete money and currency, aggregating several thousand dollars in value.

The Democrats of the State should appreciate the fact that they have a golden opportunity of winning this fall. The ticket nominated at Harrisburg is a weak one, and the chances of a Democratic victory in the gubernatorial fight are most excellent and encouraging.

The treasure it is supposed belonged to the Gardner—Morrow bank that failed two years ago, and was thrown into the cellar in the belief that the money was counterfeit. The find caused quite a sensation among the banks depositors.

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New Postage Stamps. Commencing last week the post-office department began issuing to postmasters and will continue to issue until December 31, 1898, a new series of postage stamps, commemorative of the holding of the national and international trans-Mississippi exposition at Omaha, Nebraska, during the coming summer and fall.

They will be known as the trans-Mississippi series, and will comprise the following denominations: 1 2 4 5 8 10 and 50 cents and \$1 and \$2. These stamps are not intended to supersede the ordinary series now in use; so that postmasters may obtain supplies of either or both whenever needed. The trans-Mississippi stamps differ materially in size from the ordinary series, the engraved space being about seven-eighths of an inch wide by about one and three-eighths long. The designs are also radically unlike those of the ordinary stamps.

Perhaps it is a good thing, says the Sayre Times, after watching a promenade of Sayre's 40c, that some of the young ladies of this section did not exist as long ago as 1670. In that year the following act was passed by the English parliament: All women of whatever age, rank, or profession, or degree, whether virgins, maids, or widows, that shall after the passing of this act, impose upon and betray into matrimony any of his Majesty's male subjects, by scents, paints, cosmetics, washes, artificial teeth, false hair, Spanish wool, iron stays, hoops, high-heeled shoes, or bolstered hips, shall incur the penalty of the law now in force against witchcraft, sorcery, and such like misdemeanors, and that the marriage, upon conviction, shall stand null and void.

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