

HAVANA WILL BE THE NEXT POINT

Guns of Our Fleet May Be Turned on Its Forts Soon.

THE VESSELS CONCENTRATED OFF MORRO CASTLE—REAR-ADMIRAL SAMPSON SUMMONS COMMANDERS TO A CONFERENCE—THOUGHT TO INDICATE PREPARATION FOR ACTION—A HEAVY GALE PRECLUDES IMMEDIATE OPERATION.

On Board the Flagship New York, off Havana, May 1, (via Key West, Fla., May 2).—The blockade of Havana continues. The United States fleet at this hour is concentrated, lying about ten miles off Morro castle. The cruiser Montgomery and the tug Osceola have arrived from Key West. The Iowa, Indiana, Detroit and Mayflower are lying close to the flagship New York, but the Mayflower is going back to Key West. The weather is fine and a stiff breeze blowing.

Captains Evans and Taylor came on board the flagship during the day and had a consultation with Rear Admiral Sampson and Captain Chadwick.

The British steamship Strathead, Captain Currie, from Progreso on Sagua Grande, in ballast, was made to leave at 1.30 o'clock this morning, after two shots had been fired from the flagship. The Strathead was boarded, proved her identity and was allowed to proceed, as Sagua Grande is not a blockaded port. Captain Currie said he had been stopped twice before during the night. That is the only incident of interest which has occurred during the last twenty-four hours.

MOVEMENT PLANNED.

On Board the Associated Press Despatch Boat Dauntless, (via Key West, Fla., May 2).—A demonstration by that fleet off the coast of Cuba is hardly expected today, but it is understood a movement has been planned. A howling gale is blowing and the sea is running high.

A long conference was held on board the flagship New York yesterday between Rear Admiral Sampson, Captain Evans, of the Iowa, Captain Taylor, of the Indiana and Captain Chadwick, of the New York, the purpose of which could not be ascertained. Early yesterday the New York steamed to the westward, past Havana, which was in plain view from the vessel, and picked up the Indiana and then the Iowa, taking the commanders of both ships aboard. Tugs were then sent out, calling in all the other vessels of the fleet in that vicinity, and at noon, the following ships were lying off the batteries west of Havana and within eight miles of the shore: The flagship New York, the battleships Iowa and Indiana, the cruisers Detroit and Marblehead, the gunboats Castine, Mayflower, Hornet and Mangrove and the tug Osceola, Wampatock and Tecumseh.

There were also four newspaper despatch boats in proximity, all of which were within a radius of 1,000 yards and visible plainly from the shore. There was every indication that a concerted movement of some kind was in contemplation, and those on the flagship who were ignorant of the object of the move, thought confidently that the recent bombardment of the Spanish batteries at Matanzas and the firing on a troop of Spanish cavalry at Cabañas were to be repeated on the more formidable batteries near Havana. The weather conditions, however, were anything but favorable for an attack, for a forty-knot gale was blowing and the waves were tremendous. Even the big battleships were unsteady, the smaller vessels being tossed about with every wave like shells.

After the ships had remained in position for several hours, it became evident that no immediate movement was contemplated. The flagship finally drew away from the others and steamed slowly past Morro Castle without incident. The remainder of the fleet then opened out and returned to their various stations along the coast.

There has been no special excitement among the vessels for the past forty-eight hours, except a ripple caused by the chase of the British steamship Strathead on Saturday night. News of the engagement between the United States and Spanish fleets at Manila has not yet reached the Cuban blockading squadron, but they probably will be advised of it this morning by vessels which left here during last night.

BIG RUSSIAN SHIP.

An Order Received by the Cramp Shipbuilding Company.

Philadelphia, May 2.—The Cramp Shipbuilding Company today received cable advices from Mr. Charles H. Cramp, its president, now in Europe, to the effect that contracts have been signed between the Russian government and himself for the construction of two important vessels.

One is a battleship of approximately 12,500 tons displacement, to have a guaranteed speed of 18 knots per hour throughout a trial trip of twelve hours' duration, at load draught, and carrying 1,000 tons of coal.

The other is a protected cruiser of about 5,100 tons displacement, to develop a speed of 25 knots per hour under the same trial conditions as those just stated, and carrying 750 tons of coal.

MELBA FAINTS IN A PANIC.

Fire Alarm in a Theatre Where She Was Singing.

San Francisco, Cal., May 2.—Toward the close of the operatic performance by Madame Melba in the California theatre last night, the bursting of a steam pipe in the adjoining building, occupied as the headquarters of the fire department, caused a quick fire. The old wooden building was in a blaze, and the people in the crowded theatre, seeing through the windows the reflection of the flames, disregarded the reassuring statements of the management and attempted to rush from the building.

A panic followed, in which many women fainted, but none was seriously injured. The audience was largely composed of society people, and many

valuable ornaments were lost. Ladies, in their wild attempts to escape from fanned danger, left furs, bonnets, wraps and jewelry. These were trampled under foot and many valuables lost or stolen.

Madame Melba fainted on the stage. The fire department building was destroyed; also the St. George's Stables. The damage to the theatre was slight. Total loss, \$15,000.

SPANISH CABINET MEETING.

Four Hours' Discussion of the Manila Disaster.

London, May 2.—The Spanish cabinet, according to a special despatch from Madrid, to the Evening News, sat for four hours and only discussed the Manila disaster. The discussion, it is added, showed the Spanish ministers "are now fully aroused and determined to exhaust their resources in defense of the national honor."

After the cabinet council, the despatch to the Evening News continues, General Cortes, the minister of war, and Admiral Bermejo, the minister of marine, made a report to the Queen Regent. The latter, it appears, who had already heard of the reverse, "was astir with patriotic enthusiasm," and declared the loss of so many ships was a misfortune, but there was "satisfaction in the reflection that the Spaniards had covered themselves with honor."

The Queen Regent is said to have added: "My spirit can never be daunted so long as I can rely on the patriotism and courage of the Spaniards."

The absence of further details of the Spanish defeat is supposed, according to the Spanish officials, to be "due to the pre-occupation of Captain General Augusti in defending Manila."

PRaise FOR DEWEY.

Admiral George Brown Speaks in Glowing Terms of His Friend.

Indianapolis, May 2.—Admiral George Brown speaks in the most enthusiastic terms of Commodore Dewey. "Why," said the admiral today, "I may say that I brought him up. I have known him since he entered the naval academy in 1854 or 1855."

"What a chance he had. But he was equal to it. The fight at Manila was his Trafalgar. More fortunate than Nelson, he will live to enjoy the honor he has won. The moral effect of this victory in Europe is almost incalculable. The demoralization to Spain cannot be computed. I do not think Blanco can now hold out a month in Cuba."

AN ARMY OF OCCUPATION.

Thinks Western Volunteers May Go to the Philippines.

Denver, May 2.—According to Colonel W. J. Wilkinson, adjutant general of the Department of Colorado, the volunteers raised in the states west of the Missouri river will probably be sent across the Pacific ocean to hold the Philippines. "It will be necessary to hold the islands," said Colonel Wilkinson, "while the war is being prosecuted in other directions, and what would be more natural than for the troops recruited in the west to be placed aboard transports in the harbor of San Francisco and sent to occupy the important posts in the Philippine Islands? The government may dicker with Japan as to the future ownership of the islands, but in the meantime the territory must be held securely. The victory of the fleet is far-reaching in its character, but does not mean that the war will at once come to a close. That does not follow by any means, although the loss of the Philippines will be a blow from which Spain cannot recover."

EMERGENCY WAR BILL.

Its Passage the Feature of Yesterday's Session of the House.

Washington, May 2.—The passage of the emergency war bill was the feature of today's action by the house. The naval appropriation bill with the senate amendment providing for the payment of officers of the navy for the use of their inventions by the government, was reported from conference and passed. The bill now goes to the president. A number of bills of minor importance were passed and the Alaska land bill conference report was rejected.

County Commissioners Sentenced.

Pottsville, May 2.—The county commissioners, Frank Reitz and John P. Martin, were today sentenced by Judge Bechtel at Pottsville to pay the costs and a fine of \$250 each for misdemeanor in office. Their colleague, Charles E. Allen, is too ill to leave his home at Yamaqua, consequently his sentence is suspended. Commissioner Charles Meyers, who was also convicted of misdemeanor in office, received the same sentence together with removal from office.

Walthall's Successor.

Washington, May 2.—The Democratic steering committee of the senate today decided upon Senator Chilton as the successor of Senator Walthall as a member of the senate finance committee.

Pennsylvania Dividend.

Philadelphia, May 2.—The Pennsylvania railroad today declared its regular semi-annual dividend of 2 1/2 per cent.

MADRID IS IN A STATE OF TURMOIL

Military Patrols Have Already Appeared in the Puerto del Sol.

THE MEASURE HAS BEEN TAKEN ON ACCOUNT OF THE ATTITUDE OF CERTAIN POLITICAL PARTIES. COMMODORE DEWEY'S ULTIMATUM IS CONSIDERED AND A STATE OF SIEGE HAS BEEN DECLARED.

London, May 3.—The Madrid correspondent of the Standard, telegraphing at midnight, says:

"Senor Aguilera, the civil governor at Madrid, has just posted on the walls of the home office the customary proclamation intimating that the civil authorities consider the circumstances justify their handing over to the military authorities the mission of keeping order."

"Lieutenant General Daban, captain general of Madrid, has assumed charge, and the first military patrols have just appeared in the Puerto del Sol. The measure has been taken in consequence of the attitude of certain political parties since yesterday. The whole garrison is ready in barracks."

Madrid, May 2.—El Imparcial says it believes the formation of a national ministry is possible.

The greatest importance is attached to tonight's cabinet council, at which it is expected a decision will be reached as to the reply to be made to the request of Captain General Augusti for instructions.

El Liberal says Commodore Dewey, of the United States squadron in the Philippines, has demanded the surrender of all Spanish vessels in the Archipelago, threatening to bombard the ports if the demand is refused.

The cabinet council after a late session decided to proclaim a state of siege immediately.

Ministers deny the existence of a cabinet crisis.

DAY IN THE SENATE.

Several War Measures Are Passed Without Debate.

Washington, May 2.—Several war measures were passed by the senate today, and notwithstanding their importance, not one of them elicited the slightest debate. Probably the most important measure passed by the senate was the emergency war deficiency bill, carrying \$35,720,945. Not more than ten minutes were consumed in passing it, that time being occupied in reading the measure. Mr. Hawley, chairman of the military affairs committee, secured the passage of a bill providing for the enlistment of a volunteer brigade of engineers and of 10,000 men in the south who are immune to yellow fever, these enlistments to be in addition to those provided for in the president's call for 125,000 volunteers. The men will enlist "for the war."

Two other war measures were passed, one suspending for the duration of the war the restrictions placed by existing laws upon the quartermaster's department of the army in order that supplies may be purchased without the present formalities; and the other providing that owners of mining claims shall forfeit them for not performing assessment work upon them, provided they enlist for the war. The war revenue measure passed by the house of representatives last Friday was received by the senate and referred to the finance committee for consideration.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

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BASE BALL. EASTERN LEAGUE.

Wilkes-Barre Defeats Rochester. Wilkes-Barre, May 2.—Wilkes-Barre won from Rochester today by timely batting. The errors made by the visitors were costly and they were unable to hit Coakley when hits were needed. Score:

Table with columns: A. B. R. H. O. A. E. Wilkes-Barre: Goekel, 1b, 3, 2, 0, 11, 0, 0; Haligan, rf, 4, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0; Wright, cf, 4, 1, 2, 3, 0, 0; Mianchan, 3b, 4, 0, 1, 2, 2, 0; Alberton, 2b, 3, 1, 1, 2, 2, 0; Sullivan, ss, 2, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0; Goding, c, 3, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0; Coakley, p, 4, 2, 0, 2, 0, 0. Totals: 21, 7, 7, 27, 13, 1.

ROCHESTER. Walters, cf, 3, 1, 0, 3, 0, 1; Bonner, ss, 3, 0, 0, 1, 7, 1; Eagan, lf, 4, 0, 2, 3, 0, 0; Grubb, rf, 4, 1, 0, 10, 0, 0; Clymer, 2b, 3, 1, 0, 3, 0, 0; Gorman, 3b, 2, 1, 0, 0, 2, 1; Boyd, c, 4, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0; Yerkes, p, 4, 0, 2, 0, 2, 0. Totals: 21, 4, 5, 22, 12, 3.

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AMERICANS IN LONDON REJOICE

The Defeat of Spanish Fleet the Topic of Conversation.

BRITISH NAVAL OFFICERS EXPRESS THEIR WARMEST ADMIRATION FOR THE WORK OF THE AMERICAN SQUADRON AT MANILA. UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR COL. JOHN HAY OVERJOYED AT THE RESULT—COMMENTS OF THE PRESS.

London, May 2.—In the house of parliament, at the hotels, which are beginning to be full of American tourists, at all the government offices and particularly at the admiralty the brilliant defeat of the Spanish fleet by the Asiatic fleet of the United States at the battle of Manila was one great subject talked of throughout the day.

The United States embassy was the centre of interest for all London. There was a continuous line of callers requesting information, the majority being Americans.

The United States ambassador, Colonel John Hay, is overjoyed at this demonstration of the prowess of the American navy.

Remarking, concerning Commodore Dewey, who is a personal friend of the ambassador: "It is hard to imagine so quiet and amiable a gentleman conquering a fiery navy battle. It is those quiet, gentlemanly Americans, however, who may be depended on to surprise the world when the opportunity of making history comes in the line of duty."

Lieutenant Calwell, the United States naval attaché, declared the result was merely what he expected.

The hotel bulletins are surrounded with enthusiastic Americans, many of them displaying miniature flags at their buttonholes.

ADMIRATION OF BRITISH OFFICERS. Many British naval officers have expressed the warmest admiration for the work of the American fleet. In fact, the preponderance of sentiment in the British navy seems to be with the Americans throughout, the officers giving many practical proofs of their partiality.

International courtesy, however, debarred the high officials from commenting on the result.

All the information obtainable here concerning the Spanish force of auxiliary cruisers, in regard to which vague reports have emanated from Madrid, tends to show that it has been overestimated. The best two ships, the Columbia and the Normanna, formerly of the Hamburg-American line, are yet unarmed, and it is believed they will be unable to secure armament.

The chief factor of the remainder of the Spanish force of auxiliary cruisers consist in the six steamers belonging to the Barcelona trans-Atlantic Steamship company. They are fairly armed, but they have been scattered. Two of them are with the Cape Verde squadron, as transports, one is conveying the torpedo flotilla; another, it is said, is at Santiago de Cuba, and two are at Cadiz.

The Evening Standard, commenting on the American victory, says: "Every one will hope this prompt and decisive blow to the Spanish forces will lead to an early termination of hostilities—a hope which has been encouraged by the remarkable language of Senor Silveira in the cortes, when he declared the Cuban problem is reduced to a question of honor for Spanish arms."

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