



SPANISH WARSHIPS LACK AMMUNITION

The Reason for Delay in the Movements of the Cape Verde Squadron—Queen Regent Christina About to Give Up the Struggle—Preparing to Leave Spain Quietly,

London, May 6.—The Daily Mail's Paris correspondent says want of ammunition for Cadiz fleet caused delay in sailing of Cape Verde fleet and will probably compel the latter to return to Cadiz.

The Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "I hear it on indisputable authority that five of the Spanish warships, including the battleship Pelayo, and the fine cruiser Alfonso XIII have not yet been supplied with ammunition. This was the cause of the delay in the sailing of the Cape Verde fleet and will probably compel it to return to Cadiz.

Queen Will Quit Spain.

London, May 5.—A dispatch from Vienna says telegrams from Austrian ambassador at Madrid indicate that the queen regent is only waiting suitable moment to quit Spain without injuring the king's interests.

DESPERATE FIGHT ON CUBAN COAST

Spanish Cavalry Fiercely Attacks Landing Party Near Matanzas.

THE GOVERNMENT TUG LEYDEN CARRYING SUPPLIES FOR THE CUBANS IS FORCED TO CALL ON CAPTAIN SAMPSON'S GUNBOATS FOR PROTECTION—EFFECTIVE WORK OF THE WILMINGTON.

Key West, Fla., May 5.—The government tug Leyden, Captain J. H. Angus, steamed into port today and told the following story of a desperate encounter with Spanish troops on the northern coast of Cuba. The Leyden left here Monday afternoon with a party of insurgents under General Baldomero Acosta, and including five Cuban scouts under the leadership of Captain J. H. Dorst, of the United States cavalry. The Leyden also carried a large quantity of arms and ammunition. The tug landed five men with four boxes of ammunition and two horses. General Acosta also landed and penetrated to the interior, where he communicated with the forces of the insurgents. The Leyden lay to outside until 5 o'clock in the morning, when observing a troop of Spanish infantry approaching, she put to sea and got safely away. The same night she proceeded to Matanzas, and Tuesday afternoon landed another small party here.

Fearing attack by the Spaniards, she looked for the monitors Terror and Amphitrite, which are on the blockade in that vicinity, but, being unable to locate them, the Leyden returned to the original landing place, reaching there early yesterday morning. Here she was met by Acosta and about 200 Cubans, half of whom were armed with rifles. They united with the men on the tug, and an attempt was made to land the remaining arms and men when a troop of 300 of the Villa Vicosa cavalry swooped down on them and a fierce engagement of a half hour's duration followed.

ENEMY REPULSED. The Cubans finally repulsed the enemy, driving them into the woods. During this engagement several rifle bullets went through the Leyden's smokestack, but no one was injured. The plucky little tug then went in search of the flagship, found her lying near Havana and reported the story. Rear Admiral Sampson sent the gunboat Wilmington back with the Leyden. The vessels reached the scene of the landing yesterday afternoon and found the Spanish cavalry in waiting to welcome another attempted invasion.

The Wilmington lost no time in preliminaries but promptly opened fire on a number of small houses marking the entrance to the place. The gunboat fired four shots, which immediately drove back the Spaniards; and Captain Dorst with the ammunition, landed safely last night, the Leyden returning here.

When the Spanish cavalry discovered the Leyden they promptly opened fire. The tug was taken at a disadvantage, having no cannon aboard, but Commander Angus decided upon a desperate bluff. He mounted an oil flagpole and another round piece of timber in the bow of the boat and stationed "runners" there, but the ruse was of little avail. The Spaniards took shelter near the block house and pored in a fusillade of bullets. Meanwhile the Cubans attempted to draw the Spanish fire with a view of diverting the cavalry and giving the Leyden a chance to slip out.

ROOSEVELT'S DEPARTURE.

The Assistant Secretary Leaves Washington for Texas. Washington, May 5.—Assistant Secretary Roosevelt will leave here tomorrow for San Antonio, Texas, for the purpose of assuming his duties as colonel of the regiment of mounted riflemen, commanded by Colonel Leonard Wood. He will practically sever his official connection with the navy department at the close of business today, although his resignation may not take effect until after the appointment and qualification of his successor.

captain of the Harvard football team of '97, left this city today for Washington to join Secretary Roosevelt's cavalry regiment. Mr. Deane was in charge of the Mexican Central railroad at Las Vegas, Mexico, up to a short time ago, when he resigned and came north with the intention of enlisting. Yesterday he offered himself to Secretary Roosevelt by telegraph and was immediately accepted and requested to report at Washington at once. Mr. Deane's home is in Brookline.

NEWS FROM DEWEY.

The Admiral is Acting as Governor-General at Manila—Intelligence Received via Singapore.

Boston, May 5.—The following telegram received by F. T. Villers, of Boston, from a friend in Singapore, was read at a banquet of the Electric club tonight:

Singapore, May 5, 1898.—Reliable information received here corroborating news of Dewey's victory at Manila and he is now executing the duties of governor general there.

FIRE AT INDIAN HEAD.

Attempts Are Made to Destroy Government Magazines. Baltimore, May 5.—The American tomorrow will say: News reached this city yesterday that an attempt had been made to destroy the government magazines at the Indian Head proving grounds, on the Potomac river, twenty-five miles below Washington. A large pile of wood containing thousands of cords, located near the magazines, were destroyed by fire of an incendiary origin last Tuesday night.

Several suspicious characters have been seen about the neighborhood for some time past, and it is believed that a spy in the employ of the Spanish government had something to do with applying the torch.

QUEEN'S HOTEL ENGAGED.

She is Prepared to Make a Sudden Departure from Madrid. London, May 6.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "Apartments have been reserved at a hotel here for the queen regent of Spain in case she arrived before apartments have been prepared for her in her brother's palace."

CANADIAN TEARS FOR SPAIN.

French Editor Thinks God is Still Giving the Devil Free Play. Three Rivers, Quebec, May 5.—Le Petit Journal, the organ of Archbishop LeFebvre, in an editorial says: "The Spaniards have sustained a disaster at Manila. We will weep with them at the lessening of the influence which will result from the defeat, especially as it attaches to the arms of a Catholic power. God appears to have not yet finished giving the devil free play. Let us still hope, however, that the last word has not been said."

Infantry for Tampa.

Charleston, Tenn., May 5.—Orders were received from the war department at General Brooke's headquarters this afternoon that the Twenty-fifth infantry, Colonel Hart, be sent immediately to Tampa. It probably will start tomorrow morning.

State Editorial Association.

Harrisburg, May 5.—The executive committee of the Pennsylvania State Editorial Association met in this city today and decided to have the summer outing at Philadelphia June 27.

Isabella Out of Politics.

Paris, May 5.—Ez-Queen Isabella refused to receive political visitors. She has gone into mourning for the Spanish sailors killed at Manila.

IMPORTANT WAR MEASURE PASSED

Army Officers Are Empowered to Feed Starving Cubans.

AN AMENDMENT TO THE POSTOFFICE BILL WHICH WILL PREVENT STAR ROUTE CONTRACTORS FROM SUB-LETTING THEIR CONTRACTS. ALASKAN LAND BILL AMENDED.

Washington, May 5.—During almost the entire session today the senate had under consideration the postoffice appropriation bill. The measure carries \$99,224,390, being very much the heaviest of all the appropriation bills. The most important action taken was the adoption of an amendment offered by Mr. Tillman (S. C.) reducing the number of deliveries of mail in all cities of the country to a number not exceeding four each day. The amendment was sharply antagonized as a blow to business interests in the large cities, but the feeling of the senate was such that despite the vigorous opposition it prevailed by a decisive majority.

A lively debate was precipitated by an amendment striking out the appropriation of \$200,000 for rural free delivery. The proposition was discussed for nearly two hours. Mr. Chandler (N. H.) and Mr. Butler (N. C.) leading the fight in favor of rural delivery. By the close vote of 25 to 22, however, the committee amendment was sustained, and the bill now carries no appropriation for such delivery.

An important amendment to the bill was one which will prevent star route contractors from sub-letting their contracts. In order to get their money they must be able to swear that they performed the service themselves. Just before adjournment the senate passed an important war measure authorizing the president and general officers of the army to supply the Cuban insurgents with arms and munitions of war and empowering officers of the army serving in Cuba to supply the needy inhabitants of the island with medicines and subsistence.

IN THE HOUSE.

The house today disposed of two important measures. The Alaskan land bill, extending the homestead laws and providing for certain railway rights of way in the district of Alaska, as amended by the senate and agreed upon in conference, was passed. The labor arbitration measure providing for the arbitration of labor disputes between employers and certain common carriers, a bill which had received wide endorsement by labor organizations throughout the country, received the approval of the house. A number of minor bills were also passed. The house adjourned until Monday.

Had Not Heard of the War.

Delaware Breakwater, Del., May 5.—Among the vessels arriving in the harbor today was the Spanish bark San Ignacio de Loyola, from Pasades, Bay of Biscay.

for Philadelphia, which dropped anchor at 2.25 p. m. The bark left Pasades on February 15, the day of the Maine explosion, and her captain and crew were ignorant of the momentous events involving their mother country which have since transpired. The ship will proceed to Philadelphia with her cargo.

KIRKLAND'S DENIAL.

The Admiral Has Heard Nothing from Manila. Vallejo, Cal., May 5.—Admiral Kirkland stated to the Associated Press correspondent today that the report that he had received a message from the navy department at Washington saying that 200 men were killed on the cruiser Baltimore, was untrue. The admiral said he had received no word from Washington and knew nothing about the fight at Manila, except reports already published.

OUR GIFT TO THE CUBANS.

25,000 Stand of Arms and 4,000,000 Rounds of Ammunition. Washington, May 5.—There is good reason to believe that some of Admiral Sampson's vessels may proceed to Tampa in a few days to act as a convoy to the ships which will take arms, ammunition, mules and horses to the Cuban insurgents.

The supplies will consist of 1,400 horses, 500 mules, 25,000 stand of arms and 4,000,000 rounds of ammunition.

Supplies for Insurgents.

New York, May 5.—Military supplies for the Cuban insurgents from the New York arsenal were piled on the wharf at Governor's Island today, ready for immediate shipment. The cargo included "M. H. Rodriguez, Mollie, Ala." The supplies consisted of five thousand Springfield rifles, 100,000 cartridges, 20,000 revolver cartridges and 100 dozen machine guns. There were besides several cases containing saddles, bridles and halters and other cases labeled machinery.

Separate College for Women.

Philadelphia, May 5.—The statement was made officially today by the authorities of the University of Pennsylvania that the report that the university intends to adopt the co-education plan is incorrect. It is, however, their purpose to establish a separate college for women, modeled upon the plan of either Clark College or Barnard which are operated in connection with Harvard university and Columbia university, respectively.

Want to Go to the Philippines.

St. Paul, May 5.—Governor Clough and the officers of the Fifteenth regiment have telegraphed Senators Davis and Nelson asking them to use their influence to have the Minnesota troops selected to seize San Juan, the capital of that colony, and the Spanish cable supplies at that port. Admiral Camara, who is to take command tomorrow of the Spanish reserve squadron at Cadiz, will hoist his flag on board the battleship Pelayo.

Will Resist Invasion.

London, May 5.—A dispatch to the Daily Chronicle from Kingston, Jamaica, says that in anticipation of an invasion the Spanish troops are concentrating in the sea ports of Cuba and have abandoned the interior to the insurgents.

Yonson Wins.

Cleveland, May 5.—The wrestling match here tonight, won by Yonson, over Tom Jenkins and Yonson, the Turk, was won by the latter after a game contest.

SUPPLIES SENT TO ADMIRAL DEWEY

Naval Constructor W. L. Capps Ordered to Proceed to Manila at Once.

WILL SAIL AT THE EARLIEST MOMENT ON THE STEAMSHIP CITY OF PEKIN AND WILL CARRY A FULL SUPPLY OF MACHINE TOOLS, STEEL PLATE AND OTHER MATERIALS NECESSARY FOR SHIP REPAIRS—PROVISIONS FOR 2,000 MEN FOR FOUR MONTHS ARE BEING PREPARED.

Washington, May 5.—The secretary of the navy today ordered Naval Constructor William L. Capps, now at the Union Iron works, San Francisco, to proceed at the earliest moment on the steamship City of Pekin, just chartered by the navy department to meet Commodore Dewey's squadron at Manila. Mr. Capps will select from the Mare Island force a number of the most experienced and intelligent workmen to take with him. In addition he will place on the Pekin a full supply of machine tools, steel plate and all of the materials that are likely to be needed to make temporary repairs to a ship in distress. In addition to this, rates and repair any of the Spanish ships either surrendered or sunk in the engagement that are capable of being navigated again.

THE FORCE FOR MANILA.

Provision for 2,000 Men for Four Months Being Prepared.

Vallejo, Cal., May 5.—Admiral Kirkland has received telegraphic orders to prepare stores of provisions and necessities for 2,000 men for four months. This is being done by Paymaster Stanton, when asked who the 2,000 men were who were being provided for indicated that they were Californians. There are about 600 men at the Marine barracks and 200 on board the receiving ship Independence available for duty. These go on board the Charleston, which is expected to convey the expedition to aid Commodore Dewey.

PARIS SCENTS AN ALLIANCE.

Report That We Are Negotiating with England to Support Us.

Paris, May 5.—The Eclair says negotiations are pending between the United States and Great Britain which will result in the latter supporting the former, if other powers favor Spain by attempting to stop the war before the United States has received satisfaction.

The United States, it is added, has promised, in return, to capture the Canary Islands and cede them to Great Britain.

ANXIETY AT MADRID.

It is Feared That Sampson Has Gone to Seize San Juan.

Madrid, May 5.—Considerable anxiety is expressed here as to the fate of Porto Rico. It is feared that Rear Admiral Sampson's squadron has gone to seize San Juan, the capital of that colony, and the Spanish cable supplies at that port. Admiral Camara, who is to take command tomorrow of the Spanish reserve squadron at Cadiz, will hoist his flag on board the battleship Pelayo.

AUTONOMIST CONGRESS.

First Sessions Held in Havana, Binco's Speech.

Havana, May 4 (Delayed).—The Cuban congress elected under the Autonomist government was formally opened today with great ceremony. Captain General Blanco made a speech in the course of which he said that if the declaration of the United States had been sincere its guns ought to be saluting the first Cuban parliament instead of threatening the lives of its members.

Spain's Worn-Out Intellectuals.

Madrid, May 5.—El Liberal, in a gloomy article, which states the "subterranean rumblings proceeding severe upheavals" declares that the fate of the country cannot remain longer with the weak hands and worn out intellects of the men now governing the country.

NO WORD FROM ADMIRAL DEWEY

Early Reports Not Expected with the Cable Cut—Brazil Declares Her Neutrality—The Navy Department Makes Arrangements to Ship Large Supplies of Ammunition to Manila for Admiral Dewey.

Washington, May 5.—Secretary Long said at the close of office hours today that up to that time he had received no word from Commodore Dewey. He added, however, that he felt no apprehension over this lack of good news, because in the first place reports were not expected with the cable from Manila cut, and furthermore that no fears were entertained as to Commodore Dewey's ability to maintain his position. There was no doubt, the secretary said, that Commodore Dewey's fleet had annihilated the Spanish fleet and with this much accomplished Dewey was master of the situation at Manila.

It was suggested to Mr. Long that the shore batteries at Cavite and on the Corrigidor island might be a serious menace to the American fleet, but the secretary did not share this view, holding that the strength of the Olympia and other ships in Dewey's command was ample to make him master of Manila bay and its surroundings. The department is taking steps to render effective aid to the commodore in the matter of supplies and a constructor of high ability is to go out at once to repair the damages sustained in the battle of Manila. Preparations for a suitable convoy for the supply ships was also indicated by the choice of a commander and officers for the cruiser Charleston, now at Mare Island. It is recalled at the navy department in this connection, that having received the surrender of Manila, the commodore would be able to secure any quantity of labor and such material as a maritime city like Manila affords for the repair of his ships. He also would be able to place his wounded in comfort in some one of the Manila hospitals or public buildings. It is always a desire of a prudent naval commander to get his wounded ashore at the earliest possible opportunity, as they stand better chances of recovery.

TALBOT AT HAVANA.

The British Cruiser is Allowed to Pass the Blockade—Blanco Tries to Arouse Spirit of Patriotism.

Key West, Fla., May 5.—News reached here today of the arrival at Havana yesterday of the British cruiser Talbot, to take off British subjects who desire to leave the city. The Talbot was "held up" by the blockading vessels, but finally accorded permission of the flagship to go in, which Rear Admiral Sampson readily granted. Admiral Sir John Richardson, commanding the British West Indian naval station, was on board the Talbot. The British had not heard the news of the Manila victory, and when they learned it, they heartily congratulated Admiral Sampson and the other officers of the fleet.

NO NEWS FROM NAVY.

No news could be gleaned at the navy department relative to the movements of Admiral Sampson's ironclads, but from the confident tone of the few officials who are acquainted with the policy of the department, they are expecting to hear very soon of news from his squadron almost as interesting and important as that received from the Philippines last Monday. A high officer of the administration today almost demolished the theory that Admiral Sampson was going to succor the Oregon. He declared that the navy department was under no apprehension about the Oregon for the reason that it did not consider the Spanish admiral of the Cape Verde squadron would be willing to risk a combat with the Oregon even with the great odds in his favor, as even if overwhelmed in the end, the Oregon would certainly destroy one of the Spanish ships, and perhaps two, and the Spanish government could not afford to exchange pawns at this state of the war. That left open as possible points of operations for Sampson either Porto Rico or some port on the Cuban coast. But just which theory is to be accepted is not even hinted at by the department officials.

BRAZIL DECLARES NEUTRALITY.

Notice came to the state department from Brazil today that that government had declared neutrality. There is now no cause to regret such action, for however beneficial the delay has been to the United States in getting its warships safely along the Brazilian coast, the issue of the proclamation just now is likely to be still more beneficial in closing Brazilian ports to the Spanish flying squadron if it should be headed in that direction. It may be noted, however, that while the first reports were received with little credit, the advisers coming to the navy department today, though not conclusive, inclined the officers to the belief that

AN ALLEGED SPY RELEASED.

Evidence Against the Man Caught in the St. Paul Insufficent. Philadelphia, May 5.—The alleged Spanish spy who was caught on the St. Louis late Tuesday night was put ashore at Tampa's shipyard just before the cruiser sailed.

STORY OF CANNIBALISM.

Escaped Prisoners from Mananans Eat Eighteen Men. Brisbane, Queensland, May 5.—A terrible story of cannibalism is reported from New Guinea.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: Threatening; Northerly Winds.

- 1 Telegraph—The Enemy's Warships Lack Ammunition. No Word from the Hero of Manila. Supplies Sent to Admiral Dewey. Congress Passes an Important War Measure. Spanish Cavalry Attacks a Landing Party.
2 Telegraph—Cuban Refugees Arrive at Philadelphia. The Markets.
3 Local—Different Wards Want a Slice of Relief Money.
4 Editorial.
5 Laws Governing This War. Facts About the Philippines. How Havana Was Captured in 192.
6 Local—Three Men Burned to Death. Formal Opening of the New Home for the Blind.
7 Local—Movement Under Way to Quit Commissioner Dunning. Instructions to the Fiscal. Taylor Borough School Case.
8 Local—West Scranton and Suburbs.
9 The News Round About Scranton.
10 Telegraph—A Day for the Volunteers at Mount Gretna.

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S DEVELOPMENTS.

Brazil declares her neutrality. First session of autonomist congress held at Havana. British ship Talbot is allowed to pass the blockade at Havana. United States dynamite cruiser Nichteroy sails from Rio Janeiro. Hotel apartments have been engaged at Vienna for Queen Christina. Spanish troops concentrate at seaports of Cuba to resist invasion. Large quantity of ammunition for insurgents is landed near Matanzas. Attempts are made to destroy magazines at Indian Head by Spanish firebugs. Minister of Marine at Madrid declines to give whereabouts of Cape Verde squadron. Fishermen and tobacco girls sack bakeries at the seaport town of Gijon, in Spain. Admiral Kirkland denies that he has received any messages concerning the battle at Manila. Paris correspondent states that five Spanish ships including Pelayo and Alfonso XII, are without ammunition. Vienna dispatch says that Queen Regent Christina is waiting for a suitable moment to quit Spain without injuring the king's interests. Two alleged ironclads, two cruisers and three transports about to leave Cadiz to drive Americans from Manila and then bombard Californian ports.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, May 5.—Forecast for Friday: For northern Pennsylvania and the surrounding region, winds shifting to northerly, for western Pennsylvania, showers, followed by fair weather; fresh breeze.