



TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 17, 1898.

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BLANCO SHORT OF AMMUNITION

This May Explain the Action of the Spanish Fleet—It is Believed That the Supplies on the Vessels from Spain Consist Principally in Ammunition for the Guns at Morro Castle—War Department Refrains from Giving Out News to Reporters.

Washington, May 16.—An order posted this morning and signed by Secretary Long relative to the publication of news emanating from the navy department had the effect today of considerably curtailing the supply of information that heretofore has been rather freely given out.

inches, without cracking the plate. It was the very last piece to be delivered under the existing contract, and is intended for the Kentucky.

SPANISH FLEETS.

The Cape Verde Squadron Leaves Curacao—Three Cruisers Not Yet Ready for Sea.

Curacao, May 16.—The Spanish squadron under Admiral Cervera, which left last evening after the cruisers Viscaya and Infanta Marie Teresa had taken on board about 700 tons of coal and a great quantity of provisions, had not been sighted today.

London, May 17.—The Daily Mail says this morning: "According to the most trustworthy information the Spanish cruisers Cordoba, Cinesera, Princesa de Asturias and Catalana are not yet ready for sea and therefore cannot have arrived at Martinique."

The Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "A number of Spanish war vessels which were recently destitute of armament have been supplied with Krupp guns. They have also been supplied with all the necessities including German artilleries."

Madrid, May 17 (2 a. m.)—A dispatch from Cadiz says the port authorities at Cadiz announce that the reserve fleet, composed of the first class battleship Polaya, the armored cruiser Emperador, Carlos V and Alfonso XIII, and the newly equipped cruisers Rapido and Patria, with the torpedo boat destroyers Audaz and Proserpina, will be ready for sea this week.

VOLUNTEERS AT HARRISBURG. The First Regiment Arouses Much Enthusiasm.

Harrisburg, May 16.—The first regiment of Pennsylvania volunteers, passing through Harrisburg over the Pennsylvania railroad in two sections at 8 o'clock this evening en route to Chickamauga, Governor Hastings was notified by Adjutant General Stewart when the troops left Mount Gretna and came at the railroad station to greet them.

THE SUPPLIES REFERRED TO. It is believed that the supplies so frequently referred to as being on the Spanish flying squadron were of this character, rather than food supplies, which makes it all the more important that Sampson and Schley should succeed in keeping Admiral Cervera from reaching Havana, or Cienfuegos, or any port in Cuba connected with Havana by rail.

WORLD'S GREATEST WAR. President Andrews Thinks All Europe Will Be Involved in the Conflict.

Providence, R. I., May 16.—President E. Benjamin Andrews, of Brown university, believes that the greatest war the world has ever seen is imminent. In an address to the Brown cadet battalion on Friday he said that he thought the interference of the powers in the Spanish-American war would precipitate the great conflict.

MOVEMENTS OF LAND FORCES

Volunteer Organizations Are Rapidly Being Concentrated. ADMIRABLE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES HAVE MADE THE MOBILIZING OF TROOPS A COMPARATIVELY EASY MATTER—THE WESTERN SOLDIERS ARRIVE AT CHATTANOOGA.

Chickamauga National Park, May 16.—The war department has reason to be gratified at the dispatch and ease with which the volunteer army is being concentrated. Within forty-eight hours from the time the order was issued for the mobilization of state troops already mustered into the regular service at this point 8,500 men, representing six states, have reported to Major General Brooke in command.

PRISONERS WILL BE EXCHANGED

Negotiations Are Completed for the Release of American Newspapermen, Thrall and Jones.

Key West, May 16.—The government tug Uncas, which went to Havana under a flag of truce to negotiate for the release of the two American newspapermen, Thrall and Jones, who were captured near Havana last week, left here at 1 o'clock Sunday morning.

The Third Illinois infantry arrived at Chattanooga this morning and reported to General Brooke at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The regiment is composed of twelve companies, 1,027 men and officers.

The Fourth Ohio infantry arrived at Chattanooga at 3:30 and reached the park at noon, reporting at once to General Brooke. The regiment is composed of twelve companies, 1,030 men and officers.

The One Hundred and Fifty-seventh Indiana infantry arrived at this point at 6 o'clock. Eleven hundred men and officers comprise the regiment.

The Fourth Pennsylvania infantry arrived at 3 o'clock this morning and reached the park about 8 o'clock. The regiment has only eight companies, 700 men and officers.

SPAIN'S NEW MINISTERS.

London, May 17.—A dispatch to the Morning Leader from Madrid says: "The new ministers will be Senor Romero Gilroy, minister of foreign affairs; Senor Anson, minister of marine; and the Duke of Almodovar, minister of public works.

HAWAII NOT NEUTRAL

The Occupation Bill Will Allow the United States to Use the Islands as a Base.

Honolulu, May 16, via San Francisco, May 16.—The Hawaiian government will not proclaim neutrality. This stand is taken on account of the existing relations between the United States and Hawaii.

JAPAN WILL PROTEST.

Objects to American Occupancy of the Philippines.

London, May 17.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from St. Petersburg, says: "Japan intends to protest vigorously against America seizing the Philippines.

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S DEVELOPMENTS.

Cape Verde squadron leaves Curacao. Torpedo boat Porter has returned to Cape Haytien. The West Indian and Panama cable has been interrupted. Admiral Sampson has directed his vessels toward Cienfuegos. Admiral Sampson reports to war department from Cape Haytien. The Austrian man-of-war, the Empress Marie Teresa, will visit Cuban ports. Porto Rico government prohibits the sending of dispatches to the United States. Admiral Dewey has been informed that reinforcement will be sent to Manila at once. Steamer City of Peking with 1,000 men will leave San Francisco on Thursday for Manila. Major General Merriam arrives at California and takes charge of arrangements for sending troops to the Philippines. Correspondent of the London Times has been given permission to land at Havana passing through the blockade. Arrangements are completed for the exchange of prisoners Thrall and Jones, American, newspaper men captured at Havana.

SEVEN LIVES LOST.

Result of a Disastrous Fire at St. Hyacinthe, Quebec—Five Other Persons Are Missing.

St. Hyacinthe, Que., May 16.—A disastrous fire occurred here today when the Materic St. Joseph was burned, causing the loss of seven lives, and the injury of a number of the inmates of whom there were about 200 in the institution, by jumping from windows.

MILITARY COMMANDS

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Major General John J. Coppinger, United States volunteers, the fourth corps, Mobile, Ala.

Major General James H. Wilson, United States volunteers, the sixth corps, Chickamauga, reporting to Major General Brooke.

Major General Joseph H. Wheeler, United States volunteers, the cavalry division, Tampa, Fla.

VICTORY FOR 'BOBBY' DOBBS.

Sends Dick Case to the Floor After a Terrific Battle of Twenty Rounds.

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PHILIPPINE TROOPS.

A Regiment of Cavalry Will Accompany the First Expedition.

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KNOWS NOTHING OF SHIPS.

The Hague, May 16.—The ministry of the colonies of the Netherlands knows nothing, it is said, of the movements of the Spanish warships at Curacao, Dutch West Indies, and it is pointed out that all vessels are permitted to remain for a certain time at neutral ports.

POLICY OF SPAIN IS OUTLINED

The War Spirit of the Nation Increased, Says Moret. Cabinet Changes to Be Wholly for a More Active War Policy—Sagasta Tenders Resignations and Is Entrusted With Forming a New Government—Reliance on Admiral Cervera—Said to Be Unhampered by Instructions from the Government.

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CHAMBERLAIN'S SPEECH

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M'KINLEY'S FIRST VETO.

The House Votes Unanimously to Sustain the Executive.

Washington, May 16.—The house today received its first veto from President McKinley and voted unanimously to sustain the executive.

THE PORTER RETURNS.

Important Despatches Are Fled With the United States Consul.

Port-au-Prince, Hayti, May 16.—The United States torpedo boat Porter returned to Cape Haytien this morning, having left Rear Admiral Sampson's fleet in the offing.

KILLED BY A GIRDER.

Bridgeton, N. J., May 16.—William Pugh, an employee of the Colmaney Glass company, was fatally injured today as a result of the breaking of an iron girder in the flooring of one of the rooms.

GETTSBURG ELECTIONS.

Gettsburg, Pa., May 16.—The Republican county convention met in the court house today to elect delegates to the state convention.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, May 16.—Forecast for Tuesday: For eastern Pennsylvania, showers, followed by fair weather; for western Pennsylvania, fair; light northerly winds.

GENERAL CORDER'S ORDERS.

Washington, May 16.—Adjutant General Corder today issued orders directing regiments of volunteers which are ready to move to proceed to their rendezvous points.

NEW FLAGSHIP.

The Cruiser Newark Will Join the Blockading Squadron.

Washington, D. C., May 16.—It has been practically determined to make the Newark the flagship of the blockading squadron in Cuban waters, and as soon as she can leave the Norfolk navy yard, where she will be placed in commission on Saturday next, she will be sent south.

CITY OF PEKING'S PASSENGERS.

Washington, May 16.—It is said at the quartermaster general's office that the steamer City of Peking with over 600 men aboard will leave San Francisco on Thursday for the Philippines.

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