

CITY OF MANILA MAY SURRENDER

It Is Expected That Owing to the Blockade and Resulting Famine, the City Will Soon Capitulate—The Insurgents' Plans of Attack—Efforts to Keep Natives Loyal.

London, May 18.—The Hong Kong correspondent of the Standard says: "It is expected, owing to the strict blockade and the famine resulting from it, that the city of Manila will soon be compelled to capitulate to the American blockading squadron under Admiral Dewey."

London, May 18.—The Hong Kong correspondent of the Times, telegraphing Tuesday, says: "Aguinaldo and the principal leaders in the recent rising left today in the United States dispatch about McCulloch for Cavite. They will attempt to persuade the natives to attack Manila in a few days. They have promised Admiral Dewey to regulate their conduct in accordance with the principles of humanity."

"The Americans are evidently anxious to complete their conquest before the arrival of the troops from San Francisco. British residents now take a more hopeful view, and a famine is no longer feared."

KEEPING NATIVES LOYAL. London, May 18.—A dispatch to the Times from Manila, dated May 13, says: "As a means of keeping the natives loyal and inducing them to refrain from assisting the Americans, Governor General Augusti has instituted a consulting assembly, composed of fifteen members of mixed and native blood, its president is Senor Paterno, who achieved the late peace and accompanied the rebels to Hong Kong in December."

Preparations are being made to send food supplies to outlying districts in case of a bombardment. The archbishop of Manila appoints June 17 as a day of rejoicing at the renewed consecration of the Philippine islands to the sacred heart of Jesus."

HOLDING SPANISH CABLES. British Barbadoes Reverses a Maritime Example. New York, May 17.—The United States consul on the island of St. Helena, J. E. Coffin, was a passenger on the British steamer Erarwood, which left Barbadoes on May 6, and arrived here today. Mr. Coffin stated that on May 4 they were in the Barbadoes, when the Spanish transport, Alfonso XIII, with 600 troops on board, came into port, seeking coal and supplies, while other Spanish vessels were said to be waiting outside.

While the Spanish officers were ashore they were hosted and jeered and subsequently Governor Hays ordered several arrests made. Orders were issued that all dispatches filed by the officers of the Spanish vessels to be held twenty-four hours. No coal was furnished the vessel, but she was supplied with a small amount of provisions.

The Alfonso XIII was ordered to leave within 24 hours by the port officers, and she left at 4 o'clock of the day of her arrival.

WAR REVENUE MEASURE. Considerable Progress Made on the Bill in the Senate. Washington, May 17.—Considerable progress was made by the senate today in considering the war revenue measure. Mr. Jones (Ark.) presented in a general statement the views of the Democratic members of the finance committee. He maintained that the taxes imposed by the pending bill ought to be levied upon property and not upon consumption; that the policy of the Republican party always had been to impose taxes upon consumption, while that of the Democratic party was to impose it upon property.

He believed that taxation that would raise \$150,000,000 would be amply sufficient to be carried by this bill and that if the exigencies of the war should demonstrate that more money was needed, congress could provide it later. He opposed the proposition to issue bonds and certificates of indebtedness far in excess of requirements of the war and held that the expenses should be paid by the government as the war progressed.

COOPER CONVICTED. The Jury Was Out Seventy-four Hours. Wilmington, Del., May 17.—After being out seventy-four hours the jury in the United States court this evening returned a verdict finding Colonel Ezekiel T. Cooper guilty of conspiring with defaulter Teller William M. Boggs to misapply \$2,000 of funds of the First National bank of Dover.

Cooper was originally charged with conspiring to misapply \$23,000. The conviction was made on the forty-sixth day of the indictment in which Cooper was charged with drawing \$2,000 from the First National bank when he had no deposit there. Teller Boggs cashed the check. The jury took seventy-one ballots and the verdict was a compromise. Six previously holding for conviction and six for acquittal.

Thomas S. Clark will be tried on Tuesday next on the charge of conspiring with Boggs to misapply \$3,000 of the funds of the bank.

ODD FELLOWS MEET Second Day of the Convention of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Held at Wilkes-Barre. Wilkes-Barre, May 17.—This was the second day of the convention of the grand lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Pennsylvania. Grand Master Thomas H. Philadelphia, delivered a lengthy address in the course of which he enumerated the many virtues of Odd Fellowship.

The next report submitted was that of the grand secretary, James B. Nicholson. It showed the assets of the lodges to be \$28,397.40. The financial statement of the grand secretary showed the total receipts of the grand lodge for the year to be \$22,169.43, which, including the orphans' home dues to the amount of \$2,702.25, makes a grand total of \$24,871.68. The number of brothers relieved was 14,752 and widowed families 496. The total amount paid out in relief was \$93,794.52.

The report of the grand treasurer, Mr. Richards Muckle, of Philadelphia, showed a balance of \$8,737.11 in the treasury. It also showed the assets of the orphans' home to be \$12,000 in bonds.

This afternoon the annual parade of the order was held. It was a magnificent demonstration. Seven thousand men were in line. The following officers were installed for the ensuing year: Grand patriarch, Joseph H. Mackey; grand high priest, H. H. Hughes; grand senior warden, John A. Fleming; grand scribe, James B. Nicholson; grand treasurer, J. Henry Beitel; grand junior warden, Thomas P. Gross; Edward C. Deans, re-elected to sovereign grand lodge for two years.

GOVERNOR GREETES THE FIFTH. Receives His Old Command on Their Way to Chickamauga. Harrisburg, May 17.—Governor Haastings was at the Pennsylvania railroad station this afternoon to greet his old command, the Fifth regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, on their way to Chickamauga. The governor was colonel of this regiment when he was appointed adjutant general under Governor Beaver and he is proud of the troops. He passed through the entire length of the train shaking hands with the officers and men. Hot coffee and sandwiches were furnished the troops by waiters from the railroad restaurant at the governor's expense.

Mr. Hastings, Miss Hastings and other ladies and Secretary of the Commonwealth Martin were also at the station to greet the soldier boys.

FLEET AT ST. THOMAS. Twenty-seven Vessels Steam in a Westerly Direction. (Copyright, 1898, by the Associated Press.) St. Thomas, Danish West Indies, May 17.—It was reported here this morning that on Sunday last from noon until 6 p. m. twenty-seven vessels slowly steamed westerly, North of Toluca islands, forty miles east of St. Thomas.

One steamer, which approached the land, showed the Spanish flag.

BOASTER KILLS THREE MEN. Proves His Prowess With the Aid of a Revolver. Birmingham, Ala., May 17.—During a discussion over the war at John Lee's store on Saturday last, James Mitchell made a boast that he could whip a dozen Spaniards. His companions ridiculed the idea, and recalled the fact that on one occasion a small-sized policeman had put Mitchell to flight.

Mitchell became infuriated at the reminder, and drawing a six-shooter, emptied it into the crowd. As a result, three men were killed and a fourth was wounded. The dead were Samuel Johnson, Thomas Abernethy and Thomas Warren. Thomas Shaddock was shot in the neck, and may die.

OFFICERS MEET TO FORM A GUARD Important Conference at Harrisburg Last Night. TROOPS TO TAKE THE PLACE OF ENLISTED VOLUNTEERS—THE ORGANIZATION WILL CONSIST OF NINE REGIMENTS OF INFANTRY AND THREE TROOPS OF CAVALRY AND THREE BATTERIES OF ARTILLERY. Harrisburg, May 17.—A conference of the general officers of the Pennsylvania National Guard was held at the executive mansion tonight at which arrangements were completed for the formation of a provisional guard to take the place of the various commands from this state mustered into the United States service. The new organization will consist of nine regiments of infantry, three troops of cavalry and three batteries of artillery to be divided equally among three brigades. The strength of the various commands will be in accordance with military regulations. There will be three battalions of four companies to each infantry regiment, although only two battalions will be recruited and organized for the present.

Colonel Edward Marshall of Philadelphia, has been tendered by Governor Hastings the appointment of commander of the first brigade. He has accepted and will have headquarters in the city hall, Philadelphia. General John A. Wiley will command the Second brigade with headquarters in Franklin, and General J. P. S. Gobin will lead the third brigade. His headquarters will be at Lebanon. Major General Snowden will command the division. The brigade commanders will recruit and organize the several companies under them. Ex-members of the National Guard will be given the preference in enlistment. All companies and regiments will be organized with a view to utilize and care for the present armories. The officers and enlisted men of the new organization will serve as the Pennsylvania National Guard and will be given preference for service in the volunteer army. They may be disbanded at the close of the war. The enlisted men will be subjected to a physical examination and officers and men now in the National Guard and not disqualified for active service may be transferred to the new organization. General orders giving the details for the organization of the provisional guard will be issued tomorrow from the National Guard headquarters.

FIRE AT BALTIMORE. Valuable Property Destroyed in the Burning of Freight Sheds. Baltimore, May 17.—A fierce fire started this afternoon among a lot of cotton, turpentine and other highly inflammable material stored for shipment in the pier of the "Old Bay Line" Steamship company.

The freight sheds were destroyed, together with their contents and several adjacent buildings were damaged, involving a loss estimated at from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

FOUR MEN KILLED. Fatal Results of the Falling of an Elevator at Boston. Boston, May 17.—By the falling of an elevator used for hoisting building material at the uncompleted warehouse of the Boston Wharf company today, four men were killed and four were injured. The dead are: O. R. Henry, foreman; Daniel Doyle; Leo Cardamen; Henry Horvay.

GLADSTONE SINKING. The Household Servants Call to Say Farewell. Haverden, May 17.—Mr. Gladstone rallied a little this evening and is now sleeping calmly.

Late this evening the servants of the household were admitted to the sick room for a final farewell. They found Mr. Gladstone lying on his right side, in deep sleep, as if dead. Each in turn touched his hand and left the room sadly.

London, May 18.—According to a special dispatch from Haverden received this morning, Mr. Gladstone is sinking rapidly. The correspondent says: "He lies on a small iron bed, peacefully sleeping away. The family and others are all sitting around him, or moving noiselessly in and out. It is a pathetic scene that is being enacted this gloomy night."

GEN. MERRITT'S DENIAL. Claims the Alleged Interview Was False. Washington, May 17.—Secretary Alger this afternoon received the following telegram from General Wesley Merritt: "Governors Island, New York, May 17.—Hon. Russell A. Alger, Secretary of War, Haverden, Pa., May 17.—The interview published in the New York papers this morning are in every way incorrect and unauthorized. I had intended to take a brief trip to Haverden, but the articles are taken seriously in Washington." (Signed) Wesley Merritt.

REEDER THE WINNER. Has Control of the Northampton County Delegates. Easton, Pa., May 17.—The Republican primaries to elect delegates to the county convention which elects state delegates to congress, were held in the various districts of the county tonight. The results obtainable show Reeder the winner by a large majority. The fight was the hottest that was ever fought in the Republican ranks in Northampton county.

The Wanamaker people, led by the Hay-Magee faction, worked hard for the success of their ticket, but there will be a large majority against them when the county convention meets at Easton, next Saturday. In Easton, the home of Reeder, Hay and Magee, the fight waged the hottest. Reeder carried five of the eight wards while two wards are said to be for Wanamaker and one ward is divided. Sixty of the eighty delegates from South Easton are Reeder men. In the state district, stamped on Saturday by Wanamaker, the anti-Reeder delegates were elected. Three or four wards of Junger, East Bangor, Pen Arty and Nazareth voted Wanamaker men. The country districts heard from late tonight give Reeder a sure majority in the convention. The county is entitled to five state delegates.

HELD AS SPIES. It Is Announced That Thrall and Jones, the Newspapersmen Captured, Cannot Be Exchanged. Madrid, May 17.—It is announced here in a dispatch from Havana that after the arrival of the Unesp of that port the two captured American newspapermen were examined and it is added that they could not be considered as prisoners of war, but must be locked up as spies, one being, it is claimed, a Cuban employed in Havana. It is further alleged that upon the prisoners were found revolvers, cartridges, interesting documents and a camera. Advice received here confirm the report that Mr. Fredman Hastedel, the American newspaper correspondent arrested at San Juan de Porto Rico, was taken into custody while in the act of taking photographs of the fortifications.

A report is current here that "the Spanish flotilla at Havana is about to make another sortie."

CAPE VERDE FLEET. Purchased Ammunition and Coal in Dutch West Indies. (Copyright, 1898, by the Associated Press.) Curacao, Dutch West Indies, May 17.—The Spanish fleet is now supposed to be off the coast of Venezuela, or off the coast of Colombia. Only a portion of the fleet was allowed to enter this harbor to obtain provisions, cattle and coal, which were purchased here.

Confirmation was obtained of the report that the Spaniards left one of their torpedo gunboats at Port de France, Island of Martinique.

MANILA REFUGEES. They State That Rebels Are No Use to Admiral Dewey as Allies. (Copyright, 1898, by the Associated Press.) Hong Kong, May 17.—The steamer Emeraldella, which has just arrived from Manila with four hundred refugees, chiefly Chinese, reports that the United States cruisers Concord and Boston are going to Manila, where they expect prompt capitulation and to recapture the American ship Saratoga, with a cargo of coal. The blockade of Manila is extremely rigid and several foreign ships have been refused admittance.

The rebels are useless as allies of Admiral Dewey. They are utterly disinterested, quite half of them being in favor of Spain. The Cavite arsenal was found empty. Colonel Miguel, of the artillery, committed suicide because he discovered that the ammunition was non-existent.

Captain General Augusti is trying to conciliate the rebels and has authorized the establishment of native councils. The archbishop of Manila, in a pastoral issued on the eighth instant, said: "Christians, defend our faith against heretics who raise an impenetrable barrier to immortal souls, enslave the people, abolish crosses from cemeteries, forbid pastors to perform baptism, matrimony or funeral rites, or to administer consolation or grant absolution."

Pending the arrival of troops from the United States, the Americans defer hostilities ashore.

Iron Workers Convention. Cincinnati, May 17.—The Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers began their twenty-third annual convention here today, over two hundred delegates being present, and President Shafter presiding. Contrary to expectations, it seems probable, since the delegates consisted of the delegates from the present scale. The by-laws provide for readjustment every sixty days and this matter will not likely be considered till after the expiration of the present scale on June 29.

Harrisburg Convention. Harrisburg, May 17.—The county Republican convention was held this morning at the court house to elect delegates to the state convention from the Second legislative district, which embraces the county outside the city. B. E. Jones of Williamstown, George W. Emery, Easton; Edward O. Henderson, Middletown; and H. L. Lark, Millersburg, were elected by acclamation and instructed for Senator S. J. McCallister, of Harrisburg, for lieutenant governor.

Wanamaker Has York. York, Pa., May 17.—The Republicans of York county met in convention today. Deputy Secretary of State Thomas E. Cochran, of York, a Wanamaker supporter, was endorsed for the nomination of lieutenant governor and empowered to name the six delegates from York county to the state convention. The Wanamaker people had an overwhelming majority in the convention and the Quay forces offered little or no opposition.

New Methodist Bishops. Baltimore, May 17.—The Rev. Dr. Warren A. Chandler, of Oxford, Ga., and the Rev. Dr. H. C. Harrison, of Nashville, Tenn., were elected bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church south today by the general conference in session here.

Volunteers at Chattanooga. Chattanooga, Tenn., May 17.—The First Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, 62 officers and men, under command of Colonel Robert Ross, arrived shortly after noon today and was taken on to Chickamauga park a short time later.

Volunteer Army. Washington, May 17.—The volunteer army is rapidly hearing completion. Reports received by Adjutant Corbin tonight show that 92,280 men have been mustered in. Eighteen states, including Pennsylvania, have completed their quota.

Eskins Will Be Hanged. Richmond, Va., May 17.—Jim Eskins, convicted of attempted criminal assault of an 11-year-old white girl named Wagle, in Fauquier county, in March last, will be hanged at 5.30 o'clock tomorrow morning at Warrenton.

Vessel Blown Up. Madrid, May 17.—(U. P. M.)—Official dispatch from Havana confirms report blowing up small naval vessel off Cardenas, resulting in loss of eighteen lives. Dispatch says vessel was American.

Order to Battery B. Washington, May 17.—Among the orders issued to volunteer troops to move was one for Battery B, of Pennsylvania, to go to Chickamauga.

Pennsylvania Pensions. Washington, May 17.—The following Pennsylvania pensions have been issued: Original—Henry D. Wagoner, Laoka-wanna, B. Original widows, etc.—Nina M. Jessup, Montrose, Susquehanna, B.

Lee Leaves for Washington. Richmond, Va., May 17.—General Fitz-jebald at Chickamauga. Today about morning.

DEPARTMENT IS SENSITIVE War Officials Are Not Pleased With the Criticism Advanced. HAVE DONE THEIR DUTY The Policy Which Will Control the Future. NO PARTICULAR EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO PURSUE THE SPANISH FLEET SO LONG AS IT KEEPS WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE GULF OF MEXICO—DEPARTMENT FEELS NO APPREHENSION FOR THE SAFETY OF DEWEY. Washington, May 17.—The official bulletin boards today failed to yield any news of the movements of either of the three fleets, Sampson's Schley's and the Spanish flying squadron and there is reason to believe that the department has received no information on that point.

The department officials are beginning to show a little sensitiveness to criticism in the matter of delay in bringing the Spanish fleet into action, conscious as they are that they have made all despatch compatible with due regard for the safety of our own ports as well as of the lives of the crews of our warships. Every day there is talk of a change in the naval plans brought about by some movement of the Spanish squadron, but what the latest phase of the campaign is nobody outside of the members of the war boards is competent to say. The general impression today is that no particular effort is to be made just now to pursue the Spaniards so long as they keep within the confines of the gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean sea, but that Sampson and Schley in combination will encircle the island of Cuba, maintain the blockade and convey troops across the Florida straits if necessary, meanwhile simply keeping a watch on the Spanish flying squadron to see that it does not do mischief either to the American shipping, or, by escaping into the Atlantic, to the sea-board cities.

By this plan, the military and naval officials might hope to silence the rather severe criticisms that are being expressed because of delays in opening the military campaign in Cuba itself. Considerable pressure has come upon the administration from congressional quarters to have the campaign hastened and there are thought to be signs of a resumption of the plans of the military leaders for the invasion of Cuba at the point where they were suddenly suspended by the announcement of the arrival of the Spanish flying squadron at Martinique.

The department professes to feel no apprehension that Admiral Dewey or his men are in any wise endangered by their occupation of Manila harbor on the present basis, but this cannot be said of the unfortunate inhabitants of Manila. It is no small matter to organize the transport of an expedition of 12,000 or 13,000 soldiers 6,000 miles across the sea at short notice, but the indications are that within a week some of the soldiers at least will be on their way from San Francisco following the Charleston which is expected to leave at any moment with a few supplies most urgently needed by Admiral Dewey.

CYCLONE IN NEBRASKA. Lincoln, Neb., May 17.—Meagre reports are coming in of violent tornadoes along Republican river in South Central Nebraska. Many houses were torn to pieces and stock killed.

Fear of some fatalities. Shot Her Brother. New York, May 17.—Cataldo Lafarado and his brother, Angelo, quarreled in Brooklyn tonight over the sale of a small harbor ship and as a result Cataldo is dead and C. M. Deorma fatally wounded. Cataldo attempted to slay Angelo, whereupon the latter drew a revolver and shot his brother in the breast. C. M. Deorma attempted to interfere and was shot in the groin, Angelo escaped.

Watch Case Factory Burns. Attleboro, Mass., May 17.—Fire broke out in J. M. Bates' watch factory in Mill street, in the jewelry district, at 12.15 a. m., and spread to adjoining buildings and is still burning fiercely. Present loss estimated at \$20,000.

Pennsylvania Postmasters. Washington, May 17.—The president today sent to the senate the nomination of William M. Allison to be postmaster at Millinow, Pa.

WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, May 17.—Forecast for Wednesday: For eastern Pennsylvania, fair weather; northwesterly winds. For western Pennsylvania, early winds. For western Pennsylvania, wind, warmer; light variable winds becoming southerly.

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S DEVELOPMENTS. The Spanish fleet purchased coal and provisions at Curacao. Havana dispatch says that a small American vessel was blown up off Cardenas. General Anguinaldo, the Philippine insurgent chief, will attack the Spanish force. Thrall and Jones, American newspapermen, will not be exchanged, but will be held as spies. Hong Kong dispatch says that owing to blockade and resulting famine Manila will soon capitulate. New National Guard of Pennsylvania will be formed to take the place of the enlisted volunteers. Baggage car at Conewago burns, destroying effects of officers of the Ninth regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers. General Merritt denies the press stories to the effect that he had declined to go to the Philippines unless provided with a large force of United States regulars.