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CEVERA'S FLEET HAS BEEN DIVIDED

It Is Reported That the Viscaya and the Alfonzo XIII Have Been Destroyed—Other Accounts Say That the Spanish Squadron Is Bottled Up in the Harbor at Santiago de Cuba.

London, May 25 .- A dispatch to the Financial News from Port de Paix, Hayti, says: "Admiral Cervera is believed to have divided his fleet, and it is reported that the Viscaya and the Alfonso XIII have been destroyed."

Battle at Santiago.

New York, May 24.-A Washington special to the Commercial Advertiser says: From a source which cannot be questioned I learn the following bulletin: that word was received from Admiral Sampson last night, that he had the Spanish fleet bottled up in the harbor of Santiago de Cuba, and in the Windward passage. intended to bombard the town today, in the hope of forcing a fight. The bombardment is therefore probably now on. It will be a difficult and San Juan de Porto Rico. thing to force the Spanish fleet out of the harbor if Cervera does not wish to fight, for the land-locked condition of the harbor and the precipitous character of the defenses of the town make successful bombardment to some degree a matter of chance. From this information it appears that the report of the destruction of the Spanish fleet, which has been current this morning, is probably premature.

Saw the Spanish Fleet.

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Port-au-Prince, Hayti, May 24.-A local newspaper, the Matin, says that Rear Admiral Osborne, of the British navy, who left for New York on Sunday on board a Dutch steamer, saw at Curacoa a Spanish squadron composed of five cruisers and five torpedo boat destroyers or torpedo boats.

The Spanish officers are reported to have said they would not accept a battle unless with an equal number of ships, and that they would avoid encountering superior numbers.

Admiral Osborne did not consider the Spanish squadron to be in any way formidable.

The last news received here from Havana was that the Cuban government had decided to admit coal and provisions free of duty.

Navy Bulletin.

Washington, May 24.-The navy department this afternoon posted

The department has no reason to believe that a battle has occurred

The auxiliary cruiser St. Louis has cut the cable at Santiago de Cuba

The transport City of Peking, with 1,200 troops on board, and the transports Sydney and Australia, also loaded with troops, are expected to sail from San Francisco today from Honolulu, from which point they will be convoyed to the Philippines by the cruiser Charleston.

Mystery at Madrid.

Madrid, May 24 (11 p. m.)-The same mysterious silence reigns in officials circles tonight as last night. The government discloses nothing

La Correspondencia Espana observes: "An unexplained feeling of despondency is noticeable. As no bad news has been received we can only suggest that this feeling is caused by fears of a prolongation of the

Naval Battle Imminent.

Key West, Fla., May 24.-The day has been exceedingly quiet except for the customary quota of alarming rumors always lacking confirmation. The presence of the Spanish squadron in south Cuba waters is confirmed by all incoming bulletins, although no information has been received from our ships. The feeling that a great naval battle is iminent amounts almost to conviction.

REGARDING THE to cut the cables there, the St. Louis lying out of range. The shore bat-CUBAN INVASION teries again opened fire and the St. ouis signalled the tug to come out

General Miles Opposed to Unnecessary Sacrifice of Life.

THE GOVERNMENT, HE SAYS, WILL ACT WITH CAUTION AND CER-TAINTY-LORD WOLSELEY DE-CLARES WE WOULD MEET A RE-VERSE IF A VOULNTEER ARMY WERE SENT.

Washington, May 24 .- "With regard to the invasion of Cuba," said Major General Miles at the War department today, "I have nothing to say except that the United States will in due time bring Cuba under its control, by judicious methods and without a useless waste of life. The United States is too great, too strong and too powerful to commit any foolish act in connection with the proposed invasion. As for myself, I have only to say that no officer is fit to command troops who from any motive whatever would needlessly risk the life of a single soldier, either from disease or the bullets of the enemy. I have never sacrificed the lives of men under my command, and I do not propose to subject them to any unnecessary risks in the present cam-

WOLSELEY'S OPINION.

London, May 24.-Lord Wolseley, the commander-in-chief of the British army, in conversation with an American today, said: "The United States to the Key West hotel and put through would make a mistake in attempting to invade Cuba with volunteers who from, If that was done, the United States persons knew of it. might expect heavy reverses when Spanish troops on land. It would be a strength of the adversaries of the as all my sympathics are with them. beaten at the beginning, though I beany nation in the long run."

SKIRMISH OFF SANTIAGO.

Cable-Cutting Provokes Cannonading Which is Entirely Harmless.

Key West, Fla., May 24.-11.50 p. m. .The United States auxiliary tug under arrest meanwhile. Wampatuck brought in today a story of a sharp skirmish off Santiago de Cuba last Wednesday. The tug, with the United States auxiliary cruiser St. Louis, went into the Santiago channel to cut the cable. While the vessels were engaged in the work they were fired on by the shore batteries.

The St. Louis returned the fire and a lively fusilade ensued for about half an hour. The Wampatuck eventually seceeded in cutting the cable. None the Spanish shots succeeded in aching either boat, while neither of m. in turn, boasts of having inted any damage upon the enemy. From Santiago the two ships pro-

going in about 400 yards from the shore which she did, without having cut the cable at that point.

This adventure was equally harm-Accounts of it reached here today in

a grossly exaggerated form, including a report that the cruiser and the little tug had silenced the Spanish batteries on shore.

SPANISH SPY.

Romingo Jimenez Suspected of Conveying Information Concerning New York Harbor.

Key West, May 24.-An important arrest of a supposed Spanish spy was Marshal Hoar. The prisoner is Romigno Sapeero Jimenez, who was among those captured on the steamer Panama, and has since been held aboard ship as a prisoner of war. Jimenez is supposed to have obtained information oncerning New York harbor and its defences, with charts of the harbor, which he is attempting to get to the Spanish authorities.

He is about 40 years of age, a Spanlard and a civil engineer. Late this afternoon Marshal Hoar

with several deputies and United States Commissioner Otto received information from the north, in consequence of which they slipped quietly out to the Panama, arrested Jimenez and brought him ashore. He was taken a vigorous examination in a private ready away from their own homes, So quietly was the affair manare not fully drilled and disciplined. aged, however, that only one or two

Jimenez stoutly denies the accusathose troops encountered the trained tion that he was a spy, but his story was of such a contradictory nature | teers lined the roadway and though engrave error to underestimate the that it confirmed the suspicions of the federal authorities. He said he had American troops. I would regret to left Cuba in 1877, a date which he subsee the Americans temporarily beaten, sequently corrected to 1890, and later set back a few years. He had lived, "It is fortunate for the United States he admitted, in New York since then, that this war is not with a first-class but he decided to return to Cuba to power, for it is evident that in such engage in mercantile business, and was diers. an encounter they would be badly on his way there when the Panama was captured. He asserted also that lieve the Americans are able to defeat | he had spent considerable time in Venezuela and other South American while patriotic citizens brought baskcountries. His story, though, was so ets of oranges and other fruit and conflicting on the whole as to be meaningless. A thorough search of the tributed them to the departing war-Panama was made in the attempt to locate the charte, but no trace of them could be found. The examination will at the dock, but, profiting by yestere resumed and Jimenez will be held

Declarations of Neutrality.

Washington, May 24.—The consular re-ports today gave notice of the declaration of neutrality by five countries, Russia. Canada. Particular importance attaches to the declaration by Venezuela because her ports would be of inestimable value o the Spanish fleet as places of refuge and as possible coal supplies in the event that the declaration of neutrality were

Father Albertario Arrested. Milan, May 24.—General Baya-Beccaris, commander of the Third Army corps, has ordered the arrest of Father Albertario, the director of the Osservatore Cat-

THE BOYS HONORED AT SAN FRANCISCO

Thousands Turn Out to Cheer the Soldiers for the Philippines.

PREVIOUS TO EMBARKING ON THE TRANSPORTS FOR MANILA BAY THE OREGON VOLUNTEERS AND THE REGULARS ARE SHOWERED WITH FLOWERS AND FRUIT-AN OVATION ALL ALONG THE LINE.

San Francisco, May 24.-Four com-panies of the Fourteenth infantry (regulars), the full regiment of Oregon volunteers and a picked battalion of fifty California heavy artillery, left the made this evening by United States | presidio today and boarded the transports City of Sydney and Australia, preparatory to starting for Manila. Yes terday's scenes, when the First regiment of California volunteers marched to the dock, were re-enacted today. Long before daylight the big camp at the presidio was astir with the men in blue ready to put the finishing touches on their packing. The "regulars" of the Fourteenth infantry, marched quickly out of camp and were well on their way to the Pacific Mail dock before the citizens of the town were aware that the movement had begun, The Oregon regiment, however, did not leave the presidio until 8 o'clock.

By that time an enermous crowd had issembled along the line of march. The people of San Francisco, realizing that the departing soldiers were alput an extra warmth into their greetings and made the Oregon men feel that they had friends here also. As the troops marched out of the presidio, the men of the Seventh California volunvious of the good luck of their camp comrades in being selected to go before them, gave them vigorous cheers. When the down town section was reached, bombs were fired, whistles blown and the crowds yelled words of encouragement to the marching sol-

FLOWERS AND FRUIT.

Women pressed forward into the gave flowers to the men, through the agency of many boys dis-

There was another enormous crowd day's experience, a large force of police were able to keep the people within bounds. Arriving at the dock, the Oregon

panies F, I and M, boarded the Australia. The three other companies, together with the four companies of regulars and artillery, embarked on the trans-

regiment, with the exception of Com-

port City of Sydney. The transports were all in readiness for the troops, who marched on board with but little delay. About noon the steamers left the docks and anchored out in the stream near the City of Pe-There the finishing touches will be given to the cargoes of the transports and tomorrow morning the three big steamships will start for Manila.

CUBAN EXPEDITION.

The Fanita Sails from Mobile With Arms and Ammunition.

Mobile, Ala., May 24.-The Fanita, he Cuban expedition steamer, Captain Hall in command, finished loading here last night and took on her coal this forenoon. At 3 o'clock this afteroon she proceeded down the ship canal bound probably to Tampa, but no one knows precisely her destination.

Brigadier General Rafel Rodriguez and his nides, Colonel Torres, Triste and Nunez. Four carloads of material were taken on the vessel consisting of ammunition, guns and stores. Nearly two | Philadelphia Collector Holds a Gertons of ice were taken aboard.

DEWEY HOLDS FORT.

Situation Unchanged at Mapila. Food Grows Scarce and Foreign Residents Fear an Outbreak.

Washington, May 24.-The navy department today received a cablegram

from Admiral Dewey, as follows: Manila, May 20, via Hong Kong, May 24.-Secretary of the navy, Washington: Situation unchanged. Strict blockade continued. Great searcity of provisions in Manila. Foreign subects fear an outbreak of the Spanish soldiers, and they will be transferred to Cavite by the foreign men of war in

the harbor.

Aguinaldo, the rebel commander in hief, who was brought here from Hong Kong on the tug McCulloch, is organizing a force of native cavalry and may render assistance that will be valuable, (Signed)

THE MAINE MONUMENT.

Lists of All School Children to Be Placed Under It.

Albany, May 24.-It was announced at the State Department of Public Instruction that the committee having charge of the erection of a monument n memory of the sailors killed by the blowing up of the battleship Maine is preparing an enrollment of all school children of the United States, the names to be placed in a vault under the monument.

There are about 20,000,000 school children in the United States, and upward of 1,600,000 in the state of New York. The monument committee is made up of General Nelson O. Miles, Rear Admiral Thomas O. Selfridge, jr., the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, Colonel Fred. D. Grant and Chauncey M. Depew.

CAN PAY EXPENSES.

Puigeerver States Spain's Finances

Are All Right. Madrid, May 24.-In the chamber of leputies today Senor Puigcerver, minster of finance, replying to the critiisms of Marquis de Villa Verde, Conservative, with respect to the financial policy of the government, repudiated the charge of want of foresight and asserted that Spain's finances were in a satisfactory condition, assuring the payment of all the expenses of the

Senor Pulgcerver said that in view of

the impossibility of negotiating loans abroad there was no means of raising funds to continue the war except by note issue, which, however, did not imply a forced paper currency. He proposed, he said, to convert the treasary's floating debt, now nearly 500,000,-000 pesetas into small denomination treasury bonds. He explained the pro ossed conversion of the external debt but avoided any allusion to the proposed tax on the national debt. Senor Pulgcerver affirmed the necessity of a twenty per cent, increase on all taxation, including that on agriculture.

In the chamber a motion signed Senores Romero y Robledo, Cosset, Salgron and Ojeda A las Llorens, was presented in favor of constructing bar-racks at Algecras and San Roque and raltar near the neutral grounds.

TROOPS AT CHICKAMAUGA.

The Volunteer Army of 36,000 Men Will Soon Be Increased to 14,000. Chickamauga National Park, May 24 There are now 36,000 men in the volunteer army under tents at this point and the officers of the army expect that by Saturday night there will be

The Third Tennessee regiment, the first distinctively southern troops to reach the park, arrived today, 1,005 offi-The First Vermont regiment arrived

about 8 o'clock, twelve companies, 1,207 officers and men. The day at the park was unmarked by any incident except the battle drill of the First division of the First corps The movements were under command of General Wilson and the men were

put through the exercises in a very thorough manner. The regiments of the division have been in camp long enough to have become somewhat inured to the climate, as well as the work, and the manoeuvres were characterized by great energy, accuracy and remarkable precision. General Breckinridge and staff to day continued the inspection of the divisions of the First corps in detail.

He found the hospital facilities still inadequate, but fortunately there are very few sick and they are being cared for at St. Vincent's hospital of the Sisters of Charity. General Breckinridge today gave or-

ders for a sham battle for inspection tomorrow morning. The two First brigades of the First

livision of the First corps will attack the Third brigade entrenched on Snodgrass bill, the attacking brigades to b in command of General Wilson and the defenders under comr and of their brigade commander.

THE TERROR COALED.

panish Torpedo Roat Will Soon Leave Martinique.

ight, 1838, by the Associated Press. St. Pierre, May 24. (6 p. m.)-The panish torpedo boat destroyer Terror being coated by the Spanish steamer

The Alicante lies at the mouth of along supposed that she was a hospital ship, but there is now no doubt that he carries a cargo of coal for the Spanish warships. Her pretensions to be a hospital ship were obviously put

The United States consul has cauioned the French officials of the port in excess of the quantity necessary to carry the Terror to the nearest Span-

It is reported that the Terror will eave Martinique tomorrow. She is

understood to be in good condition. COAL STEAMER DETAINED.

man Vessel Bound South.

Philadelphia, May 24.-Fearing that her cargo of coal might fall into the hands of the Spanish warships in Cuban waters, or that the coal is intended for a Spanish port, the collector of the port of this city today detained the German steamer Amrum, pending instructions from Washington.

The coal is consigned to the Mexican cailroad to be delivered at Vera Cruz, Mex. In detaining the vessel, the collector is carrying out the instructions issued by the treasury department last week, to the effect that all vessels with coal for West Indian, Central and South American points shall not be given clearance papers until it is posi-tively shown that the coal is not for Spanish consumption.

Leave for Philippines.

New Orleans, May 24.—The Eighteenth nd Twent -- third regiments of infantry and the Fifth regiment of cavalry which been in camp at the fair grounds left this afternoon, the former two regi-ments for the Philippines via San Fran-cisco and the latter for Mobile,

Ponnsylvania Pensions.

Washington, May 24.-The following Pennsylvania pensions have been issued Original widows, etc.-Mary Judge, Par-sons, Luzerne, \$8; minors of Mathias C. Oliver, Wyalusing, Bradford, \$12.

THE STORY OF THE DAY SPANISH SPY arrested at Key West. MYSTERIOUS SILENCE at the war of-

SPANISH TORPEDO BOAT TERROR takes coal at Martiniqu CABLE-CUTTING AT SANTIAGO pro-CASTILLO, SPANISH AMBASSADOR

seeks a loan in Paris of £10,000.000. CABLES HAVE BEEN CUT at Santiago de Cuba and San Juan de Porto Rico. COL. COURSEN, of the Thirteenth regi-FOOD SCARCE at Manila and foreign

PORT DE PAIX DISPATCH to the London Financial News says that two Spanish ships have been destroyed. CONSULAR REPORTS give notice of the neutrality of Russia, Greece, Venezuela, the Netherlands and Cunada. IANILA DISPATCH says that Admiral

residents fear an outbreak of Spanish

Montijo, whose ficet was destroyed by Admiral Dewey is to be court martladed for cowardice. SERMAN COAL STEAMER bound for southern waters is detained by Phila-delphia collector who fears it may fall into the hands of Spain.

VAVY DEPARTMENT has advices from Spain to the effect that two torpedo boat destroyers are ready to start for the Philippines with Cervera's fleet.

WILD RUMORS OF NAVAL BATTLES

The Department Officials at Washington Kept Busy Denying Fake Stories-No Engagement Near the Windward Passage-Spaniards Making Ready for an Offensive Campaign—The Oregon Is Safe from Harm—Cutting of the Cables.

lapse into sensational war rumors in Washington today after a week of comparative quietude. The rumors ranged | transports must stop at Hawaii to retle Mangrove with a crew of thirteen men, to the reported destruction of the entire Spanish fleet by Sampson's and | months past. If the Hawaiians let us Scaley's combined forces. They were circulated with persistence, notwithstanding their denials, as soon as they could be brought to the attention of any official capable of passing judgment on their accuracy. As the day rolled along, the officials themselves became apprehensive, as was shown by the frequency with which they called for the latest newspaper bulletins. At again announced in the most positive no information to warrant the report of any sort of engagement in the Windward passage.

waters of the West Indies, but in view of the fact that the department has almost pledged itself to let the public know of anything in the nature of a general engagement, possibly the bul-

MANY FAKE YARNS.

When Secretary Long started for home after an exceptionally busy day, he stated to a group of newspaper men that the department had received no information of impertance. In response to an inquiry as to where the Spanish fleet was located, Mr. Long replied that his belief was that it was still at Santiago de Cuba. Concerning the reported capture of the Mangrove and the loss of other ships, the secretary dismissed the stories as purely conjectural and not supported by facts. Word had come from the commander of the Mangrove since the time of the alleged capture, showing that the ship could not have been in the hands of the Spannot to allow the Terror to take coal lards. Mr. Long paid a handsome tribute to the war board, and stated that there was no purpose whatever of-changing the present system whereby this board co-operates with him in giving every possible assistance and advice mainly in the way of information to the admirals in command. The office of the war board, the secretary pointed out, was not to fight battles; that was exclusively the province of the squadron commanders. The board acted merely in an advisory way and at no time had assumed executive func-

The Spaniards appear to be making ready for something more than a defensive campaign at home, or at least they are trying to create that impression by other means than news bulletins that issue almost daily from Mad-

The navy department now has through its own reliable sources, reports of the greatest activity in the Spanish navy yards and of the preparation for sea and for a long voyage of two of the torpedo boat destroyers. It is given out that they are to join Cervera immediately when his squadron. enters Cadiz harbor. Possibly this statement is made with a deliberate purpose of misleading American sailors into the belief that Cervera has taken his way homeward.

THE OREGON IS SAFE.

Inquiries as to the whereabouts of the Oregon brought a reply this afternoon to the effect that the battleship was safe. Nothing could be learned of her location. It is probable that the telegrams said to have emanated from the vessel really were filed at Key West, but were brought to that port on some despatch boat from the Oregon, which

is co-operating with our fleets. The cutting of the cables at Santiago and at San Juan de Porto Ricc as reported today was a military move of the first importance. Blanco has yet one link left of communication with the outer world, but the Spanish commander at San Juan now finds himself totally in the dark as to the conditions in Spain or in Cuba, while the value of that port as a place of refuge for the Spanish flying squadron is materially diminished. It is safe to say that the remaining cable to Santiago will soon be cut like the others so that if Ceryera is misguided enough to have entered Santiago harbor he will be compictely out of touch with his home government on the one hand and equally unable to communicate with Blanco at

the other end of the island. The Philippines expedition is now off

Washington, May 24.-There was a | in dead earnest. The sending of these ships will affect the Hawaiian question vitally. Like the Charleston, the plenish their coal bankers from the great heaps of coal that Consul General Hayward has been piling up for tale this coal without the pretext that we are using it to make our way to our ternational law in such cases, they will stand convicted of a gross breach of of nations allies them with the United States in hostility to Spain. The tak-Hawaii to make an extensive campaign against the Spanish possessions, it is manner that the navy department had the United States either to assume a protecterate over the islands or to an-

LOOKING FOR THE PHANTOM FLEET

The Waters of Southern Cuba Alive With American War Ships -- British Vessels at Jamaica.

On board the Associated Press dispatch boat Dandy, Montego Bay, Jamaica, May 24.- The waters south of Cuba have suddenly become the scene of great naval activity. Commodore Schley, who left Key West last Thursday with the United States battleship Massachusetts and Texas, the armed cruiser Brooklyn and the armed yacht Scorpion, is believed to be cruising off

Cienfuegos and Santiago de Cuba. When the Dandy left Key West late Friday morning, Admiral Sampson was still there. It was the opinion of naval officers that he would sail for Cienfuegos soon by the eastern route, the two fleets thus completing the circle of

The battleship Iown followed Commodore Schley on Friday, but was overtaken off Cape San Antonio on Saturday by the torpedo boat Dupont, with secret instructions. The battleship immediately increased her speed to tha limit and when last seen was guarding the entrance to the passage between the Isle of Pines and Cuba. The Du-

pont rushed on toward Cienfueges, Pive British warships are now in the vicinity of Jamaica, The Spanish 1,200 ton passenger steamer Purisima Conrepsion is here. She is afraid to venture out. The numerous rumors as to the sighting of the phantom Spanish fleet in this vicinity are quite unsulsstantiated.

WANAMAKER'S COUNTY.

Huntingdon Will Send Delegates to Support Him for Governor.

Huntingdon, Pa., May 24.- The Reelected delegates to the state conven-tion in support of John Wanamaker for governor by a vote of 87 to 65 for W. A. Stane. Mr. Wanamaker had a popular majority of 250.

The ticket nominated is as follows: Congress, Thad M. Mahon; legislature, T. O. Milliken and John S. Bare; asso. ciate judge, E. O. Rogers; poor director, C. K. Horton: county surveyor, H. tion, T. W. Myton and A. L. Grier,

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: Generally Fair: Southwesterly Winds

Telegraph-Cevera's Fiest Has Been Wild Rumors of Navat Battles.

Soldiers Henored at San Francisco, Whitney's Budget of News. Market and Stock Reports. Local-Storm Again Causes No Little Damage. City Missionary Highly Honored.

Comment of the Press. Local-Catholic Societies State Con-Much Business Was Transacted

Second Legislative District Democrats, Musical Class Recital. Local-West Scranton and Suburban I'p and Down the Valley. Much Business Was Transacted (Con-

Colonel Coursen an Acting Brigadier

******** WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, May 24.—Forecast for Wednesday: Foreastern Penn-sylvania, generally fair weather · becoming northwesterly. For wes ern Pennsylvania, fair weather; light northerly winds.
