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CERVERA'S FLEET IS AT SANTIAGO

Admiral Sampson Blockades the Port While Commodore Schley Watches the Passage at Yucatan—An Exchange of Prisoners Made Under a Flag of Truce—Schley's Hunt for Spanish Vessels.

Madrid, May 27 (11 p. m.).—General Blanco cables from Havana that the torpedo boat Destroyer Terror, from Martinique, has arrived at Fajardo on the east coast of Porto Rico. She intended to go to San Juan but found four American warships cruising in front of the harbor and changed her direction for Fajardo.

General Blanco's dispatch says that Admiral Cervera's squadron is still at Santiago de Cuba; that the bulk of Admiral Sampson's squadron is blockading that port; that Commodore Schley's squadron is watching the Yucatan passages; that the American vessels have left Cienfuegos and that the American fleet of blockaders remains in sight of Havana.

General Blanco says in his dispatch that he opposed the departure of the French steamer Lafayette with a cargo of coal as the coal was required for Spanish ships.

Prisoners Exchanged.

(From a Spanish Correspondent.) (Copyright, 1898, by the Associated Press.) Havana, May 27.—This morning six American vessels were reported in sight off Havana, but this afternoon only four were to be seen.

At 7 o'clock this morning the marine authorities were notified from Morro castle that an American ship had been sighted off the harbor flying a flag of truce. At half past seven two American boats stood in for the harbor under a flag of truce. A colonel of the general staff, with the British vice consul, went on board the Spanish gunboat Marques Oline and proceeded to Morro castle, off which lay the tug Marques de Balboa, having on board the American newspaper correspondents Hayden Jones and Charles Thrall for whom an exchange of prisoners was to be made.

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The exchange was soon effected and the Spaniards were taken aboard the gunboat and arrived at noon at the Calera wharf and were presented to Captain General Blanco.

Colonel Cortijo and Surgeon Julian expressed themselves as pleased with the treatment they had received at the hands of the American naval officers and the American people generally, but complained of the Cubans at Atlanta.

Schley's Cruise.

Key West, Fla., May 27.—Part of Commodore Schley's squadron sailed for the west end of Cuba about noon Thursday, May 19. It consisted of the Brooklyn, Texas, Massachusetts and Scorpion. The Iowa sailed several hours later. The advance guard of Commodore Schley's fleet was at Cienfuegos on Sunday, May 22, where it was joined by the Iowa, Eagle and Vixen, and later by the Marblehead.

Commodore Schley had an idea that Admiral Cervera's squadron, which is carrying guns and ammunition for Havana, would slip into Cienfuegos, which has railroad communication with the Cuban capital. Officers who have arrived here in dispatch boats from Commodore Schley's squadron say there was disappointment in the fleet when it was found the Spaniards were not there. On Sunday the Scorpion was sent scouting in the direction of Santiago de Cuba, and on Tuesday of this week about dusk Commodore Schley's squadron steamed toward that port, the torpedo boat Dupont leaving for Key West with dispatches.

The cruiser Marblehead left Key West last Saturday, and with the transport Florida, to carry General Jose Loret's force of 400 men to some point in Cuba not divulged.

Before reaching Cienfuegos, Commodore Schley sent dispatches to Rear Admiral Sampson in which he made no allusion to any collision with shore batteries. His orders were to look for the Spanish squadron, not to stir up the shore guns. It is believed here that he will send dispatches to Washington from Mole St. Nicholas or Kingston announcing the result of his search.

News May Have Been Received.

Washington, May 27.—Navy department officials tonight confirm the news of the Associated Press that the auxiliary gunboat Zafiro had arrived at Hong Kong from Manila. She brought to Hong Kong Captain Charles V. Gridley, of Admiral Dewey's flagship Olympia, who is reported ill by the dispatches. The navy department officials are in receipt of confirmatory news of Captain Gridley's illness, but no information is given as to the nature or seriousness of his sickness.

There is abundant reason to believe that the naval officials tonight received dispatches from Admiral Sampson although at 11:29 p. m. no bulletins had been made public. The Associated Press has already announced that at 3 o'clock this morning the dispatch boat Dolphin of Commodore Schley's squadron ran alongside the flagship New York which was then off Havana and informed her that she bore dispatches for Admiral Sampson from Commodore Schley. It is considered probable that these dispatches containing information of the precise whereabouts of the Cape Verde squadron, and, quite naturally the information would be sent to the naval authorities here as soon as fast boats and telegraph wires could carry it.

HAVE NO FAITH IN WANAMAKER

Resolutions Adopted by the Honest Government Party Committee.

THEY BELIEVE THAT EFFORTS BEING MADE TO INDUCE HON. JOHN WANAMAKER TO ENTER THE FIELD AS ANOTHER INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE, SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED.

Philadelphia, May 27.—The executive committee of the Honest Government party met today and adopted unanimously the following resolutions:

Resolved, That as citizens anxious for the purification and improvement of our state and local governments we believe that the efforts now being made to induce Hon. John Wanamaker to enter the field as another independent candidate for governor thereby dividing the republican vote, should be disregarded by every intelligent citizen.

The policy of Mr. Wanamaker has been from the first to give his support to purely partisan character, and to present himself as a candidate who has never given the slightest encouragement to an independent movement.

succeeded by the methods advocated by Mr. Wanamaker his marvelous energy and ability, his powerful address, and his accurate knowledge of the crimes and practices of those who are now his opponents, might have given him a victory. But even in that case he would have been under obligations to the politician who has supported him, and the installation of partisan spoils in the places of their former pals and associates, could not be regarded as a satisfactory result.

RUMOR OF PEACE OVERTURES.

Reported Representations to This Government by European Powers.

Washington, May 27.—The rumor was revived today, with some degree of plausibility, relating to certain attempts on the part of representatives of European powers to secure peace through direct representations to the United States government. Like the other rumor, this meets with an absolute and unqualified denial at the state department, and, so far as known, neither in Europe, through the United States representatives, nor in Washington, has our government been approached on this subject. The frequent repetition of this story is believed by the officials to be perhaps in the execution of a policy of inquiry, with a view to sounding public sentiment in this country as to the terms of peace that probably would be acceptable.

SPAIN HAS ENOUGH OF HOPELESS WAR

The Queen Regent and Ministers Would Be Glad to Escape.

THEY REALIZE THAT DEFEAT IS INEVITABLE BUT ARE CONTROLLED BY THE IGNORANT MASSES OF MADRID, WHO, DECEIVED BY FALSE WAR NEWS, STILL THINK THAT SPAIN WILL WIN.

New York, May 27.—The Evening Post's London correspondent telegraphs today:

The following represents the opinions formed in well-posted quarters here upon the latest Madrid advices: Private letters from Madrid suggest that the queen regent and her ministers would be only too glad of an opportunity to escape from the present intolerable situation. The war fever is steadily abating among the Spanish educated classes and the commercial classes especially.

All that seems necessary to induce Spain to invite the good offices of France and other powers to bring the war to a close is a good opening.

This, in the view of diplomats, is likely to be supplied by the wrecking of the Spanish fleet now supposed to be in Cuban waters.

In a word, the Spaniards are awake to the hopelessness of the struggle, but Spanish pride demands that force majeure be demonstrated by another great naval disaster.

The ignorant masses of Spaniards, especially in Madrid, misled by false news, cling to the notion that Admiral Cervera somehow will redeem the situation. Until this illusion has been dispelled Spanish statesmanship apparently is hopeless.

DUEL TO THE DEATH.

Doctor and Switchman Exchange Shots and Hit True.

St. Louis, Mo., May 27.—Dr. John G. Ferguson, a prominent dentist, and William M. Smith, a Missouri Pacific switchman, were killed in a street duel last night. Dr. Ferguson was visiting a young lady named Walters, Smith, who lived next door, came into the yard, and Ferguson, who was sitting with Miss Walters on the porch, demanded an apology for an alleged disrespect remark made by Smith.

MINE ACCIDENT.

Six Men Drowned at the Kasha William Colliery at Pottsville—Water Broke in from an Old Working.

Pottsville, Pa., May 27.—A dreadful mining casualty occurred today at the Kasha William colliery, near Middletown, and six men were drowned by a body of water breaking in upon them from an old "working." The victims were caught in the body of water and drowned like rats in a trap, before they could even think of making for a place of safety.

The bodies of none of the victims have been recovered. The water will have to be first pumped from the colliery workings before the search for the bodies can be instituted.

THE NEW GUARDSMEN.

Future Recruits May Be Attached to Regiments Now in the Field.

Harrisburg, May 27.—Captain Thomas Whitson and Lieutenant S. S. Snyder, of Lancaster, called upon Governor Hastings today to ask that a company of infantry which they have recruited at Lancaster be admitted to the Pennsylvania National guard. The governor referred his visitors to General Gobin, who is organizing a brigade. They will confer with General Gobin.

It is thought that the policy of the war department in dealing with Pennsylvania's quota of volunteers under the president's second call will be to attach the companies being organized for the provisional guard to the Pennsylvania regiments in the field to bring them up to the army standard of twelve companies to a regiment and 100 men to a company. As now constituted the Pennsylvania regiments, with few exceptions, are composed of only eight companies and two battalions each.

PLUCKY ROWAN PROMOTED.

Courier Who Went to Garcia's Camp Gets a Lieutenant's Commission.

Washington, D. C., May 27.—In recognition of his plucky trip to General Garcia's Cuban camp with United States government dispatches Lieutenant A. S. Rowan, of the army, will be given a commission, which has already been made out, as lieutenant colonel of volunteers.

T. D. DAVIES IN A CRITICAL STATE.

Thomas D. Davies, of South Main avenue, assistant superintendent of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad company, is dangerously ill. All during yesterday his life was despaired of, and his attending physician, Dr. J. J. Roberts was in constant attendance at his bedside. At midnight it was stated that Mr. Davies' condition was slightly improved, but that he was suffering continuously from hiccoughs.

NEW RECORDS ESTABLISHED.

Result of the Meeting of Athletes at Berkeley.

New York, May 27.—Three new intercollegiate records were established and one equaled today at Berkeley oval, where the twenty-third annual field, track and bicycle meeting was begun. The first record broken today was the hammer throw, McCracken, of Pennsylvania, sent his 16-pound hammer a distance of 119 feet, five inches, which exceeded the previous record, held by W. G. Woodruff, of the same university, by 13 feet, 2 inches.

Myer Prinstein, of Syracuse, and A. C. Kraenzlein, of Pennsylvania, both beat the former record in the trials at the broad jump. Prinstein jumped 21 feet, 13 inches, and Kraenzlein was only a quarter of an inch behind him. The contest between these two in the finals will certainly be a close one as their work today was most meritorious.

Prinstein also competed in the 100-yard dash trial, running second in his heat and qualifying for the finals tomorrow. The absence of B. J. Webers, of Georgetown university, was much regretted by every one concerned. Webers looked down in his training and it is probable that he may not be seen on the track this year. Two noted sprinters, Tewksbury, of Pennsylvania, and Rush, of Princeton, won their respective trials in the one-hundred-yard dash, and an exciting race is expected between them when they meet for the final. Tewksbury is the favorite for that event as he ran in faultless style today and he is also looked upon as the winner of the 220-yards run.

Jarvis, of Princeton, and Fish, of Harvard, are the most likely winners of first and second honors in the quarter-mile run. Kraenzlein, of Pennsylvania, and Brewer, of Harvard, should capture the hurdles, and Fetterman, of Pennsylvania, has no peer in the entries for the one-mile walk.

Cregan, of Princeton, A. Grant, of Pennsylvania, and D. Grant, of Harvard, look like the most promising contenders for the half and one mile runs.

Last year the Columbia university wheelmen carried off all these honors on the circle track, and it is almost a certainty that they will duplicate the feat this year.

Ray Dawson, of Columbia, won the half and one mile bicycle races today, and the Blue and White was in the front rank in all of the cycle events.

MANILA SITUATION.

Blockade Maintained and the Insurgents Are Quiet—Two Officers of the Olympia Are Ill.

Hong Kong, May 27 (Midnight)—Greenwich time.—The United States auxiliary gunboat Zafiro, formerly a British merchant steamer, but now commissioned, mounting four guns and in charge of a lieutenant commander of the United States navy, has just arrived here from Manila, having on board the captain of the cruiser Olympia, flagship of Rear Admiral Dewey, and two officers, who are ill.

The situation at Manila is unchanging. The insurgents are quiet. Beef costs \$2.50 per pound at Manila. The report that the commander of the Spanish gunboat Caliao was tried by court martial and shot for not firing on the American ship which captured the Caliao is untrue.

The Zafiro will return to Manila on Monday next.

DAVE MARTIN'S CHOICE.

Secretary of the Commonwealth Will Support Wanamaker.

Philadelphia, May 27.—Secretary of the Commonwealth David Martin today for the first time since the gubernatorial campaign openly announced his choice of a candidate.

"You may say for me," said Mr. Martin, "that I am going to vote for Mr. Wanamaker." Wanamaker, I will state that Mr. Wanamaker has never asked me to vote for him for governor.

PENNSYLVANIA EARNINGS.

Philadelphia, May 27.—The following is a statement of comparison of earnings and expenses of the Pennsylvania Railroad company for the months of April, 1898, and for four months ending April 30, 1898, with the same periods of 1897:

April, 1898, gross earnings, increase, \$171,000; expenses, increase, \$115,000; net earnings, increase, \$56,000. Four months ending April 30, 1898, gross earnings, increase, \$225,300; expenses, increase, \$123,500; net earnings, increase, \$101,800.

Lines west of Pittsburgh and Erie, directly operated, gross earnings, increase, \$47,000; expenses, increase, \$15,000; net earnings, increase, \$32,000. Four months ending April 30, 1898, gross earnings, increase, \$165,000; expenses, increase, \$98,500; net earnings, increase, \$66,500.

Key Witness in Prison.

New York, May 27.—E. P. Knight, the correspondent of the London Times, who, on Sunday night, when seven miles off Havana, was lowered over the bow of a dispatch boat and rowed ashore alone in a ten-foot skiff, was heard from today. He has been thrown in prison at Havana.

Alexander Doolan, the British consul at Havana, has instituted proceedings for his release.

Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, May 27.—These Pennsylvania pensions have been issued: Original—Lewis McCloskey, Milwaukee; Leekawanna, \$6. Additional—George Stocker, East Stroudsburg, Monroe, \$3 to \$12. Increase—George K. Penny, Daleville, Lockawanna, \$1 to \$1; Edmund Chapman, Wyalusing, Bradford, \$1 to \$10. Original widows—Minors of Patrick Mooney, Luzerne, \$12.

No Motions on Hardinck.

St. Louis, Mo., May 27.—Owing to a St. Louis contractor's claim, "Remember the Maine," on hardback, the secretary of the navy has issued an order that contractors of army supplies must not put motions on their goods until the war department is expected to follow suit.

TROOPS TO MOVE WITH CAUTION

No Invasion Will Be Made in the Direction of Cuba or Porto Rico Until the Spanish Squadron Is Located. In the Meantime the Troops Will Be Seasoned at the Camps at Which They Are Stationed—Preparations for Moving Soldiers in Large Bodies—Conflicting Reports Received.

Washington, May 27.—The military situation as at present determined upon by those in authority is to make no forward movement of troops either upon Porto Rico or Cuba until full and definite information is received as to the location of the Spanish squadron and its possibilities as a factor in aggressive moves of Spain.

That being the positive determination there is no present purpose to hurry forward the troops now at the several points of concentration, but the interval prior to an aggressive forward movement will be employed in seasoning the men. Steps have been taken to secure early information as to whether Admiral Cervera's squadron is inside Santiago harbor, and whether the American squadron has such advantage of position outside the harbor as to make the escape of the Spaniards practically impossible.

For the last few days army circles have shared public belief that the Spanish ships were trapped in Santiago harbor, and that has given impetus to arrangements by which large bodies of troops at Chickamauga and elsewhere might be moved forward rapidly to Tampa for embarkation. The presence of thirty or more transports in Florida waters added to the conviction that a movement on a large scale was about to occur.

All this has been going on with the understanding that Admiral Cervera's career as a possible menace in rear of our troops has been cut off by his being securely held within Santiago harbor, but in the absence of positive information on this point, together with the certainty that they can be held inside the harbor, there is no purpose whatever on the part of war department to make an aggressive forward movement on Cuba or Porto Rico. This was stated tonight in the most positive manner and from an authoritative source.

IRON WORKERS MEET.

Officers Elected at Cincinnati Yesterday.

Cincinnati, O., May 27.—The Amalgamated association of Iron and Steel workers today elected the following officers: President, T. J. Shaffer, of Pittsburg; secretary and treasurer, John Williams, Pittsburg; assistant secretary and treasurer, Stephen Madden, Pittsburg.

Madden and Williams changed places; Ben L. Davies was elected as a new trustee. John Pierce and Daniel Mullaney were re-elected trustees. The duties of the trustees consist of auditing accounts once every three months and holding the bonds of the officers.

Detroit and Youngstown, O., had a close fight to get next year's convocation. Detroit won the fight by one vote.

ROCHFORD AND RICHARD FIGHT.

Paris, May 27.—The outcome of an election district, M. Henri Rochford, the editor of L'Etat, and M. Germain Richard, the former Socialist deputy, fought a "duel" May 23. Rochford was pricked in his right hand.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: Fair; Warmer; Variable Winds.

- 1. Telegraph Cervera's Fleet Is at Santiago de Cuba—Enough of Hopeless War, Have No Faith in Wanamaker, Troops to Move with Caution, Proper Reason for Fighting, Tribune's Popular Want Column, Local—Annual Meeting of the L. P. Worth League, Y. M. C. A. Building Fund, Musical Notes, Some of the Things War Is Teaching Us, Society and Personal, Religious News of the Week, One Woman's Views, Local—Changes in South Steel Mill, Beatty Used an X-ray, Overtaxed Hospitals, Local—Another Attack on Politician, Cut to Pieces by a Mine Fire, Local—West Scranton and Suburban, 9 News to and Down the Valley, 10 Market Prices—Under Our Flag, 11 Telegram—Twelve Thousand Soldiers, 12 Mayor of Cuba, 13. Wanamaker's \$100,000.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, May 27.—Forecast: + for Saturday: For eastern Penna. + variable, fair weather; warmer; + variable winds, becoming south- + ery. For western Pennsylvania, + increasing cloudiness, probably + showers, with a fresh wind. +