



TWO CENTS.

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PORT HAYTIENS GREATLY PUZZLED

The Utter Absence of Information from the Supposed Scene of Action Has Caused Much Astonishment as the Cables Are in Working Order—A Special Dispatch Says That Sampson Is at Key West—Cardenas Harbor Closed by the Spaniards Who Have Filled It With Obstructions.

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Cape Haytien, Hayti, May 29.—No news from Santiago de Cuba was obtainable here today, but on the other hand, it is reported that two vessels of the Cuban fleet, said to be the "Francis Joseph" and the "Marie Theresa," left Gibraltar yesterday for Cuba. These names were probably wrong, as there is no Spanish vessel known here as the Francis Joseph, and the Infanta Marie Theresa is understood to be the flagship of the fleet commanded by Admiral Cervera.

The utter absence of news from Santiago de Cuba, which is connected with this place by cable, is causing more and more astonishment as days go by and no messages are received, in spite of the fact that the cable is in working order.

The Cuban leaders here are warring that the war will not last longer than June 1. All the Cubans are very enthusiastic over the idea that the Spanish fleet is bottled up at Santiago de Cuba and they say it is surely lost.

Sampson at Key West?

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On board the Associated Press Dispatch boat Wanda, Key West, Fla., May 29.—Sunday with the fleet, waiting, watching, in silent, sunlit seas, a group of great battleships motionless under the tropical sun, broad decks scorched and seared by day, lagoon dreamy under the stars by night, a fleet of powerful sea fighters, an army of brave men drifting at sea waiting for something to do—that tells the story of Rear Admiral Sampson's fleet for the past few days and nights. The ships of the fleet stand close together in small groups, hour after hour passing and the position is not changed. Great volumes of smoke occasionally issue from the funnels and curl unswayed by the wind into the sky.

The men drag impatiently through the drills and crawl away into the shaded nooks of the decks and grumble at the inactivity. During the day the music on board swells far out over the silent water, and at night voices are plainly heard from ship to ship. Stretching away to the sea line, the sky is gleaming and motionless, and one can scarcely imagine the same sea that has been rolling and tumbling for weeks past. It is a picture of tropical languor, but there is method in Sampson's inactivity. Until he is definitely advised that the Spanish fleet is imprisoned in Santiago de Cuba harbor, he is here in a position to move quickly in any direction where the Spanish ships may appear.

If the Spaniards should escape Commodore Schley on the southern coast of Cuba and make for eastern aspects of the United States, he is in a position in a few hours' run to cut them off in the Windward passage. One or more scout boats are kept in that position constantly. On the other hand, if the Spaniards should come around the western end of Cuba with the hope of getting into Havana, he is here where he can intercept them on short notice. It is likewise to wait here day after day. A most vigilant watch is kept by the fleet day and night, in apprehension, in hope, that the Spanish fleet may come in sight. The sailors hunt over the rails scanning the horizon and the gunners lie in the shadow of the big rifles, longing for a chance to see the monsters thundering.

"What a perfect day for a battle," they say, looking out over the motionless sea, but days and nights go by and the enemy does not come. At night the lights are all put out, and the torpedo boats and small gunboats constantly patrol the surrounding waters.

The New York left the fleet Friday night with the torpedo boat Porter. The Porter returned to the fleet yesterday with mail and despatches. In the absence of the New York, the little Mayflower is the flagship, but she does not gather her brood about her at night. At dusk last night she lay far astern of the other ships of the squadron, and as darkness came on she ran down toward them, signaling each in turn and went flying out of sight to the eastward on a scout. At midnight she was back again, signals went up and she led the fleet slowly westward.

Cardenas Harbor Closed.

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On board the Associated Press Dispatch boat Wanda, off Cardenas, May 29 (via Key West, May 29).—Cardenas harbor has been completely closed by the Spaniards since the attack of the Winslow and other American torpedo boats. This fact was demonstrated yesterday by the attempt of the English steamship Myrtle to enter the port to take on a cargo of sugar.

The Myrtle had begun to take on a cargo when war was declared, and she was ordered out by the American gunboat Machine. The steamer's owners claimed that, under the blockade proclamation she was entitled to thirty days to load, and Secretary of the Navy Long gave the ship permission to return and complete her cargo. She found, however, that the harbor was filled with sunken obstructions and could not get in. She lies outside the harbor, nestling forlorn and dejected like a storm-beaten bird, uncertain whether to attempt to bring her cargo out in lighters or wait for the war to end.

The waters of Cardenas are too shallow for big ships and the Winslow probably closes the history of naval operations in that quarter.

CRUISE OF ALFONSO

The Crew of the Spanish Transport Refuse to Make the Attempt to Run the Cuban Blockade.

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St. Thomas, Danish West Indies, May 29.—The Spanish transport Alfonso XIII, chartered by the Spanish government and loaded at San Juan de Porto Rico, with provisions for Cuba, is now said to be scouting in the vicinity of the Porto Rico coast, her crew having refused to try and run the Cuban blockade. The Alfonso XIII is also said to be carrying freight between the different ports of Porto Rico.

It is rumored here that all the vessels of Admiral Cervera's fleet are not at Santiago de Cuba. Some of them either did not go there or have since left those waters, according to reports. Incarceration is growing in Porto Rico.

RESOURCES OF PHILIPPINES.

Series of Tables Showing Population and Commerce to Be Published.

Washington, May 29.—The commerce of the countries adjacent to the Philippine islands is the subject of a series of tables which will appear in the next monthly publication of the bureau of statistics.

The statement consists of tables showing the population and commerce

of the countries adjacent to the Philippines and the share that the United States and other nations have had in that commerce for a series of years, and is accompanied by a map showing the steamship routes and distances from our various ports to the Philippines and the distances from that point to the ports of the adjacent countries. The fact that the countries now in easy reach of the Philippines contain a population of 89,000,000, that their purchases from other parts of the world amount to over a billion dollars every year and that their exports to a like sum, and that the larger portion of these purchases comprise the classes of goods produced in the United States add greatly to the interest in this subject. The tables will show the population and area of these countries, their trade with each of the leading nations of the world and the percentage which each nation obtains of their imports and exports, the articles which have been exported to each by the United States during the past five years and the total commerce of the United States with each of the principal countries of that section by years since 1829.

Largest Cannon Forging.

Bethlehem, Pa., May 29.—The Bethlehem Iron Company has made and shipped to Waterbury the largest cannon ever forged over turned out in America. It is the first one of the sixteen-inch group the first one of the sixteen-inch group ever turned out in America. A special train on the Lehigh Valley railroad rushed the forging to the assembly shop at Waterbury this morning. The bare coat of forging is over 2000.

OFFICIAL NEWS FROM SCHLEY He Has Seen and Recognized the Spanish Ships That Are Bottled Up in the Harbor at Santiago de Cuba.

Washington, May 29.—At 12.50 o'clock this (Monday) morning the navy department received a dispatch from Commodore Schley announcing definitely that he had located Admiral Cervera's Cape Verde squadron in the bay of Santiago de Cuba. The commodore states that he has seen and recognized the vessels of the Spanish fleet.

While the naval officials have been morally certain for several days that Cervera's squadron was in the harbor of Santiago, the official announcement from Commodore Schley was received by the officers on duty at the department with intense satisfaction. Assurance is now doubly sure that the Spanish fleet is bottled up and that the cork is in the bottle.

It is not believed that Admiral Cervera will attempt to escape from the predicament in which he now finds himself, as such a course would surely

result in the destructions of his vessels and the loss of many lives precious to Spain. The suggestion is made, however, that the Spaniard may blow up his ships rather than have them fall into the hands of Schley, as they certainly will if they remain in the harbor.

The definiteness of Commodore Schley's dispatch would indicate that he has effected the landing near Santiago and made a personal investigation of the harbor. It would be impossible from the entrance to the bay definitely to see and recognize the Spanish vessels but by effecting a landing at some point on either side of the entrance a vantage point could be gained very likely from which the entire harbor could be examined. In all probability Commodore Schley or one of his trusted officers has successfully performed this hazardous undertaking

in order to obtain the valuable information contained in his despatch.

It is impossible, owing to the lateness of the hour, to obtain any official expression upon the news from Commodore Schley. What effect the certainty that Cervera is practically helpless will have upon the plans of the administration, with reference to the invasion of Cuba can only be conjectured. The transportation of land forces to the island, it is understood, was delayed because of the uncertainty concerning the location of the Spanish squadron. If that understanding is correct, the probability of an early invasion of Cuba is strong. It is not unlikely that the movement of troops, which has been delayed from time to time, will begin this week and that before the end of the week the United States forces will have obtained a substantial foothold upon Cuban soil.

TERROR AT SAN JUAN.

The Spanish Torpedo Gunboat Escapes the American Ships.

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Port-au-Prince, Hayti, May 29.—The Spanish torpedo gunboat Terror, according to advices received here, has arrived safely at San Juan de Porto Rico, having escaped the American warships which have been on the lookout for her since she left Port de France, island of Martinique, where her boiler tubes were repaired.

The above dispatch confirms cable messages on the subject received by the Associated Press from Madrid last night, announcing the arrival of the Terror at San Juan de Porto Rico.

THE INVASION.

Gen. Shafter Ordered to Embark His Troops on Transports at Tampa in Readiness for a Move on Cuba.

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New York, May 29.—A special dispatch from Washington to the Tribune which will appear in that paper tomorrow morning says:

Orders have at last gone forward to Major General Shafter at Tampa to embark the greater portion of his corps, including all the regulars and a few of the most efficient volunteer regiments on board the transports gathered at that place, and the aggressive military movement will be an accomplished fact before the end of this week.

Admiral Sampson's reorganized squadron will convey the expedition and cover its landing at a point now definitely designated simultaneously. The most rapid disembarkment of troops is being undertaken by the government will be put into operation at Tampa and Key West tonight, and no message relating to the movements of troops or ships will be permitted on the wires.

Bedford Primaries.

Bedford, Pa., May 29.—A large vote was polled at the Republican primaries yesterday and there was a bitter fight. The friends of the other candidates will have 212 delegates in the county convention and R. C. Haderman, of Bedford, will have 212, and Joseph A. Smith, of Everett, will be elected on the first ballot. For the legislature, William C. Wolf, of Bedford, will be elected on the first ballot, and John S. Miller, of Bedford, will be elected on the second ballot.

Rumored at Madrid.

Madrid, May 29.—It is semi-officially announced that reliable news regarding the whereabouts of the Spanish ships commanded by Admiral Cervera is not obtainable, but it is rumored that the Spanish vessels left Santiago de Cuba yesterday. No official confirmation of this rumor can be had.

THE STORY OF THE DAY

MADRID RUMOR IS TO THE EFFECT THAT Cervera has left Santiago.

SPANISH TORPEDO BOAT TERROR arrives at San Juan de Porto Rico.

HAVANA DISPATCH TO MADRID says that American fleet has left Santiago.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN'S REGIMENT is to arrive at San Francisco tomorrow.

U. S. SHIPMENT SABLE HIDE leaves Kingston, Jamaica, for unknown destination.

CONSUL WILLIAMS ARRIVES AT HONG KONG from Manila and gives report of the condition of the Philippines.

GENERAL SHAFER has been ordered to embark the troops at Tampa in a transport preparatory to invading Cuba.

KEY WEST DISPATCH locates Admiral Sampson between that place and Havana.

CARDENAS HARBOR filled with sunken obstructions and practically closed by Spaniards.

ST. THOMAS, PHILIPPINES is in a state of insurrection. Many Spaniards have been murdered.

TWO REGIMENTS OF "REGULARS" arrive at San Francisco and will depart for Manila in ten days.

HAVIEN DISPATCH announces that no news can be obtained from Santiago de Cuba which is connected by cable.

IT IS REPORTED AT CHERPOBOG that the only Spanish vessel in Santiago harbor is a torpedo boat destroyer.

BETHLEHEM IRON COMPANY plans to Waterbury arsenal a sixteen-inch cannon, the largest ever turned out in America.

NAVY DEPARTMENT RECEIVES DISPATCH from Commodore Schley stating that his squadron is off Santiago de Cuba.

TROOPS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

The Population Increased by Two Regiments.

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San Francisco, May 29.—This city's military population was increased by the arrival of two more regiments today. Twelve hundred regulars, comprising the Eighteenth and Twenty-third United States Infantry arrived on five special trains from New Orleans and marched through the city to the campgrounds. The first of these regiments were the soldiers at the ferry and feasted them with good things to eat and drink. This was the first large body of regulars to arrive and their welcome was as hearty as any extended to volunteer troops. The streets were lined with crowds of people who cheered the soldiers and made admiring comments on their appearance. At the camp religious services were held by the chaplains of the various regiments and the rest of the day was devoted to the entertainment of the visitors. The different regiments have been overwhelmed with donations of pie and cake and other delicacies until the officers in command fear the health of their men and have begged the hospitable people of San Francisco to confine their gifts to more substantial articles of food, such as fresh vegetables, eggs, meat, etc. Immense crowds visited Camp Richmond today and fairly overflowed the tented city.

There was no let up today in the preparations for the embarkation of the second expedition to the Philippines. It will be about ten days before all the troops are sufficiently equipped for the start and the vessels are in readiness.

General Merritt will not give the order to start until his men are in good shape. He wants to land them at Manila prepared to commence fighting right away and is taking no chances on poor accommodations for the soldiers.

SPANISH SPIES ESCAPE.

Men Who Tried to Blow Up the Mortar Battery at Key West Still Aways.

Key West, Fla., May 29.—The three supposed Spaniards who tried to blow up the mortar battery near Fort Taylor Thursday night, have not yet been captured. Captain Merritt, commandant at the fortifications, had armed search parties out looking for them last night, and today the torpedo boat Porter has been sent to search the adjacent waters in search of them, but without success. They are thought either to have gotten safely off to Cuba or to be in hiding on one of the neighboring keys.

Two of the suspects were seen driving along the beach road near the fortifications yesterday afternoon. They were followed to the eastern end of the island, where they were joined by a third man. All landed a row boat and made for Stock Island, a neighboring key.

One, who is thought to be the leader, carried a rifle. When last seen their boat was approaching a steep, rocky shoebank lying off Stock Island, this morning both ship and small boat were gone. The authorities have detailed descriptions of the men.

SPAIN TALKS PEACE.

Madrid, May 29.—Midnight.—The papers continue to talk of the possibility of peace. El Globo publishes an article, supposed to be inspired by Senor Muga, the late minister of the colonies, advocating peace, which has attracted great attention, but the discussions slow as yet no tangible results.

Hospital Ship Arrives.

Key West, Fla., May 29.—Ten members of the army hospital corps arrived today by steamer from New York via Tampa, and went to the army hospital. A large number of hospital corps men now here and they expect to remain throughout the war. Key West being a desirable point for caring for wounded, owing to its healthfulness and its excellent hospital.

New Torpedo Boat.

Philadelphia, May 29.—The torpedo boat McKeo, which was recently constructed at Philadelphia, arrived at League Island today on her way to Key West, where she will take aboard torpedoes. Tomorrow the McKeo will steam up the Delaware river and go through the Harrington canal on her way to her destination.

APPORTIONMENT OF VOLUNTEERS

Difficult Problems That Confront the War Department. Many States Are Anxious to Furnish More Than Their Allotment of Men—An Uneventful Sunday at Washington—Cipher Clerks Are Busy, However—Alterations to Be Made on the St. Louis.

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Washington, May 29.—Sunday passed uneventfully in official circles and was characterized by an entire lack of any information from army or naval sources. Not a single bulletin on any subject was displayed by the navy department. A number of dispatches were received at the department during the day and replies sent, keeping the cipher clerks busy. Secretary Long was at the department during the morning. The president also had a comparatively quiet day. In conformity with his custom, he attended church in the morning accompanied by a relative from Canton, now in the city. Secretary Alger and Adjutant General Corbin were with him a short time during the morning, discussing some matters of military importance, and Secretary Long also called but did not see the chief executive. In the afternoon the president took a drive in the suburbs.

Secretary Alger, General Miles and some of their assistants were at the war department during the day and the three assistant secretaries of state spent time in their offices.

Captain Goodrich, of the auxiliary cruiser St. Louis, which returned to New York yesterday from her cruise in the West Indies, was at the navy department in the morning for consultation with the officials in regard to the future movements of the ship and the increase of her armament.

TWENTY GOVERNORS REPLY.

About twenty governors of states and territories have replied to Secretary Alger's telegram asking for their views regarding the filling of the present volunteer regiments to their maximum strength before beginning the formation of new organizations. Some of these indicate a preference for the recruiting of entirely new regiments as under the first call, leaving the present organization with the number of men now contained in them, though practically all promise the government any amount of troops that are wanted. It is the president's desire, however, that the organizations already formed shall be filled to their maximum strength as the law provides and this policy will be carried out in recruiting under the second call. The apportionment to the states has been made up but not yet been given to the public.

Through urgent representations to Secretary Alger, some of the states were permitted under the first call to furnish a greater number of troops than they were legally entitled to on the basis of population. Consequently, in raising the 75,000 men under the second call, these inequalities will be remedied as far as practicable with the result that some of the states may not be called on to furnish any of the men needed. This course probably may give rise to discontent in states where men are anxious to serve, but it is regarded as the only fair way in which to proceed.

WILLIAMS REPORTS.

Former Scrantonian Who Witnessed the Battle at Manila Praises the Spanish Admiral.

London, May 29.—The Hong Kong correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "United States Consul Williams, who arrived here from Manila, on board the United States auxiliary gunboat Zafra (formerly a British merchant steamer)

LOCATED THERE ACCORDING TO LATEST DESPATCHES FROM MANILA.

Madrid, May 29.—It is now known that nothing developed at the cabinet council today to make clear whether Admiral Cervera's squadron is in the Santiago harbor or outside it, but General Corbin, the minister of war, announced that he had received a dispatch from General Merritt to the effect that Cervera's squadron is in the harbor of Santiago yesterday (Saturday) but that most of them disappeared today, going in a westerly direction.

General Blanco gives it to be understood that Admiral Cervera's squadron remains in Santiago harbor. The council decided to make large additional purchases of war materials and to prohibit the exportation of silver coins.

WILL MAKE CARTRIDGES.

Frankford Arsenal Will Turn Out 200,000 Rounds Daily.

Philadelphia, May 29.—Beginning on Tuesday the Frankford arsenal will commence the manufacture of all small ammunition except the cartridges for the Krag-Jorgensen rifles. The government has made a contract with the Union Metallic company and the Winchester Repeating Arms company to furnish the necessary machinery and ammunition and are expected to do good service for the Americans in attacking Manila.

The Spaniards are trying to wear the Philippines' resolve down, their all-ance to the Americans. Captain Cervera's fleet and two vessels to Agulnido, including autonomy for the islands, but the insurgent chief declined to negotiate with them, reminding them that the same demands had been made before. Agulnido made prisoners of two native deputations from the Manila government. The Spanish are occupying natives government of provinces.

General Wile's Successor. Pittsburgh, May 29.—A large number of

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather indications today: Partly Cloudy; Northerly Winds.

1. Telegraph—Location of Admiral Cervera's fleet.

2. Local—Final Return of the Grand Jury, Financial and Commercial.

3. Local—Dr. Gillis's Sermon to the Veterans.

4. How Today Will Be Observed in the City.

5. Editorial—Comment on the Press.

6. Local—Disposition of Future Recruits From Scranton.

7. Local—West Scranton and Suburbs.

8. News Round About Scranton.

9. News and Notes of Scranton's Soldiers.

Convicts Confined.

Threaton, N. J., May 29.—Richard McFaul this afternoon at the state prison accompanied the Catholic masses of confinement to the cells of the convicts. Two of these convicts were women and twelve were colored prisoners. The men were permitted to wear white shirts in place of the regulation striped shirts. After they were confined the men at the prison's request took the temperature

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