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ACTIVITY AT THE NAVAL DEPARTMENT

Belief Prevails That the United States Troops Have Embarked at Tampa for the Scene of Action in Cuba. The Department Also Busily Engaged in Arranging Details of Manila Expedition.

Washington, June 8.—The activity and frequent exchange of communications between the war and navy departments culminating in visits by Acting Secretary Allen, Admiral Sigsbee and Captain Crowinshield, in person, to the war department today, led to the belief this afternoon that either the United States troops were actually embarking at Tampa or that the government is about ready to begin. However, not absolutely ignorant themselves as to what was going on at Tampa, they were all under an injunction delivered by Secretary Alger himself, to keep the troop movements absolutely secret. There were intimations that took away in a measure the disappointment occasioned by this attitude to the effect that once the troops are ashore there will be a considerable relaxation of the rules now so rigidly applied rela-

tive to the giving out of information as to the army's movements. No bulletins were posted at the navy department today. The department is very busy in arranging details for the Manila expedition, having undertaken to make ready the transports which will carry the soldiers from San Francisco to Manila. Work on these is being hurried under telegraphic orders and by the end of the week there will be sufficient military force aboard to enable Admiral Dewey, when it reaches him, to do pretty much as he pleases at Manila. This is an object very much at heart just now for fully recognizing the good military qualities displayed by the insurgents according to the newspaper reports in their combats around Cavite. The officials are loath to rely entirely upon them for any length of time, fearing a relapse on their part into savagery that might startle the civilized world.

LEADERS CONSIDER THE SITUATION

Senor Sagasta Confers with Spanish Politicians. THE GRAVITY OF THE CONDITION OF THE PHILIPPINES IS REALIZED—SAGASTA THINKS THAT SPANISH PEOPLE SHOULD RECEIVE BAD NEWS WITH MANLY CALMNESS.

Madrid, June 8.—(4 p. m.)—On account of serious news from the Philippines the leaders of the minority parties in the chamber of deputies met Senor Sagasta today to consider the situation. The premier strove to convince them of the gravity of the existing circumstances, urging that they ought immediately to adopt the budget and to declare that the chamber should set in permanence. Professor Salmeron, the Republican leader, Senor Romero y Robledo, leader of the Weylerite party and Senor Estay, a Carlist deputy opposed Senor Sagasta's suggestions. The opposition leaders promised during the sitting of the chamber today to make declarations regarding the Philippines of a nature that would adjourn all debates. When the chairman opened Senor Sagasta immediately spoke. He said: "Thirty-nine days have passed had news with calmness. The first dispatch came directly after the destruction of the Spanish fleet. It was from Admiral Montjoie and stated that sufficient means of defense existed and that the native population was loyal. The second announced that Aguinaldo had arrived and was trying, but without success, to excite the population against the authorities. The third has already been published today. "Senor Silveira, leader of the Dissident Conservatives, who followed, promised his support to the government for the defence of the country, but he warned the government that he did not intend to be reduced to the role of a mere witness of the country's misfortunes. "Senor Romero y Robledo offered his support to the government, 'provided the government devotes its strength to a defence of the country and not to a defence of other interests.' He accused the government of inaction, saying: "The Spanish people ought to resolve with no resolution taken regarding the Philippines. The result is that the natives, induced by the easy victory of the Americans, regard the Spanish forces with contempt. If the government now seems ashamed, I shall protest with my whole strength." Senor Harrio declared that the government did not deserve confidence, but nevertheless it might count on the support of the Carlists in everything relating to a defence of territory interests. Professor Salmeron made a similar statement on behalf of the Republicans. Senor Melie, Carlist, asserted that the government had abandoned its pledges and he blamed it for a "system of silence," declaring "the nation which would suffer a Sedan in silence should not deserve to figure in history." Senor Sagasta:

TO RECOGNIZE HOBSON.

President Will Send a Special Message to Congress. Washington, June 8.—The president has directed Admiral Sampson to prepare and forward a detailed report at once, of the gallant action of Lieutenant Richmond Pierson Hobson, at Santiago, and as soon as that is received, will send a special message to congress, recognizing the heroism displayed not only by Hobson himself, but by the men who accompanied him on the Merrimack. What will be recommended for Hobson and his crew is not certain now, but there probably will be a recommendation for a vote of thanks specifically naming Hobson, though probably not naming the men. Medals of honor it is expected, by those who have talked with the president on the subject, will be struck off for the little band of men, and promotion of some sort is in store for all of them.

MANILA HAS FALLEN

It Is Now Occupied by the Philippine Insurgent Commander Aguinaldo. New York, June 8.—A copyright dispatch to the World from Hong Kong says a report has reached here that Manila has fallen. It is said to be now occupied by the Philippine insurgents commanded by General Aguinaldo. AGUINALDO'S ACTIVITY. Good Showing of the Young Insurgent Leader. London, June 8.—The Singapore correspondent of Times telegraphing Tuesday says: The local Philippine insurgent committee today received a dispatch from Aguinaldo, saying: "We have taken all in the province of Cavite and several towns in the province of Batangas. We have captured ten guns, fifteen hundred rifles and 1,200 Spaniards from Spain with 800 Philippine Spaniards killing 400. We are besieging Biolo. In the church there 300 Spaniards are entranced, who must surrender soon. We hear that the governor general proposes to capitulate."

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BOMBARDMENT OF CAIMANCRA

Five American Warships Open Fire Upon the Fortifications of the Town and in a Short Time Drive the Spanish Gunners from Their Position—Commander of the District Threatens to Burn the Town to Prevent Its Capture by the Americans. Copyrighted 1898 by Associated Press. Cape Haytien, Hayti, June 8, 6:10 p. m.—It is reported here that a great battle has taken place at Caimancra on the bay of Guantanamo. At half past five yesterday morning (Tuesday) five ships of the American squadron opened a heavy bombardment of the fortifications of the town. There was a perfect hail of bombs in the air, striking and demolishing many houses beyond the fortifications. On the Spanish side the artillery replied vigorously, maintaining for some time a stout resistance. The fire from warships, however, never slackened for an instant. It was regular and carefully directed and a great majority of the shots proved effective. The Spaniards were forced to abandon the positions on shore and retreat to the town of Caimancra proper. It is supposed that later they fled from that position also, with the inhabitants. Information has reached here that the Spanish at Santiago and Caimancra are preparing for a final desperate struggle, and are determined to resist the assaults of Americans to the last extremity. ORDERS TO BURN THE TOWN. The commander of the district issued orders yesterday to burn Caimancra before yielding it into the hands of the Americans. The latter forced the entrance of the bay of Guantanamo and according to the latest advices from Caimancra it was feared that the

SITUATION AT PORTO RICO

Preparations for a Resumption of Hostilities. THE SO-CALLED DEFEAT OF AMERICAN SHIPS LAST MONTH HAS LED THE NATIVES TO BELIEVE THE PORTS TO BE IMPREGNABLE. CENSORS TAKE FULL CHARGE OF THE PRESS NOTICES. Correspondence of Associated Press. St. Thomas, D. W. I., May 30.—News from Porto Rico comes to St. Thomas in two ways: by word of mouth of the passengers and refugees who come from the island, and by the Porto Rican newspapers these same people bring with them. Since the bombardment of San Juan on May 12 the condition of the island can be generally set down as one of mild activity, and preparation for a resumption of hostilities. Unabated vigilance along the coast land, in view of the so-called defeat of the American ships last month, a more or less prevailing confidence in the impregnability of the island's capital, San Juan. Add to these a scarcity of smaller fruits and vegetables, no work for the laborers in the country, largely owing to the lack of cash and fear of the future, occasional small rioting among the discontented, the high prices asked by speculators for food, the undoubted growing misery and suffering among all classes, but chiefly among the people, and the fact that San Juan is deserted by all except those whose business requires their presence in the city, and that the country immediately surrounding the capital is probably peopled with refugees therefrom and the conditions recently prevailing in the Spanish island, are apparent at least as far as these conditions can be judged from the news to St. Thomas. It is more recently said that a few days ago there was no feeling of security among Porto Ricans, although vigilance is unabated. Letters are examined. Censors also apply to newspapers, and only such statements as are agreed-

KILLED AT A PIGEON SHOOT.

A. Vanwickie Shoots Himself in the Abdomen. Hazleton, Pa., June 8.—A Vanwickie, the coal operator and philanthropist of this city, was accidentally killed here today while participating in a pigeon shoot a short distance outside of the city limits. Just as the shoot was about to close, Mr. Vanwickie, himself an expert shot, turned over his gun, which was loaded, to mark the spot where he stood at the time of his last trial at the shooting. The barrel of his gun was pointed at his body and as Mr. Vanwickie leaned over the trigger was touched, setting a weapon off. The full charge entered Mr. Vanwickie's body in the region of the abdomen and shortly after being conveyed to his home, he expired. Mr. Vanwickie was one of the most prominent coal operators of the Lehigh region and was president of the Vanwickie Coal company.

PARADE INTERRUPTED.

Firemen at Reading Brant Banks and Fight a Blaze. Reading, June 8.—While the firemen's parade, the show feature of Reading's semi-centennial celebration, was in progress this afternoon, the delegates were not instructed but all being in the silver city of the party. The number of a county ticket was postponed until August 21.

LANCASTER DEMOCRACY'S WORK.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING

- Weather Indications Today: Showers and Thunder Storms. 1 Telegraph—Americans Bombard Caimancra. War Department Activity. The Porto Rican Situation. Captain General of the Philippines Wants Aid. Spanish Leaders Discuss the News from Manila. 2 Telegraph—The Senate Discusses the "Twenty-Fifth." 3 Local—A. O. H. Elects Officers and Pass Patriotic Resolutions. 4 Editorial. Washington Gossip. 5 Local—Enlistments Going On for Many Details. Lively Session of Councils Anticipated Tonight. 6 Local—West Scranton and Sulzbach. 7 News Round About Scranton. 8 News from the Soldier Boys at Camp Alger.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for Thursday: Eastern and western winds; showers and storms; southerly to south-westerly winds.

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