

FEVERISH ACTIVITY AT THE DEPARTMENT

Some Very Important News from the Seat of War May Be Expected in a Few Hours—Lieutenant Hobson Will Be Allowed to Take a Hand in Selecting His Own Reward. New Breech Mechanism for the Guns of the Battleship Massachusetts.

Washington, June 16.—In the way of actual events there was little to record today; no word came from Sampson at Santiago or from Dewey at Manila.

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SPANISH SOLDIERS ARE STARVING

Account of Suffering Given by a Prisoner at Guantanamo.

SPANISH TROOPS ARE MADE TO BELIEVE THAT THEY WILL BE KILLED IF THEY SURRENDER TO AMERICANS—THE MARBLEHEAD'S STEAM LAUNCH DEFEATS A DETACHMENT OF BUSHWACKERS.

Camp McCalla, Guantanamo Bay, June 15, 3:30 p. m., via Kingston June 16, 10:40 a. m.—During the afternoon a half-starved and ragged Spanish soldier crawled into the camp and gave himself up.

Washington, June 16.—After devoting an hour today to the discussion of a bill restoring the annuities to the Sisson and Washburn bands of Sioux Indians, the senate resumed consideration of the bill to incorporate the International Am.

Washington, June 16.—United States District Attorney James M. Beck, of this city, today received a letter from President McKinley's board of directors of the Trans-Mississippi International exposition.

REPORT OF CONSUL WILLIAMS.

States That Admiral Dewey's Exploit Rivalled That of Paul Jones. Washington, June 16.—The state department has received a report from Consul Williams, who was stationed at Manila before the outbreak of the war, describing the battle of Manila.

CAMARA'S SQUADRON.

It Possesses an Iron Clad Which Has Not Been Mentioned. Madrid, June 16.—Captain Anson, minister of marine, has returned from Cadiz and has started for Cartagena.

SAMPSON CHASING BLOCKADE RUNNER

Loaded with Provisions for Blanco. Fast Auxiliary Cruiser Detained to Capture the Ship.

Copyright, 1898, by the Associated Press. Kingston, Jamaica, June 16, (2:15 p. m.)—The Spanish steamer Purisima Concepcion, loaded with food for Manzanilla, left Kingston at 2 o'clock this morning, taking a westerly course.

KINGSTON MERCHANT WEAKENS

An attempt was then made by her owners to change her register. A well-known Kingston merchant agreed to take a bill of sale, registering as a British owner, but he withdrew when the government pointed out the liability he would incur if she violated the neutrality laws.

THE SHELING OF CAIMANERA

The Texas, Marblehead and Svanen send shot into the Brick Fort and Earthworks. Camp McCalla, Guantanamo Bay, June 15, via Kingston, June 16.—The brick fort and earthworks at Caimanera, at the end of the railroad leading to the city of Guantanamo, were demolished today by the bombardment of the Texas, Marblehead and Svanen.

THE STORY OF THE DAY.

IT IS ANNOUNCED THAT THE CADIZ fleet has sailed for an unknown destination. PULASKI P. HYATT will assist Miss Barton in relief work in Cuba. SPANISH CRUISER VIZCAYA hit by a shell during bombardment.

BANK OF SPAIN OFFERS PESETAS

Twenty-eight Million Will Be Disposed of the Treasury.

Madrid, June 16.—The Bank of Spain has agreed to place 28,000,000 pesetas at the disposal of the treasury for war purposes.

FUSIONISTS AT OMAHA.

The Retirement of Marion Butler is Demanded. Omaha, Neb., June 16.—In the discussion of the report of the credentials committee, a report more or less favorable to the fusionists, the middle of the roaders, today endeavored to force the national Populist committee to admit Paul Vandervoort, of Nebraska, as entitled to hold the proxy of M. W. Howard, of Alabama, in the national committee.

THE INVASION OF PORTO RICO

Thirty-five Transports to Be Used in the Expedition—The Army Will Equal That Which Left for Santiago de Cuba.

Washington, June 16.—The war department expects to utilize approximately thirty-five transports in the expedition for the invasion of Porto Rico. This statement was made official at the department today.

BRUTALLY MURDERED.

Lemuel Morris Killed by a Crazy Farm Hand. Baltimore, June 16.—Lemuel Morris, aged 40 years, was brutally murdered near Parkton, Baltimore county, today by Frank Taylor, 23 years of age.

OFF TO CAMP ALGER.

The Eighteenth Pennsylvania Volunteers Leave Mt. Gretna. Lebanon, Pa., June 16.—The volunteers, leaving tomorrow morning for Camp Alger, Va., are being outfitted here.

WILL ASSIST MISS BARTON.

PULASKI P. HYATT will assist Miss Barton in relief work in Cuba. He is expected to leave tonight in the Young Men's Christian association tent.

NEW IRON PULVERS RATE.

Youngstown, O., June 16.—An agreement was reached late tonight between the iron manufacturers and the wage cutters to proceed to Camp Alger.

WOODWORKERS' STRIKE.

Chicago, June 16.—Sixteen hundred members of the Woodworkers' union, employed in wash, door and blind factories of Chicago, struck today.

TALBOT SAILS FOR HAVANA.

Kingston, Jamaica, June 16.—It is understood that the British warship Talbot, which brought thirty-eight refugees from Havana five days ago, sailed from Port Royal yesterday for Havana.

"POPS" BOLT AGAIN.

They Hold a Convention and Nominate a Ticket. Minneapolis, June 16.—The middle-of-the-road Populists, who bolted the state Populist convention, held in this city yesterday, because the majority insisted upon fusion with the Democrats and silver Republicans, held a convention of their own today and nominated the following state ticket:

For governor, L. E. Long, Magnolia; lieutenant governor, Little Halverson, Belgrade; for secretary of state, M. Wagonberg, Duluth; for auditor, Charles Hopkins, Fairfax; for treasurer, P. H. Rahilly, Lake City; for attorney general, John P. Kelly, St. Paul; for clerk of the supreme court, A. L. Stromberg, Forest Lake.

GIVE THE SPANIARD HIS DUE.

Stephen Crane Telegraphs That Marines Were Not Mutilated. New York, June 16.—Stephen Crane telegraphs to the Evening World from Guantanamo bay, June 16, a positive denial of statements that the bodies of the marines killed in the fighting on Saturday were mutilated after the men fell.

THE LAST SHOTS.

Several times again Sampson signalled the ships temporarily to cease firing, in order to allow the smoke to clear from the batteries.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

Chairman Garman's Official Call for the Altoona Gathering. Harrisburg, June 16.—Chairman John M. Garman, of the Democratic state committee, issued the following call for the state convention from Democratic headquarters here tonight.

STRAIGHT COLORED TICKET.

Birmingham, Ala., June 16.—About sixty negro Republicans of the state, being dissatisfied with the failure of their state convention to put a ticket, met here today and nominated a straight colored ticket, headed by Rev. A. J. Warner, of Jefferson county, for governor.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, June 16.—Forecast for Friday: Fair, cooler; Pennsylvania: Dreariness, weather, followed by showers; warmer; easterly winds, becoming southerly.

STILL HAMMERING SANTIAGO FORTS

Admiral Sampson's Fleet Bombards the Santiago Forts for a Third Time—The Spanish Gunners Soon Desert the Batteries—Terrible Work of the Dynamite Cruiser Vesuvius—All of the Forts Save El Morro Are Badly Wrecked.

(Copyright, 1898, by the Associated Press.) On Board the Associated Press Dispatch Boat Dauntless, off Santiago de Cuba, Thursday, June 16, noon, via Kingston, Jamaica, Thursday, June 16, 9 p. m.—Rear Admiral Sampson's fleet bombarded the batteries at Santiago de Cuba for the third time at daylight this morning.

The Spanish gunners responded spiritedly at first, but the frenzied, half-crazed fire could not match the cool, nerve-trained eyes and skilled gunnery of the American soldiers. Our fire was much more effective than in preceding bombardments.

In fifteen minutes one western battery was completely wrecked. The Massachusetts tore a gaping hole in the emplacement with a thousand pound projectile and the Texas dropped a shell into the powder magazine. The explosion wrought terrible havoc.

The western batteries, against which the main assault was directed, were badly wrecked. One was utterly destroyed. In others many guns were dismounted.

At first the Spaniards replied passionately and wildly, but impatiently. Then most of the guns were deserted. Not a ship was struck nor a man injured on the American side.

It is believed that the enemy's loss of life was heavy. As a preliminary to the hammering given Vesuvius was last night fired another charge. Three two-hundred-and-fifty-pound charges of gun cotton were sent over the fortifications at the entrance. The design was to drop them in the bay, around the angle, back of the eminence on which El Morro is situated, where it was known that the Spanish torpedo boat destroyers were lying.

Two charges went true as reports were heard, a peculiarity of the explosion of gun cotton in water. Whether the destroyers were demolished is not known, but the destructive area of gun cotton is large and it would not be surprising if it is subsequently ascertained that one or both were destroyed.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: Showers; Warmer. 1. Telegram—Anxiety at Washington. Admiral Sampson on the Lookout for a Food Laden Steamer for Blanco. Half-Saves Spanish Soldiers. Bank of Spain's Tender for War Purposes.

2. Local—Doings of a Day in Our Section and County. Closing Session of Universalists Convention. Fourth of July Games. 3. Editorial. Comment of the Press. 4. Cuba—A Veritable Natural Treasury. 5. Local—Common and Select Council Meetings. Soldiers' Relief Association. 6. Local—Duties Mine Cave. Street Commissioner Dunning Intends to Resign. 7. Local—West Scranton and Suburban. 8. New Round About Scranton. 9. Telegraph—Troops at Camp Alger to Move South.

rattle of the guns of the secondary batteries like thunder above the din of a hurricane. A strong land breeze of the shore carried the smoke of the ships seaward, while it let down a thick curtain in front of the Spanish gunners.

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When the ships got in position it was still too dark for any firing. The admiral signalled the ships not to fire until the muzzles of the enemy's guns in the emplacements could be seen by the gun captains.

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