

SUFFERINGS OF AMERICAN TROOPS

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Hereafter Haste Will Be Made Slowly in Conducting the Campaign and Supplies and Hospital Stores Shall Be Complete Before Further Advance Is Made—Confidence Is Felt That There Will Be No Friction Between Army and Naval Officials—The Sailing of Watson's Fleet Has Been Delayed for a Few Days.

Washington, July 6.—By comparison with what has gone before today was very quiet at the war and navy departments. There were bulletins posted in the former department but there was not one of more recent date than yesterday, and so far from indicating an impending battle the general tendency of these bulletins is to show that no forward movement is in absolutely immediate contemplation.

Deep concern is felt here at the deprivations and sufferings of our troops lying in trenches and in field hospitals surrounding Santiago and there is everywhere a disposition to insist that hereafter haste shall be made slowly and that the equipment of our soldiers, their commissary and quartermasters' supplies, their ammunition and their hospital stores shall be complete in every respect before they advance further. This is likely to be the rule even at the expense of time and in the face of the criticism of an element that has been vehemently insisting upon rushing the campaign without regard to cost of blood and money.

Confidence is felt that there will be no friction between the army and navy commanders and that the conference between them will result in an agreement upon a joint plan for the prosecution of the campaign. In the event that this belief should be not well founded, the president is prepared to act himself by orders from first hand. There is much of force in the naval argument that if Sampson is obliged to enter Santiago harbor before the forts are captured he will jeopardize the safety of the whole of the ironclad fleet under his command since by the sinking of one of these ships in the narrow channel through a Spanish mine or shell the fleet would be left helpless and exposed to destruction under the guns of the forts to which they could make no reply owing to the elevation of the latter, on the other hand the army officers seem to be justified in avoiding the tremendous sacrifice of life that would be involved in again throwing our soldiers upon the Spanish defenses until they have been mater-

SORROW AND RAGE OF SPANISH PEOPLE

Enthusiasm Aroused by Misleading Dispatches Is Turned to Grief.

THE AUTHORITIES ARE ADOPTING STRONG MEASURES TO PREVENT OUTBREAKS—MARSHAL DE CAMPOS FOREMOST IN THE ENDEAVOR TO PREVENT DISTURBANCES. THE QUEEN REGENT IS INCONSOLABLE—GOVERNMENT CRISIS REGARDED AS PROBABLE.

Madrid, Tuesday evening, July 5, via the frontier, July 6.—The enthusiasm aroused by the misleading dispatches to the Spanish government from Cuba is changed today into the wallings of the families of the victims and lamentations over the national disaster. The ministers are crestfallen and are still concealing the worst.

The utmost extremity of despair, of rage and recriminations prevail among the population and the authorities are adopting strong precautions, fearing popular outbreaks.

Marshall de Campos has been foremost in the endeavor to prevent disturbances. A government crisis is imminent and it is regarded as probable that Senor Silvela or Marshal Martinez de Campos will succeed Senor Sagasta as premier and propose peace in order to prevent the Americans from attacking seaboard cities of the peninsula and ruining Spain.

The palace is strongly guarded and the queen regent, who is described as being inconsolable, is receiving the sympathy of the sensible portion of the population. There is no disguising the fact that grave forebodings are heard as to the future of Spain.

The tone of the general public may be summed up in the remark frequently heard: "God alone knows what will happen."

SINKING OF MERCEDES.

Dramatic End of the Old Vessel—A Shell Strikes the Indian.

Headquarters of General Shafter, Tuesday, July 5, by the Associated Press dispatch from Danz, via Port Antonio, and Kingston, July 6 (5 p. m.).—The destruction of the Spanish cruiser Reina Mercedes last night (Monday) accounts for the last ship of Admiral Cervera's once splendid squadron.

She lies today in plain view, her bow resting on the west of the beach under El Morro. Part of the hull is above water and her masts and two stacks are entirely out of water.

It is not yet known whether she attempted to escape from the harbor or whether the Spaniards tried to sink her near the hull of the Merrimac and thus block the entrance, to prevent the Americans from getting in.

Her sinking was most dramatic. Just after midnight she was seen drifting slowly out of the narrow entrance by one of the American scouts. In a moment the fleet ablaze with signals and almost instantly an awful hail of shells was hammering down upon her.

It is not known whether she returned to the fire, but the shore batteries opened and one six inch shell fell on the Indian's forward deck, exploding below.

PROCLAMATION OF PRESIDENT

He Desires That a Day of Thanksgiving Be Observed and That the Hand of Providence Be Recognized

Washington, July 6.—President McKinley at 11.40 tonight issued the following proclamation to the American people:

To the People of the United States of America: At this time, when to the yet fresh remembrance of the unprecedented success which attended the operations of the United States fleet in the bay of Manila on the first day of May last are added the tidings of the no less glorious achievements of the naval and military arms of our beloved country at Santiago de Cuba, it is fitting that we should pause, and, staying the feeling of exultation that too naturally attends great deeds wrought by our countrymen in our country's cause, should reverently bow before the throne of divine grace and give devout praise to God, who holdeth the nations in the hollow of His hands, and who, in His inscrutable will, has his hand upon us, and who has thus far vouchsafed to us the light of His face and our brave soldiers and seamen to victory.

I therefore ask the people of the United States upon next assembling for divine worship in their respective places of meeting to offer thanksgiving to Almighty God, who, in His inscrutable ways, now leading our hosts upon the waters to unsearched triumph, now guiding them in a strange land through the dread shadows of death, has thus even though at a fearful cost, now bearing them without accident or loss to far distant climes, has watched over our cause and brought us to this day of triumph, and the attainment of just and honorable peace.

With the nation's thanks let there be mingled the prayers that our gallant sons may be shielded from harm alike on the battlefield and in the clash of fleets and be spared the scourge of suffering and death, and that, striving to uphold their country's honor, and withal let the nation's heart be stilled with holy awe at the thought of the noble men who have perished as heroes die, and be filled with compassionate sympathy for all those who suffer bereavement or endure sickness, wounds and hardships by reason of the awful struggle.

And above all, let us pray with earnest fervor, that He, the dispenser of all good, may speedily remove from us the untold afflictions of death and sorrow, and dear land the blessings of restored peace and to all the domain now ravaged by the cruel strife the precious boon of security and tranquility.

Executive Mansion, Washington, July 6, 1898.

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BARBARITY UNPARALLELED

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Hallifax, N. S., July 5.—In one of the thick fogs which at this time of the year hang like a pall over the Grand Banks and Sable Islands in the North Atlantic, occurred on the early morning of July 4, one of the most appalling ocean disasters in the annals of trans-Atlantic commerce, and, in fact, in the history of steam sailing of the world. Without a moment's warning, almost the great French liner La Bourgogne, with 725 souls on board, was run down by the iron sailing ship Cromartyshire and such a terrible hole was torn in the big steamer's port side, that she sank within half an hour, carrying with her to the ocean's bottom over five hundred of her passengers and crew, while the balance who were not drawn down by the fearful suction, struggled and fought for life until one hundred and sixty-three were at length rescued from death by the crew of the Cromartyshire, which ship survived the collision.

The story of the fearful disaster from the few officers and crew who were saved is yet to be told, but if the words of the passengers who were dragged aboard the Cromartyshire and landed at the wharf of the steamer Greelan are to be believed, the last few minutes on board the Bourgogne witnessed some of the most terrible scenes of horror and cruelty that have blotted the history of a civilized race.

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HAWAII IS NOW IN THE FOLD

Annexation Vote of 42 to 21 in the Senate Practically Settles It.

The Sudden End of What Promised to Be a Tedious Debate Was Somewhat Unexpected—Only One Republican Votes Against Annexation—Six Democrats Vote in Favor of the Scheme—The Galleries Crowded During the Vote and the Result Is Received with Enthusiasm.

Washington, July 6.—The annexation of Hawaii now is accomplished, so far as the legislative branch of the government is concerned. Quite unexpectedly, the resolutions providing for the annexation of the islands were brought to a vote in the senate late this afternoon and they were passed by a decisive vote of 42 to 21.

Early in today's session of the senate, conference of the leaders of both sides of the chamber were held and a tacit agreement was reached that a vote should be taken tomorrow or Friday at latest. The opponents of annexation practically concluded their arguments and as they had no desire to keep the senate in session by purely dilatory tactics they announced their willingness that a vote should be taken as soon as Mr. White, Mr. Pettigrew and Mr. Allen had finished their speeches.

Neither Mr. White nor Mr. Pettigrew spoke at great length, but Mr. Allen thought when he began that his speech might occupy the remainder of the day and a part of tomorrow. However, he concluded to eliminate a part of the matter he had prepared, and at 4.15 completed his speech.

THE HISTORIC VOTE.

It was evident that a vote was at hand. The word was passed swiftly through the corridors and committee rooms and in a few minutes every senator at the capitol was in his seat. The galleries filled rapidly and members of the house of representatives, learning that a vote was to be taken, came hurriedly to the senate side of the great marble pile to witness proceedings that will be historic.

SCRANTON PASTOR IN CAMP.

Rev. R. F. Y. Pierce Talks to the Soldiers at Chickamauga Park.

Special to The Scranton Tribune. Chickamauga Park, Ga., July 6.—Rev. Robert F. Y. Pierce, of Scranton, held his first religious meeting with the soldiers here this morning. His work here has been arranged by Evangelist Moody. He toured the camps of all the Pennsylvania regiments and found the boys well provided for and in good health.

HOBSON OBSERVED.

Maritime Prisoners Can Be Seen with a Glass from Kent's Camp. Headquarters of General Kent's division, July 5, by the Associated Press dispatch boat Danz, via Port Antonio, Jamaica, July 5 (12.15 a. m.).—General Kent, whose division faces the hospital and barracks of Santiago de Cuba, has been notified by the enemy that Assistant Naval Constructor Hobson and his companions of the Merrimac are confined in the extreme northern building over which two white flags are flying.

CARE OF WOUNDED.

Hereafter the American Soldiers Will Be Sent to Fort Monroe. Washington, July 6.—The war department tonight received the following dispatch: Playa del Este, Cuba, July 6, in camp near Santiago, July 5.—Adjutant General, Washington: Louisiana already sailed for Key West. If Cherokee has not sailed will have her go to Fort Monroe. Hereafter all wounded will be sent to Fort Monroe. (Signed) Shafter, commanding.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: Threatening; Easterly Winds. 1 General—Hawaiian Annexation Resolution Passes the Senate. Administration Concerned Over the Hardships of Our Soldiers in Cuba. Sorrow and Rage of the Spanish People. Nearly Six Hundred Lives Lost by the Sinking of the Bourgogne. 2 Local—Sinking of the Bourgogne (Continued). 3 Local—Company D Mustered Into the New National Guard. Board of Health Re-Elects Officers. 4 Editorial. 5 Comment of the Press. 6 Local—Address to the Friends of Good Government. Stamp Shortage Still Continues. 7 Local—West Scranton and Suburban. 8 News Round About Scranton. 9 General—Pay-Day for the Thirteenth at Camp Alger.

Given Issues a Call. Philadelphia, July 6.—William B. Given, chairman of the state committee of the national Democratic (Jeffersonian) party of Pennsylvania, tonight issued a call for a meeting of the committee, to be held at the Hotel Walton, Philadelphia, Wednesday, July 29, at 8 o'clock. When Congress Will Adjourn. Harrisburg, July 6.—Senator Allison expressed the opinion today that congress would adjourn before the close of the present week. Trustee at Norristown. Harrisburg, July 6.—John Jones, of Norristown, was today reappointed trustee of the state insane hospital at Norristown. WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, July 6.—Forecast for Thursday: For eastern Pennsylvania, threatening weather, east-early winds. For western Pennsylvania, fair; warmer; light south-early winds.