

**WE WILL HOLD THE PHILIPPINES.**

**EUROPE MAY PROTEST.**

**Steamers Will Leave San Francisco With Supplies and Men for Commodore Dewey's Fleet.**

Now that the United States have possession of the Philippine Islands they do not propose to part with them for the present, at least. Europe is already beginning to protest against the seizure, claiming that it will disturb the situation in the East.

Some form of government must certainly be established by the United States at Manila. Commodore Dewey controls the water supply and the food will not last more than two weeks.

Dewey can demand the surrender of Manila, and if not complied he will bombard the city which he is permitted to do according to international law, providing he gives a day's notice.

This could give the people an opportunity to flee to the hills where their condition would not be improved, as the insurgents are now in possession of the outlying districts.

Although the sentiment at Washington is averse to holding the islands permanently, yet they will be occupied until Spain pays the expenses of the United States incurred by the present war. A coaling station will, however, be permanently retained on the islands.

Admiral Dewey has been instructed to establish a military government in the island as rapidly as possible. He will make this as stable as he can, and has been advised particularly with reference to the rights of foreign citizens.

The City of Pekin is now at San Francisco, and the Mare Island Navy Yard people promised to have her in condition to receive troops and supplies in a few days. Meanwhile the navy office will make every effort to get together some more swift merchant steamers to transport troops, as it is not doubted that a sufficient number of these can be secured from among the great ocean liners starting from San Francisco.

General Miles thought that about 5,000 troops would suffice to reinforce Dewey. With vessels like the City of Pekin no trouble would be found in carrying the Philippines in six ships within three months.

It is the present purpose to start the expedition on the 15th. The troops will be taken mainly from the West. The War Department promised to take one of the infantry companies from Idaho. Other troops will be drawn from Washington and California. There are eight companies of United States regulars in San Francisco harbor, and they probably will be dispatched, their places in the coast defense being taken by the four cavalry companies of the 2nd and some of the six companies of the Fourteenth Infantry now at Vancouver barracks.

At the embassies and legations at Washington Commodore Dewey's reports were read with great interest and served to renew the high tributes of the foreign authorities to the gallant American commander. The remarkable disparity between the casualties on the American and Spanish ships, as shown by the Dewey report, was a source of special comment, and the military attaches of one of the embassies said such a disparity probably was without a parallel in history. How the Spaniards lost the great powers of the United States, and how the American loss was confined to a few men slightly injured, is regarded by the foreign observers as clearly disclosing the utter worthlessness of Spanish arms. The ambassador of one of the great powers, who attended the guns of the Spanish forts, as well as those on their ships, were worthless, otherwise they would have inflicted at least some mortality upon the American sailors.

**TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.**

An entire family was drowned by the flood at Mulberry, Ark., last week.

Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, United States minister to Spain, has returned to New York.

James Mason and Cliff Wade mortally wounded each other in a street fight at Moberly, Mo.

Ex-minister Polo is now sojourning in Canada, much depressed by the news from Manila.

A schooner with 12 Spanish naval reserves on board was captured near Havana a few days ago.

Ex-Congressman A. R. Keifer was elected mayor of St. Paul with the entire Republican ticket.

A boiler explosion at the Passaic Rolling mills in New Jersey killed Edward Canser a few days ago.

Alexander Andree, of Pittsburg, aged years, swallowed a button the other day and choked to death.

The Detroit Soap Company's plant was destroyed by fire last week. Loss \$100,000.

The British ambassador at Washington, Julian Pauncefote will be succeeded by Sir Thomas Sanderson.

H. N. Martin and his wife were killed in their home at Watertown, N. Y., a few days ago by breathing escaping coal gas.

B. L. Irish touched an electric wire at the Westinghouse works near Pittsburg last Wednesday, and was shocked to death.

The cashier of the First National Bank of Carthage, N. Y., has absconded with \$10,000. The doors of the bank were closed.

A fight occurred at a baptism at Almy, Tenn. Two men killed each other and three men and two women were wounded.

Yellow fever has attacked four men at Key West. Two are Americans and two belong to the crew of a captured Spanish prize.

"Fish," said the captain of a schooner captured by Americans, would bring their weight in gold if they could be brought to Havana.

An Italian at Dover, N. Y., said when the troops went away: "I hope they will come back dead." He managed to escape, but the mob burned his store.

Wheat was pushed up to \$1.70 a bushel at Chicago last Saturday, by "Joe" Leiter who has cornered the market. His profits for the past week amount to \$2,300,000.

The price of print paper at Appleton, Wis., mills has advanced half a cent a pound since the war began.

At a meeting of the city council of New Orleans the other night a petition was read from patriotic citizens, asking that the name of Spain street be changed to Dewey avenue. The petition was referred to a committee, and no doubt will be favorably acted upon.

Prince Ahmed Safedin, a cousin of the khedive, shot his uncle, Prince Ahmed Fuad, with a revolver last Saturday at Cairo, Egypt, in the reading room of the Khedivial club. Prince Fuad received three bullets in the back. Prince Safedin was arrested.

**OUR WAR WITH SPAIN.**

The troops at Tampa were vaccinated last Wednesday.

Dewey Day will be celebrated at Topeka, Kas., May 10.

Troops at Tampa are being drilled in the art of making entrenchments.

A case of small pox has appeared in the volunteer camp near Mobile, Ala.

The Spaniards of Argentina have contributed \$200,000 to Spain's naval fund.

The cruiser Montgomery captured two small boats off of Havana last Saturday.

All steamers landing in New York are discharging Spaniards among their crews.

The strength of the army now assembled at Chickamauga park, number 30,000 men.

The gunboat Wilmington demolished a Spanish fort near Cofima, Cuba, a few days ago.

Citizens in Havana are burying their food in cellars. They fear the starving soldiers of Spain.

The Colorado Federation of Labor, 50,000 strong, has pledged its services to the president.

The steel steamer Vigilancia has been fitted out by the war department as a floating hospital.

Monday the arrival of the Spanish fleet at Porto Rico was announced, consisting of 17 vessels.

Ten thousand army mules have already been purchased by the government at a cost of \$700,000.

The governor of Porto Rico has been ordered to prepare for 40,000 Spanish troops who will arrive in a few days.

The city of Ponce, Porto Rico, is under martial law. American and British subjects are in danger of their lives.

Bianco announced to the starving people of blockaded Havana that Dewey's fleet at Manila had been defeated.

A British steamer with 2,000 tons of coal for Havana was not permitted to enter by the blockading fleet the other day.

Commodore Dewey cut the cable 40 miles out from Manila, and news concerning the battle is consequently scarce.

Gomez, the leader of the Cuban Insurgents, has thanked the American people for their interest in the destiny of the island.

A brother-in-law of Gen. Weyler was among the officers captured on a Spanish ship the other day by a United States cruiser.

The government now has decided to send no United States troops into Cuba until Admiral Sampson has disposed of the Spanish fleet.

Spain has almost got a second squadron in readiness, but her limited finances prevent her from providing efficient crews.

George Blanchard, president of the Joint Traffic association has been appointed by the government to take charge of the transportation of volunteer troops.

It has been suggested by some senators that the United States should give the Philippine Islands to Great Britain in exchange for Jamaica, the Bermudas and the Bahamas.

Chickamauga and Washington have been absolutely decided on as volunteer army concentration points. At least one of the eastern points will be chosen, probably either in New York or Pennsylvania.

The president has accepted the gift of Miss Helen Gould, of New York, to the government of \$100,000 for war purposes, and her check for that amount was received at the treasury department.

The Croton aqueduct, from which New York receives her water supply is being guarded by hundreds of deputies. It is feared that Spanish spies are plotting to cripple the aqueduct and cause a water famine.

Senor Mella, a Carlist deputy, was expelled from the Spanish Cortes a few days ago for referring to an unfortunate nation whose kings are boys, and that women were always the cause of the fall of thrones.

The torpedo boat Ericsson, while reconnoitering near the shore, about three miles west of Havana, was fired on by a body of soldiers, both infantry and cavalry, the gunboat Wilmington sending several shots back among them, with what effect it is, of course, unknown.

The American gunboats Vicksburg and Morrill, while pursuing a schooner off Cuba the other day had a narrow escape from destruction. They approached too near the batteries of Santa Clara, and only the poor marksmanship of the Spanish gunners enabled them to escape.

One hundred and thirty-five passes, giving permission for correspondents of newspapers to accompany the army have so far been issued by Secretary Alger. One of these is to Mrs. K. B. Watkins, representing a Toronto newspaper, and is the only one issued up to this time to a representative of the gentler sex.

On the recommendation of General Miles, the secretary of war has selected a tract of land in the vicinity of Falls Church, Va., as a camp for about 20,000 of the 30,000 soldiers of the volunteer army. The camp is located at Munson's hill in Fairfax county, on the line of the Southern railroad and extends toward Fort Myer.

**CYCLING NOTES.**

Toe-clips are becoming popular with women riders.

When cycling, see that the clothing around the stomach, chest and neck is loose.

A good-fitting pair of cycling shoes makes a vast improvement in a rider's style or pace.

Nobody need ever fear the clutch of rheumatism who takes regular moderate exercise on his wheel.

The wheelman of Milwaukee, Wis., will build a cycle truck by pneumatic suspension, issuing certificates of stock to subscribers.

The heavier the rider the bar the tire should be pumped. To ride a tire soft diminishes speed and increases the liability to side-slipping and puncture.

A Scotchman has constructed a bicycle which he can take apart and carry into a train after having folded it within the space occupied by three umbrellas.

Increase sales of bicycles this year will have an ill effect on the business of the man who makes a living by mending wheels to persons who do not own a machine.

When a bill has to be mended, the cyclist should pedal evenly and quietly at first, reserving his energy for the last part of the mending, when the work will be far less exhausting.

Many a rider with a high-g geared wheel has found his cost on the day after a ride, a strong wind aching bones and stiffened muscles, the most entirely punishing his wheel at top speed against a gale.

An acre devoted to the culture of bananas yields 133 times as much money as an acre of wheat.

**OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE BATTLE**

**NOT A LIFE LOST.**

**Commodore Dewey Cables His Great Victory to Washington—He is Appointed Acting Admiral.**

A week of anxiety for confirmation of the news of American victory on the Philippine islands was relieved last Saturday when cablegrams were received at Washington from Commodore Dewey, which read as follows:

"Squadron arrived at Manila at daybreak this morning. Immediately destroyed the following Spanish vessels: Reina Cristina, Castilla, Don Antonio de Ulloa, Isle de Luzon, Isle de Cuba, General Lezo, Marques de Duero, Correo, Valasco, Isle de Mindanao, a transport, and water battery at Cavite. The squadron is uninjured and only a few men are slightly wounded. Only means of telegraphing is to American consul at Hong Kong. I shall communicate with him.

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