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DEWEY IN CONTROL; MANILA IS NOW OURS.

Advices From Singapore Say the Americans are Now Governing the Island, but no Official Statement Received at Washington.

ADMIRAL SAMPSON WILL ATTACK PORTO RICO TO-MORROW

England Again Refuses the Request of Some of the Powers to Intervene.

WASHINGTON, May 6.

In administration circles to-day everything is bustle and expectation. A prominent member of the navy department stated this afternoon that Porto Rico would be taken to-morrow by Admiral Sampson, who left Key West on Wednesday under sealed orders after coaling.

It is the confident belief of administration officials that there will be little trouble in capturing that port and holding it. Reports of a revolution at Porto Rico on the part of the insurgents will materially assist our fleet. The outbreak against Spain in that island is assuming enormous proportions.

London May 6, 1:30 p. m.—A Shanghai special received this morning says that Commodore Dewey, after crushing the Spanish fleet and disposing of Cavite, bombarded Manila. Shortly after the batteries of the American fleet were turned on the capital of the Philippines that city was on fire. The despatch gives no further particulars, except the statement that there was a great loss of life.

Singapore, May 6, 1:40 p. m.—The Americans are now holding Manila, and are conducting the government of the town. Alexandrino, the insurgent leader, has landed in Manila Bay from an American transport.

Admiral Sampson's Errand.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—Secretary Long said at the close of office yesterday that up to that time he had received no word from Commodore Dewey. He added, however, that he felt no apprehension over this lack of good news, because in the first place reports were not expected with the cable from Manila cut, and furthermore, no fears were entertained as to Commodore Dewey's ability to maintain his position. There was no doubt, the Secretary said, that Commodore Dewey's fleet had annihilated the Spanish fleet, and with this much accomplished Dewey was master of the situation at Manila. The powder and shot to be sent to Dewey will give 500 rounds for the big guns and several thousand rounds for the rapid fire rifles.

No news could be gleaned at the navy department relative to the movements of Admiral Sampson's ironclads, but from the confident tone of the few officials who are acquainted with the policy of the department they are expecting to hear very soon of news from his squadron almost as interesting and important as that received from the Philippines last Monday. A high officer of the administration almost demolished the theory that Admiral Sampson was going to succor the Oregon, now on her way from Brazil to join the North Atlantic squadron. He declared that the navy department was under no apprehension about the Oregon, for the reason that it did not consider that the Spanish admiral of the Cape Verde squadron would be willing to risk a combat with the Oregon, even with the great odds in his favor, as even if overwhelmed in the end, the Oregon would certainly destroy one of the Spanish ships, and perhaps two, and the Spanish government could not afford to exchange pawns at this stage of the war. That left open as possible points of operations for Sampson, either Porto Rico or some port on the Cuban coast. But just which theory is to be accepted is not even hinted at by the department officials.

Notice came to the state department from Brazil that that government had declared neutrality. There is now no cause to regret such action on the part of Brazil, for however beneficial the delay has been to the United States in getting its war ships safely along the Brazilian coast, the issue of the proclamation just now is likely to be still more beneficial in closing Brazilian ports to the Spanish flying squadron if it should be headed in that direction. It is now believed that the Spanish flying squadron really has turned back to connect with the home squadron at Cadiz.

EXAMINING THE VOLUNTEERS.

Twenty-one Men Were Rejected in Two Pennsylvania Batteries. Mount Gretna, Pa., May 6.—A drizzling rain fell yesterday at Camp Hastings, and beyond the final work preparatory to transferring the state soldiers into United States volunteers nothing was done. The regimental surgeons began the physical examination of the enlisted men and lieutenants of their respective regiments. Captains and officers of higher rank will be examined personally by Major Hall, U. S. A., Battery A., Captain Warburton, and Battery B., Captain Waters, were examined. Only seven men were rejected in the former and 14 in the latter. Recruits made up the deficiency. Both batteries were mustered in today and will be ready to move by nightfall.

Last night the volunteer surgeons began their examination of the men. It is rigid and will be completed within five days. After the exact number of men physically competent in each company has been ascertained, any deficiency will be made up with the best men on the waiting list until each company has the required 78 officers and men. The volunteers will be mustered in by regiments. The work will most probably be finished in ten days, and the entire division will move in a body to Washington or some point further south.

More Trouble for Spain. Madrid, May 6.—The Spanish transport Alfonso XIII, with 1,900 troops and considerable specie on board, has arrived safely at Porto Rico. The American ships were anxious for her capture.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Latest Advices From the National Capital on the War Situation.

WASHINGTON, May 6. The Navy department has information to the effect that the Spanish troops in Cuba, anticipating an invasion by our forces, are being concentrated at the chief seaports of the island, abandoning the interior to the insurgents.

The authorities are very reticent about giving information as to the invasion of Cuba. It was learned to-day, upon what seems to be good authority, that not less than 5,000 troops will land at some point near Havana, probably to-day but not later than Saturday. This is the advance guard for the army that is to attack Havana simultaneously with the bombardment of that port by our naval fleet. These troops, when landed, will join the insurgents.

Active preparations were being made to-day by both the war and navy departments for reinforcing Commodore Dewey at Manila and sending out sufficient men and supplies to hold the islands and maintain order. Details of the expedition will depend upon the nature of Dewey's report, now expected at any moment.

The Senate Finance committee resumed consideration of the War Revenue bill. The Democrats on the committee, with the assistance of two silver Republicans, have control of the bill. Among the changes they propose is striking out the bond issue, and as a substitute place a tax of 2 per cent. on gross receipts of railroads and the issuing of \$150,000,000 in greenbacks. The Senate will not accept this, and the bill will likely pass in the same shape it came from the House. It may be a week before the bill is reported to the Senate.

The administration desires immediate action by Congress on the resolution for the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands. The House favors annexation, but the Senate's action cannot be foretold. The possession of the Islands is necessary, it is urged, for war purposes, as coaling stations.

Inquiry at the navy department at three o'clock this afternoon elicited the information that no official news was received from Commodore Dewey.

The report that the cable between Manila and Hong Kong has been repaired proves erroneous.

FRANCE AIDS SPAIN.

The Capture of the Lafayette May Cause France Trouble.

Key West, May 6.—The big French liner Lafayette, bound for Havana from Corunna, on the northwest coast of Spain, was captured while trying to run the blockade and enter the Havana harbor. She was captured by the training ship Annapolis. The Lafayette is loaded with contraband of war and has many male passengers on board thought to be recruits for the Spanish army at Havana.

The Lafayette left Corunna after the declaration of war by the United States and her capture by American vessels is looked upon as a serious international aspect, as the Lafayette has mounted guns and is a French naval reserve vessel. This government will probably compel France to explain her position in aiding Spain, one of the belligerents.

When she first appeared off Havana she was warned not to enter port, but made a second attempt and was captured.

Two other prizes have been captured by the American vessels. They were small Spanish schooners trying to enter Havana harbor.

British Consul Safe.

Kingston, May 6.—Information has been received here to the effect that the British Consul at Santiago de Cuba is safe, and that everything is now quiet there.

The Temerario Sails.

Buenos Ayres, May 6.—The Spanish torpedo gunboat Temerario sailed to-day from this port. Her destination is not known. She is far in the rear of the Oregon, as that vessel sailed from Rio Janeiro on the 4th inst.

Neutral, But Watchful.

Berlin, May 6.—In a speech from the throne the German Emperor declared that Germany would fully act up to its duties in the matter of neutrality, but would protect Germany's commerce from any possible injury.

The Keating Bicycle 365 days ahead of them all at Brunner's. Also a full supply of cements, oils and sundries.



COUNCILMEN IN SESSION

The Annual Report of the Borough Auditors Submitted.

ACCEPTANCE OF IT DEFERRED!

Council Would Not Act on it Last Night Because it Wanted Time to Consider the Document to Avoid a Second Audit, as Required Last Year.

A regular meeting of the Borough Council was held last evening and there was quite a large attendance of citizens, who had heard that the meeting was to be a lively one on account of the submission of the Borough Auditors' annual report, but the people who put in an appearance with the expectation of witnessing a scene were disappointed, and there was really nothing of the nature of an annual session.

After the reading and adoption of the minutes Borough Auditor George Ploppert was given an opportunity to speak and he stated that the Auditors were ready to report to Council on the financial condition of the borough for the 13 months included in the fiscal year. "In presenting the annual statement," he said, "it may not appear as pleasant as it might, but you can rest assured it is not with malice or spleen on the part of the auditors, nor have they been prompted by any citizen of this, or any other borough. They have merely done their duty to show the taxpayers the expenditure of funds, and for what purpose." Mr. Ploppert concluded his remarks with the statement that the auditors were present to give any information desired.

President McGuire stated that Council had no idea of the contents of the audit and, therefore, the members were not in a position to ask any questions. As to Mr. Ploppert's remarks about making things pleasant, he said the Council did not ask for that, but only for a correct and proper audit.

Mr. James moved to lay the audit on the table for two weeks to give Council a chance to look over it and the motion was carried, whereupon Mr. Straughn asked that the Auditors turn over all books and papers in their possession belonging to the borough. President McGuire said, "The Auditors will please turn over all papers and books belonging to the borough," and Auditor Ploppert replied, "The Auditors will turn nothing over to this borough until Council will consider that statement."

Mr. Straughn then said that the auditors had made their statement and announced that their work was complete, and if they refused to turn over any property belonging to the borough he, as a member of the Council, would feel like taking steps to compel them to do so. A little bit between the President and Auditor Ploppert followed, during which the latter said it was the wish of the Auditors that Council should look at the audit and President McGuire replied, "We don't care what your wishes are, the matter is now in the hands of this Council and it wants the papers and books."

Mr. Straughn said he was willing to extend the Auditors any courtesy necessary, but Council ought to have time to consider the report and papers. As soon as Council accepted the report last year it was compelled to expend \$35 to have another audit made and he, as one member, didn't propose to accept another audit until he knew it was correct. It is not right, he said, for Council to accept an audit on two or three minutes' investigation. Seven or eight columns will require careful consideration.

President McGuire stated that the Auditors refused to give up the papers asked for and wanted to know if any action was desired. Mr. James said, "I, as a Councilman, would make a demand on the papers and books belonging to the Borough Council, and the Auditors should not be allowed to leave the room until that is done. They have finished their work, and now it is our turn. I move we don't allow the Auditors to take those books or papers out of this room."

Mr. James' motion was not seconded and Mr. Straughn moved that Council make a demand upon the Auditors to turn over all papers the property of the borough. The motion was seconded.

Mr. Lally asked if the Auditors refused to turn over the property, what steps Council would take, and the President replied that Council should not anticipate the action of the Auditors.

Auditor Ploppert said, "We wish to hold the books and papers until Council sees that the audit is correct." President McGuire: "In your opinion it is correct?" Auditor Ploppert: "Yes, sir, I believe so." President McGuire: "Then it is for Council to see if it is."

Mr. Straughn's motion was then put and carried and the President said, "Mr. Ploppert, as chairman of the Auditors, you are requested to turn over the papers and other property in your possession belonging to the borough." Mr. Ploppert replied, "Here they are," and the books and papers were carried to the secretary's desk.

Later in the evening the bills of the Auditors were read and created a short, but warm exchange of words. Mr. Ploppert's bill was for \$78 for 30 days' service at \$2 per day and \$5 for expenses. The bills of Messrs. McDonald and Byrnes were for \$78 each. The time computed was from March 14th to May 4th, Sundays excluded. Mr. James moved that the bills be laid over for two weeks and, in answer to Mr. Ploppert's query as to the reason, he said, "I am trying my best to live up to the law. I don't know what the law is governing the Auditors' pay and, for fear that I may make a mistake or error, I want to have the law on the question. Mr. Ploppert replied that the law allowed \$2 per day. Mr. James retorted that he was not asking Mr. Ploppert what the law was and he believed that somewhere in the statutes it is provided that eight hours constitute a day's work. The bills went over.

The committee on Bonds and Highways recommended the placing of a number of street crossings in several parts of the town, namely: At Oak, Lloyd and Oak streets crossing Bear alley; Lloyd and Oak streets, crossing Market alley; Cherry and Chestnut streets, Union and Emerick streets, crossing Raspberry alley; and Oak and Bowers streets. Mr. James said a crossing should be placed at Jardia and Cherry streets, that the matter was reported nine months ago. A resolution by Mr. Lally that the tax rate be fixed the same as last year, 5 mills for borough and 5 mills for water, was laid over until the next meeting upon the statement by Mr. Straughn that the financial standing of the borough may allow a reduction in the mills after investigation.

Mr. Brennan said James Toole, of Turkey

FAVOR HOME LABOR.

Smith & Campion Got the Paving Contract at Mahanoy City.

The Borough Council of Mahanoy City, at an adjourned meeting, last night awarded the contract for paving the streets. There were fifteen bids and forty different kinds of brick presented. The contract was awarded to Smith & Campion, the well-known contractors, of Mahanoy City. The work is to be done for \$1.81 per square yard. Council voted unanimously for Smith & Campion, thus carrying out the wishes of the people in favoring a home concern.

It was decided to accept the Metropolitan black brick which is manufactured at Canton, Ohio. This was done by a vote of 8 to 7. It will be remembered that the people voted for an \$80,000 loan at the last election for the purpose of additional street paving. Council has now decided to pave 11,000 square yards and expend \$19,980 for the purpose this year, leaving a balance of \$55,000 to be expended in 1899.

The successful bidder, Smith & Campion, in the paving of the streets of Mahanoy City will employ time labor, in accordance with the specifications of the contract, thus keeping the bulk of the large sum of money at home.

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