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REAR ADMIRAL SAMPSON.

through the scout boats, which have instructions to cable the Washington government immediately of an engagement should one occur. Thus the navy department is hourly expecting this information, and it may be in their possession at this writing. The official censorship is very strict, and the department is reluctant to give information for publication.

In confirmation of the above report, an earlier despatch was received here from Port de Prince, Hayti, reporting heavy cannonading in the Windward Passage off the coast of Cuba. The despatch further says: "This cannonading was first heard last Thursday. It was reported on the following day and also on Saturday. What resulted from the terrific firing it was unable to learn. Further confirmation of these reports was taken to Mole St. Nicholas by two vessels which reached there to-day. Fishermen who reached here to-day from the western coast of Hayti report that they sighted three

Special to Evening Herald. New York, May 24.—A Mail and Express bulletin says a London cable has it that a big naval battle has been fought in the vicinity of the Windward passage and that the American squadron closed in on Admiral Cervera and completely demolished the Spanish squadron. No further details are given.



This report is thought to be authentic, and is confirmed from many news quarters, although little details are given. A despatch from Washington this morning, filed at 11:45 o'clock, says an eager expectancy is manifested in naval circles for direct reliable news of the defeat of the enemy's fleet by Admiral Sampson. This information will only reach the government



COMMODORE WINFIELD SCOTT SCHLEY.

vessels in the Windward Passage yesterday. The vessels were going southward at full speed, but the fishermen were not near enough to make out their names or nationality."

Key West, May 24.—It is reported here that the Spanish and American fleets are engaged in a fearful conflict off the southeastern coast of Cuba in the Windward Passage.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Latest Advice From the National Capital on the War Situation.

Special to Evening Herald. WASHINGTON, May 24. It is admitted in naval circles that an American fleet of armor clad are in the vicinity of Santiago de Cuba, where the Spanish squadron is supposed to be taking on coal and making needed repairs to their vessels. The navy department continues to intimate that it hourly expects news of a great naval battle in that vicinity, but it does not give out anything to justify the expectation.

Key West is also in a very expectant mood. The belief is strong that all is over but the shouting. Rumors are rife in that quarter. A special received here from Key West reports the capture of the light house tender Mangrove by a big Spanish cruiser off the southern Cuban coast. It is said the Mangrove was engaged in cutting the cable at Santiago de Cuba to cut off communication from Madrid. Navy officials here will furnish no information, neither affirming nor denying the report. The Mangrove was not intended for active and hard fighting. She is equipped with two rapid-fire one-pounders, and cable-grappling apparatus, and in charge of Commander Everett. Her crew consists of thirteen men. The army is ready to invade Cuba, but (Continued on Fourth Page.)

SPAIN SUSPECTED OF CONCEALING NEWS.

Special to Evening Herald. Madrid May 24.—Official despatches received from Havana say that Admiral Cervera's fleet is still at Santiago de Cuba. The belief is that the government is withholding important news from Cuba. This belief is prevalent in all quarters, and in all sections of the press. The character of this information, received from Gen. Blanco, has not been made public.

DEWEY DEFIES GERMANY.

Would Not Allow the German Consul to Land Provisions at Manila. Special to Evening Herald. New York, May 24.—A despatch from Manila, Philippine Islands, says that Rear Admiral Dewey has been threatened by the German consul there. The German consul tried to land provisions at Manila from a German warship. Dewey refused to allow the landing to be made. The German consul became aggressive and declared that he would force a landing with the aid of a German cruiser. Upon receipt of this message Admiral Dewey replied that he would fire upon them if they made the attempt. The provisions have not yet been landed.

THE MANGROVE IS REPORTED SAFE.

Special to Evening Herald. Key West, May 24.—The United States light house tender Mangrove is now reported safe by the commander of the tug Tecumseh. The Mangrove was sighted off Cuba yesterday. [Late despatches this morning from Key West and Washington stated that it was rumored that the Mangrove had been captured by the Spanish, but.]

Much Anxiety at Madrid.

Special to Evening Herald. Madrid, May 24.—Much anxiety is felt here as to whether Admiral Cervera's entire squadron has been able to effect a conjunction in the Cuban waters.



THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETS

Last Meeting Before the Reorganization of the Board.

THE GRADUATING ARRANGEMENTS.

They Will be Held on June 20th.—The High School Exercises Will be Held in the Theatre—Final Reports For the Fiscal Year.

An adjourned meeting of the School Board was held last night with the following named directors in attendance: Messrs. Edwards, Hanna, Kelpin, Bugh, Coughlin, Sullivan, Beit, Connor, Dyer, McNeill, Brodin and Price. Supt. Burke was also in attendance. Mr. Edwards occupied the chair in the absence of the president.

The object of the meeting was to close up the business of the fiscal year and it will be the last meeting prior to the one to be held on the first Monday of June for re-organization.

The session was a brief one and was chiefly devoted to the reception of routine reports. Superintendent Cooper presented the following report in writing: During the last school month we had the following results: Monthly enrollment—Boys, 1221; girls, 1141, total, 2362. Average daily attendance—Boys, 1193; girls, 1289; total, 2482. Percentage of attendance—Boys, 94; girls, 93; total, 91. There were 1959 pupils at every session, 44 visits by citizens and 27 by directors. This month closes the school year of 1893. We find that during the year there were 1459 boys and 1662 girls, or 3121 different pupils members of our schools. Of these 13 were from other districts. At present the final examinations for the term are being held and so far as we have gone, the results obtained are quite satisfactory. As I have been appointed a member of the State Examining Board for the West Chester State Normal School, it will be necessary for me to be absent on June 7th and 8th. I therefore ask for a leave of absence for those days. The report was accepted and the leave of absence granted.

Trust officer Smith made the following report: During the last school month I visited the parents of 123 absent pupils. The reasons given for their absence in most cases was sickness. There were 16 pupils who played truant during the month. They are all back in school again, except two. Those I expect in school to-morrow morning. The report was accepted.

The High School committee recommended that the graduating exercises be held on June 20th. Those of the Grammar school will be held at 4 p. m. in the High School building. The High School exercises will be held at Ferguson's theatre at 8 p. m.

Upon recommendation of the finance committee the Board decided to negotiate a temporary loan of \$1,000 to meet current expenses. A letter from the state department was read, stating that the amount of Shenandoah's annual appropriation had not been fixed, but it will be approximately \$12,000. This will be about \$3,000 less than the amount the Board has been receiving.

At Kepchinski's Arcade Cafe. Vegetable soup, free, to-night. Hot lunch to-morrow morning.

Quick Retribution. Special to Evening Herald. Birmingham, Ala., May 24.—Near Utah last night Dr. J. L. Gunther, while bicycling, accidentally brushed against Lynn Thomas, a negro.

Thomas drew a knife and fatally stabbed Gunther. The murderous negro fled, but was captured by a posse and shot dead.

Cheap Bathing Outfit. The attention of our readers is called to the advertisement of W. H. Pratt, 323 South Jardin street, which appears in another column. He has accepted the agency of a complete bathroom which he sells at the remarkably low price of \$5.00. By using it one can enjoy either Turkish, Russian, mineral or medicated baths. Parties desiring a cheap bathing outfit added to their homes would do well to consult Mr. Pratt.

Window shades from 10 cents and upward. Estimates given on large shades. F. J. Porter, 21 North Main street.

Organizing Cadets. Joseph Lehman and Joseph Peters are organizing a cadet company which they intend to have connected with General Gehlin's battalion. Oscar Bolch, who was captain of a company at Girard College, will be captain of the cadets.

Zollner's Condition. Dr. Stein stated to-day that the condition of William Zollner, who was kicked by a mule in the Shenandoah City colliery, yesterday, was improved, but the victim was by no means out of danger.

Kendrick House Free Lunch. Grand Army bean soup will be served, free, to all patrons to-night.

Ministerial Meeting To-day. The regular monthly session of the Mahanoy Valley Ministerial Association was held at Wm. Penn to-day. The program as published in these columns was carried out, and the attendance of the members was large, including Rev. Swindells, of town.

Carpenters Quit. A Hazleton exchange says a number of carpenters from Shenandoah and Schuylkill towns employed on the breaker at Laurel Hill have quit work. Some were dissatisfied with the wages while others found fault with the hard quality of the wood in working on piece work.

American and Cuban flags, all sizes and qualities. F. J. Porter, 21 N. Main street. If

No Court on Monday. Although next Monday is the usual day for hearing motions and handing down decisions, there will be no court that day. The officials will observe Memorial Day. The next motion court will be held on Monday, June 6th.

Moldists Cafe. Liver and onions, free, to-night.

A Dental. SHENANDOAH, PA., May 23, 1893. ED. EVENING HERALD.

This is to certify that neither John McDonald nor M. J. Byrne signed, nor were to the affidavit published in the EVENING HERALD May 23d, 1893, before me.

J. A. TOOMEY, J. P.

Party at Brownsville. A large surprise party was tendered Mrs. Lucy Morrison, at her home in Brownsville last night. The guests numbered over thirty, of which the majority were young folks of town, who braved the inclement weather and came with to attend. Lost Creek was also well represented. The many guests enjoyed the festivities which were continued until a late hour. The hostess served a luncheon in a creditable style. During the evening Misses Blanche Gilpin, Bertha Blimes and Mattie Thomas, rendered several selections. Those in attendance were: Edith Whitlock, Margaret Biddell, Nellie Walters, Nellie Dwyer, Geo. Leslie, Margaret Staak, Bertha Kibine, Maud Gilpin, Annie Schaeffer, Eva Powell, Jennie Jenkins, Mattie Thomas, Edith Erdman, Alice Biddell, of Shenandoah; Martha and Maize D. Jones, Edith Brown, Nellie Price, of Lost Creek; Lydia Jenkins, Jennie, Nellie, Lucy, Jennie and Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, of Brownsville, and John Stein, Fred Hatten, Clara and Ralph Matter, Clarence Harris, Jesse Thomas, Geo. Watson, Clyde Glover, Harry Pratt, Arthur Merrick, Charles Neisewander, Bert Davis, Oswald Morgan, Alfred Morgan, and Geo. Yost, of Shenandoah; Seta Owens, of Lost Creek; Robert and Joe Morrison, of Brownsville.

Injured by a Fall. Mrs. Kinney, an aged woman residing on North White street, slipped on a banana peel on a West Centre street pavement this morning and in the fall injured one of her ankles so badly that it was necessary to remove her foot in a carriage.

Projectors in Town. Messrs. Hamilton, Godfrey and I. H. Rothelmer, of Reading, projectors of the proposed electric railway which is to be constructed between Shenandoah and Hightstown, were in town yesterday, on matters relative to the construction.

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