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Schley Challenges The Spanish Admiral

Believing They Were at Cienfuegos, He Offers to Meet Them with His Smallest Vessels, and Upon Refusal Threatens Bombardment.

CERVERA AT SANTIAGO.

Special to EVENING HERALD.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 28.—A newspaper dispatch boat arrived here last evening direct from Commodore Schley's flying squadron off Cienfuegos, with the following dispatches, dated May 23:

The arrival of the gunboat Hawk, a converted yacht, put the flying squadron this morning into a state of ferment and anticipation. She brought news that the Spanish squadron under Admiral Cervera, for which Commodore Schley is looking, was at Santiago de Cuba. Commodore Schley made immediate preparations to go in pursuit of the enemy, but as the ships were somewhat short of coal he had to wait in a state of great impatience while the battleship Iowa took on 500 tons and the other ships 250 each.

This coaling was conducted with the aid of the collier Merrimac, which arrived in company with the gunboat Castine. The squadron is to leave the harbor of Santiago. The flying squadron is now one of the strongest aggregations of fighting ships ever gathered together. It consists of the first class armored cruiser Brooklyn, Commodore Schley's flagship, the battleships Massachusetts, Iowa and Texas, the cruiser Marblehead, the gunboat Castine and the torpedo boat Dupont. It has a plentiful supply of coal, and can stay for a long time at sea. The men are not only anxious, but eager to fight, and they expressed great satisfaction at learning the whereabouts of the enemy's fleet.

A close examination was made of the harbor of Cienfuegos, but nothing was seen which in Commodore Schley's opinion would warrant an attack. Some concern is felt for the Scorpion, which left here to take dispatches to the cruiser Minneapolis at Santiago. The dispatches of Commodore Schley are in cipher and cannot be read if captured. About noon the British ship Adula, bound from Kingston, Jamaica, with orders to bring off refugees from Cienfuegos, was hailed, and Captain Walker said he had seen the Spanish fleet at Santiago de Cuba on the previous Thursday, but understood it was bound for Cienfuegos. The harbor, he said, had 27 electric mines, while that of Cienfuegos had 20 contact mines. The Adula proceeded, and Commodore Schley was inclined to believe that the Spanish squadron had got behind the

CUBAN REPORT SAYS SCHLEY DESTROYED SPAIN'S FLEET.

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Boston, May 28.—The Boston Herald publishes the following despatch from Kingston, Jamaica:

Persistent rumors here that it was stated last night, but not confirmed, that Commodore Schley forced the channel at Santiago de Cuba, destroyed the Spanish fleet under Admiral Cervera and bombarded the town.

The report comes from Cuban official circles.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Latest Advice From the National Capital on the War Situation.

Special to EVENING HERALD.

WASHINGTON, May 28.

Washington, May 28.—There is much doubt, outside of Administration circles, about the Cape Verde fleet. The persistent rumors that Cervera is not at Santiago is causing much apprehension. There is every reason to believe that Schley did not arrive at that port at the time he was scheduled to be there, last Sunday. He remained at Cienfuegos longer than anticipated, taking on coal. Naval officials, however, reiterate their former statement that the Spanish fleet is bottled up at Santiago, and say they have no reason to change that view.

The auxiliary cruiser St. Louis, which arrived at New York this morning, will join the fleet under Commodore Schley. Admiral Sampson is now in command of the blockade at Havana and is keeping a close watch over that port to see that no Spanish ship successfully runs the blockade.

Waiting For Assistance.

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London, May 28.—A despatch to the Financial News from Kingston, Jamaica, says the master of the fishing schooner Jane, which has arrived here, reports having picked up a yawl containing two reconcentrados who had escaped from Santiago de Cuba. He says they told him that Admiral Cervera's squadron was in the harbor and that the vessels were coaled and victualled and were ready to sail when the Cuban squadron arrives next week and breaks the blockade.

OFFICIALS ARE IN DOUBT

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The pall bearers were: Prince of Wales, Duke of York, Marquis of Salisbury, Earl Rosebery, Balfour and Harcourt, Duke of Rutland, Earl Kimberly, Lord Rendel and Mr. Armitad.

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proceeding then moved to Westminster Abbey where a vast throng had assembled. The musical program at the Abbey was rather elaborate. The assembled multitude sang Gladstone's favorite hymn, "Rock of Ages."

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BOARD OF HEALTH.

A Brief Session of the Body Held Last Night.

A monthly meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Court II chamber last night with Messrs. Spalding, Malone, Holman, Morrison, Secretary Curtin and Health Officer Conry in attendance.

The committee on meetings and secretary made the following report for the month: There were 15 deaths and two still births, and 24 burial permits were issued, four being for non-residents. There were 12 internments in the local cemeteries, and three taken to outside places.

The committee on epidemics reported that there were three cases of communicable disease—two of diphtheria and one of diphtheritic croup.

The Health Officer reported having abated 15 cases of nuisances, including a stopping of reckless throwing of rubbish at the public dumping grounds and the closing up and disinfection of the lock-up.

The Health Officer also reported that the long grass on West street, West Apple and West Raspberry alleys are being removed having received five days' notice to do so.

Complaint was made that a Polish resident of West Centre street had flushed the contents of an out-house upon the street. The case will be investigated with a view to prosecuting the party if the complaint is sustained.

Dr. Spalding made a detailed report of his attendance at the state sanitary convention in Lancaster. He remarked that that city which is one of the oldest in the state, is only now preparing an ordinance for milk inspection, and that Shenandoah is not so slow after all.

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