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ANOTHER BOMBARDMENT!

Naval Officials, in the Absence of Despatches From Sampson, Are Confident that Press Accounts of Attack on Santiago is Correct.

LIKELY A YANKEE TRICK

Spain Says the United States is Working for Peace.

ONE OF OUR VESSELS SUNK

By a Torpedo While Trying to Force an Entrance.

SAID TO BE STEAMER MERRIMAC.

The Latter Vessel, However, Is a Collier, and the Conflicting Reports Describes the Sunken Vessel As an Auxiliary Cruiser. An Officer, an Engineer and Six of Our Sailors Taken Prisoners by the Spaniards—Admiral Sampson Has Joined Forces With Those of Commodore Schley

Port au Prince, Hayti, June 4.—Yesterday morning at 8 o'clock the American squadron again began a bombardment of the fortifications of Santiago de Cuba, and a lively cannonade ensued for two hours, which silenced the Spanish batteries.

An American vessel, the Merrimac, described in the advices from Santiago de Cuba as an auxiliary cruiser, making a dash to force the entrance, succeeded in passing the first line of defenses, but was torpedoed about 500 feet up the channel and sank immediately. An officer, an engineer and six seamen were taken prisoners. The number of victims is unknown. Only the funnel and mastsheads of the sunken vessel can be seen.

There is great excitement in the city. A part of the population assisted in the fighting on the heights. Everybody is astonished at the audacity of the American vessel. The American squadron was cruising all the while in the offing.

Cape Haytien, Hayti, June 4.—The American fleet, according to advices received by cable from Santiago de Cuba, the cable being under Spanish control, opened fire again at 2 o'clock yesterday morning on the fortifications and warships. The cannonade was well sustained until 4 o'clock a. m.

A United States auxiliary cruiser, "well armed," attempted to force the passage into the harbor. The Spanish allowed the cruiser to cross the first line of torpedoes, but before she arrived at the second line they discharged at her a torpedo, which broke a great hole in her side and caused her to sink almost immediately, bow first. One officer, one engineer and six sailors were made prisoners by the Spaniards.

It will be noticed that there is an important discrepancy as to the time at which the bombardment is said to have begun between the dispatches from Cape Haytien and Port au Prince, the former saying 2 o'clock a. m. and the latter 8. It is possible that this arises from a confusion between the figures 3 and 8.

The Santiago advices to Cape Haytien, in referring to the sunken vessel as an auxiliary cruiser, probably mistake her character. The steamer Merrimac is a collier, and always has been a collier.

PERHAPS A YANKEE TRICK

The Merrimac Probably Sent In to Determine the Effectiveness of the Spanish Mines.

Washington, June 4.—The Washington Post this morning says: There is absolutely no doubt in the minds of the naval officials in Washington that the sending of the collier into the harbor was all a prearranged move on the part of Admiral Sampson.

The use of a collier, the unusual hour of the morning, the necessity of blockading the channel so as to relieve some of the ships of the squadron from remaining stationed off Santiago, the importance of discovering whether the mines were effective—all these reasons make it certain that the Merrimac was deliberately guided to her destruction. It was not a Spanish victory. It was a cleverly arranged scheme on the part of the American admiral, and it was successful. The eight men in a Spanish prison are the real heroes of the war.

In view of the daring deed of her own crew it is interesting to know that her complement of officers consisted of Commander J. M. Miller, Lieutenant W. W. Gilmer, executive officer; Ensigns J. R. Y. Blakely and J. M. Luby and Assistant Engineer R. K. Crank. It is expected that reports will be received today from Admiral Sampson, which will give details of the Merrimac's destruction and the names of the eight men who have been captured.

NO WORD FROM SAMPSON.

But Naval Officials Are Confident the Press Reports Are Correct.

CERVERA IS NOW BOTTLED UP!

Naval Officials at Washington Believe That Spain's Reserve Squadron at Cadiz Will Sail For the Philippine Islands—Porto Rico to be Bombarded After Santiago is Captured.

Washington, June 4, 3:30 p. m. Naval officials here cannot conceal their jubilation to-day over the news from Santiago in regard to the sinking of the American collier Merrimac.

Admiral Sampson, the naval officials declare, has put the stopper in the bottle and Cervera's fleet cannot get out now under cover of fog or friendly storm. The move is regarded as one of great strategic importance. It is expected to go a long way towards ending the war.

At noon the naval department had no official advices from Rear Admiral Sampson.

A naval despatch was received at the White House at nine o'clock last night from Gibraltar, setting forth that Cervera's fleet had not yet left Cadiz.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Latest Advices From the National Capital on the War Situation.

WASHINGTON, June 4. A report from Kingston, Jamaica, that the Spanish Cadiz fleet is en route for Santiago to relieve Admiral Cervera, is discredited by the state and navy departments. The opinion prevails here that the Cadiz fleet is destined for the Philippine Islands. If the latter opinion should prove to be true, it is likely that our government will send a squadron to Spain and compel her to direct the return of the reserve squadron to defend the Canary and other islands and the coast cities.

Immediately upon the receipt of news of a victory at Santiago, now hourly expected, General Lee will move at once with an army of 20,000 men for Porto Rico. Sampson and Schley will move on that port after having demolished the batteries at Santiago and destroyed or captured the Spanish fleet now there. An army is already on its way to Santiago and with the assistance of Gen. Garcia will be enabled to hold that port against future attack.

The government is firmly convinced that Spain will sue for peace after a decisive defeat at Santiago and Porto Rico, and the President is anxious to occupy the latter with an army before negotiations for peace are entered into. We will thus be enabled to retain the island of Porto Rico.

The state department has demanded that if the Spanish torpedo-boat destroyer Temerinco remains in Paraguayan waters she must be dismantled in compliance with the neutrality laws.

The Hawaiian annexation resolution will likely come up in the House next Tuesday for consideration. President McKinley is urging its adoption, and the annexationists are confident of the measure's passage.

The British steamship Restormel, captured by the St. Paul, with a cargo of coal, will be surrendered by the owners to the underwriters.

The board investigating the alleged unhealthy condition of Camp Alger at Falls Church, say the place is healthy and the water supply ample, but recommend that no more troops be sent there. Those now at Camp Alger will likely be moved farther South as soon as practical. The Sixth Pennsylvania has changed its location, and is now under command of Col. J. F. Schall. Shortly after the Senate met this morning Senator Morgan, of Alabama, took the floor on his amendment offered yesterday in regard to the collection of taxes imposed by the war revenue bills. His amendment requires the Secretary of the Treasury to enforce such portions of the income tax sections of the law of 1894 as have not been decided unconstitutional. A number of Senators want to talk, but efforts are being made to fix a time to end the discussion. General Merritt has notified the war department from San Francisco that five

thousand thoroughly equipped troops will leave for Manila next Wednesday or Thursday.

The Secretary of War has asked for an appropriation of \$100,000 for printing and binding blanks, etc., necessary for the second call for troops.

The government of Ecuador has informed the United States government of her early acknowledgment of neutrality between this government and Spain.

SPAIN THINKS WE ARE SUING FOR PEACE.

Special to EVENING HERALD. Madrid, June 4.—The entire press is exulting over an article published in the Paris edition of the New York Herald advocating peace. They interpret the article as meaning that the United States government is appalled at the magnitude of the struggle and anxious to escape from its assumed dilemma. There is no confirmation of the rumors of impending peace.

The Cadiz Fleet. Special to EVENING HERALD. London, June 4.—A despatch from Cadiz says Admiral Cervera's fleet is still at that port, but is being prepared for a hasty sail, for "destination unknown." There is no doubt but that the squadron will sail for Cuban waters, and that the Spanish government has no intention of sending vessels to the Philippines.

Spanish Prisoners. Special to EVENING HERALD. New York, June 4.—The thirty-seven Spanish prisoners from the prize steamer Itika are now at the Austro-Hungary hospital, where they spent last night. They were taken in charge by Consul-General Stockinger and will be sent to Liverpool next Tuesday.

Sigsbee Confers With Strategy Board. Special to EVENING HERALD. New York, June 4.—The auxiliary cruiser St. Paul, which arrived here yesterday, was still lying at anchor off Tomkinsville, Staten Island, this morning.

Captain Sigbee is at Washington, in conference with the Board of Strategy.

Japanese Fleet. Special to EVENING HERALD. Philadelphia, June 4.—The Japanese cruiser Kasagi, recently launched at Cramp's ship yard, and which is said to be the fastest ship afloat, left early this morning for her builders' trial trip. The vessel is expected to make 24 knots an hour.

Another Spanish Joke. Special to EVENING HERALD. Madrid, June 4.—It is reported here that because a vessel sunk at the mouth of Santiago harbor the Spanish batteries seriously damaged two American ironclads. The affair is described as a brilliant Spanish victory.

Big Chicago Fire. Special to EVENING HERALD. Chicago, June 4.—Fire last night destroyed the plant of the Illinois Wall Paper Company here. The loss is fixed at \$100,000.

SECOND MANILA EXPEDITION

Will Include Three Volunteer Regiments, Including Keystone Troops. San Francisco, June 4.—The second expedition to the Philippines will probably get under way next Tuesday or Wednesday. It will not reach the proportions at first anticipated, owing to the fact that the five vessels which were to have made up the fleet of transports are not ready, nor will any of them be ready by the time stated unless the government hurries the supplies which have been decided upon to make up the cargoes of the vessels.

An order was issued yesterday from General Merritt's headquarters designating the full complement of the Eighteenth and Twenty-third regiments of United States infantry as part of the second expedition. So far as known the troops to go besides these regiments will be the First Pennsylvania, First Colorado and Seventh California, four batteries of the Third United States artillery and four troops of the United States cavalry. It is possible that one of the Minnesota regiments will also go.

Sampson Unites With Schley. Kingston, Jamaica, June 4.—Rear Admiral Sampson, with the United States cruiser New York, his flagship, accompanied by the battleship Oregon, the cruiser Mayflower and the torpedo boat Porpoise, joined Commodore Schley's squadron off Santiago Wednesday morning, and their combined commands have the Spanish fleet securely locked in the harbor. Admiral Sampson did not assume command and assignments to the squadrons upon his arrival. Each squadron retains its separate entity, and Commodore Schley his single starred pennant on the Brooklyn. The American fleet off Santiago now numbers 12 fighting ships, two colliers and a cable cutting ship.

The Censorship Tightens. Tampa, Fla., June 4.—The censorship at Tampa, which relaxed considerably yesterday to permit the chronicling, with certain restrictions, the arrival of volunteer troops at this point, has been again tightened to even a greater extreme than before. No comments will hereafter be allowed on the movements of the regular or volunteer troops either to or from this point, nor will anything bearing on any phase of the situation here be permitted. Nothing in the nature of information or denial of the reports of embarkation of troops at this point, or any comment which might indicate a movement, will be allowed.

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CARES OF COUNCIL!

A Lengthy Adjourned Session Was Held Last Night.

SOLICITOR'S SALARY INCREASED!

Water Consumed a Big Portion of the Meeting—A Test Shows an Astonishing Condition at Fowler's Run Reservoir—Leads Like a Snake.

The borough Council held an adjourned session last night with the following members in attendance: Messrs. McGuire, Jolly, Cawley, Shoenberger, Kinsinger, James, Hand, Bell, Harkins, Murphy, Engler and Brennan. The absentees were Beckin, Magargle and Stranglin.

The meeting opened with a continuation of the report from the fire apparatus committee, in which it was stated that the truck of the Rescue Hook and Ladder Company's was out of service for want of repairs. On motion of Mr. Cawley the committee was instructed to give Mr. Elliott until next Thursday to which to get the truck in condition and if this cannot be done that the committee have the repairs made elsewhere.

Mr. Lally referred to the statement made by Dr. Spalding, president of the Board of Health, relative to the muzzling of dogs, as the Thursday night meeting and called attention to the borough ordinance bearing upon the matter. He moved that the ordinance be enforced by the borough officers and the proper committee get notices printed, notifying the public that the ordinance will be enforced. Mr. James moved an amendment that the Chief Burgess give the notice through the two daily newspapers of town. The motion was carried as amended.

Mr. Engler moved that arrangements be made to secure a pound and that all dogs found roaming the streets be placed in it. This motion was also carried.

Mr. Harkins, of the Law committee, said the Borough Auditors had been notified to send in their bills, duly sworn to. This notice sent them was also read, after which the bill of Auditor Phipps, for \$28.27, duly sworn to, was read. The other two Auditors did not send in affidavits. Mr. James objected to the bill because it did not show the dates of service and number of hours for each date. The bill was referred back for the particulars stated.

Mr. Lally stated three months' trial of the new borough Solicitor had shown that he was worthy of more than the salary fixed by Council at the beginning of the term. Fortsville, Mahanoy City and Ashland, by their respective solicitors, more than the salary fixed by the Shenandoah Council. Mr. Lally suggested that the salary be increased from \$250 to \$300 a year and Mr. Engler made a motion to that effect. Mr. James objected that a motion to increase the salaries should be introduced at the beginning of the term if it would be setting a bad precedent. President McGuire thought it would be better to have a thorough understanding with the solicitor before adopting the motion. He believed that if it was understood that \$300 would cover all legal services the borough would require during the term Council would not doubt consent to the increase. Mr. Hand thought the salary ought to be increased to \$300. President McGuire suggested that, in any event, it would be better to have the resolution adopted at the beginning of the term reconsidered. In the absence of a motion to reconsider he declared Mr. Engler's motion out of order.

Mr. Lally moved a reconsideration of the resolution fixing the salaries of the borough officials and he stated his intention was to have the action affect the salary of the Solicitor only.

Mr. James again put forth opposition, claiming that it was setting a bad precedent and said that those who were pressing the matter three months to know that the salary was too low when they knew what it was at the beginning of the term.

The motion to reconsider was carried. Messrs. James and McGuire asked to be recorded in the negative.

Mr. Bell moved that the salary of the Solicitor be fixed at \$400 per year, to begin after the first of the present year.

Mr. James wanted to know if Mr. Starks would be satisfied with the increase.

Mr. Cawley said the Solicitor had stated that if he got a salary of \$300 per year he would put up a \$1,000 bond to do all the legal business of the borough.

Mr. Neiswander wanted to know if Council would have the right to reduce the salaries of officials who don't perform their duties if they increase the salaries who do their work.

Mr. McGuire ruled that the proposition was drifting from the motion under consideration, although many of the members agreed that the law would not allow the reduction of fixed annual salaries, but does not prohibit an increase. Mr. James expressed the opinion that under the law none of the salaries could be increased.

The motion of Mr. Bell was carried. Mr. James asking to be recorded in the negative.

Mr. James said bills from the Columbia Hose Company for repairs to a part of the borough building had been laid over for two months. He asked the reason. Mr. Murphy said the work was done during the old administration and the present construction committee knew nothing of it. The reading of the bills showed the work done was replacing a stable floor and a flag pole.

Mr. Brennan moved that hereafter no fire company bills be paid unless the proper committee is consulted before the work is done. The motion was carried.

Mr. Bell moved that the Columbia Company bill for \$7.90 be paid and the \$5 bill for replacing a flag pole referred for investigation.

Mr. James asked that Thomas Jones be confirmed as a special officer, and a motion that his appointment with that of Anthony Maniewicz be confirmed was carried.

The committee on files reported having attended to a number that had been complained of as defective.

Mr. Lally reported that \$2,000 insurance on the pumping station building and \$1,000 on the machinery had been renewed.

Mr. Bell stated that last Sunday and on Thursday repairs were made to the pipe line and a test of the Fowlers' Run reservoir made on those days showed that it lost 53,000 gallons in six hours, or 0.315 gallons an hour, or nearly 250,000 in 24 hours. The water dropped 2 of an inch an hour. The measurements were made by the Borough Surveyor.

Mr. Bell added that everything was in readiness to make the direct pumping connection. On motion of Mr. Harkins a previous motion that bids be advertised for to make

MAHANOY CITY.

Extensive Improvements in Progress at Some of the Collieries.

Mahanoy City, June 4.—The contract for driving the new tunnel at the St. Nicholas colliery has been awarded to Williams and Seymour, of Shamokin. The tunnel will be about 100 yards long and will run through an overlying of the Buck Mountain vein. It will extend from the second lift of the St. Nicholas slope to the level of the trail slope of the Maple Hill colliery.

Openings are now being made at the Princeton colliery from the top-split of the second lift below the level to tap the water in the Glenoid colliery. The bore holes will be started from the face of the opening in the coal at a distance of 80 feet from the water, so as to make sure that no accident will occur. The hole will be 4 1/2 inches. The Glenoid colliery is not to be operated again. The object of getting the water out is to guard against accident while the coal between the two collieries is being taken out. These workings are owned by the Lehigh Valley Coal Company.

Kentrick House Free Lunch. Clean shower will be served. Free, to all patrons tonight.

Mexican War Relief. At a meeting held last night Watkins Waters Post No. 146, G. A. R., formally accepted six guns which were used in the war of the United States with Mexico. The guns were at the state department at Harrisburg and the Post received them through Representative Griffith, of this district. Each of the pieces bear evidence of age and usage. One of them has the following inscription cut upon its stock: "G. H. Irwin, Middletown light infantry."

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