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SUMMARY OF THE NEWS.

The Philippine rebels asked Admiral Dewey for permission to attack Manila. He is said to have given them leave on condition that no excess should be committed.

Five thousand Spanish troops in Puerto Principe started for Moron under a flag of truce to engage against the United States.

The first engagement in Cuba between United States regulars and the Spanish army, which took place at the landing of the Gussie party, resulted in a decisive victory for the Americans, who suffered no loss, while the enemy left three dead on the field when they retreated.

President McKinley will ask France to explain why messages from American officials in Martinique notifying our Government of the arrival of the Spanish squadron were delayed and the Spanish vessels permitted to coal.

Because of Spain's starving of non-combatants in Cuba, Congressman Cooper, of Wisconsin, wants the United States to forever treat her as an outlaw among nations and refuse to resume diplomatic relations.

There is complaint at Tampa that inadequate preparations have been made for arriving troops. Some were without water for fifteen hours, and one regiment was there three days before it got any supplies.

An expedition for the Philippines is being organized by the Spanish Government. Madrid dispatch reports, forty thousand of the Spanish reserves are said to have been called out.

The Spanish torpedo-boat destroyer Destructor blew up in the Straits of Gibraltar and all on board are believed to be lost. She was on the watch for American vessels.

A rigid press censorship is threatened by Washington officials if the newspapers keep on printing the news of the whereabouts of American warships.

Three men held as prisoners of war are said to be suspected of intentions to tamper with the mines in New York harbor and out them loose.

Thrall and Jones, the two men who were captured by the Spaniards in Cuba, will be exchanged for two Spanish officers now on our hands.

Four members of Spain's Cabinet have resigned—the Ministers of the Colonies, of Marine, of Foreign Affairs and of Public Works.

Wealthy and influential families of the Philippine Islands are asking to be permitted to swear allegiance to the United States.

Major Smith, the Cuban leader, says that in three years of service on the island he never saw a case of yellow fever in camp.

Spain is reported in Halifax to have bought, through outsiders, 8,000 tons of coal, to be delivered on the Cape Breton coast.

An aggressive campaign is to be waged in Cuba, Washington reports. Tampa says the troops are to be sent in detachments.

Washington officials and Paris semi-officially denied that French artillerymen were landed at Havana by the Lafayette.

The Rev. A. C. Dixon, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has started for Tampa, Fla., where he is to preach to the troops in camp there.

George Downing, the Spanish spy arrested in Washington, hanged himself in the barracks where he was confined.

There was a rumor on the Paris Bourse that Russia had demanded Mr. Chamberlain's resignation.

Commodore George Dewey was regularly nominated as Rear Admiral and the nomination confirmed.

Admiral Sampson and his fleet, it is said at Washington, will soon return to the blockade of Cuba.

Captain-General Blanco declared a state of war in Cuba and revoked all the pacific decrees.

DEWEY AGAIN TAKES ACTION

Concord and Boston Will Try to Recapture the American Ship Saranak.

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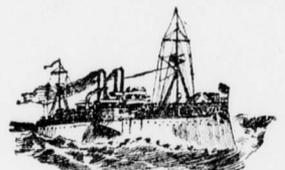
The Rebels Prove Treacherous and Useless to the United States as Allies Against Spain.

Cavite Arsenal is Found to Be Empty, and a Colonel of Artillery Kills Himself on Discovering That There is No Ammunition—Blockade of Manila is Extremely Rigid, Several Foreign Ships Being Refused Admittance.

Hong Kong, May 19.—The steamer Esmeralda, which has just arrived from Manila with 400 refugees, chiefly Chinese, reports that the United States cruisers Concord and Boston are going to Iloilo, where they expect prompt capitulation, and to recapture the American ship Saranak, with a cargo of coal.

The blockade of Manila is extremely rigid, and several foreign ships were not allowed to enter the port.

The rebels are useless as allies of Admiral Dewey. They are utterly disunited, quite half of them being in favor of Spain.



ADMIRAL DEWEY'S FLAGSHIP OLYMPIA.

The Cavite arsenal was found empty. Colonel Miguel, of the artillery, committed suicide because he discovered the ammunition was non-existent.

The Archbishop of Manila, in a pastoral issued on the 8th inst., said: "Christians, defend your faith against heretics who raise an insuperable barrier to immortal souls, enslave the people, abolish crosses from cemeteries, forbid pastors to perform baptism, matrimony or funeral rites, or to administer consolation or grand absolution."

Pending the arrival of troops from the United States the Americans defer hostilities ashore.

Iloilo is the chief town and the seat of the island of Panay, one of the most important of the Philippines. It has a population of 7,500, unimportant as compared with the 160,000 of Manila, but nevertheless important on account of its position.

It is about 350 miles from Manila, and is reached by an almost straight sailing course through Mindoro Strait. It is nearly due south of Manila and is situated on the southeast coast of the island of Panay. It has a large export trade in sugar, hemp, canes, sapan-wood and tobacco.

It imports coal in large quantities and always has a large store on hand. It is probably for this reason that Admiral Dewey has decided upon its capture.

Spanish Fleet Leaves Curacao. Willenstad, Curacao, May 17.—The cruisers Vizcaya and Maria Teresa left this port at 6 o'clock Sunday evening. Their destination is unknown.

The four other Spanish war ships which were off the harbor disappeared about noon, but this evening one of the torpedo boat destroyers was sighted again. While here the two war ships took on a small quantity of coal and provisions. The departure was due to our government's requesting them to leave, as provided in the decree of neutrality. There were no colliers with the fleet. Nothing is known about the condition of their boilers. A rumor which is not considered reliable says that there are some coal ships in this vicinity.

Worrying Over the Philippines. London.—The Standard's St. Petersburg correspondent says that Japan intends to protest vigorously against the anticipated American seizure of the Philippine Islands. Japan seeks countenance in such a protest from Russia, with whom she has already communicated on the subject. It is believed in St. Petersburg that Russia, France and Germany will support the protest. Conferences between Count Muraviev, the Russian Foreign Minister, and Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minister, are proceeding.

Seaport Towns Frightened. Boston, Mass.—New England seaport towns are frightened at rumors of approaching Spanish warships. Orders were received from Washington to remove all women and children from Fort Warren, in Boston harbor. The Navy Department says this order will be repeated to other forts, because it is believed that women spies are giving Spain information about fortifications.

Squadrons Racing for Key West. Key West, Fla.—Advices received here are to the effect that three squadrons, one of which is hostile, are racing toward Key West, each under full sail in order to be first at the goal. It is felt that a decisive naval battle is impending, and it is a question whether the two American fleets will be able to effect a junction and engage the Spanish warships.

Winslow Not Badly Damaged. Key West, Fla.—The crippled torpedo boat Winslow arrived here from Cardenas under her own steam. She is only slightly damaged and will be ready for service in a few weeks.

Yale Leaves St. Thomas. St. Thomas.—The American auxiliary cruiser Yale, which was here waiting for orders, has left, sailing to the westward.

SPANISH CABINET RESIGNS.

Sagasta Will Be Called Upon to Form a New Ministry.

Madrid, May 19.—All the members of the Spanish Cabinet have resigned. Senator Sagasta communicated the situation to the Queen Regent, who will intrust him with the task of forming a new Ministry.

It is officially denied that these Cabinet changes are connected with a peace movement. On the contrary, it is declared that Premier Sagasta's Ministry, when the new Cabinet is formed, will continue to prosecute the war with the full resources of the country.

A Cabinet council has been held. A minister who was interviewed on the situation declared that nothing definite had been decided upon as to changes in the Cabinet pending a conference between the Queen Regent and Premier Sagasta.

The Cabinet which has just resigned was composed as follows:

- President of the Council, Senor Sagasta. Minister of Foreign Affairs, Senor Gullon. Minister of Justice, Senor Groizard. Minister of Finance, Senor Puigecerver. Minister of the Interior, Senor Capdepon. Minister of War, General Correa. Minister of Marine, Admiral Bermejo. Minister of Agriculture and Commerce and of Public Work, Count Xiquena. Minister of the Colonies, Senor Moret.

Spanish Torpedo Boat Disabled.

St. Pierre, Martinique.—The Spanish fleet was not seen today.

The Spanish torpedo-boat Terror, with disabled boilers and without money, and the Alacante are still at Fort de France.

The United States cruiser Harvard is yet at St. Pierre. It is not known when she is to leave. Repairs are being made on her.

After a protest by United States Consul Dart regarding signals on the hills the Governor sent a squad of gendarmes along the mountain road on an investigating tour. The men found no signals.

On Saturday night one signal flashed for a few minutes off Carbet Point. The general impression is that the Spanish fleet is off the island somewhere, waiting orders. It is reported that one Spanish man-of-war was seen in the Dominica Channel.

Capt. Cotton, of the Harvard, is being treated very courteously by the authorities.

The natives here are greatly excited over all the news.

Strengthening Forts at the Canaries.

Southampton, May 16.—The British steamer Gull, from Table Bay on April 23 for this port, via Tenerife, Canary Islands, arrived here today. She left Tenerife on May 9, and that day martial law was declared on the island.

A Captain O'Donoghue, one of the passengers on board, who is on his way to join the United States Army, said there were seven hundred thousand men and troops at Tenerife, of which number one thousand are artillery men. He adds that eight hundred engineers and six thousand men are working day and night, throwing up breastworks and bastions to double the strength of the fortifications at all vulnerable points. The captain says it would require a strong fleet to take the island. He believes the waters of the harbor are not mined, and says the Spanish soldiers are of excellent physique, and as fine a body of men as he has ever seen.

A 1,200-ton vessel loaded with ammunition had just discharged her cargo as the Gull sailed.

There were no signs of Spanish war ships at Tenerife.

Troops Mustered In. Washington.—Sixty-five thousand troops have been mustered in. Orders were issued directing 33 regiments of infantry, 11 light batteries of artillery and 30 troops of volunteer cavalry to Chickamauga, 9 regiments and 5 batteries of infantry and 4 batteries of artillery to San Francisco, 1 regiment of infantry to Key West, 4 regiments of infantry and 9 troops of cavalry to New Orleans, 1 regiment of infantry and 7 battalions of infantry to Washington and 13 regiments of infantry to Tampa.

In consequence of the postponement of the occupation of Cuba no more troops will be concentrated at Gulf ports for the present. When the time comes those at Chickamauga will have just as good a chance of going to the island as have those at Tampa.

Cuban Expedition Abandoned. Key West.—The transport steamer Gussie has returned here and from here to Tampa, and the expedition has been indefinitely postponed, if not entirely abandoned. It has resulted, so far as the purposes of the expedition are concerned, in complete failure. None of the arms, ammunition and supplies destined to equip the Cuban army were landed.

Three Hundred Spaniards Killed. Key West, Fla., May 19.—A report of the second bombardment of Cardenas by the Wilmington, quickly following the departure of the damaged Winslow, has reached here. The Wilmington is said to have silenced all the batteries. Landing parties found 113 dead bodies behind the batteries. The total Spanish loss is placed at 300.

Hurrying to the Front. Washington, D. C., Sunday.—The Seventy-first regiment New York and Second Massachusetts passed through here this morning en route to Tampa. They went South over the Atlantic Coast Line and Liant system. The train consisted of nine sections.

Fitzhugh Lee Ordered to Tampa. Richmond, Va.—Major-General Lee, who came here from Washington to spend Sunday with his family, has received orders to report at once at Tampa to take charge of the Seventh Army Corps.

CHAMBERLAIN'S SPEECH.

Between the Lines It Means Much to the United States.

London.—England is our friend, On Saturday last Mr. Chamberlain expressed himself as follows:

"All the powerful States of Europe have made alliances, and as long as we keep outside of these alliances we will be envied by all, suspected by all, and as long as we have interests which at one time or another conflict with the interests of all, we are liable to be confronted at any moment with a combination of the great powers, so powerful that not even the most headstrong politician is not able to contemplate it without a certain sense of uneasiness.

"It is impossible to overrate the gravity of the issue. It is not a question of a single port in China, not a question of a single province. It is a question of the whole fate of the Chinese Empire, and our interests in China are so great, our proportion of its trade so enormous, that I feel no more vital question has ever been presented for the decision of a government and the decision of a nation.

"One thing appears to me certain. If the policy of isolation, which has hitherto been the policy of this country, is maintained in the future, then the fate of China may be, and probably will be, hereafter decided without reference to our wishes and in defiance of our interests. If, on the other hand, we are determined to enforce the policy of the 'open door,' then we must not allow the jingoes to drive us into a quarrel with all the world, and must not reject the idea of an alliance with those powers whose interests most nearly approximate our own."

Coaling Station Purchased.

Port au Prince, Hayti.—United States Minister Powell is much impressed with the idea that the island of Gonaives, in the Gulf of Logane, or Gonaives, the largest dependency of Hayti, would afford the naval station which the United States has so long desired to possess in these waters.

The island was granted under very liberal conditions some years ago to three Haytiens—Nord Alexis, B. Riviere and Dr. Aubrey. Only M. Alexis is now living, and the concession remains unexploited.

The island of Gonaives is almost incalculably rich in mahogany. It is mainly composed of picturesque uplands, which would also yield enormously in coffee, if properly cultivated. The highest mountain peak rises about three thousand feet above the sea.

In the interior are numerous springs, while the dark soil is evenly moistened throughout the year, and has a fertility that is proverbial even in Hayti.

The concessionaires or their heirs are very desirous of selling their rights. J. C. Busselman, of Port au Prince, represents them, and is ready to enter into any feasible arrangement with the United States government. Minister Powell, I understand, has already brought the matter to the attention of the State Department.

Dewey Captures Another Vessel.

Washington, D. C.—This official despatch was received today from Rear Admiral Dewey, dated Cavite, May 13, via Hong Kong today:

"Maintaining strict blockade. Reason to believe that the rebels are hemming in the city by land, but have made no demonstration.

"Scarcity provisions in Manila. Probable that the Spanish Governor will be obliged to surrender soon.

"Can take Manila at any moment. Climate hot and moist.

"On May 12 captured gunboat Callao attempting to run blockade. Have plenty coal. One British, one French, two German, one Japanese vessels here observing.

DEWEY."

The Callao is an iron gunboat of 208 tons, equipped with four modern guns and carrying a crew of thirty-five. The ship was spiked and span for the Admiral's inspection on arrival.

The American flag was promptly hoisted on the Callao, and she was added to Admiral Dewey's fleet. She will be useful for river work.

"Buckeyes" First at Chickamauga. Chattanooga, Tenn., Monday.—The first of the big army of volunteers to be mobilized at Chickamauga are on the field tonight. The First Ohio Volunteer cavalry, six hundred men, under command of Lieutenant Colonel Day, arrived this morning and immediately went to the Park. The troopers did not bring horses, but will be supplied by the government here.

The Ohioans are a fine looking body of young men, all of strong physique, and what some of them lack in military training is made up in power of endurance and enthusiasm for the work before them.

Weyler's Plots. Madrid.—Weyler is plotting to become dictator of Spain, and the Carlists and Republicans are working with him, for reasons of their own, to overthrow the existing government. All are encouraging the anarchists and the fanishing to riot.

Spain Has Secured a Loan of \$20,000,000. London.—The correspondent of the Sun learns from a good source that the Bank of Spain has received an advance of 100,000,000 francs, probably from the Bank of France, though this latter statement cannot be confirmed at the moment.

Seized by the Spanish. London.—The Spanish authorities have seized the telegraph office on Grand Canary Island. Only the simplest commercial messages will be allowed to pass. The coast and harbor lights of the Canary Islands have been extinguished.

PORTO RICO BOMBARDED.

Sampson's Guns Lay Castle Morro in Absolute Ruin at San Juan.

EVANS IN HIS ELEMENT.

Iowa Opened the Attack and Fearful Results Followed the Discharge of a Twelve-inch Shell.

Seven Shots Were Fired by the American Fleet and Crumbled Ruins Alone Tell the Tale—One Man Killed—Spaniards Fought Bravely—Governor's Daughter a Heroine—Stays at Her Father's Side—Volunteers Fled.

St. Thomas, May 19.—Admiral Sampson has hammered the forts of San Juan de Puerto Rico to powder. Out of the gray of the dawn there flared from the halcyons of the flagship New York that signal which is to make the war with Spain memorable among the battling of mankind:

"Remember the Maine!"

Then the stillness was shattered by a mighty sound. The crashing thunder of a great gun broke and boomed over the quiet harbor, reverberated among the hills, and told all the Antilles that Uncle Sam had begun fighting in the West Indies.



CAPTAIN CHADWICK, OF THE NEW YORK.

It was one of the great 12-inch guns on the Iowa which began the bombardment. "Fighting Bob" Evans was in his element at last, making an heroic effort to have the Spanish tongue recognized as the court language of hades.

The shell struck home on the gnarled front of Castle Morro, the ancient limestone fortress which guards San Juan as its namesake stands watch and ward over Havana.

The Indiana opened from its forward turret with a thirteen-inch projectile, and the effect of the shot was like that of the famous first effort of a great modern gun at Alexandria.

The walls of Morro seemed to go into vapor where the immense projectiles struck. Ruined masonry and mangled corpses told of the inadequacy of the scarps and bastions of the older days to withstand the assaults of modern armaments. The castle made a feeble reply, but the firing indicated a panic within the fortifications.

An attack on the land batteries and fortifications about the government buildings and the palace then began.

The volunteers fled, but Governor Macias stuck to his post, giving orders and asserting that he would die before he would surrender. A woman remained by his side. It was his daughter Paulina, the belle of San Juan. As the shells shrieked and burst, throwing the city into confusion, she was urged to go, but she elected to stay with her father.

The bombardment of the forts lasted three hours. The Spanish reply was irregular and unsustained, though they succeeded in placing several shots among the American vessels.

A report from Admiral Sampson states that one man was killed on the New York and seven slightly wounded in the fleet.

Tried a Fifteen-inch Gun.

New London, Conn.—The test of the new 15-inch gun, recently mounted at Fort Trumbull, caused the city to quake, and many people, who knew nothing of the trial, believed a hostile war vessel had entered Long Island Sound. The exact distance which the ball traveled on a straight line was 5,800 yards, according to the chart at the fort. The test of the gun was considered very satisfactory, and it will be used mainly in protecting the mines planted at the harbor's mouth.

Spain's Friends.

London.—A dispatch to the Central News from Madrid says that at the diplomatic reception given by Senor Gullon, Minister of Foreign Affairs, the opinion was expressed that if Spain sends an active squadron to the Philippines it will appear that she does not lack friends.

Roosevelt's Rough Riders.

San Antonio, Tex.—The New Yorkers who came here to join Roosevelt's Rough Riders donned sombreros and flannel shirts and went into camp with their comrades from the Western plains, with whom they quickly fraternized.

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