

SANTIAGO IS STORMED BY SCHLEY.

Fortifications of El Morro and Socapa Battered Down by the Yankee Fleet.

Americans Accomplish Their Task Without Loss of a Man or Damage to a Ship.



Washington special: THE distinction falls upon Commodore Schley for striking the first hard blow in the Atlantic. The outer fortifications of Santiago de Cuba are in ruins, the formidable Morro fort being practically wrecked, and Admiral Cervera's flagship battered and her plates broken and her machinery injured is no longer the dangerous battle craft that crossed the Atlantic to lead the Spanish fleet against the American warships. The imported French and German gunners sent the projectiles from the Krupp coils to our ships, but they did not land. Not one shell struck Schley's vessels.

According to advices received by way of Kingston, Jamaica, the Marblehead first made certain of the presence of the Spanish fleet at Santiago. The fight was a sequel to its discovery. The Marblehead, cruising close to the harbor entrance, found four Spanish cruisers, two torpedo-boat destroyers and the old Reina Mercedes skulking behind the batteries at the mouth of the harbor. Schley at once determined to draw the fire of the batteries. His object was to make the



COMMODORE W. A. SCHLEY.

enemy reveal the location of the new masked batteries and to compel the Spanish fleet to come out and fight. When the American fleet advanced the Cristobal Colon lay across the entrance to the harbor, her port broadside, facing the assailants. Schley wanted to be in the midst of whatever was going to happen, so he transferred his flag from the Brooklyn to the Massachusetts at noon. Two hours later the Massachusetts, New Orleans and Iowa, not more than a cable length apart, steamed up to the harbor mouth within 4,000 yards of Morro castle. Two miles further out to the sea the Brooklyn, Texas and other ships of the blockading fleet rode the waves with just headway enough for steering purposes. Six minutes' steaming would have brought them into the fight, but they got no invitation and lay there to the end.

The Massachusetts opened fire, taking the Spanish flagship for its first target. An eight-inch shell was thrown. It was not a good shot, quite as bad as the shot that answered it. Then the Massachusetts tried its thirteen-inch guns. The roar of these was a new voice. Even the ships near trembled with their shock and the water seemed to hum like an immense sounding horn. The Cristobal Colon and four batteries, two on the east side, one on the west and one on an island in the middle of the channel, made fitting replies. Their ten and twelve-inch Krupps sent shot for shot for the American ships, eights, twelves and thirteens. It was a



STREET SCENE IN SANTIAGO.

noisy and spectacular scene, but not effective on either side at the outset. After half an hour's firing the two forts on the east and the one on the island were silenced. Five minutes later Schley's ships ceased firing.

Rations for the Troops. The War Department is issuing rations for thirty days for the troops that are assembling at Jacksonville, Fla., under command of Maj. Gen. Lee.

Commends Men on Oregon. Secretary Long has congratulated the officers and crew of the battleship Oregon on their safe arrival and commended them for their good work.

Spanish Mail by French Boats. The Madrid postoffice has authorized the dispatch of letters to Cuba and the Philippine Islands by French mail boats.

Key West special: It was reported in Key West that the big Spanish troop ship Alfonso XIII. had been captured off the eastern coast of Cuba by the auxiliary cruiser St. Paul. The story told was that the troop ship tried her utmost to get away, but the speed of the St. Paul was too great and the Alfonso XIII. was compelled to surrender. The St. Paul, it is reported, fired seventeen shots before the Spanish flag was hauled down. The news of the capture was brought by a dispatch boat from Commodore Watson's fleet before Havana. It was reported that the Alfonso XIII. had but few Spanish troops aboard, but was full of overflowing supplies and coal. It was believed in the blockading fleet that the Alfonso had but recently left Cienfuegos and was bound for Porto Rico. Another story was that she was endeavoring to steal into Santiago past Schley's fleet and break the blockade of that port. It is also reported that the Spanish ship also had trans-Atlantic mails aboard for Blanco and Cervera.

SCOUTS SEEN OFF KEY WEST.

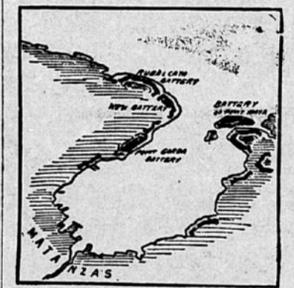
Spanish Auxiliary Cruisers Are in American Waters.

The reported presence in Key West waters of two Spanish auxiliary cruisers appears to be true. Tuesday night, while the Detroit was steaming along with all lights out, a steamer was made out outlined against the sky, and in the moonlight was made out to have a black hull and light colored smokestacks, the chief characteristics of the converted Spanish merchantman. The Detroit immediately, under full steam, set out in pursuit, but the suspicious steamer was fast and readily escaped. This is supposed to have been one of the two ships which have been cruising around in the neighborhood of Key West.

MATANZAS BLOCKHOUSE RAZED.

Tugs Uncas and Leyden Fire on the Fortifications.

It was discovered a few days ago that the Spaniards had built a new blockhouse at the entrance of Matanzas harbor, east of Pedro light. It was determined to destroy the fort, which was a small affair, mounting only one gun, and manned by a small company of Spaniards. The tugs Uncas and Leyden were ordered to do the work. At noon on Monday they steamed within a half-mile of the fort and opened fire with their six-pounders. The Spaniards replied with one shot, which went wild. Both boats continued pouring shells right at the fortifications, nearly every one of them hitting the mark. The hot fire completely demoralized the garrison.



HARBOR OF MATANZAS.

The shot riddled the fort and completely destroyed it. Twenty-eight shots were fired. The tugs then withdrew. The Spanish loss is believed to be ten or twenty dead.

To Seize Hawaii.

There are indications that the administration intends to take possession of Hawaii whether Congress passes the annexation resolution or not. The President has the power to take possession of the islands as a war measure, and it is said that he already has assurance from the Hawaiian government that this method of annexation will be acceptable as a way of getting under the protection of the American flag.

Old Monitors Rebuilt.

The old monitors, which did such effective service in the civil war, have been practically rebuilt at the League Island navy yard, Philadelphia, and rendered far more formidable than they were originally. In addition to full equipment of modern appliances, they have been furnished with rapid-fire batteries to supplement their big old-style guns, which are tremendously effective at close range.

Two Englishmen Stoned.

A mob of Spaniards, according to a dispatch from Gibraltar, assaulted and stoned Maj. Gen. J. B. Richardson, commander of the royal artillery at Gibraltar, and another Englishman while they were walking at San Roque, seven miles northwest of Gibraltar.

More Help for Dewey.

It seems to be well understood at the Mare Island navy yard that the Monitor has been ordered to go to Manila, and that the Government has purchased the British ship Whitgift to accompany her.

ON TO CUBA!

THE vanguard of the army of Cuba has moved at last. Many of the soldiers who have been grumbling at Tampa and Mobile over their unwelcome inactivity embarked on the transports which have been lying idle at those points so long. Gen. Miles left Washington for the front. Soon stirring news will come of victories won over Spanish troops. The work of liberating Cuba, to which this country pledged itself more than a month ago, has been commenced in earnest. Decoration Day was made memorable not alone by the ceremonies attaching to its observance and by the reunion of the veterans, both of the blue and the gray, under the same flag, and of the volunteers also under the same flag in defense of a common cause, but by the good news which came from Commodore Schley that at last the Cape Verde fleet was definitely located in Santiago harbor. This officer asserts he has seen the vessels, and the evidence of one's eyes does not need further confirmation. The receipt at Washington of the news that Admiral Cervera's fleet was in the harbor of Santiago de Cuba with Commodore Schley at the entrance, ready and able to fall on it if it attempted to escape, dispelled those fears of the Spanish vessels which have kept the army on American shores so long. When it was learned authoritatively that Cervera was bottled up and could not interfere with the transports or with the landing of the troops, the forward movement began.

The military invasion of Cuba began Monday. Almost immediately following the receipt of definite information as to the presence of the Spanish fleet at Santiago, Gen. Miles went to the War Department and issued telegraphic orders putting the troops in motion and thus starting the forward movement of the military arm of the service. At an early hour the troops that have been gathered at the gulf ports began to break camp and march aboard transports waiting to carry them to the enemy's territory. About twenty-five of these ships, the biggest and fastest that could be obtained suitable for the purpose, had been gathered ready to receive the troops. They accommodate about 30,000 men, for in a short voyage like that from one of the gulf ports to Cuba, it is possible with safety and comfort to carry a much larger number of men aboard ship than would be admissible in the case for a cruise to the Philippines, for instance.

How many troops started and where they were bound were questions which the directing spirits of the campaign refused positively to answer. They had no desire that the Spanish should have opportunely afforded them to gather forces

HOW SAMPSON BATTERED THE ANCIENT FORTS OF SAN JUAN.



From a photograph taken after the bombardment. This shows much of the damage done by the shells of the American fleet. Old Castle Morro was the greatest sufferer, so far as visible effects are concerned, but many of the more modern fortifications were hammered with equal effect.

to attack our soldiers as they land. The start was made from Tampa and Mobile and in each case the fleets of transports conveyed at Key West to pass under the convoy of the warships which Admiral Sampson provided to insure the safety of the troops during the passage across the Florida straits and to guard them against attack at the hands of some stray Spanish cruiser or gunboat.

Some of the Costs of War.

An estimate for a deficiency appropriation of \$11,400,000 in the expenditures of the quartermaster's department for the current year was sent to the House Thursday. Of this amount, \$9,000,000 is required for transportation of troops, \$1,000,000 for regular supplies, \$1,000,000 for horses and mules, \$200,000 for incidental expenses and \$200,000 for barracks and quarters.

Austria Feels Resentful.

The refusal of the United States to accede to Austria's demand for the payment of an indemnity for the men who were killed by a sheriff's posse at Hazleton, Pa., has been unofficially discussed at Vienna in its bearing on the Spanish-American war. It is suggested that the Government may possibly adopt an unfriendly attitude.

Spain Will Fight to the End.

Before leaving for Paris to assume charge of the Spanish embassy Senor Castillo was notified by Sagasta that at present Spain could not consider any terms of peace which implied a loss of territory. Spain, it is said, will not seek the intervention of the powers until she is completely beaten.

Stand Has a Word.

In a recent interview William T. Stead, editor of the London Review of Reviews, said: "As an Englishman, I would be willing to see the British Empire merged into the American Republic, with the capital at Washington, if unity of the Anglo-Saxon people could be accomplished in no other way."



FORT DESTROYED BY SCHLEY.

HOW SCHLEY BOTTLED UP THE SPANISH FLEET.



FROM THE FRONT.

The cable between Cadis and Iloilo has been cut. Every regiment is to have twenty-five mules and this will bring the total up to 3,750.

Reports from Key West say the rainy season has begun in Cuba and rain falls daily.

A shipping company has been commissioned to carry mails from Manila to Hongkong.

The standing toast in Havana just before the war was: "Here's to the patriot who blew up the Maine."

The Eighth New York regiment has many new German recruits, nearly all of

INSURGENTS CAPTURE A TOWN.

Insurgents under command of Gen. Carrillo captured the town of Remedios, 300 miles, 30,000 rounds of ammunition, and 10,000 rations. Later the Spaniards secured reinforcements and drove them out. The Spanish forces lost nearly 100 men killed and wounded; the Cubans four killed, three wounded.

Cuban Recruits Disappeared.

It is reported that 200 Cuban cigar-makers were recently enlisted at Key West for service in Cuba, but when the mustering officer went to the rendezvous

Spain Watched by Britain.

The British Government authorities are watching Spain's obvious intention to grant to France the permanent free use of Ceuta, and the Russian Government is exercising vigilance in regard to Port Mahon, Minorca.

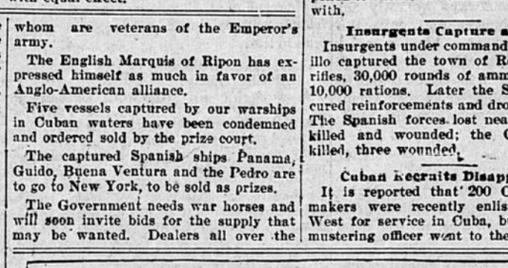
Cuban Volunteers Landed.

The 380 Cuban volunteers taken from Tampa by the steamer Florida have been successfully landed in the island. The steamer also carried several thousand Springfield and Remington rifles, a large amount of ammunition, and a quantity of other military supplies.

Water Scarce at Key West.

The Government is having to ship drinking water to Key West. Wednesday the watership Maverick came in with 1,000,000 gallons, and also towing a barge containing 350,000 gallons.

ENTRANCE TO HAVANA HARBOR—MORRO CASTLE IN THE DISTANCE



country have been notified that desirable stock is required. Prices are liable to go up.

Count Eugene A. Van Waldick of Holland has enlisted in the United States army at Cleveland, Ohio.

A report is current in London and is extensively believed that an alliance has been formed between France and Spain.

The French Government is making strenuous efforts to remove the bad impression made in this country by the venomous denunciation of the United States by Paris newspapers.

An official dispatch to Madrid from Havana says: "The food supply is assured for a long time. Vessels are arriving here from all parts, even from the United States, with provisions."

Walter S. Barker, who was American consul at Sagua la Grande, Cuba, is to be commissioned colonel of men who have had yellow fever, to be sent to Cuba with the first division of troops.

THE NEWS OF THE DAY

SOUTH DAKOTA HAPPENINGS IN CONDENSED FORM.

This State Will Not Be Called Upon to Furnish More Troops Under the Second Call, Has Already Done More Than Her Share.

While no official announcement has been made of the fact, nevertheless a dispatch from a high authority in Washington has been received stating that the return of war has been postponed until the quota was more than filled. The quota for troops under the first call was 40,000 men, and the second call required to furnish a single volunteer regiment under the second call. A dispatch from the state to the War Department says that Gov. Lee has received word that the state to organize companies to meet the expectation of enlisting men, and that the War Department has no objection to the state's doing so.

St. Louis Woman Thrice Married and Still Looking for a Fourth.

It was but a few months ago that the marriage of Miss Caroline Langford to Mr. J. H. Langford was celebrated. At the time the fact was a subject of conversation among the people of St. Louis. The woman had been previously married to Mr. J. H. Langford, and she had been married to Mr. J. H. Langford, and she had been married to Mr. J. H. Langford.

HE STOLE A HORSE.

Pretended Detective Skipped Out with a Sioux Falls Man's Rig. A strange episode in the history of August Westling in Sioux Falls, who claimed to be a detective looking after postoffice robbers, has been following his man, a horse, and a rig. The man had been riding a horse and a rig, and the detective had been following him. The man had been riding a horse and a rig, and the detective had been following him.

Col. Grigsby's Case.

Gov. Lee, in response to an inquiry from what he expected to do in the matter of appointing a successor to Attorney General Grigsby, stated that he was at present waiting for a resignation to be filed by the attorney general. He stated that until he further considered the matter he did not know whether he had any powers in the case unless the resignation was forthcoming. The generally expressed opinion in regard to the matter is that unless the attorney general does not see fit to resign he cannot be removed, as no vacancy has occurred in the office under the constitution of the state, which declares a vacancy only by death, resignation, or removal from the state, and that neither of these reasons apply to the case of Grigsby.

Sportsmen Elect Officers.

At a meeting of the South Dakota Sportsmen's Association at the hotel following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, J. A. Gage of Bridgewater; vice president, C. M. Seeley of Canon; treasurer, William Folmie of Huron. The tournament was a successful one. The attendance was good and the contests for prizes spirited. Among the winners are Messrs. Gage, Jost, Sauer, Tobin and Tolmie. J. A. Sauer of Huron won the gold medal for the best score in live pigeon shooting, and will retain it until his record is broken.

Irrigation Meetings.

A letter has been received at Rapid City from Hon. S. A. Cochran of Bookings, state engineer of irrigation and director of the farmers' institutes, who states that he together with three or four members of the station staff, will be in the Black Hills some time in July to hold a series of irrigation meetings and farmers' institutes in the different towns. About two weeks will be thus spent.

Buying Cavalry Horses.

The purchasing board, appointed for the purpose of examining and buying horses for use in the cavalry troops, was in session at Deadwood last week. Horses were brought in from the neighborhood country and many purchases were made. The price paid for each animal was \$110 which is considered a good price in comparison with the general selling price of horses.

New Mining Company.

Articles of incorporation have been filed for the Occidental and Oriental Mining and Investment Company at Deadwood, with a capital of \$1,000,000.

New Creamery at Westerville.

The Westerville Co-Operative Creamery Company at Westerville, Clay County, has filed articles of incorporation with a capital of \$3,050.

Want Business Men's Union.

An effort is again being made to start a Business Men's Union or club in Aberdeen. There is no doubt that something of this kind will eventually be started and prove a great benefit to Aberdeen, the same as similar organizations have benefited other cities.

New Drug Store for Oacoma.

Dr. C. S. Cheney and his family have located at Oacoma. Besides practicing his profession the doctor will put up a drug store. He is a young man, coming from Pennsylvania.