

HAVANA HARBOR WELL FORTIFIED.

Bottom of the Bay Fairly Sprinkled With Mines.

Which Are Connected With the City by Electric Cables.

While Many of the Guns at the Forts Are Old, There Are Some of the Krupp Make Which Will Not Be Easily Silenced—Such is the Opinion of Captain King, Who Assisted in Laying the Mines in the Harbor.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 30.—A Duluth special to the "Journal" says: Captain King, a diver of much experience, has arrived here. He says he was employed for three months last summer laying mines in Havana harbor for the Spanish. He is thoroughly familiar with the harbor and its strength, but he signed articles binding him to secrecy as to the location of any of the mines, and will not say much about them except that the harbor is sprinkled with them. Anywhere within the five-mile limit of the shore from the channel into the remotest part is covered with these mines, he says. Some are filled with dynamite and some with gun cotton, and all are exploded by an electric shock from the shore.

"When one considers what a mine did to the Maine," Captain King says, "it can be realized that strong things they have. The mines are round masses about the size of a barrel, and are moored to the bottom by cables." Captain King said: "It is not going to be an easy thing to take Havana. It may take two years. The bay is fortified for many miles. The harbor is wide, but the entrance is narrow and fortified strongly. It is true many of the guns are old, but they have some fine guns of the Krupp make, and they will not be easily silenced. I think a long siege will be necessary to take the city. While preventing supplies from being taken in, the forts will have to be battered down one after another. This done, boats can be sent in with divers to cut the mines.

"I know little or nothing of the approaches from the land side, but it is generally believed in Havana that the mountain passes through which entrance must be made are all heavily mined. Another danger lies in the insurgents themselves. They are all ignorant, and if a clever talker goes among them and convinces them that the United States is trying to get their land for itself they will fight the American troops. Fully armed and equipped, they will put up a fight that will bewilder the Spaniards."

AT SANTIAGO DE CUBA.

A Reign of Terror Prevailing Among the Populace.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, April 27 (via steamer Remus, filed at Port Antonio, Jamaica, April 29).—(Copyrighted, 1898, by the Associated Press).—Don Arsenazo Linares Pomo, Commandant-General of this division of Cuba, proclaimed four days ago that every man between 15 and 50 years of age must enroll that night with the volunteers for military service, under penalty of arrest and military trial and death.

Senior Chucho Manduley, Magistrate of the High Court of Santiago, and known as an impartial and sympathetic thizer, one of the most prominent men in the city, has left for the camp of the Cuban Brigadier-General Cahavillos. He was accompanied by several kindred, and his going produced a vivid impression.

The exodus from the city has continued by night, the Spaniards making no opposition, except that a few men have been arrested as examples. Five thousand persons have left for the country since the proclamation, four-fifths being women and children.

The Spanish soldiers now assume a bullying attitude, and threaten to kill every Cuban man and to outrage every Cuban woman left in the city when the blockade begins. When the American fleet appears all the non-combatants will be expelled. Though the Governor of the city, Enrique Capriles, has seized for the Government all the large stores of food in private houses, many shops still do business with small stocks, the prices doubling day by day. Monday meat was 40 cents a pound; Tuesday 70 cents, and to-day it is a dollar a pound. Other prices in food to-day are: Rice, 24 cents a pound; beans, 21 cents; flour, 19 cents; and lard 32 cents. Chickens are \$2 50 apiece.

The Governor announced to-day, to quiet public alarm, that a ship loaded with provisions was expected, but when, where from, or what her name is, nobody knows. The story is not believed.

The Spanish soldiers, especially the sick, are abominably fed. Fourteen hundred sick in the military hospital here get nothing except bean soup three times a day, with an ounce of meat to

One thousand soldiers in San Luis Hospital have had only salt fish this week, and conditions are now so bad that the Spaniards would almost rejoice to surrender after one good fight. The preparations for defense go forward. A new battery has been erected at the west harbor entrance with four rapid-fire guns, and this correspondent hears that ten or twelve more rapid-fire small caliber guns will be mounted on Morro and the east side battery. The Morro fort has at least fifty ancient brass cannon, marked 1761. There are reports about torpedoes in the channel and harbor, but they are confusing. Preparations have certainly been made to lay torpedoes, but whether it has been actually done is not known. Strong floating mines are ready to be placed.

The Spaniards assemble nightly in the chief streets, yelling "Long live Spain!" and "Death to the Yankees!" The military authorities seem to have little control of the soldiery and the disorderly elements.

Spanish silver is at 45 per cent premium. The bank notes issued by the Government bank at Havana are practically worthless, and sometimes pass for from 3 to 5 cents on the dollar.

CONSCRIPTION OF CUBANS.

Blanco's Order Shows Dire Extremity to Which He is Put.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—Secretary Quesada of the Cuban Legation here said to-day that General Blanco's order conscripting Cubans in the ages of 15 and 50 in the Spanish army showed the dire extremity to which the Spanish commander was driven. Quesada says that up to this time the Spanish authorities have not utilized the service of a single Cuban company or regiment, knowing that the Cubans were at heart devoted to the cause of Cuba, and would take the first opportunity to turn their arms against Spain. For this reason the volunteer forces at Havana and elsewhere, he said, are recruited exclusively from Spaniards.

Quesada says the present move to raise Cuban conscripts will be futile, and such Cubans as are forced to enlist for Spanish flag will find an opportunity to use their strength in the cause of Cuba.

The Cuban military authorities attached to Quesada's staff in Washington ridicule the conscription of Cubans for Spanish defense, saying that the danger which has kept General Blanco from utilizing these forces thus far will be doubly great, now that the Cubans are aware that the United States has taken up their cause.

In high Cuban quarters the opinion prevails that President Maso of the Cuban Republic and his Cabinet will remove soon from Sancti Spiritus, where they are thought to be at present, to the neighborhood of Matanzas, with a view to establishing the seat of the Cuban civil Government at or near Matanzas. It is said, however, that this will depend much upon the instructions carried by Lieutenant Rowan, U. S. A., to the Cuban commanders. The nature of these instructions is not disclosed.

A singular complication over the Cuban flag, which is five stripes and a single star, may arise at an early day. Numbers of small craft are plying between Florida and Cuba owned by Cubans. If one of these raises the Cuban flag and approaches the Havana squadron the question would arise as to what course Admiral Sampson would adopt.

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and might lead to an indirect recognition.

EMBEZZLED LARGE SUMS.

Authorities at Chicago Searching For Russian Fugitives.

CHICAGO, April 30.—The police officials of the city are searching for Gabriel Rabine and Theophile Presniski, who are said to be fugitives from St. Petersburg, Russia. Rabine is accused of embezzling \$800,000 from a Russian estate while he was employed in the Russian Court of Wards. Presniski is charged with stealing \$75,000 from the Russian Government. Both men are known to be in the United States. Rewards of \$15,000 are offered for their arrest.

Maternal Advice.

(In Chicago.) "Ah, which shall I marry, my darling mamma. The duke, the duke, or the preacher? The doctor, the jockey, the packer of pork." "Or the banker? That horrid old creature! They're all at my feet, but to tell you the truth, for none of the lot do I hanker." "My dear Marguerite," said her dotting mamma, "you'd better begin with the banker."

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DRESS GOODS. SEE DISPLAY in our Show Windows of Dress Goods to be on Special Sale Monday at 50c per yard.

NEW PARASOLS FOR SUMMER Our assortment of Parasols for the summer is now complete, not only for ladies but for the little folks also. There are black, white and colored for women and fancy colored for the children.

Black Wool Crepons at 50c the yard.

We are showing a very extensive line of these popular fabrics. Some new and very pretty designs in scroll floral and conventional effects. For a full suit or separate skirt there is no fabric so well and favorably known as Crepon. If in need of either do not fail to see this line.

Summer Wool Chalkies, 35c yard.

Nothing prettier for summer dresses for the little folks or for young ladies and even for old, as there is a range of colors from light to dark, in neat small patterns. This fabric being of a soft clinging nature makes it, in the light shades particularly adapted to evening wear for the summer girl. The most beautiful of summer colors in soft blendings are combined in the lot.

White Parasols, \$1 and up.

Nothing prettier than a white silk parasol, and your Summer costume is not complete without that addition. Our line consists of plain and ruffled kinds, with white handles, paragon frames and silk tassel at handle; the plain are priced at \$1, \$1 25 and \$1 50; the ruffled ones, \$2 50 and up.

Black Parasols at \$1 50.

We show a new line of black and colored gloria and foulard silk Parasols, principally with natural crook handles and with paragon frame. This price will supply your early need until you care to choose some more elaborate for best. Price, \$1 50.

McKinley Plaid at 65c the yard.

Scotch Clan Plaids have gained great popularity of late both for ladies' and children's wear. We are showing a very pretty line in the clans at 65c the yard. Among them is the celebrated McKinley Plaid that is the rage in the large Eastern cities.

Black Grenadines, 50c yard.

This 40-inch wide fabric makes a handsome summer costume at a very moderate price. The designs for this season are very artistic and in quite a variety—scroll, brocade and checked lacework effects. We show a very effective line at 50c the yard.

Carriage Parasols at \$1 50.

Also at \$1 50 we have a line of unusual value in good black silk carriage Parasols, plain and ruffled, on paragon frame, and their double jointed handles make them prime favorites for traveling, as well as most convenient for fan or shading from the sun in various attitudes.

Children's Parasols, 35c and 50c.

We show a line of Children's Parasols in print and dimity, fancy figured in colors pink, blue, etc., on good solid frame and handle in two sizes. Priced, 35c and 50c. Also a line of sateen, satin and silk, plain colors parasols, very pretty and the correct size for 50c, 75c and 85c each.

Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, 2 for 25c.

These true Handkerchiefs are not ready for use as they are soiled just as they come from the mill. They are usually sold for 25c but Monday will be priced special 2 for 25c.

More of Those Unusual Embroidery Values.

Friday witnessed within our doors the greatest embroidery sale ever known in Sacramento—Swiss, Nainsook and cambric embroideries at special sale. Such dainty new patterns! such sheer fineness, and such low prices! We never saw before the exclamations of the many buyers. No doubt some were disappointed, who could not come Friday and for those we will create another opportunity. There were a few pieces left and Monday morning will freshen the lot up with a reinforcement of new embroideries, intended for regular stock, at the same prices as on Friday—8c, 12c, 16c, 19c, 23c and 39c per yard and widths from 3 to 10 inches.

Hammocks.

A Hammock swung in a shady spot you may enjoy during your hour to while away during the heated Summer term. They're an inexpensive luxury too when you can secure the quality we quote at the following prices:

Ready Made Dresses for Children.

The little folks' requirements in the wash dress line for summer are not few, as any mother can testify. This enough during that heated season to wash them and keep the children tidy, say naught of thinking of making. We can save you the thought of making by supplying those requirements at prices such as will make home sewing absolutely unnecessary and yet the garments will be as pretty as you like them. A few items in that line both white and colored:

New Silk Shirt Waists.

Not only black but a wide range of fancies in the latest styles and colorings. No more waiting a season 'til the styles are old in the East ere we are treated to Fashion's fad. Our New York representative sends them along by express each day as they are produced. These new silk waists are in handsome mottled effects and bias block and broken plaids with several rows of clusters of tucks across the front and with yoke back. Priced, \$5, \$6 50, \$7 50 and up.

Swiss Curtain Materials.

Swiss Curtains find high favor for bedroom purposes this season and they are pretty as well as inexpensive. We have the material by the yard that you may make your curtains any length desired. Priced as follows: 36-inch Curtain Swisses with finished edges; fancy stripes; dotted and figured. 15c per yard. 36-inch Curtain Swisses with finished edges; a little better grade of Swiss; figures and dotted. 25c yard.

Men's Socks.

Men's Fancy Striped Cotton Sock, all new colors, both in tan or black ground, regular made and very nobby. Price, 25c pair.

Gingham Dresses, 50c.

Children's Ready Made Gingham Dresses, neatly trimmed, even and broken checks, or plaids, in medium colorings, for Spring and Summer; make excellent every day frocks, and always wash as when new. Who'd think of home sewing to make them when we supply them for ages 2, 3 and 4 years at 50c each; better grade for older children, 75c and \$1.

Black Silk Waists, \$3 98.

\$3 98 procured for you a black Silk Waist, so stylish, rich in luster, and so well made, with yoke back and plain derby front, it will surely cause an ejaculation of surprise when you see them.

New Style Neckties, 50c each.

The latest style bows are just to hand, nobby checks, which are all the rage in New York; club style, string, four-in-hand and ready made styles. Your choice at 50c.

At \$1 75.

Fancy Woven Cord Hammocks in various pretty colorings with fringe around and cushioned pillow as in cut, heavy and strong. Price, \$1 75.

Percalé Dresses, 50c.

These are pretty dresses, prettily trimmed with lace and embroidery around neck, sleeve, yoke, collar and ruffles, made from '98's best patterns and colorings, in percales, fast colors, neat designs; ages 4 to 10 years. Price, 50c.

Separate Skirts, Figured Mohair at \$4.

An entire new line and a very extra quality of Skirts are represented in this item. Made from black figured mohair, in rich brocade patterns, lined with best grade of percaline, velveteen bound bottom, perfect and graceful in hang. Almost as rich as a silk and only \$4.

Men's Socks.

Men's Fancy Striped Cotton Sock, all new colors, both in tan or black ground, regular made and very nobby. Price, 25c pair.

At \$2 50.

Very Strong Hemp Cord Hammocks also in various attractive colorings and heavy fringed edges, cushion pillow, a very superior grade at \$2 50.

Child's Short White Nainsook Dress, Bishop shape neck and sleeves, trimmed in dainty fine embroidery, 6-inch hem at bottom of skirt. Price, 65c.

Child's Short White Nainsook Skirt, Mother Hubbard yoke of fine tucks and embroidery insertion, neck and sleeves trimmed in embroidery. Price, 75c.

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Ladies' Nightgowns.

Ladies' Muslin Gown; Empire tuckled yoke with bow of insertion, large collar; edged with embroidery. Price, 75c.
Ladies' Muslin Gown, round yoke of fine tucks and lace insertion, lawn ruffle edged with lace around yoke, lawn ruffle around neck and sleeves. Price, 85c.
Ladies' Cambric Gown, V-shaped yoke of fine tucks, band of insertion with embroidery ruffle. Price, \$1.

Ladies' Chemise.

Ladies' Muslin Chemise, square yoke, of embroidery and lace insertion; neck and sleeves trimmed in lace. Price, 50c.
Ladies' Cambric Chemise, round yoke of lace insertion, lace ruffle around neck and sleeves. Price, 75c.

Ladies' Corset Covers.

Ladies' Plain Muslin Corset-cover. Price, 15c.
Ladies' Cambric Corset-cover, V yoke of embroidery. Price, 35c.
Ladies' Cambric Corset-cover, lace yoke across front, neck and sleeves trimmed in lace. Price, 50c.
Ladies' Nainsook Corset-cover, shirred at waist, embroidery yoke. Price, 65c.

Ladies' Skirts.

Ladies' Cambric Skirt, wide ruffle, trimmed in embroidery. Prices, 85c, \$1 25 and \$1 50.
Ladies' Cambric Skirt, deep insertion with two rows of lace section and lace ruffle. Price \$1 50.

Ladies' Drawers.

Ladies' Muslin Drawers, cluster of tucks, best quality of muslin. Price, 25c.
Ladies' Muslin Drawers, cluster of tucks, embroidery trimmed. Price, 35c.
Ladies' Cambric Drawers, ombrella shape, embroidery trimmed. Price, 50c.
Ladies' Cambric Drawers, ombrella shape, trimmed with wide lace. Price, 65c.
Ladies' Cambric Drawers, ombrella shape, wide ruffle with lace insertion and lace ruffle. Price, 75c.

Men's Balbriggan Underwear.

Men's Double Thread Balbriggan Underwear, with lock stitched finished seams; this is the best wearing Summer goods manufactured; color ecru, long or short sleeves, also pink, flesh, gray and gold colors. Price each, 75c.

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Containing a mixed lot of high grade Oxford Ties in medium and dark chrome, tan and wine shades; kid top, in coin or needle toe; cloth top, dime toe, L. XV, heels, none of which sold less than \$2 50, some as high as \$3 50; good assortment of sizes and a genuine shoe bargain. Special, \$1 45 per pair.

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