

ABSOLUTELY NO NEWS FROM MANILA.

Answer Given From Official Quarters.

Activity at the Departments All Day.

Notification of Neutrality Received From Spain.

Reports That the Spanish Fleet Was Coming Here From Cape Verde Received With Delight by Naval Authorities.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—No word from Manila. This was the first answer given in all official quarters to-day to newsgatherers, respecting the intense interest in Commodore Dewey's fleet near the Philippine Islands.

As the President came from the White House to take the carriage he saluted the small party in waiting outside. His face wore a rather serious look. He accompanied Mr. Long to the latter's church, the Universalist. Throughout the morning no news of importance was conveyed to the White House.

Committee on Foreign Relations, called during the morning and had a talk with Mr. Roosevelt. The leading naval officials took the view that no reliable information was likely to be received as to operations in the Philippines for possibly a week.

But they might adopt the same tactics of the Spanish ships on the coast of Cuba, keeping in shore and avoiding engagements. Moreover, it is said that Commodore Dewey has considerable latitude as to the course to be adopted and the situation may be such that he will defer an engagement until he has time to open communications with the insurgents on the land.

The Navy Department received official confirmation of the arrival of the battleship Oregon at Rio Janeiro. This was the subject of general satisfaction, for it means very material strength for Admiral Sampson's fleet within a fortnight.

The new gunboat Topeka, just arrived from New York, is ready for service with the exception of her batteries. These had been prepared for her, but the guns were turned over to the War Department owing to pressing needs.

Captain Richardson Clover called during the morning to say good-by to his naval associates before leaving to take command of the gunboat Bancroft at Hampton Roads, where she will arrive to-morrow morning.

to assume a place on the staff of the board. He will be a valuable acquisition to the board. The strategy board was in session for a time to-day, but their discussions, as usual, were guarded with much secrecy.

Secretary Alger's office was opened, but the Secretary did not come down. The officials were busy stemming the tide of work which has accumulated during the rush.

WASHINGTON REJOICING LAST NIGHT.

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Another result of Admiral Dewey's victory, it is thought, may be action on the part of the powers of Europe to induce Spain to abandon what is regarded as a hopeless contest for her.

In the dispatches from Madrid the statement was made that Admiral Dewey effected a landing on the west side of Manila Bay with the men of his fleet who were wounded in the engagement.

The real danger appears to be from internal causes at Manila, where a massacre of the foreign population is apprehended. The British Consul, E. H. Rawson Walker, has called here for the dispatch to Manila immediately of the first-class British cruiser Edgar.

It is regarded as probable that immediately after the engagements of to-day Admiral Dewey sent the revenue cutter McCulloch back to Hongkong with dispatches and that the first information from him will come from that point.

The distance from Manila to Hongkong is a trifle over 900 miles and it will take the McCulloch about two days to make the trip.

It is generally believed here that Commodore Dewey has arranged with the Philippine insurgents to seize a harbor near Manila, to be used as a base of operations for the prosecution of the campaign which is anticipated unless the American commander can induce the Spanish fleet to come out and accept a general engagement.

MONTEJO'S REPORT.

MADRID, via Paris, May 1.—The time of the retreat of the American squadron behind the merchantmen was 11:30 a. m. The navy bureau at Manila sends the following report signed Montejo, Admiral:

"In the middle of the night the American squadron forced the forts and destroyed his ships. MADRID, via Paris, May 1.—The time of the retreat of the American squadron behind the merchantmen was 11:30 a. m. The navy bureau at Manila sends the following report signed Montejo, Admiral:

QUIET AT MADRID.

LONDON, May 2.—Dispatches from Madrid dated 2:30 a. m. say the city is now tranquil, although the mounted guards are patrolling all the main streets. At the theaters, cafes and in the public offices there is evening, the people loudly lamented the unpreparedness of Manila to resist the American warships, whose attacks had long been expected. The Madrid authorities are determined vigorously to suppress all street demonstrations.

ENGLISH OPINIONS.

Think Dewey Must Take Manila or Come to San Francisco. LONDON, May 1.—While it is quite clear that the Spanish squadron has suffered a crushing defeat, the dispatches leave unclear the intensely interesting question whether the American squadron has suffered material damage.

All news thus far comes from Spanish sources, but it seems evident that Commodore Dewey has not captured Manila. Unless he is able to make another attack and capture the town he will be in an awkward position, having no base upon which to retire and to refit.

Probably, therefore, the United States squadron will be obliged to make for San Francisco, as the entrance to Manila Bay was heavily mined with torpedoes. Commodore Dewey displayed great pluck and daring in making for the inner harbor. According to private advices received from Madrid, the United States cruisers Olympia, Raleigh and two other vessels, the names of which are not given, fled the harbor.

AMERICA'S GALLANT WARSHIPS.

It appears to be incorrect that the ships anchored behind the merchantmen on the east side of the bay. It should be the west. Probabilities point in the direction of the second engagement having occurred through the Spaniards trying to prevent the landing of the American wounded.

HILLS AROUND MANILA.

THEY ARE OCCUPIED BY THE INSURGENTS.

If We Blockade the City They Will Starve It Into Submission.

HONGKONG, May 1.—(Copyrighted by the Associated Press.)—Letters to the insurgent junta here which were smuggled on board the British steamer Memnon at Manila, which arrived here yesterday from the capital of the Philippines, assert that the Philippine insurgents are occupying all the hills surrounding Manila in a radius of ten to twenty miles, awaiting the arrival of the United States fleet under Commodore Dewey, which was expected off Manila at any moment when the Memnon sailed.

Corroboration has been received of the report that the British residents of Manila expected that the British steamer Esmeralda, which went there to take on board specie belonging to the Hongkong banks, would have a full cargo of food stuff, as usual, but this was not the case and much distress is anticipated in consequence if the insurgent land blockade and the United States sea blockade are enforced.

Little definite information has been ascertained regarding the whereabouts of the Spanish fleet as a whole. But it is said by the insurgents that warships of Spain are in hiding, watching outside the entrance of the harbor for the coming of the American ships.

It is asserted that the Spanish cruiser Castilla, of 3,342 tons and 4,400 indicated horse-power, recently grounded near the entrance to Manila Bay, and was afterwards scuttled in shallow water.

It is added that it is the intention of the Spaniards to use her as a stationary battery, although some of her guns have been landed and mounted on the fortifications at the entrance of the harbor, where other guns also have been mounted recently.

A SIGNIFICANT SPEECH.

SPANIARDS AREADY TALKING OF CONCESSIONS.

Indications That They Will Make Sacrifices in Order to Secure Peace.

LONDON, May 2.—The Madrid correspondent of the "Standard" says: "The sitting of the House of Deputies yesterday (Saturday) was extremely interesting. The Carlists and Republicans had bitterly criticized the action of the Government's regency and the monarchy in persisting during the last twenty-four years in a policy of too systematic neutrality and isolation in Europe, which now, in Spain's hour of trial, has deprived her of anything but platonic sympathy."

United States Steamship Raleigh—Captain, J. B. Grogan; Lieutenant, Commander, F. Singer; Lieutenants—W. W. Winder, B. Tappan, H. Rodman, C. B. Morgan, Ensigns—F. L. Chadwick, P. Babin, Surgeon, E. H. Martell; Assistant Surgeon, D. N. Carpenter; Passed Assistant Paymaster, S. R. Hen; Chief Engineer, F. H. Bailey; Passed Assistant Engineer, D. A. Halstead; Assistant Engineer, J. R. Brady; First Lieutenant of Marines, T. C. Treadwell; Acting Gunner, G. D. Johnston; Acting Carpenter, L. E. Kilroy.

U. S. S. Boston—Captain, F. Wildes; Lieutenant-Commander, J. A. Norris; Lieutenants—J. G. W. Howard; Ensigns—S. S. Robinson, L. H. Everhart, J. S. Dorrice; Surgeon, M. H. Crawford; Assistant Surgeon, R. S. Brakeman; Paymaster, J. E. Martin; Chief Engineer, J. J. Evans; First Lieutenant of Marines, R. M. C. Dutton; Gunner, J. S. Evans; Carpenter, U. H. Helton.

U. S. S. Baltimore—Captain, N. M. Dwyer; Lieutenant-Commander, G. Blocking; Lieutenants—W. Braunerseuther, A. B. Winterhalter, F. W. Kellogg, J. M. Elliott, C. S. Stanworth; Ensigns—G. H. Hayward, M. J. McCormack; Naval Cadets—D. W. Warsbaugh, I. Z. Wettensell, C. M. Tozer, T. A. Karney; Passed Assistant Surgeon, F. A. Hessler; Assistant Surgeon, R. K. Smith; Pay Inspector, E. Bellows; Chief Engineer, A. Kirby; Assistant Engineer—H. B. Price, H. I. Conne; Naval Cadet (engineer), C. P. Burt; Chaplain, T. S. K. Freeman; First Lieutenant of Marines, L. D. Williams; Acting Boat-

AMERICA'S GALLANT WARSHIPS.

Those That Were Engaged at Manila.

List of the Ships That Spain Had in Action.

We Had Seven to Eleven, But Ours Were Heavier Than Hers.

Roster of the Commanders and Officers of the Fleet Commanded by Admiral Dewey Who Were in Action.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—The following are the two fleets engaged, with the officers of the American vessels: The United States ships: Olympia, first class protected cruiser, 5,500 tons, launched 1892; speed 12 knots; battery, four 10-inch; ten 5-inch rapid fire guns; sixteen 6-pounders; six 1-pounders and four machine guns.

Baltimore—Second rate, 4,900 tons; speed 20 1/2 knots; battery, four 8-inch; four 6-inch rifles; four 6-pound rapid fire; two 3-pounders; two 1-pounders; two 1.8-inch; two 1.4-inch and two machine guns.

Boston—Second rate, 3,189 tons; speed 13 knots; battery, two 8-inch; two 6-inch rifles; two 5-pound rapid fire; two 3-pounders; two 1-pounders; two 1.8-inch; two 1.4-inch and two machine guns.

Raleigh—Second class; speed 19 knots; battery, one 6-inch and ten 5-inch rapid fire rifles; eight 6-pounders; four 1-pounders and two machine guns.

Concord—Third rate, 1,700 tons; speed 17 knots; battery, six 6-inch; two 6-pounder rapid fire; two 3-pounder; one 1-pounder; four machine guns.

Petal—Fourth rate, 890 tons; speed 13 knots; battery, four 6-inch guns; two 3-pounder rapid fire; one 1-pounder and four machine guns.

McCluch—Revenue cutter. Nanchuan—Collier. Zaire—Supply vessel.

THE SPANISH SHIPS.

Reina Maria Christina—3,520 tons; built in 1886; speed 17 knots; battery, 2-inch Krupp rifles; two 2.7-inch and three 2.2-inch rapid fire rifles; six 1.4-inch and two machine guns.

Castilla—3,342 tons; built in 1881; battery, four 5-inch Krupp rifles; two 4.7-inch; two 3.3-inch; four 5-inch rapid fire and two machine guns.

Velasco—1,152 tons; battery, three 5.9-inch Armstrong rifles; two 4.7-inch Hotchkiss and two machine 1-inch.

Don Antonio De Ulloa and Don Juan De Austria each 1,400 tons; speed 14 knots; battery, four 7-inch Hotchkiss; two 6-inch rapid fire; two 5-inch and two machine guns.

General Lezo and El Cano, gun vessels, 524 tons; built in 1885; speed 11 1/2 knots. The General Lezo has two Hotchkiss rifles of 4.7-inch calibre, one 3.5-inch; two small rapid fire and one machine gun. The El Cano, three 4.7-inch guns; two small rapid fire and two machine guns.

Marquis Del Duro—Dispatch-boat, 500 tons; one smooth-bore 6-inch caliber, four 4.7-inch and one machine gun.

Isle De Mindanao—Compana Transatlantica of Cadix, armed as cruiser, length, 375.5; beam, 42.3; gross tonnage, 4,195; speed, 13.5.

ROSTER OF THE ASIATIC SQUADRON.

Acting Rear Admiral George Dewey, Commander-in-Chief; Lieutenant T. M. Brumey, Flag Lieutenant; Ensign H. H. Caldwell, Secretary.

swain, H. R. Brarnton; Gunner, L. J. Connelly; Carpenter, O. Bath. U. S. S. Concord—Commander, A. S. Walker; Lieutenant-Commander, G. P. Coivocores; Lieutenants—T. B. Howard; P. W. Lurman; Ensigns—A. Kiser, W. C. Davidson, W. V. Butler, Jr., O. S. Nepper, Passed Assistant Surgeon, R. G. Broderick; Passed Assistant Paymaster, E. D. Ryan; Chief Engineer, Richard Inch; Passed Assistant Engineer, H. W. Jones, Assistant Engineer, E. H. Dunn.

U. S. S. Petrel—Commander, E. P. Wood; Lieutenants—E. M. Hughes, B. A. Fiske, A. N. Wood, C. A. Plunkett; Ensigns—G. L. Fimer, G. S. Montgomery; Passed Assistant Surgeon, C. D. Brownell; Assistant Postmaster, G. S. Seibles; Passed Assistant Engineer, R. T. Hall.

CYCLONE AT SAPULPA.

Town in Indian Territory Considerably Damaged. SAPULPA (I. T.), May 1.—A cyclone struck this town to-day at 9 a. m., resulting in considerable damage to property and the injury of several people.

Mrs. R. Taylor and two babies have been removed from the ruins of their demolished house, dangerously, but it is thought, not fatally hurt. The residence of Robert Howell was turned upside down, while the family were all inside, but all escaped. Rev. Mr. Ray and family residing in the Methodist parsonage narrowly escaped from their dwelling just as the storm twisted it from its foundation.

Other dwellings and store houses were more or less injured and the town is flooded as a result of a cloudburst. Sapulpa is within three miles of the path of the cyclone that swept away Chandler, Oklahoma, a year ago.

E. B. Baldwin, the Arctic explorer and executive officer in the Walker Wellerman expedition, lectured here last night dedicating the hall with a full house. A severe storm struck the town just as he was about to conclude his address and he prudently shortened the lecture, allowing the audience to betake themselves to the cyclone shelters with which the town is well provided and where many of them remained during the night.

STORM AT ST. LOUIS.

Great Damage Done and Residents Feared Another Cyclone. ST. LOUIS, May 1.—To-night a violent windstorm swept through this city, doing considerable damage to property in the western portion.

Trees were blown down, several roofs lifted, and the people ran panic-stricken through the streets, fearing another tornado. Several large plate-glass show-windows in the business center were blown in. A heavy downpour of rain followed, with severe lightning. The lower floor of the Union station adjacent to Market street was flooded, the passengers wading around to their shoetops. No injuries are reported.

DESTRUCTIVE STORM.

South Dakota and Iowa Suffer Very Badly.

CHICAGO, May 1.—Specials to the "Times-Herald" report a widespread storm last night, extending over parts of South Dakota, Iowa and Indian Territory.

South Dakota reports a death list of eight and a property loss of \$100,000. In Northwest Iowa the towns of Primghar, Hartley and badly wrecked. Hartley being almost completely destroyed. Several people in this section are reported killed, but details are meager.

Will Guard the Works.

READING (Pa.), May 1.—A heavily armed guard of a dozen men went on duty at Carpenter's steel works to-day, in consequence of reports from elsewhere of Spanish spies in the vicinity of other establishments which are engaged in Government work.

The guards have orders to shoot any suspicious characters who fail to depart after fair warning.

WILMINGTON (Del.), May 1.—This morning Batteries G and M, Fourth Artillery, U. S. A., arrived at Mount Chain, a small station near the Potomac river, where they will act as a guard at the powder works. Since the explosion of powder mills in different parts of the country, the Government and the Dupont Company have feared treachery on the part of Spanish agents.

Cyclone in Iowa.

MASON CITY, May 1.—A devastating cyclone swept Northwest Iowa last night. The worst destruction is reported near Archer, in O'Brien County. Primghar, Hartley and Curlew, it is stated, are badly wrecked. Hartley is said to be entirely destroyed. The wires are down and only meager particulars are obtainable. Several people are reported killed and the property damage seemingly is great.

Merchant Steamer Captured.

MADRID, May 1.—Blanco cables that American warships blockading Cienfuegos captured Spanish merchant steamer. A Colonel, surgeon, six officers and three non-commissioned officers were held as prisoners. Civilian passengers were liberated.

Accidentally Shot His Comrade.

AMSTERDAM (N. Y.), May 1.—This evening while the Forty-six Separate Company was making preparations to leave for Hempstead to-morrow George D. Graff was accidentally shot and killed by a revolver in the hands of a companion named Wilbur Jermalon.

MANY SUSPECT TREACHERY

In Connection With the Santa Cruz Explosion.

Major Lamb Tells About a Suspicious Stranger.

He Wanted to Get a Pass to the Works and Gave a Fictitious Address—Seemed to be a Castilian and Has Not Been Seen Since—An Irrigation Canal at Woodbridge Breaks and Lets the Water Out.

SANTA CRUZ, May 1.—Many continue to suspect treachery in connection with the recent powder explosion. Suspicion has taken a new course to-day in view of a statement made by Mayor Lamb, who says that on the morning of the day of the powder explosion a stranger came to him and asked for a pass to the powder works, stating he resided on Riverside avenue and wanted to get a job as a carpenter.

Although wearing overalls and a slouch hat, the Mayor suspected the applicant was not what he represented. The man appeared to be very shrewd and his hands did not have the appearance of having been used to hard labor. The Mayor is satisfied the man is a Castilian, as he spoke Spanish like one. The Mayor told him he could not give him a pass to the works. Subsequently he learned that the stranger had given a fictitious address. The suspect has not been seen since.

New machinery to replace that destroyed at the powder works will cost \$20,000. A large force of men is working day and night to get it ready.

IT WAS LIGHTNING.

Men Just Quit Work at the Clipper Gap Mills When They Blew Up. AUBURN (Cal.), May 1.—The Associated Press correspondent to-day visited the scene of the powder explosion that evening at Clipper Gap, and was convinced that the disaster was caused by lightning. The men in the glazing mill had just left, quitting work earlier than usual on account of the danger from lightning and they were in the washroom when lightning struck simultaneously. Nothing but splinters were left of either of them. A pine tree and chaparral brush were torn up by the roots near the glazing building and windows and door sashes were broken in every building. The shock was felt ten miles away. The damage is less than \$1,000. Work will be resumed in less than a week. The Coroner's jury at the inquest of Levi Hill, attached no blame to any one.

A BROKEN DAM.

Unless Repaired It Will Cause Great Loss to Farmers. LODI (Cal.), May 1.—Last night a big hole was washed in the dam at Woodbridge and the Woodbridge Irrigation Company's canal is dry as the result. Unless the dam can be repaired at once the large alfalfa fields in the northern San Joaquin will be ruined and thousands of dollars lost, as the farmers had big hay crops.

About seventy-five men have been working hard on the dam for the past three weeks and thought it would be repaired, but when the water was run into the canal the force was too strong for the structure. Both contractors and farmers are greatly discouraged over the outlook.

COAST BASEBALL.

Stockton Defeats the Athletics in a Brilliant and Close Game. STOCKTON, May 1.—The Athletics of San Francisco and the Stocktons of this city played a grand-stand game of baseball to-day to a big crowd of spectators. Twice during the game was the score tied, and the game went on to the ninth inning. The Athletics furnished the best by stopping a hot one off Smith's bat, then inwelling Fitzpatrick off second, thus driving Johnson home. Smith threw Johnson out at the rubber. The Athletics put the second to rest by hitting Billings, who was there to prove, put it home in time to retire Fitzpatrick. The grand stand went wild. Score: Stockton—Runs 9, hits 13. Athletics—Runs 8, hits 13.

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Nearly Wiped Out the Town.

PERRY (O. T.), May 1.—Parties arriving here from Duncan, I. T., a town of 3,000 people, southeast of here, report that a tornado struck there last night at 10 o'clock, nearly wiping out the entire town. A child was killed and ten persons hurt, some fatally.

Gladstone's Malady Advancing.

LONDON, May 1.—The following bulletin as to Mr. Gladstone's condition since last Sunday: "There is a slow advance in the local malady, and he has at times considerable pain, but he has felt easier this afternoon."

Demonstration at Gibraltar.

GIBRALTAR, May 2.—A popular demonstration was made in the Spanish lines last night. Over 6,000 persons paraded the streets with torches and flags and cries of "Viva Espana" were heard on all sides.

Japan Declares Neutrality.

LONDON, May 1.—Japan has just issued a declaration of neutrality.

Fire Near Brighton.

About 1 o'clock this morning a very large fire was seen in the country outside of the city, apparently near Brighton, but it was not discovered what it was.

Prices Too Low. Mr. A. Barnes of Benicia made this remark to us yesterday: "Why" said he, "I paid 60 cents for that coffee mill which you offer for 25 cents." But we told him to look at our other bargains that we offer to-day. PRICES TALK. Box Coffee Mills like the above, 25c. Side Coffee Mills in twenty styles, from 50c up. Tin Coffee Pots, well made, only 10c; better quality from that price up. Ice Cream Freezers—quarts at \$1.40. We keep in stock the "Lithonia," the "Sheppard," the "Arctic" and many other patterns. Carpet Sweepers from \$1 to \$8. We have the best assortment of Carpet Sweepers in the city and at the lowest prices. Don't fail to see our new Never-Rust Tinware—something entirely new—Boilers and Firetraps last to five to ten years. L. L. LEWIS & CO., 502 and 504 J and 1009 Fifth Street.