

NAVAL PLANS KEPT SECRET

NOTHING KNOWN REGARDING ADMIRAL SAMPSON'S DESTINATION. RUMORS AND SPECULATIONS MERELY GUESSWORK—THE ADMIRAL IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT YESTERDAY.

Washington, May 5.—In the absence of information from the Spanish squadron or from Commodore Dewey, sensational rumors and wild speculation multiplied with exceeding ingenuity to-day, and false publications, many of them of a malicious nature, added to the worry of naval and military officials.

There were also positive assertions that Admiral Sampson's squadron was on its way to attack Porto Rico, on the one hand, and to protect the Oregon, 4,000 miles away, on the other.

Contrary to the announcement at the Cramp shipyard that the St. Paul would stop at Legazpi, the big cruiser proceeded straight down the Delaware River.

Restrained by the strategy board. Since the news of Commodore Dewey's brilliant dash on the Philippines reached the ships of Sampson's squadron, strong pressure has been brought to bear on the Navy Department to allow a similar movement in the Atlantic.

Before Commodore Dewey destroyed the Spanish Asiatic fleet many requests reached Washington from the blockading squadron off Cuba to destroy the batteries which the Spanish were rapidly improving directly in sight of the American ships.

Our station is off Havana, and, while we occasionally chase something, it generally proves to be a poor specimen of a crafty vessel. In the daytime they may be seen strengthening their fortifications near El Morro, and in the evening when El Morro has been declared, we permit it.

From another letter from the blockading division off Cardenas is taken this extract: Two gunboats are placing mines in the harbor, right under our noses, and nothing is done to stop it.

MR. BOUTELLE ON THE WARPATH. A TREASURY CLERK CUT DOWN LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER WAINWRIGHT'S ACCOUNT.

Washington, May 5 (Special).—When Chairman Boutelle of the House Committee on Naval Affairs called at the office of the Controller of the Treasury this morning he "had blood in his eye."

THE NICHTEROW ON THE WARPATH. BUENOS AYRES, via Galveston, Tex., May 5.—A dispatch received here to-day from Rio Janeiro an-

Silverwares Wedding Gifts.

FOR THE YANKEE READY FOR SEA. NAVAL RESERVES, HOWEVER, ARE ON THE CRUISER ONLY BY DAY—SIGNALING ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETE.

The members of the New-York Naval Reserve who are to man the auxiliary cruiser Yankee still continue their daily trips, and from that vessel, during the day they spend their time on the cruiser, returning to the New-Hampshire to sleep.

The connections between the New-Hampshire and the Naval Reserve stations at Pine Island, Montauk Point and Quogue have been completed, and satisfactory tests have been made.

THE ST. PAUL SAILS SEAWARD. AN ENTHUSIASTIC GREETING GAVE TO CAPTAIN SIGSBEE AND HIS SHIP.

Philadelphia, May 5.—The big auxiliary cruiser St. Paul, with Captain Sigbee on the bridge, left the Cramp shipyard at 8:30 o'clock this morning and steamed down the Delaware River.

TO BE CALLED THE ADMIRAL DEWEY. THE FIRST OF THE NEW VESSELS OF THE AMERICAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY TO BE NAMED AFTER THE HERO OF MANILA.

VESSELS FOR COAST DEFENCE. A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND INSPECTIONS BY THE NAVAL AUXILIARY BOARD.

FRESH FOOD FOR THE FLEET. REFRIGERATOR SHIP TO CARRY A CARGO FROM PHILADELPHIA.

ARMOR PLATES LACKING FOR THE WISCONSIN. SAN FRANCISCO, May 5.—Work at the Union Iron Works on the United States battleship Wisconsin is delayed by the non-arrival of her armor plates.

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ALERT FLYING SQUADRON. FALSE ALARM CALLS MEN TO DUTY ABOARD SHIP AND ON SHORE.

FEARING A FOREIGN FLEET AT HAMPTON ROADS —THE DISTURBERS INNOCENT MERCHANT VESSELS—MOVEMENTS OF WARSHIPS.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. Newport News, Va., May 5.—While the people of Newport News, Norfolk and Hampton were peacefully slumbering at midnight last night events of a stirring nature were happening on board the warships of the Flying Squadron.

THE MESSAGE WAS IMMEDIATELY TRANSMITTED TO Commodore Schley, aboard the flagship Brooklyn, and a few minutes later a big gun sounded the note of warning.

WHEN ALL PREPARATIONS FOR ANY EMERGENCY were completed, both aboard the warships and inside the fort, Commodore Schley waited and Colonel Frank waited.

CAUSE OF THE INCIDENT. IT WAS NOT UNTIL THIS MORNING THAT THE CAUSE OF the incident, the first really warlike demonstration of the Flying Squadron, was generally known here.

THE MINNEAPOLIS TO BE COOLED. THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO COAL AGENCY has orders to ready to coal the cruiser Minneapolis in Hampton Roads on Friday morning.

THEY REMEMBER THE MAINE. A LETTER FROM ONE OF THE BALTIMORE MEN SHOWING THE FEELING ON BOARD.

RUST DAYS IN OLD PORTSMOUTH. MINING THE HARBOR AND PORTIFICATIONS EXAMINED—THE ESSEX DRYDOCK FOR OVERHAULING.

THE MENOCAL TRIAL BEGUN. PAPERS ARRIVED AT THE NAVY YARD TOO LATE AND THE COURT ADJOURNED UNTIL THIS FORENOON.

ARMOR FOR THE KEARSARGE SHIPPED. BETHLEHEM, Penn., May 5.—Furnace plates for the battleship Kearsarge were shipped to-day by the

Fire insurance.

In consequence of the present demoralization in the fire insurance business property owners should give particular attention to the quality of indemnity offered for their PROTECTION and the resources of the fire insurance companies should be CLOSELY SCRUTINIZED in the light of current events.

INSURERS SHOULD NOT BE MISLED BY IRRESPONSIBLE brokers, but deal with well-established firms, and unless fully satisfied of their responsibility, draw cheques to the order of the companies whose policies are accepted as SECURITY, recognizing that under the conditions of the policy, payment to a broker is not payment to the company.

WAITING FOR PATROL VESSELS. ADMIRAL ERBEN SAYS THE POLICE LAUNCHES AND LIGHTHOUSE TENDERS HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM HIS SERVICE.

REAR-ADMIRAL HENRY ERBEN, who is in command of the coast defence flotilla for the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, and Commander Wells L. Field, who commands the same service in the Third Lighthouse District, extending from Eliza Ledge, in Rhode Island, to the Sorebay River, in New Jersey.

WAR PAINT ON THE TOPEKA. THE RESTLESS READY FOR HER GUNS—OTHER WORK AT THE YARDS.

NAVAL PERSONNEL BILL AMENDED. SCOPE OF THE MEASURE GREATLY EXTENDED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

UNASSIGNED NAVAL GRADUATES WANTED. ST. LOUIS, May 5.—Ensign Felix H. Hunkle, U. S. N., now engaged in business in this city, who has been dismissed because the Navy did not contain enough ships for them to man, has been ordered to Washington for active duty.

PRIVATE FLYNN DIES OF HEART FAILURE. NANTIC, Conn., May 5.—Private John T. Flynn, twenty-two years of age, of Company B, 1st Regiment of Hartford, in camp with the Connecticut troops at the military reservation here, died suddenly of heart failure this afternoon.

BOSTON ENTHUSIASM CONTINUES. BOSTON, May 5.—The 8th Regiment, M. V. M., moved to South Framingham to join the State forces in camp there to-day.

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OPPOSED TO A BOND ISSUE. BUREAU OF THE REVENUE BILL.

Remove waste matters in the blood (which not only produces uric acid ailments, such as rheumatism and gout, but are likely to accentuate any tendency you may have to other diseases of the liver, kidneys or bladder) by the free use of Kutnow's Improved Effervescent Powder. A sample sent free and postpaid to every applicant. For sale by all druggists. Positively refuse substitutes; they are worthless. Kutnow Bros., 13 Astor Place, New York City.

THE GOVERNMENT NOW HAS NO CAUSE TO REGRET THE ACTION. WASHINGTON, May 5.—Notice came to the State Department from Brazil to-day that the Government had declared neutrality.

THE FRENCH DECLARATION. TERMS ON WHICH NEUTRALITY WILL BE OBSERVED TOWARD THE UNITED STATES AND SPAIN.

TROOPS HELD AT HALIFAX. BELIEF THAT THE MEN WILL BE SENT TO THE PHILIPPINES INSTEAD OF JAMAICA.

PRISONERS WANT TO ENTER THE ARMY. PETITIONS TO THE PRESIDENT BY COUNTERFEITERS AND MAILBOX ROBBERS.

EXPLOSION AT A DEWEY CELEBRATION. A PARROT GUN PROVES IT WAS MORE ORNAMENTAL THAN USEFUL.

LARGE PERCENTAGE OF MEN ACCEPTED. EXCELLENT SHOWING OF THE 8TH MASSACHUSETTS REGIMENT.

ACCUSED OF BEING A BOGUS DETECTIVE. W. A. AIKEN IS SAID TO HAVE COMMITTED THE CRIME HE SOUGHT TO REVEAL.

THE GOVERNOR ISSUES COMMISSIONS. ALBANY, May 5.—Governor Black, through Adjutant-General Tillgham, issued these commissions this afternoon: As majors, Captain William Will, 34th Separate Company, Geneva, and Captain M. B. Butler, 42d Separate Company, Niagara Falls; as surgeon, W. J. Hoiger, 4th Separate Company, Oswego; as assistant surgeons, A. F. Hodgman, 3rd Separate Company, Niagara Falls; and as privates, the 3d Volunteer Regiment at Saratoga.

ANXIOUS TO ENLIST AT SARATOGA. SARATOGA, May 5.—Recruits subject to a second call of Governor Black are clamoring for admission to the National Guard, State of New-York.