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JOHN D. LONG, SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

The name of ex-Governor John D. Long of Massachusetts, secretary of the navy, is prominent in the popular mind with the American Peace society.



LYMAN J. GAGE, SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

Hon. Lyman J. Gage of Illinois, secretary of the treasury, was born in central New York and went to Chicago in 1853.

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DEWEY'S MODEST REPORTS.

Washington, May 9.—The official reports of Commodore Dewey, modest in their brevity, were received by Secretary Long on Saturday. They are as follows: "Manila, May 1.—The squadron arrived at Manila at daybreak this morning. Immediately engaged the enemy and destroyed the following Spanish vessels: Reina Cristina, Castilla, Ulloa, Isla de Cuba, General Lozo, the Duero, Correo, Velasco, Mindanao, one transport and the water battery at Cavite.



WILLIAM R. DAY.

The extreme age of Secretary of State Sherman has thrown the burdens and responsibilities of the state department upon Judge William R. Day of Ohio.

FALL OF MANILA.

The American fleet was then drawing nearer and nearer to the Spaniards, whose gunnery was very poor, the shots from the Cavite batteries and from the Spanish ships being equally badly aimed, either falling short or going wide of the mark.

Though the Spaniards had opened fire at 6,000 yards, the Americans reserved their fire until within 4,000 yards of the enemy, when the real battle began.

The Americans then passed backward and forward six times across the front of the Spaniards, pouring in upon the latter a perfect hail of shot and shell.

After having thus scattered death and demoralization among the Spanish fleet and the Spanish batteries, the American fleet retired for breakfast, an incidentally a council of war was held on board the Olympia.

By this time the Spanish ships were in a desperate condition. The flagship Reina Christina was riddled with shot and shell, one of her steam pipes had burst and she was believed to be on fire. The Castilla was certainly on fire, and soon afterward their condition became worse and worse, until they were eventually burned to the water's edge.

The battle, which was started at 5:30 a. m. and adjourned at 8:30 a. m., was resumed about noon, when Commodore Dewey started in to put the finishing touches of his glorious work. There was not much fight left in the Spaniards by this time, and at 2 p. m. the Petrel and Concord had shot the Cavite batteries into silence.

The Spanish gunboats were then scattered, the arsenal was on fire, and the explosion of a Spanish magazine caused further mortality among the Spaniards, which was to put the cruiser Baltimore and suffered in any way from the fire of the enemy. A shot which struck her exploded some ammunition near one of her guns and slightly injured half a dozen of the crew.

Only the cruiser Baltimore and the smaller Spanish vessels brought their guns into play.

The American fleet entered Manila bay on Saturday night with the greatest ease. The Spaniards had not established a patrol, and there were no searchlights at the entrance of the bay.

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The American squadron, which had been led into the bay and through the channel by the flagship Olympia, did not reply, though the shells of the Spaniards began to strike the water around them, but moved majestically onward. When nearing Baker bay a sudden upheaval of water a short distance ahead of the Olympia showed that the Spaniards had exploded a mine or a torpedo. This was followed by a second and similarly unsuccessful attack.

They were both utterly unsuccessful.

Relia Christina lost her captain, a lieutenant, her chaplain and a midshipman by one shot which struck her bridge.

Estimates place the number of Spanish dead and wounded during the engagement at over a thousand men.

The forts at the entrance of the bay were dismantled on Wednesday, after they had capitulated.

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ITALY'S BLOODY RIOTS.

State of Siege Proclaimed in Many Cities and Towns.

NEARLY A THOUSAND KILLED.

Shot to Death While Demanding Food. Duke and Duchess of Molinengo Have a Narrow Escape—The Situation Steadily Becoming Worse.

Rome, May 11.—A state of siege has been proclaimed in the province of Florence and Livorno, Pisa, Siena, Massa and Grosseto, and also in the town of Spezia, the naval port of Spezia being excepted from the decree.

In Messina a crowd of women and children proceeded to the town hall demanding food. They were dispersed by the police and the crowd then began breaking street lamps and tried to sack a provision store. The proprietor shot one of the rioters, which increased the disturbance. Troops are now occupying the town.

The rioting at Naples yesterday was widespread. It was started by big bands of students, armed with sticks and revolvers, who operated in various quarters. They were soon joined by others, and stone throwing became general. The police frequently charged and dispersed the rioters, who, however, reformed and overturned horse cars, with which they attempted to build barricades in several streets. They were unable to withstand the charges of the cavalry. The rioters made several attacks upon the soldiers, using stones and revolvers, and the troops fired, killing or wounding a number of the rioters. A number of rioters were reported to have been killed in the streets, and several guard-houses were burned by the rioters.

Advices received from Milan give details of the arrest of 200 rioters in a camp at Sesto San Giovanni. The students from Pavia, who joined in the disturbances, entrenched themselves in the Capuchin monastery, and while a detachment of troops was passing fire upon them. The military authorities sent two field guns to the scene, opened fire on the monastery, made a breach in its walls and entered the building, but the students escaped. All the monks were arrested, and they will be imprisoned for some time. The rioters were dispersed among the other monasteries of the order. For the present the monks will be held in the disposal of the military authorities.

The workmen of Creva, near Leno, numbering several thousand, struck work yesterday and today. They are with the customs officers. The Duke and Duchess of Saxe-Meiningen, who were attending to business in Rome a couple of years ago, were driving through Leno when they found themselves between the rioters and the customs officers. The duke and duchess were not hurt, but a dozen of the rioters fell. The duke and duchess returned here at a gallop.

The riotous demonstrations at Leno began on Sunday. The mob leaders were arrested, and the rioting ceased. Yesterday the rioters attacked the carabinieri in their barracks, and also at the police station. The police fired on the mob, killing several persons and wounding a number of others.

The premier has issued a circular to the prefects of Milan, Naples and other affected districts, and to the commanders of the army, directing the latter to fire the agitation may be spreading it is less intense, also pointing out that the tranquility of Piedmont, Sicily and Sardinia is a factor of the highest importance in discouraging the agitators of disorders and encouraging those who desire to maintain the integrity of the fatherland.

Continuing the premier urged the officials not to harbor exaggerated feelings, and to be firm in their demands for troops, as if the whole army is needed. It would put the country in a state of war. It is concluded that military operations must employ inflexible rigor in promptly repressing disorders.

There were slight disorders Monday at Bologna, Verona, Pavia and Treviso. Brianna peasants, armed with hayforks, are hastening to assist the military authorities.

It is extremely difficult to speak with accuracy as to the number of the killed and wounded, but the deaths are estimated at 1,000. The military authorities will probably never be known.

Spanish Spy in the Tolls. Washington, May 9.—George Downing, a naturalized Englishman and formerly chief yeoman on the cruiser Brooklyn, was arrested here yesterday by order of Judge Adams General Leiber, of the army, charged with being a spy in the service of the Spanish government. Downing was caught in the act of mailing a letter to Senor Bernabe, in Montreal, containing information about the Holland submarine boat. A summary of the steps being taken for the relief of Commodore Dewey and a promise of data concerning the movements of American coal ships. If convicted Downing may be sentenced to death. The evidence against him is very strong.

Miss Ada E. Vaughan of 704 Catherine St., has returned from her school at Matthews Co., Va., and resides in New York City with her city to spend the summer.

Mr. J. Thomas Johnson of New York was in the city this week being called on account of the death of his brother, Mr. Robert Johnson.

Rev. W. Bishop Johnson, D. D., of Washington, D. C., Rev. J. M. Redd, of Annapolis, Md., and Rev. J. G. Jordan, of Louisville, Ky., called on us.

Barnburn Anniversary. The annual sermon will be preached by the President Sunday morning, May 16th, at the Fifth Street Baptist Church.

The Normal Course is lengthened by the addition of another year study, and for this reason no Normal class comes this year to graduation. In place of the customary Normal Graduation Exercises, there will be a Literary and Musical Entertainment at the College, Wednesday evening, May 18, at 8 o'clock.

Annual Meeting of the Alumnae Association at the College at 11 A. M. Alumnae Supper at 5 P. M. Ninth Anniversary of the Alumnae Association at the College at 8 P. M. Oratorical Exercises, there will be a Literary and Musical Entertainment at the College, Wednesday evening, May 18, at 8 o'clock.

Dr. Humphrey's Specific Manual, 100 pages, tells all about the treatment of disease with Humphrey's Specifics. Free at drug stores, or sent on request. Humphrey's Medicine Co., corner William & John Sts., N. Y.

Claims Paid by the Peoples' Relief Association This Week.

Mrs. Eleanor Smith, Manchester, \$9.00; Mrs. Katie Jenkins, Woodville, \$9.00.

DEATH BENEFIT. Mrs. Sarah J. Brown, 1418 Brown St., \$15.00.

THE BAPTISTS IN SESSION.

Rev. Dr. Mitchell Re-elected President. Many Delegates Present.

The thirty-first annual session of the State convention of colored Baptists opened Wednesday at 10 o'clock at the Second Church, Byrd street near Second, and will continue in session until Sunday. The convention is the largest colored organization in the State, and is composed of some of the leading colored preachers and members of the Baptist Churches of Virginia. It represents the educational work among the Negroes as far as denominational schools go, having charge and supporting the Virginia Seminary, Lynchburg; the Spiller Academy, Hampton, and assists in the work of the Hester Memorial College, for colored girls, Richmond, and the Richmond Theological Institute, for colored men.

Dr. H. H. Mitchell of Norfolk presided. Revs. J. B. Smith and M. D. Williams conducted the devotional exercises, which they did. These were followed by the welcome address delivered by Rev. M. E. Grant, who, representing the colored Baptists and citizens of Richmond, assured the pastors that they were welcome to the city, the church and homes. The address was responded to by the Rev. W. Tyrrill, of the Virginia Seminary, Lynchburg, Va., who assured the people of Richmond that the welcome was accepted by the delegates in the manner as given, and they were proud to meet in the historic city. He concluded by making some reference to the educational work as conducted in the city.

Rev. Dr. Graham, of the Fifth Street Baptist Church, presided while president Mitchell reviewed the work of the past year in his annual address, and made some practical recommendations and suggestions for the consideration of his brethren. He urged that more attention be given to the future of the colored people, and that a charge against some of the organizations raising money for missions, saying that the money was being used for other purposes, and that he did not receive a cent of money in Africa, although the organization reported great work accomplished through the continent.

Dr. Mitchell also referred to the assistance rendered them by the white people of the State, and the Home Mission Society, which he said was blessing to them. He said the Negroes of this country had much to thank God for, and that they should be doing well in the nineteenth century. He recommended that special services be held at the next annual session of the convention.

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In the afternoon, the following officers were elected: President, W. F. Graham, Richmond; Secretary, E. W. Vassar, Richmond; Treasurer, D. N. Vassar, Richmond; Recording Secretary, E. W. Vassar, Richmond; Corresponding Secretary, D. N. Vassar, Richmond; and then a recess was had.

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Dewey's Marvelous Victory Over the Spaniards.

SIX AMERICANS WOUNDED.

While the Spaniards Lost 800 Killed and Fourteen Ships.

A PROMOTION FOR THE VICTOR.

A One-Sided Battle, Where the Only Damage Done to Our Ships or Sailors Was Caused by an Explosion of Ammunition on Board the Cruiser Baltimore.

Congress Passes a Vote of Thanks, Enacts a Law Which Will Make the Intrepid Naval Commander a Rear Admiral, and Orders Medals Cast for Every One of Our Heroes of Manila—A Large Army to Be Sent to Cuba in the Near Future.

Hong Kong, May 9.—Among naval men, military men and civilians, Europeans and natives here there is only one subject of discussion, the brilliant, dash, annihilating victory of the American fleet under Commodore Dewey over the Spanish fleet commanded by Admiral Montojo in Manila bay on May day.

Commodore Dewey's orders were to capture or destroy the Spanish fleet, and never were instructions executed in so complete fashion. At the end of seven hours there was absolutely nothing left of the Spanish fleet but a few relics. The American commander had most skillfully arranged every detail of the action, and even the apparently most insignificant features were carried out with perfect punctuality and in railroad timetable order.

At the end of the action Commodore Dewey anchored his fleet in the bay, before Manila, and sent a message to the governor general, General August, announcing the inauguration of the blockade, and adding that if a shot was fired against his ships he would destroy every battery about Manila.

Not a man on board the American fleet was killed, not a ship was damaged to any extent, and only six men were injured slightly on board the Baltimore.

The American fleet entered Manila bay on Saturday night with the greatest ease. The Spaniards had not established a patrol, and there were no searchlights at the entrance of the bay.

The early hours of the morning revealed the opposing ships to each other, and the Spanish flagship opened fire. Her action was followed by some of the larger Spanish warships, and then the Cavite forts opened up and the smaller Spanish vessels brought their guns into play.

The American squadron, which had been led into the bay and through the channel by the flagship Olympia, did not reply, though the shells of the Spaniards began to strike the water around them, but moved majestically onward. When nearing Baker bay a sudden upheaval of water a short distance ahead of the Olympia showed that the Spaniards had exploded a mine or a torpedo. This was followed by a second and similarly unsuccessful attack.

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