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HAS WASHINGTON SEEN SUCH EXCITEMENT

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WHAT DEWEY DID OFF MANILA

Has Effectually Disposed of Spanish Prestige as a Naval Power—Diplomats Make Comments

Associated Press Special Wire WASHINGTON, May 7.—A day of excitement such as today has not been seen in Washington since the days when reports came in of great victories during the civil war. Official and unofficial Washington was in a ferment, and few of the employes in any of the departments could maintain their composure sufficiently to go on with their routine work.

Wonder Grows A close study of Admiral Dewey's two cables during the day only increased the wonder felt early in the day by the naval experts at the extraordinary results achieved by the admiral almost without injury. The reports that came before the cutting of the cable were of a character to indicate that Dewey was going to make quick and thorough work of the seizure of Manila, but it was feared that in no fierce engagement against a Spanish fleet, combined with the shore defenses, the American fleet must surely have sustained a great deal of damage, loss of life and other injuries.

Wait for the Mail Probably the true explanation will not be forthcoming until mail advices are at hand, but the Spanish naval prestige has received a blow from the battle of Manila from which it cannot recover for very many years.

Two More Vessels A closer examination of the two cablegrams shows that in the news, as originally given out, the names of two Spanish vessels had been omitted from the list of those destroyed. These were the Don Juan de Austria and Isla di Luzon, the Austria was a 1130-ton vessel, 14 knots, carrying four 7-inch guns, and also machine guns. This makes eleven ships destroyed by Dewey in the short space of two hours.

Diplomats Comment The remarkable disparity between the casualties on the American and on the Spanish ships, as shown by Dewey's reports, was a source of special comment, and the military attaché of one of the embassies said such disparity was without a parallel in history. That the Spaniards should have lost 150 killed and 250 wounded, while the American loss was confined to a few men slightly injured, is regarded by the foreign observers as clearly disclosing the utter worthlessness of Spanish arms.

KEEPING A CLEAR ROAD To the Place Where United States Troops Will Soon Be Landed in Cuba NEW YORK, May 7.—(On Board the Journal's Yacht Buccaneer, via Key West.)—(Special to The Herald) At 8:11 o'clock this morning, two miles off Havana, the gunboat Vicksburg and the auxiliary fleet boat Morrill, while chasing a two-masted fishing schooner, close in shore, drew the fire of the western forts. For half an hour thereafter the air reeked with the thunder of the gun and the scream of exploding shells.

of that battle. So it was with Dewey. He not only had the guns, but they had the modern strength and destructiveness, while the Spanish guns were antiquated and guns only in name. It serves to show that in the warfare of today a nation must have weapons of the most modern pattern, else it is at a terrible disadvantage and its men are practically at the mercy of an enemy having all the latest appliances of destructive warfare. It is the lesson of Solferino over again, and this time Spain learns it.

No More News It was thought that the British embassy would receive advices, but none came. The French, German and other foreign establishments were also lacking in direct advices. In all foreign quarters much concern was shown as to the effect of these reports upon the temper of the people of Madrid. It was believed it would add fuel to the flame already existing there, and that little more was needed to overthrow the government.

Dewey's Promotion As he left the navy department this afternoon, Secretary Long said, in answer to a question, that he had given to the public all the information the McCulloch had brought, save a trifling detail, not of general interest and of importance only to the department. The receipt of a dispatch at the state department from commercial sources indicates that further news may be coming by commercial steamers. If congress does not act prematurely, as it did in the case of Worden, when he achieved his famous victory over the Merimac, Acting Rear Admiral Dewey will become an admiral in a few days. The laws of July 18, 1882, provide that naval officers who, upon the recommendation of the president, receive the thanks of congress, may be advanced one grade. The president will do this in Dewey's case, which will put \$1000 additional in his pocket and jump him over three commodores, as well as over Acting Rear Admiral Sampson.

The White House Formal announcement of the brilliant achievement at Manila was made to the president at 11 o'clock today by Secretary of the Navy Long. Immediately after digesting the contents of the official report and conferring with several visitors awaiting him, Secretary Long, carrying his young son with him, left the department and promptly at 11 o'clock entered the room where President McKinley was seated at the long table in conference with Secretary Alger and several senators and members.

A Spanish Victory An official dispatch received here by way of Lahuan island and British colony, six miles from the coast of Borneo, says the Spaniards have captured the island of Panay, one of the Philippine group, which is said to have been the headquarters of the insurrection against the government of Spain. Panay, it is alleged, was defended by 4000 insurgents, and it is said 172 of them were killed on the spot while 500 others are reported to have been killed while retreating.

A Joyful Reporter LAFAYETTE, Ind., May 7.—John F. McCutcheon of this city, the newspaper man on board the McCulloch, today cabled his family from Hong Kong as follows: "Great victory and greatest experience on earth. Am perfectly safe myself and but few Americans wounded. Many Spanish killed and eleven ships sunk. Manila and forts bombarded. Just back from Manila on McCulloch. Every American boat and man did great work. Dewey is magnificent."

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A BIBLE QUESTION

CAUSES A SCENE IN CORTES OF SPAIN

WOMAN IN THE CASE

DISLOYALLY REFERRED TO BY SENOR MELLA

MELLA FIRED FROM CORTES

The Legislative Body Makes No Progress Toward Providing Sineus of War So Badly Needed

Associated Press Special Wire MADRID, May 7, 7:30 p. m.—The chamber has just witnessed the most uproarious scene in the annals of the cortes. Senor Mella, a Carlist deputy, in a speech, made use of a Scriptural quotation referring to "An unfortunate nation whose kings are boys," adding that women were always the cause of the fall of thrones. Senor Mella first censured the government for not making an alliance with France and Russia, and severely denounced the scheme of autonomy, which he asserted, far from averting, had provoked war. He declared that President McKinley's messages were full of insults, which the Spanish government had tolerated. He said that Senor Moret, the minister of the colonies, who was at fault, was obliged to be escorted when he goes into the streets, while Lieutenant General Weyer is obliged to hide himself, owing to public ovations. Senor Mella then quoted from Isaiah xlii: "As for my people, children are their oppressors and women rule over them. O, my people, they which lead thee, cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths."

Simply Stagnant NEW YORK, May 7.—A dispatch to the Herald from Madrid says: "Everything is desparingly quiet here. Communication with Manila is out of and the news from Cuba is of the most uninteresting character. Naturally the news that the Alfonso XIII had arrived at Porto Rico has caused great satisfaction, but, this apart, nothing has happened since Monday that is even worthy of note. The government, by placing the city in the hands of the military, has completely cowed those who sought to promote disorder, and not one demonstration has been made since it was made clear that no mercy would be shown to agitators. Everyone is satisfied that the govern-

ment does not mean to be bulldozed. Those who would like to do it are too timid and all others are perfectly satisfied that the internal affairs of Spain should not be molested. In short, for the moment, stagnation is the word that best defines affairs here at present. The Herald publishes a dispatch from General Blanco, from Havana, saying that the American attempt to disembark troops at Salada has been defeated, the disembarking force being compelled to withdraw. The Spanish have four wounded. The Captain-General also says that the Americans were defeated in their attempt to land at Banos.

Duty on Food Stuffs MADRID, May 7, Noon.—A royal decree was gazetted today announcing that wheat, maize, rice, barley, oats, flour, beans and potatoes are henceforth allowed free entry at all Spanish ports on the peninsula and interdicting the exportation of the same.

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of Don Carlos, said to an Associated Press correspondent that Don Carlos had strictly instructed his leaders to do nothing to weaken Spain's efforts to defend her honor and possessions, nor to give the government pretext to blame the Carlists for the peninsula troubles, which were provoked by the misgovernment of others.

Naval Questions MADRID, May 7.—It is asserted that some of the powers have decided to support the Spanish contention that the Cuban blockade is invalid because it is ineffectual. Admiral Camara today takes command of the Cadix squadron, to which he was recently appointed, the concentration of the fleet being completed. The destination of the squadron is kept a secret.

Dictatorship Sure HENAYE, FRANCE, NEAR THE SPANISH FRONTIER, May 7.—Advices which have just been received here from Madrid by mail, in order to escape the Spanish censor, say the general opinion in Madrid is that a military dictatorship is coming. In order to contend against the spreading disturbances arising from hunger, the defeat of the Spanish fleet at Manila, and the political plots of various descriptions. It is added that Marshal Martinez Campos, former Captain-General of Cuba, will probably be the head of the dictatorship, and that he will be supported by a Cabinet composed in the main of military men, as the last chance of saving the dynasty.

Provincial Riots MADRID, May 7, 9 a. m.—The provinces are still in a state of disorder. Renewed rioting is reported from various points and there have been frequent conflicts between mobs and the police. At Soria, capital of the province of that name, the rioters have burned the market building and the barracks of the troops. Here again the women joined in the rioting. The feeling is especially bitter against the speculators in grain. There has been fresh rioting at Ciudad Reux, capital of the Province of that name, and martial law has been proclaimed there.

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