

HONORS FOR THE HEROES OF MANILA

Fitting Tributes Are Paid Gallant Dewey and His Subordinates.

All the Members of the Fleet Received Special Distinction at the Hands of Congress.

Call Office, Riggs House, Washington, May 9.—Fitting tribute was paid by the Senate to Commodore Dewey for the magnificent victory achieved in the battle of Manila Bay.

The message from the President was received recommending that a vote of thanks be extended by Congress to Commodore Dewey and the gallant officers and men of his command.

In addition a joint resolution was unanimously agreed to directing the Secretary of the Navy to present to Commodore Dewey a sword of honor and to have struck, in commemoration of the battle of Manila, a bronze medal for each of the officers and men who participated in the gallant fight.

The bill offered last Friday, authorizing the Postmaster-General to establish postoffices at military posts and camps, in order to facilitate the delivery of mail to soldiers, was reported favorably by the Postoffice and Post-roads Committee and unanimously passed.

The postoffice appropriation bill was under discussion during almost the entire session, the subject being the proposition to reduce the compensation of railroad 20 per cent for carrying the mails.

At a late hour it became evident the bill could not be disposed of to-day, and it was unanimously agreed to vote upon it at 2 o'clock to-morrow.

A resolution offered by Cannon of Utah last Friday for an investigation of trusts was referred to the Committee on Manufacturers.

Consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill was then resumed, and the bill was passed by a vote of 40 to 8.

Butler of North Carolina then delivered an extended speech in favor of the amendment.

Speeches in support of the amendment were made by Allen (Rep.) of Nebraska and Pettigrew (Sil. Rep.) of South Dakota.

Quay, in charge of the bill, moved at the conclusion of the debate to lay the amendment on the table. The motion was agreed to—yeas 40, nays 8.

Butler offered an amendment providing that the Government should own the railway mail cars and that it should pay to the railroad companies only such sums as the railroads receive for similar service.

PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS THANK ADMIRAL DEWEY

McKINLEY'S MESSAGE.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The President to-day sent the following message to Congress: "To the Congress of the United States: "On the 24th of April I directed the Secretary of the Navy to telegraph orders to Commodore George Dewey of the United States navy, commanding the Asiatic squadron, then lying in the port of Hongkong, to proceed forthwith to the Philippine Islands, there to commence operations and engage the Spanish fleet."

"Promptly obeying that order, the United States squadron, consisting of the flagship Olympia, the Baltimore, Raleigh, Boston, Concord and Petrel, with the revenue cutter Hugh McCulloch as an auxiliary dispatch-boat, entered the harbor of Manila at daybreak on the 1st of May and immediately engaged the entire Spanish fleet of eleven ships, which were under the protection of the fire of land forts. After a stubborn fight, in which the enemy suffered great loss, these vessels were destroyed or completely disabled and the water battery at Cavite silenced. Of our brave officers and men not one was lost and only eight injured, and those slightly. All of our ships escaped any serious damage."

"By the 4th of May Commodore Dewey had taken possession of the naval station at Cavite, destroying the fortifications there and at the entrance of the bay and paroling their garrisons, and the waters of the bay are under his complete control. He has established hospitals within the American lines, where 250 of the Spanish sick and wounded are assisted and protected."

"The magnitude of this victory can hardly be measured by the ordinary standards of naval warfare. Outweighing any material advantage is the moral effect of this initial success. At this unsurpassed achievement the great heart of our nation throbs, not with boasting or with greed of conquest, but with a deep gratitude that this triumph has come in a just cause, and that, by the grace of God, an effective step has thus been taken toward the attainment of the wished-for peace."

"To those whose skill, courage and devotion have won the fight, to the gallant commander and the brave officers and men who aided him, our country owes an incalculable debt."

"Feeling as our people feel, and speaking in their name, I at once sent a message to Commodore Dewey, thanking him and his officers and men for their splendid achievement and overwhelming victory, and informing him that I had appointed him acting rear-admiral, and that I now recommend that, following our national precedents and expressing the fervent gratitude of every patriotic heart, the thanks of Congress be given to Acting Rear-Admiral George Dewey of the United States navy for his highly distinguished conduct in conflict with the enemy, and to the officers and men under his command for their gallantry in the destruction of the enemy's fleet and the capture of the enemy's fortifications in the bay of Manila. WILLIAM McKINLEY."

"Executive Mansion, May 9, 1898."

THREE REPORTS OF BATTLES IN CUBAN WATERS

Rumor That the Montgomery Captured Two Prizes After a Sharp Combat.

KEY WEST, Fla., May 9.—Three separate reports of engagements of United States warships reached here to-night, but thus far details are wanting.

One rumor is that the cruiser Montgomery has captured two prizes off Cape Haytien, after a sharp battle with two Spanish gunboats, and put into St. Nicholas slightly damaged.

Another says that the tug Osceola of the Mosquito fleet was fired upon near Havana, and the third is that three Spanish gunboats fired upon the United States torpedo-boat Winslow at Cardenas, but were repulsed by the Winslow after one had been disabled.

URGENT CLAIMS OF DICKINSON OF FOLSOM ROAD CASE DECIDED

Messrs. Perkins, Loud and Barham Visit the President.

Reproved by the Executive for a So-Called Change of Front.

Special Dispatch to The Call. Call Office, Riggs House, Washington, May 9.

Senator Perkins and Representatives Loud and Barham called on the President to-day and recommended that General John H. Dickinson of San Francisco be appointed brigadier-general of volunteers.

But the President was greatly surprised and did not hesitate to say so. He even went further than a mere expression of surprise. He gently reprimanded the delegation for changing front, reminding Senator Perkins that a few days ago he had asked for the appointment of Colonel H. G. Otis of Los Angeles, whereupon the Senator stated that he was for any good man whom the people of California seemed to prefer and he thought that General Dickinson was the favorite.

Mr. Loud here spoke up and declared that until that moment he had not been apprised of the fact that Otis had been recommended by Messrs. Perkins and Barham. The President gave the trio to understand that the change of front was disagreeable to him, and intimated that no California would be appointed, inasmuch as the members of the delegation seemed unable to unite upon any one.

Senator Perkins says that the President to-day desired him to present to the people of California his hearty congratulations and high appreciation of their prompt response to his call for volunteers.

Senator Perkins says Wilson will endeavor to secure the brigadier-generalship for Washington. He does not believe the California delegation will be able to agree and that the appointment will therefore go to Washington or Oregon.

Shoots an Abusive Spaniard. LOS ANGELES, May 9.—Louis Anderson, an American, and a Spaniard named A. Romero, engaged in a discussion of war at the old town of San Gabriel yesterday. The Spaniard became very abusive, whereupon Anderson shot him through the body. The Spaniard will die. Anderson was arrested.

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