

AN ATTACK ON CAVITE THREATENED

But the Vigilance of Admiral Dewey Prevented Any Hostilities.

Provisions Are Now Very Scarce in Manila and Foreign Residents Anxious to Leave.

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MANILA, May 25, via Hongkong May 28.—Rear Admiral Dewey's squadron continues to blockade Manila. Rear Admiral Dewey received a message last Friday evening from the insurgents notifying him that the Spaniards intended to attack Cavite at once. The gunboat Petrel and the dispatch boat Hugh McCullough were on the alert all night, and the Callao, one of the gunboats captured by Spain, moved to an anchorage whence she could sweep the narrow neck of land between Cavite and the mainland with machine guns. The enemy did nothing, however.

Another alarm was caused last night by hearing rapid musketry firing back of Cavite. The McCulloch fired two shots from her three-inch howitzer, and the small-arm firing ceased. The British gunboat Swift arrived here yesterday from Hongkong, and another British warship is coming up the bay as I send this dispatch. The French cruiser Bruit will soon leave for Lagon, her captain reporting that he cannot get provisions in Manila.

Spanish and native soldiers in Manila were in a state bordering on mutiny, and the priests gave the Governor \$1,000,000, which was probably used to pay off the troops. It is reported that native soldiers have agreed to go over to the insurgents as soon as they can make an attack on the Spanish position.

Provisions are very scarce in Manila. Foreign residents of the city are anxious to get away, but they do not know where to go. Insurgents have been unable to do much yet, owing to a lack of arms, but they expect a shipment of rifles in a few days. When these arrive they promise to drive the Spaniards into the sea.

Our squadron keeps its health very well, not much more than thirty men being on the sick list. Captain Gridley goes home by to-day's steamer via Hongkong, suffering from a rupture. Commander Benjamin P. Lambertson takes command of the Olympia. Lieutenant-Commander Frederick Singer takes command of the captured transport Manila. The weather is very hot.

The prize money, which will go to the bluejackets of Rear-Admiral Dewey's squadron, as a result of the destruction of the Spanish fleet in the bay of Manila, is estimated at \$800 in gold for each man. The Spanish third-class cruiser El Cano is supposed to be at Hilo. American supplies are anxiously awaited in the interior. Manila is quiet. There is no truth in the rumor that the Germans in Manila intend to man Spanish guns when the city is attacked.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—The Navy Department this afternoon made public the following dispatch: "CAVITE, May 25, via Hongkong, May 27, 1898.—To the Secretary of the

YET URGING ANNEXATION

Friends of the Scheme Very Active. NECESSITY IS POINTED OUT.

ISLANDS SAID TO BE NECESSARY AS SUPPLY BASE.

Speaker Reed, However, Is Holding Out and Is Apparently Determined to Check the Plan.

Special Dispatch to The Call. NEW YORK, May 28.—The Washington correspondent of the Herald telegraphs: Senator Lodge, probably, will not be able to obtain the adoption of his Hawaiian annexation amendment to the war revenue bill, but he intends to keep up the fight. He said to-day that he was entirely satisfied with the situation. He believes that he and other friends of annexation will be able to bring the necessity for the possession of the islands so forcibly to the attention of the country that an irresistible sentiment for immediate action will pour in upon Congress.

Speaker Reed still holds out in opposition to the administration and the great majority of his party in both houses of Congress. He has not yet given any assurance that he will allow the annexation resolution to be considered. Advocates of the measure in the House are determined, however, that he shall not be allowed to control the action, and they are continuing their preparations for a caucus on Tuesday or Wednesday, if they do not in the meantime obtain a definite promise from the speaker.

In some quarters Reed and the combination of Democrats, Populists and Silver Republicans who form the bulk of his supporters are severely criticized. Their conduct is denounced as being little less than reasonable. In view of the urgent necessity of making Honolulu the base of war operations in the Pacific. CHICAGO, May 28.—A special to the News from Washington says: Speaker Reed is using the following argument as his reason for opposing the annexa-

IS CERVERA RETURNING TO CAPE VERDE?

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says: A rumor from Cuban sources is in circulation here to the effect that Schley has forced the Santiago channel and destroyed the Spanish fleet.

Three Spanish warships are reported off Port Antonio. The American gunboat Eagle is at that port.

CAPE HAYTIEN, Hayti, May 28.—A rumor has reached here of an important American success, but no confirmation of the report can be obtained. Since the rumored arrival of the Spanish fleet at Santiago de Cuba no news has reached here, though the cable between this place and Santiago is not interrupted. The significance of this mysterious silence is not known, but it excites great wonder. No explanation is furnished beyond surmise based on various inferences.

The theory that the Spanish admiral allowed himself to be bottled up in the bay of Santiago de Cuba is not entertained here. On the contrary, the Haytien officials say it is far from likely that such a thing has occurred. It is hoped that a message from Commodore Schley will soon be received at the Mole St. Nicholas or elsewhere.

SPANISH FLEET SIGHTED.

War Vessels of the Enemy Seen Sailing in the Direction of Porto Rico.

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PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, May 28.—Private advices from Cape Haytien, which have been received here, state that a fleet of Spanish war vessels was seen off Cape Francois, near Samana Bay. It is supposed the fleet was heading toward Porto Rico.

It is believed in Haytien circles here that the Spanish squadron has left Santiago de Cuba in order to meet the Cadiz squadron.

According to a report which has reached this place a German steamer with 50,000 sacks of rice on board has run the blockade and entered the port of Havana.

Late advices received from Monte Cristo on the coast of San Domingo report a Spanish squadron has been sighted near there. It is believed to be Admiral Cervera's fleet making its way to Porto Rico. This dispatch, however, lacks confirmation.

GUNBOAT EAGLE IN DANGER.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, May 28.—A dispatch from Port Antonio says the lookout on H. M. S. Indefatigable, which is in that port, reported seeing three vessels which he thought were Spanish ships, several miles off the coast, steaming in a westerly direction. This announcement has caused Americans here to feel concerned for the safety of the United States gunboat Eagle, now in port.

BRINGS OFFICIAL DISPATCHES.

Gunboat Scorpion's Officers Confident That Cervera Is in Santiago Harbor.

KEY WEST, Fla., May 28.—Admiral Cervera is imprisoned at Santiago de Cuba. Advices to this effect were brought here this afternoon by an auxiliary gunboat which arrived from Cienfuegos, presumably with dispatches for Washington.

Last Sunday the Scorpion left Cienfuegos and proceeded eastward on scout duty, going as far as Santiago de Cuba. Five of the auxiliary ships were lying off there apparently awaiting the arrival of the main division of the squadron. After an uneventful trip the Scorpion returned to Cienfuegos, but found that Commodore Schley had gone, leaving orders for her to return to Key West.

The officers of the gunboat, when questioned as to Admiral Cervera's whereabouts, expressed no doubt of his presence at Santiago de Cuba. All was reported quiet along the south coast of Cuba up to the time of her departure, and nothing was known of the Marblehead's reported attack on Cienfuegos' blockhouses.

CONVOYED BY A SPANIARD.

Collier Flying England's Flag Seen in Company With a Warship.

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PANAMA, May 28.—One of the passengers of the Italian steamer Centro America, whom I have interviewed, tells me that shortly after leaving Cartagena, United States of Colombia, for Colon on Wednesday they met a Spanish warship convoying a steamer flying the British flag. The British steamer seemed to be laden with coal. It is supposed that both vessels put in at Cartagena.

The passenger with whom I talked, Angel Joly, told me he could not make out what ship it was convoying the collier, but that he is positive that she carried a Spanish flag. A British steamer of the Prince line was due at Colon yesterday with coal, but up to a late hour last night she had not been sighted. It is thought probable that the collier with the Spanish warship was this steamer, which may have been captured.

CANNONADING AT SEA.

COLON, May 28.—A dispatch from Dominica, Leeward Islands, reports that cannonading was heard to the southeast of that island last night.

MADRID OFFICIALS' STATEMENT.

MADRID, May 28.—The officials persist in the statement that Admiral Cervera is still at Santiago de Cuba.

The Terror Reaches San Juan.

MADRID, May 28.—It is announced that the Spanish torpedo-boat destroyer Terror has arrived at San Juan de Porto Rico, having evaded the American warships which were watching for her.

Triplet Record Broken.

BOSTON, May 28.—At Charles River Park this afternoon Nugent brothers and Merrill of Gloucester lowered the one-mile triplet record to 1:55 flat, cutting off five seconds. Tom Cooper won the one-third mile national championship (fifth race of the championship series) in 44.25. Arthur Gardner, Dr. A. I. Brown, Paul Bourrette, the Parisian, and H. B. Hills of Providence finished in the order named.

THE CHOSEN FRIENDS.

Last Tuesday evening the members of the Revere Council paid a visit to

Home Council in its hall, 2217 Mission street. There was a goodly number of visitors, but the officers and members of the council evidently did not care if the Progressive Council came or not, for there were but few there to receive them. Those present were entertained by C. M. Arnold, P. S. C., who delivered an interesting address; a recitation by Charles Stone; vocal solo by Mrs. von Buckley, amusing address by W. F. Gibson, P. S. T., and remarks by Past Councilor J. L. Homer. It was decided by the Progressive Council that the next visit shall be to America Council in its hall in Alcazar building on Tuesday, June 2.

ONE DECISIVE VOTE TAKEN

Senate Tables Corporation Tax Amendment.

41 TO 27 IS THE VOTE

INTERESTING TEST ON THE WAR REVENUE BILL.

Many Speeches Made on the Measure, the Most Notable One Being by Wolcott of Colorado.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

Call Office, Riggs House, Washington, May 28.

After a discussion which lasted almost two weeks the Senate this afternoon reached the first decisive vote on any feature of the pending war revenue measure. The bill had been under consideration four hours and a half today when Aldrich of Rhode Island, one of the Republican members of the Finance Committee, entered a motion to lay the corporation tax amendment proposed by the Democratic majority of the committee on the table. It was realized that this was the first test of strength of the opposing elements in the Senate, and the rollcall was followed with deep interest. The result was decisive. The amendment was laid on the table—41 to 27.

Noes—Aldrich, Allison, Bacon, Caffery, Carter, Cullom, Davis, Deboe, Eklins, Fairbanks, Foraker, Frye, Gallinger, Gear, Gorman, Hale, Hanna, Hansbrough, Kyle, Lindsay, McBride, McEnery, McMillan, Mason, Mitchell, Morrill, Murphy, Nelson, Penrose, Perkins, Platt of Connecticut, Pritchard, Proctor, Quay, Sewell, Shoup, Spooner, Warren, Wellington, Wetmore and Wolcott—41.

Yees—Allen, Bate, Berry, Butler, Cannon, Chilton, Clay, Cockrell, Daniels, Faulkner, Harris, Heitfeldt, Jones of Arkansas, Jones of Nevada, McLaurin, Mallory, Mantle, Money, Morgan, Pasco, Pettigrew, Rawlins, Stewart, Thurman, Turley, Turpie and White—27.

Upon the announcement of the vote Gorman, under the arrangement that a vote should be taken on his amendment, arose and offered it, somewhat modified as to the tax, applying it only to gross receipts of corporations in excess of \$250,000 a year.

Nelson (R.) of Minnesota offered an amendment to the proposition of Gorman, reducing the amount of the tax levied from one-half to one-quarter of 1 per cent.

The amendment was discussed in a desultory way for an hour. Allen, Lindsay, Platt of Connecticut and White participating in the debate.

Pettigrew of South Dakota gave notice of amendments he proposed to offer to Gorman's proposition and was proceeding to speak upon them.

Daniel (D.) of Virginia delivered an extended speech, in which he took strong issue with those who had contended that the tax on corporations was unconstitutional.

Wolcott (R.) of Colorado followed in a notable speech supporting the proposition of the Republican minority of the Finance Committee.

An effort was made to secure a vote on the Gorman amendment, but it was unavailing.

Mason of Illinois moved that when the Senate adjourned it be until Tuesday next.

Allison, in demanding the ayes and noes, said it was highly important that the pending bill be disposed of at an earliest possible moment, as every day's delay meant the loss of needed revenue.

Mason's motion prevailed by the close vote of 33 to 31.

The Senate then at 5 o'clock went into executive session, and twenty minutes afterward adjourned until Tuesday.

BALLOON CORPS FOR MERRITT'S ARMY.

California Aeronauts Offer Their Services to the Government.

Aeronauts are organizing to invade the land of the enemy, and in a few days the services of a balloon corps, composed of forty patriotic men, among whom are three who have many times soared above the clouds, will be offered Major General Merritt. Z. P. Machobee, who Sunday after Sunday started visitors at the Clutes by his daring ascensions, George E. Olsen and Frank Hamilton are the organizers of the corps, and owing to large experience are capable of handling any balloon or balloons the War Department may employ. Olsen, while an aeronaut, is also an expert in the art of inflating and handling captive gas balloons. In consequence he will act as managing aeronaut. Machobee will be captain, and Frank Hamilton, now making ascensions at Jackson, Amador county, will act as second lieutenant. In addition to the officers, a complement of rope men, gas men and ground men have enlisted, and the corps is ready for war.

O'Brien's Case in the Balance.

OAKLAND, May 28.—The jury in the case of James O'Brien, charged with assault, was ordered locked up for the night by Judge Elsworth. It having failed to reach a verdict at midnight.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

THREE BALLOONS FOR OBSERVATION

How the Army Can Find Out if Cervera Is Yet in Santiago Harbor.

NEW YORK, May 28.—A Washington special to the Herald says: During the Cuban invasion the army will have three immense observation balloons for watching the movements of the enemy. General Greely, chief signal officer of the army, has purchased for the use of the army three balloons furnished with all modern improvements for signaling. General Greely says there will be no difficulty in raising a balloon over Santiago de Cuba to ascertain whether Admiral Cervera is cooped up in the harbor.

OFFERS THEM INDEPENDENCE

General Blanco Holds Out Terms to Cubans.

ARE ASKED TO JOIN SPAIN

BUT FOLLOWERS OF GOMEZ SPURN THE OFFER.

Major de Lima Returns to Key West With Late Information Concerning Fortifications of Havana.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

NEW YORK, May 28.—The Herald's Tampa correspondent sends the following: Major Rafael de Lima of the Cuban army, who went to Cuba with dispatches last week, arrived here today with important information. The information is sent by Major-General Maylo Rodriguez of the Cuban army, and will be of the greatest value to the United States troops when they land in Cuba.

Major Lima on landing on the Cuban coast went into Havana City and received plans of the latest changes in fortifications in and around Havana. In conversation with some friends today Major Lima said: "While in Havana I learned that General Blanco is making desperate efforts to induce the Cuban army to co-operate with the Spanish troops to fight the American army of invasion. General Gomez and the Cuban Government has refused even to consider such a proposition."

"Captain-General Blanco on May 4 sent Senor Elio Gibergera under a flag of truce to General Gomez's camp with this proposition: 'If the Cuban army will co-operate with the Spanish army in repelling the American invasion the Spanish Government solemnly pledges itself to recognize the independence of the Cuban republic. If this proposition is accepted all Cubans and their arms will be admitted with the same rank in the Spanish army, the function of both armies to be effected at Santa Clara City.'

"General Gomez refused this proposition and warned Senor Gibergera he would receive no more messengers from Blanco on such errands."

Major Lima got this information from a brother of Senor Gibergera who sides with the Cubans.

GREAT BARGAINS FOR THIS WEEK.

Livingston Bros. 123-129 POST ST. SILKS. 50c Yard. 900 yards of Fancy Taffeta Silks, with satin stripes, 22 in. wide, in light shades, good styles. Actual value \$1.00. 85c Yard. 1500 yards of Elegant Plaid Taffeta Silks, extra fine quality, very good styles. Regular price \$1.50 and \$1.25 a yard. DRESS GOODS. 25c Yard. 1250 yards 36-Inch All-Wool Cheviot Suitings in very nice mixtures. Regular price 50c. 35c Yard. 850 yds. Double Width Granite Suitings, in very neat designs, dark colorings, good styles. Regular price 60c. SHIRT WAISTS. 75c Each. 35 dozen Ladies' Shirt Waists, broken lines. Regular price \$2.50, \$2.00 and \$1.50. Close out at 75c each. DOMESTICS. 50c Yard. 200 pieces 36-Inch Percales, in good styles. On sale at 50c a yard. 12 1/2c Yard. 350 pieces Covert Suitings, in 25 different shades, in good material, for Outing suits. HOSIERY. 15c Pair. 200 dozen Children's Tan, Brown and Bronze Cotton Ribbed Hose, all sizes, double heels and toes. Regular value 35c a pair. 20c Pair. 300 dozen Children's Fast Black Cotton Ribbed Hose, extra good quality, all sizes double heels and toes. Regular value 40c and 50c a pair. RIBBONS. 25c Yard. 1000 pieces Extra Quality New Taffeta Ribbons, in plaids, stripes and checks, all silk, elegant styles, 3 1/2 inches wide. Regular value 50c and 40c a yard. EXTRA! EXTRA! 50 pieces of Gray Twilled Flannel, in single and double widths, suitable for army and navy bandages. At special low prices. Store Closed To-Morrow. 123 to 129 POST ST.