

WORKED IN A STORM OF FLYING LEAD

Daring Feat of Picked Men From Two of the Warships.

Seven Mines Taken Up at Guantanamo in the Face of a Heavy Fire.

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PLAYA DEL ESTE, Cuba, June 22.—Seven contact mines were taken from the harbor of Guantanamo to-day by picked crews from the Marblehead and Dolphin. The work was done under a heavy fire from the shore, which was answered by the Marblehead and Dolphin. Three of the six contact arms of one of the mines were found to have been driven in. It is believed this was caused by the proximity of the Marblehead or Dolphin when they went in the other day to destroy the fort. The driving in of the arms should have caused the mine to explode.

The work of clearing the harbor of mines will be continued until all have been taken up. Then one of our light draught vessels will go in and capture or destroy the Spanish gunboat which is in hiding close to the town.

The work to-day was as dangerous as any that men are called upon to do in time of war and Commander McCailla, under whose direction it was accomplished, received great praise for the skill displayed by the daring men who risked their lives in the boats.

Two contact mines had already been taken from the entrance to the channel leading to Calmanera, and, as cabled you, the Texas struck a third one,

which rose to the surface and fortunately did not explode.

Commander McCailla suspected there were other mines in the harbor and determined to make them up. He sent four boats with picked crews to do the work. Lieutenant Broughton commanded one boat from the Marblehead and Ensign Walter R. Gherard, son of the rear admiral, the other. The boats from the Dolphin were in charge of Ensigns Coole and Stirling.

As soon as the boats had started the two warships took positions close in and swept the shore with their rapid-fire guns. The four little boats steamed boldly up the channel, paying no heed to the bullets that spattered around them, but attending strictly to the work of sweeping for the mines. They had taken up seven by noon and then abandoned the task for the day.

There is great enthusiasm in Camp McCailla, which is only a few miles east of here, over the arrival of the troops at Santiago. One or two regiments were expected will be landed here. The marines are all in good health.

The officers of the navy believe Admiral Cervera has moored his ships so as to bring the port batteries in position to command the entrance to the harbor. It is reported also the starboard batteries of all the ships have been taken off and mounted on shore.

DISPLEASED WITH MILES

Alleged Stand of Alger and McKinley.

MUST "FISH OR CUT BAIT."

TALK OF SENDING THE COMMANDER TO PORTO RICO.

Report Agreed Upon for the Revival of the Grade of Lieutenant General, but Miles May Not Get It.

Special Dispatch to The Call. Call Office, Riggs House, Washington, June 22.

It has been quietly gossiped that President McKinley and Secretary Alger were displeased with General Miles. A week ago it was reported on seemingly good authority that he had been recalled from the South by President McKinley and given to understand that he must "fish or cut bait."

This is the exact language used by a War Department official who gave this information to The Call correspondent a week ago. It was not credited by the best informed army people at that time, however, and newspaper dispatches from Washington stated on Secretary Alger's authority that there was no truth in the report of any unpleasantness or dissatisfaction. It has been very apparent for the last few days, however, that something is wrong. An evening paper to-night prints this cautious paragraph:

FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL.

Joint Resolution Reviving the Grade Agreed On.

WASHINGTON, June 22.—The House Committee on Military Affairs has agreed on and reported a joint resolution reviving the grade of lieutenant general in the army. It authorizes the President, whenever he deems it expedient, to appoint a lieutenant general, to be selected from those officers in the military service distinguished for courage, skill and ability, the limitation in the bill as to the choice being made from officers "not below the grade of major general" being stricken out by the committee.

The committee disclaims any idea of having any single military commander in view, and asserts that the object is to permit the selection by the President to command the armies of the United States of one who should have higher rank than any other officer, this being deemed essential to efficiency of management.

While Major General Miles has frequently been urged for a lieutenant generalship, the members of the committee claim that his name is no more than a suggestion, and that the resolution leaves it open for the President to decide whom he shall appoint, the appointee, however, being subject to confirmation by the Senate.

the coveted rank, and so with other commanding officers, on whose actions the selection might depend.

The committee also favorably reported the House bill giving to the adjutant general of the army, who is now General Corbin, the rank, pay and allowance of a major general.

CONFERENCE WITH LEADING PORTO RICANS

Establishment of a Protectorate Over the Island May Be the Outcome.

NEW YORK, June 22.—A Washington special to the Herald says: Considerable importance is attached in Washington to the visit of Ramon H. Todd, Secretary of the Porto Rican Auxiliary Revolutionary Junta, who, together with Dr. J. J. Henna, also a prominent Porto Rican, left to-day after having had a conference with President McKinley, Secretary Alger and General Miles, as to the best plans to be adopted for the invasion of Porto Rico. Mr. Todd has long been prominently connected with public affairs in Porto Rico and it is the general opinion that he is endeavoring to bring about the establishment of a United States protectorate until a stable form of government is provided for the island.

Mr. Todd is wealthy and is as well known in business as in the political circles of his country. Dr. Henna is widely known in the United States as the author of a number of medical and political books, and is an authority on all things pertaining to the island of Porto Rico. He was a prominent delegate to the Pan-American Medical Congress in Washington several years ago. His wife is an American woman and an heiress and Dr. Henna's sympathies are decidedly American.

CAMARA'S SHIPS SAID TO BE AT CARTHAGENA

Vessels of the Cadiz Reserve Fleet Sighted Off Cape Gata.

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GIBRALTAR, June 22.—The Pelayo has returned to Algeciras. The captain of a vessel that arrived at Gibraltar last night reports he sighted the squadron off Cape Gata. He believes the whole fleet is now at Carthagena, any case it cannot have proceeded far eastward, as it has not been signaled anywhere.

THE WISH FATHER TO THE FABRICATION

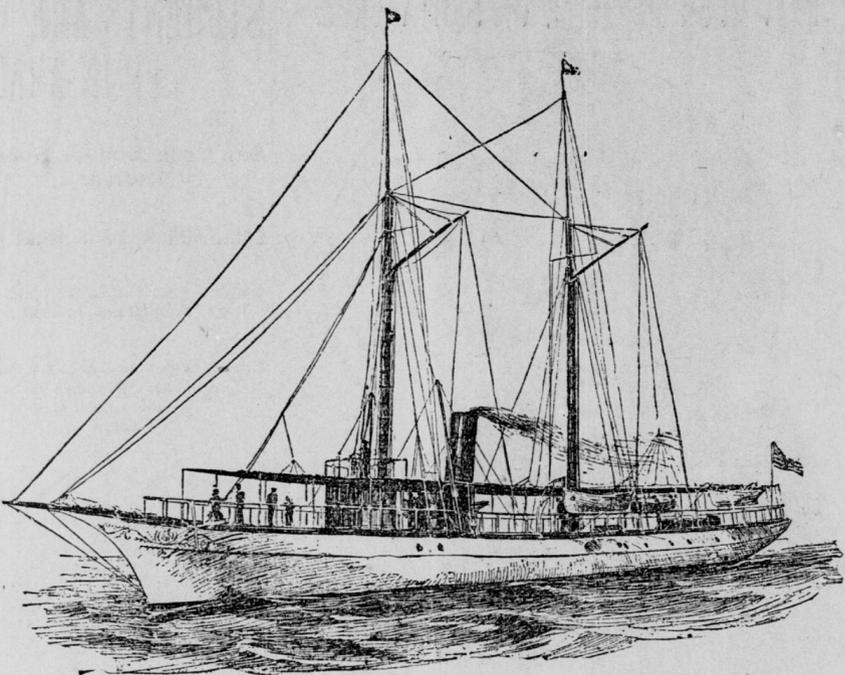
Stories of European Interference Have Their Origin in Spain's Capital.

WASHINGTON, June 22.—The European stories published this morning of alliances among the powers against the United States and of the reported purpose of Germany to lease the Philippines from Spain are received here with amusement for it does not appear clearly from the place of origin of these stories (Madrid) if not from their substance, that they were inspired by a desperate wish on the part of Spain to involve us in trouble with Germany.

MILITARY-NAVAL INSURANCE Gardner Has a Plan for Doing Away With Pensions.

WASHINGTON, June 22.—Representative Gardner of New Jersey has introduced a bill authorizing the President to appoint a Board of Insurance Commissioners, at a salary of \$4000 a year each, to adopt rules and regulations for a military and naval life and accident insurance for the military and marine forces of the Government, providing the amount to be paid on loss of life or injury in service, etc., which amount shall be in lieu of all claims for pensions from the men or their representatives. These regulations are to be reported to Congress as early as possible, and \$30,000 is appropriated for the work of the board.

Advances made on furniture and pianos, with or without removal. J. Noonan, 1017-1023 Mission.



THE HERALD-CALL NEW DISPATCH BOAT GOLDEN ROD.

SHELLS THAT CAUSE HORROR

Earthquakes Thrown by Americans.

SPANISH PRISONERS' STORY

VESEVIUS' BATTERIES APPALL SANTIAGO.

Food Scarce and Flour Exhausted in the City—American Marines at Guantanamo Well Intrenched.

ON BOARD THE HERALD-CALL DISPATCH BOAT SOMERS N. SMITH

off Guantanamo, via Mole St. Nicholas, June 22.—I visited yesterday the Cuban camp on the coast twenty miles west of Guantanamo. General de Castillo is in command there and with 500 insurgents breaks a landing place where there is a breakwater and the remains of an old pier. It is a place where troops could be put ashore easily, but it is too far from Santiago. General Castillo tells me that 18,000 American troops can capture Santiago in ten days.

Two Spanish soldiers, who were captured between Santiago and Guantanamo report to General Castillo that food is scarce in the city. The supply of flour has been exhausted and bread is made from rice and cornmeal. The prisoners state that the shells from the Vesevius caused absolute horror in Santiago, where the people say the Americans throw earthquakes into the harbor at night. None of the shells struck the city. One hit the battery on Cayo Smith, entirely demolishing it, blowing the guns over the front of the works and killing the whole garrison. The shock was felt in Santiago itself.

I have confirmed the news of the disaster to the Reina Mercedes. Her commander and eleven men were killed and twenty-eight men were wounded. Spanish Lieutenant Batista, who was captured last week, wrote to the general commanding at Calmanera begging that his exchange be speedily made, and asking that his wife and family be fed and cared for during his absence. The general replied in a note in which he called Batista a coward, and said that his family could starve. Batista tore the Spanish rosette from his hat and threw it into the sea. He wrote to the general denying that he is a coward, and declaring that the Americans won because they shot better than the Spaniards, and had the support of artillery and machine guns.

Notices have been posted in the woods by Cuban scouts saying that Spanish soldiers surrendering will be well treated.

The marine camp is now well intrenched and able to resist attack. The health of the troops and men in the fleet is excellent. It is reported that there are many sick and wounded in the Spanish forces.

RUSSIA'S FRIENDSHIP FOR UNCLE SAM

But Would Oppose the Possession of the Philippines Passing Into England's Hands.

WASHINGTON, June 22.—The new Russian Ambassador, Count Cassini, will be formally received by President McKinley within a day or two.

The coming of the Ambassador at this time, when Europe is keenly alert to the progress of the war, excites more than ordinary interest, for it is known that he brings a message of the heartiest good will on the part of the Russian Government, and one making it quite evident that the long-existing friendship between Russia and the United States is still a matter of fact.

FIRST NEWSPAPER MESSAGE SENT OUT.

Shafter and Sampson Arranging for a Landing Near Santiago.

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PLAYA DEL ESTE.—Via Hayti, June 22.—Cable communication was opened between Camp McCailla and the United States by the steamer Adria. Shafter and Sampson are arranging for a landing near Santiago. This is the first newspaper message.

BROWN.

MAY BE NO THE WAY TO PACIFIC COAST

Big Purchase of Coal in Chile Said to Be for Use of Camara's Fleet.

WASHINGTON, June 22.—News has reached here that 12,000 tons of coal is being loaded at Valparaiso, Chile. As coal is worth about \$18 a ton there the purchase excited great curiosity here, and it has been suspected that it was being made on Spanish account. If this should prove to be true, and the fact will soon be known, it would seem to indicate a purpose on the part of the Spanish naval commander Camara to carry that celebrated Cadiz fleet around into Pacific waters and use the colliers to supply the fleet with coal. In this case the object of attack probably would be the west coast of the United States instead of the Philippines, but after all the whole thing is still a matter of mere conjecture.

friendship between Russia and the United States will not be shaken by the events of the war.

In response to an inquiry as to whether Russia was likely alone or with other powers to look with disfavor upon the control of the Philippines by the United States, the Ambassador said that he did not apprehend any change in the present good relations between the United States and Russia. He added, however, that it seemed to be quite undesirable that the possession of the Philippines should pass into the hands of England, as that would seriously disturb the equilibrium in the far East.

SENATE SEEKS SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Wants to Know if Hobson Was Confined in Range of Fire and if Marines' Bodies Were Mutilated.

WASHINGTON, June 22.—In the Senate to-day Davis of Minnesota, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, asked immediate consideration of the following resolution: "Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to inform the Senate whether Lieutenant Hobson and those who were captured with him have been confined by the Spanish authorities within the line of fire or under the fire of the United States fleet, and if so, at what place or places they are or have been so confined; also to inform the Senate what efforts have been made to effect the exchange of such prisoners, and with what result; also to transmit to the Senate copies of the correspondence or reports upon the subjects of this inquiry."

The resolution was agreed to. Davis then offered the following resolution, which was also agreed to: "That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to inform the Senate whether the bodies of the United States marines or sailors who were recently killed in battle at or near Santiago de Cuba were mutilated after death by the Spanish soldiery, and to transmit to the Senate copies of the official correspondence and reports upon the subjects of this inquiry."

CAMARA'S RETURN WOULD CAUSE RIOTS

So It Is Thought the Fleet Must at Least Keep Out at Sea.

LONDON, June 22.—The Gibraltar correspondent of the Daily News says: No credence need be given to rumors that the Cadiz squadron will return to that port. Admiral Camara could not return without riots at Cadiz and Madrid, particularly as he said at the banquet before his departure he would never return before his flag had been steeped in American blood. You will find the next morning of the squadron will be to the Canaries.

Bodies Not Mutilated.

WASHINGTON, June 22.—Surgeon-General Van Reypen of the navy has received full reports from the surgeon with Admiral Sampson's fleet who cared for the dead and wounded participants in the Guantanamo fight. Their important feature is a definite statement that the corpses were not mutilated, but that the severe wounds attributed to mutilation were the result of a Mauser rifle ball.

Recruits for the Seventh.

LOS ANGELES, June 22.—Two hundred and sixty-seven recruits for the Seventh Regiment, California Volunteers, who have been recruited in Southern California during the past few days, left on a special train for San Francisco to-day. They were given a

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