

## A GREAT NAVAL BATTLE.

Now Only a Question of A Few Hours.

Schley Will Reinforce Sampson in Time to Take Part.

THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE BATTLE SCENE IS NOT KNOWN.

Washington, D. C. May 14.—If Sampson or Schley succeeds in meeting the Spaniards at sea a battle royal will result. If the Spanish admiral obtained information at Fort De France in regard to the location of Sampson's fleet he is probably now heading directly to Cuba. He has a decided advantage over the American fleet in such a movement. If the Spanish vessels have continued due west, or even west by northwest, since they were signaled west of Martinique they are now about 150 miles in a straight line from San Juan. If they are bent on reaching Cuba, either by the channel between Haiti and the island or by the Yucatan channel at the west end of Cuba, it will probably be impossible for Sampson to intercept them. If the American admiral learned promptly enough, however, of the whereabouts of the Spanish fleet he may be able to descend upon it by way of the Mona passage between Porto Rico and Haiti, though this is improbable. It will be a hard race also between the flying squadron and the Spanish warships if the former undertakes to reach Cuba in advance of the enemy's arrival.

### To Send the Solace to the Scene.

The navy department expects to know definitely to-morrow where the engagement will take place, and the ambulance ship Solace will be promptly dispatched from Key West to that vicinity to render first aid to the injured, the chances being that the mortality will be heavy. The naval war board is confident that the Spanish armored squadron will reach Santiago de Cuba Saturday night and every effort is being made to assemble a strong American naval force in that vicinity by Sunday. By that time Commodore Schley, now bound due South on the Panama mail route, should reach Cape Maysi in the Windward passage. The Spaniards are believed to need coal very badly and since the bombardment of San Juan de Puerto Rico, their shortest and safest run for fuel, that first essential of naval warfare, is Santiago, 1,000 miles away. Commodore Schley's squadron started at least twenty hours later and has barely more than 900 miles to run.

### Lieut. Southerland In a Fight.

Key West, Fla., May 14.—(Special.) In the engagement off Cienfuegos on Wednesday between the Marblehead, Nashville and an auxiliary gunboat and several thousand Spanish troops, one seaman of the Marblehead was killed, six severely wounded and a number of other Americans were slightly wounded.

Three of the wounded Americans are likely to die. Many Spaniards were killed or wounded. The wounded Americans were brought here this morning. The man killed on board the Marblehead was named Herman Regan.

The badly wounded are:

John Davis, of 640 Twenty-fifth street, New York.

John J. Doran, of 44 Spring street, Fall River.

Robert Boltz, (of the Nashville).

Ernest Sutzzeanickle.

Herman W. Hochmeister.

Harry Hendrickson.

All but Boltz belong to the Marblehead.

None of the ships was damaged to any extent.

The object was to cut the cable and this was accomplished.

After cutting the cable the American ships turned their fire on the light-house and the improvised fort was blown to pieces. As there were great numbers of Spaniards in and behind the fort at the time, there is no doubt that many of them were killed.

The Marblehead and the Nashville used their heaviest guns, as well as the small rapid-fire guns, and hundreds of shots were thrown into the Spanish troops.

Commander Washburn Maynard, of the Nashville, was slightly wounded by a spent bullet.

A few days ago there was another of exchange shots.

The Spanish ship, Galatea, went outside the harbor to engage the United States auxiliary gunboat Eagle, Commander W. H. H. Southerland, a vessel about one-third the Galatea's size. The engagement was short, sharp and decisive. One of the Eagle's six-pound shells splintered the corner of the Galatea's deck-house, and the Spanish cruiser quickly retreated into the harbor.

### EXCLUSIVE WAR NEWS TO-DAY,

Truthful account of the naval skirmish at Cienfuegos. The destruction of Cardenas, a fake without foundation. The capture of San Juan, not confirmed. Fresh arrivals of troops at Tampa. Cervera's fleet located off the Venezuelan coast. More Transports and Steamers chartered at Tampa. Postponement of the invasion of Cuba by land forces. Details of the loss of life in the San Juan bombardment.

### [STOLE A MARCH.

Popular Hopkinsville Couple Married In Secret Wednesday.

Wednesday night, at the home of Rev. Arthur Roberts, pastor of the Universalist church, a marriage was solemnized, which unites the lives and fortunes of a popular Hopkinsville couple. There is an element of romance in the affair which lends it additional interest. It was a secret wedding and the facts only became known yesterday. The principals were Mr. Eugene B. Caldwell and Miss Lula Ausenbaugh. The courtship had continued for quite a while and their many mutual friends felt assured that it would eventually culminate in vows at the altar, but they were not prepared for the announcement that Mr. Caldwell and Miss Ausenbaugh had been secretly married. Not even the sisters of the groom were apprised of the interesting fact until noon yesterday. Mr. Caldwell is an employee of Forbes & Bro., and a young man of fine character, and capacity. His bride was formerly of Kelly but has resided in this city for some time past and has won the friendship and esteem of all who have met her. THE KENTUCKIAN wishes them a long and happy married life.

### They Were Mad.

Frankfort, May 14.—Forty rejected volunteers returned here this morning from Lexington. They were mad because they had to pay their fare home.

### UNDER CHURCH SPIRES.

Services at All of the Various City Churches Today.

There will be the usual services at the First Presbyterian church this morning and evening. Sunday School at 9:30.

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Ninth Street Presbyterian church Rev. W. L. Nourse, pastor. Services 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 9:30.

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At the Catholic church this morning there will be Mass at 10 o'clock by Father Wright. Sunday School at conclusion of mass. Benediction at night, 7:30.

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Eld. H. D. Smith will occupy his pulpit at the Christian church this morning at 11 and this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

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At the Cumberland Presbyterian church Dr. DeWitt, the pastor, will occupy his pulpit morning and evening, 11 and 7:30 o'clock. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m.

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Services at Grace Episcopal church at 10:30 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. Rev. R. S. Carter, the rector, will fill the pulpit. Sunday School at the usual hour.

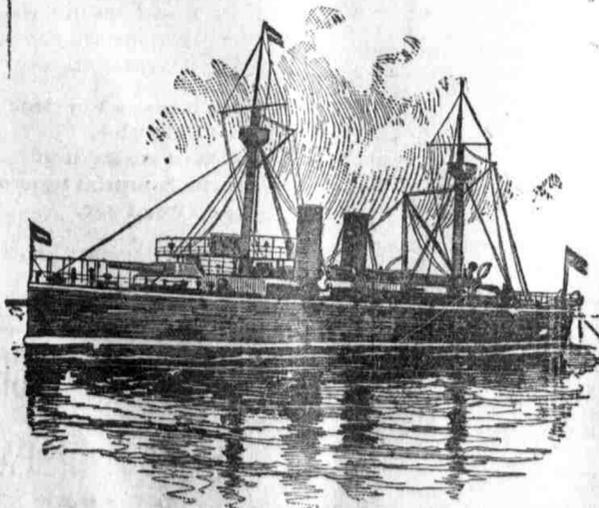
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At the Universalist church, Rev. Arthur Roberts, the pastor, will fill his pulpit at both morning and evening services. Sunday School at 9:30.

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Rev. Chas. H. Nash has returned

### ONE OF SPAIN'S BEST SHIPS.



### ARMORED CRUISER VIZCAYA.

The Vizcaya is 340 feet long. She is an armored cruiser of about 7,000 tons displacement. Her speed is something over 30 knots an hour, and she has a battery consisting of two 11 inch, ten 5.5 inch, eight 6 pounder and eight 1 pounder guns. She has an armor belt of 13 inches over her most vulnerable parts.

### Wheat Still Dropping.

Chicago, May 14.—May wheat opened on 'Change to-day at a decline of 20c per bushel. The opening was \$1.30. Only 10,000 bushels were traded in, showing the May price practically nominal. Letter brokers took the 10,000 bushels offered and immediately bid the market up to \$1.40.

### Chicago Market.

QUOTATIONS BY RAWLINS & CO., BROKERS.

	Op'g	Hig't	Closing
July Wheat	1 02	1 07	1 04 1/2
Cash Wheat			1 44 1/2
July Corn	35 1/2	36 1/2	36
July Oats	26 1/2	27 1/2	26 1/2
July Pork	11 45	11 80	11 70
July Lard	6 40	6 52	6 47

Dewey is a Democrat.

from Norfolk, Va., and will occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church to-day at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at the usual hour in the morning.

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The children's day services at the Methodist church this morning will draw a large crowd. The program will include appropriate songs and recitations. Sunday School will be conducted at the usual hour.

### At Fleming's Cave.

Miss Nita Gant entertained a number of her little friends with a picnic at Fleming's Cave Saturday. The day and the place were ideal, and the little people enjoyed the occasion heartily.

## SPANISH FLEET DODGING SAMPSON

Afraid of Battle It Sails to Dutch West Indies.

Heavy Loss of Life and Property In Shelling of San Juan.

CUTTING CABLES TO PREVENT BLANCO COMMUNICATING WITH SPAIN.—THIS DONE INVASION WILL BEGIN.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 14.—(Special.)—Definite official information that the Spanish fleet is at the island of Curocoa, one of the Dutch West Indies off Venezuela caused excitement because of the evident purpose to evade Sampson's fleet and reach Cuba. The French cable extends to Curocoa thence to Haiti, Porto Rico and Cuba, thus enabling the Spanish fleet to communicate with Havana and Madrid.

An order has been issued by the Navy Department not to give out anything about the movements of the American fleets, squadrons or ships. The Department will not state where Sampson is now.

The safety of the Oregon is now assured, as it has passed beyond reach of the Spanish fleet.

It is believed that Sampson's fleet as well as Schley's squadron has been dispatched to intercept the Spanish fleet.

The Government gave an immense order for armor and shells for coast defenses to-day. More transports were also chartered and several small yachts.

The work of cutting off Spain's cable communications with Cuba will be continued, although it has been attended this week with loss of life.

The campaign in Cuba will not begin until Blanco's communication with Spain is cut off.

### Havoc Made By Shells.

ST. THOMAS, May 14.—Special.—Inhabitants returning to San Juan find that the loss of life was greater than first believed, but there has been no official report of the number killed. One shell struck a schoolhouse where many had taken refuge, destroying a large number of lives. The city was also very badly damaged by the shells.

### Still Rushing to the Shore.

Tampa, Fla., May 14.—(Special.)—Five more regiments from Chickamauga arrived here to-day and others are arriving to-night.

### Cruiser St. Paul.

Old Point Comfort, Va., May 14.—(Special.)—The cruiser St. Paul passed here at 6 p. m. headed south under full steam.

### Sails From Porto Rico.

Cape Haytien, May 14.—(Special.)—Sampson's fleet has sailed from Porto Rican waters. Commander Sampson communicated with the American Consul at Haytien to-day.

### Was Sampson Repulsed?

Washington, D. C., May 14.—(Special.)—No official report has been received here confirming the published statement that the city and fortifications of San Juan had surrendered to Admiral Sampson, nor is any expected, for the reason that the statement is not given credence in official circles.

The result of the engagement at San Juan, so far as is indicated by official reports, was not altogether satisfactory, inasmuch as one of the principal objects of the expedition was the burning of the large quantity of coal stored there for use of the Spanish fleet. Before he had been able to fully accomplish the destruction of the fortifications and the coal supply the Admiral, it is believed here, though it prudent to withdraw his fleet through fear of having one or more of his vessels disabled pending the more important contest with the Spanish fleet.

### No Truth in the Story.

Washington, D. C., May 14.—(Special.)—The report in some of the sensational afternoon papers that the Wilmington had renewed the bombardment of Cardenas and killed 500 Spaniards was a groundless fake.