

A DESPERATE FIGHT.

Men and Ammunition Landed on the Shores of Cuba.

GENERAL ACOSTA SAFELY LANDED.

The Patriot Chief Communicates with the Insurgent Forces—Later a Fierce Engagement Ensues Lasting Half an Hour—The Leyden Under Fire.

KEY WEST, Fla., May 6.—The government tug Leyden, Capt. J. H. Angus, steamed into port yesterday morning, and told the following story of a desperate encounter with Spanish troops on the northern coast of Cuba. The Leyden left here Monday afternoon with a party of insurgents under Gen. Baldomero Acosta, and including five Cuban scouts under the leadership of Capt. J. H. Dorst, of the United States cavalry. The Leyden also carried a large quantity of arms and ammunition. The tug landed five men with four boxes of ammunition and two horses. Gen. Acosta also landed and penetrated to the interior, where he communicated with the forces of the insurgents. The Leyden lay to outside until five o'clock in the morning, when, observing a troop of Spanish infantry approaching, she put to sea and got safely away. The same night she proceeded to Matanzas, and Tuesday afternoon another small party landed near there.

Fearing attack by the Spaniards, she looked for the monitors Terror and Amphitrite, which are on the blockade in that vicinity, but being unable to locate them the Leyden returned to the original landing place, reaching there early Wednesday morning. Here she was met by Acosta and about 200 Cubans, half of whom were armed with rifles. They united with the men on the tug and an attempt was made to land the remaining arms and men, when a troop of 200 of the Villa Vicosa cavalry swooped down on them and a fierce engagement of a half hour's duration followed.

The Cubans finally repulsed the enemy, driving them into the woods. During this engagement several rifle bullets went through the Leyden's smokestack, but no one was injured. The plucky little tug then went in search of the flagship, found her lying near Havana and reported the story. Rear Admiral Sampson sent the gunboat Wilmington back with the Leyden. The two vessels reached the scene of the landing Wednesday afternoon and found the Spanish cavalry in waiting to welcome another attempted invasion.

The Wilmington lost no time in preliminaries, but promptly opened fire upon a number of small houses marking the entrance to the place. The gunboat fired four shots, which immediately drove back the Spaniards, and Capt. Dorst, with the ammunition, landed safely, the Leyden returning here.

TOOK NO OIL IN THEIR LAMPS.

Spanish Ships' Mysterious Movements Explained—Not Supplied with Ammunition—Must Return to Cadiz.

LONDON, May 6.—The Daily Mail's Paris correspondent hears on unimpeachable authority that five Spanish ships, including the Pelayo and Alfonso XIII., are not yet supplied with ammunition.

The Daily Mail's Paris correspondent says word of ammunition for the Cadiz fleet caused delay in the sailing of the Cape Verde fleet, and will probably compel the latter to return to Cadiz.

Long Deadlock Broken.

OTTAWA, Kan., May 6.—J. D. Bowersock, of Lawrence, was yesterday nominated by the second district republican convention on the three hundred and thirty-fifth ballot. Final ballot: Bowersock, 74; Buchanan, 8; Smith, 2; Gates, 2; Harris, 2. The nomination was given to Bowersock by Harris and Gates, who had reached the agreement at a conference held during the noon recess. Before recess the ballot stood: Buchanan, 3; Harris, 18; Bowersock 32; Gates, 4; Smith, 22.

What Goes in Search of War Prices.

CHICAGO, May 6.—One dollar and fifty cents per bushel was the price of May wheat at the end of yesterday's session of the board of trade. This represented an advance since Tuesday of 20 cents. July wheat gained 3 1/2 cents. Yesterday's advance was the most remarkable in many years. Famine of grain abroad and enormous sales of American wheat to fill the empty granaries of Europe caused the advance here.

Governed by Weak Hands and Worn Out Intellects.

MADRID, May 6.—El Liberal, in a gloomy article which states that the "subterranean rumblings preceding social upheaval" are heard, declares that "the fate of the country cannot remain longer with the weak hands and worn out intellects of the men now governing the country."

Undertaking Too Much.

MADRID, via Paris, May 6.—It is alleged two iron-clads, two cruisers and three transports are about to leave Cadiz to drive the Americans from Manila and then bombard California ports.

Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—Yesterday's statement of the condition of the treasury showed: Available cash balance, \$213,324,998; gold reserve, \$181,940,388.

NO FAITH IN DEWEY.

No Word from the Redoubtable Commodore Yet Received.

TAKING MEASURES FOR HIS RELIEF.

A Constructor of High Ability to be Sent Out with Needed Supplies to Make Repairs—Labor and Material May be Had in Manila.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—Secretary Long said at the close of office hours yesterday that up to that time he had received no word from Commodore Dewey. He added, however, that he felt no apprehension over this lack of news, because, in the first place, reports were not expected with the cable from Manila, and furthermore, no fears were entertained as to Commodore Dewey's ability to maintain his position.

There was no doubt, the secretary said, that Commodore Dewey's fleet had annihilated the Spanish fleet, and with this much accomplished Dewey was master of the situation at Manila. It was suggested to Mr. Long that the shore batteries at Cavite and on the Corrigidor island might be a serious menace to the American fleet, but the secretary did not share this view, holding that the strength of the Olympia and other ships in Dewey's command was ample to make him master of Manila bay and its surroundings.

The department is taking steps to render effective aid to the commodore in the matter of supplies, and a constructor of high ability is to go out at once to repair the damages sustained in the battle off Manila. Preparations for a suitable convoy for the supply ships was also indicated by the chief of a commander and officers for the cruiser Charleston, now at Mare Island.

It is recalled at the navy department in this connection that having received the surrender of Manila the commodore would be able to secure any quantity of labor and of such material as a maritime city like Manila affords for the repair of his ships. He also would be able to place his wounded in care for in some of the Manila hospitals or under guard of the city.

No news could be gleaned at the navy department relative to the movements of Admiral Sampson's friends, but from the confidential lips of the few officials who are acquainted with the policy of the department they are expected to hear very soon of news from his squadron almost as interesting and important as that received from the Philippines last Monday.

A high officer of the administration yesterday almost demolished the theory that Admiral Sampson was going to succeed the Oregon, now on her way from Brazil to join the North Atlantic squadron. He declares that the navy department was under no apprehension about the Oregon, for the reason that it did not consider that the Spanish admiral of the Cape Verde squadron would be willing to risk a combat with the Oregon with the great odds in his favor, as even if overwhelmed in the end, the Oregon certainly would destroy two of the Spanish ships, and perhaps two, and the Spanish government could not afford to exchange prizes at this stage of the war. That left open as possible points of operations for Sampson either Porto Rico or some port on the Cuban coast, but just which theory is to be accepted is not even hinted at by the departmental officials.

Notice came to the state department from Brazil yesterday that that government had declared neutrality. There is now no cause to regret such action on the part of Brazil, for however beneficial the delay has been to the United States in getting its war ships safely along the Brazilian coast, the issue of the proclamation just now is likely to be still more beneficial in closing Brazilian ports to the Spanish flying squadron, if it should be headed in that direction.

It may be noted, however, that while the first reports were received with little credit, the advice coming to the navy department yesterday, though not conclusive, inclined the officers to the belief that the Spanish flying squadron really has turned back from Cape Verde to consolidate with the home squadron at Cadiz.

Great pressure is being brought to bear upon the war department to secure appointments as second lieutenants authorized by the recently enacted Hull bill. The list of applicants includes many bright young men, for the regulations require them to be under 30. Among them are former students at West Point, newspaper men and others with political influence back of them.

The navy department will ship 200,000 pounds of powder to Commodore Dewey, to add to the stock he now has left. This will be made up of about 60,000 pounds of the grade used for the big 8-inch guns, 60,000 pounds for the 6-inch guns, 50,000 pounds for the 5-inch guns and lesser amounts for other classes of guns. This, with the large number of 8-inch armor-piercing projectiles, shells and 6-inch rifle balls, will make the shipment of ammunition a very large one. The powder and shot together will give 500 rounds for the big guns and several thousand rounds for the rapid-fire guns.

Awaiting an Opportunity to Flee the Country.

LONDON, May 6.—A bulletin from Vienna telegrams from the Austrian ambassador at Madrid indicates that the queen regent is only waiting a suitable moment to quit Spain without injuring the king's interest.

CITY COUNCIL

Journal of the Proceedings—Regular Session. (Official.)

Council Chamber, City of Cape Girardeau, Monday Evening, May 2, 1898.

The Council met in regular session at 7:30 o'clock. Mayor William H. Coerver, President presiding. Members present: Messrs. Kage, Kimmel, Regenhardt, Reynolds, Ruesskamp. Absent: Messrs. Blomeyer, Givens, Unnerstall.

The journal of the proceedings of the two last regular meetings, April 12th and 19th, was read and approved. Messrs. Blomeyer and Unnerstall appeared in their seats during the reading of the journal.

A petition, signed by seven draymen of the City, complaining that there are parties hauling in the City who have paid no license, and asking the Council to allow a rebate on their license, or have the Marshal investigate the matter, was presented and read, and on motion of Mr. Kage received and ordered filed.

The following reports from City officers, showing the transactions of their several offices for the month of April, were presented and read.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

(Collections April 12th to 30th.)

From taxes years 1894 to 1897	\$284 53
From interest on delinquent taxes	15 85
From Licenses:	
Butchers	\$20 00
Vehicles	5 00
Insurance Companies	20 00
Merchants	3 00
Merchandise Agent	10 00
From sale Cemetery lot	15 00
Total Collections	\$372 33

MARSHAL'S REPORT:

Execution No. 1029 to 1035, satisfied as follows:

By labor	\$68 25
Remitted	10 00
No report from Police Judge	
Total	\$78 25

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

(From April 12th to 30th.)

Balance in treasury April 12th	\$10,146 27
Receipts:	
From Christ Hirsch, Collector	\$351 71
From Walter S. Albert, Post-Warden	6 00
From H. Graham Dempsey Post-warden	32 00
From Henry Vastberg, Weigher	10 00
From Robert Vogel-sang, Weigher	2 65
Total	\$10,555 23

DISBURSED:

Warrants paid by Treasurer:

Balance in treasury April 30th	\$9,841 05
Amount expended for the City from April 12th to 30th, and due various city debts, viz:	
Teamsters	\$31 15
Laborers	44 00
Total	\$75 15

STREET COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Amount expended for the City from April 12th to 30th, and due various city debts, viz:

Teamsters	\$31 15
Laborers	44 00
Total	\$75 15

DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

Spanish street, north of Broadway	\$ 5 95
South Spanish street, Frederick street	26 70
Main street	3 00
Aquinas street	16 20
Aquasi street—removing 2 shanty boats	9 50
Independence street	1 50
Court House square	2 50
Fountain street	1 50
Maendain broken	4 00
Total	\$75 15

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

(For April.)

One drill on 13th	
One fire on the 17th—frame dwelling on North street, near Middle street. Building entirely consumed.	\$ 9 25
Due members for drill	
Due members for fire attendance	12 00
Total	\$21 25

No report from Sexton.

On motion of Mr. Ruesskamp said reports were received, approved and ordered filed, and the Clerk instructed to issue warrants on the General Revenue Fund in favor of the several officers and others for amount to which they are entitled under said reports.

Mr. Blomeyer moved that the Clerk notify the Police Judge and Sexton to present their reports for April business by next meeting, and if no business has been transacted so state, and said motion carried.

Referring to the Annual Reports of the Police Judge and Marshal, submitted at last meeting and returned to said officers for correction, the Clerk again presented the said reports, with the information that said reports had been returned to him by said officers, with the verbal statement, by each officer, that his report was correct.

On motion of Mr. Blomeyer the Clerk was instructed to again return to the Police Judge and Marshal, said reports, and inform said officers that if they cannot discover the discrepancy in their reports to ask the assistance of the Auditor. Said corrected reports to be filed by next meeting.

Referring to the petition of E. H. Engelmann, presented to the Council August 30th, 1897, asking that the sum of ten dollars be refunded to him for license tax paid for the New York Underwriters, for the reason that said company was not liable for said license tax, and referred to the Judiciary Committee, said committee reported thereon, submitting the opinion of the City Attorney, to the effect that said company was not liable for the payment of a license tax for doing business as an insurance company, and recommending that the amount be refunded.

On motion of Mr. Kimmel said report was received, concurred in and ordered filed, and the Clerk instructed to issue a warrant on the General Revenue Fund in favor of the New York Underwriters for said amount of ten dollars.

The Fire Board, through its Secretary, submitted a report in reference to the resignation of the Fire Chief and rules for government of Fire Department, referred to said board by the Council at its last meeting, stating that said board voted to not accept said resignation, also that the rules referred to be not adopted until the ordinance regulating the Fire Department be amended, and requesting that the Judiciary Committee be instructed to amend said ordinance.

read, as follows:

"An Ordinance Defining what Act on the Public Square are Misdemeanors, and Providing Penalty for their Punishment," which was read for the first time, and on motion of Mr. Blomeyer read for the second time.

"An Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance No. 522, being entitled 'An Ordinance Providing for Taxation and Registration of Dogs,' approved March 21st, 1894," which was also read for the first time.

On motion of Mr. Blomeyer was read for the second time, and on motion of Mr. Kimmel read for the third time, its final reading.

Mr. Ruesskamp moved that the ordinance be passed, the vote resulting as follows:

Ayes, Blomeyer, Kage, Kimmel, Regenhardt, Reynolds, Ruesskamp, Unnerstall—7.

Nays, none.

Absent, Givens.

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the ordinance passed.

Mr. Kage moved that the motion carried at last meeting, whereby the City agrees to furnish sewer pipe to property owners to be put in on Meriwether street, from Ellis to Pacific street, be reconsidered. Said motion carried.

The original motion was then stated by the chair and lost.

The Mayor appointed the following committee to investigate and report to the Council whether the telephone system erected under the franchise granted to Brooks, Ponder et al, is erected, maintained and operated in accordance with all the requirements of the ordinance granting said franchise: Messrs. Kimmel, Kage, Blomeyer, Givens.

On motion of Mr. Ruesskamp the Judiciary Committee was instructed to present an ordinance to amend the license ordinance, by licensing bill posters.

The Committee on Water and Lights was instructed, on motion of Mr. Blomeyer, to have the Electric Light Company raise the street lamps to the height of 20 or 25 feet, as the committee may see proper.

Christian Hirsch, collector of the city, appeared before the Council and presented his list of delinquent taxes, real and personal, due the city to and including the year 1897.

Mr. Ruesskamp moved that said list be received and referred to a special committee, to be appointed by the Mayor; said committee to examine said list and act for the Council.

Said motion carried and the Mayor appointed Messrs. Ruesskamp, Reynolds, Unnerstall and Regenhardt, said committee.

On motion of Mr. Kimmel the Council adjourned till Monday evening May 10th, at 7:30 o'clock.

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