

THREATENS SPAIN'S PORTS

GOVERNMENT SELECTS SHIPS TO GO TO SPANISH WATERS

COMMODORE WATSON NAMED TO COMMAND THE SQUADRON

ACTION DUE TO THE MOVEMENTS OF ADMIRAL CAMARA

If the Spaniards Persist in Continuing on His Voyage to the Philippines, the New Eastern Squadron Will Make Reprisals Along the Coast of Spain—Strength of the Spanish Fortifications Known by American Naval Authorities—Some Question as to Whether the Navy Department Is Really in Earnest.

WASHINGTON, June 27.—The administration today finally came to a decision to send an American squadron to the Spanish coast and into the Mediterranean. Several times since the war broke out, rumors to this effect have circulated, but the project had not matured. It required the Spanish movement toward the Philippines by Camara's squadron to decide the navy department to adopt this bold stroke.

AN AUSPICIOUS DATE.

This would seem to be an auspicious date for the beginning of an expedition that will, for the first time in the world's history, start from the New World to attack Continental Europe. No attempt is made to deny that the government is influenced in ordering this move by a desire to check the progress eastward of the Cadiz fleet. It was not believed that the Spanish admiral could be guilty of the folly of uncovering his own home ports in this fashion, but inasmuch as he seems determined to do so, the naval strategists could not do less than take advantage of the magnificent opportunity thus afforded to strike a crushing blow at Spain and thereby, perhaps, save much time and loss of life and money in the conduct of the tedious campaign in Cuba.

AMERICAN FLEET SUPERIOR.

The Eastern squadron which the United States will now send against Spain far outranks this Spanish squadron, the Iowa and Oregon exceeding the Pelayo and Carlos V. at every point, while the other United States vessels are far superior, ship for ship, to those of the Spanish squadron, with the single exception of two Spanish torpedo boat destroyers.

TODAY'S BULLETIN.

- 1—Squadron Said to Be Going to Spain. Shafter Moves Cautiously. Thirteenth Starts for Manila. Boy Kills His Mother. Great Battle Imminent. 2—Minneapolis Men at the Front. A Few Recruits Needed. School Land Sales Satisfactory. 3—Life on Blockading Squadron. Mrs. Lowe Elected at Denver. Hawaiian Debate Continues. 4—Editorial. State Political Gossip. Policeman's House Robbed. 5—Sporting News. St. Paul Beats Kansas City. 6—Markets of the World. Bar Silver. Cash Wheat. 7—Minneapolis Matters. News of the Northwest. News of the Railroads. 8—Flight For Bank's Cash. Sugar Beet Test Wanted. Teachers' Institutes Soon. Use of Streets Asked. Edward Halbe Drowned.

which are to be delivered to Spain at home. The Spanish coast line is 2,122 kilometers long, of which 796 is on the north coast, while 1,326 kilometers is along the Mediterranean and Atlantic on the south coast. The coast is described by naval strategists as abrupt and mountainous, with sinuous inlets and gulfs resembling the fjords of Scandinavia. In general the fortifications of the coast are relics of the medieval greatness of Spain, and many of these defenses are tumbling ruins.

The Spanish coast is divided into three captain generalities, namely, Ferrol, on the north; Cadiz, on the south; and Cartagena on the east. At Ferrol is the naval school and the school of naval application. At Cartagena is the school of ordnance and the torpedo school. Cadiz is the point where most of the fortification guns are made. Each of the three naval provinces has a certain number of coast towns under its immediate care. The Ferrol division includes the ports of Ferrol, Coruna, Villagarcia, Vigo, Viveiro, Riveiro, Santander, Bilbao and St. Sebastian. The Cadiz division includes the ports of Cadiz, Algeciras, Malaga, Montirul, Almeria, Seville, Huelva and the Canaries. The Cartagena district includes the ports of

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TO START FROM SANTIAGO.

Commodore Watson should reach Admiral Sampson by Thursday morning, or perhaps earlier, for the Newark, having been extensively repaired, is now a swift warship. The operations before Santiago are of a character that will admit of the employment to the best advantage of the big monitors for bombarding purposes, and small cruisers and gunboats as blockading vessels. The start will be made from off Santiago just as soon as the squadron can be gotten ready, and this fortunately, owing to the completeness of the naval mobilization, will be in a very short time.

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AMERICAN TROOPS IN SIGHT OF THE CITY OF SANTIAGO

STRONGLY ENTRENCHED AND AWAITING ORDERS TO ATTACK

ENEMY HAS DUG RIFLE PITS FOR A FINAL RESISTANCE

Barbed Wire Obstructions Are Among the Serious Difficulties the Assaulting Army Will Have to Surmount—Spaniards Have Built Block Houses Upon the Top of Every Hill North and East of Santiago—Americans Need More Heavy Guns and Supplies, but Regard the Enemy With Contempt.

ON THE RIO GUANA, June 26, via Kingston, Jamaica, June 27.—The Spanish and American advance posts are now almost close enough to see the whites of each others' eyes and a collision may occur at any moment.

Copyright, 1898, by the Associated Press. OFF BAQUIHI, June 26, via Kingston, Jamaica, June 27.—The Third and Ninth cavalry only remain here, guarding the material ashore. All the other regiments are being pushed as rapidly as possible towards Santiago de Cuba.

Interruption of communication between the army and the fleet by storm is possible at any time. Juragua and Baquiri are both open roads with no protection.

Gen. Shafter expresses satisfaction with the work of the officers who had charge of the landing of the troops in an enemy's country, and under conditions never before faced by an army, considering the character of the landing places and the adjacent country.

Not a shot was fired from the American side last night, though the front of the American line was not 2,800 yards from the entrenchments where the Spaniards propose to combat the advance on Santiago de Cuba.

Three cannon shots were heard during the night, but these entrenchments, completely fencing every approach to the city. The trenches have been dug as the conformation of the ground admitted. The ends of the trenches overlap where breaks in the line occur, thus securing comparatively safe retreat from rifle fire in case parts of the trenches are captured.

Upon one of these works modern guns have been mounted. They can be plainly seen with the naked eye.

Spies report that inside the entrenchments are four parallel lines of rifle pits, shoulder deep, and in front of them are marked ranges and several rows of barbed wire fences.

No officer who has surveyed the field over which the advance must be made underestimates the task ahead of the Americans, although our boys still express the most contemptuous opinion of their adversaries.

HEAVY GUNS NEEDED. The general opinion is that more artillery will be necessary before it will be safe to attempt to make an assault upon the Spanish works, as the fire of the rifle pits must necessarily be deadly, and sufficient to demoralize any force, of however much courage, when halted by wire obstructions.

Some officers believe it will be necessary to lay a regular siege to Santiago, and advance with a line of earthworks until the rifle pits can be shelled with shrapnel by the light artillery. These pieces have an effective range of 2,800 yards, and the Mauser rifles, in the hands of the Spaniards, are sighted to 1,900 yards, and they kill at 2,100 yards. However gratifying to the national pride is the careless attitude of our enlisted men, the grave fear remains that they may need a more severe lesson than the ambush of the rough riders before they realize the deadly possibilities of modern warfare.

The road over which the ordnance must be brought is densely lined by underbrush. Every yard is an artificial hedgehog, and the road to the base of supplies is in a similar state. But very little danger is apprehended of flank attack, as it is evident Gen. Linares is acting strictly on the defensive. The failure of the Spanish troops at Holguin, Manzanillo and

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War News in Brief.

Americans and Spaniards are within sight of each other. A big battle at Santiago will probably occur Wednesday. Gen. Shafter is moving cautiously in the campaign against Santiago. Eastern squadron formed for the announced purpose of bombarding Spanish coast cities. Egypt refuses to permit Admiral Camara to coal at Port Said. Thirtieth Minnesota sails from San Francisco with the third Manila expedition. Thought that Admiral Camara will return to Spain on this pretext that he cannot coal his ships.

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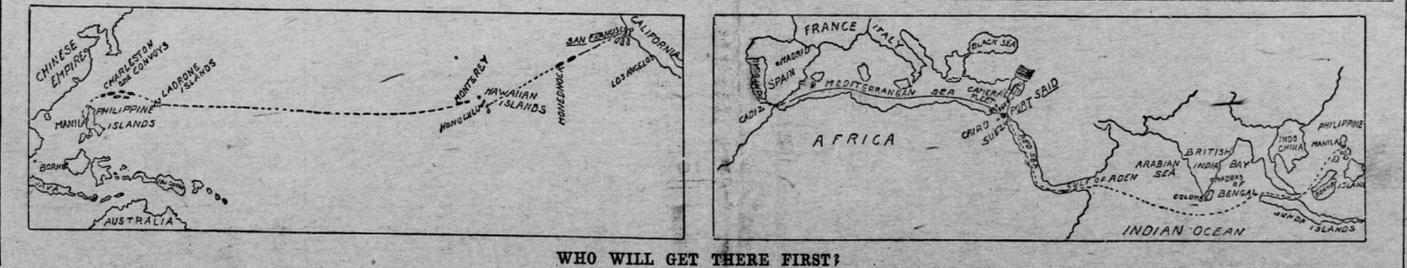
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