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CERVERA'S FLEET,

Safe at Santiago de Cuba.

Great Rejoicing in Madrid.---Queen Sends Congratulations.

McRae Telegram.
MADRID, May 20.—General elation has been caused here by the announcement that Cervera's squadron has eluded the American warships, and is now at Santiago. The Queen has sent her congratulations to Cervera. It is announced that the fleet will coal at Santiago, and then proceed immediately to Havana.

BOMBARDED GUATANAMO

American Warships Forced to Retire by a Gunboat.

McRae Telegram.
MADRID, May 19.—An official dispatch from Havana says American warships began bombarding Guatanamo yesterday, but were compelled to retire by a Spanish gunboat and infantry ashore.

EARTHWORKS THROWN UP.

Blanco Makes Hay While the Sun Shines.

McRae Telegram.
KEY WEST, May 20.—Dispatch boats have made investigation of the Cuban coast and find that while American fleets were at sea, Blanco has thrown up earthworks all around Havana.

Off For the Phillipines.

BARCELONA, May 20.—Large forces of troops are embarking here, bound for the Phillipines.

Merritt at Washington.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Gen. Merritt arrived at the war department this morning. He saw Alger and Miles and received orders. He will leave at once for San Francisco.

More Prizes.

KEY WEST May 20.—Two more prizes are coming into port with the prize crews aboard. One is a steamship, the other is a schooner.

KEY WEST May 20.—The captured bark is the Carlos, loaded with provisions for Havana.

Important News Expected.

KEY WEST May 20.—Events of surprising importance may be expected to develop within eight hours. Details of important news are projected and not permitted to pass censor.

OFF FOR THE PHILLIPPINES,

Gen. Ottis and Troops Will Leave Saturday.---Merritt Leaves Soon.

Scripps-McRae Telegram.
WASHINGTON, May 20.—General Ottis and the first detachment of troops for the Phillipines, will probably leave Frisco Saturday. Ottis will act as military governor pending Merritt's arrival. Merritt and the remainder of the troops will follow Ottis the latter part of the week.

SAN FRANCISCO May 20.—It is possible that the Charleston will leave for Manilla within the next twenty-four hours. The injury to her condenser is not as serious as was at first supposed. Captain Glass denies that the injury was due to treachery.

WILL BE INVADED ONCE

The President Has Decided to Invade Cuba at Once.

Scripps-McRae League Telegram.
WASHINGTON, May 20.—The President and Secretary Alger now said to be convinced that the invasion of Cuba should begin at the earliest possible moment. Therefore preparations for the invasion are being hurried to completion.

NO MORE TROOPS.

The President Has Decided not to Call for More Troops at Present.

Scripps-McRae League Telegram.
WASHINGTON, May 20.—It is now said the President will make no further call for troops, unless unforeseen circumstance make such steps necessary.

THE CRUISER HARVARD,

Left St. Pierre Yesterday, And is in Great Danger.

Scripps-McRae Telegram.
ST. PIERRE, Martinique, May 20.—The U. S. cruiser Harvard which sailed from this port yesterday is in great danger. The Spanish torpedo boat destroyer Terror is expected to follow her, and may attempt to destroy her.

Sampson's Whereabouts Unknown.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—It is impossible here to learn the whereabouts of Sampson's fleet despite the fact that it is reported to be at Key West. There is an air of expectancy among all.

W. J. Bryan Enlists.

LINCOLN, Neb. May 20.—William J. Bryan has enlisted in the third regiment as a private.

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A JEWISH WARSHIP.

Fund to Buy One For Presentation to the United States.

The Jews of the United States, through the active efforts of those in Ohio, may contribute a sum sufficient to purchase a warship for the United States government.

Yesterday three prominent Hebrews of Cincinnati arrived in this city to confer with Harry Bernstein to induce him to interest the Jews of Cleveland in the movement. It was decided that a conference with prominent Jews of Cleveland should be held today. It was stated that the Ohio Jews alone would contribute enough money for the purpose.

Mr. Bernstein said yesterday that he had no doubt that \$10,000 could be raised by the Jewish residents of the Fifth Ward.

"The Jews all over the world have a grudge against Spain," he said, "and they will contribute liberally to provide the United States with another warship, and will man it if necessary. Spain has maltreated the Jews in time past, and, although the Jews are not a warlike people, they would be ready and willing to man it if necessary."

"They feel that the United States is their friend, and they are ready to lend her any assistance in their power. I have been organizing a company of Russian Jews to respond to the call for volunteers, and the only difficulty I have is in trying to discourage men who want to enlist for the war. I have been selecting only those who have no fathers, mothers, brothers or sisters in this country so there will be no sorrow when they go to the front."

"That we will buy a warship for the government may be stated as an assured fact. The Jews are heart and soul in sympathy with this war, because they know what humanity means. They have had trials and tribulations in every country in the world except in America."—Leve-laud (Ohio) Leader

A SMALL BLAZE.

V. Voti, a fruit dealer on east 3rd avenue, came near having a disastrous fire yesterday afternoon. The blaze was caused by the lightning which struck a wire igniting the frame building. When the blaze was discovered the fire department was called, and in a few minutes the flames were extinguished.

A marriage license was issued this morning to Mr. W. B. L. Moyne, of Grace, and Mrs. Eden G. Bryan, of Dexter, Ark., this morning.

