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A CALL DOWN FOR SAMPSON.

Looks Very Much As if the Acting Rear Admiral Had Received a Reprimand.

SQUADRON COMMANDER GIVEN ATTENTION.

No More Delay Will be Permitted and it May be That Watson Will Take His Place.

WASHINGTON, July 21.—There is every indication that Acting Rear Admiral Sampson has been rebuked by the commander-in-chief of the navy, William McKinley, for delaying in providing the essential convoys to escort Gen. Miles' expedition to Porto Rico. Sampson, from the best that can be learned, has displeased the navy department in his disposition to act to suit himself in some things, and today the president called him that no more delay would be permitted in providing the convoys. The ships were speedily provided and Gen. Miles will get away this afternoon. There is also talk of a shifting of naval commanders involving Sampson and Watson and possibly Schley.

To Spain Later.

The statements having been published that Watson's expedition to the shores of Spain had been abandoned, Secretary Long this afternoon authorized the specific denial of their accuracy. "The expedition," said the secretary, "has not been abandoned, but merely deferred until the Porto Rican situation is clearer, so that we may know better what ships will be necessary to retain in American waters." The only question was whether the expedition should sail now or a week or so hence. It will be sent to Spain later, when the Porto Rican campaign permits.

Santiago and put in charge of the eastern squadron, leaving Watson to take his place.

Raising Sunken Ships.

Washington, July 21.—A telegram has been received from Sampson saying that progress in wrecking the Marie Teresa is very satisfactory. She will probably be raised by Sunday. The Reina Mercedes will probably also be raised.

DEWEY MAY NOT WAIT ON MERRITT.

Possibility of Seizure of Manila Being Advisable Soon—Troops Arrive.

Manila, July 21.—Dewey may decide to capture Manila before Merritt arrives in view of the possibility of early peace and the news from Cuba. The insurgents are renewing activity. The Spaniards say they do not now believe reinforcements promised will ever come and despair of success.

The navy department has posted the following: "Cavite, July 17, via Hong Kong.—The situation is unchanged. The second army detachment arrived today. All are well. The health of the squadron continues good. There is no sickness whatever. (Signed) DEWEY."

Aguinaldo Wants Annexation.

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MILES AND WATSON

Now Occupy the Attention of Officials at the National Capital.

GENERAL ORDERED TO GO SLOWLY.

Consequently It Seems That He Is Still at Santiago—Delay Caused by the Determination to Have the Porto Rico Forces Completely Equipped in All That the Phrase Implies, and Not Half or Less Supplied—Miles Has His Soldiers Embarked and Ready to Start.

Washington, July 21.—The war and navy departments are now making all the arrangements for the dispatch of the Porto Rican expedition and Watson's eastern squadron. There has occurred one of those natural pauses in the progress of the campaign incident to the completion of one set of operations and the initiation of another. There being no possibility of the receipt of news of a general battle of surrender, there is less excitement and less evidence of nervous strain than for weeks past. General Miles' expected departure was again deferred. The explanation given was that there was difficulty experienced at Santiago in securing the naval convey for the expedition. It is known, however, in addition that the president himself has restricted General Miles to the extent of adjuring him in earnest terms not to commit the folly of starting for Porto Rico without the most complete preparation.

Will Be Nothing Lacking This Time.

The government has profited by the lessons taught by the Santiago expedition. Aside from the actual loss of life that might be expected to result from a badly calculated start, it is realized that our relations with some of the European powers would be in a small measure, at least, impaired by the adverse moral effect created by anything approaching a defeat for the American arms at this stage of the war. Therefore it is certain that, so far as the department can prevent, General Miles' soldiers will not run short of food, nor tents to protect them from the tropical rains, nor of the means of transportation, that were so deficient at the beginning of the Santiago movement.

Delayed for Want of a Convey.

General Miles reported yesterday afternoon that he had with him ten transport vessels, which it is presumed have aboard several thousand soldiers, although at least two of them are filled with equipment. Inquiry made at the navy department to ascertain where the delay had arisen in securing convoys was met with the statement that the orders to Admiral Sampson in this matter were very general. He was simply directed by the department to furnish a convey, and it was assumed that he would confer with General Miles as to the number and character of vessels required for that purpose. As the campaign is to be principally a land movement the naval officers do not believe a very extensive convey is necessary.

Montevideo Probably at Manila.

According to the calculations at the navy department, Admiral Dewey's fleet at Cavite should have been reinforced by the coast defense vessel Montevideo, which with her tender and collier the Brutus has now been about twenty days out from Honolulu. With the addition of this monitor Dewey will be amply able to take care of himself so long as the naval forces in the Philippines are maintaining the relative proportion they now occupy. The disclosure by the department of the lack of foundation for the sensational stories of strained relations with Germany has largely abated the anxiety entertained at the navy department as to Dewey's position at Manila.

SITUATION AT SANTIAGO DE CUBA.

Soldiers of the Two Armies Fraternize—Rounding Up the Spaniards.

Santiago de Cuba, July 19, via Kingston, Jamaica, July 21.—Hundreds of American and Spanish soldiers who but a few days ago were shooting at each other crowd the streets of Santiago, meeting and mixing on the most friendly terms. A general feeling of good fellowship is evinced everywhere, victors and vanquished apparently being equally rejoiced that the strife and bloodshed are over, and that the horrors of the siege are ended. Above the water front, under every eaving dozens of women and children may be seen munching American hard tack, and food is being distributed very rapidly about the plaza facing the palace and in the numerous airy cafes, where the officers of the opposing armies lounge throughout the day.

Lieutenant Miles, of General Shafter's staff, left here this morning with a troop of the Second cavalry to make the rounds of the entire military district of Santiago de Cuba, for the purpose of receiving the formal surrender of the Spanish forces. A total of 20,000 Spaniards are expected to yield their arms to this one troop of cavalry. To reach Havana, Lieutenant Miles will be compelled to ride straight across the island to the northern coast. He will ride under a white flag, for protection, but General Toral has sent members of his staff ahead to notify the post commanders of the terms of the surrender.

The pawn shops are doing a rushing business, their counters being crowded by people of all sorts of color and condition—pawning hairbrushes, clothes, dresses and furniture. Officers tender their medals, spurs and swords, and civil employes offer their tortoise-shell gold-headed canes of office for a mere song, which are in turn bought at fancy prices by American soldiers, officers or newspaper correspondents as relics of the war. There have been more machetes sold to our men as souvenirs than were laid down on the morning of the surrender.

The useable ammunition of the Spanish troops here was exhausted before

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Charleston, S. C., July 21.—With bands playing and 20,000 people cheering the first vessels of the first expedition to follow General Miles to Porto Rico got away from here at 7 o'clock last evening. The expedition is under command of Major General J. H. Wilson and will, when complete, consist of the Second and Third Wisconsin, the Sixteenth Pennsylvania regiments and two companies of the Sixth Illinois. The first two regiments are on the transports Grand Duchess and No. 30 respectively and they are at sea; No. 21, carrying the Sixteenth Pennsylvania and the Illinois men, sailed early this morning. Each of the ships carries a large quantity of supplies, and on No. 21 there are 1,400 head of mules and the wagon train of General Wilson's division.

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