

# WAR NEWS.

In this column from week to week during the continuance of the war, THE AMERICAN will print the important facts and events of each day of the preceding week. We shall endeavor to separate the wheat from the chaff—fact from rumor—to the end that readers of THE AMERICAN will be correctly informed of the progress of events. We will give no space here to unauthenticated rumors and uncorroborated reports from Washington, and will rely on the news of all sensational features and inaccuracies which are inseparable from daily press reports and news bulletins. We will tell the plain, unvarnished tale, that the files of THE AMERICAN may afford a fairly correct history of the war. This, we believe, is the proper province of the weekly paper at this time, and in following this plan THE AMERICAN hopes to be more widely appreciated than though it attempted a weak imitation of the daily press, publishing unsatisfactory and untrustworthy news bulletins, only to contradict them in a later issue. On Wednesday, however, we will print the most reliable news bulletins received up to the hour of going to press, but this will be entirely apart from this column, and a correct summary of the present Wednesday's happenings will appear next week.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26.

The little Cuban coasting steamer "Ambrosia Bolivar," captured by the monitor "Terror." The prize proved richer than at first supposed, for beside a valuable cargo of bananas and wine, she had \$70,000 of Spanish silver.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27.

The American bark "Saranac," loaded with coal, has been captured at "Hilo," Philippine Islands, by a Spanish gunboat. The owners of the vessel in New York received notice of her safe arrival at "Hilo," and believe she must have been seized after reaching port. The "Saranac" is a double-decked bark, 1,027 tons and was built at Kennebunkport in 1880.

The American squadron in the Pacific sailed from Mirs Bay, China, for the Philippines Islands this afternoon, to attack the Spanish fleet. The distance is about 600 miles.

The United States has been officially notified of the issuance of neutrality orders by Italy, Netherlands, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Russia and Colombia.

The capture by the "Terror" on Sunday of the sugar-laden Cuban coasting schooner "Saco," was not reported until today.

The first exchange of shots between the blockading fleet at Cuba and the shore batteries took place at noon today, when for eighteen minutes the "New York," "Puritan" and "Cincinnati" bombarded the forts at the mouth of Matanzas harbor. The purpose of the fleet was to locate the shore batteries by drawing their fire. The fire was returned to prevent the completion of work on new fortifications. None of the shots from the batteries took effect, but unofficial reports say the bombardment from the ships showed wonderfully accurate marksmanship, silenced the batteries, and must have been accompanied by fatalities. Of course it is impossible to ascertain the extent of damage done or number of killed.

Another rich prize was captured today by the "Terror," being the Spanish steamer "Guido," 2,872 tons, with provisions and money for the Spanish army in Cuba. The steamer tried to escape after the first blank shot was fired, but three solid shot which passed through her pilot-house and upper works brought her to terms. It is not known how much specie the safe of the "Guido" contains.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28.

The government has been informed that France, Mexico, Argentine Republic, Korea and Belgium have proclaimed neutrality.

The small Spanish sloop "Engracia" was captured by the "Newport." She had

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on board seven men belonging to the Spanish naval reserve.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29.

The Spanish fleet sailed from Cape Verde this morning; destination unknown. An unofficial report says the fleet divided, a portion sailing north, presumably for the Canary Islands, and a portion west, presumably for Cuba, or possibly merely for a blind. Later the fleet which sailed north returned, two torpedo boats having been damaged by collision. It will be impossible for the United States to obtain reliable information of the arrival of all or a part of the fleet at the Canary Islands, as the cable is controlled by Spain.

The war revenue bill passed the House today by vote of 181 to 129.

The regular troops began to move to the front, going to the Florida rendezvous at Tampa, which will be the point of embarkation for Cuba.

The gunboat "Nashville," one of the three ships blockading the port of Cienfuegos, on the south coast of Cuba, captured a valuable prize today—the large Spanish steamer "Argonauta," from Spain for Cienfuegos. On board were Col. Corijo, of the third Spanish cavalry; his lieutenant, surgeon major, seven other lieutenants, privates and non-commissioned officers. All were held as prisoners of war.

The "Nashville" also reports a brush between the blockading fleet at Cienfuegos and two torpedo boats and a torpedo-boat destroyer, in which the Spanish boats were compelled to retreat.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30.

The remainder of the Spanish fleet, which returned to St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, after sailing yesterday, sailed again this morning.

SUNDAY, MAY 1.

The first naval engagement of the war took place Sunday at Manila, Philippine Islands. Though official reports of the battle have not been received here, it is safe to say that it resulted in a decisive victory for the American fleet, under Commodore Dewey. It is safe to say this, because the only news received, which is through Spanish sources, admits Spanish defeat, with the loss of the best ships of the fleet, but does not mention the loss of a single American ship, dismissing the point with the mere statement that they "suffered severely."

Familiarity with Spanish press censorship, and Spanish reluctance to admit defeat, gives reason to believe that when official news of the battle is received here it will record a crushing defeat of the Spanish fleet. It is not reasonable to suppose that the unarmored or slightly protected vessels of the American fleet escaped without considerable damage in an engagement lasting several hours, but the failure of the Spanish despatches to report serious loss to our fleet is significant.

For lack of more reliable information concerning the battle, the official report of the governor of the Philippine Islands to the Spanish minister of war is here given:

"Last night, April 30, the batteries at the entrance to the port announced the arrival of the enemy's squadron, which was forcing a passage under the obscurities of night. At daybreak the enemy took positions, opening a strong fire against the fort at Cavite and the arsenal. Our fleet engaged the enemy in a brilliant combat, protected by the forts at Cavite and Manila, and obliged the enemy with heavy loss to change their position and manoeuvre repeatedly.

"At 9 o'clock the American squadron took refuge behind the foreign merchant shipping on the east side of the bay.

"Our fleet, considering the superiority of the enemy, naturally suffered severe loss. The 'Maria Christina' is afire. Another ship, supposed to be the 'Don Juan de Austria,' was blown up. There was considerable loss of life. 'Capt. Cadarso, commanding the 'Maria Christina,' is among the killed."

Later reports were received to the effect that Admiral Dewey followed up his advantage Monday, and succeeded in occupying Manila, but these reports lack confirmation.

The American fleet at the Philippines consisted of the protected cruisers "Olympia," 5,870 tons; "Baltimore," 4,413 tons; "Raleigh," 3,213 tons; "Boston," 3,000 tons; the gunboats "Concord," 1,710 tons; "Petrel," 892 tons. The exact number and names of the Spanish fleet are not known, but the best fighting ships of the fleet were the "Reina Christina," 3,520 tons; "Castilla," 3,342 tons; "Don Juan de Austria," "Velasco," "Don Antonio de Ulloa," each of 1,152 tons. Besides these there were numerous gun-boats.

The Spanish fleet at Manila probably outnumbered the American fleet two or perhaps three to one, but was not equal to it in armament.

The Philippine Islands is a colony in the Malay archipelago, 600 miles from the coast of China. It is composed of 1,200 islands, aggregating 114,326 square miles, or nearly twice the area of the New England states, and more than three times the area of Cuba. The estimated population is 7,000,000. Manila is the largest city and the capital of the colony. Its population is 270,000.

MONDAY, MAY 2.

Japan has declared neutrality. The Spanish fishing schooner "Antonio Y. Pasco" was captured by the gunboat "Castine" today.

TUESDAY, MAY 3.

China issued decree of neutrality today.

Turkey has officially notified the U. S. minister at Constantinople that it will maintain neutrality.

J. MONTGOMERY SEARS' GIFT.

J. Montgomery Sears, of Boston and Bar Harbor, has given his yacht "Varuna" to the navy department as a patrol boat in Boston harbor. The "Varuna" is 81.4 feet long, 16.1 feet wide, and draws 8.4 feet of water. Her tonnage is 57. She was built in Boston in 1893.

BAR HARBOR FORTIFICATIONS. Major Hoxie, government engineer, visited Bar Harbor last week to select locations for the proposed fortifications. He selected Schooner Head, Egg Rock and Turtle Island as the most advantageous

sites, commanding the entire entrance to the bay. There was no difficulty in securing the land. The points will be strongly fortified at once. The best long-range, heavy rifled guns will be used, and competent men will be placed in charge of them.

BATH SHIP "SHENANDOAH" SAFE.

The Bath ship "Shenandoah," reported captured by Spain, arrived safely at Liverpool Thursday. A tug met the "Shenandoah" off the south coast of Ireland, and towed her to Point Lynas for \$1,500. Capt. Murphy, of the "Shenandoah," was unwilling to risk her being intercepted. Her cargo of wheat is worth \$250,000.

ANOTHER POWDER MILL EXPLOSION. The Atlantic powder works at Dover, N. J., were wrecked Thursday by an explosion. Six men were killed. The entire plant is destroyed. Rumor that explosion was caused by Spanish spy seems unfounded.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE NAVY.

The Naval Appropriation bill, which has been agreed upon in Congress, appropriates \$57,000,000, and provides for three powerful sea-going battleships, four coast defense monitors, sixteen torpedo boat destroyers, and twelve torpedo boats.

THE "PARIS" SAFE.

The American line steamer "Paris," which is to be converted into an auxiliary cruiser, and about which much anxiety was felt, arrived in New York Saturday. She saw no signs of Spanish warships. The captain took a different course than usual.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

The thirty-five passengers on the captured steamer "Panama" will be held as prisoners of war. They left New York with intentions of belligerency, not of keeping the neutrality, one of the men being on the way to join the Spanish army.

THE "OREGON" AT RIO JANEIRO.

The U. S. battleship "Oregon," bound around the Horn from the Pacific to join the Atlantic fleet, arrived at Rio Janeiro, Brazil, Saturday evening.

The safe arrival of the "Oregon" at Rio is a relief. This is well north of Buenos Ayres, where the Spanish torpedo cruiser "Temerario" has been laying for the purpose, it was feared, of taking the "Oregon" unawares. The "Oregon" should make the run from Rio Janeiro to Key West in two weeks.

THE "TOPEKA" ARRIVES.

The U. S. cruiser "Topeka," formerly the "Diogenes," one of the new acquisitions of the navy, arrived in New York from England Sunday. She saw no Spanish vessels, and the trip across was uneventful but rough.

MOBILIZING MAINE TROOPS.

Maine's national guard, consisting of two regiments of infantry, a signal corps and an ambulance corps, went into camp at Augusta Monday. All but two companies of the second regiment are in camp, and they will arrive Wednesday.

The camp is in command of Col. Kendall, of the first regiment, and contains about 1,800 men. The troops arrived by special trains Monday afternoon and were enthusiastically welcomed. The city was gay with bunting, business was practically suspended. Salutes were fired and bells rung.

A grand parade, led by Uniform Rank, K. of P., and Canton Augusta, with three bands and the full force of men, with distinguished guests, took place at 6:30 p. m.

It is stated that the first Maine regiment will be ordered South if needed, and the second regiment will remain for the protection of Maine coast cities.

THE SHORE LINE.

About 1,500 Men on Work Between Ellsworth and Machias.

There are about 1,500 men on Contractor Kenefick's division of the Washington county railroad. The work is well covered, except on Whitney & Cass' contract near Machias. Contractor Kenefick started yesterday for a trip over the line.

Several contractors from Bangor and Oldtown went on the work this week. Among them were Spencer & McDonald, George T. Fowler, A. F. Lambert and Goodin & Parada. Each of these brought on about twenty men, with teams.

One hundred more men are expected for this end of the line this week.

WEST FRANKLIN, April 30 (special).—Railroading in Franklin is certainly not as brisk as we have been led to believe it would be. The trouble with sub-contractors has not helped the people to place the confidence in them in the future as they have in the past.

Sherman Scammon is working a small crew on the unfinished piece, commenced under the supervision of Mr. Smith. The bridge contractor is doing some work in his line west of this place.

Prominent Calais Man Killed.

Charles D. Hill, senior member of Hill, Pike & Co., wholesale grocers, of Calais, was accidentally shot and killed Saturday. He was handling a loaded revolver and in some way it was discharged, inflicting a fatal wound.

Mr. Hill was a member of the board of aldermen last year and was well known throughout the State. He was eminent commander of Hugh DePayan's Commandery, Knights Templar. He leaves a widow.

Pres. Hutchison, E. M. C. S., Resigns. Rev. W. A. Hutchison has resigned the presidency of the East Maine conference seminary at Bucksport, to accept a position at West Chester, Pa. Mr. Hutchison came to the seminary at the opening of the fall term 1897, and has given the best of satisfaction. He will be succeeded by Rev. J. F. Haley, of Dexter, formerly a teacher in the seminary.

Suffrage Conference Postponed.

On account of the disturbed condition of public affairs and the suspension of business in consequence of the war, the officers of the National Suffrage association have thought best to indefinitely postpone all of the New England conferences, including that to have been held in Portland May 13 and 14.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Long Session But Little Business—Rolls Passed.

The regular meeting of the board of aldermen was held Monday evening. It was a long session, lasting from 7 to 11:30 o'clock, but little out of the routine order of business was transacted. The full board was present.

COMPLAINTS AND PETITIONS.

After the reading and approval of the minutes, the clerk read a batch of complaints and petitions which had been presented. They were disposed of as follows:

Complaint of condition of sidewalk on Birch avenue, and petition asking that the walk be relaid from State street to the house of Moses I Mayo, at head of Birch avenue. Referred to committee on streets.

Petition for new sidewalk on Waltham road at the Falls. Referred to committee on streets.

Petition for new sidewalk on Bangor road at Falls. Referred to committee on streets.

Petition for acceptance as a public highway of the private way known as Pond avenue, running through Pond estate parallel with State street about 100 feet in length. Referred to full board.

Petition for new street running easterly from Water street near H. B. Phillips' brick kiln, and turning north from a continuation of Hancock street. Referred to full board.

Complaint of F. B. Aiken of damage to his property at corner of Oak street and Birch avenue by diverted water course. Referred to full board.

MEAT AND MILK INSPECTOR.

The salary of the inspector of meat and milk was fixed at \$25 per year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Ald. Lord, of the committee on fire department, to which was referred the question of purchasing a new hose carriage for City hose company, made an informal report. He said the hose carriage now owned by the Dirigo club could be purchased for \$50, and about \$12 more would put it in good shape. He thought the two-wheel carriage would be more acceptable to the company than a four-wheel hose wagon. The committee favored the purchase of the Dirigo carriage. The committee is empowered to take such action.

ROLLS OF ACCOUNTS.

The rolls of accounts were passed as follows:

STREET COMMISSIONER'S ROLL.  
Highways.....\$401.60  
Sidewalks.....143.45  
Total.....\$545.05

ROLL OF ACCOUNTS NO. 3.

| FUND.                  | NAME.                                | AMOUNT.  |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Contingent.            | Campbell Pub Co.,                    | \$ 7.50  |
|                        | A E Higgins,                         | 2.00     |
|                        | C R Foster,                          | 2.00     |
|                        | Francis M McGowan,                   | 2.00     |
|                        | Charles E Higgins,                   | 8.00     |
|                        | Edwin M Moore,                       | 4.00     |
|                        | A F Patten,                          | 4.00     |
|                        | O W Tapley,                          | 6.00     |
|                        | L F Hooper,                          | 7.50     |
|                        | A M Hopkins,                         | 6.44     |
|                        | F E Morang,                          | 2.00     |
|                        | John A Lord,                         | 2.00     |
|                        | George S Ober,                       | 6.00     |
|                        | T F Mahoney,                         | 12.00    |
|                        | D E Hurley,                          | 12.00    |
|                        | C C Burrill & Son,                   | 11.25    |
|                        | George H Grant,                      | 26.25    |
|                        | G H Brooks,                          | 2.00     |
|                        | Byron Jameson,                       | 1.48     |
| Fire Dept.,            | E E Doyle,                           | 6.35     |
| Insane Poor,           | Timothy Donovan,                     | 15.10    |
|                        | Josiah Williams,                     | 44.00    |
| Police,                | Timothy Donovan,                     | 45.00    |
|                        | Hiram C Lord,                        | 45.00    |
|                        | Wm E Harrington,                     | 1.50     |
| Library,               | C I Welch,                           | 26.90    |
|                        | F E Tilden,                          | 6.33     |
| Electric light,        | Ells Elect Light Co.,                | 12.10    |
|                        | Ellsworth Electric Illuminating Co., | 112.90   |
| Supt of Schools,       | E L Moore,                           | 34.72    |
| Text-book,             | E L Moore,                           | 2.10     |
| High School,           | Charles S Thurler,                   | 7.50     |
| School-house,          | A H Maddocks,                        | 8.50     |
|                        | Jos W Nason,                         | 8.44     |
|                        | George H Walker,                     | 2.00     |
|                        | Charles S Thurler,                   | 1.70     |
|                        | Whitcomb, Haynes & Co.,              | 4.00     |
| Total,                 |                                      | \$508.56 |
| TEACHERS' SALARY ROLL. |                                      | \$701.50 |
| City schools.....      |                                      | \$701.50 |
| High schools.....      |                                      | 181.00   |
| Total.....             |                                      | \$882.50 |

A ye and nay vote was called for on the question of cutting down bills of D. E. Hurley and T. F. Mahoney for services on board of registration, which bills were laid over from last meeting. The vote on the resolution to cut the bills was as follows: Yeas, Ald. Lord, Whitney, Smith, Staples; nays, Brady.

Meeting adjourned.

CHURCH NOTES.

FREE BAPTIST.

Rev. C. E. Woodcock, pastor. Friday, 7:30 p. m., prayer meeting. Sunday—Preaching at 2 p. m.; Sunday school at 3 p. m. Gospel service at 7 p. m. Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., Christian Endeavor meeting.

BAPTIST.

Rev. C. S. McLearn, pastor. Thursday, 7:30 p. m., monthly business meeting of Y. P. S. C. E. Friday, 7:30, week-day church prayer-meeting.

Sunday services—10:30, morning service; 12 m., Sunday school; 6 p. m., Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting; 7 p. m., praise and preaching service.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Rev. David L. Yale, pastor. Friday evening, 7:30, prayer meeting. Sunday morning worship at 10:30. Sermon by the pastor. Sunday school at 11:45. People's service at 7 o'clock.

Prominent Belfast Man Dead.

Albion K. Pierce, of Belfast, died Monday. He was one of Belfast's oldest and most respected business men. For thirty years he was superintendent of the Belfast gas company, and was several times a member of the city government. His age was seventy-six years.

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In another column may be found the advertisement of the Monumental Bronze Co., S. R. Johnson, 33 Park street, Bangor, is the agent for Hancock and Penobscot counties.—Advt.

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BORN.

BRIDGES—At Bucksport, April 28, to Mr and Mrs. Wiley Bridges, a daughter. EMERSON—At Ellsworth, May 1, to Mr and Mrs. Frank M. Emerson, a son. GRINDLE—At Bluehill, April 24, to Mr and Mrs. Henry C. Grindle, a daughter. GRINDLE—At Penobscot, April 27, to Mr and Mrs. John Grindle, a son. HOPKINS—At Tremont, April 25, to Mr and Mrs. James S. Hopkins, a daughter. JORDAN—At Ellsworth, May 4, to Mr and Mrs. Joseph Jordan, a daughter. PETTINGILL—At Waltham, May 2, to Mr and Mrs. Albert Pettingill, a daughter. SAUNDERS—At Surry, April 26, to Mr and Mrs. H. E. Saunders, a daughter. SPRAGUE—At Swan's Island, April 24, to Mr and Mrs. George A. Sprague, a daughter. SWAZEY—At Tremont, April 21, to Mr and Mrs. Joseph Swaze, a daughter.

MARRIED.

CHATTO—FOGG—At Freeport, April 16, Miss Margery Alice Chatto, of Surry, to Edwin Harris Fogg, of Freeport. FRANK—DYER—At Tremont, April 21, by George R. Fuller, esp., Miss Bertha L. Frank to Zelman Dyer, both of Ellsworth. KINGMAN—JELFORD—At Holden, April 25, by Rev. H. A. Freeman, Miss Adelaide Mary Kingman, of Otis, to George Wilson Jelford, of Holden. MAYO—ASH—At Eden, April 27, by Rev. C. F. Burdick, Miss Annie May Mayo, of Eden, to Edgar H. Ash, of Eastport. MOORE—J. L. ARNOLD—At Ellsworth, May 4, by Rev. E. L. Hunt, Miss Mildred E. Moore to Hugh A. Clark.

DIED.

ALLEN—At Mt Desert, April 25, Mrs. Sophia A. Allen, aged 69 years, 9 months, 17 days. BRIDGES—At Bucksport, May 1, Mrs. Maud E. Bridges, aged 21 years, 1 month. BRIDGES—At Bucksport, May 2, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs. Wiley E. Bridges, aged 4 days. CHENEY—At Ellsworth, May 3, Kaziah G. Cheney, wife of John Cheney, aged 64 years, 13 days. CLARK—At South Surry, April 29, Calvin C. Clark, aged 60 years, 8 months, 14 days. FOLEY—At Ellsworth, May 1, Dennis Foley, aged 5