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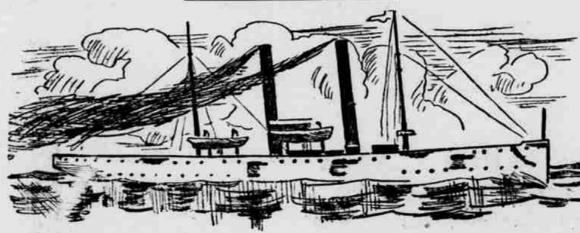
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SPANISH MERCHANT-MAN CAPTURED



THE GUN BOAT NASHVILLE.

South of Key West, by the U. S. Gun Boat Nashville, Loaded With Supplies for the Spaniards.

BOMBARDMENT OF HAVANA BY SAMPSON'S SQUADRON

Almost Hourly Expected by this Government—The Cruiser Alfonso XIII. Reported Sunk by U. S. Navy—President Has Signed the Proclamation Ordering Blockade of Cuban Ports—How the Spanish Merchantman Was Captured—England Pleased with the News from America and Her Bands Play "Yankee Doodle" in Honor of Her Sister Nation.

FIRST BOAT CAPTURED.

The Gunboat Nashville Takes Into Custody a Spanish Merchantman Which Nose Around it too Closely on the High Seas.

KEY WEST, April 22.—The first act of the Spanish-American war was the capture of the Spanish merchantman Buena Ventura by the United States light draft gunboat Nashville, 17 miles southwest of Key West at 7:05 this morning. The vessel was brought to Key West by a prize crew.

The steamer Buena Ventura reported captured off Key West this morning by American fleet-boat Cleopatra in March for Pascagoula. She arrived there on March 29, and sailed later for Pensacola, Florida, and a Holland.

LATER—KEY WEST (via Jacksonville, Fla.) The gunboat Nashville arrived in port at 10:30 today with the merchantman Buena Ventura of 2,000 tons, with food supplies abroad for the Spanish army. The Cubans are extremely excited and are now parading the streets and cheering for the United States.

The Buena Ventura, sighted off Key West, was captured shortly after 7 o'clock this morning. The fleet, at the time, was only a short distance from the shore. Smoke had appeared on the horizon, away to the westward, and by 5 o'clock it was plain that this came from the merchantman. By 7 o'clock she was seen to be a two-masted black hulled ship, with white upper works and black smoke stack, having the colors Spanish flag painted around it. A Spanish flag was flying above the staff rail. The ship had been sailing dead slow, say 6 knots, but at 7 o'clock, the Nashville suddenly lifted the line, and at full speed, headed toward the Spaniard. A moment later a gun was fired from the battery of the Nashville, and the shot struck the water a few hundred yards away. The Spaniard was half a mile from the Nashville, and she held her way, making no sign of having given the shot any attention. For two minutes the Nashville held her way in the chase, and then tried another shot that passed untried within a rod of the Spaniard's bow and clipped spray from the crest of the waves for a mile or so beyond. The officer on the Spaniard's bridge at once reversed her engines, while a man ran aft and hastily lowered her flag. At 7:50 the Nashville brought up alongside, notwithstanding the fact the every gun, big and little, in the starboard broadside pointed at her. Then a whaleboat lowered, and Ensign Magruder with a boarding crew of six men, was sent to take charge of the prize. She was found to be the Buena Ventura, plying between New York, Havana and West Indian ports. She had a cargo of lumber on her deck forward, but will be stowed so as to give her a list to port. Meantime the torpedo boat boats had run down in the wake of the Nashville, and brought up beside the Buena Ventura. For the next half hour there was a good deal of filling and backing.

When the vessel stopped, Ensign Magruder went aboard and notified the captain that his ship was a prize of war, and then took possession

FIERY CABINET MEETING.

Today's Session, the First Since War Orders Were Issued—Proclamation of the President Will be Issued as Soon as the Blockade of Cuban Ports is Effectuated.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Today's cabinet meeting will likely be a fiery one. It is the first since the war orders were issued. At a special session of the president's advisers yesterday the order was issued under which the North Atlantic squadron is now on its way to blockade the ports of Cuba. Perhaps before the day's meeting adjourns the blockade will have become an accomplished fact. The president can hardly be officially advised of this in time to announce it to the assembled cabinet, as it will be necessary for Captain Sampson, commander of the North Atlantic squadron, to send a despatch boat back to Key West with the message to be flashed over a special wire direct into the president's office in the white house. As soon as that despatch comes, however, whether it be today, tonight or tomorrow, it will be immediately followed by the president's proclamation announcing to the world that the blockade of the island of Cuba has been effected. The effect of the blockade on neutral nations will be that its armed vessels may enter and depart from such ports, and its merchant vessels in port at time of blockade will be given reasonable time for leaving. Otherwise the blockade will be strictly enforced upon the principles of international law recognized by all nations.

This proclamation will mark the actual beginning of armed hostilities between the United States and Spain. Spanish-Cuba will not hold out long, naval men think, but even those of them who are experts in the art of war, are not so certain that the general conflict will be a brief or an unimportant affair.

CRUISER ALPHONSO XIII.

Reported Sunk by Our Navy. She is one of Spain's Best Cruisers.

KEY WEST, April 22.—It is reported here that the Spanish cruiser Alfonso XIII has been sunk by the North Atlantic squadron. No particulars as yet. The Monitor, Puritan and Terror will probably remain here to protect the Key, and the torpedo boats will be held to carry orders to the blockading fleet off Havana.

NOTE.—(The Alfonso XIII is considered among the first class cruisers of the Spanish navy. She has a displacement of 5,000 tons, and a speed of 20 knots an hour; 318 ft. 6-in. in length; 50 ft. 6-in. beam; 20 ft. draught. Her armament consist of four 7.5-inch, Honoria guns, six 4.7-inch, six 2.2-inch, six 1.4-inch, rapid fire, and 3 machine guns. She has 5 torpedo tubes, carries 1200 tons of coal, and is manned by 276 officers and seamen).—ED

CUBA BLOCKADED.

The North Atlantic Squadron Has Arrived at the Blockade.

KEY WEST, April 22.—The North Atlantic squadron sailed for Cuba this morning. The battleships Iowa and Indiana, the flagship New York and part of the cruisers sailed at 5:30 this morning. At six o'clock the cruiser Cincinnati and the monitor Amphitrite followed in their wakes.

Under the instructions given Captain Sampson, as commander in chief of the North Atlantic squadron, his vessels will not only blockade Havana, but will also blockade every other port of Cuba, both on the northern and southern coasts.

As Spain has sixty-four gunboats, torpedo boats, and armored launches in the West India waters, it will be necessary for our vessels to destroy them before the blockade will be effective.

Expect the Call Today.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The senate in executive session this morning agreed to a conference report of the volunteer army bill. After it has been signed by the presiding officers of the two houses it will be sent immediately to the president for his signature. The call for 100,000 volunteers is expected this afternoon.

Further Decline in Bonds.

LONDON, April 22.—Spanish four per cent bonds moved wildly in the market today. The market opened at the new low record of thirty and one-half, a decline of 1½ points from yesterday's closing price at 2 p. m. The Paris market is reported very nervous on the approach of war. General financial markets in London weak and feverish all along the line.

Gary's Successor.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—At the White House today, Charles Emory Smith, successor to Postmaster General Gary, was sworn in the presence of all the members of the cabinet. Justice Shiras of the supreme court, administered the oath. Mr. Gary was present but soon afterward took leave of his associates.

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SKAGWAY, Alaska, April 22.—Via Seattle, April 22.—The thawing ice in Lake Bennett is causing much alarm. The indications now are that the beginning of the spring thaw period so premature, will make the loss of property and many lives almost a certainty.

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Rumor Denied.

KEY WEST, April 22.—There is no truth in the report that the cruiser Alfonso XIII had been sunk.

"Teddy" Wants to Scrap.
WASHINGTON, April 22.—Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt has urged that the president today accept his resignation soon, in order that he may go immediately into active service. Roosevelt has tendered his services to the war department in any capacity, however humble. He says he is familiar with guns and pistols, and wants a chance to handle them. Secretary Alger will try to place him somewhere near the head of the column that invades Cuba.

Congress Dull.
WASHINGTON, April 22.—Nothing of importance occurred in congress this afternoon.

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