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MANILA WRECKED BY DEWEY'S GUNS

Report that the Place has Surrendered After an Awful Shelling.

The City Bombarded for Two Hours with Destructive Effect.

Cable Operators Abandoned Their Machines and Cables Were Cut.

Further Details of the Terrible Punishment Administered to the Spanish Fleet.

Manila, (Monday) May 2.—The American fleet, under command of Admiral Dewey, anchored in the bay at five o'clock Sunday morning, and anchored at a distance from Cavite forts. The latter opened fire on the Americans and were supported by the Spanish warships, which were anchored under the forts.

Admiral Dewey then ordered the squadron close in shore and delivered an awful cannonade, using guns of all calibres for thirty minutes. He then withdrew beyond the range of the smaller guns and poured shell from the big guns upon the Spaniards, inflicting hideous damage.

The Spaniards, though greatly weakened, continued to reply. Admiral Dewey, therefore, closed in again, and renewed his ceaseless cannonade.

After the fight had continued an hour and a half the Spanish squadron was practically annihilated and all the forts were silenced.

Three of the Spanish warships were on fire, one had sunk, and others were riddled and helpless. The loss of men is not known, but it cannot be doubted that it was very heavy.

The resistance of the Spaniards was admirably stubborn, but they were out-matched. Nevertheless they did not yield nor did they strike a single flag.

After a lapse of a few hours Admiral Dewey, who had retired to the west

side of the bay when the Spaniards ceased to reply to his fire, returned to Cavite. He was received with some shots from the land forts, whereupon he again opened fire on them with a furious torrent of projectiles. In a short time he silenced them, apparently rendering them totally useless.

Then Admiral Dewey demanded a complete surrender of the city fortifications, munitions and stores. The governor refused to surrender.

When informed of the refusal Admiral Dewey notified the governor he would give him twenty-four hours in which to clear out, after the expiration of which time he would bombard the city. This notice expires at half past eleven Tuesday morning.

I have not yet been able to learn the

loss of the Americans but their fleet appears to be as fit as ever. The scene during the cannonade was terrific but magnificent. The incessant roar of the heavy guns, with the sharper retort of the quick-firing weapons, combined to make an overpowering and hellish din which re-echoed from all sides of the land-locked bay.

Not the least admirable feature of the attack was the astonishing acquaintance of the American navigating officers with the waters of the bay.

SPANISH JOY

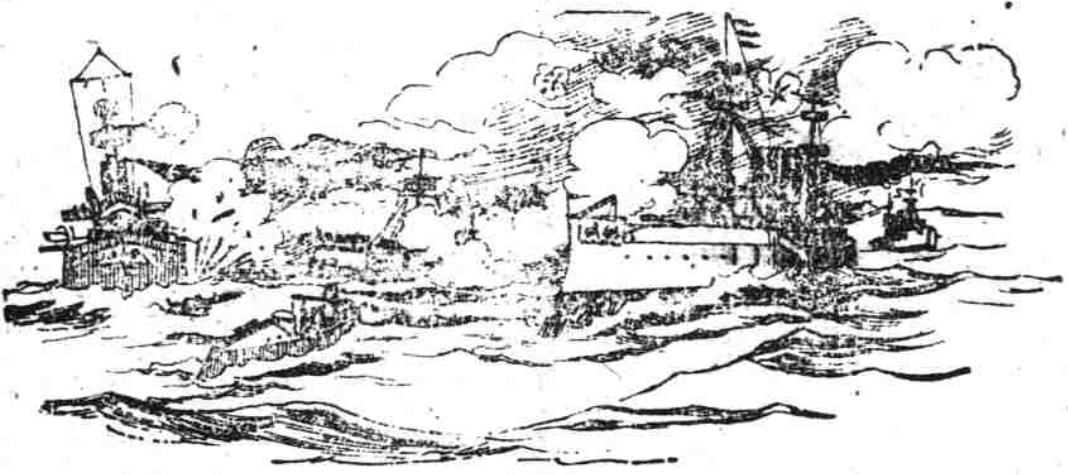
Has Turned to Fiercest Indignation Since the Truth is Known

Madrid, May 2.—The spirit of false elation prevailing here yesterday, based on ministerial misrepresentations regarding the battle at Manila, has yielded to great indignation now that the true facts are known.

The people have become fully aware that the Spanish squadron is lost and that the situation is hopeless.

They expect momentarily to hear that Manila has been captured.

The continued withholding of the whole truth and of the losses sustained



THE ASIATIC FLEET IN ACTION.

are goading the populace into a dangerous temper. Exhortations to calmness only increase the impatience. The public is realizing now that they have been bamboozled. They are seeking for a scapegoat, and Moret, minister of colonies, has been chosen as the victim.

Mobs today have repeatedly tried to assault Moret's house, and have only been prevented by a strong police force. Similar precautions have been taken at the residences of other ministers and the government buildings. The troops are being kept in the barracks under surveillance.

Madrid, May 2.—The government will establish martial law if the Spaniards' fury over their defeat continues.

DETAILS SENT TO MADRID

But Suppressed by the Authorities There.

Spanish Loss Set Down at Four Hundred.

Madrid, May 2.—Long dispatches from Admiral Montijo, commander of the late Spanish squadron at Manila, were received this afternoon. They doubtless give details of the losses sustained by the Spaniards but the government will not make the contents public.

A semi-official statement put down the Spanish loss ashore and afloat at only 400 killed and wounded.

It is reported that Sagasta has informed the queen regent that the fortifications at Cavite have been razed by the enemy and that the unfortified part of Manila is burning. The cabinet held a meeting this evening.

It is believed the ministers have decided to accept the inevitable and to cable the governor of the Philippines to comply with Dewey's ultimatum.

THE BOMBARDMENT

New York, May 3, 2 a. m.—A special dispatch from London received in this city at 4 p. m. stated that Manila had surrendered, after the bombardment of the city had lasted two hours. The dispatch, however, lacked confirmation especially when it was learned from later advices from Hong Kong that the cable to Manila had not been working since some time after the beginning of the bombardment. There are still great crowds before the newspaper bulletin boards on City Hall square, and the most intense anxiety to learn the outcome of Dewey's attempt to affect an entrance to the Philippine city.

All advices agree that none of the American ships had been seriously injured up to the time they entered the harbor yesterday morning, though there was some loss of life aboard them in Sunday's engagement.

Hong Kong (Monday afternoon), May 2.—At the time of sending this dispatch Commodore Dewey is hotly engaged with the forts on Corregidor island in Manila bay. The cable to Manila stopped working at noon.

It is reported here that the operators in Manila asked leave to quit in view of the impending bombardment of the city as the cable office is in an exposed position.

Electrical experiments show that the cable has been cut at or near Manila.

INSURGENTS ASSISTED

London, May 2.—Reports at the British colonial office confirm the reports of Dewey's annihilation of the Spanish fleet. He demands the surrender of the city and the cable office otherwise he will bombard the city.

His demands are rejected and bombardment has begun. The insurgents are attacking the city in the rear. The British consul, at the solicitation of the Spanish authorities, has gone to Dewey to ascertain his most favorable terms. The operators have deserted the cable office as shells are bursting around it. The Spanish surrender is momentarily expected. Yesterday's engagement lasted two hours.

New York, May 2.—The Central cable office has been officially informed that the cable between Hong Kong and Manila is interrupted.

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IMPORTANT CAPTURE IN CUBAN WATERS

Spanish Steamer With Officers and One Hundred Men Taken in Charge.

Rescue Attempted by Nine Small Spanish War Vessels But Without Success.

Reports of Capture Delayed on Account of Stormy Weather—The Torpedo Boat Porter's Fine Performance.

Key West, May 2.—The gunboat Nashville is now coming here to report the capture of the valuable Spanish mail steamer Venezuela, and the brief encounter between three American warships and nine Spanish gunboats.

The story of the adventures of the blockading division on the south shore of Cuba, as learned by the correspondent aboard your yacht, under adverse circumstances owing to the rough weather, is that at 2 o'clock last Friday the cruiser Marblehead and the gunboat Nashville and converted yacht were cruising to and fro off the mouth of the harbor of Cienfuegos on the south coast. They were lying rather close in because of gunboats being seen inside, and they hoped the latter might yet be nagged into coming out and making a fight, although fruitless efforts to make them do so had been steadily maintained since Sunday.

Shortly after 2 o'clock a strange steamer was seen to the westward. The Nashville being the nearest was sent on a tour of investigation. A little later the stranger was seen to turn and run. She was already within range and a solid shot following a blank one brought her to.

Meantime the Eagle, which was nearest the harbor, saw a torpedo gunboat coming out and went for a look at her. The Eagle was fired on from shore and the gunboats. The fire was returned by the Eagle's four 6-pounders and the Spaniard returned into the harbor.

On boarding the Venezuela the Nashville found her to be a mail steamer from Havana bound to Cienfuegos with mails, dispatches, etc. Among the passengers were General Vincent De Cortejo and staff, in all ten officers, with one hundred soldiers and about thirty passengers. The latter were put ashore, but the general and staff were detained as prisoners of war.

While transferring the mails to the Nashville the torpedo gunboat was seen coming out of the harbor once more with two smaller gunboats, while a half dozen other small affairs were seen inside. The three opened fire on the Eagle, which still guarded the harbor. When the Marblehead went to aid the Eagle the Nashville also opened fire and sent a dozen shots. The shots from the Marblehead and the Eagle were not counted. Several are supposed to have struck the Spanish ships but they fled as soon as the Marblehead started to help the Eagle, and the effects of the shots were not seen from the Nashville.

When the passengers had been land-

ed from the Venezuela it was learned that her coal was about exhausted. The Marblehead was compelled to tow her to Key West.

Shortly after the Nashville started from the station off Havana for Key West there was sighted a man-of-war superior to the Nashville. The crew was sent flying to quarters, and the gun aimed at the stranger, which later proved to be the British gunboat Talbot bound south.

THE PORTER'S CHASE

Key West, May 2.—The little torpedo boat Porter, Captain Fremont in command, had a lively chase after three Spanish gunboats while scouting last Friday east of Havana. Toward dusk when the Porter was far in shore she sighted three gunboats, which appeared to be converted tugboats.

Fremont started to catch them. When within four miles of the enemy the latter took to their heels. The water was so shallow that the Porter had to slow down. Seeing she could not catch the enemy Fremont opened fire with the one-pounders but the distance was too great. The Spaniards answered as they fled. They finally ran under the shelter of small batteries and were safe.

Key West, May 2.—The Spanish steamship Argonata, with mails, an army general and twenty-eight officers was taken today by the Nashville and Marblehead off Cienfuegos.

Nine gunboats attempted a rescue but were repulsed.

IN THE HOUSE

Urgent Deficiency Bill of \$34,000,000 Passed—

Conference Report Adopted

Washington, May 2.—The urgent deficiency appropriation of about \$34,000,000, which was recommended last week by the secretary of war to meet the extra expenses to be incurred in the remaining months of the fiscal year was passed by the house without a division. All the members of the committee on appropriations supported it.

The conference report on the naval appropriation bill was agreed to without debate, thus disposing of the measure.

NORTH CAROLINA GEMS.

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- One lot of 5 gems at \$1.50 each.
- One lot of 5 gems at \$2.00 each.
- One lot of 5 gems at \$2.50 each.—Sold.
- One lot of 3 gems at \$4.00 each.
- One gem for \$5.00.

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