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SAMPSON SETS SAIL

His Monitors and Battleships put to sea under Sealed Orders.

The Oregon, Marietta and Nichteroy are now also on the Ocean,

Where the Warships of Spain may be Waiting to Engage them in Battle.

Alleged Purpose of Sampson's Fleet to Take a Hand in the Conflict or to Draw the Spaniards into a Battle that will Leave the Oregon Free from the Dangers of an Unequal Contest.

Key West, May 4.—Admiral Sampson has sailed from Key West with the armor clad vessels of his fleet. No information as to his destination is made public, and it is understood he is acting on secret orders from Washington. The ships took on a full supply of coal at this port, and were prepared for a long voyage.

It is believed that the monitors and battleships are proceeding to the southern coast of Cuba to intercept the Spanish fleet which left the Cape Verde Islands several days ago. The plan of the navy department, it is understood, is to protect the Oregon, Marietta and Nichteroy on their journey northward, as well as our coast cities by keeping an advance guard of auxiliary cruisers far out to sea. Upon the appearance of the Spanish fleet the news will be carried by these swift ships to Admiral Sampson, and his movements will be directed by the course of the enemy. Should it be the intention of the Spaniards to head off the Oregon the battleships will proceed under full steam to meet the Oregon before she sights the Spanish fleet. Should the destination of the Spaniards be Porto Rico an effort will be made to engage them at sea before fresh supplies can be taken aboard or the damages of the sea voyage repaired.

Washington, Preparations for a long distance naval campaign are being made by the navy department in anticipation of advices that the Spanish fleet has appeared off the coast of Brazil in the vicinity of Porto Rico. The most significant feature of the preparatory arrangements is the provisional purchase of eleven colliers. With full coal bunkers on the warships and the enormous quantity of coal carried by the transports of Sampson's fleet would be able to steam around the world in pursuit of the enemy. This is considered in connection with the belief of the naval administration that the Spanish fleet intends to lie off Brazil to head off the Oregon, Marietta and Buffalo, and to await there the warships now being fitted out at Cadiz.

The arrangements indicate the intention clearly of sending American warships to the enemy's deep sea base of operations.

It is not improbable that Sampson has gone with his ironclads to the vicinity of Cape Strouge, which is the nearest westward point which could be reached by the Spanish fleet.

Washington, May 4.—The strategy

board has been today considering the best course to pursue with reference to the Spanish fleet which is now westward bound from the Cape Verde Islands. The proposition was submitted and discussed that this fleet must either be met on the high seas and annihilated or we must seize Porto Rico and thus throw the Spanish base of supplies across the Atlantic ocean.

Many efforts are being made by officers to satisfactorily account for the failure of the first detachment of troops to start to Cuba on schedule time. It is believed that the plans have been changed.

Madrid, May 4.—A dispatch from Blanco says that the American warships have reappeared on the north coast of Cuba.

Key West, May 4.—Admiral Sampson was advised this morning that a conjunction has been effected between the United States and General Gomez. The fleet sailed soon after the information was received.

Washington, May 4.—The contemplated landing of armed forces in the Philippines and Cuba will not be carried into effect until the government has received advices in regard to the exact situation in the far east and the whereabouts of the Spanish fleet which recently left St. Vincent. The army administration, however, has not delayed the preparations begun a week ago for sending an expedition to Cuba, and there has been no cessation in the preliminary steps for starting an expedition for Manila. The postponement in sending troops from Tampa is not necessarily for a long time. At the moment the government learns that the Cape Verde fleet is at a point sufficiently remote from the island to preclude the possibility of its reaching Cuban waters, the transport will leave at once with troops.

The expedition to the Philippines is less dependent on information that the government wants to learn to what extent the American fleet in Asiatic waters has weakened Spain's means of defense, as on this will depend the number of troops to be sent and the amount of the stores. The officials think Porto Rico should also be occupied by troops and it is probable that an expedition will go there after a Cuban base has been established, provided the whereabouts of the Spanish fleet is satisfactory.

London, May 4.—A dispatch to the Times from Rio Janeiro says the U. S. Warships Oregon and Marietta, having filled their coal bunkers, sailed for home this morning. The Nichteroy, recently purchased from Brazil, will sail tonight. Brazil has not declared coal contraband of war.

INVASION DELAYED.

Tampa, May 4.—The departure of the army of invasion has been again delayed owing to orders from Washington.

Preparations had been about completed to leave for Cuba. Six transports are now here ready to move the troops. How long the delay will be nobody here knows.

Tampa, May 4.—It is reported tonight that the Cuban troops now recruiting here under Colonel Nunez will be reviewed by a member of General Shafter's staff and thereby be officially recognized. It is said at the review there will be turned over to Nunez 5,000 regulation uniforms, 25,000 rifles, 5,000,000 rounds of ammunition and 1,500 horses. A part of the equipment is for the soldiers now in Cuba under Gomez, who are not properly equipped. A riot is momentarily expected here, caused by the arrest of a negro soldier by the local authorities. His comrades threaten to take him out of jail and the sheriff has sworn in one hundred extra deputies.

ANOTHER SPY.

Philadelphia, May 4.—A Spanish spy was captured this morning while tampering with the magazines of the St. Paul, which vessel is now in Cramp's shipyard.

THE BATTLE AT MANILA

Reports of the Damage Done to our Ships Received at the Mare Island Navy Yard.

The Baltimore Bore the Brunt of the Terrible Fight and Her Losses were Heavy.

Two Hundred of her Crew Killed or Wounded—Concord and Petrel Badly Damaged.

Valejo, Cal., May 4.—Late tonight your correspondent succeeded in getting inside information bearing on the Manila affair. He was informed that late this evening Admiral Kirkland received a telegram in cipher that two hundred men were killed or wounded on the Baltimore, she having undergone the heaviest shock of the battle, and that the Olympia, with torpedoes, destroyed the shore fortifications and abutments.

Officers here believe that the loss on the Baltimore is very serious, and are unable to explain it except that the ship is regarded as unlucky by sailors, and they deserted in large numbers since her last trip to San Francisco. Many know her and would not ship on the cruise. She carries normally about three hundred men, hence her loss as reported at this yard would practically cripple her.

Color is given to this belief by telegraphic orders, which came to Admiral Kirkland today. He was told to have Paymaster Saton prepare stores of provisions and necessities for 2,000 men for three months.

Certain merchant vessels at San Francisco have been chartered to carry coal and ammunition under convoy of the Charleston. In fact Admiral Kirkland was free to admit tonight that this station will be taxed heavily to meet the exigencies of the occasion.

San Francisco, May 4.—Reports from Mare Island navy yard tonight from good authority said Admiral Kirkland received today a cipher message from the navy department saying Dewey had sent a brief cable from Hong Kong giving the losses in the Manila fight as fifty killed and a hundred wounded.

The report also says that the Concord and Petrel were badly damaged, especially in the upper works. Dewey asked for a hospital ship, 2,000 men and supplies for three months.

NO REPORT YET

New York, May 4.—No message from Admiral Dewey had been received in Washington up to 6 o'clock despite the fake reports. It is impossible to tell when it will come.

LONG DOESN'T KNOW A THING.

Washington, May 4.—Just before he retired for the night, shortly before 9 o'clock, Secretary Long said to a re-

porter, after telephoning to the department for the latest information, that no report had been received from Dewey. The secretary intimated he did not expect a report tonight.

Berlin, May 4.—A Madrid dispatch to the Cologne Gazette says that the last telegram from Manila prior to the interruption of the cable was sent by the proprietor of a Manila newspaper, who said a shell had fallen in his printing works and destroyed the machinery and building.

SAGASTA INTERVIEWED

Declares Nothing Wrong with Philippine Defenses.

Madrid, May 4.—In an interview today Sagasta emphatically denied that there was anything amiss with the defenses of the Philippines. He declared that Manila was well defended with modern guns and that there were plenty of skilled gunners. The total garrison of the city was 8,000. He attributes the success of Dewey's plans to natural causes, against which it was impossible to guard. He declares the absence of news from Manila to be the most disquieting feature of the situation.

HAWAII IS WILLING

Honolulu, April 27 (via San Francisco).—It is believed that President Dole has sent a communication to President McKinley offering to transfer the Hawaiian Islands to the United States for the purposes of war with Spain and to furnish the American ships of war in the Pacific waters with large quantities of coal supplies and ammunition.

This action was taken by the executive just after a secret conference with the Hawaiian cabinet, which was called to discuss the position to be assumed by the government.

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DISORDER IN SPAIN

Queen May Resign to Avert Threatened Trouble from the Anti-Dynastic Movement.

Rioting Yesterday in Many of the Larger Spanish Cities.

Mob of the Discontented Apply the Torch in Taravara.

London, May 4.—A special dispatch to the Chronicle from Vienna says the family of the queen regent are seriously considering the idea of her resigning the regentship with a view to averting the anti-dynastic movement and saving the throne for her son. All information from Madrid indicates the nearness of a crisis in the government. The city is strongly guarded, all public buildings being surrounded by police buildings being surrounded by mobs of the smouldering discontent.

Madrid, May 4.—Advices from different parts of the country show no abatement in the spirit of discontent. Bread riots today at Gijon were so violent that troops were called out. The mob was stubborn and troops fired on them. This scattered them for a time, but they soon gathered again, artillery being necessary to clear the street. There were serious outbreaks this afternoon at Talvera, where a mob stoned the railway station and burned several cars and buildings. There was no disorder in Madrid.

MARTIAL LAW AT VALENCIA.

Valencia, May 4.—Martial law has been proclaimed here. It was necessary to call on the mounted police for assistance before the rioters could be dispersed. Bloody riots are reported from Seville, Valencia and Barcelona. A military dictator is imminent.

A SPANISH TRANSPORT

London, May 4.—A dispatch to Lloyd's from Barbadoes says a steamer belonging to the Spanish trans-Atlantic line arrived there today with a considerable number of troops on board. She secured a supply of water, after which she was allowed to leave.

The dispatch makes no mention of the steamer's destination.

SPANIARDS ARREST A BRITISH CONSUL

Kingston, Jamaica, May 4.—The British consulate at Santiago has been besieged by a mob. The consul was compelled to fire in self defence and was promptly arrested by Spanish officials. Three British warships have been ordered there.

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