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## STILL NO WORD COMES FROM DEWEY

Though Despatches Received at London from China Continue to Report the Capture and Destruction of Manila.

At Washington it is Declared that no Information has Come from Manila Since the Bombardment Began on Monday.

Washington, May 6.—The air was full of rumors today about the condition of affairs at Manila, but despite all assertions to the contrary high officials insist that not a line has come from Dewey since he sailed from Hong Kong. Secretary Long has assured your correspondent that he is without advice. He has directed the officers of the bureau of navigation to furnish the press the report of Dewey as soon as it is translated from the secret cipher without regard to the hour of day or night.

### HONG KONG DISPATCH.

Hong Kong, May 6.—News from Manila is awaited with intense interest here, but up to the time of sending this dispatch, 10.30 p. m., nothing has been heard regarding affairs there since the destruction of the Spanish fleet there by Admiral Dewey.

Two American ships have arrived from Manila, both of which sailed on April 23, two days before the declaration of war by the United States. Some time after they had cleared the harbor a Spanish gunboat started in pursuit but was not speedy enough to overhaul them.

### CABLE NOT WORKING

Hong Kong, May 6.—Communication between this city and Manila by cable is still closed.

### GREAT CONCERN IN ENGLAND.

London, May 6.—English and general European interest and impatience over the absence of news from Manila is almost as great as in America. The only facts from the Philippines that can reach Europe and America is over the cables of the Eastern Telegraph Company and your correspondent is informed that not a word of later date than Monday morning regarding the lines to the present writing.

London, May 6.—Private dispatches received in this city from Singapore confirms Commodore Dewey's capture of Manila.

### FIRST DESPATCH.

Washington, May 6.—Secretary Long received this morning the first dispatch from Hong Kong since the battle of Manila, which reads as follows: "Cortez, Rosairo, Donseaga and Basa, who are among the wealthiest families of the city of Manila, have tendered their allegiance and petitioned for citizenship."

This is accepted as meaning that Commodore Dewey is safe and that the Philippine islands are in his possession.

### SHANGHAI REPORT.

London, May 6.—The report that Commodore Dewey has bombarded Manila, killing a large number, has reached here. It was received here this morning as a cable message from Shanghai, and further than this there is nothing to prove the authenticity of the report.

### AMMUNITION FOR DEWEY.

Washington, May 6.—The navy department will ship 200,000 pounds of powder to Commodore Dewey to add to the stock he now has left. This with

the large number of 3-inch armor-piercing projectiles, shells and 6 and 5-inch rifle balls, will make the shipment of ammunition a very large one. The powder and shot together will give 500 rounds for the big guns and several thousand rounds for the rapid-fire rifles.

### RESTING ON ARMS AT TAMPA.

Tampa, May 6.—Great haste is being made in the final preparations at Port Tampa. Guns, ammunition and stores are to be put aboard the transports tomorrow, so that the troops and horses may be embarked without delay.

The men of General Shafter's command are practically resting on their arms; drills and inspections are daily held, but nothing outside the routine transpires. All sorts of rumors are afloat tonight concerning the departure of ships.

The Tampa Bay Hotel was exceedingly gay tonight. The Ninth infantry regiment band gave a concert on the veranda while a musicale for the benefit of the Cuban volunteers was given in the music hall of the hotel.

The hotel is the centre of life at present. Generals Shafter and Wade, of the United States army, and General Sanguilly, of the Cuban army, and members of their staffs are prominent among the numerous guests.

## FURIOUS STORM

Van Buren, Ark., May 6.—Water spots and tornadoes played havoc here last night. Houses were blown down and bridges swept away. The Arkansas river is twenty-five miles wide in places and four inches higher than in 1892, which was the highest on record. All night boats were busy in the bottoms rescuing thousands of inhabitants. It is feared many were drowned.

### TO FIRE AT SUNRISE.

Havana, May 6.—The monotony of the blockade is wearing on the men. The officers and crews of the fleet are rejoicing over Commodore Dewey's brilliant victory.

The Hornet reports that a Spanish flag is flying from a sand pit on the coast at the entrance to Matanzas and that two guns had been mounted there.

The Hornet has been ordered to fire at sunrise tomorrow and stop work on the fortifications.

Work has begun on many cane fields between Matanzas and Havana.

### NEWARK IN COMMISSION.

Newport News, May 6.—The cruiser Newark has been ordered into service. Captain Baker has been placed in command of the vessel.

### TOPEKA WILL SAIL.

Washington, May 6.—The Topeka, which was formerly the Diogenes, has been ordered to sail tomorrow.

### WATSON TAKES CHARGE.

Key West, May 6.—Watson's flag was today hoisted over the protected cruiser Cincinnati.

## LAFAYETTE IS RELEASED

The French Steamer Carried No Contraband of War.

Had Tried to Escape the Blockading Fleet.

Her Release Ordered by the Navy Department.

Key West, May 6.—The big French liner Lafayette, which was brought into Key West this morning by the Wilmington, was examined by the prize commission. No contraband of war was found on board, and under orders from the navy department Commodore Watson, of the blockading squadron, has been ordered to release her.

The Lafayette had left Corunna, Spain, April 23. Her capture was effected late yesterday afternoon. She was seen heading for Havana and was boarded by an officer of the Annapolis and warned not to enter the port. The gunboats Wilmington and Newport had come up. The warships were astonished when the Frenchman put on full steam and started straight for the entrance to Havana harbor. In a moment the crew of the Annapolis were at quarters and the muzzle of every gun of the starboard broadside was pointing at the runaway.

The big after gun sent a shot across her bow and the liner again stopped. After a long exchange of signals between the Annapolis and the Wilmington, boats, were sent to the stranger and the officers made an examination after reporting.

A prize crew was sent aboard the Lafayette. Then the captain protested again, and tried to frighten the Americans with the French flag and declared that the detention of the steamer would become an international episode.

### PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED

Washington, May 6.—The seizure of the French steamship Lafayette when attempting to run the blockade, excited the liveliest interest in diplomatic circles and the state department. Her release was ordered owing to a previous arrangement with the French embassy that she be allowed to touch at Havana en route to Vera Cruz to land passengers and mail and take off French citizens. This was only allowed on the understanding that no goods be landed.

## JEFFRIES WON

San Francisco, May 6.—Jim Jeffries, the young heavy weight of Los Angeles, got the decision over Tom Sharkey, the sailor pugilist, in a twenty-round fight tonight.

Sharkey was quicker and more aggressive but the superior weight and the well directed blows of Jeffries gave him the advantage all through.

### SAILED LAST NIGHT.

Key West, May 6.—The Lafayette sailed this evening for Havana under escort of the monitor Miantonomah.

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## FLEET'S LOCATION NOT YET KNOWN

Press Censorship at Key West Very Strict and No Information Allowed to Pass Through.

Believed that Sampson's Fleet is making for Porto Rico to Capture that Port.

Washington, May 6.—Nothing has been received by the administration to indicate the whereabouts of the Spanish fleet. The belief of naval strategists that the enemy had in view the interception of the Oregon and Marietta has not been changed, but it is now intimated that no surprise would be caused if an attempt to overcome the American ships occurred in the eastern extremity of the West Indies instead of off Brazil.

There is every reason to believe that Sampson with the ironclad division of his fleet is proceeding to Porto Rico in the hope of meeting the Spaniards in that vicinity. No importance is attached to the report that the Cape Verde fleet was seen somewhere off Barbadoes. Under the strict censorship at Key West and the strict guarding of news here there is no means of knowing what ships Sampson has. If Spain's ships return to the Canaries the capture of Porto Rico and the occupation of that place will follow immediately.

### FISHING FLEET WRECKED IN GALE

Norfolk, May 6.—A fleet of fishing schooners and dories, lying off this coast, suffered terribly in the storm of last Monday. The dories Mary and Carrie swamped and five men in them were drowned. The schooner Empire fouled the schooner Ella Johnson in trying to get clear of the fleet, and four men of the former and three of the latter were knocked overboard and drowned. It is feared that the schooner Mystery, with ten men who were on board, is lost.

### AMERICA PROTESTS.

Madrid, May 6.—A dispatch received here from Lisbon says that the American government has protested to Portugal against the dispatch of 900 cases of ammunition and a quantity of provisions for the Spanish fleet at St. Vincent, Cape Verde islands. The United States charges the shipment was made on April 23, two days after the American declaration of war.

### DU BOSQ LECTURES.

Toronto, May 6.—Senor DuBosc, late first secretary of the Spanish legation at Washington, lectured to 2,000 people tonight on the causes of the present war. The lecture was in aid of the Red Cross society work, and was delivered in a private capacity. The senior made a severe attack on the American people. He spoke of American senators as "border ruffians, whose illiterate boorishness is only equaled by their venality and ludicrously pompous conceit." He urged that American cupidity for conquest constituted a grave danger to Europe, Canada and Mexico, and concluded by contrasting the queen re-

gent of Spain with "the bloated politicians, whose countenances depict the lust that is in their hearts."

### CONGRESS WAITING.

Washington, May 6.—Congress is waiting on democratic senators. The Dingley revenue bill has been revised and there is hope for a joint resolution in favor of the annexation of Hawaii. The cabinet assembled at 11 o'clock this morning and decided to publish Commodore Dewey's report as soon as it is received, at whatever hour it may be. Rear Admiral Sampson's movements are still an official secret.

### SPANISH DECEPTION.

London, May 6.—Despatches received from Madrid say that the Spanish authorities are intimating that Commodore Dewey was entrapped by Spanish gunboats which were concealed outside the harbor of Manila. It is believed here that it is a foolish attempt on the part of the government to delude the infuriated populace.

### FROM JAPAN.

London, May 6.—A despatch from Shanghai published today purports to give a Japanese report of the battle of Manila, which says: "Commodore Dewey, after thrashing the Spanish fleet and silencing Cavite, bombarded Manila and the city was soon ablaze everywhere. The work of the Japanese resulted in great fatalities to Spanish residents."

### LEE GOES TO CUBA.

Washington, May 6.—Major General Sewell will command the volunteers to be mobilized at Washington. Major General Wheeler will be placed in command of another force of volunteers. General Fitzhugh Lee will go to Cuba.

### SMALL MUTINY.

Key West, May 6.—A small mutiny among the firemen and coalers occurred this morning. It was quickly and effectually suppressed. The Alamo sailed from here carrying a party of West Point engineers to Cuba.

### POWERS SNUBBED.

London, May 6.—England this morning snubbed the powers who are advocating intervention in the Spanish-American affairs.

### SCHOONER HALTED.

New York, May 6.—A Fort Hamilton gun put a shot across the bow of a schooner which tried to enter the harbor last night.

### QUEEN WILL NOT ABDICATE.

London, May 6.—The Spanish embassy denies that the queen regent will abdicate.

### GUNBOAT SAILS.

Buenos Ayres, May 6.—The Spanish gunboat, which has been at this port for some time, sailed this morning.

### TO ATTACK CANARIES.

London, May 6.—The admiralty has been officially advised from Washington to remove all British subjects from the Canaries. It is expected that Admiral Sampson will attack the islands.

### NORTH CAROLINA GEMS.

The rare beauties of nature, so well represented in Western North Carolina, are becoming better known every day as people who are better educated in the formation and utility of minerals have from time to time shown their appreciation of these gems by using them in all kinds of adornment.

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- One lot of 3 gems at \$2.00 each.—Sold.
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