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## FOR DEFENCE OF WATSON'S FLEET

The Flying Squadron and Sampson's Fleet Rapidly Steaming toward Key West.

Dispatch From Captain of Harvard Delayed Twenty-four Hours by French Authorities.

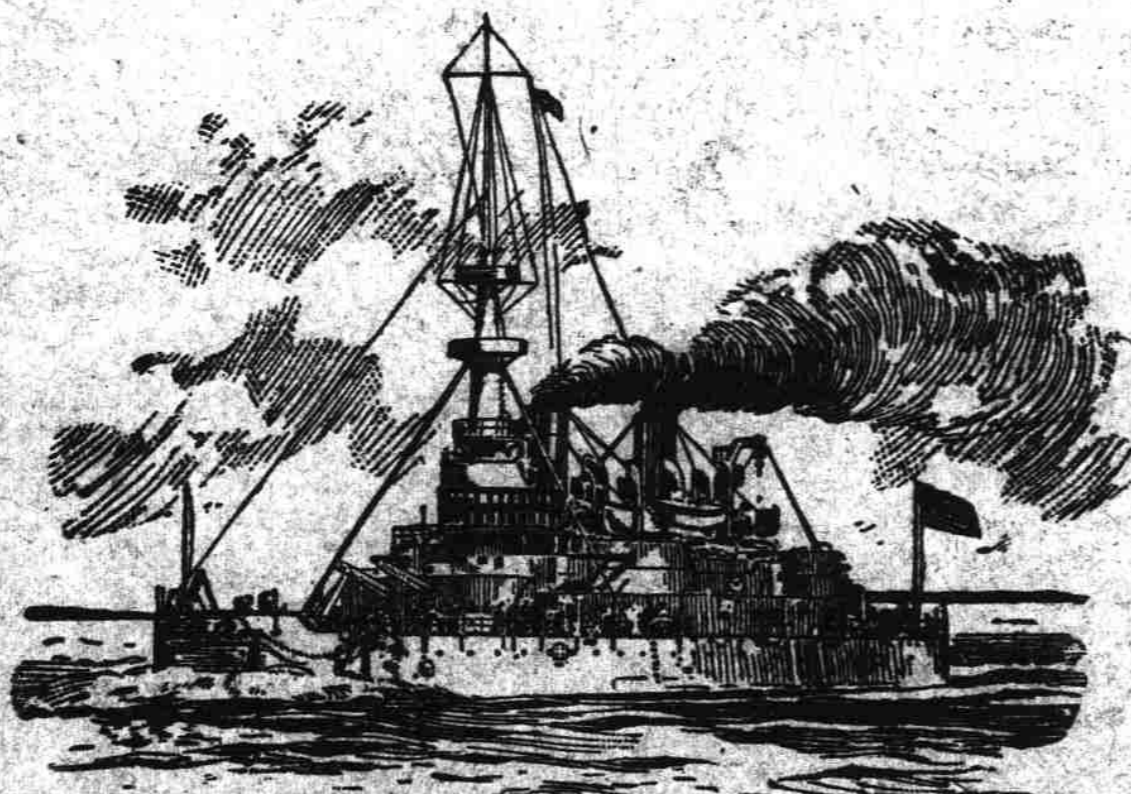
No Word Allowed to Come From Consul at St. Pierre—Spaniards have nearly Two Days Start.

Washington, May 13.—The president, his cabinet and all the officials of the government feel that the crisis of the war with Spain is almost at hand. All signs point to a decisive naval battle in the West Indies within the next three or four days. It may occur tomorrow. The navy department will not be surprised to receive news of an engagement at any time. The Cape Verde fleet of the enemy is proceeding westward from Martinique, presumably to the Cuban coast. Sampson's armorclads have probably started to intercept the Spaniards. Schley's flying squadron is steaming rapidly to the support of the blockading force of unarmored craft under Watson.

before Sampson and Schley appear on the scene. But one thing is regarded as certain. That is the ultimate destruction of the Spanish fleet. The only fear is that it may do great damage before being destroyed. A dispatch from Captain Cotton, of the Harvard, dated Fort De France, Martinique, says the Spanish fleet is off that place. Instructions were sent to Sampson by the cruiser Yale, which was at St. Thomas, to send a report of the San Juan bombardment. Sampson will try to intercept the Spaniards, though the enemy has a better start, especially if the monitors accompany the squadron. The dispatch from Cotton was delayed twenty-four hours, presumably by the French authorities; also no word was allowed to come from the consul at St. Pierre, Martinique. If it is found that the French are responsible for the delay a protest will be made to the French government.

## FLYING SQUADRON SAILED YESTERDAY

Leaves Under Sealed Orders, Probably to Intercept Spanish Fleet.



### SEAGOING BATTLESHIP MASSACHUSETTS MOST POWERFUL SHIP OF THE FLYING SQUADRON.

Fort Monroe, Va., May 13.—The flying squadron sailed from Hampton Roads at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The Brooklyn, Massachusetts, Texas and New Orleans were the first to put to sea. The

SAILED LAST NIGHT.

Newport News, May 13.—The fast and St. Paul left at midnight. It is expected they will rejoin Schley's other evening and the cruisers New Orleans ships.

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## Bombardment of San Juan

Further Particulars of the Engagement Yesterday.

Flag Transferred From the New York to Iowa by Sampson.

Some Shells Struck Our Ships but No Fatalities.

Off San Juan, Porto Rico, via St. Thomas, Danish West Indies, May 13.—So many projectiles were hurled at the land defenses that their number can only be estimated, and it is placed by some officers at nearly two thousand. The amount of damage inflicted can only be conjectured, but Admiral Sampson said after the firing ceased that he was satisfied that not one gun on shore was in a condition to be used effectively.

On the second round the ships made of the bay the Iowa and Indiana steamed within 800 yards of the batteries, but no damage was inflicted on either ship owing to the poor marksmanship of the Spaniards. It is true that a few shells struck the ships but beyond the casualties already reported no damage was done. Some of the big shells did considerable damage in the town before the gunners got the range.

Admiral Sampson viewed the conflict from the tower bridge of the Iowa, having transferred his flag from the New York before the action commenced. The Americans served the guns almost with indifference. The persistence of the Spaniards was a surprise to the American officers, for they fought as long as the guns could be used.

The fleet has started away from Porto Rico.

## SAMPSON'S PURPOSE

In Attacking Porto Rico To Destroy Fortifications and Coal Supplies.

Washington, May 13.—The purpose of Sampson's attack on Porto Rico was, it is understood, to destroy the fortifications and coal supplies. If he has accomplished the second object the Spanish fleet will gain no benefit by putting into San Juan. It is not definitely known whether Sampson has left San Juan. A reporter was told tonight he would stay there a while in the hope the enemy would proceed there.

A telegram was received at the whitehouse this evening from Captain Marfield, an official of the signal service in New York, reporting that San Juan had capitulated to Sampson. Naval officers put faith in this as Marfield has means of securing accurate advices from Hayti.

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## THE MILITARY PLANS CHANGED

Owing to Presence of Spanish ships in West Indies, Occupation of Cuba is Postponed.

Order for Mobilization of Troops at Gulf Ports Rescinded Yesterday and Soldiers Go to Chickamauga.

Administration Hopes for Destruction of Spanish Fleet by Sampson, Making Occupation of Cuba Unnecessary

Washington, May 13.—The swift change of circumstances has upset the government's military plans. Owing to the presence of the Spanish fleet in West Indian waters, the proposed occupation of Cuba has been indefinitely postponed. The government entertains the hope that the destruction of the Spanish fleet by Sampson will make a military movement on Cuba unnecessary. All orders providing for the mobilization of troops at Tampa and other gulf ports was cancelled today, and new orders were issued directing the troops from nearly all the states east of the Mississippi to proceed to Chickamauga. The administration is

seriously considering the withdrawing of regulars from Tampa and mobilizing them at Chickamauga, Tampa being considered unhealthy. If it is found that troops are not likely to be needed in Cuba very soon they will be sent north within a few days. Preparations for sending a force to the Philippines are being pushed today. Within a day or two General Merritt's staff will be appointed. Some comment has been caused in army circles by the fact that the recent military appointments and promotions do not include the names of southerners. It is expected this will be remedied by the appointments and promotions in the near future.

## THE SAD RITES FAILED TO LAND

Funeral of Ensign Worth Bagley Held in Key West.

Key West, May 13.—The funeral of Ensign Worth Bagley, who was killed on the torpedo boat Winslow in action off Cardenas two days ago, was held here today. Part of the full church services for the dead was read by Rev. Dr. Gilbert Biggs in St. Paul's Episcopal church. The interment will be at Raleigh, N. C. The body was escorted to the church and from thence to the boat by a guard of fifty marines and an equal number of blue jackets from the torpedo boats now in the harbor, including the color guard of the force bearing the draped flag, and eight body bearers. Ten junior officers acted as honorary pall bearers and the crew of the Winslow, fourteen men, followed the hearse as mourners. The coffin was covered with a large flag on which the dead man's sword rested among flowers. The body was shipped to his brother, Henry Bagley, at Jacksonville.

## THE RITA ARRIVES AT CHARLESTON

Charleston, May 13.—The Spanish steamer Rita, captured by the cruiser Yale on May 8, was brought into port this evening. The ship was detained at quarantine over night.

According to a Report Sent Out From Havana.

Havana, via Jamaica, May 13.—It is officially announced that an American force tried to land at Jiceta yesterday, but were completely repulsed. A similar attempt was made near Cabanas. Three ships supported two hundred rebels ashore but a force of Spanish infantry compelled them to retire.

## DETENTION CAMP

To be Established at Key West—Surge-Gen. Wyman in Charge.

Washington, May 13.—Surge-General Wyman, of the marine hospital service is now arranging for the establishment of a camp of detention at Key West, where all refugees other than the naval and military, are to be sent who may come from Cuban ports or the islands of the West Indies in vessels cleared in the circular way. A large steam disinfecting plant and all the necessary apparatus for purging vessels of germs has been forwarded to Key West, and a corps of marine hospital surgeons will soon be ordered there.

The conversational prize fighter meets his match in the matrimonial ring.

## NORTH CAROLINA GEMS.

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- One lot of 5 gems at \$2.50 each.
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