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Special Shirt Waist Offer.

Your attention is called to our large and well selected stock of Shirt Waists, which will be placed on sale for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday only at the following schedule of reduced figures:

Our 50c ones	39c
" 75c "	63c
" \$1.00 "	80c
" 1.25 "	\$1.00
" 1.50 "	1.25
" 2.00 "	1.75

These are well made, fit perfectly and won't last long at these prices. Our stock is too large and must be disposed of at once in order to make room for other goods. Every garment marked in plain figures at original prices. Assortment perfect, special prices tempting.

To Burn Havana
GIVE ME AN
INVINCIBLE CIGAR
And while Sampson is bombarding Morro Castle, I'll burn Havana.
See the point?
G. A. GREER.

CHILDREN'S SHOES



We have a complete line of children's button tan shoes, size 5 to 8, at \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.40 per pair. They are light weight, flexible and will wear well. We have the widths we can fit your feet.

D. BLANTON & CO.
39 Patton Ave.

SOLDIERS EMBARKING FOR THE PHILIPPINES

Tremendous Ovation Accorded California Volunteers who Boarded the Transport City of Peking Yesterday

Expedition will set out Wednesday and Will Include Three Ships, Carrying 2500 men and six Months Stores

Trip to Consume Nearly Three Weeks Time—Gen. Merritt in an Interview Outlines His Plans.

San Francisco, May 23.—The first regiment of California volunteers went aboard the steamer City of Peking this morning preparatory to the departure for Manila. The men received a tremendous ovation from thousands. The weeping wives, mothers and children of the soldiers marched beside the volunteers on their way to the dock. The scenes were very affecting. The expedition will start Wednesday and will include besides the Peking, the Australia and the City of Sydney. These will carry about 2,500 men including General Oates and staff, four companies of regulars and California heavy artillery. The organization of the second expedition will be determined upon by General Merritt when he arrives. The vessels sailing Wednesday will carry six months commissary stores, medicine, etc.

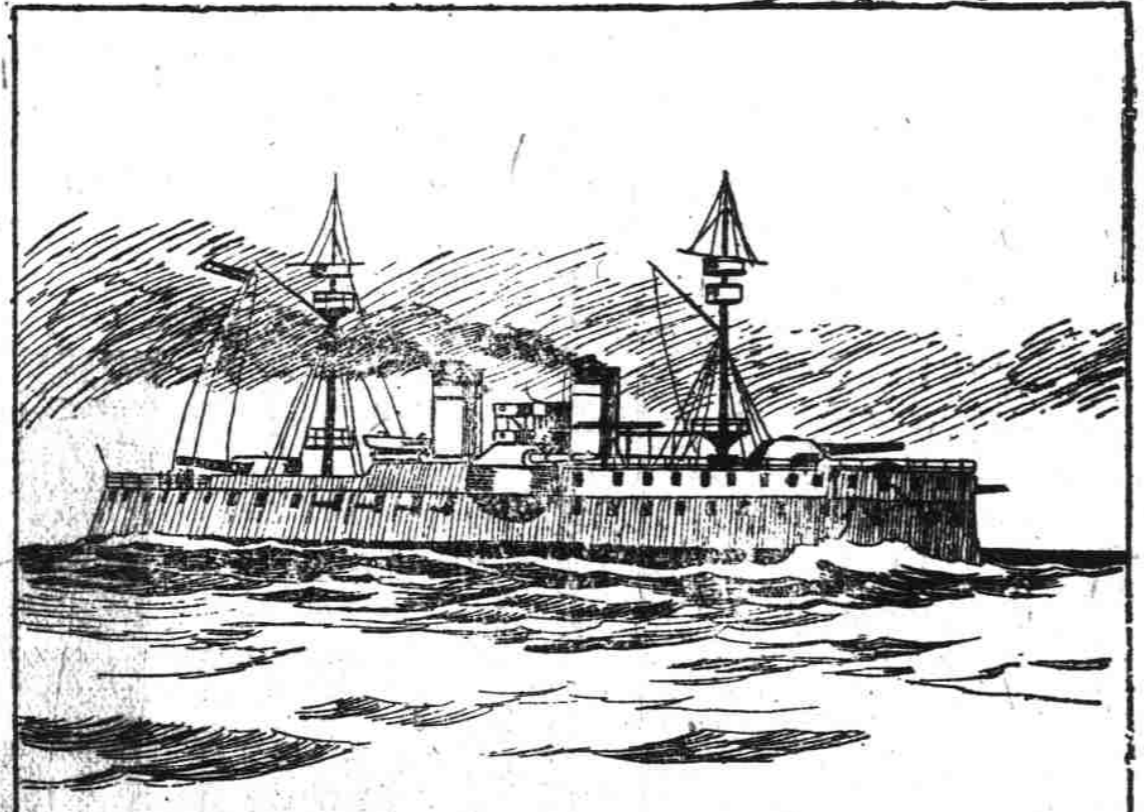
Washington, May 23.—The trip to Manila will occupy about twenty days and the expedition will therefore reach Dewey about June 15, if no accident intervenes. The war department is negotiating for another vessel and if the American registry can be secured for the vessels of the Northern Pacific Steamship Company the entire fleet will be chartered. This company is a British corporation. The preparations for landing the troops on Cuba are practically completed, but nothing will be done till the result of the naval engagement, if any occurs, is made known. The government has decided to allow no sutlers to go with the army, but will itself sell delicacies to the soldiers at reasonable prices.

SPAIN'S BEST SHIPS DEPART FROM CADIZ

Under Sealed Orders, for Manila but More Likely to Sail in This Direction

Madrid, via Barritz, May 23.—The Manila fleet will leave Cadiz today or tomorrow. It is composed of the battleship Pelayo, the cruisers Emperor Carlos V., and Alfonso XIII., the despatch boats Patriota and Rapidoa, three destroyers, several torpedo boats seven auxiliary cruisers. The government has apparently renounced its intention to despatch troops to Manila and 7,000 troops intended for the Philippines will be distributed between the Canary Islands, Ceuta and the Balearic Isles.

The government has permitted the most unrestricted circulation of the announcement of the departure of Camara's fleet for the Philippines, though this destination seems improbable. The fleet will perhaps start in a westerly direction. It will sail under sealed orders, which will be opened on the high seas.



SPANISH BATTLESHIP PELAYO.
The Pelayo is the only first-class battleship owned by the Spaniards. She is modern in every respect. Her displacement is 9,900 tons, and she carries a particularly heavy battery of twenty-two guns. She is, however, more than 1,000 tons smaller than the Indiana and Iowa of our navy, and experts declare that she would not be a match for either of them in a sea fight. The cruisers that accompany the Pelayo on her departure today are among the best in the Spanish navy. The Carlos V., next to the Pelayo, is the largest war vessel owned by Spain, being of 9,235 tons, is armed with twenty-eight guns in her main battery and can steam 20 knots an hour. The Alfonso XIII. is a 5,000 ton ship with nineteen guns. All these vessels are of steel.

ESTABLISHED 1888.
THE WINYAH SANITARIUM,
A Special Private Institution for the Treatment of Lung and Throat Diseases.
KARL von RUCK, M. D., Medical Director.
RATES, \$22.50 PER WEEK and upward, according to the room selected, includes everything excepting medicines, which are supplied at cost. A certain number of rooms are reserved at a lower rate for patients whose financial circumstances require it, and to such the medicines are also included. Patients can enter and leave at any time. Advanced cases not admitted.
Winyah Hotel and Sanitarium Co.

BLANCO IS ISOLATED IN CUBA

St Louis and Wompatuck Have Destroyed Cable Connection at Santiago and Guantanamo

The Cables Picked up under a Red Hot Fire

St. Thomas May 23.—The recent bombardment of the defences of Santiago De Cuba resulted in a decided victory for the American ships and the cutting of the cables, thus shutting General Blanco off from communication with Madrid. Acting under orders from Sampson, the auxiliary cruiser St. Louis and the armed tug Wompatuck proceeded to Santiago to cut the cable. The cable was picked up in range of the guns at Morro. The Spaniards at once opened fire on the Americans as did two sand and one mortar battery on the shore and below the elevation on which Morro stands. The American vessels responded. The aim of the Spaniards was very bad. The sailors secured the cable and lifted it up to the forecabin of the St. Louis, where it was cut. The Spaniards meanwhile redoubled their efforts to hit the vessels and the engagement was lively. The St. Louis brought her four six-pounders into play and the Wompatuck used her one three-pounder. With this small armament the Americans finally silenced all but two or three Spanish guns. The topmast stay of the St. Louis was shot away, and the pilot house of the Wompatuck was slightly shattered. One man on the St. Louis, while handling the cable had a finger broken by a flying fragment of shell. This was the only damage. The Americans then proceeded to Guantanamo, and shelled the batteries there and under the ineffective fire cut the cable there, also completing the isolation of Blanco. The Americans simply laughed at the wretched gunnery of the Spaniards.

AT SANTIAGO

Believed That Sampson Arrived There Yesterday—Important News Expected Hourly

Washington, May 23.—At a late hour tonight the officials of the bureau of navigation stated that the department was without information regarding the whereabouts of Cervera's fleet. They would say nothing about Schley or Sampson. Everybody at the department is happy today over the belief that Sampson and Schley have Cervera cornered at last. Naval experts say there is scarcely any doubt that Cervera is at Santiago and that Sampson and Schley must have reached there today hence the department officials are expecting stirring news at any time. If Cervera is obliged to remain in Santiago harbor the rest of Sampson's work will be easy. The naval officers say that though the entrance to the harbor is narrow it can be guarded with ease by the blockading fleet, while there will be no difficulty in reducing the fortifications and reaching the fleet with the big guns without trying to run through the narrow channel.



There is chicken cholera in this section now. Pratt's Poultry Food is the only reliable remedy, because it is the only remedy that cures. It makes hen's lay regularly. It makes young chicks grow quickly and keeps all poultry in a healthy condition.

WAY'S PHARMACY,
East Court Square and College Street.

YELLOW FEVER ON SHIP

Terrible Experience of the Crew of a British Bark now at Baltimore

Baltimore, May 23.—The British bark Severn arrived from Santos and Rio de Janeiro today. Five of the crew died of yellow fever at Santos and seven more that were put ashore there were dying when the vessel left. Several of the crew who had the disease but recovered are mere skeletons. They are now in quarantine.

AMERICAN REGISTRY

Granted for the Steamship Zelandia—Len Pettigrew's Remarks

Washington, May 23.—No progress whatever was made by the Senate today on the house bill to provide ways and means to meet the war expenditures. The bill was before the senate for five hours, but all that time was taken up by the delivery of three speeches on the subject of the proposed tax gross receipts on railroads, banks and other corporations. The passage of the bill granting American registry to the steamship Zelandia, chartered to convey the troops to Manila gave Senator Pettigrew an opportunity of saying that the act was the only evidence of haste on the part of the administration which he had seen since the war began.

MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION

Occurred Right Under Four of our Ships Cruising off Cuba

Key West, May 23.—Four of our warships, whose names can not for good reasons be telegraphed, were cruising off the westernmost point of Cuba yesterday when a tremendous explosion occurred. It seemed to be right under the feet of everybody, but quick signals exchanged among the ships showed that it had not occurred on any of the four vessels. Various theories were advanced, some thinking an earthquake had occurred. Others suspected floating mines placed by Spaniards, and others an explosion on the shore. The blockade along the coast is quiet and the rainy season has begun, and it is now raining every day.

OREGON'S LOCATION

Washington, May 23.—The best information obtainable regarding the whereabouts of the battleship Oregon is that she is either at Key West taking on stores and coal or else with Sampson's fleet. A special from Key West to the Tribune says the Oregon has arrived there. One hundred and fifty 13-inch projectiles have been ordered to be rushed through to Key West for the Oregon with all possible despatch. The consignment is expected to leave in twenty-four hours.

It will pay you to call at the Dairy Lunch.

AT THIS SEASON

Of the year when the appetite is weak you need something dainty and tempting. You will have no difficulty in finding what you want in our stock of

Fine Groceries which we buy for cash and can afford to sell at a close profit.

SNIDER'S
6 Court Sq.

PLANS ARE REVEALED

Minister Polo Before Leaving Canada Confided the Spanish Schemes

To a Friend, Who Now Gives Away the Whole Game.

Intended for Fleet to Attack Portland, Me., but Lack of Coal Prevented.

The Spaniard Says the Fleet Has Left Santiago.

Quebec, May 23.—Senor Polo y Barnabe before leaving Montreal on Saturday talked confidentially to a friend, who has now sent his story here for publication. Polo said the Spanish fleet received instructions to strike on the northern coast of the United States, to bombard Portland, Me., and blow up the powder magazine located there. This was decided on because it was feared that Cervera would be unable to successfully cope with the United States fleet. Polo, when in Montreal, received instructions for coaling the fleet, and gave a large order to the Dominion Coal Company, when an American official heard of the order and protested and defeated the plan.

The Spanish fleet cruised some time off the Nova Scotia and Cape Breton coast until learning from Polo's agents the impossibility of coaling in these ports, they rushed for refuge to the Cuban ports.

Having coaled at Santiago, Polo said the fleet had steamed under all speed for Cadiz. Afraid of another Manila affair Spain, according to Polo, has decided to leave the defence of Cuba to Blanco until next autumn, when the island is to be abandoned after the United States has expended \$20,000,000 dollars weekly. Spain's only idea now is to make war as costly to the states as possible and inflict as much damage as possible to American commerce. Dubosc and Solis, the ex-Spanish consul at Tampa, are still in Montreal managing Spain's spy system.

FIGHT AT MATANZAS

Key West, May 23.—A despatch boat arrived here this morning with an account of the engagement between the Cubans and the Spaniards on the coast fifteen miles west of Matanzas. The fight took place in plain view of the blockaders. About 300 men were engaged on each side and the firing was kept up until after dark. Next morning a squadron of Spanish cavalry and a battalion of infantry was observed retreating along the beach in the direction of Havana. It is believed the Cubans are advancing rapidly toward the coast to join the Americans when the latter land.

PROTEST FROM ITALY

Paris, May 23.—A despatch from Rome says that Italy has protested against the Cuban blockade, declaring it ineffective.

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.

We have decided to close out some of these gems and offer them at prices that should make them all sell in a very few days.

WE OFFER:
One lot of 41 gems at 50 cents each.
One lot of 40 gems at 80 cents each.
One lot of 169 gems at 75 cents each.
One lot of 40 gems at \$1.00 each.
One lot of 26 gems at 1.25 each.—Sold.
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 \$6.00.
ARTHUR M. FENNER,
LEADING JEWELLER,
Church street and Patton Avenue, Asheville, N. C.