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## SPANISH FLEET IS HEDGED IN

Cervera's Warships are in the Harbor of Santiago and our Vessels are on Guard at its Entrance

The Imprisoned Squadron has now no Chance to Escape Destruction or Capture

Vesuvius may be Called on to Destroy the Mines at the Harbor's Entrance in Order that our Fleet may go in and Give Battle to the Spaniards

Washington, May 24.—The Spanish fleet under Admiral Cervera is bottled up in the harbor at Santiago without likelihood of escape. American ships guard the narrow entrance to the harbor. Definite information to that effect was received at the navy department this afternoon, and while the officials will not make a positive statement they admit that Cervera has been caught.

"You may quote me as saying that we suppose the Spanish fleet is at Santiago," was Secretary Long's guarded remark to your reporter shortly after an official bulletin had been issued denying rumors of an engagement in the Windward passage.

The bulletin added that the St. Louis had cut the cable at San Juan. The department did not tell anything else relating to the rival squadrons, although unquestionably it had definite knowledge about them.

Meanwhile where are Sampson and Schley? Hints were given today that no naval engagement had taken place, because the American fleet, whose exact position was known here, were not likely to encounter the enemy, but these may have been based merely on rumors that the reported engagement had occurred in the Windward passage, so neither Sampson nor Schley is apparently in the Windward passage and was not there yesterday. The inference to be drawn from the guarded remarks of officials was that no squadron had been sent to Santiago by that route or else had already passed through it. There is no reason to doubt

that the squadron of Sampson or Schley, or of both, is blockading the entrance to Santiago.

Naval officers are wondering why Cervera allowed himself to be caught, for he has not a chance to escape. The opinion is almost general that at least one of his cruisers was in such a condition that it could not be repaired before the American ships appeared, and it was probably lack of repairing facilities rather than lack of coal forced the Spanish admiral to remain.

Those who know Sampson are confident he will not wait for the enemy to be forced to come out of the harbor, nor compel submission by blockading Santiago. They are positive that if the enemy's ships can not be reached by Sampson's guns, he will take his vessels into the harbor and force a battle despite the narrow entrance, the forts and probably mines and torpedoes. The dynamiter Vesuvius may make her first essay in her method of warfare by dropping her explosive shells into the harbor and exploding the mines to open a passage for the fleet.

NO NEWS AT KEY WEST LAST NIGHT.

Key West, May 24.—Key West has been anxiously awaiting all day the arrival of news of the fight off the Cuban coast. No news has been brought in here by any newspaper or government despatch boats concerning any engagement, but bulletins from New York reporting such a battle have aroused intense eagerness. At this writing, midnight, there is nothing but inference on which to base it.

### MUSTERED IN

The Asheville Company Successful—Other Companies Arriving—a Band of Musicians

Special to The Gazette.  
Raleigh, May 24.—Thirteen men of Capt. Wagner's company from Asheville were rejected by the surgeons. Daniel Fowl, the only son of the late governor joined this company and is its third sergeant. He is a cadet from Horner's School at Oxford.

Capt. Cooper's company from Murphy will get some of Wagner's men. The latter company was mustered in this afternoon Twenty-five recruits from Oxford arrived for Capt. Smith and Capt. Cooper and both of the latter companies will be mustered in tomorrow. A band of twenty-four pieces from Scranton, Pa., will be in the Smith company.  
Matthew Watson, a private in the

Jones company from Watauga, is apt to die tonight. His right side is paralyzed. No other man is at all seriously sick.

Ten of Wagner's men have joined the Murphy company. Eight more men came for Wagner tonight and will be placed at the disposition of Adjutant General Cowles. Capt. Cooper is looking for thirty men from Waynesville tonight.

MUSTERE DIN.  
Special to The Gazette.  
Raleigh, May 24.—Our company was mustered in today. All the men are well and happy.

J. A. WAGNER, JR.

IN LONDON.

London, May 24.—A special which has just been received, says there has been a big naval engagement in the vicinity of the Windward passage. The despatch says that Admiral Sampson closed on Admiral Cervera and destroyed all the Spanish ships.

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## THE WINYAH SANITARIUM,

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## SAIL FOR MANILA

The Transports Pekin Australia and Sydney Depart this Afternoon

To be Convoyed From Honolulu by Cruiser Charleston

The Government Endeavoring to Secure More Transport Ships

Monitor Monterey Will Start as Soon as Coaling is Completed

Washington, May 24.—The war department will follow up as soon as possible, the embarkation of troops from San Francisco today, with additional detachments destined to reach Manila immediately after the first armed force.

Simultaneously with the receipt of the news today that three ship loads of troops had embarked from the Pacific, it was officially announced that the Charleston would convoy the troop ships from Honolulu to Manila. The government has not the slightest apprehension that Spain will be able to inflict any damage on the expedition between California and Hawaii, but it is deemed best to avoid all chance of danger for the rest of the journey. It is estimated that the expedition will reach Manila about June 15. The government is trying to secure several more ships, especially those of the Northern Pacific Company to which American register will probably be granted by congress.

It is unlikely that any American ships will have to be impressed. The coast defence vessel Monterey is now lying in the stream, and will be ready to start as soon as she receives a supply of coal. By carrying an adequate load of coal the Monterey can reach Honolulu, but from that point to Manila she will have to be accompanied by a collier, or else taken in tow by one of the transports.

TROOPS FOR PHILIPPINES.  
New Orleans, May 24.—All the regulars at Camp Foster left today. The eighteenth and Twenty-third regiments started westward. They expect to sail from San Francisco to the Philippines on next Tuesday and are delighted at the prospects of active service.

TRANSPORTS LEAVE TODAY.  
San Francisco, May 24.—At three tomorrow afternoon the first expedition for Manila will leave this port on the transport City of Pekin, City of Sydney and Australia. The ships will carry 2,600 men and officers to help Dewey in capturing Manila and to keep order in the city.

The embarkation of 1,400 or more soldiers today aroused scenes of great patriotism. It is known that troops would have been sent to Manila before this had it been possible for the war department to secure transports on the Pacific coast. The utmost difficulty is being experienced by the department in ob-



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.

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taining such transports. The coast trade in the Pacific State Library. compared with that on the Atlantic and a majority of the vessels engaged in the trade are of foreign register. Of course ships flying a foreign flag can not be used as transports by the government, as such would constitute a violation of the neutrality laws of the nation whose flag the ship bore.

COMPANY OF ENGINEERS.  
New York, May 24.—A company of regular engineers left here this morning for San Francisco to join the expedition for Dewey's assistance in the Philippines.

FROM DEWEY.  
Hong Kong, May 24.—The Japanese cruiser Akitsushima arrived this morning from Manila and reports that the captain of the Spanish revenue cutter Callao, which was recently captured by Admiral Dewey, is to be shot for his failure to return the fire of the Americans.

Admiral Montojo, who commanded the Spanish fleet, will be court-martialed on the charge of cowardice.

Admiral Dewey is improving the sanitary conditions at Cavite. He has granted permission to the British and German merchants to move from Manila to Cavite and has ordered houses to be placed at their disposal.

Provisions are becoming scarce and the Spanish volunteers threaten to seize the store houses because their demand for arrears of pay has been refused.

GERMANS THREATENED DEWEY.

Manila, via Shanghai, May 24.—Admiral Dewey has been threatened by the German consul here. After an interview with Agusti, general of the Spanish army in the Philippines, the consul attempted to land provisions from the German ships.

Admiral Dewey refused permission and the consul declared he would force the landing with the aid of the two German cruisers. Dewey retorted that he would fire on the cruisers if they attempted to execute the consul's threat. The provisions have not yet been landed.

The Germans are very friendly with the Spaniards, holding frequent conferences with them. They expect to obtain the Caroline Islands at the final partition of the Spanish possessions in the Orient.

The Spaniards are expecting reinforcements.

BAD CONDITION IN MANILA.

New York, May 24.—World and Journal correspondents at Manila cable that Admiral Dewey is maintaining a strict blockade and is anxiously awaiting the arrival of troops. The officers and crew of the fleet are in good health and have plenty of food, but are unable to control the Spaniards ashore.

Manilians are entirely without meat and are living on canned goods. An absolute famine is certain within two weeks. More rioting is imminent. A small Spanish transport vessel was captured yesterday and is now used as an American despatch boat.

The Spanish report is that 500 were killed and that 700 were wounded in the recent bombardment at Manila.

### RICH HAUL

Train Robbers in Texas Yesterday Secured \$7,000

El Paso, Tex., May 24.—The south-bound Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe train was held up this afternoon at Bellevue, N. M., by two masked men. The safe in the express car was removed, blown open with dynamite and looted. The robbers secured about \$7,000.

### 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 32 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. FIELD,  
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Church street and Patton Avenue, Asheville, N. C.

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## ANXIETY IN SPAIN

Fears Entertained for the Safety of Admiral Cervera's Squadron

Government Trying to Allay Apprehensions of the Public

Long Instructions Sent to Blanco Before Cable was Cut

Camera gone to Cadiz to Arrange for Squadron's Sailing

Madrid, May 24.—The anxiety concerning Cervera increases hourly. The government tries to reassure the public by circulating favorable accounts of the advantages of Santiago as a refuge for the squadron. Nevertheless, there is obvious anxiety among the officials and the press.

In view of the expected severance of the last cable to Cuba the government during the past forty-eight hours has sent long despatches to Blanco and Cervera, instructing them as to all eventualities.

TO THE RESCUE.  
Admiral Camara has arranged to go to Cadiz this evening where, after his arrival, his squadron may move at any moment.

MADRID'S BELIEF.  
Madrid, May 24.—Official dispatches assert that Cervera is still at Santiago. Belief is general that the government is withholding important news from Cuba.

### PERSISTENT RUMORS.

New York, May 24.—Persistent rumors were received today, and up to a late hour this evening, of engagements in the Windward passage or the south of Cuba in which the Spanish fleet was demolished, with the loss to the American fleet of several of her best ships. The rumor came from Port au Prince, from Port de Pax, from Mole St. Nicholas, and from London. There was no confirmation of any of the stories.

FROM PORT AU PRINCE.  
Port au Prince, May 24.—A rumor prevails here of an engagement off Santiago between the American and Spanish fleets. It is said that Sampson lost two vessels, which were sunk.

### NEW YORK TROOPS TO-DAY

A regiment of New York troops will pass through Asheville this afternoon en route to Chickamauga. They will occupy a train of four sections.

LEFT NEW YORK.  
Camp Black, N. Y., May 24.—The Sixty-ninth New York volunteer regiment left here this morning.

### ALABAMA LYNCHING.

Birmingham, Ala., May 24.—At Eutaw, Ala., last night a posse of infuriated citizens shot to death Jesse Bivings, a negro, who refused to surrender to them. Sunday night Bivings had stabbed Dr. Gunther, a prominent physician, dangerously.

## ASSIST

The ladies of the Free Kindergarten Association by using

### White Cloud Soap

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