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SANTIAGO FORTS BOMBARDED

Battle Signal Set on Brooklyn at 2 O'clock Yesterday Afternoon and the Fleet Opened Fire.

Great Excitement in the City and Many Residents Flee to the Ranks of the Insurgents

Bombardment Lasted Two Hours—Spanish Losses in the Batteries Believed to Have Been Heavy.

Cape Haytien, May 31.—A dispatch, which has just been received from Santiago states that the American squadron, under command of Commodore Schley, which has been blockading the port for a number of days, began to bombard the fortifications at 2 o'clock this afternoon, the evident intention being to reduce them in order to get at Cervera's squadron at anchor in the harbor.

The American fleet comprised fourteen vessels. The dispatch states that among the attacking vessels was one which seemed to be the New York, flying the flag of Admiral Sampson.

There is great excitement in Santiago. The Spanish residents, notwithstanding the repeated boasts of the military and naval officers, fearing that the Americans will soon be in possession of the city.

When the firing commenced many of the men in the city whose sympathies have been with the rebels, started for the insurgent lines, which are but a short distance from the town to offer their services.

The fighting began just about 2 o'clock, when the signal to begin battle was set on the Brooklyn.

This seems to refute the statement that Sampson was present, for had he been with the fleet he would, by his rank, have been in command.

Owing to the height of the hill on which Morro castle is located it was impossible for the Americans to run inshore and elevate their guns to a sufficient height to do any damage. Consequently the big ships with heavy rifles, stood some distance off shore, from where they could pour in a more effective fire, while the smaller vessels, nearer shore, devoted themselves to attacking the sand and mortar batteries.

By standing off shore the big ships had plenty of water to manoeuvre in. They passed to and fro before the entrance to the harbor. Some of the shells from the big rifles went clear over Morro, landing in Es-

trella Point battery, Santa Catalina fort, and other fortifications on the same side of the entrance, but to the northward.

Thousands of persons when they found the shells did not reach the city, went to points of vantage where they could witness the bombardment.

The forts replied bravely to the fire of the enemy, but as far as can be learned they did not reply to any great damage.

The sound of the cannonading was deafening.

The dispatch intimates that some of the Spanish warships took part in the engagement, but this cannot be verified.

Whether or not the Americans entered the bay is not known. It is reported here that they did, but this is doubted, as it is scarcely supposed Schley would attempt to run the fleet through a channel known to be filled with both electrical and contact mines.

It may be, however, that Schley did enter the harbor for a short distance, and is now awaiting a more favorable opportunity for proceeding up the bay and engaging the Spanish warships.

During the fighting a number of troops were hastily dispatched from the city, and it is judged from this that the Spanish losses in the batteries must have been heavy, and that the artillerymen were needed to man the guns.

It is certain that the firing ceased shortly after 4 o'clock. Just before it ceased the cannonading was the heaviest of the day.

LEAVING CHICKAMAUGA

The Movement of Vast Bodies of Volunteers to Tampa Still Continuing.

Chattanooga, May 31.—It is said tonight that the second New York will break camp at four o'clock tomorrow morning, leaving for Tampa about an hour later.

The First District of Columbia, 157th Indiana and First Ohio will probably get away tomorrow, and other regiments will leave Thursday.

ANOTHER SHIP SIGHTED

Schley Now has Three Armored Vessels in the Trap.

Attack on Santiago Forts not Unexpected.

Washington, May 31.—Advises were received by the navy department today from Schley showing definitely that all of Cervera's ships, except the Terror and Alcantara, were in Santiago harbor. "Schley's fleet has sighted another vessel of the Vizcaya class in Santiago." This is the official bulletin.

While this leaves one unarmed cruiser unaccounted for, it proves that Cervera did not divide his fleet.

The despatch received this afternoon probably contained the information which Schley was asked to furnish about the defenses of Santiago, the position of the enemy's ships, condition of the harbor and the good landing places near by. Some valuable data about the character of the shore line is also in possession of the navy department.

It is the intention of the administration to delay an attack on Cervera's squadron, unless it attempts to escape, until a military expedition is landed.

"Schley is evidently anxious to have it out with his opponent, but this plan does not meet with the approval of the authorities here, but Schley may in the meantime shell some of the batteries defending the entrance to the harbor, just for target practice and to keep the enemy discouraged. He has ample authority to prevent the erection of new batteries.

Sampson's squadron, it is understood, will have a part in the Santiago expedition, but whether merely as an escort to transports or in a sea attack on the fortifications has not been ascertained.

New York, May 31.—A despatch to the Post from Cape Haytien says: Gunboats report sighting five American warships passing Mole St. Nicholas.

IN BEHALF OF LEW WALLACE.

Washington, May 31.—Indiana congressmen this morning called on President McKinley with a request to appoint Lew Wallace a major general of volunteers. In the meeting of the cabinet this morning it was evident that the president's policy not to send an army to begin operation against Havana before autumn had been changed and his objections to an immediate invasion met and overcome.

Members of congress generally express the opinion that Havana is at this season a mere pest hole and that Americans will die faster from disease than from Spanish bullets.

CHURCHMEN FRIENDLY.

Ambassador Hay has informed the state department that the following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Churchmen's Union, of England:

Resolved, that this meeting of liberal churchmen extends its fullest sympathy to the president and citizens of the United States in their efforts to secure good government for Cuba, and trusts that in future years the ties of blood and brotherhood between America and Great Britain will be constantly strengthened.

PRESIDENT'S QUIET DAY

Washington, May 31.—President McKinley spent a quiet day, a few visitors being received.



There is chicken cholera in this section now. Dratt'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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TROOPS TO GO TO SANTIAGO

Government Decides to Send 20,000 Men to be Landed Near the City and to Co-operate With Schley.

If Cervera's Fleet is Still in the Harbor it may be Bombarded With Siege Guns From the Hills.

The Expedition for the Invasion of Porto Rico Will Follow, With General Brooke in Command—Lee Likely to go with it.

Washington, May 31.—A cable despatch from Schley today left the government in no doubt as to the sending of troops to Santiago, the number needed for the expedition and the prospects of naval protection during the landing of the forces near harbor.

Resolutely as the administration adheres to the policy of giving out no information regarding the contemplated movement of troops, it was learned today that its intention is to send the first detachment to Santiago and withhold the expedition to Porto Rico until these have been landed.

About 20,000 soldiers will go to Santiago. The distance from Tampa is about 1100 miles and it will take the transports about three days to make the trip and land the men and munitions.

The transports can then return to Jacksonville from whence the bulk of the Porto Rican expedition will embark.

Naval officials endorsed the plan to send troops. The forts at the mouth of the harbor are to be first occupied and then forces will occupy the hills, surrounding the bay. Then it will be practicable for the American warships to proceed against Cervera, as all the mines and batteries would be able to assist and not injure Schley's ships.

The army officers believe the Spanish fleet can be bombarded with siege guns from the hills and many guns of a powerful kind have been loaded on transports.

The fact that the first military movement is to be made in Santiago is fortunate for the troops as that part of the island is free from most of the deadly disease prevalent in other provinces.

TO PORTO RICO

Allowing a reasonable time for the transports to return from Santiago, the Porto Rico expedition should be ready to leave within a week. It is believed that 20,000 men will be sufficient.

Maj. Gen. Brooke has been selected to command the Porto Rico expedition and he will probably be accompanied by General Lee, who is already at Jacksonville.

THE BELVIDERE ASHORE.

Boston, May 31.—The Boston fruit company has received a cablegram stating that its large steamer Belvidere is ashore at Cape Mas, eastern

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The ladies of the Free Kindergarten Association by using

White Cloud Soap

for toilet and laundry purposes. Save the wrappers and send them to the office of the Asheville Ice and Coal Company. Buy the Soap at

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end of Cuba. The vessel is probably a total wreck and the fate of the passengers is unknown. The company says that Vice-president Capote of the Cuban republic was aboard the wrecked vessel.

COALSHIP CAPTURED

The Cargo may Include Also Arms—All Cuban Cables Now Cut.

Key West, May 31.—The St. Paul has completed the cutting of the Santiago cables off Cape Mays.

This completely cuts Blanco off from communication with Madrid. On May 21, off San Juan an American cruiser captured a large bark loaded with 2200 tons of coal. Under the coal were suspicious cases not yet opened. The master of the bark said he was going to Porto Rico. The bark was the Maria Dolores, from Bilbao, via Rio, to San Juan.

A COMPLETE SUCCESS.

Key West, May 31.—The Florida expedition was a complete success. Five hundred Cubans were landed and are now with Garcia. A large quantity of arms and ammunition was also landed. The Spaniards were completely outwitted, and not a shot was fired. The Florida and her convoy the Osceola have returned.

OKLAHOMA TRAGEDY

William Piper Shot his Wife, his Baby and his Wife's Sister.

Perry, O. T., May 31.—William Piper shot his wife, baby and his wife's sister here this evening and then killed himself. He had parted from his wife and they quarrelled over the possession of the child.

Piper's wife and sister-in-law nearly pulled the infant to pieces to get possession of it, but the women won. Piper then commenced shooting and killed all three. He then put three bullets in his own brain.

NORTH CAROLINA GEMS.

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- One lot of 40 gems at 60 cents each.
- One lot of 100 gems at 75 cents each.
- One lot of 40 gems at \$1.00 each.
- One lot of 20 gems at 1.25 each.—Sold.
- One lot of 5 gems at \$1.50 each.
- One lot of 6 gems at \$2.00 each.
- One lot of 5 gems at \$2.50 each.—Sold.
- One lot of 3 gems at \$3.00 each.
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