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NO BATTLE TO REPORT

But Movements Mean Business—The First Expedition Nearing Cuba—The Second Contemplated—Lieutenant Blue Makes a Hazardous Trip Around Santiago, He Sees the Spanish Fleet—The Marines Have a Tough Time—Sampson Will Force an Entrance—Second Expedition to Start for Manila—Spain Not Ready for Peace.

It could not be expected that there would be any news today of special warlike action. The first expedition to Cuba is now probably nearing its destination. A degree of activity among Gen. Brooke's Corps at Chickamauga seems to mean an early departure of a second expedition to the front. It is unofficially stated that 15 of the best equipped regiments there are to go to Porto Rico.

The marines at Guantanamo are having a hard time of it. They have suffered two, perhaps three, attacks from the Spanish guerrillas. The attacks are made at night when our gunboats cannot do much to aid the marines. They dare not attempt it in daylight. Thus far the marines have held back many times their numbers with the loss of six men killed and a number wounded. While they are having rather a tough time there is little fear that they will not be able to hold the place till Gen. Shafter arrives. Then the score will be to pay.

The third hero of gigantic daring in our war so recently begun is Lieutenant Victor Blue, of South Carolina.

It was he who made a circuit around Santiago and settled the matter as to the presence of Cervera's fleet in the bay. He travelled 70 miles in the circuit.

The Vesuvius has joined Admiral Sampson's fleet and there is little doubt that its efficiency is to be tested soon after Gen. Shafter's troops get into position, when the Admiral evidently intends to force an entrance into the harbor and dispose of Cervera.

The second installment of troops is ready to leave San Francisco and will probably sail Thursday for Manila.

The Charleston, with the first expedition of three transports, it is hoped, will arrive at Manila in a week more.

Admiral Dewey will have little trouble to get the surrender of Manila when troops arrive to enable him to protect the city against the indignant insurgents. It will be in the nature of a relief when the Americans come, for the Spanish commander has offered a reward for the head of the insurgent leader and the Spaniard cannot expect to keep his head if he falls into the hands of the insurgent.

The frequent reports that Spain is ready to sue for peace are as often denied. We think the truth of it is that Spain is rather too demoralized to consider her own welfare and she dreads revolution at home as much as defeat away from home.

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GETTING READY TO FIGHT.

Some of the Things the Government Has Done in a Month and a Half.

They are many who wonder what the government has been doing since war has been declared and there is no little dissatisfaction often expressed. It is next to impossible for the government to give an adequate idea of what has been done and it is utterly impossible for it to convey an idea of the many environments that circumscribe its progress.

In the setting forth by Secretary Alger we note that from the 14th of May or in less than a month twelve miles of solid freight cars have been loaded with provisions for the army. In these were 19,346,954 rations for troops and the weight was 64,346,952 pounds. Not being a war like nation, there were not many firms that could make advance supplies, but the supply is now worked up about to the demand. Looking forward to possible need the government on the 21st of April, the date of the war, had about 20,000,000 small arm cartridges. Now we are getting nearly 700,000 per day and the supply is adequate. The old batteries in the regular army have been given six cannons and caissons instead of four. Sixteen volunteer batteries have been supplied partly at least and the government can now command all the guns, caissons, harness, etc., that it needs. Many heavy siege guns with the shells needed have been placed. Smokeless and other powder is being supplied on demand. Rapid fire guns with their ammunition have been supplied.

The chartering of transport ships has been effected readily except on the Pacific where much delay was unavoidable because it took longer for some of the ships to get into port from voyages. Forty-one such vessels have been chartered on the Atlantic coast and they had to be fitted up for soldiers and animals. Supplies of coal and water too were no small item of expense and care.

The contracts for moving troops were taken at from 1 to 11-2 cents per mile and the service was done quickly and with few accidents. A whole train of ten tourist sleeper cars with kitchen and dining room cars has been secured with headquarters at Tampa purely for hospital purposes for removing the sick to places desirable and beneficial.

The army has been brought up to 126 regiments of infantry; 34 regiments, battalions or troops of cavalry; 20 batteries of artillery.

Some of the things purchased by the quartermaster's department out of the very long list were, 8,810 cavalry horses, 12,802 draft mules, 2,109 pack mules, 500 small mules, 1,500 small horses, 4,090 wagons, 425 ambulances, 17,052 single harness, 1,500 saddles and bridles, 1,479 pack saddles, 3,100 halters, 1,575 artillery horses, and 544 draft horses for siege train, 106,382 blankets, 123,128 blouses, 25,739 canvas coats and trousers, 55,585 cotton flannel drawers, 123,900

summer drawers, 121,709 campaign hats, 28,950 canvas hats, 72,884 leggins, 105,288 paunchos, 130,785 flannel shirts, 193,565 leather shoes, 300,399 cotton stockings, 24,270 woolen stockings, 24,830 hammocks, 8,125 helmets, 3,820 mosquito bars, 2,000 head-nets, 6,006 common tents, and 1,250 conical tents.

A large number of batteries have been erected and various defenses improved and strengthened. Search lights, submarine mines, pontoon material, tools and instruments have been provided for. Four hundred miles of cable have been delivered and 15,000 submarine mines have been placed in the harbors.

These give but an imperfect idea of what has been accomplished in a month and a half.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Mrs. W. G. Garrison, of Bessemer, is visiting at the home of her father, Mr. D. B. Coltrane.

—Mr. Auley McRae, of Mt. Gilead, Montgomery county, was in our city today.

—Miss McLinn, one of the teachers at Elizabeth college, will arrive tonight and a few days later her friend, Miss Connie Cline.

—Attorney John T. Randolph, of Salisbury, arrived in our city Tuesday evening. Mr. Randolph will very probably be the Republican candidate for solicitor.

—Miss Fan McAden, of Charlotte, arrived yesterday evening to visit Miss Nannie Cannon. Miss Adelle Branizer was to have come, but will not arrive until Thursday.

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Stamps will have to be affixed to all papers relating to real estate transactions—conveyances, deeds, leases, agreements or contracts, mortgages, trust deeds and powers of attorney.

Wall street will catch it on selling stocks and bonds. The produce and cotton exchanges get off with 1 cent on the \$100. Bank checks will require a stamp.

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