

TOTTERING THRONE

Evidence of a Fierce Civil War in Spain Becoming Plainly Visible.

THE ARMY NOT TO BE RELIED ON.

Serious Riots at Several Points—Officers and Public Buildings Attacked—Hints of Resignation of the Queen-Regent to Save the Throne—Spain Willing to Cede Cuba—Another Report Would Cause Her to Ask the Powers to Intervene to Secure Peace—Germany Anxious as to Future of the Philippine Islands.

London, May 3.—It is announced in a special dispatch from Madrid that there is no idea of surrender there, either in ministerial circles or among the populace. On the contrary, it is added, the war is to be pursued with greater vigor. This special dispatch adds that it is even stated at Madrid, by those who are responsible for the naval movements that it has been determined to avoid isolated combats on unequal terms and with a superior enemy, and that they now intend to throw the whole universal strength of Spain into one supreme force to crush the American squadron in Cuban waters. Continuing the special says: "Until this engagement is fought, no proposal for intervention will be listened to."

A Cadiz dispatch says that the second Spanish squadron, consisting of the Palayo, Alfonso XIII, and Victoria, and a number of smaller ships has nearly completed its preparations for active service. It is reported, however, that great difficulty is experienced in fitting out the ships, owing to the lack of money. The British engineers have refused to serve on board of them, owing, it is said, to the belief that they are liable to heavy punishment under the foreign enlistment act.

The Spanish auxiliary cruiser Garda has, it is announced, taken fourteen guns on board, and is now on a trial cruise. London, May 2.—A special dispatch from Madrid says the Spanish colonial office has advised of the beginning of the bombardment of Manila, before the cable was cut, which said: "Thus far the Americans have not reached the town proper, which is strongly protected." Continuing, the advice to the colonial office at Madrid are said to have read: "Only the outlying native quarters have suffered. They are now in flames. Occasionally a shell fell in the European town, where a few houses were struck. The batteries of the citadel, especially the six large guns, are vigorously replying to the American fire and have inflicted considerable damage on the fleet."

THE SPANISH CABINET.

The Madrid correspondent of the Evening News cables the following message to this paper: "Although Premier Sagasta's conferences with the queen regent and liberal leaders, Montero and Rio lead to rumors of the formation of a national government, the facts are that Senator Sagasta placed the situation before the queen regent, explaining that the significance of the events in the Philippine islands indicated certain possible solutions for the future. Thereupon the queen expressed continued confidence in the government which will continue as now constituted, for the present."

"Senors Gamazo and Montero express the opinion that the present cabinet should continue in power. "The ministers met at Senor Sagasta's residence yesterday evening and the premier communicated to them the result of his interview with the queen regent. "The queen regent and the cabinet have agreed that the cortes should continue in session. "Senor Salmeron has given notice that he will interpellate the government on the events in the Philippine islands and Premier Sagasta will reply, voicing the intention of the queen's government to pursue the war to the bitter end. "It is rumored that Senor Sagasta will propose that the present minister of marine, Admiral Bermejo and his predecessor, Admiral Beranger, be forced to assume responsibility for the Philippine disaster. "The patriotic feeling here is increasing. "The Spanish officials say that when Commodore Dewey demanded the surrender of the Spanish guns, torpedoes etc., Governor General Augusti replied: 'Come and face the music.'"

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London, May 4.—A special dispatch from Madrid says: "The situation is causing the Spanish government almost as much uneasiness as the external demonstrations Monday night openly showed revolutionary tendencies, cheering Weyler and demanding Sagasta's resignation. "A special from Madrid says a cabinet crisis is imminent. It is believed it will end in a considerable modification of the present government. Possibly it will lead to the formation of a national ministry under the presidency of Campos. Parliament is certain to be closed soon. "London, May 3.—Inquiries made at the offices of the Eastern Telegraph Company show it has been impossible for any word to have come from Manila since 10 o'clock yesterday morning. London time, when the cable was cut. The officials of the company say, that according to their tests from Hong Kong, the cable was cut fifty miles from Manila. They think a week or even a fortnight may elapse before it can be repaired. "A special from Madrid says that during the demonstrations Monday night the soldiery at the barracks were only prevented from joining the mob by personal pleadings of the officers, and says also that many officers mingled with the mob, inciting it to an attack upon the residences of the ministers."

THE MADRID RABBLE.

London, May 4.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphically Tuesday says: "There is no longer any doubt that the internal situation is causing the government almost as much uneasiness as the external. Last night's demonstration was one of the most serious in some time, since those openly participating showed their revolutionary tendencies. Cries were raised of 'Down with the Bourbons!'" "Long live Don Carlos!" "Long live the Republic!" and "Long live Weyler!" The first move of the demonstrators, over 1,000 strong, was to the house of General Weyler, with the object of cheering him. He did not appear and the crowd then went to the residence of Senor Sagasta while the ministers were in conference and shouted in favor of his resignation. "The events of the last few days have undoubtedly increased the popularity of General Weyler, who favors an out and out war policy. At the same time there is no real ground for anticipating that he will come to the head of affairs. General Weyler is notorious, but not a prominent person in Spanish politics. Every one recognizes that Weyler's cruelty in Cuba and his policy as to the reconquistas largely contributed to bringing about the present state of affairs, while his alleged loyalty to the state is a mere disguise. Public opinion is always likely to mistrust him, and he is unpopular with the queen-regent. The country en masse is opposed to the idea of a republic. The people prefer Don Carlos to anything but such a change. They had enough of the republic in 1873."

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Vienna, May 3.—It is believed here that the Spanish dynasty is nearing the end. London, May 4.—A special dispatch from Madrid says: "The chamber assembled yesterday amid a wild excitement unparalleled in years. The full strength of the police was called out and the troops kept in barracks under arms. There were scandalous scenes while Sagasta was speaking. Republicans and Carlists hurled at him insulting epithets, while the moderate members of the chamber were members of the mob. "Madrid, May 4.—A dispatch from Talavera (Talavera de La Reyna, about thirty-seven miles from Toledo) announces rioters there have committed serious disorder. They attacked and burned the railroad station, burned the cars and the street fire to several private houses and a cafe. After that, the rioters tried to break into prison and release the convicts, but were prevented by the civil guards. Many persons were arrested. "Owing to the threatening attitude of the population of various towns, the authorities have proclaimed martial law in the province of Valencia. "Riots have occurred at Caceres but they are said to have been suppressed by the civil guards. "The miners around Oviedo, capital of the province of that name, have struck work and disorders are feared. Reinforcements of troops has been hurried there. "A rumor of the rioting at Gijon, the fortified seaport of Oviedo, on the bay of Biscay, is feared and a state of siege has been declared at that place. The fishermen are taking the most active part in the disturbances which are due to the dearth of provisions and the opposition of the people to the octroi tax. All the bread at Gijon is baked at the military depots, as the rioters are threatening to pillage the regular bakers. All the stores are closed and business is about suspended. "The Madrid newspapers are very pessimistic in their comments upon the situation in the provinces and the debates in the cortes, and it is believed the resignation of the cabinet is imminent. "The Carlism organs, and The Imparcial and The Liberal predict grave events. The cabinet, however, is disposed to energetically maintain order and hasten the vote on financial bill, in order to suspend the cortes and give the crown and executive power full freedom of action."

WILD RUMORS OF ASSASSINATIONS.

London, May 4.—The reports in circulation at Gibraltar, that Senor Moret, the Spanish minister for the colonies, and Marshal Marteniz de Campos, the former captain general of Cuba, have been assassinated, are unfounded. Inquiries made at the consular office at Gijon there from Spain yesterday afternoon brought the rumor that Senor Moret and Marshal Campos had been murdered and that Premier Sagasta had sought refuge in the British embassy at Madrid. The dispatches sent from Madrid last night reporting the speeches of Senor Sagasta and Marshal Campos show conclusively that there is no truth in the reports. "THE SPANISH THRONE IN DANGER. "London, May 5.—A special dispatch from Vienna says the idea of the resignation of the regency by Maria Christina is seriously considered here in the British capital. "A special dispatch from Madrid says the government would be content to cede Cuba to America, but would not pay an indemnity, because unable. "A special dispatch from Madrid says all the elements of the cortes will exist in Spain. Conservatives and Carlism are the great parties of the future. The conservatives gravitate toward Carlism."

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Washington, May 4.—A sensation was caused throughout the city by the news that came this morning of the arrival of a vessel supposed to be the dispatch boat McCulloch, at Mirs Bay, forty miles from Hong Kong, the cable terminus. The officials immediately fell into the air of expectancy waiting for some word from Admiral Dewey that would not only confirm officially the stirring news of the battle of Manila, as reported by the Press, but telling what had happened since the cable was interrupted. Up to the close of office hours, however, no word had come from Hong Kong. "Great interest is felt in the reported return of the Spanish Cape Verde fleet to Cadiz, but, while admitting the possibility of the fast vessels of the Spanish flying squadron making the passage in the five days that they have been out from St. Vincent, the naval officers were disposed to regard with suspicion news of this kind emanating from Portugal, because of the recognized sympathy of the Portuguese with the Spanish side. It would be worth a good deal to the Spanish admiral commanding the flying squadron, supposing he were on his way across the Atlantic to throw us off our guard by having us believe that he had returned to Spain. "RUSHING AMMUNITION TO DEWEY'S FLEET. "The navy department has now secured two vessels, the Australia and the City of Pekin, in San Francisco, which will be loaded with coal and supplies and rushed off to join Commodore Dewey's fleet. Whether or not they will carry troops will be determined positively when the commodore is heard from upon this matter. The navy department is hurrying together an exceptionally large stock of ammunition to go forward by the City of Pekin, to recruit the ammunition of Commodore Dewey's fleet. The first shipment of projectiles left New York yesterday, and additional shipments will be made until the full quota of powder and shot will be in San Francisco within the next ten days. There will be a total of 20,000 projectiles of various calibre and weight. The navy department is fortunate in having laid in an ample stock of projectiles of all weights and sizes, so that there will be no delay in getting a full supply ready for shipment to Commodore Dewey. The supply of powder is not so readily obtained as powder has been distributed to the several fleets and ships as fast as it has come from the mills. But owing to the emergency in the case of the Asiatic fleet powder intended for other uses will be sent to Commodore Dewey's fleet. 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