

THE SUSPENSE OVER

Officials Relieved by Positive News of Spanish Fleet in Santiago.

GUARDED BY SCHLEY'S SHIPS.

This Information Comes to the Department from Perfectly Reliable Source—The Military Situation Simplified—Official Despatches Expected from Commodore Schley—Many False Sensational Rumors—M. C. Butler, of South Carolina, Made Major General and W. C. Oates, of Alabama, a Brigadier.

Washington, May 28.—The navy department received information today which for the first time relieved the officials of the anxiety and doubt they have felt for the last few days, and satisfied them on two vital points. First, that the American fleet under Commodore Schley was outside of Santiago harbor and, second, that Admiral Cervera's fleet was inside that harbor. This information came from private sources which naval officials regard as thoroughly reliable. It is from the same source that gave the navy department the first information, almost a week ago, that the Spanish squadron was inside of Santiago harbor. This source of information has proved itself reliable thus far and for that reason the news received today was accepted as conclusive. It did not come from any naval or state department officials. There is little doubt, however, that it will be supplemented by official advices from Commodore Schley, if, indeed, such advices are not already here, though up to the close of office hours, the navy department had not bulletined anything from Schley.

The officials were in a state of expectancy, having learned from the press dispatches from Kingston that the scouting vessel Harvard was there with reports for the department. Secretary Long went to the review at Camp Alger during the afternoon and in his absence no information was made public.

Relying on the private advices received, naval officials feel that the entire military situation is simplified and the powers of mischief by the Spanish fleet are at an end. One distinguished officer remarked that as a result of the information received he felt ten years younger since yesterday. He had been seriously apprehensive that the Spanish fleet had succeeded in getting away, but the information of today relieved his mind on that point. He said that Commodore Schley is able to spare several of the ships from his squadron to permit them to join in offensive demonstrations elsewhere. All Schley needs, it is pointed out, is a small force to watch the entrance of Santiago harbor. The commanding officer of two cruisers would be ample for this service, as such a force would largely overmatch the four armored cruisers of the Spanish squadron. In this way Admiral Cervera's fleet can be pocketed in the channel. On her way to this country the Vizcaya passed through some very severe weather almost approaching the cyclonic, and proved that vessels of her class are able to withstand such storms with perfect ease.

During the day the navy department posted a bulletin giving reassuring advices from Admiral Dewey. This was the only specific bit of information given out during office hours. It was a day replete with rumors, some of them of a very sensational nature, but the various reports of sanguinary battles failed of verification.

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IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY

The Last Funeral Rites Over the Remains of the Late William E. Gladstone.

London, May 28.—In the northern transept of Westminster abbey, where England's greatest rest, the body of the late William Ewart Gladstone was entombed today with the ceremonies of the nation he had served and of the church he had loved. His grave is beside that of his life-long adversary, Benjamin Disraeli (Lord Beaconsfield), whose marble effigy looks down upon it decked with the regalia which Gladstone had refused. Two possible future kings of Great Britain walked beside the great commoner's coffin and all the nobility and learning of the state surrounded it, though the wish of the deceased had been for simplicity. The official funeral was the first since Lord Palmerston, was rendered as in the aspect by the magnificence of the building in which it was solemnized. The coffin rested on an elevator bier, before the altar, its plainness hidden beneath a pall of white and gold, embroidered with the text, "Requiescat in Pace."

Six tall candles were beside it, and on either side stood the supporters of the pall. The prince of Wales and the duke of York were at the head of the coffin and ranging behind them were the marquis of Salisbury, the earl of Kimberley, A. J. Balfour, Sir William Vernon Harcourt, the duke of Rutland, Lord Rosebery, and Mr. Gladstone's two old time friends, Baron Rendel and George Armstrong. Within the chancel stood the dean of Westminster and behind him were gathered the cathedral clergy, the archbishop of Canterbury and the scarlet and white surpliced choir filling the chapel. The mourners, who sat in the stalls nearest to the bier, were Mrs. Gladstone, her sons—Herbert and Stephen—and other members of the family, with Miss Dorothy Drew, Mr. Gladstone's favorite grandchild. The princess of Wales and the duchess of York occupied the dean's pew, opposite.

IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE DAY.

- Commodore Schley is Sure he has Cervera Bottled up in Santiago.
- The President Nominates Hon. M. C. Butler, of South Carolina, to be Major General and Hon. W. C. Oates, of Alabama, to be Brigadier General.
- Proof is Positive that Cervera's Fleet is in Santiago Harbor.
- Thirty-Three Companies have Made Tenders of Service in the Third North Carolina Volunteers.
- The Spanish Reserve Squadron Leaves Cadiz.
- The Senate Tables the Proposed Corporation Tax Amendment to the War Revenue Bill.
- Admiral Dewey is Short of Provisions and Ammunition.
- There is no Truth in Reported Injury to the Cruiser Baltimore.
- The Remains of W. E. Gladstone were Interred in Westminster Yesterday.
- The St. Louis Comes Home to Have Some 5-inch Rifles added to Her Armament.
- No Arrests have yet Been Made for the Attempt to Blow Up Fortifications at Key West.
- At Cape Haytien there are Unconfirmed Rumors of an American Naval Victory.

remains to the grave was composed of most of the notable people in London, and the funeral services were full of pathos. The bishop of London officiated and the archbishop of Canterbury pronounced the benediction. Mrs. Gladstone stood bravely, with great composure, throughout the service. Her face was lifted upward, her lips were moving as though repeating the lines of the service. The prince of Wales, the duke of York and the other pallbearers shook hands with Mrs. Gladstone, the mourners defiled past the grave, taking a last view of the coffin, and when they had been escorted down the nave, to the entrance, the people slowly departed. Memorial services in honor of Mr. Gladstone were held today all over England.

LATEST NEWS FROM DEWEY

He is Short of Provisions and Ammunition—The Baltimore Not Injured. Another Cable Cut. Hong Kong, May 28.—There is absolute no truth in the report that the United States cruiser Baltimore, now at Manila, has been damaged by an external explosion. The United States auxiliary cruiser Zafiro, which arrived here at midnight yesterday, reports that Rear Admiral Dewey is short of provisions and ammunition. The Haville-Manila cable, it is said, was cut by the Americans on May 23rd. A brush between the insurgents and the Spanish occurred near Cavite on May 20th. The entire American fleet is at Cavite. The report that some of the American ships had sailed for Iloilo, where the Spanish gunboat El Cano is supposed to be, is incorrect. The incendiary fires continue. The cable between this place and Santiago de Cuba is not interrupted. The significance of this mysterious silence is not known, but excites great wonder. No explanation is furnished excepting surmise based on various influences.

AT CAMP RUSSELL

Companies of Second Regiment Lettered and Formed into Battalions. Colonel Burgwyn Takes Command.

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., May 28.—The two most interesting occurrences at Camp Russell today were the drawing for position of companies and dress parade. Following is the result of the drawing: Company A, Fayetteville, Captain Huske; B, Rutherfordton, Captain Bell; C, Lenoir, Captain Jones; D, Greensboro, Captain Gray; E, Greenville, Captain Smith; F, Lumber Bridge, Captain Cobb; G, Gastonia, Captain Durham; H, Asheville, Captain Wagoner; I, Tarboro, Captain Jeffries; K, Wilmington, Captain Macrae; L, Nantahala, Captain Gibson; M, Murphy, Captain Cooper. The drawing was done by order of the secretary of war and it was odd that Captain Huske, the last one to draw, should get company "A," which is, of course, the choicest.

Battalions were also formed, as follows: First battalion, Major Wilder, companies, A, G, K, and D; second battalion, Major Dixon, companies B, H, L, and E; third battalion, Major Cotten, companies C, I, M, and F. At dress parade Colonel Burgwyn first drew the number of companies and battalions as above. In this order Colonel Burgwyn assumed command and said: "The material of the regiment is all one could wish. To make the regiment equal to the expectations of its friends seek denial, unquestioning obedience and strict attention to duty will be necessary and the colonel feels assured he will be loyally supported by the officers and by the rank and file." Logan D. Howell will, June 8th, tender his resignation as superintendent of the Raleigh public schools, having become quartermaster sergeant of the Second regiment of volunteers. Henry G. Connor, resigns and his resignation is accepted, as trustee of the Agricultural and Mechanical college. Captain Carl Jeffers was the last man mustered in the Second regiment. There are only eight men in the hospital, one case each of mumps, measles, and poison oak, and five of chills and fever. Major James H. Musk of the negro battalion says T. R. Moxley of Wilmington, its surgeon and W. L. McNair, of Laurinburg, hospital steward.

There are up to tonight thirty-three ten companies of the Third North Carolina. The principal musicians appointed are: Arthur Theobald and Thomas Janning. Camp Russell is being made very clean. The only inconvenience about it is that a large building separates the camp into two sections, and prevents regularity, but there are other counterbalancing advantages. Your correspondent witnessed the first dress parade from the third floor of the grand stand and the sight was very picturesque, only complete uniform and equipment were needed to make the regiment impressive. The first battalion paraded only three companies as all of the officers of company A were busy with Captain Gresham, the mustering officer. The second battalion also paraded only three companies, company E being absent with leave. Three companies of the first battalion were uniformed and two in the third battalion. Captain Huske was officer of the day today, Captain Jeffries will be tomorrow.

When a man is suffering with an aching head, a sluggish body, when his muscles are lax and lazy, his brain dull, and his stomach containing food, he will, if wise, heed these warnings and resort to the right remedy, before it is too late. "Parker's Sarsaparilla," the "King of Blood Purifiers," makes the appetite keen and hearty, invigorates the liver, purifies the blood and fits it with the life-giving elements of the food. It is a wonderful blood-maker and flesh builder. Sold by J. C. Tress.

Rumors of an American Victory.

(Copyright by Associated Press.) Cape Haytien, May 28.—A rumor has reached here of an important success; but no confirmation of the report can be obtained here. Since the rumored arrival of the Spanish fleet at Santiago de Cuba no news has reached here, though the cable between this place and Santiago de Cuba is not interrupted. The significance of this mysterious silence is not known, but excites great wonder. No explanation is furnished excepting surmise based on various influences.

CORNERED AT LAST.

Spanish Fleet, After a Long Chase, Run to Earth in Santiago Harbor.

SCHLEY'S HUNT FOR THE ENEMY

He Stops off Cienfuegos Thinking He has Him Secure There—Finding His Mistake, He Goes on to Santiago Where he Gets Information of the Fleet's Presence—Santiago Poorly Protected—The Only Danger From the Mines—The Blockade—The Army Ready to Move—A Chase—Question as to Disposition of Cervera's Fleet.

(Copyright by Associated Press.) Key West, Fla., May 28.—It is now almost certain that Commodore Schley has the Spanish fleet bottled up in the harbor of Santiago de Cuba. There is so little doubt about it that the naval campaign is proceeding upon the assumption that Admiral Cervera is in capable of doing any harm. Within a few days, the exact conditions of Santiago de Cuba will be known—without a shadow of doubt. In spite of assertions to the contrary Commodore Schley was not absolutely sure of his game when he last communicated with Rear Admiral Sampson and the commodore will not take active steps to block up the entrance of Santiago harbor until he is perfectly certain that Admiral Cervera's ships are inside. However, he may have done this already, as Commodore Schley's last communication, forwarded on Thursday, only reached Rear Admiral Sampson yesterday. The commodore stayed three days at Cienfuegos. He signalled to his ships "I believe the Spanish fleet is in the Harbor." On this belief a message was sent to the American admiral. The details, if Commodore Schley found out that he was mistaken are not yet known. At any rate, acting on the admiral's instructions, the commodore then moved east, arriving outside Santiago de Cuba on Wednesday morning, May 25th.

The topography of Cienfuegos and Santiago de Cuba is almost identical. Both harbors are about six miles long, with narrow entrances, about 300 yards wide and protected by highlands. A whole fleet could lie in the harbor of either place and be invisible from the outside. In his experience at Cienfuegos, it is probable that Commodore Schley was very conservative in deciding whether or not he had caught Admiral Cervera. From the tone of his dispatches it is evident that the commodore soon gained much second-hand and external evidence which pointed to Admiral Cervera's presence in the inner harbor. This evidence was apparently strong enough to make the commodore feel certain the object of his trip had been accomplished, but in view of his previous experience, he would not risk a decisive statement until further ascertaining the fact for himself. Before this dispatch is published it is likely that Commodore Schley had sent a vessel to reconnoiter the entrance of the harbor of Santiago de Cuba, or has obtained from a reliable source ashore information as to the exact number and the names of the Spanish warships sheltered by the hills about that place. SANTIAGO POORLY PROTECTED. Contrary to the generally expected opinion, the harbor of Santiago de Cuba is poorly protected. Like Havana and San Juan de Porto Rico, it has its Morro castle, which is even a better target than those of Havana and San Juan. The only danger to be feared is from the mines which have been laid in the channel of Santiago since war was declared. But, countermining would probably render these mines harmless, should it prove desirable for Commodore Schley's ships to enter the harbor. Such a step however is unlikely. It may be noted that since the commencement of the naval operations, the moral effects of the mines has been great. This condition promises to continue and will probably mark the naval operations to a greater extent than ever imagined in the past.

THE BLOCKADE.

The blockade of northern Cuba continues uneventful and is apparently successful. The measure of precaution which Rear Admiral Sampson adopted up to yesterday to guard the eastern and western passages did not detract from the efficacy of the blockade. Now that the element of uncertainty regarding the Spanish ships' whereabouts is almost entirely removed, the ships which were solely occupied in watching for the Spaniards have become an additional force for the blockade and without any inconvenient change of position. Commodore Schley has been reinforced but his position was clearly so strong that the re-enforcement which he received made no difference to the strong fleet in northern Cuban waters. The rumors of the sailing of a second Spanish squadron did not worry Rear Admiral Sampson in the slightest degree. His feelings on the subject were apparently expressed when he said: "I am perfectly satisfied that we have bagged these fellows" (referring to Admiral Cervera's ships).

THE ARMY READY TO MOVE.

For the second time since war was declared the admiral has been notified that the army is ready to move. This is good news to all the naval officers. "By great good fortune, no accident has occurred of sufficient importance to render any of our ships utterly helpless or beyond the aid of towing during the fleet's cruising for the past month.

CHASE.

The sharpest kind of a lookout was kept on Thursday and Friday. The squadron's cruise was made in better weather than during the first part of the week. The most quiet, lightened the work of peering after the Spaniards and a chase last night was the only event worth recording. The New York had left the fleet far behind and was speeding toward Key West, with the fortress as consort. As the sun was going down a sail was sighted. With foam swishing her bow, the flagship steamed toward the strange sail. She was rapidly overtaken and proved to be the bark Varonica Arundel, Norway, from Apalachicola to Queenstown with lumber. The vessel was not detained. 6 p. m.—Admiral Cervera is imprisoned at Santiago de Cuba. Advices to this effect were brought here this afternoon by an auxiliary gunboat which arrived from Cienfuegos, presumably with dispatches for Washington. Last Sunday the Scorpion left Cienfuegos and proceeded eastward on scout duty, going as far as Santiago de Cuba. Five of the auxiliary ships were then lying off there, apparently waiting the arrival of the main division of the squadron. After an uneventful trip the Scorpion returned to Cienfuegos, but found that Commodore Schley had gone, having left orders for her to return to Key West. The officers of the gunboat, when questioned as to Admiral Cervera's whereabouts, expressed no doubts of his presence at Santiago de Cuba.

All was reported quiet along the south coast of Cuba up to the time of her capture; and nothing was known of the "Marblehead" rumored to attack on the Cienfuegos blockade houses.

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Another Powder Mill Blown Up

Fern's Grove, N. J., May 28.—By the explosion of a mixing mill at the smokeless powder works of the Dupont Company at Fern's Grove, near this afternoon, William Brown, a workman of Fern's Grove, was killed; Thomas Shoulters, of Fern's Grove, injured and three mills destroyed. The explosion is supposed to have been caused by a pebble in the mixing trough. The mill caught fire and the flames were communicated to two other mills near by and they were also destroyed. Francis C. Dupont, Alexis Dupont and Pierre Dupont, superintended the work of putting out the fire. While the sparks were flying about the Duponts dashed into a small warehouse near one of the burning mills and removed 300 pounds of gun cotton to a place of safety at the risk of their lives.

Supreme Court Decisions

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., May 28.—The supreme court filed the following opinions: Herndon vs. Alsbaugh, per curiam, order affirmed; Kenney vs. Railroad, order from Davidson, affirmed; Weis vs. Cobb, from Pasquotank, petition to rehear dismissed. The court adjourned for the term.

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