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# SPAIN'S SPY SYSTEM

Laid Bare by Securing a Letter from Senor Carranza to a Friend in Madrid.

## INGENIOUS DETECTIVE WORK.

Treasury Secret Service Men Watching the Former Naval Attachee of Spain Ever Since Arriving at Montreal---Rewarded by Securing t his Letter ... Carranza Writes of His Spy Work ... Two of His Men Captured, One of Whom Committed Suicide-His Discussion of the Plans of the

of the United States treasury service, to hay made public the letter which veas recently written by Mr. Carranza, former mayal attachee of the Spanish degation in Washington, now in Montreal, to a party in the office of the Spanish minister of marine, at Madrid, and secured by Mr. Wilkie's operatives and brought to Washington. The officials here do not know who Senor Imay is, but believe he is a high official. The letter was received here in Washington, who hanged himselfabout one week ago, but for politic reasons it has been withheld until today. Copies this morning were furnished to the president, the secretary of the treasury and the secretary of state, and it is altogether probable that action will be immediately taken | gratified to have a ship, in order to to secure the instant departure of the Spanish contingent from Canadian

The letter is of the most sensational character and discloses the very elaborate spy system which has been conducted in this country in the interest of Spain. Since their departure from this city, Chief Wilkie's agents have been fully cognizant of every move of the Spaniards and for the last several weeks he has had agents employed in the houses where they lodged and nothing of interest has apparently escaped their vigilance.

The letter, however, was secured by an operative who called at the house in the capacity of a health officer while Mr. Carranza was at dinner. The letter was found on his table addressed for mailing. It was handed by this man to another in waiting and from him to a third, who instantly started with it to Washington. The party under suspicion in Montreal of having taken the letter, Chief Wilkie says, is entirely innocent, the man who took the letter never having been in the house before. The officials who have had knowledge of Chief Wilkie's moves regard it as one of the most clever pieces of detective work ever done in this country . The letter is as follows:

Montreal, May 26, 1898. "Tupper Street, 42. "To His Excellency, Senor Don Jose Gomez Imay:

"My Dear Don Jose-It was my belief that they would have appointed you to command the Cadiz fleet, and it was my intention to have sent you a telegram asking that you take me with you, or to meet you in the Antilles, or wherever you might say. The case has not turned out thus, however, and it seems as though God were not on our side, because the election of Senor Camara, I fear, will be fatal, although he may have a good chief of staff. No one could possibly suit him, because he is very capricious, and besides, is not a hard worker: on the contrary, he is lazy and would pay no attention to the advice of any one. You will not take this for flattery, but today no one but you and Don Pasquale should have command of our fleet, and this is the belief of the younger element of the personnel. Now there is no remedy, and may God shed His light upon him and keep him

wrote to the minister and with the confidence due to my special duties, I said to him, on sending aclip- not answer me. That afternoon there ping from a newspaper containing a was another telegram from Madrid telegram from Cadiz, speaking of our saying he had left Santiago. I confleet and of its admiral, that it was | tinued sending messages to General not Senor Camara, but you who should command it; and that we, the lower personnel, who have traveled about a

The people all over this city are reporting that the Aetna Litha Water is the finest water they have ever used. Every many who has been using it freely is today advising his friends to try it because he is getting such relief from it. People who use one bottle and quit have nothing to say for it because that one bottle did not make a final cure. This is not justice. Drink freely of Aetna Lithia Water and we will guarantee it will relieve you of all we claim for it, or your money will be refunded.

Aeina Lithia Water Go. R. E. WARD. Agent, BUNTING'S PHARMACY

War of Both Nations. Washington, June 4.-Chief Wilkie, | little, know you very well. It may be that this action may have made a bad impression on him, but I don't care, because if I can do so, I shall leave the service when this war is finished. "I have beenleft here to receive and send telegrams and to look after the spy service which I have organized, or, I had better say, am establishing here, because until a very little while ago I

was not permitted to do as I pleased.

TWO BEST SPIES CAPTURED. "We have had bad luck because they have captured our two best spies, one or else they did it for him-and the other day before yesterday in Tampa. The Americans are showing the most extraordinary vigilance. I do not wish to remain here without taking an active part in the war, and I desire duty in which I can take the initiative and do something. I shall be extremely run the blockade, or a torpedo boatanything rather than playing second fiddle. However, if there is no other remedy, I would go perfectly willingly on board a large ship. I am very sorry that this war finds me so low in rank for it offers opportunities for any one who wishes to work and to risk him-

#### CERVERA'S PLANS.

"I cannot believe that Don Pasquale could be in Santiago as reported by the American press. He entered it on the 18th, and if he had gone immediately to Havana he would have met only two monitors in front of it. I make it out that he entered that place only to coal, and for the moral effect it would produce in Spain. Suppose he, went out Friday, the 20th, if he had gone to the north and through the Province channel, he would have passed into Havana right under the noses of the Americans, who had only small cruisers; for Schley was at sea on the night of Thursday, Sampson on that of Friday, and on that of Sunday, the 22nd, he took the lower channel. for the east, and on Wednesday turned towards Havana. Schley's squadron has been reinforced by the Iowa, and Sampson's by the Oregon. I believe that in war one has to tempt fortune. If it had not been because Sampson was afraid that Don Pasquale might go to Havana and that Schley would not be there, or our confidence is well grounded that he found himself very short of ammunition after the bombardment through the stealing in the ordnance department, the fact remains that it was logical for his to remain near Santiago and Cienfuegos and if he could prevent the entrance of our squadron, to shut it up, and thus close its campaign as those people over there already believe it closed. But I cannot believe such a stupid thing possible. suppose that he went to the south or Porto Rico and that he had ordered a cruiser or two there to cover the Terror and that he will appear at San Juan on the 27th and 28th. He will coal there and will then return to delay and annoy them and delay the invasion. The Vizcaya and the O'Quendo at least need go into dry-

GIVING CERVERA INFORMATION. "I telegraphed to Don Pasquale on the morning of the 20th when I knew he was in Santiago, saying that the squadrons wer at Key West. He did Blanco in respect to all the movements and now, so far as I know, Don Pasquale has arrived at Porto Rico, where shall try to communicate with him. "If he should have set out for Marfour hour's advantage, he would have surely have sunk her. During the entire arrived before now. I'am very much afraid lest they attack Porto Rico by sea and land and put off the attack on Havana. They are not going to do snore than try to take the latter and they think then, if they destroy our fleet, of taking the war into Spain with Havana already in their power. They afraid or our army and of yellow feto die in Cuba; there would be a tremendous row, as they are not like our people. Anyway, we shall see when there is news of the fleet. I expect it tomorrow with them cleaning their hulls at the Keys, we should be able to clean something in three days at Porto Rico. Each day that passes is worse for us on accunot of the almost total lack of preparations. If the Cadiz squadron is to come to bombard Boston, Portland, Long Island, they can do it now, but after a few months

it will be too late. URGES PEACE.

"I think if we are to have any success in this matter it will be through treating for peace by yielding Cuba and having them recognize the debt. If we do not do this soon it will be too cial trains for San Francisco by way of late and we shall lose Cuba and Porto New Orleans. They are a fine looking into court and held to appear ander a Rico and all that this war has cost us, set of men and fully equipped.

and in addition, we shall be charged with the Cuban debt, for which our treasury is responsible. There is no doubt here that we cannot continue this war in which we have nothing to gain and may lose our three colonies and be ruined for fifty years.

THE MATTER OF MONEY. "In the matter of money, there is no patriotism here. Proof is given by the bank which ought to have bought gold, although at a premium of 100 per cent., and issued notes against it in the same or a slightly greater quantity. With 150,000 it has made 1,300,000,000. This is the moment of the year at which instead of returning 23 or 24 per cent., it returns only 12 of 15. As regards its buying gold, exchange has gone down, and if in buying 400,000,000 it issues 500,000,000, paying 600 or 700, inasmuch as to the state subscribes lina, placing a duty of 10 cents i pound at the rate of 5 per cent., this would on all teal imported into the United represent to the bank an interest of States. The amen'dment created no deabout 3 per cent., and its dividend bate and was adopted by a vole of 38 would have gone down very little. The | to 32. It is calculated by the serate exbank is the nation, and with the nation it has grown rich by offering to pay money, which it did not have in its treasury, and by getting interest on that which it really never had given out. But whatever the bank does, no-

"I have written to the minister, but I did not give him so much news of the fleets as to you, because I had other thinks to speak of. If you should see him you might give him some news. We shall see when they relieve me and send some one here to work and not amuse himself. I can imagine your anxiety for Francisco and the rest, an anxiety that we share. Their terrible ships do not go as fast as ours by perhaps two and a half miles. As much, they can be used only to bombard in a smooth sea and, besides, cannot go fast and carry very litle coal. They have delayed Sampson the

have no money in their pants if they

should call for it.

"My regards to Rafael and his daughters, and you know how much your kinsman and subordinate loves

(Signed) "RAMON CARRANZA." "I should be glad to have you write

Sent to Conference. SENATE. Washington, June 4.-With to evi-

dence of excitement and without incident worthy of special note, but with manifestations of deep interest, the war revenue measure was pas ed in the senate this evening at 7 Tclock. The bill was under consideration eight hours today. 'A score or more of attempts were made to amend it but in only three or four instances were the attempts successful. 'A particular effort was made to amend the board provision, but it was futile in every instance.

The most notable amendment thade to the measure was that offered ba Senator Tillman, democrat, of South Caroperts that the duty, if it be finally enacted into law, will raise at least \$10,000,000 a year and probably nore. 'An amendment offered by Benator Chilton, democrat, of Texas, a member of the finance committee, proviles for body dares object, except those who a tax graduated according to price upon all articles sold under a watentright, trade mark or name not pen to general use and which are not other-

wise taxed by the bill. Through an amendment off red by Senator Lindsay, democrat, on Kentucky, the senate decided not to place a stamp tax upon bundles of r wspa-pers, wholly or partly printed which

weigh less than '100 pounds. A tax of 4 cents a barrel was placed on adulterated flour and a sta ap tax of 1 cent on every ticket entitling the holder to a seat in a palace or parlor company selling the seat or be th being required to affix the stamp.

On the passage of the measure every republican voted in the affirmaltive. By parties the vote in favor of the measure was as follows: Republicans 39, Democrats 7, Populist 1, and sifter rerublicans 1, total 48.

Against the bill the vote was: Democrats 20, Populists 7, and silver epublican 1, total 28. The democra's who voted for the bill were Messrs. Caffery, Corman, Lindsay, McEnery, M. tchell,

# DEEDS OF DARING

Of Lieutenant Hobson and the Volunteer Crew of the Merrimac.

### THEIR ESCAPE MIRACULOUS.

They Take the Merrimac Into the Channel of Santiago and Explode a Mine in Her, Under Terrific Fire From the Enemy ... Unable to Return, They Take Boat and Surrender to the Enemy...

> On Call for Volunteers to Man the Merrimac. Four Thousand Men Offer --- Cervera's Acknowledgement of their Bravery.

Weshington, June 4 .- The navy de- | him. Last night Chaplain Royce in-

The navy department at 3 o'clock received the following dispatch:

"Mole, Hayti, June 4 .- I succeeded in sinking the Merrimae in the channel of Santiago at 4 o'clock a. m., June 3rd. This was carierd out most gallantly under the command of Naval Constructor Holtson and seven men. By a flag of truce from the Spanish Admiral Cervera, sent in recognition of their bravwar, two slightly wounded. I request authority to approve exchange if possible between these and the prisoners at Atlanta. Six of the Spanish squadron are in the harbor of Santiago de Cuba, unable to avod beng captiured or destroyed.

"SAMPSON." SINKING THE MERRIMAC.

(Copyright by Associated Press.) On Board the Associated Press Dispatch Boat Dauntless, Off Santiago de Cuba, June 4th-(Via Kingston, Ja., June 4.)-Rear Admiral Sampson, during Friday morning decided to close the narrow harbor entrance of Santiago de Cuba by sinking the collier Merrimac, loaded with coal, in the channel.. He called for volunteers to go to almost certain death and 4,000 men offered themselves. Lieutenant Hobson and seven men were chosen and at 3 o'clock a. m., Friday morning, the Merrimac, under her own steam entered the channel under a terrible Spanish fire. The vessel was riddled with projectiles, but she anchored and swung around Lioutenant Hohenn than get off an internal torpedo with an electric attachment, there was an explosion, the Merramac sank, the channel was closed and, apparently, Admiral Cervera will be unable to escape.

HOW THE HEROES WERE SAVED Kingston, Ja., June 4.—Hobson and the hero crew of the Merrimac were saved in the following manner. Unable after the sinking of their vessel, to make their way back through the storm of shot and shell, they rowed into the harbor to the Spanish flagship and were taken on board unharmed,

The Spanish admiral, under a flag of truce on Friday sent word to the Amermeanwhile Hobson and his party would be treated with the greatest kindness. Lieutenant Hobson appears to have carried out his plan to the smallest details, except as regards the method of escape. The row boat in which the crew were to attempt to escape was either blown up or shot to pieces, for Lieutenant Hobson and his men drifted ashore on an old catamaran which was slung over the ships side at the last moment as an extra precaution. Upon reaching shore the men were taken prisoners and sent to Santiago city under guard. Later they were taken to Morro castle where the now

Captain Oviedo, Admiral Cervera's chief of staff, who boarded the New York under a flag of truce, did not give further details of the capture. ADMIRATION FOR THE AMERI-

CAN'S BRAVERY. The bravery of the Americans evidently excited as much admiration among the Spaniards as it did among the men of the American fleet. The prisoners will be perfectly safe and will probably be well treated while they disappeared. Whether she was sunk remain in Morro castle. The fleet is or not is not known. The firing took wild with delight tonight over the ter- | place to the eastward of Morro. mination of the most daring expedition since the destruction of the confederate ironclad Albemarle by Lieutenant Cushing in 1864. The Admiral is just as glad as the youngest jackie. Captain Chadwick, of the flagship New York, who is usually most conservative in speaking of the incident, said: "Splendid! Splendid! too much cannot. Montague, George Charlotte, J. E. be said about it."

The general opinion is that no man ever deserved recognition by congress for personal bravery more than does Lieutenant Hobson. His work was well done and his men are safe. When he started on the expedition few thought he could accomplish his object. Officers of the fleet, when questioned as to whether Captain Ovideo could have had any ulterior design in visit ing the New York under a flag of truce, scouted the suggestion, saying that the visit was prompted by pure chivalry on the part of Spaniards and was noble

WENT AGAINST ORDERS.

Clausen, the New York's coxswain, went on the Merrimac against orders. Nothing could have kept him from that trip into the jaws of death. It is probable that the Spaniards will tr to blow up the Merrimac, but it is improbable that they will suceed. Speculation is rife as to the exact details of how Lieutenant Hobson managed to blow himself and ship up and live to tell the tale. His heroism has cleared up the situation well. The Spanlards are now doubly hemmed in.

At quarters on the New York this evening Chaplain Royce, praying before the bare-headed crew on deck, thanked God for having preserved Lieutenant Hobson and the men under

partment has posted the following bul- | voked this protection but few then believed it possible that his prayer could

CADET POWELL'S STORY. Cadet Powell, who was the last man to see Lieutenant Hobson before his start and who had charge of the launch during its perilous ( trip, after much needed sleep told the story of his experience. 'He said: 'Lieutenant Hobson' took a short sleep for a few hours, which was often interrupted. A quarter to 2 o'clock he came on deck and made final inspection, giving his last instructions. Then we had a little ery, I'am !nformed all are prispiers of lunch. Hobson was as cool as a cucumber. About 2:30 o'clock I took the men who were not going on the trip into the launch and started for the Texas, the nearest, but had to go back for one of the assistant engineers, whom Hobson finally compeled to leave I shook hands with Hobson the last of all. He said: "Powell, watch the boat's crew when we pull out of the harbor. We will be cracks, rowing thirty strokes to the minute."
"After leaving the Texas, I saw the

Merrimac steaming slowly in. It was only fairly dark then and shore was quite visible. We followed about three quarters of a mile astern. The Merrimac stood about a mile to the westward of the harbor and seemed a bit mixed, turning completely around. Finally heading to the east, she ran down and then turned in. We were then chasing him because I thought Hobson had lost his bearings. When Hobson was about 200 yards from the harbor the first gun was fired from the eastern bluff. We were then half a mile off shore, close under the batteries. The firing increased rapidly. We steamed in rapidly and lost signt of the Merrimac in the smoke which the wind carried off shore. It hung heavily. Before Hobson could have blown up the Merrimac the western battery picketed us up and commenced firing. They shot wild and we only heard the shots. We ran in still closer to the shore and the gunners lost sight of us. . Then we heard the explosion of the torpedoes on the Mer-

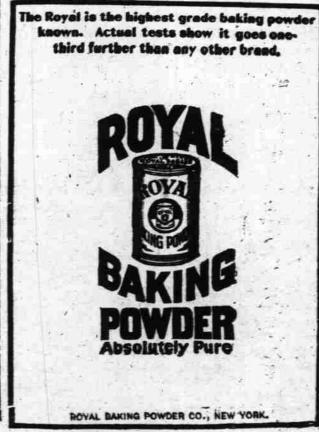
"Until daylight we waited just outside the breakers, half a mile to the westward of Morro, keeping a sharp lookout for the boat or for swimmers, but saw nothing. Hobson had arrangeican admiral that he offered to ex- | ed to meet us at that point, but thinkchange the prisoners, adding that in the ing that some one might have drifted out, we crossed in front of Morro and the mouth of the harbor to the eastward. About 5 o'clock we crossed the harbor again within a quarter of a mile and stood to the westward. In passing we saw one spar of the Merrimac sticking out of the water. We hugged the shore just outside of the breakers for a mile and then turned toward the Texas, when the batteries saw us and opened fire. It was then broad day light. The first shot fired dropped thirty yards astern, but the other shots went wild. I drove the launch for all she was worth, finallly, making the New York. The men behaved splendidly."

> The news of Lieutenant Hobson's seafety lifted a great load from Cadet. Powell's mind. Probably no other details of this marvellous trip will be known until Lieutenant Hobson gets

> Some heavy firing was done shortly before midnight by the New York and New Orleans, aimed at what was thought to be a small gunboat, which

THE HEROIC EIGHT.

The stroke, which leaves the government at Washington free to act without further fear of the Spaniard's fleet, was planned by Lieutenant Richmond P. Hobson, who commanded the expedition. With him went Daniel Murphy, Oscar Deignan, John P. Phillips, John Kelly and Coxwain Clausen, all non-commissioned officers or enlist-



#### me your opinions. You know how Murphy, and Turpie. The populat was much I apreciate them. If the squad- Senator Kyle and the silver republican

The Merrimac was Sent Into Santiago and Snnk by Her Crew, to Close the Channel.

IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE DAY.

When Volunteers Were Called to Man the Merrimac 4,000. Men Volunteered. The Man Who Commanded the Merrimac is a Grand Son of &

the Late Chief Justice Pearson of North Carolina. Rumor Says the President of San Domingo has Been Ass. 3.

All the Cables Leading from Cuba Have Been Cut. No Credit is Given the Spanish Report that the Wreck of the

Merrimac has Been Removed. There is Further Cannonading at Santiago. There is Report of the Assassination of the President of

San Domingo and the Defeat of the Insurgents is Denied. Reports are Made of Firing off Martinique. Troops Leave Atlanta for San Francisco, to go to Manifa:

J. W. Moody, of Atlanta, of firm of Moody & Brewster, has been Arrested.

The Marietta Arrives at Key West.

General Lee Appoints Harrison and Hobart on His Staff.

ron is in Cuba, they are going to destroy its wretched fortification and sink a couple of steamers in the mouth. They have already telegraphed to Key West for them to see if they have got them there, and the inventor, Holland, offers his submarine boat to destroy the mines."

The Cuban question and political issues sink into insignificance with the man who suffers from piles. What he most desires, is relief. For sale by R. R. Bellamy.

### The Marietta Reaches Key West.

Key West, June 4.-The United States gunboat Marietta, Commander F. M. Simmons, arrived here at 7:30 o'clock this morning from San Francisco, Cal., which port she left on March 16th. The trip was uneventful and there was not even a case of sickness aboard. Much of the voyage was made in company with the battleship Oregon, and the first question of the Marietta's officers was as to the Orcgon's whereabouts. After the Marietta passed Cape Horn she quet a sharp lookout for the Spanish torpedo gunboat Temerario, which was spposed to be hunting for the Oregon. The Marietta's officers were very anxious to meet the Spaniards, and they say that tinique, or Havana, having twenty- if a meeting had taken place they would

### Negro Woman Shot at a Festival.

voyage they sighted only half a dozen

(Special to The Messenger.) Goldsobore, N. C., June 4.-Lizzie Mann, a negro woman who was shot at a negro festival Thursday night, have no confidence in their army, but died this afternoon. Andrew Lane and they have in their navy and they are Lee Mallone were fighting and Lane fired a pistol at Malone, and struck ver, because if the men should begin the woman in the abdomen. Lane and Malone, are in jail.

Henorable F. M. Simmons, was recommended for state chairman at a meeting of county democratic executive committee her this afternoon.

### On General Lee's Staff.

Jack sonville, Fla., June 4.—Major General Fitzhugh Lee, in command of the Seventh army coprs, headquarters for which have been definitely established in this city, has appointed on his staff Russell Harrison, son of ex-President Harrison, and a son of Vice President Ho-bart. Mr. Hopart will be assistant adjutant general and Mr. Harrison probably inspector general.

### Troops Leave Atlanto for San Fran

Atlanta, Ga., June 4-The recruits from Fort McPherson intended for service in the Philippines, left tonight in two spe-\$3,000 bond.

was Senator Mantle. Senator Allison moved that the senate insist upon its amendmen's and that conferees be appointed. The motion was agreed to and Messrs. Aldrich and Jones (Arkansas, were

named as conferees.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Upon request of Mr. Dingley the house ordered the printing of 5.600 copies of the revenue bill as it shall pass

The senate then at 7:12 p. m. a. journ

Mr. Payne, republican, of New York, called up the senate bill lite grant an calling up the senate bill to gont an was passed. The house adjourned at 12:47 o'clock

Troops Leave Mobile on Trarsports.

Mobile, Ala., June .- The fleet of transports left this morning between 1800 and 10 o'clock with the Third and Tventieth ond cavalry. Four vessels, the Mattewan, the Breakwater, the Stillwader, and the Morgan, carried the troops and were accompanied by the Aransas with wagons, trains, etc. All the steam thistles on the river frint were set going while thousands of spectators gathered along the wharves, raised a continuous cheering as the vessels passed. The flotilla made the passage of the channel yithout detention anywhere and on, arriging at Fort Morgan the fort fired a sal te and the transports dipped their flag. The vessels put to sea at once. The Nineteenth infantry and Fig h cay-

### The Atlanta Failure.

alry left by rail this morning for Tamps.

The only regular troops in carry here

now are the Eleventh infantry.

Atlanta, Ga., June 4.-John T. Moody senior member of the failed dry goods firm of Moody & Brewster, was Frrested today on the charge of cheating and swindling. Moody at once gave a sond of \$1,000, signed by five bankers. May y new creditors appeared during the day and filed interventions. One half million dollars is the estimate now made of the money lost in the defunct firm by creditors. It was learned today that Brewster, the missing member of the first, drew from Atlanta banks the day before he left about \$16,000 in cash; wrote but the checks, made them payable to cash and drew the money himself. The checks were taken from the middle of the check book with nothing on the stub ( show

### Mrs. Atkinson Again Indict d.

the amount taken.

Glennville, W. Va., June 4.-The grand jury today returned a true bill igainst Governor Atkinson's wife, charging her with forgery. She was at once frought