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TO FIGHT IN CUBA MAY 5.

Arrangements Completed to Land 6,000 to 10,000 Troops in Cuba.

LEAVE TAMPA WEDNESDAY.

This Means That Fighting Will Begin in Cuba on May 5th. On Monday President Will Send in Nominations for Generals to Command the Volunteers.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS.

Washington, April 30.—Arrangements for the transportation of 6,000 to 10,000 troops to Cuba are practically completed. Nothing remains to be done except to carry out the details. These troops will be ready to sail from Tampa Wednesday. The landing place decided upon is believed to be Matanzas, Cardenas or Sagua.

The sailing of these troops Wednesday means that fighting will begin in Cuba on May 5th.

The president on Monday will send to the senate the nominations of major generals and brigadier generals to command the volunteers.

Fishing Schooner Afraid of Being Pressed into Spanish Navy.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Key West, April 30.—The schooner Solo, a fishing boat, asked to be seized by the Dolphin this morning for fear of being pressed into the Spanish navy. A man was put aboard to take her to Key West.

1,800 Troops Leave for Tampa. Troops At Chattanooga Chafing Under Restraint.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Chattanooga, April 30.—Eighteen hundred troops left for Tampa today. All the troops here are chafing under restraint.

Bancroft Sailed for Norfolk.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Boston, April 30.—The gunboat Bancroft sailed for Norfolk this morning, carrying a full armament of guns and all necessary ammunition.

Doubtless a Spanish Lie.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

London, April 30.—It is officially announced in Madrid that a Spanish gunboat engaged successfully yesterday with an American torpedo boat off Cardenas.

To Negotiate Between Gomez and United States.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Key West, April 30.—Lieutenant Whitney is in Cuba trying to establish means for negotiating between Gen. Gomez, the insurgent leader, and the United States.

Two Delayed Spanish Torpedo Boats Left Today.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Washington, April 30.—Official information was received this morning that two Spanish torpedo boats, detained yesterday, left Cape de Verde islands this morning.

Paris Arrived.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

New York, April 30.—The Paris arrived this morning. It did not sight a Spanish ship after leaving sight of the English shores.

To Patrol the Coast.

By telegraph to The Free Press.

New York, April 30.—The St. Louis and Howard left this morning, it is supposed to patrol the coast.

Flying Squadron Has Not Sailed.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS.

Norfolk, April 30.—The flying squadron has not sailed, but shore leave is refused the men.

Minneapolis at Rockland.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Rockland, Maine, April 30.—The Minneapolis dropped anchor here this morning.

ENGLISH INDIGNATION

Because of Attempt by Spaniards to Mob British Consul. It Has Created an Intense Anti-Spanish Sentiment.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

London, April 30.—There is much indignation here because of the attempt by Spaniards to mob a British consul at Santiago de Cuba yesterday. It has created an intense anti-Spanish feeling.

Four Spanish torpedo boats are prowling about the English channel today looking for American merchantmen.

First Company in Camp Bryan Grimes.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS.

Raleigh, April 30.—Company "A" (the governor's guard) of the first regiment of volunteers has gone into camp. All the companies of this regiment are ordered to be in camp here Monday afternoon.

45 Car Loads of Troops.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS.

Jacksonville, Fla., April 30.—Forty-five car loads of troops passed here last night enroute to Tampa.

NEWBERN NEWS ITEMS.

Marine News. Naval Reserves Launch Their Boat. Enlisted in Navy. Vessels Warned to Keep Off the High Seas. Democratic Primaries.

C. Whit Gaskins, Manager Newbern Department.

NEWBERN, N. C., April 30, 1898.

Mrs. Lillian Perry returned to her home in Kinston this morning from a visit to Mr. J. S. Rhem's.

The schooner Jas. H. Hargraves, Capt. Kennedy, cleared yesterday, laden with lumber for Baltimore.

Mr. R. S. Neal is having built a large flat to be used in building the Neuse river bridge. The flat he has been using is too small for this purpose.

Mess. Hayward Howerton and Charlie Gordon, who left here a few days ago to enlist in the navy at Norfolk, have succeeded in enlisting, and have been assigned to the Manning.

Those vessels now in port loading for northern markets will not return till the war is over, as all vessels have been warned to keep off the high seas. This will make it very quiet here in the shipping trade.

The Naval Reserves last night launched their cruising boat, and went out for a short cruise. The spectators, assembled on the shore to witness the launching, could hear the marines singing "Pull for the shore, sailor, pull for the shore."

Charlie Thornton wishes to announce to his friends that his falling overboard a few days ago, from the Trent river bridge, was not a part of the duties assigned him, and that his next bath will be taken the 15th of June, when the weather will be warm.

The steamer Neuse arrived yesterday evening at 3 o'clock, seven hours late. The delay was on account of the storm. She left here Wednesday evening, but the storm was too much, and she came back to Gum Thicket, in Neuse river, and anchored till the storm abated.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES.

The Democratic primaries, to elect delegates to the county convention, which convenes here May 7th, were held in all the wards last night:

First ward: Delegates—D. L. Ward, E. M. Green, W. D. McIver, H. B. Duffy, Thos. Gates. Wm. Ellis, chairman; Geo. C. Jones, secretary. Ward committee—Wm. Ellis, W. D. McIver, E. M. Green, D. L. Ward and G. W. Charlotte.

Second ward: Delegates—H. C. Whitehurst, A. D. Ward, S. B. Waters, E. K. Bryan, C. E. Foy, J. J. Baxter, J. A. Bryan, H. Gaskins, C. R. Thomas, W. M. Watson, Sr., J. W. Biddle, M. Manly, Capt. R. C. Thornton, E. W. Smallwood, H. R. Bryan, Jr., W. R. Barrington, D. S. Hines, J. K. Willis, O. H. Guion, J. L. Cooper, P. M. Pearsall, F. T. Patterson and W. F. Hill. H. C. Whitehurst, chairman; F. T. Patterson, secretary. Ward committee: H. C. Whitehurst, E. W. Smallwood, J. W. Biddle, J. H. Lockamy and C. E. Foy.

Third ward: Delegates—W. H. Oliver, S. R. Street, Thos. Daniels, M. DeW. Stevenson, Thos. Staul, C. T. Watson and D. R. Fulford. Ward committee: S. H. Lane, chairman; C. J. McSorley, J. C. Thomas, J. W. Bowden and W. J. McSorley.

Fourth ward: Delegates—H. B. Lane and J. F. Ives.

Fifth ward: Wm. McKay, chairman; C. T. Hancock, secretary. Delegates—J. E. Gaskill, Brice Anderson, C. F. Hargett, T. J. Baxter, J. M. Smith and S. R. Ball. Ward committee: Wm. McKay, chairman; J. M. Smith, C. T. Hancock, J. E. Gaskill and Haywood Huff.

CABANAS WAS SHELLED.

The Fort Had Fired On The Ericson And Porter.

WAS IN RUINS IN 15 MINUTES.

Two Spanish Gunboats Try to Run the Blockade and Were Captured by the Iowa. Blanco Has Established Signal Posts Along Cuban Coast. Several Spaniards Supposed to Have Been Killed.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Key West, April 30.—Commander Sampson, with the flagship New York, shelled the fortifications at Port Cabanas, thirty-five miles west of Havana. The fort had fired on the Ericson and Porter. In fifteen minutes the fort was in ruins.

The firing of the Port of Cabanas on the flagship New York had no effect except to draw from the latter eleven retaliatory shots from her eight-inch guns amidships. Seven shots from the New York fell precisely where they were intended, as far as was discernible from aboard. The fortifications were completely destroyed. Several Spaniards are supposed to have been killed.

Two Spanish gunboats tried to run the blockade last night, but were captured by the Iowa.

Gen. Blanco has established signal posts along the coasts of Cuba.

Germany and France Considering a Protest Against Seizing the Philippines.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

Paris, April 30.—Germany and France are said to be considering a joint note to the United States protesting against the seizure of the Philippine islands.

Spanish Mob Attack British Consulate.

By Cable to The Free Press.

Kingston, Jamaica, April 30.—A Spanish mob attacked the British consulate at Santiago de Cuba. A British gunboat has been sent there to protect the British interests.

Contract For 100 Torpedo Boats.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Washington, April 30.—A cabinet officer states that a contract has been entered into by the government for the construction of 100 torpedo boats.

38,000 Spanish Soldiers Sick in Cuba.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Washington, April 30.—Sanitary Inspector Bruner has advised the navy department that there are 38,000 Spanish soldiers sick in Cuba.

No Battle Yet in the Philippines.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

Hong Kong, April 30.—The Spanish fleet was sighted by a British steamer. The American fleet was not seen. No battle has yet been fought.

Will Refuse to Consider Protest About Bombarding Cuba.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS.

Washington, April 30.—The administration will refuse to consider the protest of the powers regarding the bombardment of Cuba.

Naval Appropriation Bill Taken Up.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Washington, April 30.—The house has taken up the conference report on the naval appropriation bill.

Traitor Jailed.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Key West, April 30.—Traitor Yslasia, who tried to blow up the Puritan, has been jailed.

The Teachers' Institute.

The Teachers' Institute met in the court house today. Rev. C. W. Blanchard gave a fine lecture on "Moral Discipline." The substance of this lecture will be published in THE FREE PRESS next week. It was very good.

Cotton Market.

April 30, 1898.

New York opened today 6.33 and closed 6.27 for August, a fall of 4 points from the closing price of Friday. Spot cotton in Kinston today 5 1/2.

STORM OFF BEAUFORT

Wrecked Three Vessels—a Phosphate Barge, a Tug and a Schooner. A Number of Lives Undoubtedly Lost.

Special to The Free Press.

Beaufort, N. C., April 29.—The tug John Harlin, Capt. Adair, towing the barge Carrie L. Tyler, with a cargo of phosphate, left Charleston, S. C., on April 25th, bound for Norfolk, Va., after passing Frying Pan Shoals struck a heavy northeast gale. The tow became unmanageable twenty-five miles off Cape Lookout on April 27th and had to abandon the barge, with a crew of five men on board.

The crew on the barge had sufficient provisions and water to last them thirty days, and the captain of the barge is an old coaster, and there is a slight hope of their weathering the gale.

The tug reached Lookout lighthouse with water over her grate bars, and with only forty pounds of steam. The tug anchored but parted her chain and was dragged ashore, filled with water.

The crew was rescued by the crew of the life-saving station.

The tug is valued at \$16,000, and insured for \$8,000.

The fishing schooner Mattie, which left here Tuesday afternoon for Cape Lookout, was struck by the gale and blown off shore, and is undoubtedly lost with all on board.

Spanish Torpedo Boats Still Cruising Around Gibraltar.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

Gibraltar, April 30.—Spanish torpedo boats are still cruising these waters.

What We May Expect.

Asheville Citizen.

The Populist party appears to be in the field for bids for its strength, and is indifferent, apparently, from which party they come. There seems to be reasonable grounds, too, for the suspicion that if the Democrats offer fusion on a division of the offices, the Populists will take the offer to the Republican party and ask for a higher bid. Indeed, if the Populist idea of holding the balance of power for the sake of dictating terms continues in force as a feature of politics in North Carolina, we may yet see advertisements asking for sealed proposals for its strength, "the right to reject any or all bids being reserved," probably. Or the party may be placed on the block a few months before each election, and representatives of both of the leading parties attend to bid against each other for the Populist vote, a positive guarantee being given that it is so many thousand.

Any kind of printing at THE FREE PRESS office.

BLOCKADE CONTINUES.

Cuban Coast Constantly Patrolled By Spanish Cavalry.

ARMY MOVEMENTS AWAITED

Anxiously. Perfect Weather for Military Operations. New York Shelled Mariel, But Received No Response. Strict Watch Against Torpedo Attack.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

Aboard Flagship New York, via Key West, April 30.—The blockade continues as before. The New York lies westward of Havana. The coast of Cuba is continually patrolled by the Spanish cavalry.

Capt. Taylor, of the Indiana, had a long consultation with Commander Sampson today.

The movements of the army are anxiously awaited.

The weather is cool and calm and perfect for military operations.

The flagship New York has moved along the coast in the direction of Mariel, province of Pinar del Rio, where it is understood mines are being laid and forts being erected. At Mariel there was evidence of the construction of forts. The New York fired several shots, but there was no response.

A strict watch is being kept against a possible torpedo attack.

HOTEL BAILEY.

I have recently had my house thoroughly renovated, and now wish a few more boarders.

Rates reasonable.

MRS. H. C. BAILEY.

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