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COMMODORE DEWEY'S OFFICIAL REPORT.

Received This Morning in Washington at 9:40 O'clock.

IT IS SHORT BUT SO SWEET.

Spanish Fleet Destroyed. American Squadron Uninjured. Few Men Slightly Wounded. He Cut the Cable Himself. Has Insufficient Troops to Occupy Manila. Dewey Has Landed Marines and Holds 256 Wounded Spaniards as Prisoners. Manila at Dewey's Mercy and He Needs Nothing at Present. McKinley Cables to Dewey Appointing Him Acting Admiral and Thanking Him in the Name of the American People.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Washington, May 7.—Secretary Long received Commodore Dewey's report at 9:40 o'clock this morning, and at once delivered it to President McKinley.

Dewey informs the government that no heavy projectile hit the American ships.

The bureau of navigation is locked in deciphering the message. The only open word in the message is Manila, all the other being in cipher. The report consists of five lines in cipher.

Later—The official report from Dewey reads: "Manilla, via Hong Kong. The squadron arrived at Manilla at daybreak Sunday, and immediately engaged the enemy and destroyed the following ships: Cruisers Reina Christina, Isla de Cuba, Castilla, Don Antonio de Ulloa, Don Juan de Austria; gunboats Gen. Leo, Marquis Del Suer, and armed transport Isla de Mindano. American squadron uninjured. Few men slightly wounded. Only means of telegraphing is through American consul at Hong Kong. Shall communicate with him immediately. (Signed) Dewey."

Dewey reports that he cut the cable himself, and that he has insufficient troops to occupy Manila.

Second Dispatch From Dewey.

Washington, May 7.—A second dispatch from Dewey announces that he has taken the fortifications and landed marines at Cavite; that he holds 256 wounded Spaniards as prisoners; that Manila is at his mercy; that he needs nothing at present.

McKinley's Message to Dewey.

Washington, May 7.—By direction of President McKinley, Secretary Long this afternoon sent the following cable: "Dewey, Manilla: The president, in the name of the American people, thanks you, your officers and your men for your splendid achievement and overwhelming victory. In recognition thereof he has today appointed you acting admiral, and will recommend that a vote of thanks be tendered you by congress. (Signed) Long."

The Spanish Fleet Seems to Be Approaching Danger.

Kingston, Jamaica, May 6.—The Spanish Atlantic fleet is near Martinique, 500 miles southeast of Porto Rico.

Artillerymen to Chicamauga.

New York, May 7.—Fifty new members of the seventh artillery left Fort Slocumb this morning for Chicamauga.

Sampson Due at Porto Rico This Morning.

Washington, May 7.—Commander Sampson was due at Porto Rico this morning.

Another Spanish Prize.

Key West, May 7.—The Montgomery has brought in the Spanish brig Francisco.

THE NEWS FROM DEWEY.

Official news has now been received from Dewey's engagement with the Spanish fleet at Manilla. This report tallies exactly with the report published by THE FREE PRESS several days ago, but which was discredited by the morning papers on the next day.

This shows that we either received correct news, which was later suppressed for state reasons, or somebody did some mighty accurate guessing.

NORTH CAROLINA IN IT.

Our Capital Comes in for Part of the Glory.

Special to The Free Press.

Raleigh, N. C., May 7.—Mayor Russ, of Raleigh, today received the following telegram: "Cruiser Raleigh, to the city of Raleigh, through the New York Herald, sends news of victory."

Mayor Russ replied with heartfelt congratulations.

"Spaniards Surrendered. All Is Well."

By Cable to The Free Press.

Rochester, N. Y., May 7.—Consul General Williams telegraphs from Hong Kong to his wife here: "Spanish surrendered. All is well."

Jersey Reserves On Their Way.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

League Island, May 7.—The monitor Montauk, manned by the Jersey Naval Reserves, sailed this morning for Portland.

Imprisoned for Telling About Spanish Warships.

Cable to Free Press.

Cebu, May 7.—A man named Bayer has been imprisoned for telegraphing the movements of the Spanish warships.

British Steamer and 68 Lives Lost.

By Cable to The Free Press.

Sydney, Nova Scotia, May 7.—The British steamer Maitland and 68 lives are reported lost.

Bread Riots and Martial Law.

By Cable to The Free Press.

Rome, May 7.—Owing to bread riots martial law has been proclaimed throughout Tuscany.

British Advise Us to Occupy the Philippines.

By Cable to The Free Press.

London, May 7.—The Spectator this morning urges the United States to occupy the Philippines.

What Difference Does It Make Anyway?

By Cable to The Free Press.

Rome, May 7.—The Vatican officially denies that Pope Leo advised the queen regent to stop fighting.

WAR NEWS NOTES.

Pope Leo has written the queen of Spain that it is impossible for Spain to defeat the United States. He blessed the king and queen regent, but did not bless the Spanish arms.

The Paris correspondent of The Daily Mail says: I hear on indisputable authority that five of the Spanish warships, including the battleship Pelayo and the fine cruiser Alonzo XIII have not yet been supplied with ammunition. This was the cause of the delay in the sailing of the Cape Verde fleet and will probably compel it to return to Cadiz.

Brazil has declared neutrality. That country has acted friendly towards us, by withholding such declaration until our warships had safely gotten past her coasts, and in now closing her ports to the Spanish fleet if it should be headed in that direction. It is now believed, however, that the Spanish fleet that left Cape Verde has gone to consolidate with the fleet at Cadiz.

The navy department has authorized the statement that the militia organization in California and other states, west of the Rockies, will form a main part of the military force to be sent to the Philippines. A force of ship carpenters, wreckers and other workmen will be sent to Manila on the City of Peking to attempt to raise the Spanish ships sunk by Commodore Dewey's squadron.

The navy department will ship 200,000 pounds of powder to Commodore Dewey to add to the stock he now has left. This, with the large number of eight inch armor piercing projectiles, shells and six-inch and five-inch rifle balls, will make the shipment of ammunition a very large one. The powder and shot together will give 500 rounds for the big guns, and several thousand rounds for the rapid fire rifles.



HURRAH!

Not An American Was Killed.

WONDERFUL VICTORY!

Dewey's Accomplishment Grand and Almost Miraculous.

NOT AN AMERICAN KILLED.

Only Six Wounded. Wonderful! Wonderful! And Grand and Glorious!!! Eleven Spanish Warships Annihilated. Not an American Boat Injured. A Full Account of the Battle.

By Cable to The Free Press.

Hong Kong, May 7.—Lieut. Brundy, of Commodore Dewey's flagship Olympia, arrived here this morning on the revenue cutter Hugh McCullough, with details of Dewey's victory at Manilla. There were no Americans killed, and only eleven wounded. Of the Spaniards 300 were killed and 400 injured. The Spanish fleet was annihilated. The American fleet was unhurt.

Lieut. Brundy is cabling a complete report to Washington. Only six American sailors were wounded, instead of eleven, as first reported. No Americans were killed.

The battle began at daybreak Sunday, Dewey having taken the fleet through the mine fields past Corregedore, and without disaster.

The challenge for battle was flung from the Spanish flagship Reina Christina. The Olympia replied, and immediately afterward the entire American fleet began firing. The Spanish fleet replied heavily.

Cavite fort opened with a murderous, raking fire on the American fleet.

Soon the Spanish flagship Reina Christina was in flames, and Admiral Montijo transferred his flag by transport to the Isla de Cuba.

Ten minutes later the Spanish cruiser Castilla was in flames.

Dewey, while still fighting the Spanish fleet, attacked Cavite fortifications savagely, repeatedly driving the crews away from the heavy guns of the fort by his well directed shots.

The Cavite's bomb proofs afforded but slight resistance to the terrible and accurate American gunnery.

Dewey's battle line was led by the Olympia, the Raleigh following a cable length behind, followed by the Baltimore, Concord, Petrel and McCullough.

Under easy manœuvring Dewey approached the Spanish fleet.

Montijo's Spanish ships were drawn up in two lines, flanking the Reina Christina.

During the entire action the American warships were under way, manœuvring about the enemy.

One after another the Spanish vessels were burned or grounded to save the crews.

The eleven Spanish vessels destroyed were: Reina Christina, steel cruiser; Castilla, wooden cruiser; Valasco, iron cruiser; Don Antonio de Ulloa, iron cruiser; Don Juan de Austria, iron cruiser; Isla de Cuba, steel protected cruiser; Isla de Luzon, steel protected cruiser; Quiros, Vellobo, E. Cano and Milano; steel gunboats.

Dewey fought until the last Spanish ship was destroyed.

The shore batteries were reduced, and then Dewey dispatched the McCullough with news of the victory.

NEWBORN NEWS ITEMS.

Marine Notes. The Wind at Newborn. Fire Department Fooled. Dr. Ward Left to Go On the Nantucket. English Steamship Blown Ashore.

C. Whit Gaskins, Manager Newborn Department.

NEWBORN, N. C., May 7, 1898.

The tug Cahill cleared today with the barges W. B. Blades and E. E. Dale, laden with lumber for northern markets.

Dr. E. F. Early left this morning to attend the annual convention of the North Carolina Dental association, which meets at Fayetteville.

Mr. F. H. Alphin, the traveling salesman for the wholesale dry goods house of H. B. Duffy, came up yesterday from Morehead and Beaufort.

A heavy wind swept over the city yesterday. Many trees were blown, and the smoke stack at Cooper's mill was blown down. The wind lasted about two hours.

The tug W. S. Cahill, Capt. Cherry, arrived yesterday with the barges Edward and Magnolia. The Edward is light to load lumber, the Magnolia is loaded with barrels for Mr. J. A. Meadows.

Mr. John Lucas, now of Kinston, but formerly of this city, is here superintending the unloading of a cargo of steel rails for the Hines Bros. Lumber company, and the Gay Lumber company, of Kinston.

Dr. J. M. Ward left this morning to go on the monitor Nantucket at Wilmington as a surgeon. A number of his friends were telling him "good-bye" in the wee small hours of this morning, and were singing sad, sweet songs.

The fire department was badly fooled yesterday. Though no alarm of fire was sounded by the bell, they came out and ran to Cooper's mill, but finding no fire, they took up their hose and returned to their house. Later it was learned that there was a small fire in the store of Big Hill, on South Front street, but it was soon extinguished with buckets.

The captain of the barge Edward, which arrived here yesterday, reports that an English steamship was blown ashore near the Wolf Trap lighthouse in Chesapeake bay, in the gale of April 28th. She was laden with corn from Baltimore and bound to Hamburg. The tug W. S. Cahill, with the barges Edward and Magnolia in tow, in passing saw the ship in distress and went to her assistance. Enough of her cargo was lightened off by the barges to enable the tug to pull her off.

THE AUTONOMIST CONGRESS.

Opened by Blanco With Great Flourish of Trumpets.

Havana, May 5.—With great ceremony the first congress of Cuba, elected under the autonomous form of government, was formally opened yesterday by Captain General Blanco. Every effort was made by the Spanish officials to give brilliancy to the occasion. There was a procession, an imposing military display, the streets were decorated with flags and banners, and the captain general made what was intended to be an impressive speech, in the course of which he said that if the declaration of the United States had been sincere its guns today ought to be saluting the first Cuban parliament, instead of threatening the lives of its members.

A meeting held at the city hall in Union de Reyes adopted a resolution, the substance of which was sent to Senor Calve, president of the secretaries, and to President McKinley, protesting against "the proposals to impose upon the island a government contrary to its aspirations."

The new colonial congress held its first session at noon today. Former civil Governor Jose Bruzon was elected president of the senate, and Senor Jose Manuel de Cueto, president of the lower house.

INTO FOUR SQUADRONS.

Sampson's Fleet So Divided. Sampson to Convey Troops to Cuba.

IF SPAIN WASN'T WORTHLESS

We Would Soon Be Getting a Big Indemnity, Bigger Than China Paid Japan. China Pays Japan \$55,000,000 Balance of War Indemnity. Moving on Cuba.

By Cable to The Free Press.

Key West, Aboard Dispatch Boat, May 7.—Sampson's fleet has been divided into four squadrons.

Watson commands the blockaders. Remy commands the Florida patrol. The mosquito fleet is as yet unassigned. Sampson commands the convoys for the army transports to convey troops to Cuba.

Hamilton brought in the Spanish prize Francisca.

Tampa, May 7.—The first infantry is ordered to embark for Cuba immediately. Other troops will follow today.

CHINA PAYS JAPAN.

Representatives Meet at Bank of England and Pay Balance of \$55,000,000 War Indemnity.

By Cable to The Free Press.

London, May 7.—Representatives of China paid representatives of Japan at the Bank of England this afternoon eleven million pounds (nearly \$35,000,000), balance due on the war indemnity. The Japanese will evacuate Wei Hai Wei immediately. The date of British occupation of that port is not yet settled.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

The pay of the volunteers in camp at Raleigh dates from April 27th.

It is thought the monitor Nantucket will leave Wilmington Sunday.

The depot, freight warehouse and telegraph office of the Seaboard Air Line at Franklinton were burned Thursday.

It is said that orders have been given the railways to be ready to move the other ten companies of the second regiment to Raleigh next Monday.

The Cleveland Star says Mr. John H. Smith, of Cleveland county, was bitten by a mad dog nine months ago, but suffered no ill effect from the bite until last Sunday, when he became perfectly wild and had several convulsions. Drs. W. A. Goode, Jr., F. Beam and T. Evans McBrayer were called to see him and they all agree that it is a case of pure hydrophobia. The sight of water brings on convulsions. He has to be tied in bed. At intervals, when he is clothed in his right mind, he tells his family to keep out of his way, (that he doesn't know when the spell will come on. The physicians say he can live but a short time.

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