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## DIPLOMATIC RUPTURE

With Austria Imminent. McKinley Convinced That Austrian Spies

## GAVE SPAIN INFORMATION.

"You Pay Your Money and Takes Your Choice." Among the Many and Conflicting Rumors Today. One is That Schley Has Destroyed Cervera's Fleet. New York Journal Special That McKinley Admits Having Been Misled By the Enemy.

By Telegraph to The Free Press. Washington, May 28.—A diplomatic rupture with Austria is imminent. President McKinley is convinced that Austrian spies have been furnishing information to Spain.

Boston, May 28.—The Herald publishes from Kingston, Jamaica, a persistent rumor that Schley forced the channel at Santiago, destroyed the Spanish fleet under Cervera and bombarded the town. Cubans officially confirm this report.

New York, May 28.—A Washington special to the Journal alleges that President McKinley admits having been misled by the enemy, and that Secretary Long confesses ignorance as to the whereabouts of Cervera's fleet.

## SPANISH FORT KNOCKED TO PIECES.

Schley's Flagship Lands 60,000 Rounds of Ammunition, With Rifles and Food for Insurgents. Spanish Cavalry Routed by 700 Cubans. Many Spaniards Killed.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. Key West, May 28.—It is reported that the Brooklyn, Schley's flag ship, landed 60,000 rounds of ammunition, together with rifles and food for the insurgents, after the fight below Cienfuegos Tuesday. A fort on the south side of Cienfuegos bay was knocked to pieces by the Marblehead. The Spanish cavalry was routed simultaneously by 700 Cubans. Many Spaniards were killed. No American or Cuban losses.

## SPAIN WANTS PEACE.

Reports of Such at London Construed As a Fresh Hint of the Powers. Spain's Disappointment Increases.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. London, May 28.—Reports from Madrid to the effect that the Spanish government desires peace, is construed here as a fresh hint of the continental powers. Despite inspired warnings to the contrary, Spain expected their friendly intervention early in the war. As the Spanish burdens grow heavier and the outlook for the war grows darker for Spain, her disappointment over the correct neutrality of the powers increases.

## British Steamer Released.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. Cienfuegos, May 28.—The British steamer Adula has been released and sailed for Kingston instead of going to Trinidad for refugees.

## Measles and Bronchitis Among Troops in California.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS. San Francisco, May 28.—Many cases of measles and bronchitis are reported at Camp Presidio.

## Quiet at St. Thomas.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. St. Thomas, May 28.—All quiet here this morning; nothing from the fleets.

## Officially Announced That Cadiz Fleet Has Sailed.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. Madrid, May 28.—It is officially announced that the Cadiz fleet has sailed.

## Cruiser St. Louis Arrives.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS. New York, May 28.—Cruiser St. Louis

## TODAY'S NEWS.

If any man can draw a satisfactory or reasonable conclusion from the wire news today, we will give him a chromo.

One rumor is that Sampson was defeated and killed by Cervera; this not having been confirmed we take it for granted to be a lie. A later report is that Schley forced the entrance to Santiago and destroyed Cervera's fleet. This report is also hardly reliable.

There are various rumors as to the location of the Spanish fleet.

It is reported and denied that the New York Journal yacht was captured by the Spaniards.

We can not account for these rumors, unless the correspondents are trying to force the government to give out news, in having to deny rumors.

## ON THE PACIFIC.

Gen. Otis Will Enforce Strict Discipline. Many Cases of Sickness Among Soldiers.

By Telegraph to The Free Press. San Francisco, Cal., May 28.—Gen. Otis established his residence at Fort Richmond today and will enforce strict discipline in the volunteer camp.

There are many cases of sickness among the soldiers, but none serious. Gen. Merritt completed the establishment of his headquarters today.

## Obsequies Over Gladstone.

By Cable to The Free Press. London, May 28.—Simplicity characterized the obsequies over the body of Gladstone today. The ceremonies were impressive because entirely devoid of pomp. No insignia were worn in the procession. England's foremost men were clad in ordinary mourning costumes. Not a flower and not a bit of drapery were placed on the plain oak coffin in the centre of Westminster Hall. The speaker of the house of commons, in robes and wig, was preceded by mace bearers and followed by four hundred members of parliament. Other dignitaries followed in their order.

## Headed Toward Kingston.

By Cable to The Free Press. Kingston, Jamaica, May 28.—The marine observer at Port Royal reports a large steamship, with three smokestacks, eastward and headed here. It is apparently an American ship.

## Exchanged Correspondents Arrived.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. Key West, May 28.—Hayden Jones and Charles Thrall, World correspondents who were captured by the Spaniards and exchanged for Spanish prisoners, arrived this morning on the gunboat Woodbury.

## Dewey Short of Provisions and Ammunition.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. Hong Kong, May 28.—The American auxiliary cruiser Zafro has arrived and reported that Dewey is short of provisions and ammunition. The Baltimore is unharmed.

## From Dewey.

By Telegraph to The Free Press. Washington, May 28.—Dewey cables that the situation is unchanged.

If Cervera's fleet is at Santiago harbor it is said to be probable that 10,000 troops will be sent to co-operate with the insurgents in a land attack on Santiago. If this idea is adopted, after taking the city, siege guns would be mounted on the hills surrounding the bay and thus a heavy attack made on the Spanish fleet, forcing it to surrender or else go to sea, when it would be met and whipped by Schley's fleet. But the main question is, where is Cervera's fleet?

## BAD NEWS OF SAMPSON.

Reuter's Agency Wires Rumors That Sampson's Fleet Is Defeated

## AND THAT SAMPSON IS KILLED

We Do Not Believe the Report—Consider It Almost Impossible—and Hope For a Denial Before Going to Press. Officers Of the Gunboat Eagle Refuse to Discuss The Positions of Schley and Cervera. Important Expedition With Dispatches To Sampson and Schley. Cipher Dispatch to Long Supposed to Be From Schley—Long Refuses to Talk.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. London, May 28.—Reuter's agency wires rumors to the effect that Sampson's fleet has been defeated at Santiago, and that Sampson was killed.

Port Antonio, Jamaica, May 28.—The officers of the auxiliary gunboat Eagle, which has just arrived, refuse to discuss the positions of Schley and Cervera.

Kingston, Jamaica, May 28.—An important expedition, carrying dispatches for Sampson and Schley, left Annotta bay, north coast of Jamaica, in an open boat, which contained four Cubans, headed by Preyal, formerly clerk to the consulate at Santiago.

## Is This Significant?

Washington, May 28.—Secretary Long, this morning, received a cipher despatch which is supposed to be from Schley. He refuses to talk in regard to it.

## Report About Sampson Not Confirmed.

By Telegraph to The Free Press. Washington, May 28.—Late this afternoon there is no confirmation of Reuter's report that Sampson was defeated and killed.

## About Cervera's Fleet.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. Key West, May 28.—Cruisers arriving this afternoon report that Cervera's fleet is not at Santiago or Cienfuegos.

## More About Cervera and American Warships.

By Cable to The Free Press. Kingston, Jamaica, May 28.—Reliable information is received that twelve American warships are outside of Santiago, and that Cervera's fleet is almost certainly inside. The Harvard has arrived with important dispatches for Washington.

## CONFLICTING REPORTS

About Cervera's Fleet. Some Say It is at Cienfuegos, Others That It is at Santiago.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. Key West, May 28.—There are conflicting reports as to the location of Cervera's fleet. Some say it is at Cienfuegos, others say it is at Santiago, bottled up by Schley. Definite information is expected soon.

## Report Important American Victory.

By Cable to The Free Press. Cape Haytien, May 28.—A report has arrived of an important American victory.

## Discussing the War Revenue Bill.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS. Washington, May 28.—The senate resumed consideration of the war revenue bill, after considerable delay in securing a quorum. Senator Allison said he hoped that the vote could now be secured by the co-operation of those who favored the tax proposition providing for a special excise tax amendment. Senator Faulner, of West Virginia, suggested that Germany accept an amendment making the tax 1/2 of one per cent.

The State has chartered the Newbern Oil and Fertilizer Mills, capital \$25,000. Stockholders, C. L. Ives, R. F. Broadus and others.

## NEWBERN NEWS ITEMS.

Naval Movement. Marine Notes. Company of Light Infantry Being Organized. Dray Horse Runaway.

C. Whit Gaskins, Manager Newbern Department.

NEWBERN, N. C., May 28, 1898.

The schooner Ella B. Hill, Capt. Day, arrived yesterday from Laurel, Del.

Miss Mary McSorley left yesterday to visit friends at Ocracoke and Elizabeth City.

The schooner Agnes S. Quillin, Capt. Huston, arrived yesterday from Baltimore.

The family of Mr. Wm. Colligan left yesterday for their future home in Jersey City, N. J.

The schooner Bertie and Maude, Capt. Levins, cleared yesterday for Elizabeth City with lumber from Blades mill.

There was a runaway at the depot this morning. As the train came in a horse attached to a dray and standing near the depot became frightened. No serious damage was done.

Commodore A. L. Willis sailed yesterday under sealed orders. It is thought he will join Admiral Fernie Gaskill and his fleet at Clubfoot de Creeke, and that the entire fleet will blockade Neuse river canal and then proceed to bombard Morehead City.

A company of light infantry is being organized by some of the patriotic young men of our city, and will offer their services to the government in the war between the United States and Spain. Already 35 or 40 names have been enrolled on the list, and the prospects are that the company will have a sufficient number in a few days.

## CULPABLE NEGLIGENCE.

Verdict of Coroner's Jury as to the Cause of Private Barbee's Death.

Savannah, May 26.—The coroner's jury which has been investigating the death of Private Barbee, of company I, North Carolina volunteers, who was killed in a collision on the Florida, Central & Peninsula railroad, near Savannah last Monday, returned a verdict tonight that the accident which caused Barbee's death was due to the culpable negligence of the employees of the railroad, and to the bad condition of the rolling stock of the freight train which ran into the military train.

## GLENFIELD ITEMS.

May 25, 1898.

Mr. E. O. Pleasants went to Kinston Wednesday.

Mr. J. F. Hooker took a trip to Wallace last week.

Miss Lizzie Moore and Mrs. F. C. Hooker were in Kinston Wednesday.

Mr. Ike Pridgen attended services at Worth's school house last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Staten Sugg, of Kinston, visited at Mrs. J. J. Moore's Sunday.

Mess. E. D. Dixon and Jim Warters were visiting near here Sunday evening.

Mess. Guy Dawson and Hugh Bryan, of Institute, visited near here Sunday afternoon.

## To Be Fitted as a Cruiser.

By Telegraph to The Free Press. New York, May 28.—Manager Griscom, of the American line, says the St. Louis is here for coal supplies and will be refitted as a cruiser, as was originally intended.

## "BUGGANEER" CAUGHT.

The New York Journal's Yacht Captured by Spanish Warship.

## CLAIMS GERMAN REGISTRY.

All on Board Sent to Germany Under Guard. Spain Will Ask German Government to Investigate the Claim. Balloons for the Use of Schley in Locating Spanish Fleet. New York Journal Denies That Its Yacht Has Been Captured.

Telegraph to The Free Press.

New York, May 28.—A special to The Times says that The New York Journal yacht "Buccaneer" has been captured by a Spanish warship, off Porto Rico. The captain of the yacht claimed German registry. All on board have been sent to Germany under guard. Spain will ask the Berlin government to investigate their claim of German registry.

New York, May 28.—Balloons for the use of the navy were delivered this morning at Governor's Island, by Maurice Mallet, a French aeronaut. They will be forwarded to Commodore Schley immediately to assist him in locating the Spanish armada.

## Journal Denies It.

New York, May 28.—The New York Journal denies the report that its yacht "Buccaneer" has been captured.

## SPANISH PATRIOT'S TALK.

Says Yankees May Blockade Spanish Ports But Not Spanish Honor. Surely Uncle Sam Can't Blockade Nothing.

Cable to Free Press.

Madrid, May 28.—Casteller, Republican leader, opposes Spanish alliances, and recommends a policy of resignation to existing conditions, with the greatest possible prudence, economy and energy in the future. He adds that the Yankees may blockade our islands but cannot blockade our honor.

## THE MARKETS.

Reported by W. A. Potterfield & Co., Raleigh, N. C.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS. Raleigh, N. C., May 28.—Holiday in Liverpool caused narrow market today but the feeling is generally bullish. August advancing 6 points and closed steady.

New York futures—July opened 6.44 and closed 6.48. August opened 6.49 and closed 6.52. September opened 6.37 and closed 6.37.

Wheat dull and unsettled—July \$1.09. Pork, family, \$14.

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