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NOW ON TO PORTO RICO.

Advance Guard Already Left Vicinity Of Santiago.

WOULD'VE SAILED LAST NIGHT

But for Delay in the Orders by Fault of Messenger. 10,000 Men and Four Light Batteries Under Gen. Miles Sailed This Morning Under Convoy of Strong Fleet Under Sampson. Many New Troops Also On the Way. Plans of the Expedition. 40,000 Troops Compose Army of Invasion. 15,000 Troops Will Be Embarked by Nightfall. Sampson Will Bombard San Juan by End of the Week. Army of Invasion Will be so Powerful Capitulation is Hoped For.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS.

Washington, July 19.—The administration means to have no delay in the Porto Rican expedition.

Gen. Miles, with the advance guard, has already left the vicinity of Santiago and is lying off Guantanamo on the Yale, with 10,000 men and four light batteries. He would have sailed direct to Porto Rico last night but for the delay in orders, the fault of the messenger.

He was joined by a strong convoy under Admiral Sampson and sailed this morning.

Gen. Shafter's protest against sending any of the Santiago army to Porto Rico has been headed here.

The men now at Santiago will be sent north again to recuperate, while fresh troops will compose the expedition.

The army of invasion consists of some 40,000 troops.

Gen. Miles will have Gens. Brooke and Coppinger as seconds in command.

Four thousand troops are on transports at Baiquiri.

Two regiments of regulars under Gen. Miles, as the advance guard, have started. Sixty-two hundred men have embarked at Tampa ready to sail.

Seven thousand troops, including a lot of light and heavy artillery, infantry and cavalry troop K of the Rough Riders, now at Tampa, will accompany the second expedition, which will join the main body of Rough Riders, which will be the only body of troops now at Santiago to go to Porto Rico. The second and also the sixty-ninth New York volunteers are scheduled to go to the front.

The transports Massachusetts, Michigan and Roumania, now in New York, received orders this afternoon to clear for Newport News and Tampa, to receive a contingent of troops for the first expedition.

Secretary Alger says that more than 15,000 troops will be embarked or by the sea by nightfall; that by the end of the week Admiral Sampson will have bombarded San Juan, after which he will cover the landing of the army of invasion, which will be so powerful that he hopes Porto Rico will capitulate without striking a blow.

An assault, if found necessary, by land forces, will not take place for the next ten days.

22,750 Spanish Prisoners Taken at Santiago.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS.

Washington, July 19.—A dispatch from Gen. Shafter says the list of prisoners handed in by Toral yesterday numbers 22,750.

Cipher Cablegram From Dewey.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS.

Washington, July 19.—A cipher cablegram has been received from Admiral Dewey, which will be made public this afternoon.

Refuses to Declare Morocco Neutral.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

Gibraltar, July 19.—The Moorish minister of foreign affairs at Tangier has refused to declare Morocco neutral.

LAGRANGE NEWS.

New Section Master. In Telephone Connection. Horrible Death From Kerosene Explosion.

FREE PRESS BUREAU, LAGRANGE, July 19, 1898.

Capt. Guy Fope spent Sunday at Seven Springs.

Chief of Police Croom is having the streets worked.

The 9th spring is now in telephone connection with LaGrange.

A list of the Washington excursionists will appear in the next issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Copeland came last week to visit Mr. and Mrs. Shade Wooten.

Mr. F. H. Fields has resigned as section master and has been succeeded by Mr. Herbert Moore.

Mrs. Creech, of Raleigh, and Mrs. Nancy McGowan, of Pitt county, are visiting Mrs. Julia Creech.

Mrs. Eliza Ann, wife of Mr. W. W. Smith, of near here, while using kerosene to light a fire in the stove on Monday evening, was so seriously burned that she died that night about 1 o'clock. The blaze extended to the can, causing an explosion. The flames enveloped her and she ran out doors, falling to the ground, and when the flames was subdued it was found that she was burned from head to foot. She leaves several children, a husband and a host of relatives to mourn her death. We extend our sympathy.

MISERY AMONG THE REFUGEES.

Pouring into City by Thousands. Many Houses Sacked.

Santiago de Cuba, July 17.—Since 4 o'clock this morning a stream of refugees has been pouring into the city, some naked and all hungry and footsore. Many had fallen by the wayside.

The town of Santiago presents a dismal sight. Most of the houses have been sacked and the stores have all been looted, and nothing to eat can be had for love or money. In the streets of the city this morning, at the entrenchments, at the breastworks and at every hundred feet or so of the barbed wire fences were the living skeletons of Spanish soldiers.

A Dodrotten Fool.

Southern Druggist.

I was the only passenger in the car. Midway of a block another came in. His hat was crushed and his clothing daubed with mud. For a long time he sat in gloomy meditation. Then he hitched up toward me and said:

"I guess I'm the dodrottenest fool running loose in the town!"

"So?" I said.

"Yes, sir. I ain't got sense enough to be let go without a guarden. See that car up ahead there?"

"I did. It was half a dozen blocks away."

"Waal, sir, I run like sixty to catch that car."

"Couldn't catch it, eh?"

"Yes I could. That's the trouble. I did ketch it, and I gin the conductor a dime on the hind platform and he gin me a nickle change. Then somehow I up an' dropped the nickle overboard. I hollered to the conductor to stop the car, but he wouldn't do it, so I ups and jumps off back'ards. Look at my clo'es. When I got up that car was out o' reach, so I had to wait for this one."

"Did you find the nickle?"

"Oh, yes; found that all right enough. Lost my car, split my clo'es and skint my back for the gratifyin' privilege of pickin' up that doddeen nickle and giving it to this conductor. I used to think that Bill Thompson was the dingiest fool agoin', but I guess I'm close onto him."

"What did Bill do?"

"Why don't you know? Bill's dog got his head stuck in a pitcher, and Bill cut off the head to save the pitcher, and then broke the pitcher to get the head out."

Coons Scare Fish Away.

Goldsboro Argus.

There is a great scarcity of fish at Morehead City—as to shipping, and it is seldom that dealers in this city have any choice fish for sale of late. This condition has existed for several weeks, and the fishermen down there say that it is due to the negro soldiers at Fort Macon. There are 1,100 mobilized there, and ever since their arrival they have spent much time in the surf in large numbers, and the schools of fish, mistaking their black forms leaping about in the water for those of porpoise, have betaken themselves to the high seas for safety.

Sagasta—Hooray! We'll soon have those American pigs where we want them.

The Queen—How?

Sagasta—Why, your majesty, before long we won't have any more warships to destroy; then what will they do?"—Ex.

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NEWS FROM SANTIAGO.

Few Civilians Left That Are Not in Bad Plight.

STORES OPEN, PATRONS FEW.

Some Suffering Among Better Classes. American Guard Over Landing of Red Cross Supplies. American Transports Entered Harbor Fully Dressed in Bunting and Flags and Greeted by Spaniards With Laughter and Cheering. Spanish Troops Will Soon Embark for Home.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

Santiago Harbor, July 19.—Quiet, continues. The American flag floats over Morro Castle. Red Cross emblems are displayed promiscuously over the city. Only a few civilians left in the city that do not seem to be in bad plight. Most of the stores are open, but patrons are few. Many beggars are in evidence. There is some suffering among the better classes.

An American guard has been placed over the landing of supplies from the Red Cross steamer State of Texas.

There is no evidence of gloom. Filth is noticeable everywhere, nevertheless the city is in a healthy condition.

Yesterday afternoon a large number of American transports, fully dressed in bunting and flags, entered the harbor, making an imposing appearance. They were greeted by the Spanish inhabitants with laughter and cheering.

The Spanish troops will be embarked soon for transportation to their home.

The government tug Potomac has arrived to assist in raising the wrecks of Spanish vessels.

A long bridge at Aquadores has been replaced.

AMERICANS AND CUBANS AT OUTS.

Cuban Troops Eager to Loot the City. Evident Probability of Early Collision Among Our Troops and Cubans. Cubans Would Neltner Work Nor, Fight, are Filthy and Lazy. Shafter and Sampson Disagree, Both Claiming Prizes in Harbor.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

Santiago, July 19.—Cuban troops are reported eager to loot the city. Gen. Shafter forbade the Cubans to enter. Their relations with our officers are considerably strained.

It is evident there is probability of an early collision among our troops and the Cubans. The Cubans realize the rising sentiment against them among the American troops.

Even our officers openly display their contempt for them. It is reported that they have been both lazy, and filthy in language, and also in their demeanor, refusing to fight or work.

Gen. Shafter and Admiral Sampson have come to a disagreement regarding the prizes found in the harbor. Both claim the honor.

PRIZES OF WAR.

The Captured Mauser Rifles Will Be Used in Our Army. Antiquated Guns To Be Brought to United States as Santiago Souvenirs.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS.

Washington, July 19.—The ordnance bureau is considering the use of the large quantity of arms, ammunition, fortification guns and ordnance stores surrendered at Santiago.

The captured Mausers will be put in order for the use of the American army. Some twenty thousand old antiquated guns, mounted in forts along the shore, are useless and will probably be brought to the United States as souvenirs.

Lockey Nominated Judge.

At the Republican judicial convention, held at Warsaw today, C. P. Lockey, of Wilmington, was nominated for judge. Several counties withdrew from the convention. He was nominated by New Hanover, Sampson, Duplin and Pender counties.

NEWBERN NEWS ITEMS.

A Case of Spanish Marksmanship. Held On Suspicion of Burglary. Artillery From Fort Caswell. Signal Boys Ordered to Norfolk From Lookout. Ran into Railroad Bridge.

C. Whit Gaskins, Manager Newbern Department.

NEWBERN, N. C., July 19, 1898.

Two negroes are held at the police station on suspicion of being concerned in the recent burglaries in the city.

The steamer Lillie, Capt. John Dudley, will leave today or tomorrow for Elizabeth City, to run excursions from that point to Nag's Head.

The signal corps boys stationed at Cape Lookout have been ordered to report at Norfolk. From there it is thought they will be sent to the Philippine islands.

The schooner May and Anna Beawick, Capt. Smith, cleared this morning for Atlantic City, N. J. Mr. J. F. Congdon and Frank Tisdale went along as passengers.

A detachment of Company I U. S. regulars, artillery, in command of Sergeant Taylor, came over last night from Fort Caswell, enroute to Fort Macon, to relieve the company there.

The schooner Regulator, Capt. W. T. Gillikin, while passing through the A. & N. C. R. R. bridge, ran into the bridge yesterday, but on investigation it was found no damage was done.

Sunday morning the usual number of people were standing around at the corner of South Front and Middle streets, when the stillness of the morning was broken by the cry of "mad dog," "shoot him," etc. About that time one of our brave "cops" appeared on the scene, and drawing forth his gun, blazed away at the dog, but immediately after the report the crash of glass was heard, the ball having broken out several panes of glass in the upstairs window of F. S. Duffy's drug store, and the dog was seen tearing up Middle street. A cry was made to another of our noble "cops" standing a short distance off, and weighing 300 pounds more or less, probably less, to stop the dog, but in trying to stop him he lost his bottom hold and soon found himself hugging the ground. The dog was killed a short way up the street, however, and now there's a sad time in dog town.

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THE PELAYO EXPLODED.

Spain's Only Battleship Badly Damaged by an Explosion.

CAMARA'S FLEET OFF TUNIS

Coast, Where the Explosion Occurred. The Pelayo Was Taken In Tow by a Spanish Cruiser.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

Marseilles, France, July 19.—It is reported that Admiral Camara's fleet has been sighted off the coast of Tunis. An explosion occurred off that coast on the battleship Pelayo, which was badly damaged and was taken in tow by a Spanish cruiser.

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