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GEN. SHAFTER'S PLANS

Contemplate Marching His Army Northward Into Mountains.

MAY MARCH AGAINST LUQUE.

Santiago Gradually Assuming Its Normal Aspect. Signs of Business Activity. Spaniards Well Behaved and Voluntarily Assist Americans in Every Way Required. Removing Mines Which Were Found to be Useless. Valuable Charts and Signal Codes Found on the Mercedes. Lieut. Miley Gone to Receive Surrender of Spaniards in Conquered District. Predicted Willing Submission.

By Cable to The Free Press.

Santiago, July 20.—Gen. Shafter's plans contemplate marching his army northward into the mountains, with a view to preserving the health of the troops. A campaign against Holguin, occupied by 10,000 Spanish troops under Gen. Luque, may result from this movement.

Santiago is gradually resuming its normal aspect, and signs of business activity are seen everywhere. The public market was open yesterday.

The city is quiet. The Spanish troops are well behaved and there is no attempt to make trouble, but the Spaniards voluntarily assist the Americans in every way required.

Lieut. DeLehanty, commander of the Suwanee, acting captain of the port, is removing mines, torpedoes and other obstructions to the harbor, their location being located by the Spanish officer of engineers.

The mines were found to be useless, being covered with marine growth and barnacles. In some of them the explosives are saturated with water, and the plungers on all contact mines were obstructed, rendering them useless.

A number of valuable charts and signal codes were found on the Mercedes.

Lieut. Miley left yesterday to receive the surrender of the Spaniards included in the surrendered district. His trip will occupy four days. Over 10,000 Spaniards will lay down their arms. The Spanish soldiers in the city predict that it will be a willing submission.

The Spanish vessels surrendered in the fall of Santiago have started to the United States with prize crews aboard.

A number of transports and the hospital ship Relief will soon start to the United States.

A large number of refugees are being cared for by the Red Cross society.

MAYFLOWER GETS A PRIZE.

British Steamer Newfoundland Trying to Take Supplies to Blanco. Brought in Deserters from Spanish Gunboat.

By Cable to The Free Press.

Key West, July 21.—The gunboat Mayflower arrived from the blockade this morning, and reports having captured the British steamer Newfoundland, from Nova Scotia, bound inward with a cargo of war munitions and supplies for Gen. Blanco's army and Havana merchants. The prize was sighted off Cienfuegos night before last and was chased by the Mayflower for over an hour. A solid shot quickly caused her to heave to.

She was sent to Charleston, in charge of a prize crew.

The Mayflower brought in a number of Spanish deserters from the gunboat Aquilla.

TO SAVE TWO SHIPS.

Sampson Expects to Raise Maria Teresa By Sunday and Hopes to Save Reina Mercedes.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Washington, July 21.—Sampson cables that he expects to raise the wrecked Spanish cruiser Maria Teresa by Sunday, and also hopes to save the Reina Mercedes, which was sunk in the channel.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

Resolution Adopted Favoring Fusion With Populists. Nominations Left With Executive Committee. McKinley, Russell and Pritchard Endorsed.

Special to The Free Press.

Raleigh, July 21.—The Republican State convention met here yesterday. The convention was not largely attended.

The real fight in the convention was on the endorsement question. All the delegates wanted to endorse McKinley and Pritchard, but only part of them wanted to endorse Gov. Russell. Some leading Republicans admitted they were in a bad fix, for if they endorsed Russell the Democrats would use it against them in the campaign and would use the fact of their not endorsing him also.

The real object of the convention was to endorse the nominations of judges. Those so far made are D. W. Caldwell, 2nd district, C. P. Lockey 6th; H. F. Seawell 7th, and Henry Eaves, 11th. No nominations have been made in the 1st, 5th and 12th.

James E. Boyd was permanent chairman of the convention.

The convention adopted resolutions in favor of fusion with the Populists, and left the nominations to the executive committee.

Resolutions were adopted endorsing McKinley, Gov. Russell and Senator Pritchard.

FATAL SHOOTING AT ASHEVILLE.

Manager Taylor of the Oaks Hotel Killed By a Guest From Illinois.

Asheville, N. C., July 19.—R. Wink Taylor, the lessee and manager of The Oaks Hotel, was shot and killed by James Corey, a guest at the hotel, at 9 o'clock tonight.

The tragedy originated from a very trivial matter, Corey having told Taylor that he had offered a room to another guest for one dollar, whereas he charged the guest two dollars.

After some words Taylor rushed out, got a revolver and returned. Before he could shoot, however, Corey fired four shots into him, either of which would have been fatal.

The coroner's inquest has adjourned until tomorrow.

Taylor's home is in Crawford, Ga. He took charge of the Oaks Hotel two months ago.

He was in charge of the Atlantic Hotel at Morehead a few years ago. Corey is from Decatur, Illinois.

The Republican Judicial Convention.

Three counties (Onslow, Jones and Carteret) bolted the Republican judicial convention held Tuesday at Warsaw, at which C. P. Lockey was nominated for judge.

Onslow, Jones, Lenoir, Greene and Carteret delegates opposed making a nomination for judge until after the State convention.

Resolutions were passed endorsing the State and national administrations.

J. E. Cameron was named as executive committeeman from Lenoir; R. D. S. Dixon, from Greene. Abe Middleton, colored, of Duplin, and John T. Howe, colored, of New Hanover, were made committeemen at large.

It is understood that the delegates from Greene, Onslow, Jones, Carteret and Lenoir want the Populists to have the judgeship, while the Lockey adherents are dead opposed to that course. The three counties which withdrew from the convention are each entitled to a representative on the executive committee, if they demand it, and in anticipation that they will make the demand and then would have a majority of the committee, including the two committeemen from Greene and Lenoir, they have been forestalled by adding two members at large to the committee. The Lockey men thus prevent the opposition from getting control of the committee, in which event the committee might "take down" Mr. Lockey and "put up" a Populist candidate for judge.

A resolution was adopted favoring fusion—the Republicans to take the judgeship, the Populists, the solicitorship. Richardson will probably be renominated for solicitor by the Populists.

Blames Toral.

Gen. Blanco lays the blame for surrendering Santiago on Gen. Toral. He will be tried by court martial upon his return to Spain for surrendering the Spanish troops outside of Santiago.

He (in Colorado)—"Well, what ticket did you vote?"

She—"I voted a pink one. That horrid white independent ticket that you wanted me to vote didn't come anywhere near matching my shirtwaist."—Judge.

GARCIA WRITES LETTER

To Shafter Declaring Disgust at Treatment by Americans.

WILL NO LONGER CO-OPERATE

With Gen. Shafter's Forces, But Will Act Independently as Before the Americans Came. Will Withdraw His Forces to the Hills, Being No Longer Willing to Submit to Indignity. Gives Some Reasons For Being Incensed.

By Cable to The Free Press.

Santiago, July 21.—Gen. Garcia has written a letter to Gen. Shafter declaring his disgust at the treatment the Cubans have received at the hands of the Americans and stating that he will consequently withdraw his forces to the hills, being no longer willing to submit to the indignity to which he and his command have been subjected.

Among the things of which Gen. Garcia complains is the failure of Gen. Shafter to officially notify him of the surrender of Santiago.

He is also incensed at the fact that no invitation was sent to take part in the ceremony of the formal surrender.

Another grievance is the action of Gen. Shafter in retaining the Spanish civil authorities in the administration of their functions at Santiago.

Gen. Garcia declares that for these reasons he will no longer co-operate with Gen. Shafter's forces but will act independently as he did before the advent of the Americans.

WONT RAID SPANISH COAST.

Watson's Squadron Disbanded and Idea of Sending American Warships to Spain Abandoned. To Give Spain Opportunity To Seek Honorable Peace.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Washington, July 21.—The raiding squadron under Commodore Watson has been disbanded. Some of the vessels will come north and be docked. Others will go on the Porto Rico expedition. This was a result of this morning's meeting of the war board. All ideas of sending the American warships across the water, either to the Canaries or the coast of Spain have been definitely abandoned, and official announcement is made of the same. It is expected to remove a serious obstacle to peace and give Spain an opportunity to seek an honorable settlement.

OBSTINATE MULES

Delay Transports Leaving Charleston For Porto Rico Till Today. Gens. Wilson and Ernest Left Today.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Washington, July 21.—Gen. Wilson, commanding the first division of the first army corps, wires the announcement of the departure of himself and also Gen. Ernest's brigade from Charleston for Porto Rico, via Guantanamo.

This telegram also said the transports were delayed till today, owing to the obstinacy of mules.

The troops consist of the second and third Wisconsin and sixteenth Pennsylvania.

Referees in Bankruptcy.

The bankruptcy act passed by congress, which became a law July 1st, creates the offices of referee, trustee and clerk. It empowers the appointment of such a number of referees by the courts of bankruptcy (the United States district courts) within the territory of which they have jurisdiction as may become necessary. Referees will hold office for two years, and one will be appointed for each county where their services will be needed. Trustees are to be appointed by the creditors of a bankrupt estate, and if the creditors do not appoint, the court shall do so. Both the referees and trustees are to give bonds before entering upon the discharge of their offices.

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NEWBERN NEWS ITEMS.

Miss Mamie Tolson Dead. Boxing Matches Every Evening, Referred by a "Cop."

C. Whit Gaskins, Manager Newbern Department.

NEWBERN, N. C., July 21, 1898.

The schooner Mabel and Ruth, Capt. Clogg, arrived yesterday from Baltimore.

Miss Mamie Tolson died late yesterday evening. The news of her death was a surprise to a great many, as it was not generally known she was sick until yesterday morning. Miss Tolson was in the 23rd year of her age and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Tolson. Miss Tolson was very popular among the young people, and was the chief promoter of the pleasure of her associates. A good girl, of a gentle, sweet disposition and loved by all. Though her death causes great grief, we bow in humble submission to the divine will of a higher power above.

At the end of market dock a boxing match can be seen nearly every evening. This sport is indulged in by the colored youths employed around the market. On one occasion, seeing a crowd on the end of the dock, the reporter went over to see the fun. On arriving there two negroes were knocking each other about with bare fists, and were making the scene more thrilling by the emission of loud oaths, and one of our grand, noble "cops" was standing close by with mouth open, one eye on the performance, and the other looking up the street, acting, we suppose, as referee. "Lay on McDuff."

WAR TALK FROM MADRID.

Sagasta Again Resigned. Change of Ministry Imminent. Weyer May Form a Cabinet and Continue War to Utmost Limit.

By Cable to The Free Press.

London, July 21.—Advises from Madrid say that Sagasta has again resigned but has been counselled by the queen to advise with old political leaders relative to his future course. It is also reported that a change is imminent in the ministry and that Weyer will form a cabinet, in which Polavija will be minister of war. This combination, it is asserted, will support the dynasty and repel a suspension of the constitution rights and continue the war to the utmost limit.

PORTO RICO TO BE HELD.

Philippines Matter of Future Development. Ladones May Be Held For Coaling Supply Station.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Washington, July 21.—An authoritative statement was made today that the island of Porto Rico is to be held as a permanent possession of this country as a price of the war. It is asserted that the Philippines is a future matter of development, and it is intimated that the Ladrones might follow the fate of Porto Rico and become a permanent possession, being valuable as a coaling supply station.

ST. LOUIS HAS NEW GUNS.

Will Join Fleet and Assist in Bombarding San Juan. Will Probably Ship Troops at Newport.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

New York, July 20.—The St. Louis cleared this morning for Hampton Roads. She has a number of new 6-inch guns placed in position, and will join the fleet and assist in the bombardment of San Juan. She will probably ship a number of troops at Newport News.

20 MANILA EXPEDITION

Has Arrived. Composed of 3,500 Troops Under Greene.

ANOTHER OF SPAIN'S ISLANDS

Taken Possession of on the Way Over, Midway Between Hawaii and Philippines, Over Which American Flag Now Floats. Five Deaths on Voyage. This Makes 6,000 Reinforcements Arrived For Dewey.

Cable to Free Press.

Hong Kong, July 21.—The second Manila expedition from San Francisco has arrived at Manila. It is composed of 3,500 hundred troops under Gen. Greene.

On the way from Honolulu troops were landed at Wake island, midway between Hawaii and the Philippines, where the American flag was raised. That island was a Spanish possession.

The expedition consisted of the armed transports China, Zealander, Colon and Senator.

There were five deaths on the voyage. The health of the troops is excellent. The troops are composed of the tenth Pennsylvania, first Ohio and first Nebraska volunteers and a number of regulars.

This force brings up Dewey's reinforcements to 6,000.

PRESIDENT THOROUGHLY AROUSED

Over Delay in Departure of Miles' Expedition and Cables Sampson Imperative Message.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Washington, July 21.—The president is thoroughly aroused through the delay in the departure of Gen. Miles' expedition to Porto Rico and has sent an imperative message to Sampson to sail immediately. The orders are susceptible to no misconstruction, but are imperative to a degree seldom used except in cases of extreme emergency.

Officials confidentially assert that if Gen. Miles' expedition is not already started there will be no more delay.

TROOPS TO PORTO RICO.

Several Transports Sail to Take Troops To That Spanish Possession Soon to Be in the Hands of Americans.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

New York, July 21.—The transports Massachusetts, Roumania and Michigan sailed this morning; the two former for Newport News, the latter for Tampa, where they will take aboard troops for Porto Rico. All carried large stores of forage and lumber.

The Norwegian steamship Uto sails this afternoon for Jacksonville with a load of lumber for the defenses of our expedition when it reaches Porto Rico.

Well Known Shoe Company Assigns.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Boston, July 21.—The Crawford Shoe company, one of the oldest and best known shoe concerns in the country, has made an assignment.

A New Shipment of

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Trunks, Dress Suit Cases, Valises,

Bags and Telescopes,

unpacked today. Come and see. You may need one today or tomorrow.

GETTINGER BROS.