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FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Spain Doesn't Know a Good Thing When She Sees It. PEACE IS YET PROSPECTIVE.

Porto Ricans Give Cordial Welcome to the United States Army—Partially shown by the Navy Department—Collection of War Department Plans—Alger and Emancipation at Once.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8, 1898.—The Spanish Ministry had any proper idea of the public sentiment in this country it would not have wasted ten days in deciding whether to accept the terms of peace offered.

Mr. McKinley apparently fully believes that the Spanish Ministry is honest in informally telling him that it intends to accept his terms of peace, although officially it still remains silent.

Notwithstanding the harsh criticism which has come from all sections of the country and from the holders of all shades of political opinion of the partiality shown by the Navy Department in favor of setting Admiral Sampson and against Commodore Schley, that partiality still exists, and, according to current gossip, is about to be strikingly exhibited by a shifting of orders for the purpose of giving Sampson an opportunity to splurge in European waters.

The orders for sending a strong fleet to the coast of Spain, issued some weeks ago, for blinding purposes, have never been revoked, and the officials say that the fleet is to go for the purpose of "impressing Europe," now that the pending cessation of hostilities and the prospect of permanent peace have made further fighting apparently unnecessary.

Secretary Alger's mixing of politics with military matters has added nothing to his popularity nor his reputation for political sagacity. In his eagerness to injure "Teddy" Roosevelt's political fortunes, Secretary Alger went to the extent of publishing a private letter from Roosevelt to himself in which slurs were thrown at the fighting qualities of the volunteer soldiers, in order that he might accompany it with an official reprimand from himself to Roosevelt.

Another great discovery has been made, and that too by a lady in this country. Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly, and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to recovery, by purchasing of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and was so much relieved on taking the first dose, that she slept all night; and with two bottles was absolutely cured.

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A War Primer.

A's for Alphonso, the boy king of Spain. B is for Blanco, and brief be his reign. C is for Culla, the tyrant-oppres-

D is for Dewey, with victory biased; E is for England, most friendly of Powers; F is for France, whose aid is not ours;

G is for Gomez, so fierce in the fray; H is for Hobson, our hero today; I's for Insurgents, those bold rebel hordes;

J is for Jingoos, all firing off words; K is for Kingdom, which threatens to fall; L is for liberty, the best gift of all;

M is for Maine, remembered, indeed; N is for Navy, taking the lead; O is for Oregon, battleship grand;

P is for Philippines, the far conquered land; Q is for Queen Christine, who battle abhors; R is for righteous and justified wars;

S is for Sampson, an Admiral he; T's for Torpedo a terror at sea, U's Uncle Sam, who gives the big show; V is for Verite, what's there we don't know;

W's for Weyer, so cruel and bold; X is for Xerxes, of war methods old; Y is for yellow fake rumors of war; Z is for Zeal of our "Hip Hip, hurrah!"—Cincinnati Post.

Hits About Porto Rico. Porto Rico was discovered by Columbus in 1493. Porto Rico ranks fourth in the greater Antilles, having first place however in density of population and general prosperity.

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