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SCHLEY ATTACKS SPANISH FLEET

Havana Advices, via Cape Hatien, State that the American Fleet at 2 o'clock Yesterday Began to Bombard Moro Castle at the Entrance of Santiago de Cuba Harbor.

FORCED THE FORTS AND ENGAGED THE SHIPS

At 3:45 the Cannonading Became Less Heavy Against the Fortifications but was More Accentuated at the Locality Where the Fleets were Engaged--At 5:15 Advices Came that the American Fleet had Forced the Entrance to the Harbor and had Engaged the Spanish Fleet.

(Copyright 1898 by Associated Press.) possible to judge as to the merits of the Cape Haytien, Hayti, May 31 .- 5:15 | encounter. m. -Advices just received from Havana say that since 2 o'clock this afternoon the American fleet at Santiago de take has been cannonading the batteries Morro Castle, La Zecapa and Punta Garda. At the same time, it is added, the American ships have been engaged with the Spanish warships. The firing extremely heavy. At 8:45 p. m. the cannonading became less heavy against the fortifications, but was more accentuated in the locality where the fleets were engaged.

Morro Castle is at the entrance of the larbor of Santiago de Cuba. La Zecapa, also shown on the maps as La Zecapa Castle, is a short distance inside the harbor entrance, and Punta Garda is situated on a point well inside the harber of Santiago de Cuba, showing that the American fleet has entered the harbor according to the Havana advices. and Cape haytien, and has engaged the Spanish fleet in those waters.

TLEETS AND FORTS ENGAGED. Wapyright 1898 by Associated Press.)

Cape Haytien, Hayti, May 31,-5:15 p. m.- The Havana advices indicate that the American fleet has forced the entrance of the harbor of Santiago de Cubuy and has engaged the Spanish fleet.

HEAVY CANNONADING.

Copyright 1898 by Associated Press.) Cape Haytien, Hayti, May 31.-5:15 is in. Advices from Havana say a heavy engagement is taking place at Santiago de Cuba.

Cape Haytien, Hayti, May 31.-The correspondent of the Associated Press, who was at the signal station about the same time, also heard sounds resembling commonade. The wind was in the right prection to carry the detonations to him. It seems certain that the fleet the Hay in gunboat saw passing Cape Maysi rong northward, found its opportunity turning backward across the frent of - b opposing force.

REPORT DISCREDITED. Washington, D. C., May 31.-No ad-

tres of an engagement at Santiago de

Unba have reached the navy department, and officials discredit the report. SANTIAGO BOMBARDED. Topyright 1898 by Associated Press.) Fort Au Prince, Hayti, May 31. att 2 o'clock this afternoon an

- an a bombardment with heavy guns the forts and the harbor of Santiago · Cliffes. The American fire was directed prin-

marican squadron of fourteen war-

wife, of which the cruiser New York

beliayed the flag of Rear Admiral

Suggeon, and a number of torpedo hoats.

and the har-The forts of Morro Castle, La Zocapa Panta Gorda suffered especially. has cannonading was very persistent to be very dethe tive. It lasted until 3:45 p. m. the town, which is situated near the of the harbor, escaped dam-At 3:45 p. m. the cannonade dim-

enterpost e o'clock cannon discharges were at a distance (presumably at sea). tinuing for some time, when the fircrased, completely. The Spanish aumaintain strict silence as to billiber of victims, who were apparently

browding to advices from a Spanish Three fourteen American warships and torpedo bonts were engaged in the

Santiago. very careful fire was directed the batteries of Morro Castle un-15 p. m., when discharges of canbegan to be heard at sea, off the

These discharges continued until 4 and then entirely ceased. from the Spanish account, it is im-

SHIPS SIGHTED OFF HAYTI.

The Fleet Seemed to Be Making North ward With All Speed.

(Copyright 1898 by Associated Press.) Cape Haytien, Hayti, May 31,-11:20 a. m .- The Haytien dispatch gunboat La Mort, which arrived here from Port au Prince at 8 o'clock this morning, having the minister of public works on board, seems to have sighted five American warships, while passing the Mole St. Nicholas yesterday afternoon. The correspondent here of the Associated Press has just interviewed the officers of the Capois la Mort, and learns that at about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. when the gunboat was about abreast of the Mole columns of black smoke were espied on the horizon east by north from her bridges. The ships were about thirteen miles distant and there hulls could not be fairly seen, but all appearances indicate that several vessels were of great tonnage. The fleet seemed to be lost to view behind the protruding outdoubted that the ships sighted were nels. The more vital feature of the American war vessels.

Regiment Are Seriously Ill.

Tampa, Fla., May 31.—There is conof the seventy-first volunteers, and al- commanders, have been given wide lati though only one fatality has occurred so tude, as the authorities here fully apprefar, several members of the regiment are ciate that battles cannot be fought in seriously ill. Seventeen of them are now, advance on paper. under the care of the regimental physician. Most of the sickness is due to the change of weather, although long neutrality, this time from Brazil, Japan hours of drilling in the intense heat to British Guinea, St. Lucia, and Gibraltar, which the northerners are unaccustom. It is noticeable that both Brazil and Jaed, have caused prestrations.

GEN. BUTLER'S COMMAND.

Second Army Corps.

Washington, May 31.-Major General Butler. United States volunteers, the very severe rules on that subject. will be assigned to the command of the The Japanese proclamation is rather re-First division of the Second army corns, now in camp near Falls Church, Va. He; which it prescribes the rules that are is at his home in South Carolina, and is to govern Japanese subjects in their deal expected to-morrow or next day to ing with the belligerents and the treatqualify and receive his orders.

Brigadier General Oates, ex-Governor ships. The proclamation evidently was of Alabama, will be assigned to duty prepared with great care, and may serve with one of the army corps at Camp as a model for the guidance of diplomata George H. Thomas, Chickamauga.

ORDERED TO LEAVE MANILA.

Owners of British Ship Received Cable Message-Conjectured That Dewey Illinois type, upon which the new vessels Contemplates Some Action.

British ship Genista, which has been bly with knowledge of the constructive loading at Manila harbor, received a ability of the American shipyards cacable dispatch dated May 24th, saying pable of undertaking this work, resolvthat Rear Admiral Dewey has ordered ed to reduce the time allowed for buildthe vessels to leave the port. It is con- ing the new ships to a maximum of jectured that the American commander three months. The navy department contemplated some action.

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS.

to-day sent these nominations to the ject.

Senate: Oscar Strauss, of New York, to be Minister to Turkey: Sixth regiment United States volunteer infantry, to be Lieut, Colonel-First Lieut, Andrew S. Rowan, 1th United States infantry; to be commissary of subsistance, with rank of major-Robert Lee Longstreet, of Georgia.

WAR BALLOON READY.

Washington, May 31.-General Greely, chief signal officer, has been informed of the arrival at Tampa of a balloon designed for use in the present war.

from Washington.

CONFIDENCE IN LEADERS AN INDEPENDENT MOVE

FETTERED BY DEPARTMENT.

WILL GIVE ONLY GENERAL DIRECTIONS NO TROUBLE IN EFFECTING A LANDING

The Department Realizes that Battles Cannot The Expedition Consisted of 300 Cubans and be Fought in Advance on Paper --Help for the Insurgents and Reconcentradoes.

Washington, May 31.-When the cabinet meeting adjourned to-day it was announced that the matters under disnor was there anything that could be given to the public.

the land expedition now embarking at an expedition able to operate independ Key West may be divided, and one di- ently and to defend itself against any vision sent to co-operate with Sampson body of Spanish troops which might op-

against Porto Rico. a sufficient number of regulars and sear mand of Col. James Lacret, formerly insoned volunteers to carry out both of surgent commander in Matanzas pro these plans to a successful issue, vince. He assumed the direction of af-Transports in sufficient numbers and fairs immediately on the landing of the capacity, already have been secured, and expedition. Until then General Jeaquin it is the opinion of high officials that Castillo was in control.

General Miles, who left here last night of the president, who in the course of tothe utmost confidence in General Miles' ability as a soldier, and fully expected that he would prove entirely worthy of Gomez, was also on the boat. This is his trust. Members of the administration are agreed that the war from this the utmost vigor.

The president has begun to prepare and the reconcentrados, who still drag Ladd. out a miserable existence. The commiss sary general of the army has prepared an estimate of \$5,000,000 for the purchase of sufficient supplies to feed 150, 000 reconcentrados for six months.

troops, now advancing under orders from here, and with our ships. The time of making northward with all speed, past preparation has gone by, and it remains young fellows who looked fight enough the eastern end of Cuba, and while the only for preparations to be carried into for anything. The expedition was conofficers of the Capois la Mort were ob- actual effect. There will continue to be voyed by the cruiser Marblehead, the serving the vessels they were gradually much routine detail in the maintenance torpedo boat destroyer Eagle and other of the large military and naval force, warships. lines of Cape Maysi. It is hardly to be but this is now in well established chancampaign itself has been fully matured. To a certain extent the military and NEW YORKERS SICK AT TAMPA, naval operations will be directed from Washington, and yet with General Miles Several Members of the Seventy-first in the south, and Admiral Sampson and Commodore Schley in Cuban waters, they will have most to do with the time and circumstances of attacks. The considerable sickness among the soldiers commander, General Miles and naval

The consular reports issued to-day con tain some additional declarations of pan go out of the way of the usual formal preamble to express regret at the outbreak of hostilities between the United States and Spain. Bermuda modifies Will Have Charge of First Division of her original proclamation of April 23rd. so as to make the rule relative to supplying provisions, subsistence and coal to belligerent ships conform closely to markable from the great exactness with ment that will be accorded belligerent

of all nations. The board of naval bureau chiefs i trying to hasten the work of construction of the battleships authorized by the present naval appropriation bill. The are to be constructed, will occupy three years in construction. After a confer London, May 31.—The owners of the ence to-day the bureau chiefs presuma bought another yacht to-day, the Inquirer, for use in the auxiliary fleet, by the terms the mosquito fleet will be designated in accordance with the terms Washington. May 31.-The president of the recently enacted act on the sub-

FOR HARBOR DEFENSE.

Recommendation Sent to the House \$150,000 for Defense of Manile Harbor.

Washington, D. C., May 31.-The secretary of war sent to the house today a recommendation for funds for harbor defense and other work in carrying on the

Among other items was a significant brief one recommending \$150,000 for torpended.

Real Scene of Action Changes The Lacret Expedition Entirely Successful.

NAVY AND ARMY WILL NOT BE COMPOSED OF CUBANS AND AMERICANS.

100 Americans - Welcomed by lusugents -Brass Band Played Patriotic Airs-Elation Over Success of Expedition.

(Copyright 1898 by Associated Press.) Key West, Fla., May 31.-Over four hundred men with a pack train and a cussion were not of vital importance, large quantity of arms and ammunition, sailed for Cuba on the Plant Line steamer Florida, on the night of May 21. It is intimated from high sources that These men and the equipment constituted

pose it. It is believed that the government has The expedition was under the com-

one or both of these plans are now United States army was represented by Captain J. A. Dorst and Thomas Estrada Palma was represented by J. E. to take command of the military forces, is known to have the entire confidence Cartaya, who has been the landing agent of many filibustering expeditions for day's cabinet meeting, said that he had more than a year. Messrs. Castillo, Cartaya and Dorst will return to Key West, General Julio Sanguilly, on the way to report to General Maximo the most powerful anti-Spanish expedition ever sent to Cuba. About three time will be prosecuted at all points with hundred of the men are Cubans; the others are Americans. The engineer corps of the expedition is composed ento help the families of the insurgents, tirely of Americans, under Aurelian

The men were dressed in canvas uniforms furnished by the United States government, and the commissary department had rations enough to last fifteen days after the landing. The pack train For the time being it is felt that the consisted of seventy-five mules and real field of action is removed from twenty-five hourses. The expedition car-Washington and is centered with the ried 7,000 rifles and 2,000,000 rounds of ammunition for General Calixto Garcia. The expedition is composed of hardy

Two younger brothers of the late General Nester Araguren are with the ev pedition.

The expedition was landed on the coast of Cuba on Thursday morning, May 26. When the Florida, escorted by the Osceola, drew up close to the shore at the place selected for the landing, she sent scouts to see if all was clear. These scouts were greeted by Generals Feria and Rojas, with 1,500 armed insurgents Consequently, far from there being any hostile demonstration upon the part of the Spaniards, the landing of the expedition was in the nature of a triumphal invasion. The Cubans who were in waiting for the party had a brass band and welcomed the new comers with national

The work of unloading the cargo of the Florida was promptly begun and carried on by the 432 men comprising the expedition. There was nothing in the nature of an interrupaion. The work

was finished on Friday. While the cargo was being unloaded the Osceola, an auxiliary gunboat, with her guns ready for action, scouted about the vicinity looking for an enemy, but the Spaniards apparently had no suspicion of what was taking place. So easily was the dangerous mission accomplished that while some members of the party were getting the supplies ashore others were providing themselves with fruit, sugar and other products of the landing place, a large stock of which was brought back for Key West.

Nevertheless, no precautionary measure was neglected, and when the work was concluded, the Florida and the Osceola slipped away leaving the ininto the interior, which, it is confidently expected, was done withou any casualty. The returning members of the Florhundred private letters, which, it is understood, give a complete insight into the present conditions prevailing in the

The local Cuban colony is elated over the astonishing success of the expedi-

blockaded island.

Later information raises a strong preas originally planned, not far from fore been an orderly in the hospital. Guantanamo, province of Santiago de

THE ST. PAUL CUTS CABLE.

Key West, May 31.-12:40 p. m.-News received here to-day from Santiago de Cuba, says that the auxiliary cruiser St. Paul has cut the cable off that port.

LEAVE FOR TAMPA.

Atlanta, Ga., May 31.-Two hundred recruits left Atlanta today over the Atlanta and West Point railroad for Mopedo defense of Manila harbor. Philip- bile. They are in charge of Lieutenant pine Islands, to be available until ex- Heavy and are assigned to the eleventh

WITH THE FIGHTERS TROOPS LAND IN CUBA TROOPS WANT TO GO TO CUBA

DESCRIPTION OF A FLORIDA THUN-DER STORM—ITS WETTING QUALITIES WONDERFUL.

The Canteen is in Full Operation—Question Seniority Among Officers—The Date of Commission Determines Seniority—Colored Troops Will be Given a Chance.

(Special War Correspondent.)

Jacksonville, Fla., May 31. . The North Carolina troops are now armed with guns and ammunition. When they get uniforms and other equipment, which is daily expected, they will be ready to go to Cuba and put up a sharp fight. Nine hundred guns and one hundred thousand rounds of ball cartridges arrived to-day. The guns were immediately issued to the men. They are Springfield rifles, 45 calibre, same as those used by the State guards, but they have seen less service, and are in good condition. As rapidly as the exchange can be made, all those now in hand will be turned back to the State for use by the home companies. Had North Carolina troops received arms and equipments sooner, they would now be under orders to be ready to start at an hour's notice. Such orders were received this afternoon by the Second Illinois and First Wisconsin regiments in camp here. These regiments were selected because they are equipped.

General Lee arrived at 6:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He was met at the depot by a committee of prominent citizens. Thousands walked the line of march from the depot to the Windsor hotel, where he is stopping.

Last night while a detail from the Queen City guards was guarding the water works, Private Phillips saw a man climb to the top of the fence, and as he was in the act of throwing somethiag into the reservoir, Phillips commanded him to halt. He jumped down and ran, Phillips firing on him. This morning a white man answering the description given by Phillips, was arrested, and is in jail awaiting developments. It is the man whom the police have been shadowing for some time. It is believed he was trying to poison the water,

"When are we going to Cuba?" is the inquiry daily made in camp here. For it is one that nobody can answer. But on one point everybody seems agreed, and that is that, being under General Lee, we will go with the first troops that are sent. The prospect encourages the men in their drilling, and makes lighter the routine of camp life.

It is certain that the troops will not be sent away until they are armed and equipped. This cannot be done under two weeks. Many are of the opinion that they will be kept here all summer. Others think that it all depends upon the result of the naval battle between Schley and Cervera,

A DON QUIXOTIC CAMPAIGN.

The report that the Spanish fleet is at Santiago is accepted here with a great deal of salt. To begin with, it is not believed that Cervera would have been so foolish as to have taken his ships into such a trap, and in the next place, it is thought that if Commodore Schley were sure of his game he would proceed to bag it, instead of hovering around the entrance to the port. Certainly he would give the government advantage of any definite information he may have.

The "naval war board" or board of strategy, as it is called, has become a standing joke here, both in camp and in the city. Army officers are especially fond of criticising it. "It would be ridiculous, were it not so serious—these mene sitting in Washington and trying to conduct a campaign in Cuba," said a prominent officer yesterday. "There was never anything truer than the charge that Spain gave us Don Quixote in fiction, and we have enacted it into a reality. So far the campaign may be truthfully styled a Don Quixote campaign.

"In saying this though," continued the officer, "I do not mean to say that the board is not composed of men of proved ability, but if is just simply impossible for them to sit at one end of a cable and direct a campaign at the other, no matter what sources of information they may have."

At the head of this board, it will be remembered, is Admiral Sicard, who was Admiral Sampson's predecessor as commander of the North Atlantic squadron, and relieved a few weeks ago, on account of ill health; Capt. Alfred T. Mahan, acknowledged by all the world as the highest authority upon naval topics; Capt. Arant S. Crowninshield, chief of the bureau of navigation, and the Secretary, of the Navy.

LARGE CAMP AT MIAMI.

General Lawton reached Miami Sunday, and early yesterday the preparation of a large encampment ground for volunteer troops belonging to the Seventh army corps (Gen. Lee's) began. It is General Lee's desire to have his forces all in line along the coast, so that he may move them, on short notice, to Cuba. To this end it is thought camps will also be established at St. Augustine and Palm Beach, and perhaps at other points along the coast. The largest camps, however, will be those here and at Miami.

GLAD TO GET HOME PAPERS.

All North Carolina papers are eagerly read in camp, and passed from ten to tent until they are worn out. Of course the News and Observer is the fa-J vorite, and the enterprising news dealers have been quick to find it out. They surgents to convey their reinforcements have on sale big stacks of them daily, and usually dispose of the entire stock.

Many other State papers though, are sent here for distribution among the boys. These thoughtful editors may be assured that their kindness is most ida party brought with them several highly appreciated, and the soldiers request me, through the News and Observer, to thank them.

A NORTH CAROLINIAN PROMOTED.

Dr. McKnight, hospital steward for the North Carolina regiment, has been detailed as steward for the Division hospital. Though this carries with it no increase in pay, it is a position of more importance and dignity. Dr. Hunter, assistant steward for the regiment, succeeds Dr. McKnight as steward. Parks sumption that the landing was effected King, of the Concord company, becomes assistant steward. He has hereto-

THEY ARE AS GOOD AS THE BEST.

The type Sunday make me put Captain Hill down as captain of "the colored company," instead of the Concord company, as it should have been. The members of that company, however, knowing that it is one of the best in every respect in the whole camp, and headed by one of the most efficient young officers. were good natured enough to laugh at the mistake.

VACCINATING THE SOLDIERS.

Adjutant Alexander is a very busy man these days making up his monthly reports, the most important of which is the pay roll,

Requisition has been made for twenty-four bugles, the full number allowed As soon as they arrive the drum corps will be done away with, and a bugle corps will be organized in its stend.

The vaccination of the North Carolina troops is going forward rapidly.

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