

SANTIAGO BOTTLE CLOSELY CORKED

But It is Not at All Certain That Cervera's Phantom Ships Are Anchored Inside of It.

IF THEY ARE THERE SCHLEY WILL NOT LET THEM ESCAPE

Rumors of Sundry Battles With Widely Different Results Seem To Be Entirely Unfounded.

PREPARATIONS FOR SENDING TROOPS TO THE PHILIPPINES GOING ON ACTIVELY

Seventeen Thousand Men Are Encamped at San Francisco and Five Thousand Will Sail This Week—The President Nominates Three Southern Men for Brigadiers—Butler, of South Carolina, to be a Major General—Spain Resents the Pope's Suggestion of Suing for Peace.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

Washington, May 28.—Cervera is still supposed to be shut up in the harbor of Santiago de Cuba, with no prospect of escape; but no one in Washington, either inside or outside of administration circles, can say positively that he is there.

The last evidence that Cervera is bottled up in Santiago is that there have been no circumstantial reports of his ships having been seen elsewhere since their reported arrival at that port more than a week ago.

Many conflicting reports of the whereabouts of the fleet are current today, but none of them is such as to relieve the situation from doubt.

"Reliable information says twelve American war ships are outside of Santiago, and Cervera almost certainly inside. The Harvard arrived with important dispatches for Washington."

A Key West dispatch says: "Cruisers arriving this afternoon report that Cervera is not at Santiago or Cienfuegos."

While the harbor of Santiago is not an extensive body of water, the difficulty of ascertain what shipping lie at anchor within is due to the fact that the entrance is very narrow and the view of the bay from the outside is obstructed by hills that extend to the water's edge.

Some time next week Schley will be provided with the means of discovering the secret of Santiago harbor.

This morning a report came from Kingston that Schley had forced the entrance of Santiago harbor, had attacked and destroyed the Spanish fleet and shelled the town.

Another rumor, that came by way of London, had it that Sampson had been killed and his fleet defeated by Cervera.

A dispatch received from Cape Haytien says that there has been an important American victory, but gives no particulars.

SCHLEY THINKS THEY'RE THERE

That Much Is Learned From His Report to the Navy Department.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

Washington, May 28.—Considerable disappointment is felt by naval officers over information received from Schley this afternoon that he has been unable to discover whether Cervera's fleet was in Santiago or not.

The news is not wholly disappointing however, for it was learned from the same source that Schley had indicated his belief that the Spanish fleet was still at Santiago.

Arrangements have been made by Schley for learning definitely whether Cervera is still in the harbor and the navy department expects definite advice on that point tomorrow.

Reports from Madrid that the reserve fleet has left Cadiz causes no uneasiness in official circles. Under the present system of fast scout ships, it is believed that a hostile naval force will be reported a reasonable length of time before it can get to any port on this side of the Atlantic.

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Now They Say Cervera Has Not Been at Santiago.

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Key West, May 28.—Positive information by a despatch boat from Santiago says that no Spanish squadron was there Tuesday, so far as could be judged from outside the harbor.

Scouts might find him in Porto Rico ports soon with success, as the Spaniards must soon go to port for coal.

Five Thousand Men For Manila Will Leave This Week.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

Washington, May 28.—The government is now in a fair way to obtain all the ships it needs for landing a large military force in the Philippines.

Owing to the uncertainty in the naval situation, which prevents the immediate dispatch of forces to Cuba or Porto Rico, army officials have been able to give almost their entire time to the Philippine expedition and the raising of the volunteer army.

FOUR SOUTHERN GENERALS.

The President Recognized the Ability of Ex-Confederates.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

Washington, May 28.—The President today sent to the senate the following nominations: To be Major General of Volunteers, Matthew C. Butler of South Carolina.

Wm. C. Oates was formerly Governor of Alabama and served several terms as Representative in Congress.

Matthew C. Butler was for twelve years United States Senator from South Carolina. He reached the rank of Major General in the Confederate army.

BLANCO SPOILING TO FIGHT.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

Key West, May 28.—The two American correspondents who had been captured by the Spanish in Cuba arrived here this morning from Havana.

"Tell General Miles that I have plenty of men, guns and ammunition, as well as courage. When he is ready I will give him as pretty a fight as he can ask."

JOURNALS BOAT CAPTURED.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

New York, May 28.—A special to the Times says the Journal's yacht Buccaneer was captured by a Spanish warship off Porto Rico. The captain claimed German registry.

The Journal deures that the reported capture is untrue.

CURT REPLY TO THE POPE.

Spain Did Not Take Kindly to His Suggestion of Suing for Peace.

By Cable to The Morning Post.

London, May 28.—Information comes from reliable sources in both Madrid and Rome that the Pope made an earnest attempt to induce Spain to sue for peace just a fortnight ago upon the basis of surrender of Cuba and the retention of Porto Rico and the Philippines.

His own reports from Washington indicate that the Government is rather disposed to keep the Philippines, while all information obtained by nuncios on this side, with the exception of the one at Berlin, justifies him in the belief that no change of ownership will be tolerated by the powers.

Expected Help From the Powers Farther Off Than Ever.

By Cable to The Morning Post.

London, May 28.—Reports from Madrid confirm previous reports of the desire of the government for peace. It is construed here as a fresh hint to the continental powers.

Supplies Landed.

Spaniards Show Fight, but Are Routed by Cubans.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

Key West, May 28.—It is reported that the Brooklyn Schley's flagship landed sixty thousand rounds of ammunition, rifles and food for the infantry after a hot fight below Cienfuegos Tuesday.

Comes Home For Big Guns.

The St. Louis to be Heavily Armed at Cramp's Ship Yard.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

New York, May 28.—The auxiliary cruiser St. Louis came into port this morning, greatly to the surprise of the American Line officers in the city.

Under Spanish Flag.

Subterfuge to Procure a German Ship for Auxiliary Cruiser.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

New York, May 28.—A private despatch received today from Berlin says that the North German Lloyd Steamship Haven had passed Cape Finisterre, off the Spanish coast flying the Spanish flag. He was bound for Cadiz.

FLIGHT SAILS FROM CALIF.

By Cable to The Morning Post.

Madrid, May 28.—Official announcement is made that the Spanish reserve squadron has left Cadiz.

REED'S NEWS BY PROXY

What He Thinks About Annexation of Hawaii.

QUESTION OF PARTY POLITICS

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CRUISING WITH SAMPSON.

The Fleet Sails Back and Forth Without Sighting the Enemy.

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NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL

Senator Butler Expresses Great Surprise.

THE CONVENTION FOOLED HIM

Boy Soldier Discharged Through Senator Pritchard's Influence—Moody, Who Is a Major, Comes For His Commission.

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Washington, May 28.—"I am greatly surprised at the North Carolina Democratic convention not adopting resolutions looking to fusion," said Senator Butler today.

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Crisis Deferred.

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Madrid, May 28.—The ministerial crisis has been postponed. Senator Gamazo, Minister of Public Works, will not make the proposed tax on Spanish rents and other securities a matter of confidence. It is officially denied that a loan of 10,000,000 pesetas gold has been arranged with a Paris Bank. Spain, it is said, has gold enough for the present.