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## TEN SPANISH PRIZES CAPTURED

THAT IS THE NUMBER, WITH 230 PRISONERS,

Now Held at Key West. She is Worth \$250,000—A Spanish Army Officer One of the Prisoners Taken to Key West Yesterday Aboard the Sloop Captured By the Cincinnati.

KEY WEST, Fla., April 26.—The Spanish steamship "Panama," from New York to Havana, loaded to the guards with provisions and supplies for the Spanish army and the people of Havana, was sighted twenty miles off of Havana at 6 o'clock last night.

The "Panama" belonged to Spanish naval reserve. The vessel arrived here at 11:30 o'clock today.

The prize money will be divided between the "Indiana" and the "Mangrove."

She is valued at \$250,000. The "Panama" makes ten prize ships now in the harbor here, and the prisoners on them number 230.

The government today rented a large house for them in this city and they will be maintained at the government's expense.

The cruiser "Cincinnati" today captured a small sloop with Pedro Fernandez, a Spanish army officer aboard. He was also brought here a prisoner.

### The Connection Made.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, April 26.—A United States Army officer is now in the camp of General Garcia, of the Cuban army, consulting him with reference to the arming of the Cubans, and the co-operation with the United States troops.

The officer is Lieut. Rowan, of the Nineteenth Infantry, who landed Monday from the torpedo boat "Porter."

### Mr. Kitchin's New Plan.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26.—Congressman Kitchin, in order to avert the increased internal revenue taxation on tobacco, and at the same time provide revenue to conduct the war, has introduced a bill to coin the silver bullion now in the Treasury; also to issue, if necessary, \$500,000,000 of legal tender notes, redeemable at stated periods until 1909.

### Americans Would be Losers.

NEW ORLEANS, April 26.—The Cotton Exchange of this city has passed resolutions requesting the government to reconsider its action in seizing the steamers Jover and Catalina, on the ground that their cargoes are property for the most part of American citizens.

### Dingley War Revenue Bill.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The Dingley War Revenue bill was reported to the House today, and an agreement made to debate it tomorrow, Thursday (including night sessions) and on Friday, under the five minute rule, when it will be open for amendment until 5 o'clock, at which hour a vote will be taken.

### The "Vesuvius" Sails.

NEWPORT, R. I., April 25.—The pneumatic gunboat "Vesuvius" sailed this afternoon, presumably for Key West, under imperative orders. While here the "Vesuvius" was supplied with one hundred shells, and her tests have demonstrated that she is a terrible engine of destruction.

## DECLARATION OF WAR.

Congress Passes the Resolution and it is Signed by the President of the United States.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—President McKinley today sent a message to Congress reviewing the state of affairs with Spain and the beginning of hostilities by the blockade of Cuba. The message concludes by saying:

"In view of the measures so taken and with a view to the adoption of such other measures as may be necessary to enable me to carry out the expressed will of Congress, I now recommend to your honorable body the adoption of a joint resolution declaring that a state of war exists between the United States of America and the kingdom of Spain, and I urge speedy action thereon, to the end that the definition of the international status of the United States as a belligerent power may be made known, and the assertion of all its duties in the conduct of a public war, may be assured.

The House passed the declaration of war resolutions recommended by the President in his message to Congress today, and Speaker Reed has signed the same.

The Senate passed the war resolutions with an amendment making it obligatory on the President to prosecute the war to a successful termination.

### Governors Called on to Furnish Quota of Each State.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The call on the Governors of States for the required number of volunteers was sent this afternoon from the War Department.

Georgia is asked to furnish two regiments of infantry and two light batteries.

North Carolina is asked for two infantry regiments and one heavy battery

Virginia, three regiments of infantry.

Tennessee, three regiments of infantry.

Military regiments not ordered out as organizations at all, even as recruiting as volunteers.

### North Carolina's Quota is 2,574.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Secretary of War Alger telegraphed Governor Russell this evening that the exact quota of volunteer troops which North Carolina would be required to furnish under the call for 125,000 men is 2,574.

He also requested the Governor to inform him at once when those troops will be ready.

### A Sensational Rumor.

LONDON, April 25.—A despatch to the Central News from Athens says that the United States has offered Greece 45,000,000 francs for its entire fleet of warships.

The despatch adds that hundreds of Cretans are offering to enlist in the service of the United States.

### The Helena's Prize.

KEY WEST, April 25.—Another prize was brought in this morning by the United States gun-boat Helena, Commander W. T. Swinburne. She turned out to be the Spanish steamer Miguel Jover, bound from New Orleans for Barcelona, with a cargo amounting to about 2,000 tons of cotton and grain.

Wilmington and Porter Each Capture a Boat.

NEW YORK, April 25.—A dispatch to the Press from Key West says:

The gun-boat Wilmington today captured the Spanish schooner Candidia, with a deck load charcoal, intended for Havana, where it is extremely valuable for fuel.

The torpedo boat Porter today captured the Spanish schooner Antonio, laden with sugar for Havana. The Antonio was sent to Key West with a prize crew of four men under Naval Cadet Dubois.

### The Winoma Captures her Prize.

MOBILE, Ala., April 24.—A special from Biloxi, Miss., says the revenue cutter Winoma, from Mobile, captured the Spanish steamer Soturnina, from Sagua to Ship Island, Captain Zuclaga in command, 1,876 tons.

### Capture of the Catalina.

KEY WEST, April 24.—Spanish trans-Atlantic steamer Catalina was captured to-day 12 miles from Havana by the cruiser Detroit. Ensign Christy, with a crew of 16 from the cruiser Detroit, and four from the flagship, brought the Catalina into port this afternoon. She was in command of Captain Fana, is 3,491 tons, and left Cadiz, March 7, bound from New Orleans for Barcelona via Havana, for which latter port she was making when taken.

She is carrying a cargo of 6,000 bundles of staves.

### Taking in Prizes.

On Board the Associated Press Dispatch Boat Dauntless, Key West, April 24.—The Associated Press Dispatch Boat Dauntless arrived in this harbor yesterday, before midnight, having in tow the first sailing vessel prize of the campaign, the schooner Mathilde, of Havana, sixty tons, loaded with rum. When the Dauntless left the main fleet, under Admiral Sampson, 3:15 o'clock on Friday afternoon, what seemed a thorough blockade of Havana had been successfully effected.

### The "Black Battering Ram."


RICHMOND, Va., April 25.—Colonel Marshall, a well known ex-Confederate of Portsmouth, Va., left for Washington tonight, bearing a letter from Governor Tyler and General Lee to the Secretary of War, endorsing his project to raise a brigade of negro troops in Virginia and other Southern States to fight for Cuba.

There are at present eight companies of negro militiamen in Virginia. Colonel Marshall proposes to raise four more to make a regiment, and to raise three other regiments in adjacent States.

He will ask for the rank of Brigadier-General. He proposes to call the brigade "Marshall's Black Battering Ram."

### Beats the Klondyke.

Mr. A. C. Thomas, of Marysville, Texas, has found a more valuable discovery than has yet been made in the Klondyke. For years he suffered untold agony from consumption, coughs and colds. He declares that gold is of little value in comparison with this marvelous cure; would have it, even if it cost a hundred dollars a bottle. Asthma, Bronchitis and all throat and lung affections are positively cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Trial bottles free at J. D. Morris' Drug Store Regular size 50 cents and \$1.00. Guaranteed or price refunded.



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### Where First Battle may be Fought.

Naval officers are looking forward to news from the Orient within the next few days.

Com. Dewey's ships have started for the Philippines, and it is expected that the first naval battle of the war will be fought in those waters before the end of the present week.

### Sherman Resigns.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—When Assistant Secretary of State Day returns from Canton, Ohio, where he went yesterday, his name will be sent to the Senate as Secretary of State, to succeed John Sherman, whose written resignation was placed in the hands of the President today.

Secretary Day's successor as First Assistant Secretary of State is John Moore, Professor of International Law at Columbia University.

Prof. Moore was Third Assistant Secretary of State under Secretary Bayard, during Cleveland's first term. He is a Democrat.

### To Move On Cuba.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Plans for the first military expedition to Cuba were practically arranged today.

A point on the Northern coast of Cuba, within the radius of the blockade instituted by the American squadron has been selected for the landing place, and when the military force is ready to proceed there will be no delay in carrying out the programme.

How soon the troops will be able to move to the Cuban coast is not determined, but the military authorities expect that the first detachment will be in Cuba early in May.

### To "Possess" Hawaii.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The way has been opened for the United States to take possession of Hawaii.

Several weeks ago a bill was prepared with the approval of the President and Secretary of State, by which the Hawaiian Government was authorized to recognize the authority of the United States.

The bill was sent to the Hawaiian Legislature, and news that it has been adopted by that body is looked for at an early date.

### The "Paris" Heard of.

LONDON, April 26th.—Confidential information furnished to your correspondent, enable him to state that the American Liner "Paris" will reach her destination safely.

U. S. Buys all the Hawaiian Coal.  
HONOLULU, April 26.—United States Consul General Haywood has purchased all the coal available on these islands.