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INVADING ARMY WELL ON THE WAY

Transport Left Sunday at Daybreak.

HURRYING PREPARATIONS FOR ANOTHER EXPEDITION.

The United States Regular Troops
Make up the Greater Part of the
Force Which left Key West.

A NIGHT ATTACK AT GUAN- TANAMO IN WHICH FOUR AMERICANS ARE KILLED.

Assailed by a Large Force of the Spanish After Midnight, the First Battalion of Marines, Under Lieutenant Huntington Behaved with Usual American Intrepidity Driving the Spaniards Back With Heavy Loss.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—The first army of invasion to Cuba is now well on its way, thirty-two transport steamships bearing over 13,000 officers and men convoyed by battleships and auxiliary craft, sixteen in number, having actually sailed from Key West this morning. An authoritative statement to this effect was made at the War Department today setting at rest all reports that the expedition was on its way or had landed last week. The authorities made the announcement for the reason that the time for secrecy was now past, as the scout boats had made sure that the path was clear before it, and that now no possible menace could come from the Spanish ships or troops, even should the enemy know our forces were now advancing against them. With that expedition off, officials here feel that there will be a period of comparative inaction for a few days. By Thursday at the latest the transports will be off Santiago, and a large American army will make its landing on Cuban soil. Admiral Sampson has cleared the way for this undertaking, and little danger is apprehended in getting ashore. It will be after that when the advance is made, that the actual dramatic developments may be expected. By that time it is likely the American commanders will be in direct cable communication with the authorities here. Admiral Sampson has taken to shore the end of cable landing at Guantanamo and a force of cable experts are rapidly restoring the line to working order. The progress of this work has been so satisfactory that one of the leading officials of the State Department said tonight that it was hoped this direct cable communication would be established by Thursday. It will put an end to the dearth of official communication concerning movements and will enable the authorities to keep in close touch with those executing strategic moves.

The troops making up the expedition which started today are as follows:

Infantry regiments: Sixth, Six-

teenth, Seventy-First, New York volunteers; Tenth, Twenty-First, Second, Thirteenth, Ninth, Twenty-Fourth, Twenty-Second; Massachusetts volunteers; First, Twenty-Fifth Twelfth, Seventh, Seventeenth, Third Twentieth, Pennsylvania volunteers. Total Infantry, 561 officers and 10,709 enlisted men.

Cavalry: Two dismounted squadrons of four troops each from Third, Sixth, Nineteenth, First and Tenth cavalry, and two dismounted squadrons of four troops each from the First United States volunteer cavalry. Total dismounted cavalry, 159 officers, 2,875 enlisted men; mounted cavalry—one squadron of the Second, nine officers and 280 enlisted men.

Artillery: Light battery—E and K, First artillery, 14 officers and 324 enlisted men; batteries G and H Fourth artillery, four officers and 132 enlisted men.

Engineers: Companies C and E, nine officers and 200 enlisted men.

Signal Corps: One detachment, two officers and 45 enlisted men.

Hospital detachments are included in the foregoing figures. The staff corps number 14 officers. The total of the expedition, 773 officers and 14,564 enlisted men.

The United States troops make up the greater part of the force, there being but three volunteer organizations on the ships. These are the 71st New York Infantry volunteers, the 2nd Massachusetts Infantry volunteers and two dismounted squadrons of four troops each from the First United States volunteer cavalry, the regiment which Colonel Wood commands and of which Theodore Roosevelt is lieutenant colonel.

Whether either of these officers is with the two squadrons named is not yet known at the War Department.

Aside from the men and officers making up the expedition, the boats carried a vast quantity of supplies, ammunition and war equipments, necessary to maintain an organization of this size for at least sixty days. Every detail for the landing of this party has been worked out by the engineer corps of the army. It will be a laborious process at best, and will take a full day or more. The point of landing has been so chosen that there is little danger of an interruption from the Spanish forces, but should they attempt to make trouble Admiral Sampson's ships will insure ample protection until the troops can care for themselves.

The Spanish Cadiz fleet is most as much mystery to the naval officers here as was Admiral Cervera's flying squadron during the two weeks immediately preceding its inglorious bottling up at Santiago. To-day a report came that the squadron was unfit for sea. That would have been credited except that the department has had information as late as Saturday to the effect that the squadron was already at sea and was about to depart. About a week before it had been told that the Cadiz fleet had sailed. Having in mind these conflicting reports the War Board scarcely knows where to give credence and though it would seem to be an extraordinary circumstance that the least doubt could exist as to the presence about the harbor of a popular city such as Cadiz of a whole squadron of war ships. However,

the weight of opinion seems to incline to the presence of the fleet at Cadiz owing to the bad condition of the ships. It is noted, however, that although acting upon this belief, as shown by the beginning of the military invasion of Cuba, the War Board is taking no unnecessary chances of a surprize and by means of scouts has provided for securing timely warning of the approach of any hostile vessels to the seat of war.

FIRST CUBAN BATTLE.

On Board the Associated Press Dispatch Boat Dauntless, off Guantanamo, Sunday June 13.—Lieut. Colonel R. W. Huntington's battalion of marines, which landed from the transport Panther, on Friday and encamped on the hill guarding the abandoned cable station at the entrance to the outer harbor of Guantanamo, has been engaged in beating off a bush attack by Spanish guerillas and regulars since 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The fighting was almost continuous for thirteen hours, until 6 o'clock this morning, when re-enforcements were landed from the marlehead.

Four of our men were killed and one wounded. The advance picket, under Lieutenants Neville and Shaw, are unaccounted for.

LATER—SHAW AND NEVILLE FOUND.

To the great delight of the marines in camp, Lieutenants Neville and Shaw, with thirty men of Company D, returned in good shape, but much exhausted by eighteen hours of picket duty. One man, Sergeant Smith, of Company K, had been shot through the abdomen and instantly killed. For most of the day and night Neville and Shaw had been surrounded by a much superior force, but men and officers behaved splendidly and, although the firing of the Spaniards was constant and heavy. Neville's detachment held its own its own, inflicting much more damage than it sustained. At least five Spaniards are known to have been killed, and as Neville's men kept up a steady fire throughout the night and the enemy was not at a great distance, it is believed that the Spaniards' casualties were considerable.

An Infamous Slander.

The correspondent of the Raleigh News & Observer, at Jacksonville, Fla., under date June 11th, says:


There was indignation among the North Carolina troops yesterday morning. The cause of it was a published order, purporting to come from Gen. Arnold, commanding Second division, Seventh army corps, and containing the following remarkable statements:

"Numerous complaints have come to the division commander concerning depredations committed by men of the first North Carolina * * * upon booths, gardens and other private property belonging to citizens of this city. Complaints have also been made that enlisted men are begging on the streets, and are consorting with disreputable characters."

This aroused the fighting blood of North Carolina like a flash. Col. Armfield always jealous of his men and the good name of his State, at once sent a letter demanding names and particulars upon which the charges against his regiment are based.

Indignation at Raleigh.
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says:

Men in camp here are incensed at General Arnold's slander of North Carolina troops. They refrain from speaking. North Carolina Congressmen have been telegraphed, to see the Secretary of war and demand the removal of General Arnold from command of North Carolina troops and give them a man whom they can respect, and who wont slander them. Congressman Kitchin will see Secretary Alger tomorrow morning."

Yellow Jaundice Cured.

Suffering humanity should be supplied with every means possible for its relief. It is with pleasure we publish the following: "This is to certify that I was a terrible sufferer from Yellow Jaundice for over six months, and was treated by some of the best physicians in our city and all to no avail. Dr. Bell, our druggist, recommended Electric Bitters; and after taking two bottles, I was entirely cured. I now take great pleasure in recommending them to any person suffering from this terrible malady. I am gratefully yours, M. A. Hogarty, Lexington, Ky.

Ruse Did not Work.

MADRID, June 11.—Captain General Blanco has sent a dispatch to Correa, Minister of War, stating that a ship of the enemy was observed lately approaching Bacunao, taking soundings. Friday morning the gunboats Conde de Venadito, Nueva Espana, Ybanez and Pinzon, accompanied by the launch Flecha advanced towards the American vessel, hoping to coax her within range of the shore batteries, but the plan did not succeed.

Change of Programme.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—Within the past twenty-four hours an important change has been made in the military and naval program in West Indian waters. The intention to postpone the Porto Rican campaign till Santiago had been captured, with Cervera's fleet, has been practically abandoned, and efforts are now being made to hurry transportations of the corps which will occupy the island.

Bar Room Fracas in Durham.

DURHAM, June 11.—In a drunken row in a saloon on Mangum street here to-night, at 7:30 o'clock, a cutting scrape occurred, in which Hal Crabtree and Wiley Whitfield were both seriously injured. Crabtree was cut about the arm and body and neck, and Whitfield was cut in the stomach. Both were carried to Watts' Hospital. The cause of the row is not known. Whitfield is not expected to live.

Nat Borum went to sleep on the railroad near Reidsville Friday night and was run over and kill by a train.