

THEY WERE HEROES ALL.

Official from Sampson on the Merrimac Sinking.

TO BLOCK CHANNEL.

Landing American Troops on the Coast Near Santiago.

INSURGENTS WILL HELP.

No Confirmation of the Report of the Vizcaya Destroyed. Movement of Troops to Help Dewey, Maryland Reserves on the Dixie.

Beards of Heroism

Special to Journal. WASHINGTON, June 4. Admiral Sampson has made an official report to the Navy Department concerning the sinking of the Merrimac in the harbor entrance of Santiago de Cuba.

The plan was to sink the vessel in the channel and thus form an effective blockade to the escape of Admiral Cervera from the harbor.

The Merrimac had been used as a collier to supply the American fleet. She was bought in New York and being big and heavy was selected for the purpose.

Admiral Sampson ordered fire on the Santiago forts in the late part of the night about 3 o'clock to cover the contemplated attack.

Volunteers were called for to man the Merrimac and sink the ship in the mouth of the channel.

Naval constructor Hobson and six men were chosen from the volunteers. While under heavy fire they passed into the channel entrance. At the selected point a torpedo was exploded in the interior of the vessel and she went down at once.

Two gallant crew took to the boats. Two of the men were wounded but only slightly. Knowing that they could not escape back to the American fleet, they turned to the Spanish flag when they were surrounded.

Admiral Cervera, under a flag of truce, offers to exchange the captives for Spanish prisoners in possession of the United States at Manila. The gallant Cervera applauded the bravery of the men who performed the perilous adventure.

General Staffer is to command the Santiago Expedition.

Vizcaya. There was a report that the Spanish fleet had attempted to force their way out of Santiago harbor and that the cruiser Vizcaya was captured and the Spanish fleet destroyed in the effort.

For Manila. General Merritt has notified the Navy Department that all his troops are ready to embark on the transports. They will leave for Manila not later than Wednesday next.

Two big Spanish steamship companies whose boats have touched at Havana, are planning to place their vessels under the protection of the Mexican flag.

Admiral Cervera. Washington, June 3. Admiral Cervera is sixty-five years of age. His father was a nobleman, possessing large estates and was one of the richest wine merchants in Spain.

He graduated from the Naval Academy at San Fernando in 1831. In 1859 he participated in the expedition against Morocco, next he served in Chinese and Peruvian waters, and was sent to Cuba when the ten-year war began.

The Pelayo, the first and only first-class battleship in the Spanish navy, was constructed under his supervision and he assumed command of her as admiral. He has 15 medals of honor and is accounted the foremost naval officer of Spain.

Adjutant General Cowles had the misfortune last night at 10:30 to have his left leg fractured just above the ankle. His horse shied against an electric car, and fell backwards on General Cowles. The accident is not a very serious one but it will keep him in bed for fully a month.

The Ladies Relief Association is doing a splendid work for the comfort of the 2nd Regiment, as well as providing clothing for both regiments. Contributions of cash, cloth, thread, clothing, etc., came in freely to the committee.

Capt. Wagner's company of Ashville has been made the color company of the Second Regiment.

The Railroad Commission meets on the 8th, and the passenger rate question will come up.

The pass question will also be handled, and also the two thousand mile ticket reduction.

Major Dixon of the Second Regiment left today for the west for recruits, as all the companies are to be recruited up to 100 men.

Capt. Cooper of the Murphy company and Capt. Jones of the Caldwell company expect their recruits Monday or Tuesday.

It is said the 1st Regiment will send recruiting officers here in a day or so to get men to fill out the companies to the same number 100.

Of the 60 negroes who left here for Fort Macon, only 10 stuck out to get to the end of the journey. Some that came back said they fared badly enough at home, but the hard tack furnished them was too much.

Capt. Lee, U. S. A., the recruiting officer for the negro "immunes" from Virginia and North Carolina, after being told he could not mobilize the "immunes" in Raleigh, applied to the Mayor of Greensboro as to the plan of having them there. He received a flat No.

Democracy all over the State has taken heart after the action of the State Convention in rebuffing the fusion proposition.

fast as the "immunes" are mustered in they will be sent to Tampa. The negro troops that are at Fort Macon will probably be ordered to Tampa very soon.

All the banks, both State and private, have to renew their licenses on June 1st. They have been more prompt than usual this year in doing this.

General Cowles, who had his leg broken on Friday night as resting very quietly.

Mr. W. T. Cahoon of Pamlico county has 199 men who have offered themselves to the governor for a light battery. They will not be likely to be called upon, as the call for volunteers is for infantry.

It is said that the second call for volunteers in this State is to be answered by the formation of seven negro companies with a strength of 750 officers and men.

Buncombe county has been foremost having more volunteers. Seven companies from that county have tendered their services. Mecklenburg comes second.

There are two vacancies in the republican state committee. The deaths of E. S. Walton of the 8th district and R. O. Patterson of the 9th left these vacancies. The convention will fill these vacancies.

ON THE DIAMOND. Results of the National League Baseball Games Played Yesterday. Special to Journal.

New York, June 6. New York 1, Cincinnati 10. Philadelphia, June 6. Philadelphia 7, Pittsburgh 5. Brooklyn, June 6. Brooklyn 2, Chicago 15.

Baltimore, June 6. Baltimore 3, St. Louis 6. Washington, June 6. Washington 8, Louisville 5. Boston, June 6. Cleveland 5, Boston 9. Second game. Cleveland 2, Boston 9.

Where They Play To-day. Louisville at Baltimore. Cincinnati at Boston. Cleveland at Brooklyn. Chicago at New York. St. Louis at Philadelphia. Pittsburgh at Washington.

How the Clubs Stand. W. L. P. C. Cincinnati 29 10 274. Cleveland 28 11 359. Boston 25 15 265. Baltimore 29 15 351. New York 22 17 351. Pittsburgh 21 20 342. Chicago 19 21 475. Philadelphia 17 19 472. Brooklyn 15 21 417. Louisville 14 28 333. Washington 13 26 333. St. Louis 12 27 338.

The War Revenue. Although the Senate by a vote of 48 to 31 declined on the passage of the measure of the silver bullion in the treasury, it is generally regarded as merely a stop to the silver men and not likely to be in the war revenue bill when it goes to the President.

The understanding is that House conferees will insist upon striking it out, and the belief is that in the end the Senate will agree.

It is believed that the House conferees will also insist upon making the amount of bonds issued \$500,000,000, as in the original House bill, instead of \$200,000,000 as in the bill passed by the Senate, and that the Senate will agree.

Members of the administration say that the amount authorized by the Senate will not be sufficient. The President is using his influence to hurry up a report upon the bill, which is now in conference. It is hoped to complete it this week.

THE MARKETS. Yesterday's market quotations furnished by W. A. Partridge & Co., Commission Brokers. New York, June 6. SUGARS. Open High Low Close. Sugar 144 144 144 144. Pepples 104 104 104 104. C. R. & Q. 106 106 104 104.

REWARD OF VALOR.

Medals and Promotion For Hobson and Eiss Men

PROGRESS AT MANILA.

Important Victory Gained By Insurgents Over Spaniards.

Satisfactory Outlook in Plan of War. Spain Expected to Yield After Santiago Falls. Report Of the Torpedo Boat Fight. Spanish Spies Arrested.

Rewards of Honor. Special to Journal. WASHINGTON, June 6. Lieut. Hobson will be given an important place in Admiral Sampson's report upon being exchanged for his gallant net in sinking the Merrimac in the harbor entrance at Santiago and thus blocking the Spanish fleet from egress.

A bill was introduced in the House of Representatives today awarding medals of honor to Lieut. Hobson and his men on board the Merrimac.

In case the sunken steamer does not completely fill the narrow channel, the advisability of sinking another vessel alongside the Merrimac is being considered.

A Manila Patriot. The son of Capt. Gridley will be given a cadetship at Annapolis, in consideration of his father's services at Manila. Captain Gridley was commander of the flagship Olympia at the Manila fight and died Sunday at Keobe, Japan, where he had gone on his way home on sick leave. It is believed that Capt. Gridley died from the result of his work during the Manila fight.

At the Philippines. A dispatch received by the Department from Hong Kong says that Admiral Dewey reports that the insurgents have attacked the Spanish forces around Cavite. The result was that fifty Spanish officers and eighteen hundred men were captured by the insurgent forces.

Around Cuba. The steamer Fanfan made a successful landing on the Cuban coast. Large quantities of supplies and ammunition for the insurgents were landed for the use of the insurgents.

The Maxfower arrived at Key West today and made a report relative to the torpedo boat engagement. The report was that there was a fight between the torpedo boat and four of the American warships three miles off Santiago and that the firing lasted for twenty minutes.

A notice is reported among the red papers of the auxiliary cruiser Yale. Twelve of the men on board and were all put under arrest.

England Acts. Lieut. Garranza and Senor Du Bose, who have remained in Montreat, and are spies for the Spanish government have been arrested by directions from the English government.

The proof obtained against them by the seizure of the letter at Carranza's residence was called to the foreign office and a quick response was made by which the two men were put under arrest by government detectives.

The report that the battleship Oregon had fired upon and sunk the Spanish torpedo boat Terror, seems to be one of the usual reports which turn out differently.

The dispatch boat which has arrived at Key West from Santiago says that last Wednesday night a torpedo boat destroyed or thought to be the Terror, slipped out of the harbor at Santiago, and began an attack upon the New York.

The flag ship opened fire upon the torpedo boat, and reports that she escaped back into the harbor or was sunk by the fire from the flag ship.

They probably gave rise to the Oregon Terror attack.

To Caroline Islands. The Administration has decided upon making another demonstration against the Spanish possessions, and this time it will be against the Caroline Islands.

These islands are in the Pacific ocean, east of the Philippines. Plans are said to be practically concluded for sending an expedition to seize these islands.

In Good Shape. WASHINGTON, June 6. The administration is highly pleased with recent war news, and even more so with the outlook. Admiral Sampson only awaits the arrival of the army, which ought to be on the ground by now, to make a combined land and sea attack upon Santiago de Cuba and to capture or destroy the Spanish fleet now known to be in that harbor. It is impossible to say how long this will take, owing to lack of knowledge as to how strong a defense

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