

REPORTED THAT THE NEW YORK AND THE TEXAS WERE SUNK

PORTERFIELD IS AUTHORITY

Says 800 Americans Killed and the two American Vessels Sunk.

ENTIRE SPANISH FLEET DESTROYED

Spanish Fleet Reported Caught in Windward Passage by Schley and Sampson and Completely Annihilated.

TELEGRAPHICALLY

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor.

This afternoon at 3:30 p. m. the following message was received by W. A. Porterfield & Co.'s branch office here and is given without comment:

Washington, May 24.—The Spanish fleet was caught in Windward Pass between Sampson and Schley and annihilated. The latest reports state that 800 Americans were killed, two American vessels sunk and the whole Spanish fleet destroyed. It is believed we lost 500 men and two vessels, but the total Spanish fleet was annihilated and all lost. Names not given of vessels lost in the American fleet. This is not official yet.

LATER—It is reported that the Texas and New York are the two American vessels lost.

W. A. PORTERFIELD & CO. At 2:42 the following was received by the News and Observer from the Associated Press:

Washington, May 24.—Every preparation has been made by the United States naval authorities for destroying the Spanish fleet, which has been definitely located. All signs point to a decisive battle some day this week. The London report of the naval fight and American victory is officially denied.

C. A. BOYNTON.

MORE FROM MANILA.

By Cable to The Times-Visitor. Manila, via Shanghai, May 24.—Dewey has been threatened by the German navy. Dewey has been threatened by the German navy here. After an interview with Augusti, General of the Spanish army in Philippines, the Consul attempted to land provisions from a German ship.

Dewey refused permission. The Consul declared he would force the landing with aid of two German cruisers. Dewey retorted he would fire on the cruisers if they attempted to execute the Consul's threats. The provisions are not yet landed. The Germans are very friendly with Spaniards holding frequent conferences. They expect to obtain Carolines at final partition of Spanish possessions in the Orient. The Spaniards are expecting reinforcements.

GLADSTONE IN STATE.

By Cable to The Times-Visitor. Hawarden, May 24.—Gladstone is lying in the Liberty Castle on a couch covered with white silk. The body is attired in evening cloths with crimson silk robes and he wears his D. C. L. Oxford cap. Lying on his side, his fingers loosely interlocked across his breast. The features are little changed except the deep lines disappeared, giving him much young appearance.

WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

Condition of Various Crops for Week Ending Monday, May 23, 1898. The week ending Monday, May 23, was, on the whole, the most favorable of the season. Warm, sunny weather, with occasional showers, caused much improvement nearly everywhere, with the exception of portions of the western section, where lack of sufficient rain is becoming serious. The temperature was above the normal every day, rising to over 90 degrees on several dates. Abundant sunshine and light showers in the east caused vegetation to take on a fresh appearance and grow vigorously. The drought in the west has chiefly injured small grains. Transplanting tobacco made much progress this week. Weeding corn and chipping cotton are progressing. Crops are now improving rapidly.

Eastern District.—The period of fine, warm weather from the 17th to the 22d was very favorable for farm work and the growth of crops. Much improvement was noted almost everywhere. Though the stands of cotton and corn are not extra good both crops have turned fresh and green and are growing rapidly. Weeding corn and chipping cotton have made good headway. Tobacco has been about all transplanted and is growing off nicely. In the southern counties the lack of sufficient rain is beginning to be seriously felt, as more moisture is needed for maturing small grain. In general wheat and oats are very promising. Peanuts, rice, melons, potatoes and garden are now growing fast. The potato beetle is doing much damage.

Central District.—In general, the week was very favorable; it was warm, sunny, with occasional showers, causing much improvement in crop conditions. In many of the southern and western counties, however, rain is much needed. Farm work has been vigorously pushed since the 17th. Plowing and weeding corn and chipping cotton are in full sway. Cotton and corn are in small, but have improved in appearance, and are doing well now. A large amount of tobacco was transplanted and is doing well. The reports concerning wheat and oats are becoming more diversified. Much is reported about finished, excellent late patches. The stands of cotton and corn are not good; the plants are small and weak. The best thing under the circumstances is thorough cultivation, though this work is made difficult by the dry, hard condition of the soil. Rain is needed to permit transplanting tobacco. Gardens, pastures, spring oats and all late planted crops need rain. Insects are numerous and destructive.

Western District.—The week was very favorable for farm work, but, though a number of correspondents report good growing weather, with improvement in crops, it is plain from the majority of reports that the deficiency in rainfall is becoming serious. Owing to the drought they respect for small grains has become discouraging, and the growth of all crops is being retarded. Planting about finished, excellent late patches. The stands of cotton and corn are not good; the plants are small and weak. The best thing under the circumstances is thorough cultivation, though this work is made difficult by the dry, hard condition of the soil. Rain is needed to permit transplanting tobacco. Gardens, pastures, spring oats and all late planted crops need rain. Insects are numerous and destructive.

ENTERTAINMENT LAST NIGHT. Last night in the Sunday school room of the First Baptist church a large audience was present when the following programme, arranged by Mrs. Moring, was rendered: Prayer, Dr. J. W. Carter. Vocal Solo, Mrs. Brinson. Recitation, Miss Emma Johnson. Violin Solo, "His Darling Jennie." Vocal Solo, Mr. Talcott Brewer. Vocal Solo, Miss Simmons. Recitation, Miss Butler. Flute Solo, Dr. H. Royster. Vocal Solo, Miss Potter.

MONDAY EVENING CLUB. Annual Election of Officers at Last Night's Meeting. The Monday Evening Club was entertained last evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Briggs and a delightful programme was rendered. Miss Mackay contributed to the programme with a vocal solo and Miss Louisa Holden rendered an instrumental number.

N. Y. TROOPS LEAVE. By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor. Camp Black, May 24.—The Sixty-ninth New York leaves this morning.

FAKE NO. 2. By Cable to The Times-Visitor. London, May 24.—A special just received here says that a big naval battle has been fought in the vicinity of the Windward Passage. Sampson closed on Cervera and destroyed all the Spanish ships.

FAKE NO. 1. By Cable to The Times-Visitor. Port Au Prince, May 24.—A telegram from Port de Paix, sent Sunday evening, arrived last night, says the commanding continued this morning. Cervera is believed to have divided his squadron. It is rumored that the Vizcaya and Alfonso XIII were destroyed.

NOTHING OFFICIAL. By Cable to The Times-Visitor. Washington, May 24.—Nothing official from Sampson, Schley, Cervera or the Oregon.

SPY TO BE TRIED. By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor. Tampa, May 24.—The alleged Spanish spy Castellanos will be tried today by drumhead court martial.

"BABY HUGH."

Sunday morning at the old homestead of Mrs. Caroline Jordan, 555 East Hargett street, men and women with saddened faces might have been seen wending their way through the grove of the home in which lay a tiny white casket, and in the casket the almost transparently fair body of a little babe, sleeping in Jesus. The soul of the infant of seven months had passed into glory the day before and was spending its Sabbath in Heaven on the bosom of Christ. Here in this dear old home the father, J. H. Parham, and the grandmother, Zulu Hunter, had been married. Here the child came to earthly life, and hence its spirit flew back to God.

The services were simple—just a few songs, a comforting, listening to the Heavenly Father as He spoke through his word a prayer at home and another at the cemetery.

We were strengthened as we turned from the flower-covered mound. But we knew that the young mother and father could understand all that is in the saying, "A baby's tiny grave can cast a shadow broader than the world."

FOR FRIDAY EVENING. Entertainment by Local Talent for Benefit of Local Fraternities. In Metropolitan Hall on Friday evening some of the best local talent will present a program of vocal and instrumental solos, recitations, and music which will equal, if not surpass any similar entertainment given this year.

There will be no admission fee, but a free contribution will be expected. Among those whose names will appear on the program are Mrs. Bryant, Miss Gertrude Bush, Mrs. J. J. Thomas, and Mrs. McKimmon for vocal selections; Mr. June Turner, for a trombone solo; Miss Edith Butler, who has just returned from Emerson's School of Oratory at Boston, for a recitation, and three popular young women, whose names are withheld, for instrumental selections. Messrs. Reed and Newcombe will sing the Jonathan and David scene, from "David the Shepherd Boy."

The entertainment is given for the benefit of the local chapter of Red Men and Junior Order of American Mechanics and under the auspices of Prof. Bryant, promises to be a great success.

FAKE NO. 2. By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor. Key West, May 24.—A dispatch boat just arrived reports all quiet on the north coast of Cuba. The location of the flagship is secret. The blockade is thorough. A dispatch boat scouted the coast sixty miles from Havana to Matanzas within half a mile of the beach, but saw no soldiers. The only unusual incident which occurred yesterday was when two small boats fired and ran. No damage.

SHOWERS TOMORROW. For Raleigh and vicinity: Cloudy weather, with possibly light showers tonight and Wednesday.

The weather conditions are unsettled everywhere—no definite high pressure area exists, and the weather is clear only over Florida and neighboring States. An extended barometric depression occupies the Rocky Mountain slope, and high winds have occurred at some western stations; notably, a maximum of 50 miles at Amarillo, Tex. The weather is generally cloudy west of the Mississippi, as well as over the Lake region and middle and north Atlantic coast. Local thunderstorms occurred at many points.

TO MUSICAL CONVENTION. The following have been elected delegates from the North Carolina Music Teachers Association to the National Convention of Music Teachers to be held at the Waldorf, New York, June 2nd to 8th: Prof. Charles McCoy, of Charlotte; Miss Annie Peay, of Durham; Prof. G. W. Bryant, of Peace Institute, Raleigh; and Prof. George D. Meares, of Raleigh.

A HOME WEDDING. This morning at 10:45, Mrs. Hattie Hervey Bobbitt, of this city, and Mr. Henry Louis Harris, of Littleton, N. C., were united in the bonds of holy matrimony, at the home of Mrs. Bobbitt on South Dawson street.

It was one of those pretty home weddings where family and friends gather around the contracting parties to witness the ceremony and then wish them a long and happy life. Rev. I. McK. Pittenger, D. D., using the beautiful and impressive service of the Episcopal church, pronounced them man and wife.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Harris left for Littleton, their future home.

MANGROVE SAFE. By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor. Key West, Fla., May 24.—The Tecumseh reports the Mangrove safe.

LEE FOR TAMPA. By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor. Richmond, Va., May 24.—General Lee leaves for Tampa, Fla., today.

Mr. Cameron MacRae leaves tomorrow for Fulton, Missouri, where he will be best man at the wedding of his brother, Dr. John D. MacRae, of Winslow, Ark., to Miss Mary Hill, of Fulton, Mo.

In the Mayor's Court this morning Will Whitaker (colored) was fined \$4.75 for whipping his sweetheart, and Frank Hinton was fined \$3.25 for disorderly conduct.

FIRST CAROLINA OFF FOR MANILA.

Sergeant Eubanks at Durham Received Notice to proceed to San Francisco.

NO CONFIRMATION COULD BE OBTAINED

If True the Boys Now at Jacksonville will Leave at Once for the West to Join General Merritt.

A reporter of the Charlotte Observer

last night interviewed Sergeant J. L. Eubanks, of Durham, while en route from Jacksonville to Durham with the remains of Private W. M. Barbee. The relevant part of the interview is as follows:

"In the seat opposite was First Sergeant J. L. Eubank, of the Durham company, one of the escort. He, too, was wounded, but not in the collision.

When near Charlotte he put his head out of the window to see if it was raining. He was struck on the arm by a post, and the bone fractured. He was suffering greatly when the train reached here. The sergeant said that Capt. Chadwick had asked him to tell the Charlotte people that none of the boys were hurt. Sergeant Eubank said Capt. Chadwick and men did everything they could for them.

The reporter asked Sergeant Eubank if he was going to rejoin as soon as possible. "Yes," said he, "just as soon as possible. I have a telegram in my pocket which orders me to join them in San Francisco."

"San Francisco!" said a bystander, "aren't you mistaken?"

"No," said the Sergeant, "San Francisco."

This afternoon Manager Edgerton, of the Western Union Telegraph Company, made inquiry as to the truth of the statement that the First Regiment had been ordered to San Francisco. No answer had been received as we go to press, and no notification has been received here by any official. If the report is true the boys will be off from Jacksonville tonight to join General Merritt at San Francisco and fight with Dewey at Manila.

5:30.—IT IS NOW STATED THAT THE RAILROADS HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO FURNISH DURHAM ESCORT TRANSPORTATION TO SAN FRANCISCO.

THE SECOND REGIMENT. A Full Regiment Now at the Camp But Others Coming. The rumor spread about the city this morning to the effect that the Second Regiment would be disbanded, got a quick denial from Adjutant General General Cowles, who stated that he was glad such gossips were not in the army.

The regiment is now really in order as the following companies have already taken the oath: Greensboro, Gastonia, Lenoir, Rutherfordton, Nantahala, Lumber Bridge, Tarboro and Wilmington and Asheville was today undergoing the physical examination. The Murphy company will tonight begin en route to complete its necessary eighty.

The Greenville company is about solid. The band arrives tonight and 18 men came at 3:40 from Oxford, thus completing its quota.

The Fayetteville Light Infantry wired today that it was impossible to leave this morning as some of the men were on the incoming boat. The physical examination was going on at 10 o'clock and 65 men had passed. They leave for Raleigh tonight.

S. B. Alexander, Jr., of Charlotte, wired today that his 100 men were ready, but the Adjutant General had to refuse his offer.

Lorenzo Norvell, of Winston, wired asking that his company, the Twin City Guards, be allowed to join the Second Regiment.

Jas. R. Anderson, of Charlotte, wired asking that he be allowed to raise a company of 100 men, referring to Major Rutzler.

All offers were necessarily refused.

PRIVATE BARBEE'S FUNERAL. Military Delegation Sent to Durham From the Second Regiment.

The remains of Private Matthew Barbee, Co. I, First Regiment, N. C. Volunteers, reached Durham last night and were at once taken to the Durham Light Infantry armory. With the body was an escort composed of one corporal and six privates.

This afternoon at 5 o'clock the funeral was held at the First Baptist church in Durham. Hundreds of people were present and the floral tributes came from all quarters of the State.

From Raleigh Major Dixon and Captain R. Percy Gray, of the Second Regiment, were detailed to represent the United States army and by order of the Adjutant General Col. J. S. Carr, ex-Paymaster General N. C. S. G., Major Leo D. Heatt, ex-Assistant Paymaster General and Major Winston were ordered to represent the State Guard.

Three volleys were fired over the young man who is the third from North Carolina to yield his life in the service of his country during the war with Spain.

THE MANILA ROW. By Cable to The Times-Visitor.

Hong Kong, May 24.—The Japanese cruiser Akitsushima arrived here this morning from Manila and reports that the captain of the Spanish revenue cutter Callao, recently captured by Dewey, will be shot for failure to return fire on the Americans. Admiral Montojo, who commanded the Spanish fleet, will be court-martialed on the charge of cowardice. Dewey is improving the sanitary condition of Cavite. He granted the British German merchants permission to move from Manila to Cavite and ordered houses placed at their disposal. Provisions are becoming scarce and the Spanish volunteers have threatened to seize stores because the demand for arrears in pay has been refused.

J. O. U. A. M. Meeting of Raleigh Council, N. C. U. A. M. this evening at 8 o'clock at their hall over Citizens National Bank. Visitors brethren cordially invited to attend.

Raleigh has a new job printing office—new in every sense of the word—new type, a new gas engine, new presses. The establishment is in the building on Hargett street just east of Royal & Jordan. The proprietors are Messrs. J. H. Alford, R. D. Bynum and C. D. Christophers, all experienced and capable printers.

The closing exercises of the white Blind Institution concluded yesterday and today Superintendent Ray said good-bye to the pupils. They left on the morning trains for their homes and all wished their teachers the merriest of holidays.