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A BIG FIGHT OFF CIENFUEGOS.

An Important Capture.

TWO AMERICAN SHIPS TAKE A SPANISH STEAMER.

An Attempted Rescue Defeated by the Americans.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

WASHINGTON, May 3.—A special despatch received here from Key West this morning reports that a big fight has taken place off Cienfuegos on the Southern coast of Cuba.

It is also reported that the United States ships Nashville and Marblehead have captured the Spanish steamer Argenta carrying the mails, and with a general of the Spanish Army and twenty-eight officers on board.

Nine gunboats which attempted to rescue the Spanish steamer were beaten off by the Americans.

Russian Army.

The Russian army has been almost doubled since the last Turkish war, while the general staff has been increased by more than two-thirds. The three western frontier districts, Vilna, Kieff and Warsaw, have 584 battalions, 396 squadrons, and 282 batteries, with 2,070 guns, all on a war footing, or about six-sevenths of all the infantry and five-sixths of all the cavalry and artillery which Germany keeps up in time of peace. Russia is attaching more and more value to cavalry, and has already 21 divisions, whereas Germany has only one cavalry division of the guards in peace time. The Germans, however, appear to be giving up the employment of large masses of cavalry. Except the two cavalry divisions of the guards, which still have Cuirassiers, Uhlans and Hussars, the Russian cavalry consists almost entirely of Cossacks and Dragoons who receive an excellent training as infantry as well. Some of them have even been supplied with bayonets as an experiment. The Russian Frontier Guard of 30,000 men includes 10,000 horse soldiers. Both men and horses are excellent and admirably trained. On the other hand, it is stated that the Cossacks and some of the other cavalry regiments can only ride at a quick trot, which would entail heavy losses in long-distance attacks on modern infantry and cavalry.

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MADRID, May 2.—Gen. Blasco cables that American warships blockading Cienfuegos have captured a Spanish merchant steamer. A colonel, surgeon, six officers and three non-commissioned officers were held as prisoners. The civilian passengers were liberated.

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CONSTERNATION IN MADRID

Over the News of Defeat

DESPATCH ANNOUNCES BURNING OF MANILLA

And the Destruction of the Town of Cavite.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

LONDON, May 3.—A Madrid despatch received here says that the Spanish Premier, Senor Sagasta, has just gone to the Palace. It is understood that he will communicate to the Queen Regent the despatches from the Philippines announcing that the town of Cavite has been razed and that the unfortified portion of the town of Manilla has been set fire to and burned by the American warships. The despatch adds that among the missiles fired into the town from the American guns were a number of petroleum bombs.

In view of this important intelligence an extraordinary Cabinet Council of the Spanish Government has been convoked.

NO COAL.

Except to take the Ships Home.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., May 2.—The governor, Sir Herbert Murray, issued a Royal Gazette extraordinary last night containing the following proclamation received from Right Honorable Joseph Chamberlain, Imperial Secretary of State for the colonies: "No coal shall be supplied to any belligerent ships except for the specific purpose of enabling them to proceed direct to their own country or to some other named neutral destination with reference to which the supply of coal is given. "Coal should not be supplied at all if there are reasonable grounds for supposing that it is in fact to be used for another purpose."

The proclamation is regarded as preventing the Spanish fleet from securing coal here for an attack on American coast cities.

Pillage Stopped.

LONDON, May 2.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing Sunday says: "The Americans were pillaging the steamer Arbonaut, seized off Cienfuegos and carrying a quantity of ammunition, when three Spanish gunboats went out and compelled them to withdraw."

Good Fighting

LONDON, May 2.—A special despatch from Madrid this morning says the Spaniards fought splendidly, sailors refusing to leave burning and sinking ships. The captain of the Reina Christina went down with that vessel.

KEY WEST, Fla., May 2.—The Government tug Leyden brought in yesterday the small Spanish schooner Mascota, captured near Havana by the torpedo boat Foote. She is a small coaster, was loaded with fruit and bound for Havana. She is a very insignificant prize.

WILL SURRENDER THEIR STORES

As Demanded by Dewey.

INSTRUCTED FROM MADRID TO COMPLY WITH REQUEST

And Coal and Stores will be Given up.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

LONDON, May 3.—Another Madrid despatch says that Commodore Dewey has demanded from the Spanish authorities of Manilla the surrender of all the stores and coal held there by the Spanish Government. Instructions have been cabled from Madrid to the Government to comply with the demand of the American Commander.

Later--12 o'clock

Reported Capitulation Of City of Manilla

BUT THE INFORMATION NOT CONFIRMED.

The American Squadron has Sailed From Havana.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

LONDON, May 3.—A report to the effect that Manilla had capitulated to the American was received at the British foreign office this morning but the news has not yet been confirmed.

A Madrid despatch also received this morning says the entire American squadron has been drawn off Havana, and sailed, presumably in the direction of Key West.

AMMUNITION FOR DEWEY.

Two Ships to be Despatched From San Francisco.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

WASHINGTON, May 3.—It is feared that Commodore Dewey has nearly exhausted his ammunition, and the naval department has ordered two ships to leave San Francisco at once with supplies and reinforcements. The distance from San Francisco to the Philippine Islands is over 6000 miles.

Battle May be Raging Now.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 2.—The Journal's correspondent with the fleet telegraphs that an officer of the Puritan says Matanzas is to be attacked again Tuesday and a Red Cross steamer with provisions land immediately thereafter; and it is also stated from another source that Havana will be shelled at the same time.

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CHANGE IN THE WAR POLICY

United States Will Attack

THE SPANISH POSSESSIONS IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

Great Britain Reported to Approve of This Policy.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

HALIFAX, May 3.—A special despatch from Washington to the Halifax Herald received this morning says:—

An important change in the policy of the Administration has been decided upon. From now on the United States will pursue a war of conquest in which the Philippines, Cuba and the Island of Porto Rico will be seized by the fleet and held as security for an indemnity which it is intended to demand of Spain at the end of the war.

The new policy of the Government further contemplates the seizure of the Canary Islands, the island of Minorca, in the Mediterranean, and the Spanish coaling station, Port of Spain, on the Island of Trinidad, off the north coast of South America.

According to a creditable authority Great Britain has given her approval to this plan of procedure.

Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, called at the White House yesterday and had a two hours' interview with President McKinley, which is looked upon as a most unusual incident.

President McKinley's friends say that he is of the opinion that peace can only be secured through heroic measures.

Great Britain's moral support in this matter means that the Dewey squadron will be permitted to remain in undisputed possession of the Philippine Islands.

While Commodore Dewey's squadron is victorious in the Philippine Islands there only remains to be reckoned with as dangerous factors, the Spanish warships now in the Atlantic Ocean.

Within a few days the destination of the Spanish squadron which left Cape Verde Islands will be known definitely.

The objective point of this squadron is most certain to be either Port of Spain or Porto Rico. Unless the Spanish ships have sailed for the Canaries it is almost certain that they will be engaged at either of the first mentioned points.

According to the plan of campaign, a division of Admiral Sampson's fleet will be made if he is successful in meeting and disposing of the Spanish ships, and then Porto Rico and Port of Spain will be immediately attacked and seized by the United States.

Should the Spanish fleet, on the contrary, decline to come west and give battle, but return to the Canaries instead, the seizure of the Spanish possessions to the West Indies will be promptly accomplished.

Spain with her West Indian and East Indian possessions in the hands of the United States will have to reconquer them or stay shut up at home.

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PARTICULARS OF THE BOMBARDMENT

of the City of Manilla.

THE SPANIARD'S GUNS ARE RE-TURNING THE FIRE.

The City Partly Burned—The U. S. Fleet Damaged.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

LONDON, May 3.—Later advices received here this afternoon from the Philippines regarding the bombardment of Manilla by the American fleet say that only the outlying quarters of the town occupied by the native population are in flames, occasionally a shell from the ships fell in the open part of the town and a few houses were struck.

The Spanish batteries in Manilla citadel especially six large guns are vigorously replying to the American fire and have inflicted considerable damage upon the fleet.

Manilla Reported Taken.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

WASHINGTON, May 3.—It is rumored here that Commodore Dewey has taken Manilla.

THE LATEST TELEGRAMS.

Some More Particulars

OF THE ENGAGEMENT IN MANILLA BAY.

Spaniards were taken by Surprise—Praise Expressed in England.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

LONDON, May 3.—Little additional news has arrived from Manilla, but the cardinal fact is that Commodore Dewey is now in possession of Manilla Bay and can certainly take possession of Corregidor Island even if he finds difficulty in effectually capturing Manilla itself owing to the absence of the necessary landing forces.

LONDON, May 3.—It appears that Admiral Montojo was taken altogether by surprise, and that the Spanish authorities, generally, were in a state of utter unpreparedness. The forts were not complete, the harbor was not mined, there were no searchlights, and the American squadron was only sighted after it had already possessed the outer and principal forts.

On every side in England is heard praise

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