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THE LONG EXPECTED BATTLE Has Been Fought at Last. THE SPANISH FLEET WAS COMPLETELY DEFEATED.

Two of Their Vessels were Destroyed and a Commander Killed.

American Losses Are Not Given, But Many Believed to be Killed.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

WASHINGTON, May 2.—At last the long expected battle has been fought between the United States Asiatic Squadron under Admiral Dewey and the Spanish fleet at the Philippines. The engagement took place in the Bay of Manila and as a result of the fight the Spanish protected cruiser Don Juan de Austria, 1130 tons, armed with four 4.7 inch guns was badly damaged and another vessel probably a gunboat was set fire to and destroyed. The commander of the Spanish cruiser according to the despatch, was killed. The defeat of the Spanish fleet was complete, but although no mention is made of the American losses it is believed that they are very heavy.

In the United States Asiatic Squadron were comprised the splendid cruisers Olympia, Baltimore, Raleigh, Boston and Concord, all fine fighting vessels of modern construction and armament, as compared with the Spanish fleet in those waters which consisted only of the cruiser Don Juan and about a score of gunboats.

LATER.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

WASHINGTON, May 2.—As the Spanish officials at Manila do not claim that any of the American vessels were damaged, during the engagement in the Bay of Manila this may be taken as conclusive evidence that the American Admiral has won a brilliant victory. The Spanish warships reported disabled in addition to the Don Juan de Austria, are the Christina, Mindanao, and Allao. The Christina was blown up and burned, and her crew consisting of 600 hands are believed to be lost. Several other Spanish ships are reported to have been disabled and captured by Commodore Dewey.

Cannonading Near Eastport.

EASTPORT, Me., April 30.—No little excitement was caused here early last evening by the report of heavy cannonading off Quoddy Head about six o'clock, thirty shots being counted. It is thought the Minneapolis was overhauling craft which were on the Bay of Fundy. Great interest was aroused over the report that a Spanish gunboat had been seen off this coast. The impression prevails here that the Minneapolis is lying in wait for two Spanish steamers which are now due in St. John.

Blockade Running.

MADRID, April 30.—It was announced that the captains of the steamships of the Compania Transatlantica Line will undertake to carry the Spanish mails to Cuba. They declare that they are certain they can face the blockade. Spanish residents in Mexico have cabled the Government offering to send the necessaries of life to the Cubans.

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PERTURBATION IN WASHINGTON.

Where are the Spaniards?

FEARS OF AN ATTACK ON NEW ENGLAND COAST.

The Fleet at Cuba Ordered Up to Repel Any Attack.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

WASHINGTON, May 2.—While there is great rejoicing here on every hand over the news of the victory won by the American ships at Manila, the Government is greatly perturbed as to the whereabouts of the Spanish fleet which left Cape Verde last week.

These vessels were expected to turn up at the Canaries, but as this has not occurred it is now thought that they may appear off the New England coast to make an attack upon some of the cities.

No provide against such an attack the ships now in Cuban waters have been ordered to be ready to push north, and troops are being rapidly rushed to Tampa, in Florida to be ready to invade Cuba as soon as the whereabouts of the Spanish fleet is ascertained.

NEWS OF SPANISH LOSSES.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

MADRID, May 2.—Advices from the naval Bureau at Manila received by the Spanish Government today, says that the Spanish losses were numerous, among the killed being Captain Carso, a priest and nine other persons of importance. No further mention is made of the loss of life on board the cruiser Don Juan.

BRITISH OPINION.

LONDON, April 30.—The Times yesterday devoted considerable space to combating the statement of the Associated Press from this city that public opinion here is veering towards Spain. It says: "Our sympathies on the main question are with the United States, as they are held to be in the right. But on the matter of form we are not so clear or unanimous."

DETROIT, Mich., April 30.—Robert Barry, the well-known novelist, in an interview yesterday, said:—"Americans are foolish to pay any attention to the nonsense that England is not with them in the Spanish war. England will back America to a man."

He asserted further that the St. James' Gazette, noted for its vitriolic utterances against the United States in the present crisis, is not indicative of English public opinion, saying that for the true feeling they should watch the Times, Chronicle, Standard or Telegraph which are papers of the old school.

France Getting Ready.

PARIS, April 29.—It is announced that extraordinary naval and military activity is displayed throughout France. All the ships recently mobilized are kept in fighting trim. The reserves expect to be called out.

Advance in Lead.

LONDON, April 30.—Owing to the war between Spain and the United States Derbyshire lead advanced \$10 per ton today.

Portugal's Neutrality.

LISBON, April 30.—Portugal's neutral decree was published yesterday. It forbids the equipment of belligerents in Portuguese waters.

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NEWS CONFIRMED FROM LONDON.

No Mistake This Time.

SPANIARDS HAD A CRUSHING DEFEAT.

Uncertain Whether Manila Will Be Attacked.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

LONDON, May 2.—All the news of the engagement at Manila Bay, so far received has come from Spanish sources. But it is very evident that the Spanish fleet has suffered a crushing defeat. News as to the damage done to the American fleet is not yet forthcoming, but it seems doubtful whether the fight has left Admiral Dewey's squadron in a strong enough condition to venture upon a direct attack against Manila.

MANILLA IS BLOCKADED.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

MADRID, May 2.—A despatch received here from Manila this morning conveys the information that the American fleet has proceeded to blockade Manila, and a bombardment of the town is expected.

BOMBARDMENT OF MATANZAS.

Only a Mule was Killed.

MADRID, April 30.—The Minister of war, Gen. Carrea, in the chamber of deputies today, replying to inquiries for particulars in regard to the bombardment of the town of Matanzas, said the government had decided to publish all the news good or bad. Continuing, Gen. Carrea told the deputies that the United States squadron fired sixty projectiles, and that the only victim was a mule, a remark which aroused laughter among the Spaniards. The general next informed the house that the American warships were acting in conjunction with the United States forces, as they advanced in the direction of Matanzas while the bombardment was proceeding.

"But," added the minister for war, "they were completely routed." In conclusion, General Carrea remarked: "It was a glorious day for the Spanish arms."

Don't Mind Yellow Fever.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—Representative Meyer, of Louisiana, democrat member of the naval affairs committee, had a conference with the president yesterday over the yellow fever aspect of the campaign. The president asked him how many marines New Orleans could furnish for service. General Meyer replied that he believed five thousand would be a safe estimate of those ready to go, who were immune from fever. The president is understood to desire those men for early service. One suggestion made is that they be placed in charge of the city of Havana after it is taken.

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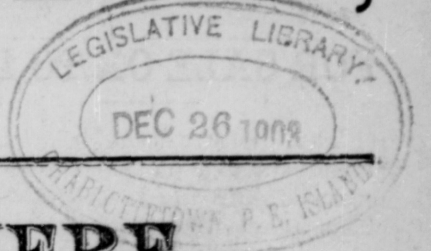
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