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Progress of the Campaign.

SPANIARDS WILL FIGHT WHEN AMERICANS FIRE.

What the Spanish Captain-General Has to Say.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—The Porto Rican Campaign goes on. The Americans have taken peaceful possession of the eastern portion of the Island. San Juan is grim and silent, but back of her yellow walls there will be plenty of determination to fight when the Americans fire.

Capt.-Gen. Nianias has issued a proclamation, in the course of which he says: "Spain has not sued for peace, and I can drive off the American boats as I did Sampson's attempt before."

The daughter of the Capt.-General is helping to drill the gunners in the forts. Altogether, there are 9,500 Spanish regulars in the city.

THE TERMS

OF PEACE.
No Reply Received From Spain.

IT IS STILL BELIEVED THAT SPAIN WILL ACCEPT.

But there is a Possible Straw at Which She May Grasp.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—The reply of Spain has not yet been received nor is there any intimation as to when the reply may be expected.

There is the same confident belief among the officials that there has been from the first that Spain's answer would be in the nature of a reluctant, but no less conclusive acceptance.

At the same time it is suggested in some quarters that there is a possibility that the disclosure made by the American General at Santiago concerning the serious condition of our troops might be a straw at which the Spanish Cabinet would grasp.

This is quite doubtful, however, as there is a question whether the statement of the American Government got outside the borders the United States owing to the strict censorship imposed.

THE REPORT

NOT CONFIRMED.
Evacuation of Neuvitas by Spaniards

AFTER BOMBARDMENT BY THE AMERICAN WARSHIPS.

Cruiser Badger Captures Several Prizes Without Trouble.

KEY WEST, Fla., Aug. 4.—No information has been received here of the report that Neuvitas, the chief port of the province of Puerto Principe, has been evacuated by the Spaniards after a bombardment by American warships.

The auxiliary cruiser Badger, which captured three prizes at Neuvitas on July 16th, and left them that day for the Tortugas, arrived here this morning. Capt. Snow said that at the time of his departure all but about 1,800 Spanish troops had left the city, and a general evacuation was expected, but that to all intents and purposes the place was still held by the enemy, and there had been nothing in the nature of an attack. The large gunboat Pizarro and the armed tugs Anita and Yumuri were in the harbor. The only intelligence of the reported assault and evacuation of Neuvitas was that furnished on July 26 by Lieut.-Col. Rojas of the insurgent forces to Commander Maynard, of the gunboat Nashville at Gibara. The Badger was covering the blockade station at Neuvitas on July 26, when one of the Spanish boats slipped stern foremost to the mouth of the harbor and took a peep at her. The American ship scared her and she hurried back to shelter. A little while later, however, three vessels were observed coming out, and Capt. Snow thought a good fight was coming. He brought his ship up to the mouth of the harbor and prepared to give the Spanish a greeting, when it was discovered that instead of gunboats the advancing ships were a tug, a brig and barge, the last two in tow, all flying Spanish and Red Cross flags. A couple of shots from a six pounder was fired in their direction and they promptly surrendered. The tug was the Humberto Rodriguez, worth about \$70,000. The brig was the Staff and the barge was the San Fernando. A party from the Badger boarded the prizes and found about 400 Spanish soldiers, who, it was said, had been ordered to Havana. The Badger, with her prizes, reported to Commodore Howell, off Havana, who ordered them to Tortugas. At that place Captain Snow communicated with the Washington authorities and was instructed to send all the prisoners to Havana, if one ship could carry them; if not, to put some of them on a second ship and send them to New York. Lieut. Edward G. Peters, with two officers and two men, was put in charge of the prizes and left with them for Havana. He will thence proceed with a tugload of the Spanish prisoners to New York.

A certain number of seats will be reserved on Thursday, O'Connell's night, at the Opera House.

THE SITUATION

AT MADRID.
All are Favorable to Peace.

LEADING STATESMEN RETURNING TO THE CAPITAL.

Surprise and Displeasure Caused in Some Quarters.

NEW YORK, August 4.—A World despatch from Madrid says:

"The approach of peace seems to induce Spain's leading statesmen and generals to return to the capital.

"Marshal Campos, General Weyler, Senor Silveira, the leader of the dissident conservatives; Senor Montero Rios, the president of the senate, and Marquis Vega de Armijo, the president of the house of deputies, have intimated that they will be here before the end of this week. Their coming prompts the newspapers to predict lively times in home politics as soon as the government announces officially that the conditions of peace are what rumor says they are.

"Premier Sagasta has reason to believe that all the men named except General Weyler are in favor of concluding a peace now, admitting that the government cannot wisely do otherwise than to accept those terms which America has refused to permit discussion upon, and to try and obtain concessions on the subordinate points like the Philippine question.

"Senor Sagasta had a long conference with the conservative leader from which circumstance the opposition press draws the inference that the premier wants to arrange with the conservatives for their return to office as soon as the peace treaty is signed on the supposition that they could better cope with the difficulties of the internal situation in Spain. But even if a peace treaty is signed and all the negotiations connected with it completed in August, the government will not convolve the cortes till the autumn is well along, being only under obligation to render it an account of the peace treaty, without having to ask for its ratification.

"Surprise and displeasure have been caused here by the conduct of the volunteers in Porto Rico, and of the clergy in the West Indies and Philippines, in so soon turning to the United States for protection."

LAURIER ON THE MOVE.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

OTTAWA, Aug. 6.—Premier Laurier passed through the city last night on the C. P. R.

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THE PORTO

RICO CAMPAIGN
A Flank Movement Necessary.

THREE THOUSAND MEN LANDED AT ARREYO.

Constant Alarms but no Fighting up to Date.

POUCE, Aug. 4.—The plan of campaign is not fully determined upon, but the natural strength of the Spanish position at Aybontas and the character of the defensive works erected there, necessitates a flank movement. The turning movement was inaugurated to day, when General Brooke landed 3,000 men at Arreyo, sixty miles east of here.

From there he can strike the military road leading to San Juan de Porto Rico, at Cayey, beyond Aybontas. This will compel the Spanish commander, General Otega, who has a great reputation, to abandon his stronghold or be caught between two fires.

It is possible that a second column may move on his left flank also in which case the present advance on his front is only a feint. A general advance will not be ordered until all of General Miles plans are perfected, but when the advance is once begun it will be very rapid. The fleet will bombard San Juan and make other diversions to keep the enemy busy at every point.

In the harbor of Ponce and at Arreyo, on board ship, are the third Illinois, the first Ohio, the fourth Pennsylvania, the fifth and nineteenth regulars and the 32nd Michigan.

There are constant alarms at the outposts but there has been no fighting yet.

THE ANNEXATION

OF PORTO RICO.
What the Papal Delegate Says.

DOES NOT KNOW THAT IT WILL BENEFIT THE UNITED STATES

BOSTON, August 4.—Most Rev. Sebastian Martenelli, the papal delegate in the United States, arrived in Boston last night making a short stay with the Jesuit Fathers of St. Mary's Church. When asked what would be the effect of the annexation of Porto Rico to the United States, he answered: "I am not a politician and do not know enough about the place to tell whether it will be a benefit to this country to own it or not. So far as the interests of the Puerto Ricans is concerned, there is no doubt that they will profit by the change."

"Will your jurisdiction extend to that island when it is annexed?"

"That is a question for the Holy See to answer. My lines of jurisdiction are already drawn, and I cannot extend them without a positive order from Rome. We can safely say the church will do what is for the best."

"Will the church suffer in any way from the political changes that are likely to take place in the Philippines and other Spanish Islands?"

"I do not think that anyone who knows the American people would for a moment entertain a thought that the church will be in any way interfered with wherever the United States by conquest or purchase, acquires possession. The change of Government will take place, I suppose, but I expect to see everything go on as it has done in the past. Priests as well as people will be as well treated as they are here in the United States, and she will go on doing the good work she has done in the past, perhaps with a little more freedom."

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