

NEW YORK IS EASY.

Fear That the Enemy's Fleet May Open Proceedings by Bombardment There.

Cruisers Having Preliminary Practice With Tramp Freighters and Fishing Smacks.

Germany Gives Moral Support to the Cause of Spain While Preserving Neutrality.

New York, April 23.—New York was thrown into a panic this morning by a Berlin dispatch saying that this city would be bombarded as the real beginning of the Spanish naval hostilities, that the Spanish fleet was quietly waiting until the United States war vessels were engaged in blockading Cuba before the Spanish vessels would leave for this city, and other prominent Atlantic sea-coast cities, to begin the work of bombardment and destruction.

Some naval officials point out that the westerly inactivity of the Spanish fleet, which quietly rests at the Cape de Verde Islands, while stirring scenes are going on in front of Havana and other parts of the Cuban coast, is purely strategic. They also say that this westerly inactivity is significant that Spain knows our capacity for guarding our harbor as well as our coast defence, and whether she will be able to silence our forts in the conflict.

GERMANY'S ATTITUDE. Berlin, April 23.—With singular unanimity the German press of every class is condemning the United States for the course taken towards Spain.

Mobile, April 24.—A special from Biloxi, Miss., says: "The revenue cutter Menona from Mobile captured the Spanish steamer Santa Rosa, at Ship Island, Miss., at one o'clock to-day, but will likely have to remain in quarantine with the prize until the next day, when it is out, tomorrow or next."

Key West, Fla., April 24.—A special from Key West says: "The United States gunboat Wilmington, in the Spanish schooner Candida with a deck load of charcoal intended for Havana, where it is very valuable for fuel, was captured by the Wilmington on the 23rd inst. A tug schooner was sent to Key West with a prize crew of four men under Naval Cadet Dubois."

Key West, Fla., April 24, (5:30 p.m.).—Ensign Christy, of the Wilmington, from the cruiser Detroit and four from the flagship brought into port this afternoon the captured Spanish steamer Santa Rosa, No. 3291, from Havana, which left Cadiz, March 7, and was bound from New Orleans for Barcelona, via Havana, for which latter port she was bound when she was captured by the Wilmington.

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WAR ON MERCHANTMEN.

Blockading Squadron Makes Prizes of Spanish Freighters Bound for Havana.

First Seizure Referred to the Powers as Act of Piracy and Unlawful.

Spain Preparing in Turn to Prey Upon American Mercantile Marine.

Ke West, Fla., April 24.—The capture of the Spanish freighter steamer Pedro and the incidents attending on the squadron's appearance before Havana, already reported briefly in these dispatches, form an intensely interesting initial chapter of the history of the war.

Philadelphia, April 23.—Philadelphia is a picture of war stars and stripes from the windows or the roof of almost every building on Chestnut street from the Delaware river to the Schuylkill bridge, and after the American flag arrives at the landing place with its overwhelming body of troops.

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MINOR INCIDENTS.

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NEWS OF VANCOUVER.

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DYSPEPSIA INDIGESTION. BEATBURY. A high quality liquor law... Dr. Frank's Balm, Dept 2, New York.

PROSTRATED, EXHAUSTED. NO SLEEP—NO REST. LL do not appreciate the words of John G. Saxe, who says: "God bless the man who first invented sleep!"

BOYS. BOYS can earn a Steamship guaranteed a correct time-keeper, for selling Blue, Everlasting Wicks, Pictures, Spoons, Rings, etc., at 5c to 50c.

UNITED STATES PHILIPPINE WAR FORMER GENERAL WASHINGTON, APRIL 26. The United States has passed the naval reorganization bill and now goes into effect. The secretary has an idea of leaving at the end of the month. It was not announced that the secretary has an idea of leaving at the end of the month. The secretary has an idea of leaving at the end of the month.