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LOST == THREE FLEETS.

One Belongs to Spain, the Other Two to Uncle Sam.

SUPPOSED TO BE PLAYING HIDE AND SEEK

Spanish Squadron Last Heard From at Curacao, Near the South American Coast, and Reported Now to be in the Caribbean Sea—American Fleets of Sampson and Schley Not Heard From for 24 Hours—Any Information of Their Whereabouts Will be Gladly Received by a Waiting World.

THE POSITION OF THE FLEETS. The Cape Verde fleet has not been definitely located since it left Curacao.

LARGE, STRANGE SHIP

Sighted Off the West Coast of St. Lucia—Other Ships Northward—Can They be Spaniards?

New York, May 17.—(Special to The Toronto World.)—A large, strange warship was sighted last night lying off the west coast of the island.

Insurgent Report.

New York, May 17.—(Special to The Toronto World.)—A Key West special says: Jova, the insurgent courier, who arrived at Key West to-day, says the Spaniards have ceased active operations against the insurgents.

Only Two Coaled Up.

A La Guayra special to The Journal says: Only the Venezuela and the Teresa called at Curacao, but that they transferred half their supply to other ships outside the 3-mile limit.

A Warning.

London special to The Journal says: Secret advice has been received here to the effect that Admiral Cervera received orders at Curacao to make an attack upon some American port.

New York Harbor Unprotected.

The mines in New York harbor are virtually without protection, the state having withdrawn patrol boats to-day, and the United States Government has furnished none to take their place.

Burlington Got a Scare.

Montreal, May 17.—(Special.)—The Gazette received the following despatch this evening from the Free Press of Burlington, Vt.: "We hear that a regiment of Spaniards has been formed in Montreal to attack Burlington."

Some of the Lost Found.

New York, May 17.—(Special to Toronto World.)—A Washington special to The Journal says: Sampson is waiting in the Windward passage for the Spanish fleet.

WHERE ARE THOSE FLEETS?

Not Only the Spanish Squadron but Those of Sampson and Schley Are Now in Lost Sight of.

By Associated Press. Washington, May 17.—The official bulletin boards to-day failed to yield any news of the movements of the three fleets—Sampson's, Schley's and the Spanish flying squadron—and there is reason to believe that

The Senate Reading Room 200 EAST WASHINGTON

AN INTERCHANGE.



MR. BULL and UNCLE SAM

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Spaniards Work by Night.

Cape Haytien, Hayti, May 17.—Two Spanish cruisers or gunboats are making their base of operations at Badajoz or Guantanamo Bay. They are known to be moving every night in the waters between Hayti and Cuba.

Mexico Proclaims Neutrality.

City of Mexico, May 17.—Proclamations have been issued all over the country, announcing the neutrality of Mexico between Spain and the United States.

Fight Expected at Manila.

New York, May 17.—A Hong Kong special says that the United States Consul, Mr. Wood, has returned from Kowloon Bay, where he took the rebel leader General Aguinaldo in the captured boat McCalla.

Big Contract for Cracker.

St. Louis, Mo., May 17.—Captains Duvall of the U. S. Commissary Department has made a contract with local bakers for 610,000 pounds of army crackers.

THE PHILIPPINE POST.

Washington, May 17.—Col. R. P. Hughes, inspector-general, with headquarters at New York City, writes at the War Department to-day on a mission from Gen. Merritt, in connection with the assignment of regular troops to accompany the Philippine expedition soon to start from San Francisco.

HEARD CANNONING.

Port au Prince, May 17.—A great sensation was caused here by the arrival, to-day, of the military commandant of the Isle of Tortuga, at the north coast of Hayti.

This is Significant.

New York, May 17.—A Key West special to The Evening World says the gunboat Wilmington reports that Morro Castle, at Havana, is again showing its lights, while light and that naval officers believe the Spanish fleet is expected.

The Deadly Torpedoes.

Madrid, May 17.—(11 a.m.)—A despatch received here from Havana says that a small naval boat, having a crew of 17 men, was blown up off Cardenas, while engaged in removing torpedoes from that harbor.

The Report Denied.

Key West, Fla., May 17.—Boats which the Department itself has received no information on that point.

What's the matter with this?



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Will Take Press Messages.

New York, May 17.—The Anglo-American Telegraph Company this morning issued the following notice: "Pending further decision by the chief signal officer, we will accept press messages without restrictions."

Will Not Send Spanish Messages.

London, May 17.—The American Cable Company's office in this city has issued instructions to their agents to refuse to transmit any Spanish Government messages.

Will Retaliate at Home.

Madrid, May 17.—(3 p.m.)—The newspapers here assert that letters from Spain, even letters containing cheques and other values, have been sent to the United States and destroyed.

Hanging On to All Ships.

Madrid, May 17.—Instructions have been given to the maritime authorities of Barcelona not to permit the departure of large steamers which might be used as "auxiliary cruisers."

Loss of 18 Lives.

Madrid, May 17.—(11 p.m.)—An official despatch from Havana confirms the previous reports of the blowing up of a small naval vessel off Cardenas, resulting in the loss of 18 lives.

Advices a Quick Settlement.

Madrid, May 17.—Marquis Vega de Armijo, President of the Chamber, has advised the Senate to end the crisis as soon as possible.

Who is This Stranger?

New York, May 17.—The Evening World has a copyrighted despatch from Santa Lucia, West Indies, May 17. A large, strange warship was sighted last night off the west coast of this island.

Japan Not Hostile.

Washington, D. C., May 17.—The statement issued from London yesterday that the business of the quickly formed fleet of the Philippines by the United States, and with that object in view, is taking steps to secure the co-operation of certain European powers, is not credited.

Earthquake at Martinique.

St. Pierre, Martinique, May 17.—The Spanish torpedo boat destroyer Terror and the hospital ship Alicante are still at Port of France. It is rumored that the repairs

KEEPING UP THE PACE

Government Still Showing a Great Spending Capacity.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES ARE HEAVY

Site for New Observatory in Toronto to be Purchased for \$400-\$60,000 Set Aside for Immigration Contingencies—William Ogilvie to Receive a Gratuity of \$5000—An Addition of \$550,000 for Administration of the Yukon.

Ottawa, May 17.—(Special.)—The supplementary estimates for current fiscal year came down to-day, and must fairly stagger the faithful who had looked for economy in the Liberal administration. The supplementaries amount to \$1,460,354 and show the total expenditure provided for the year ending June 30 next to be \$47,441,077.

Parliament will vote the whole of their sessional indemnities to the families of the late Messrs. Dupont and Dalton McCarthy, M.P.'s.

MR. GLADSTONE IS SINKING.

Physicians Announce That The Grand Old Man's End Is Near.

Hawarden, May 17.—(5 p.m.)—An official bulletin just issued says: "Mr. Gladstone has taken a serious turn for the worse. His death may be expected in 24 hours."

Mr. Gladstone's physician said this afternoon: "The end is now near. Mr. Gladstone has taken little nourishment. He breathes heavily for a few minutes and then this breathing is hardly perceptible."

Mr. Henry Gladstone took special train from this city to Hawarden this afternoon, due to disquieting news received from Hawarden. He said before he left London that he feared his father was sinking rapidly.

Hawarden, May 17.—(2.45 a.m.)—Mr. Gladstone is still sleeping, and the family is arranging for the night watch.

THE THUNDERER.

Does Not Think Spain's Threat of a General Attack on the Colonies Will Scare Uncle Sam Very Much.

London, May 18.—The Times, commenting editorially this morning on the discussion in Parliament yesterday and the Hispano-American situation, says: "The United States will regard with equanimity the threat of general conflagration in Europe, in which Spain would be reduced to the role of a subordinate actor."

There is a great deal of interest being taken as to the result of the war, but the People's Coal Company will make it just as interesting to any person purchasing coal from them at the present time, as they have reduced their prices.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W. Open all night. Bath and bed 81.

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