







TOTAKE PORTO RICO

The Island To Be Occupied by United States—An Appropriate Recompense.

That Island and Philippines Necessary to Pay for Expense of Intervention for the Cubans.

Washington, May 26.—Extraordinary activity in the war and navy departments this morning, which was not limited to the higher officials, but included every individual in both services, gave every indication of important developments on the conduct of the war, while an unusual secrecy served to strengthen the impression that prompt and energetic action along the whole line in the West Indies had become a question of hours rather than days.

Rumors too definite to be ignored, but impossible of official authentication, explained the remarkable hurry and bustle to the president's determination to take Porto Rico occupied by American soldiers without further delay.

However startling the report, its plausibility soon received corroborative strength through the reluctance of very high officials to deny it; while many senators and other prominent civilians who have influential relations with those carrying on the war, not only affirmed the existence of the suggested plan, but gave cogent reasons for its sudden adoption by the authorities.

It was said that the events of the last few days in Cuba, culminating in the lessness to Spain of Corvera's "secretly corked up" fleet at Santiago and the destruction of untrammelled cable communications between colonies and Madrid, give every assurance of the speedy collapse of Spanish resistance to the inevitable, and the United States government has advanced to the possibility of possessing Porto Rico before the end of the month.

That island and the Philippines had come to be regarded as the most appropriate recompense to the United States for its expensive intervention in behalf of Cuba's freedom and the fear had arisen that unless they were actually held before Cuba fell, embarrassing complications, leading possibly to grave international complications with European powers, might not be averted.

With the Spanish military forces at Havana effectually isolated and without even remote hopes of reinforcements, with Spain's position in the West Indies completely paralyzed, and with the Madrid government already tottering in its impetuosity of policy, the opportunity of securing Porto Rico was hardly to be resisted.

The sanitary condition of Cuba and the strength of the navy, and many other causes which operated to delay the invasion of that island with the insufficient force of armed regulars which it had been possible to assemble at Tampa in a single month, wholly disappeared as factors of delay in the Porto Rico project.

The military authorities expressed supreme confidence in their ability to sweep the Spaniards from Porto Rico with the men now at their command, while still retaining the greater part of the task of establishing a position in Cuba with the same force.

The withdrawal of these forces it was shown, would leave 11,000 men, the pick of the volunteer army, at the disposal of which scarcely a day's journey away were the 40 regiments of infantry, nine light batteries of artillery and eight troops of cavalry in the Chikamauga camp, rapidly being trained into effective corps, with the certainty of becoming speedily ready to meet any emergency that might confront the government should the Cuban occupation become necessary.

The president's proclamation calling for an additional force of 75,000 men has confirmed the prevailing impression that aggressive movements were immediately contemplated, especially as it had already become known that the authorities were agreed upon a strength of about 250,000 men to carry out the responsibility which it had become evident the government had already incurred.

The estimate for the Cuban army of invasion was based on the conviction which is now common to all authorities, both civil and military, in Washington, that order cannot be restored over that large area of territory without the presence there for some time to come of at least 100 regiments and that little or no reliance can be placed on the capacity of Cuba's self-government for at least a year or two.

As regards Porto Rico, it is not believed the inhabitants will be able to maintain a government of their own in less than a year, and practically the same conclusion is reached regarding the Philippine islands.

The necessity for 125,000 men under arms at home at any rate, until some time after permanent peace has been secured, is recognized, as well as the necessity for relieving volunteers after a brief tour of duty in the tropics and providing prompt reinforcements, should any of the conditions have been underestimated.

General Miles is expected to start for Tampa last night, but delayed his departure until Sunday night, because the president desired to have the benefit of his advice in the meantime. It is understood, however, that the presence of General Miles at Tampa is not essential to the departure of troops from that point, although in case of invasion either Cuba or Porto Rico is begun this week General Miles intends to hurry after the expedition in a fast warship which the navy will place at his disposal.

Rumors are especially persistent that actual military operations in the West Indies will begin before June 1 and

speculation seems equally divided on the chances of an invasion directed against Cuba or against Porto Rico. It is said to be the desire of the government to strike a blow at Spain's obstinacy by immediately seizing and occupying Porto Rico, an island whose climate is far more healthful than that of Cuba and whose value for purposes of indemnification at the close of the war is stated to be enormous.

Spain does not know the meaning of honor; her definition of the word is nothing but cruelty. Spanish soldiers have never been known to die fighting for freedom in our army. Their idea of honor has been to plunder.

They die for honor, drinking, gambling and committing crimes against humanity and against society, but now they will die before American and Cuban arms. I take this opportunity to speak thus to the people and our army that they may be encouraged and know that we now have noble allies who will aid us in our fight for freedom and which we see will be a reality at no far distant day. I shall also, from time to time in the future, communicate with you in the same manner.

Spain Secures New Guns. Gibraltar, May 26.—Information obtained here from a trustworthy source indicates that 40 trupp guns suitable for fort or battery use were sent from Essen in Germany to Cadix, and is now on its way through Spanish territory.

USELESS SPANISH SHIPS. The Fleet at Manila Was in No Condition to Fight.

Hong Kong, May 26.—Captain Concha, of the ill-fated Spanish cruiser Don Juan, who was destroyed at the battle of Manila, says that the Spanish commanders were quite aware that fighting was hopeless, but were forced to do it by the state of public opinion in Manila. He and other officers wished to steam out of the harbor to meet the Americans, but Admiral Montojo forbade that move.

Captain Concha says the Spanish fleet was in a disgraceful condition. The engines of the cruiser Don Antonio de Loza were broken; the Castilla was leaking and needed engines to keep her afloat; the Don Juan de Austria had only two guns that could be fired; the Mariqui, Del Duero, had only one gun, while the De Cuba and De Leon had only their decks protected. He declared, however, that had the Americans not withdrawn at 10 o'clock the Spanish fleet would have steam and fire to the last man.

A Sample of Spanish News. Madrid, May 26.—Governor-General Augustin, the Spanish commander in Manila, seems to be following the tactics of Blanco in having sent out for encouragement of the Spaniards, "news" of reported alleged resistance to the American despatch from Manila just received here says:

"The United States cruiser Baltimore is disabled by an explosion which occurred on her. Americans attempted to land arms and ammunition at Binatayan and Spanish troops, who occupied a good position, prevented this. The Spanish land, when they fell upon them and captured their arms and ammunition.

Tiring of Senate's Delay. Washington, May 26.—Consideration of the war revenue bill was resumed in the Senate to-day. White, of California, began an extended speech covering pretty fully the general features of the bill, especially those relating to the duties and on inheritances. Consideration of the bill, he said, enlisted "the attention of the country and many people" in the matter, and he is added the question of the bill to the Senate's delay.

ADDRESS OF GOMEZ. Insurgents Must Now Fight as Soldiers.—To Respect Titles of Warfare.

New York, May 26.—Thoms Esthara Palma, the representative of the Cuban republic in New York, has just received the first copy of Las Villas, the war bulletin which is published by the Cuban army. It contains the official news and movements of the army of liberation and is an interesting publication.

Printed, of course, in Spanish, it comprises three columns on two sides of a page, and is printed in the headquarters under his direction.

The bulletin is dated May 10, 1898, and contains a half column description of the battle of Manila, which was the first time the soldiers of Cuba the facts concerning Rear Admiral Dewey's victory in the Philippines.

Besides the official notices and orders issued to the army the paper contains a lengthy address issued to the Cuban army and people by General Gomez.

"I, Maximo Gomez, commander-in-chief of the Cuban army, take this opportunity through the medium of Las Villas, which hereafter will be published once each week at the headquarters of the army of liberation, to communicate with those of my command and our people in view of the adoption of the constitution of the republic of Cuba and the armed intervention of the United States in our behalf to aid us in obtaining our independence, which soon will be recognized by all the world, I desire to make known that hereafter our soldiers no longer shall be known as insurgents, but soldiers of the regular army of the republic.

"I hereby direct that there shall be issued each week a war bulletin which shall be published at the general headquarters of the army and shall begin with this issue on the 10th day of May. It shall be known as Las Villas. It will be circulated under the direction and by the authority of the staff officers of the army and in it I will publish all circulars, orders and official notes of the war department as information which our army and our people may desire to know concerning our progress and our allies, the United States.

"I take this opportunity to remind each Cuban that he now has a country for which he must fight. He must stand up for his rights and not let himself be treated as a subject of any other nation. He must respect the rights of his fellow citizens and not let himself be treated as a slave. He must respect the rights of his fellow citizens and not let himself be treated as a slave. He must respect the rights of his fellow citizens and not let himself be treated as a slave.

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BOARD OF TRADE. DEFENDS HIS CHARACTER. Editor Ross Vigorously Replies to the Criticisms of the Vancouver World.

Under the heading: "The Facts of the Case," Mr. Duncan Ross, editor of the Vancouver World, writes to the Board of Trade, in reply to certain statements published in the Vancouver World, which have appeared in the Vancouver World.

The Provincial Government Will Be Asked to Explain Delay in Making Contract. A special meeting of the board of trade was held last night at 8 o'clock to consider "what action should be taken in view of the fact that the Dominion government has refused to assist in the construction of the Stikine-Teslin Coast Railway."

The committee appointed at the previous meeting to investigate the Stikine-Teslin Coast railway, has reported to the board of trade, and the board has decided to refer the matter to the provincial government.

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DOMINION

Many Questions of Great Importance Discussed. Sir Wilfrid Laurier Views Upon Senator's Stay in Ottawa.

Prorogation is Looming. Clearing Up the Business.

Ottawa, May 19.—The labor law, and differentiating the ample formed the House of Commons. On the orders of the House, the attention was called to the presence in Ottawa of Senator Bernabe, late Senator at Washington, and his Spanish emigration.

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ALASKAN TRAGEDIES

Prospector Murdered and His Companion Seriously Wounded by Stick Indians on the McIntook.

W. S. Gregg, an Auctioneer, Murdered by a Gambler at Sheep Camp—Murderer Arrested.

More Drownings on Lake Bennett—W. McKinnon and a Companion Drowned in Sitka.

It was about 7 o'clock last night when the steamer of the Islander's yacht... returned from the coast cities of Alaska.

From McIntook river, a tributary of the Hootalinqua, intelligence of the murder of Billie Mehan, a miner, and the wounding of his partner, Cox, both well known in the district...

The police party, accompanied by Cox, who, notwithstanding his wounds, remained to aid the police in their investigations.

Another murder is reported from Sheep Camp, W. S. Gregg, an auctioneer, being shot in cold blood by Pat Malone, a gambler and sure thing man...

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Another tragedy is reported from Lake Bennett, three more unfortunate being drowned by falling through the ice.

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THINGS AT SOMENOS.

Queen's Birthday Duly Honored—Some Words To Government Supporters.

Somenos, May 25.—The 24th has passed very quietly in Cowichan, though it was joyfully observed in several ways.

Popular interest at present centres in politics. The Queen's birthday has been rather amused over a letter published in the Colonist purporting to criticize the nomination of Duncans...

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