

A DISASTER AVERTED.

SCHLEY'S FLYING SQUADRON IN A STORM.

LASTED THIRTY-SIX HOURS

Battleships Brooklyn and Massachusetts Have a Narrow Escape From a Collision Off Fort Monroe—Good Seamanship Alone Saved Them From a Horrible Disaster

FORT MONROE, Va., April 29.—For thirty-six hours the flying squadron has been unable to communicate with shore, the storm, which still prevails, making it unsafe to use the steam launch or cutters. A tug brought the mail this morning.

The storm that struck the coast Tuesday night came up Hampton Roads like a fury. It whistled at the rate of ninety miles an hour through the great superstructure of the flag ship Brooklyn, and whipped up the sea so that the white foam broke in masses over the decks of the Massachusetts and Texas. The heavy draft of the big war vessels made it impossible for them to get into smooth water and they had to stand the brunt of the storm. Toward morning it increased in violence and as the tide turned flood the look-out on the forward bridge of the Brooklyn announced that the ship was dragging her anchor. The officer of the deck simultaneously reported that the Brooklyn was getting in dangerous proximity to the battle ship Massachusetts. Captain Cook and Executive Officer Mason went to the bridge immediately and ordered the second anchor down.

At this time the wind was blowing so fiercely that men could hardly keep their feet on deck. The second anchor ran out about twenty fathoms of chain and stuck and the big ship stopped and for a short time broadcast bravely the wind and tide. But in a few minutes she began to go back slowly and it was evident that there was no hold for the anchors. The signal was immediately given to prepare to get under way and in the meantime it was hoped that the anchors would catch and hold. Faster and faster she went back, her big broadsides swinging towards the dangerous ram upon the prow of the Massachusetts. The latter was signaled to pay out her cable and to draw away and she did so in the meantime on the Brooklyn, the men in charge of the forward compartments went to their stations, closing the water tight compartments and preparing without any outward sign of excitement for the expected collision.

The Massachusetts cleared away her big booms and prepared for the collision, not daring to ship the anchor for fear of running herself upon the sand bar in close proximity or drifting into the Texas. Faster and faster went the Brooklyn towards the battle ship and the men at the stations on both vessels stood unflinchingly, ready to perform the special duty assigned them in case of collision. There was no confusion. On the bridge with cool heads, sharp eyes and active brains were Captain Cook and his executive officers, while on the after bridge, not interfering with the management of the officers of the ship, stood Schley and his flag lieutenant, Sears, watching with interest, but with as little excitement as they would a practice cruise, the big ships coming together. A conflict of orders would have meant great disaster but there was none.

An order from the captain, and one of the big anchors comes rattling up and the ship drifts on a little faster toward its evident fate. Then, in obedience to the helm, the stern, now almost scraping the Massachusetts' bow, swings out, and the head, partly controlled by the anchor, swings in as if to take the blow.

It is within a few yards of the huge battleship, and all are awaiting the crash. Captain Cook looks over the port side of the bridge and then says sharply: "Full speed astern."

There is a clang of bells, a shiver as the big engines turn, and then the cruiser slides rapidly clear of the Massachusetts with barely a hand to spare.

"Cleverly done," says Commodore Schley, as he goes down to breakfast. Clever seamanship, perfect discipline and cool-headed judgment has averted a disaster.

The storm continued without abatement all day, and the patrol boats that keep the harbor closed had a rough night's work. This morning there was little abatement of the gale.

To Destroy Pacific Commerce. MADRID, April 29.—There is a report in circulation here that some of the Spanish cruisers now gathered about Manila will be used later to scour the Pacific and destroy American commerce in those waters.

SHOTS FLEW WILD. Moro Castle Fired on the New York With the Usual Result.

KEY WEST, Fla., April 29.—Yesterday morning, while the flag ship New York was about six miles from Havana, four shots were fired at her from Moro Castle. The flag ship did not reply, but steamed out of range. None of the shots fell near the vessel, and the firing was another proof of the bad marksmanship of the Spanish

INCONFLICT WITH LEEDY

The War Department Says Kansas Troops Shall Mobilize at Leavenworth.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Representative Broderick to-day called on Secretary Alger and made inquiry concerning the report that the War Department had decided to change the rendezvous of the Kansas troops from Fort Leavenworth to Topeka. The secretary stated that the department had no intention of changing its original plans and that Topeka would not be selected.

J. R. Burton also called on Secretary Alger and discussed with him the difficulty over the mustering in of the Kansas troops. The secretary informed him that he had made a formal request that the National guard be recognized and that the department was doing everything it could do to straighten out the tangle. Governor Leedy had not been heard from up to 2 o'clock. If he declines to accede to the department's demands further pressure will be brought to bear upon him.

STOPS ALL NEWS

The Portuguese Government Has Closed the Cables From Cape Verde Islands.

LISBON, April 29.—The Official Gazette today announces that the Portuguese government has, so far as the public is concerned, stopped the dispatch of telegraphic information regarding the movements of warships on the seaboard, or in the harbors of Portugal.

LONDON, April 29.—A sensation has been caused by the action of the Portuguese government in stopping the transmission of telegraphic information regarding the movements of warships in Portuguese ports, as it reveals the hitherto scarcely concealed fact that Portugal is doing everything possible to aid Spain.

The decision of the Portuguese government is undoubtedly brought to bear upon her by Spain, and the sole object of the order, it is believed, is to prevent news of the departure of the Spanish fleet from being cabled from St. Vincente, Cape Verde islands.

NO MONEY FOR TROOPS

Missouri Has No Funds in Sight to Equip the State Militia.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 29.—From all over Missouri, from civilian, militiamen and recruit alike, goes up a cry of protest at the dilatory tactics of the state authorities in not moving to the front, or at least to a concentration camp, the quota of troops called from Missouri by the War department. The fact is, Missouri's troops have not been called out because there is neither money nor equipment to do it with.

When last in session the legislature placed only \$10,000 aside for the support of the militia for two years. The governor has refused to call a special session of the legislature to appropriate more funds, and there is not a cent available to pay the railroad fare of the Missouri troops to a rendezvous.

A LEAK IN ARMY NEWS

Confidential Orders Appear First in the Newspapers

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 29.—There is considerable talk here among the officers in the military camp about some of the war news published in the East. It is well known here that Major General Brooke received orders from Washington marked confidential which are read in the newspapers twenty-four hours before they reached him. The publication of the movements of Lieutenant Rowan, who was sent to Gomez, is deplored, as it is believed it is liable to cost that daring officer his life by informing Blanco of Rowan's whereabouts and mission, and it would not be surprising, in view of the unscrupulous publication of army secrets, if the government went to greater extremes in its censorship of the press than ever before.

THE \$50,000,000.

The Navy Department Has Not Spent Half of Its Allotment.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—The several allotments made by the President to-day out of the \$50,000,000 national defense appropriation now aggregates \$41,222,116, as follows: War, \$16,148,627; navy, \$23,078,489; treasury, \$5,000. Of these the navy department has disbursed \$11,145,000 and the war department \$2,145,000.

CAPTURED WHILE IN PORT

The American Bark Saranae Was Seized in the Philippines After Unloading.

LONDON, April 29.—Lloyd's advices from Manila say the American bark Saranae, owned by William Simpson, Jr., of New York, which was captured at Holo, Philippine islands, by the Spanish gunboat El Cano, was seized after she had unloaded her cargo of coal at that port, which was her destination.

A PRIZE RELEASED

Treasury Department Decides the Saturnina Comes Under the 30-Day Rule.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—The treasury department has ordered the release of the Spanish vessel Saturnina, recently seized in Biloxi, Miss., harbor. Under the President's proclamation such vessels are allowed thirty days in which to leave port, hence the order of release.

Lee Says a Blockade Is Enough

RICHMOND, Va., April 29.—General Fitzhugh Lee believes that the Spanish army in Cuba will in time be forced to evacuate or surrender, without the necessity of sending United States troops to the island. They cannot, he contends, obtain supplies or reinforcements with the present blockade at Havana and at all of the other ports of Cuba.

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