

FOURTH DAY OF FAIR

Storm Clouds Keep People Away from Exposition Grounds.

RAIN BRIGHTENS UP FLOWERS AND SHRUBS

Workmen Engaged in Putting on the Finishing Touches.

BIG CROWD IS EXPECTED OUT TODAY

Task of Getting Exhibits in Place Goes Merrily On.

MANY NEW CREATIONS ARE TAKING FORM

All Outside Work, with the Exception of a Few Minor Details, Complete, While Rapid Progress is Made on Interior.

The third day of the exposition was decidedly uneventful and although a small crowd of visitors was in evidence during the afternoon...

The tremendous downpour of rain in the early morning was a thorough test of the precautions that had been taken to avoid a repetition of the damage that occurred a week ago...

BRIGHTENS UP VERDURE

One effect of the rain was to keep the grounds practically deserted during the forenoon, except by those who had business there...

Inside the buildings the task of improving the exhibits is going merrily on and every morning the change that has been accomplished in the previous twenty-four hours is plainly noticeable...

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Some Important Matters Settled by the Managers at Their Session.

The construction of an overhead crossing at Manderson street has been decided upon by the executive committee...

Sons of Illinois Meet

There will be a meeting of the sons and former residents of Illinois at the Commercial club Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock...

No Place for Politicians

While it is supposed that any suggestions of a political nature are not admissible as features of exposition exhibits...

PREPARING TO FLEE

Queen Regent of Spain Gets Ready for the Inevitable Onash.

REMOVES HER VALUABLES TO A SAFE PLACE

Likely to Follow Them Herself When the Crisis Comes.

HAS PLENTY OF MONEY FOR A RAINY DAY

Savings Invested in Foreign Securities Make Nice Nest Egg.

SPAIN IN GREAT FINANCIAL STRAITS

Paris Bankers Decline to Advance Necessary Money for Carrying on War with the United States.

LONDON, June 4.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The queen regent has been removing her valuables to a place of security beyond Spanish territory...

MUSIC ON EXPOSITION GROUNDS

Fair Crowd Turns Out and Last night there were people enough on the exposition grounds to give them a lively appearance and to do full justice to the excellence of the music...

Spain in Financial Straits

MADRID, June 4.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The loan prospects of Spain are not promising. Paris bankers absolutely refuse to entertain a proposal unless Spain gives a guarantee on the Franco-Spanish position...

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Lock Confidence in the Centennial

SAN FRANCISCO, June 4.—The chartering of the steamer Centennial to carry tourists and supplies to the Philippines has created somewhat of a sensation in business circles...

Cuba Not Worth the Fight

ST. PETERSBURG, June 4.—The Novo Vremya says that the sympathy of the most of Europe is undoubtedly with Spain in the present conflict with the United States...

HOBSON HERO OF THE HOUR

Brave Commander of the Collier Merrimac is Well Known in Naval Circles at Washington.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Naval Constructor Hobson, whose name is on every lip in Washington tonight, is well known at the Navy Department...

TEMPERATURE AT OMAHA

Table with 4 columns: Hour, Temperature, Hour, Temperature. Rows for 5 a.m., 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 m.

EIGHT ARE HEROES

Members of American Navy Show an Entire Absence of Fear.

TAKE THE MERRIMAC INTO JAWS OF DEATH

Admiral Sampson Cables Account of the Daring Incident.

ONLY TWO OF THE CREW ARE INJURED

Their Bravery is Fully Appreciated by Enemy's Officers.

PROMPTLY OFFER TO MAKE EXCHANGE

Admiral Cervera is Said to Have Personally Rescued the Brave Fellows After the Vessel Had Gone Down.

(Copyright, 1898, by Associated Press.)—(With the American fleet, off Santiago de Cuba.)—All the members of the Merrimac expedition are safe. Only two of them were slightly injured...

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THE BEE BULLETIN

Weather Forecast for Nebraska—Showers; Cooler; North Winds.

1 Fourth Day of the Exposition. Queen Regent Prepares to Flee. Heroism of Americans at Santiago War—Ships in Action Again.

2 Senate Passes the Revenue Bill. News Rumors of Intervention.

3 Nebraska News. Bryan Gets His Commission. Spanish Officer's Gloomy View.

4 Last Week in Omaha Society. Government's Fine Exhibit. Crooks Expelled from Exposition.

5 Council Buys Local Matters. Iowa News and Comments. Affairs at South Omaha.

6 Omaha Wins Another Victory. Affairs at South Omaha. Hain Dampens Affairs of Visitors.

7 Asbes of Empire. Condition of Omaha Trade. Commercial and Industrial News.

8 Editorial and Correspondence. Criticism of Merrimac Crew. Echoes of the Ante-Room.

9 In the World of Amusements. 10 In the Markets of Lima. 11 Lighting the City Hall. 12 In the Domain of Woman.

13 Service Uniforms for Soldiers. New Naval Experiments. How to Succeed in Politics.

14 Cereus of Railway Trainmen. Views of Estrada Palma. 15 Sporting Review of the Week. 16 With the Wheels and Wheelmen. 17 Army Dogs. 18 Paradise of the Caribbean.

WORK OF WAR SHIPS

Rumors of Fighting at Santiago Keep Pouring In.

SPANISH FLEET IS REPORTED DESTROYED

Ship Sunk in the Channel Was to Block Cervera's Exit.

SPANISH USE DYNAMITE ON OLD HULK

Dono Consider the Exploit of the Americans an Audacious One.

MADRID GIVES IT OUT AS GREAT VICTORY

Minister of Marine Says It Was an Auxiliary Cruiser, and After the "Disaster" the American Fleet Retired.

(Copyright, 1898, by Associated Press.)—CAPE HAYTIEN, Hayti, June 4.—11:50 a. m.—Firing was resumed by the American squadron off Santiago de Cuba at 10:30 Friday night. Details are lacking. It is reported at Santiago that three war ships have been detached from the American fleet to convey a fresh supply of munitions and arms to the Cuban coast.

CAPE HAYTIEN, Hayti, June 4.—7:45 a. m.—A report, which cannot be verified, is current here this morning to the effect that the American fleet, off Santiago de Cuba, destroyed the Spanish fleet yesterday, but no direct news from there has yet been received.

The accounts of the defeat of the Dominican revolutionists at Monte Cristo, republic of Santo Domingo, are persistently doubted here. 9:20 a. m.—Information received here direct from Santiago de Cuba confirms the reports that the bombardment began at 3 o'clock in the morning.

12:45 p. m.—Dispatches received here say it is reported in Santiago de Cuba that United States troops have been debarked at Punta Carpena. The dispatch adds there was heavy fighting yesterday afternoon at Santiago de Cuba and that extraordinary commotion prevailed at that place. All the Spanish troops, it is said, were concentrated at the fortifications in the suburbs and it was understood among the non-combatants that the insurgents and American forces were making a grand attack on the landward side.

In the evening, the dispatches go on to say, at a distance of about eight miles off the coast, twenty American war ships, five of which were cruisers, could be seen. It was believed in Santiago de Cuba that this was the united fleet of Rear Admiral Sampson and Commodore Schley.

The steamer which was blown up at the entrance of the harbor of Santiago was the Merrimac, a former collier of 4,900 tons. It is now understood that this vessel was sent in for the purpose of sinking it and thereby filling the channel so that the Spanish ships could not leave the port in the event of Admiral Camara's fleet arriving off the Cuban coast.

Report Confirmed

PORT AU PRINCE, June 4.—8:30 a. m.—Further news received here from Santiago de Cuba confirms the reports that the bombardment of that place began at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. After the action the Spanish fleet, with the exception of the sunken American collier Merrimac, has since been at work clearing the channel so as to, in all probability, permit Admiral Cervera's fleet to put out to sea should the Cadiz squadron, under Admiral Camara, arrive in Cuban waters to relieve the blockaded ships. In the meanwhile the dispatches from Santiago de Cuba say the Spaniards pay tribute to the audacity of the Americans in so cleverly attempting to block the channel.

According to the Spaniards, it would be foolishness upon the part of the Americans to attempt to force the harbor entrance, which is defended by a very narrow and thoroughly mined, seemingly forming an insurmountable barrier. There are a great number of insurgents in the vicinity of Santiago, probably waiting for some decisive action upon the part of the American fleet, which will undoubtedly be the signal for a grand attack upon the town.

RUMOR HEUREAUX ASSASSINATED

(Copyright, 1898, by the Associated Press.)—CAPE HAYTIEN, Hayti, June 4.—It is rumored here that President Heureauux of San Domingo has been assassinated. The son of Senor Jimenez, the wealthy merchant who took part in the revolution in Santo Domingo, is still without news from the revolutionists as to the result of the attempt to overthrow President Heureauux, but he is disposed to believe the worst.

He attributes the supposed defeat of the revolutionists to lack of opportunity to land the arms and ammunition from the Panita at Monte Christo; to the failure to seize Senor Gallette, the governor of the province, which was planned, and to the death at the first fire of the two foremost military leaders, Generals Morales and Baes.

But young Jimenez still hopes that a landing may have been made elsewhere, and that the telegram from President Heureauux yesterday may have been sent expressly to discourage more Dominican here from joining in the movement.

Support for Spanish Secession

LONDON, June 4.—Among the various causes ascribed to the firmness of Spanish forces is that they are supported by an important combination of strong financial houses in England and France. They closed today at a net gain of 9-8.

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Soon after 3 o'clock the black hull of the Merrimac began to sink slowly toward the land, and in a half hour was lost to sight.

It was Lieutenant Hobson's plan to steam past Morro, swinging crosswise the channel, drop his anchors, open the valves, explode the torpedoes on the port side, leap overboard, preceded by his crew, and make their escape in a lifeboat which was towed astern, if possible, and if not, to attempt to swim ashore.

All the men were heavily armed, ready to make a fierce resistance to capture. Lieutenant Hobson appears to have carried out his plan to the smallest detail, except as regards the method of escape.

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