

NO FIGHT AS YET

But Careful Preparations Are In Progress for the Impending Conflict.

Key West, Fla., May 24.—The movements of the United States fleet, which are known here, make it absolutely certain that no battle will occur, but engagement is expected to take place this week. The Spanish fleet has been definitely located.

The hospital ship Solace and her surgeons were ordered long ago to be ready for service at a moment's notice, but no fresh orders have been issued.

New York, May 24.—A special from Key West to the Commercial Advertiser says that the battle has not been so long as was expected for weeks as it is this morning.

It is not even complicated that vessels were kept inactive when there was a prospect of a fight.

What is being heard of an immediate occupation of Cuba. Everything in Spain, Sampson's and Soley's movements.

Washington, D. C., May 24.—Notwithstanding the persistent rumors in circulation to the effect that a great naval engagement had broken out, the War Department today issued a statement to the effect that it tends in the slightest to confirm these rumors.

Unless the immediate happens, there is no immediate prospect of a naval engagement of any magnitude, in the opinion of the War Department. The statement is made in connection with the best informed experts of this view also against the conclusion that the Spanish fleet is in the harbor.

There are signs in Madrid that have been noted here seeming to warrant the supposition that there has been a change in the Spanish policy.

It is well known that the Spaniards were going to concentrate their energies to the defense of the Philippines with the hope of securing peace.

The natural conclusion, if this premise is well founded, would be that the Spaniards were going to concentrate their energies to the defense of the Philippines.

Where is the Oregon? Report that the Big Battleship Has Reached Key West.

Key West, Fla., May 23.—The battleship Oregon has not arrived here.

The only American warships known to be in the vicinity of the Hawaiian islands are the Oregon, the Mariposa and the Albatross.

The Oregon, which was launched in 1885, is the largest battleship in the world.

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WATCHING THE COAST.

Twenty-three Hundred Men Are on Guard Between Maine and Texas.

Washington, D. C., May 24.—After several weeks of work along the entire stretch of the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, the War Department has completed the most comprehensive and efficient system for observing the approach of a hostile fleet that has ever been put into operation.

A new bureau has been created for this purpose known as the coast signal service, headed by Capt. Bartlett, who attends to this as well as the work of the naval board of information.

The system has the services of 2300 men stretched along the coast from Boston Harbor, Me., to Galveston, Tex. These are divided into thirty-four central stations, each with a range of 100 miles apart along the coast.

The stations are in turn connected by signal office of the navy department and operators are to day keeping the navy department in constant telegraphic touch with the entire stretch of Atlantic and Gulf coasts.

Observation Towers Built.

Secretary Long projected this plan a month or two ago. It was to establish the points of observation along the coast.

After selecting the thirty-four observation towers in Texas, Texas orders were given to build observation towers and houses for the observers.

The towers are to be built on different observation points, all connected by telegraph lines.

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SOME TROOPS LANDED.

Some of the Wisconsin Soldiers Have Sore Throats, but Nothing More Serious.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 24.—[Special.]—No orders have been issued for the brigading of the Wisconsin regiment and Col. Schindler is still at sea as to what his regiment will do.

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WISCONSIN FAIRS.

Locations, Dates and Names of Secretaries.

Table listing Wisconsin Fairs with columns for Location, Dates, and Names of Secretaries. Includes entries like Dogsville, Mineral Point, Arcadia, etc.

NOT TRANSFERABLE.

Beloit College Appropriately Celebrates the Fiftieth Year in the Work of Education.

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CONGRESS.

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HANGED BY A MOB.

Colored Brakeman Who Had Shoved a White Boy from a Moving Train.

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SPORTING ITEMS.

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