

# LAFFAYETTE ATTEMPTS TO RUN THE BLOCKADE AT HAVANA.

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### French Vessel Left a Spanish Port After the Declaration of War—Carried Guns and a Large List of Passengers—Is Believed to Have Contraband of War.

International Question Has Arisen—The Lafayette Belongs to the French Navy—When Her Captain Ignored the Warning Not to Enter Havana, the Vessel Was Seized, Her Cargo Seized, and Was Seized After She Was Warned Not to Enter With the Blockade.

On Board the Associated Press Dispatch, May 6.—(Copyrighted, 1898, by the Associated Press.)—The Lafayette, a French general transport, left the port of Havana, Cuba, on April 22, for Havana, and arrived yesterday evening of the latest report from the blockade after being previously warned of the blockade. The vessel was carrying a large number of passengers and a valuable general cargo, including contraband of war.

The Lafayette, which sails from St. Nazaire, France, is a fine vessel of the type. She is 344 feet long, has 44 feet beam, and is 29 feet deep. She was built in 1884 at Greenock, Scotland, and was in the service of the French navy. She was captured last night in the following manner:

The Lafayette was heading for Havana and was captured by the Spanish fleet. She was captured by the Spanish fleet, and was captured by the Spanish fleet. She was captured by the Spanish fleet, and was captured by the Spanish fleet.

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# TRANSPORT LEADS TO CUBA.

## Seven Vessels at Tampa to Carry Troops to Cuba.

### START WILL BE MADE SOON.

Time of Sailing Not Yet Given Out by the War Department.

### WILL BE KNOWN TO ALL, SHAFER SAYS.

Not to be Taken to Cuba Before the American and Spanish Fleets Meet.

Tampa, Fla., May 6.—Seven transport boats are now at Port Tampa, and soon will be ready for the loading of the troops. The Florida has already taken on board a full supply of coal, and a large force of carpenters was put at work today erecting a large building for the troops.

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# SPANISH ADVICES FROM HONGKONG SAY HE SUCCEEDED IN DOING THIS.

## After a Fresh Bombardment.

### The Cable Between Manila and Hongkong Has Not Been Repaired and No News Has Been Received by That Route Since the Bombardment Began.

Japanese Report of the Battle Says That After Disposing of the Spanish Fleet and Cavite, Dewey Bombed Manila, and the City Was Set on Fire by the Insurgents. The Spanish Fleet Was Destroyed and the City Was Set on Fire by the Insurgents.

Madrid, May 6.—Hongkong advises that the Americans are reported to have landed at Cavite after a fresh bombardment.

London, May 6.—The Imperial war office has received a dispatch from Hongkong saying that the American commander in Manila Bay is reported to have effected a landing at Cavite, after a fresh bombardment of that place.

Hongkong, May 6.—Inquiries made at the office of the Eastern Telegraph Co. show that cable communication between Hongkong and Manila has not yet been restored.

London, May 6.—It is officially denied that the Manila cable is working.

THE JAPANESE REPORT.

A special dispatch from Shanghai published today gives what purports to be the Japanese report of the fighting at Manila received via the island of Formosa.

It says that after disposing of the Spanish fleet and Cavite, Commander Dewey bombarded Manila itself. The city it appears, was soon on fire in many places, the work, it is added, chiefly of the insurgents.

Great loss of life is reported to have occurred among the Spanish residents of the city.

THIS IS TOO TERRIBLE.

The Spanish authorities are trying to make as much as possible out of the absence of news from Commander Dewey. The London newspapers to the effect that the American commander has been victorious, and that he has captured the city, are regarded as a disaster.

THE WASHINGTON VIEW.

Washington, May 6.—The fifth day after the battle of Manila opened with bringing the nightfall of news of the engagement from any official source to the State Department. The State Department was in equal ignorance of the result of the battle.

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