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DAILY MEMORANDUM.

1st day

~~President orders the completion of the Army to full regiments. Calls
for 200,000 Volunteers.~~

Admiral applies to the Department for Staff and other officers.

Navy Department requests Secretary of State to instruct U.S. Consuls
to look out for and report the movements of enemy's vessels.

Navy Department requests the Secretary of the Treasury to order the
U.S. Star, Blake and the Light House tenders of the 6th, 7th and 8th
Districts to report for duty to the Naval Authorities.

~~Texas, Union,~~ Alliance, Essex, Coast Survey Steamer Blake and two tugs
and two freight steamers begin loading supplies for the Cuban in-
surgents.

Secretary of War is requested to order that all transports for the ex-
pedition shall be of as light draft as possible and that none shall
draw over 20 feet.

President requested to issue orders to the War and Navy Departments
relating to the office of Captain of the Port.

Coal ordered to Key West. Four colliers to be ready to sail with the
fleet on the 2d.

Ascertain from Cuban leaders in the United States best localities
to land supplies for insurgents and private signals used by them.

Coal ordered to San Lucia, Port de France, St. Thomas, Samana and Gon-
gives for use of vessels bound home and for scouts

Vessels to be used as scouts and other auxiliaries chartered and fitting
began.

Minneapolis, San Francisco and Cincinnati ordered to observe Spanish
fleet in Europe.

Officer detailed to charter and fit out ^{four} vessels for distilling water
for drinking purposes of fleet and naval brigades ashore.

Charter Commercial Cable Co's. steamer to prepare for laying cable
between Key West and Cabañas.

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No. 1 Rear Admiral Walker. - Capt. Sampson

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Nov. 30 These copies ~~are~~ ^{were} without the notes and additions ^{made in} ~~to~~ this copy by pen or by separate slips.

These are the latest additions - Ills 15-96 -

Copy of this taken to the Department by President of the College -

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SPECIAL PROBLEM

1896.

1st day (continued)

Take possession of terminus of present cable at Key West.

Each ~~Every~~ vessel of the fleet to prepare for towing (if necessary) one steam yacht or large tug and running it from her own battery while en route to Key West.

Give orders for organization of Naval Brigade of 2000 men ⁺ to embark on board vessels of the fleet and one transport on 2^d day.

Secretary of War requested to protect Cable terminus at Punta Passa

2d day

Maine, Texas,

Indiana Massachusetts, New York, Brooklyn, Katahdin, Columbia, Newark,

Montgomery, Raleigh, Castine, Kriesson, Cushing, ^{and} Torpedo boats

Nos: 3-4-5 & 6 sail for Havana blockade. *and Mosquito flotilla, or vessels to be armed*

Ammunition supply, torpedo supply, repair and hospital ships prepare to sail with first convoy from Tybee.

Four double turret monitors and six single turret monitors sail for Key West.

Chicago, Enterprise, Alarm, Torpedo boat No. 7 sail for Hampton Roads to convey ^{empty} transports.

Marblehead, Dolphin, Stiletto sail for Tybee Roads to convey ^{empty} transports.

Colliers and tank steamers load and sail to join convoy at Tybee Roads with ten car flats in tow.

3d day

Squadrons sail with supplies for the insurgents.

Ammunition supply vessel sails from New York for Tybee Roads.

4th day

5th day.

First arrival of troops at ports of embarkation. Sail for Tampa.

6th day

Second transport of troops at ports of embarkation. Sail for Tampa.

7th day

First convoy sails from Hampton Roads.

First convoy sails from Tybee Roads.

Third transport of troops at ports of embarkation sail for Tampa.

Scouts. Venezuela, City of Washington and Saratoga sail for Straits of Florida. Newport, City of Para and Caracas sail for Old Bahama Channel. Orizaba, Yumuri and Yucatan sail for Windward Passage.

8th day

~~Blockading squadron arrives off Havana~~

Fourth transport of troops at ports of embarkation sail for Tampa.

~~The two squadrons of demonstration sail from off Havana to scour the coast of Cuba.~~

*1st Squadron, the Raleigh
Massachusetts, Audiane,
Montgomery, Katahdin
Cushing, Ericsson, ^{arrives and} blockade
Havana*

*2^d Squadron sail from off Havana, for Cienfuegos
Columbia goes ahead for Cayman islands*

9th day

Squadrons with supplies for insurgents arrive in Cuba.

Fifth, Sixth and Seventh transports at ports of embarkation sail for Tampa.

10th day.

Stiletto and Torpedo Boat No. 7 sail from Hampton Roads and Tybee Roads with convoy.

Brigade of Infantry and Artillery sail from Tampa for Key West conveyed by Newark.

Commander of Havana blockade gives 24 hours notice of the bombardment of the forts.

11th day

First ^{empty} convoy from Tybee Roads reaches New Orleans and other Gulf ports

Brigade from Tampa reaches Key West conveyed by the Newark and sail for Havana with this vessel and the double turret monitors.

First convoy from Hampton Roads arrives off Key West.

2^d Squadron attacks Cienfuegos -

12th day

Bombardment of the defenses of Havana and demand made for the surrender of the city.

~~Texas, Panox and Blake cutting cables off Santiago de Cuba.~~

13th day

Demonstration against Havana.

First convoy from Hampton Roads arrives at Gulf ports.

Squadron off Cienfuegos, if successful divide into three squadrons & continue plan - scouring coast & cutting cables off Santiago

14th day

2d convoy from Tybee Roads reaches Tampa and the Gulf ports.

15th day

16th day

2d convoy from Hampton Roads reaches Gulf ports.

17th day

18th day

19th day

20th day

6 a.m. Brigade sails from Tampa for Key West conveyed by the Chicago,
Alliance
Newark and Marblehead.

Squadron demonstrating along the coast of Cuba return to Key West
South

21st day

6 a.m. Second convoy sails from Tampa (20,000 men) for Rebecca
Sheal conveyed by the Dolphin, Essex, Alarm, Vesuvius, Stiletto, and
Torpedo Boat No. 7.

5 p.m. New York, Brooklyn, Terror, Amphitrite, Raleigh, Montgomery,
T.B.No. 3-4-5-6- and 12 Mosquito vessels demonstrate against
Cabanas. (*Faint*)

Brigade reaches Key West from Tampa and is joined by the other brigade
already there and with the addition of the Puritan, Miantonomah,
sail at dark for Matanzas .

Midnight Two single turret monitors sail from Key West for Cabanas.

22d day

6 a.m. Point off Cabanas ceases. Vessels withdraw toward Rebecca Sheal
to pick up the second convoy.

6 a.m. The demonstration against Matanzas begins. Troops land
noon. Second convoy from Tampa arrives at Cabanas. (*Attacks and captures*)

6 p.m. Troops and vessels withdraw from Matanzas and sail for Bahia
Honda.

6 p.m. Two single turret monitors sail from Key West for Bahia Honda.

23rd day.

6 a.m. Troops from Matanzas arrive off Bahia Honda and begin shelling
the defenses preparatory to landing.

6 a.m. 12 armed tugs arrive from Cabanas.

24th day

Vessels detailed for the demonstration to the eastward proceed to Key
West and coal.

25th day

Squadrons sail.