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THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1898.

THE WAR.

The First Battle Results in a Splendid Victory for the Americans.

The Spanish Fleet was Completely Annihilated at Manilla.

THE LATEST.

LONDON, May 1, 1 o'clock.

Commodore Simpson cables info Key West and could not have left Manila for particulars to the morning. Dewey left Hong Kong on April 24 for Subig Yards for Cable. Manila reported to have surrendered.

The last naval engagement between the United States and Spanish took place in the Philippine Islands on Sunday, May 1st, when Admiral Dewey attacked the Spanish fleet in the bay of Manila, and destroyed it. Information received by the Associated Press at Hong Kong from Admiral Dewey was in possession of the American consul at that place. The consul's ship, Mario Cristina, and the admiral's steamer, Castine, were the only vessels left by Admiral Dewey in the harbor of Hong Kong.

Several other Spanish vessels have been sunk and Admiral Dewey's fleet has destroyed, later that next morning. Only one American vessel was injured, and that one but slightly.

The victory of Commodore Dewey over the Spaniards was more complete than was expected. We anticipated that Barcelona will make the next attack on the fleet, but Commodore Dewey has taken the initiative and has carried the war into the enemy's country.

The dispatches say that the Spanish losses were greater than in the battle of the Associated Press. He had lower gun for service in better position and will have more men at the same time.

Three thousand Asiatic troops and the Chicago took part in practically all the engagements. Not a single vessel belonging to the United States was struck by a Spanish shell. Only seven men were killed, and seven wounded, including the latter. The Spanish loss was very heavy. The number of killed and wounded will be known when Admiral Dewey reports.

Lieut. Lamphier, of Lexington, Ky., is a member of the fleet.

BY TELEGRAPH.

The wires were crowded in this local.

Some of our farmers are already ready for harvesting.

Many of our farmers are nearly ready for planting corn.

Wheat is looking fine and promises to be worth from a dollar.

Lord Salisbury remarked in reply to the portfolio between Cuba and Spain, "While England is not a party to the Continental alliance, she is in full accord with the principles of international law for intervention. In the interests of the American army and navy we should respect it, and we expect that it will be respected by others." Lord Salisbury is the Premier of England and the nephew of Lord Beaconsfield.

The Democratic Convention will be held in Louisville on May 17th.

Mr. Wm. H. COX,

OF MAYSVILLE, WILL MAKE THE RACE FOR CONGRESS

The Convention is certainly a good date for Democrats, as it will be held on Saturday.

Many counties will hold the Republican nuts in the District long for the nomination, and will be glad to get rid of them on the 14th day of the month, and will be glad to get rid of them on the 14th day of the month, and will be glad to get rid of them on the 14th day of the month