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CANNOT CARRY SANTIAGO

WITH HIS PRESENT FORCE.

Americans Lose Heavily, Santiago Strongly Fortified.

TWO AMERICAN GENERALS SICK, AND ANOTHER WOUNDED—MUCH SICKNESS.

General Shafter Says his Force is not Strong Enough to take Santiago. Cervera's Fleet reported to have been Destroyed.

WASHINGTON, July 4.—From the heat and carnage of the battle field of Santiago where for the last three days the Americans have pressed forward against an entrenched enemy, General Shafter today sent the following despatch, summarizing the situation to the Secretary of War at Washington.

"We have the town well invested on the north and east, but with a very thin line. Upon approaching it we find it of such a character and the defence so strong that it will be impossible to carry it by storm with my present force.

Our losses up to date will aggregate a thousand, but the list has not yet been made.

There is little sickness outside of exhaustion from the intense heat and the exertion of the battle of the day before yesterday, and the almost constant fire which is kept up on the trenches. General Wheeler is seriously ill, and will probably have to go to the rear today.

General Young is also very ill and confined to his bed.

General Hawkins was slightly wounded in the foot during a sortie enemy made last night, which was handsomely repulsed. The behavior of the troops was magnificent.

General Garcia reported he holds a railroad from Santiago to San Luis and has burned a bridge and removed some rail.

He also reports that General Pando has arrived at Palma that the French Consul with about 400 French citizens came into his line yesterday from Santiago, and have directed him to treat them with every courtesy possible.

(Signed) SHAFTER.

MADRID, July 4.—A despatch to El Imparcial from Cuba says that Major Dominguez was killed in the fighting at El Caney.

WASHINGTON, July 4.—Admiral Sampson last night struck the deathblow to Spanish resistance in Cuba, when he boldly attacked Admiral Cervera's fleet and destroyed all but one vessel. From the meagre information received by the President and his advisers, over the government cable, it appears that every one of the Spanish warships has been destroyed.

It must have been one of the most daring feats in naval history, eclipsing the wonderful battle of Dewey at Manila, for Cervera's fourteen big warships commanded the narrow entrance to the harbor, and only one warship at a time could get by the sunken Merimac. The surrender of the city is certain.

WASHINGTON, July 4.—Gen. Miles, in the course of a brief talk, said that Shafter might contemplate withdrawal of his forces to the highlands in the direction of Seboney where they would be near the sea. This however would be a temporary expedient enabling the soldiers to rest and prepare for war ahead. Officials hope to rush reinforcements to General Shafter that there will be 32,000 to 35,000 under his command next Wednesday.

SAN JUAN, Cuba, July 4.—A conservative estimate by army men is that our casualties during Friday's fighting were nearly if not quite a thousand, about 15 per cent of which were deaths.

Saturday's casualties on the American side were much fewer because our troops had been intrenched the night before.

WASHINGTON, July 4.—The following statement was to-night given out at the White House; Gen Shafter telegraphs from Playa Del Este July 3:

"Early this morning I sent a demand for the immediate surrender of Santiago, threatening to bombard the city. I believe the place will be surrendered.

FOR PORTO RICO NEXT.

After the Surrender of Santiago the Expedition Will Start.

NEW YORK, July 2.—A special to the Times from Washington says: The Puerto Rican expedition, which is the next number of the war programme after the surrender of Santiago, is to be led by Major-General John R. Brooke, now commanding the first army corps at Chickamauga, who will be made military governor of the island after its capture.

Having provided for the forwarding of sufficient reinforcements to General Shafter to insure his being able to take Santiago when he gets ready to move his full army against it, the administration is turning its attention to the details of the invasion of Spain's other valuable island possessions in the West Indies, with a view to being prepared to fall upon it the moment Linares and Cervera have capitulated. The plans have so far progressed that General Brooke has been selected to command the army of invasion, and has been ordered to get his corps, the first composed of 77 regiments of volunteers, ready to move to Tampa within a week or ten days.

Adding to its War Strength.

LONDON, July 2.—The Evening News says: "The government will announce in a few days a great shipbuilding programme involving the use of every available slip in government and private dockyards.

"It is also probable a special act will be passed by parliament authorizing the acquisition by the government of all warship building in England for foreign powers, the strengthening of coaling stations in the colonies, and the extension of all British cable systems throughout the empire.

MANZANILLO BOMBARDED.

NEW YORK, July 2.—A correspondent in Santiago de Cuba telegraphs to the Journal that four United States warships bombarded Manzanillo, on the Gulf of Guacanabo, on Thursday, inflicting much damage to the defence of the place. Spanish gunboats, according to this despatch, opened fire upon the American ships, which then moved out of range.

Blanco and Cervera.

LONDON, July 2.—The Pall Mall Gazette's correspondent in Madrid telegraphs from the city yesterday afternoon, saying that he hears that a coolness exists between Captain General Blanco and Admiral Cervera, adding that it appears Blanco ordered Cervera to leave Santiago de Cuba, and the admiral said he would be glad to leave, but his guns were dismounted, he was without coal and the American admiral was waiting outside.

THE NOVEL TEA.

On the beautiful grounds, KINKORA IN AID OF THE NEW CHURCH FUND ON JULY 5TH.

Not much gestic about that header, but there's novelty just the same. The order of the day will be as follows: At 9.30 a. m. Pontifical High Mass by his Lordship, for our benefactor the late Dr. Wall and sermon by Rev Dr Monaghan of St Dunstan's College.

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J. J. MACDONALD, P. P. Kinkora, June 20 '98

HOW THEY WILL RETREAT.

Washington Authorities Consider Chances of a Spanish Retreat.

The military authorities here are fully considering the chances of a retreat of the Spanish army from Santiago and are endeavoring to shape events that General Shafter's force will not only take Santiago, but also capture the 12,000 Spaniards before they get away north and join Gen. Pando. Full information as to possible lines of retreat has been placed at the disposal of the war department. One of the most interesting statements is that of General Manager Cox of the Spanish-American Mining company at Batopipi, who is thoroughly acquainted with all the country surrounding Santiago. He shows that the two possible lines of retreat are: First by the road to El Cobre; second, by following the lines of the Sabanilla and Narrato railroad. The first line will be easy for about the first ten miles, as far as El Cobre, but after that the country is mountainous and barren and would not afford subsistence, and the pass to reach the central plateau of the island would be difficult. The more likely line of retreat would be along the line of the above mentioned railroad, crossing the Sierra Maestra at El Cristo, a pass 200 feet above the sea, 10 miles north of Santiago, which is the lowest pass through the Sierra Maestra for many miles. The railroad has been fortified by a line of blockhouses, and certain zones of cultivation enclosed between these forts have been planted during all the time of the war and would afford a supply for the army for a certain time. In the meanwhile sweet potatoes could be planted, which in three months would ripen. These zones of cultivation exist along the road as far as San Luis, at which point there is considerable country in cultivation. On the other hand the other branch (the Sabanilla branch) the zones of cultivation extend as far as Songo.

HONORS FOR AMERICAN SEAMEN.

WASHINGTON, July 2.—For probably the first time in the history of the senate a resolution has been adopted tendering the thanks of Congress to common seamen, specifically naming them in the resolution. The resolution elicited several patriotic speeches in which the private soldier and the navy's common sailors were eulogized. The resolution recommended by the President was adopted, tendering the thanks of Congress to Naval Constructor Hobson and the other heroes of the Merrimac and to Lieut. Newcomb, commander of the revenue cutter Hudson, for his gallant rescue of the Winslow and her crew off Cardenas, and retiring on full pay Capt. Hodgson, of the McCulloch, for distinguished services at Manila.

A Fatal Mistake.

WREXWOOD, Ont., July 2.—W Kring and A Miller went out hunting yesterday morning. Kring says they separated in quest of game. A short time afterwards he heard a noise in the bushes and thinking it some animal, fired, killing his friend, whom he had left going in an entirely different direction. Miller leaves a wife, to whom he was married only a short time ago. Kring is much depressed by the sad accident.

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