

BAPTISM OF FIRE FOR SANTIAGO.

If Any More Resistance is Made.

FEVER ON THE INCREASE IN THE U. S. ARMY.

Americans Have Diverted the Santiago Water Supply.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

WASHINGTON, July 14.—While the long expected fall of Santiago did not take place yesterday, it is quite evident that a crisis in the situation has been reached.

Within the next twenty-four hours Santiago will either surrender to General Shafter, or receive such a baptism of fire as seldom falls to the lot of a besieged town.

Malaria fever continues to give the physicians a great deal of trouble, but so far only one death has resulted.

The men of General Lawton's division yesterday cut a large water main which is believed to be the source of the water supply of Santiago de Cuba.

A stream of pure water as large as a man's body has poured from the pipe ever since it was cut, and has proved of great value to the Americans.

If you suffer from sores, boils, pimples or if your nerves are weak and your system run down, you should take Hood's Sarsaparilla.

It would seem that some of the Spanish ships of Admiral Cervera's squadron did not have their big guns when they were sent out. That fact would account for the mysterious delay at the Cape Verde, as well as for the small damage done to the U. S. ships in the fatal combat at Santiago. There must be something peculiarly bad in the Spanish naval administration, if the facts are as stated.

The Behring Sea award of \$473,000 has been voted by United States Senate and handed over to the British ambassador. Action was long delayed, the business of Canadian sealers has been almost ruined, and the amount is not sufficient to pay actual losses, yet the settlement of the account at all marks a changed attitude of our neighbors towards the Dominion.

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SANTIAGO IS ABANDONED

According to the Latest Despatches Received.

SPANIARDS SAID TO HAVE LOOTED THE CITY BEFORE LEAVING.

Americans Keenly Disappointed at the Turn of the Affair.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

BEFORE SANTIAGO, Wednesday night, July 13, 10 o'clock.—Major General Shafter believes that the main body of the Spanish army has abandoned Santiago and that it is now fleeing to the westward.

It is in expectation that the American army will be in full possession of the city by noon tomorrow.

There is little question in the minds of the American officers that General Toral's troops have evacuated the city while the Spanish Commander has been parleying with General Shafter over the terms of surrender.

This belief is strengthened by reports from Aguadores, which place has been abandoned by the Spaniards.

Bands of Cuban soldiers report that the enemy, before evacuating the coast town placed timbers over their entrenchments to represent guns.

The fact that the Spanish Commander has authorized his men to loot Santiago is told; and that news, taken in connection with General Shafter's belief that the Spaniards have crossed the bay and now are retreating to westward, causes great apprehension in the American ranks. The troops fear that when they capture Santiago they will not take the Spanish army too, and they are keenly disappointed over the prospect of finding only an abandoned and pillaged city.

HEALTH PRECAUTIONS IN CUBA.

City Burned by Direction of the Health Authorities.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

OFF JURAGUA, via Kingston, July 12.—The little town of Juraguico, Siboney, lies in ashes. It was burned under the orders of the army health authorities.

BLANCO ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

When he heard the news of Cervera's Fleet.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

KEY WEST, July 14.—According to advices from Havana, Governor Blanco attempted to commit suicide when he learned, beyond doubt, that Admiral Cervera's squadron had been annihilated.

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As Likely to Occur Next Fall

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Mr. J. Israel Tarte Again on the Wing.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

OTTAWA, July 14.—Rumors of a Dominion election in the late autumn or early winter are again rife.

Several ministers are urging this, especially if a reciprocity treaty is made with States.

Tarte left for the Maritime Provinces last night.

FUNNY SCENES IN SANTIAGO.

Rhodomontade in the Trenches.

BRAVERY OF SPANISH OFFICERS—UNDER A FLAG OF TRUCE.

IN CAMP NEAR SANTIAGO, Monday, July 11, via Port Antonio and Kingston, Jamaica, July 12, 3.20 p. m.—The land forces watch with interest the bombardment from the fleet—About 8 o'clock the thunder of the guns was heard to the seaward, and a dense cloud of smoke rising over the ridge to the south showed that the navy was at work.

Many shells from the ships burst in the northeast part of the city, which it is difficult to see from the American lines. It is impossible to say what effect they had on the town. Several burst in the centre of the town with very great effect. The warships fired only for a short time.

Two ridiculous gallery plays were made by the Spanish officers last night, which excited much amusement in the American lines. Late in the evening loud talking was heard from the first line of the Spanish entrenchments. An inscriber was called, and soon came in on a run to report that a Spanish officer was addressing his men, urging them to stand fast for the honor of Spain, as the morrow would be the last day of fighting, for the American army would be wiped out the first thing in the morning.

Faint cheering followed, much less distinct than the officers' voice. The American sharpshooters ruthlessly fired in the direction of the Spanish line, and the hero who was going to wipe out the American army made a quick drive for the trenches from which no Spanish jingoes have yet emerged.

Late yesterday afternoon before the flag of truce came down, a group of Spanish officers galloped along the lines in bright uniforms carrying Spanish flags and charging near the end of the line pack and forth in front of flag of truce, to make an elaborate display. Finally they dashed into the town, out of danger, and then down came the flag of truce.

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SAFE FIGHTING.

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THE SEA A DISTANCE OF FOUR AND A HALF MILES.

Good Practice For the U. S. Ships.

OFF AGUADORES, July 11, 2 p. m., via Kingston, Ja., July 12, 2.10 p. m.—The United States navy has the following problem presented to it. What is the best manner of effectively bombarding a city distant four and a half miles and concealed from view by a range of hills 250 feet high at its lowest part? The problem has been satisfactorily solved. So if the army hereafter never fired a shot and merely guarded the roads, the navy could make Santiago untenable, if indeed it did not totally destroy it in a few days.

Sunday and today the sea was calmer than usual, so the opportunity for good practice was afforded. In pursuance of Gen. Shafter's request, Commodore Schley, Rear Admiral Sampson being absent at Guantanamo, at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon ranged the Brooklyn, Indiana and Texas within five hundred yards of the shore at a point almost due south of the city of Santiago, distant a little over four and a half miles. The ships were about half a mile apart. The Brooklyn opened fire with her eight-inch guns, these being the heaviest calibre used as yet by many of the ships. The army signal men were on the beach opposite the ships and also on the crest of a hill overlooking the ships and the city. These men wig-wagged the result of each shot, telling the gunners if the shell was aimed too high or too low, or not in line.

Sunday's practice was good, but it was better today, when the firing was opened by the New York, which returned from Guantanamo Bay during the night. The New York, Brooklyn and Indiana were the ships which participated in the shelling this morning. Each shot was carefully calculated, and the wig-wag signals from the shore to the ships told where each shell fell and notified the gunners if they had the proper elevation, if this information was not otherwise procurable. The ships put out their big guns on the side opposite to the firing in order to secure the desired list to port or starboard.

Gen. Shafter signalled at about noon that "some of the shells fell in the bay and some in the city. The latter do not appear to do great damage."

Comment on this subject was changed immediately by a message saying: "The last shot struck St. Nicholas church, where powder was stored, blowing up the same and doing great damage."

The bombardment closed for the day at one p. m. at Gen. Shafter's request, as he was about to send a flag of truce into the city in order to demand its surrender for the third and a time.

The whole proceeding was businesslike in the extreme. The ordinary avocations on shipboard went on, punctuated at intervals of five minutes by the roar of the big guns, the scream of projectiles and the echoes from the mountain in the rear of Morro Castle, plainly visible to the westward and having the bombarding ships well in range. But not a gun was fired by the Spaniards.

The effect of the shells when they did hit can easily be imagined when it is known that each of them carries 250 lbs. of explosives, and is travelling 925 feet per second. When such a missile lands at a distance of four and a half miles from the muzzle to the city it occupies 22 1/2 seconds in its flight.

Four shells during the bombardment today ignited fires in different parts of the city, proving the feasibility of burning the place by using the guns of the fleet alone. It was strange to see the soldiers repairing a locomotive on the railroad track running along the beach while, like the strokes of a slow clock, the guns were fired that sent shells screaming over the men at work.

Death must have come to many in the city by reason of the shelling, but it is impossible to do more now than surmise as to the extent of the mortality.

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