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ALL WASHINGTON IS GREATLY EXCITED

Officials are Confident That Shafter Will Win the Day at Santiago.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—The battle has begun. This was the startling news conveyed in a dispatch received from General Shafter at 10 o'clock this morning. Brief as it is, it told the whole story of the first shots of the long-expected crash at arms, probably the first great land engagement of the war. It sent a thrill through official circles from the highest to the lowest. Secretary Alger was the first to read it. The news spread through the corridor and a wave of awe-like agitation and expectancy took hold of every one. A great crowd of correspondents stood about the bulletin boards, messenger boys dashed off with dispatches, clerks, men and women, turned from their desks and gathered at the doorways.

Before Secretary Alger started to the cabinet meeting, he spoke of the fact that sufficient time had elapsed to permit Shafter to get his army well concentrated and thrown out to good battle formation. The secretary felt that our forces were on the aggressive. Word had previously come that the artillery which had been brought to the front was well placed.

General Miles received a copy of the dispatch soon after it arrived. He had anticipated it, for only a few hours before a dispatch came from General

Breckinridge, inspector-general of the army, stating the spirit of the troops was high and they were eager and expectant for action. Miles also received another dispatch this morning from Shafter's headquarters, which says a big military balloon is now high in the air and giving an opportunity for observation over a great sweep of country. This in itself was of value to our troops. The officials showed every disposition to keep the public completely advised of actual occurrences.

According to Shafter's report, the attack on Santiago was begun by the second division of the Fifth army corps, commanded by Brigadier-General Lawton.

A report was in circulation here this afternoon that Santiago had been captured, but at 2:45 p. m. General Corbin said there were no dispatches here to confirm the rumor.

A dispatch received in the cabinet meeting from Colonel Allen, in charge of the signal station at Playa del Es e, said the fight was growing furiously in all directions. At the time at which he sent the telegram eight Americans and nine Cubans had been wounded. The Spaniards were shelling the Americans as they advanced, and Sampson's fleet was hotly engaging the forts. The dispatch was received by members of the cabinet with much enthusiasm, one of them remarking that the fight must be inconceivably grand and that he would very much like to have had a hand in the fight. No doubt was expressed that our forces would win the day.

PORTO RICO THE NEXT OBJECTIVE POINT IN THE CAMPAIGN

Following the Fall of Santiago de Cuba an Army of Invasion will be Sent to Capture Spain's Second Valuable West Indian Possession.

NEW YORK, July 1.—A Times special from Washington says:

The Porto Rican expedition, which is the next number on the war program 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 again is turning its attention to the details of the invasion of Spain's other valuable island possession 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, composed of twenty-seven regiments of volunteers, ready to move to Tampa within a week

or ten days. From there they will be sent to Santiago, preparatory to the movement on San Juan, which will be made from Southeastern Cuba as a base. The designation of General Brooke for the Porto Rican enterprise is in accordance with his own wishes.

With the American army in possession of Santiago it will be made a sort of base for the movements on Porto Rico. Being but a little out of the way from the direct route from Florida to Porto Rico, it is admirably suited, army authorities say, for a half-way station between Tampa and San Juan.

With General Merritt in the Philippines and Brooke in Porto Rico, it will remain for the other ranking major-general of the regular army, General Miles, to lead the main expedition against Havana when the time comes for the final movement to drive the Spaniards out of Cuba.

Unless Spain surrenders sooner, it is believed that General Miles will be entrusted with this notable service in deference to his place as commanding general of the army and in recognition as well of his fine record as an Indian fighter in days gone by.

ANOTHER MARINE DISASTER

Stern-Wheel Steamer Bound for Alaska Wrecked in Straits of Fuca.

VICTORIA, July 2.—The stern-wheel steamer Marquis of Dufferin, which left here Thursday for St. Michaels, in tow of the steamer Progresso, has been wrecked at the entrance of the Straits of Fuca. Immediately after the Progresso and

her tow reached the open sea the trouble commenced. The light steamer tugged on the tow rope, swinging around until all her timbers were strained and her back was broken. Then the towline was cut and her crew boarded the Progresso, all being saved. The vessel belonged to the British American Corporation, and cost about \$30,000.

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MUST ACT IMMEDIATELY

Santiago Will be Laid in Ruins if not Surrendered by Noon Today.

TWENTY-FOUR HOURS GRANTED

Sampson's Fleet Ready to Begin Operations at the End of That Time—Shafter Reports His Army in a Good Condition to do Effective Work.

WASHINGTON, July 4.—A lengthy and unimportant dispatch was received from Shafter today. Although much rumor exists concerning it, it is stated that Shafter demanded the surrender of Santiago by noon, otherwise he would bombard the city.

A truce has since been made by which the Spaniards get until noon tomorrow before a bombardment will be commenced. This truce is for the purpose of giving the women and children in the city an opportunity to withdraw.

A report has been given out by the war department as follows:

"Headquarters of the Fifth Army Corps, near Santiago, July 3.—Tonight my lines completely surround the town, from the bay on the north of the city to a point on the San Juan river on the south. The enemy holds from the west bank of the San Juan river to its mouth, up the railroad to the city. General Pando, I find tonight, is some distance away, and will not get into Santiago."

SHAFTER.
"Playa del Este, 9:30 a. m., July 4.—Headquarters of the Fifth Army Corps, near Santiago.—When news of the disaster to the Spanish fleet reached the front, which was during the truce, the regimental band, that had managed to keep its instruments in line, played the "Star Spangled Banner," and "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," the men cheering from one end of the line to the other. The officers and men, without even shelter tents, have been soaking for five days in the afternoon rains, but all are happy."

SHAFTER.
General Miles received two dispatches from Shafter this morning. In one Shafter says:

"I feel that I am master of the situation, and can hold the enemy for any length of time."

In the other Shafter says:

"My demand for the surrender of Santiago is being considered by the Spanish authorities."
One of these dispatches was in response to congratulations from Miles, in the course of which he said:

"I expect to be with you in one week with strong reinforcements."

TO SNATCH AWAY VICTORY'S FRUITS

BERLIN, July 2.—On the best authority the correspondent of the Associated Press here is informed that Germany, France and Russia have reached an understanding concerning the Philippines. It is said that these three powers do not intend to actively interfere until hostilities cease, after which they will combine to prevent the United States or Great Britain from retaining possession of the whole of the Philippine islands. When the war is over an international congress will be proposed similar to the Berlin congress of 1878 to settle all questions connected with the war. All the great powers will be invited to attend, including the United States and Spain. It appears certain that Germany will demand a slice of the Philippines or other compensation in the Far East.

ADMIRAL SAMPSON REPEATS DEWEY'S BRILLIANT VICTORY

Cervera's Fleet Has Been Annihilated While Attempting to Get Away ---Cervera and 1300 Men Prisoners---Our Loss Small.

WASHINGTON, July 4.—The secretary of the navy has been informed that while attempting to escape from the Harbor of Santiago Cervera's entire fleet was annihilated by Admiral Sampson's squadron.

The attempt to escape was made at 9:30 on the morning of the 3rd, and in less than five hours the last of the Spanish ships ran ashore about six miles west of Santiago and lowered her flag.

Our loss is estimated at one man killed and two wounded. The name of the dead man was Geo. H. Ellis, who held the position of chief yeoman on the Brooklyn.

TROOPS HAVE REACHED THEIR DESTINATION

MANILA, July 1, via Hong Kong, July 4.—Friday the United States troops arrived at Cavite after an uneventful voyage. The transports City of Sydney and Peking and Australia with the Charleston as convoy, are the ships that conveyed the troops across the Pacific.

On the way here the Charleston called at the Ladrone islands, a group in the Pacific which belonged to Spain, took possession of the whole group, made prisoners of Governor-General Marina, his staff and the entire military force, and raised the Stars and Stripes over the ruins of Santa Cruz.

The troops are in good condition and our only loss was Private Hutchinson, of the First Oregon, who died on the City of Sydney on June 20th, and was buried at sea on June 21st.

DEWEY'S OFFICIAL REPORT.

WASHINGTON, July 4.—The navy department has received the following report from Admiral Dewey:

CAVITE, July 1, via Hong Kong, July 4.—Three transports and the Charleston arrived yesterday. The Charleston captured Guam, Ladrone islands, June 21, without resistance, and brought the Spaniards from the garrison, six officers and fifty-four men, to Manila. On June 29, the Spanish gunboat Leyte came out of the river and surrendered to me, having exhausted her ammunition and food in repelling attack by the insurgents. She had on board fifty-two officers and ninety-four men, naval and military.

ANOTHER EXPEDITION SHORTLY

A Fourth Expedition May Soon Be Sent to the Philippines From San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 4.—It was expected in official circles that within ten days another expedition will leave this place to reinforce Dewey. The Peru and City of Puebla are the only available vessels at present, but it is expected that in a few days the Pennsylvania and City of Rio Janeiro will be chartered, as impressed by the government.

On Sunday there were almost 150 patients in the field hospital, while private Savery, of the 231 U. S. infantry, has died of pneumonia.

The Kansas, South Dakota and other regiments are being outfitted anew, the unserviceable garments having been recalled and good suits substituted.

South Dakota needs forty more recruits; Kansas wants several more, and the Eighteenth United States infantry is short two men. The signal corps detachment at Camp Merritt wants sixty more recruits in addition to twenty reported to be here on the way from the East, and the United States hospital corps attached to the field hospital desires 200 recruits to complete its quota of 700 attendants.

Two companies of the Second volunteer engineers went into camp yesterday on the Presidio plain north of Camp Miller. One company is from Colorado, under Captain Draper, and the other is a California company under Captain Wrecker. Major Langfit is in command of this battalion. The colonel of the regiment is Willard Young. Two more companies are expected in a week. One is coming from Salt Lake and the other from Portland.

Battery A, Wyoming volunteer light artillery, known as the Alger battery, in command of Captain Palmer, arrived

yesterday from Cheyenne and went into camp at Camp Miller.

Corporal A. W. Lee, Utah troop cavalry, at his own request has been reduced to the ranks, and Trooper W. H. Donaldson appointed in his place. The troop was reviewed at 6 o'clock yesterday evening by Captain Caine at mounted inspection.

San Francisco's Grand Celebration.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 4.—Today's celebration was a double one. The great victory achieved by Sampson on the sea and Shafter on land added to the luster of the celebration planned by the people of San Francisco to celebrate the national holiday. Patriotism and enthusiasm were more evident than ever before in the history of the city. The parade of citizens and soldiers was the greatest in the history of California. Over 15,000 men participated in the parade, including thousands of troops from the forces gathered at Camp Merritt and from the Presidio, volunteers and regulars, who attracted particular attention from the thousands of people gathered along the line of march. They were cheered to the echo as they marched along. All the military and civic celebrities now in this city participated, and the procession was reviewed by General Merriman.

Chicago Stereotypers Strike.


CHICAGO, July 2.—None of the daily papers were published in Chicago today, owing to a strike among the stereotypers. Intense interest in the battle of Santiago renders the situation a peculiar one, and this fact was undoubtedly seized upon by the operatives. There is no little public feeling aroused against the operatives because of this phase of the case.

Victory for Ten Eyck.

BOSWON, July 4.—In the twelfth annual championship regatta of the New England Amateur Rowing Association on Charles river, Edward H. Ten Eyck won the single scull race, one and a half miles, in 10:46 1-5.

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THE SITUATION HAS IMPROVED

Two German Warships Leave Manila Out of Respect for American Opinion.

LONDON, July 2.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Manila dated Tuesday, June 23, via Hong Kong, says:

The nonarrival of the American troops has grievously disappointed Admiral Dewey, but the Americans still count on celebrating the Fourth of July in Manila. It is reported Admiral von Diederichs sent two vessels away on learning that America regarded his attitude as unfriendly.

A wholly improved feeling now exists. The American officers express confidence in their ability to dispose of any ships Spain can now send, but in view of the alleged strength of Admiral Camara's squadron, the wish is expressed that the Americans had at least one battleship.