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Latest War News.

Washington, July 1.—The war department has received the following from General Shafter, dated at Siboney:

Had a very heavy engagement today, which lasted from 8 a. m. until sundown. We have carried their outworks and are now in possession of them. There is now three-quarters of a mile of open country between my lines and the city. By morning my troops will be entrenched and a considerable augmentation of the forces will be there. General Lewton's division and General Bates' brigade, which have been engaged all day in carrying El Caney, which was accomplished at 4 p. m., will be in line and in front of Santiago during the night. I regret to say that our casualties will be above 400. Of those, not many killed.

(Signed) "Shafter."

Washington, July 3—The following dispatch was received at the war department:

Playa del Este, July 3.—The Siboney office confirms the statement that all of the vessels of the Spanish fleet except one warship was destroyed and are burning on the beach. It was witnessed by Capt. Smith, who told the operator. There is no doubt to its correctness.

Allen, Signal Officer.

Washington, July 3.—The following cable dispatch was given out at the White House:

Playa del Este, July 3.—The destruction of Cervera's fleet is confirmed. (Signed)

Allen, Lieut. Col.

Washington, July 3.—The following statement was tonight given out at the White House:

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. Shafter.

This contradicts the report that Shafter had fallen back.

Washington, July 4.—The glorious news from Cuba affords the American people just occasion for the celebration of this the nation's holidy. Admiral Sampson has accomplished the work which he was directed to preform when he left Key West for the coast of Cuba. He was ordered to find and destroy Cervera's fleet. Several weeks ago, Commodore Schley located the Spanish fleet in the bay of Santiago. Yesterday, after being bottled helplessly in the harbor for weeks, the fleet was destroyed. Nothing now remains of the Spanish squadron but shattered and burning hulks.

In addition to this splendid work accomplished by Admiral Sampson, General Shafter in command of the land forces before Santiago, had so far progressed in the carrying out of his plans for the reduction of the city, that at 10:30 yesterday morning he demanded the immediate surrender of the Spanish forces. At 3:30 yesterday evening General Shafter's demands had not been complied with, so for as was officially known. That the demands will be complied with, however, General Shafter fully believed, and that the Stars and Stripes will on this Fourth of July be raised over the former capitol of Cuba, is regarded as practically certain.

The loss of officers at the battle near Santiago seems to be out of porportion to the number of privates killed, which indicates possible recklessness on theis part, possibly in wearing too plain and distinguishing badges of office. An officer should wear nothing by which an enemy at any considerable distance can distinguish him from a private.

The Races.

FIRST DAY, JULY 1,

¼ mile dash free for all, purse $175.

Entered: Pin Ear, Chess, Seal, Dick Whooten, Big Ben and Later On.

Won by Dick Whooten.
Second Later On.
Time, 24½.

½ mile dash for Harney county horses that never run for public money, purse $225.

Entered: Dr. Marsden, Molly H, Scotty Hayes and Red Check.

Won by Scotty Hayes.
Second, Red Check.
Time, 51½.

SECOND DAY, JULY 2,

⅜ mile dash free for all, purse $200.

Entered: Pin Ear, Blue Jay, Kid McCoy, Butch, Later On, Little Joe and Gray Dandy.

Won by Blue Jay.
Second, Gray Dandy.
Time, 36.

2 mile bicycle race Harney county men, purse $50.

Declared off. No entries.

THIRD DAY, JULY 4,

¼ mile dash free for all purse $200.

Entered: Dr. Marsden, Butch, Dandy, Pay Day and Nugget.

Won by Nugget.
Second, Butch and Dandy tied.

¼ mile dash for Harney county cow horses, grass fed, untrained, vaquero saddles, purse $50.

Entered: Happy Boy, Charley Ross, Duncan, Rondo and Byo.

Won by Duncan.
Second, Rondo.

FOURTH DAY, JULY 5,

1 mile dash free for all, purse $225.

Entered: Nugget, Dr. Marsden and Dandy.

Won by Nugget.
Second, Dr. Marsden.
Time, 156.

5 mile race, change horses every mile, purse $50.

Declared off. No entries.

Indian race 1 mile and reverse, purse $25.

Won by Indian Louies' horse.

July, 6.—$150 for horses that had not won first money in former races.

Entered: Red Check, Little Joe, Chess, Bill Nye and Dandy.

Won by Bill Nye.
Second, Little Joe.

The races this season were not as satisfactory to all concerned so heretofore, there being fouls claimed in a number of races and almost every day some horse would be left at the score. Some of the horses were afraid of the gate and would get a bad start.

The Jockey Club has done what was right in all cases and no blame is attached to the parties having charge of the affair.

War stories are in order, so we will tell one about an old countryman who came into a small town in Arkansas about a week or two ago. He lived in the woods, and his last visit to town had been made at the close of the Civil War. The little country place was then filled with soldiers, and now after thirty years the first thing the old man saw a milita company marching to the depot on their way to the encampment. He looked in amazement and muttered audibly: "By Gosh, them druned liars told me Lee had surrended, an' here's that dratted war still a-goin on."

The Associated Press reporter of the intercollegiate boat race between the crews of Cornell, Yale and Harvard, describe the Cornell team as "rowing like demons," the average reader, never having had the privilege of seeing "demons" row, is in the dark as to their methods. It is popularly supposed that they are provided with horns, claws and long tails; but whether these are of any use in rowing, or whether, it so, the Cornell boys were similarly constructed, are questions in regard to which the hellish reporter did not enlighten the public.

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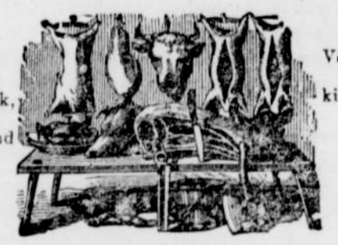

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