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### Latest War News.

Washington, July 15.—After an extended conference with the president tonight at which three other members of the cabinet were present, Secretary Alger said:

"The situation is just this. The Spaniards at Santiago are prepared to surrender, but they want to carry their arms. We have determined to grant no such concession, nor any concession except the generosity of this government to transport them to Spain."

Secretary Alger was asked if it was not the expectation that when it was known that no other terms would be granted, the surrender would take place, and replied that such was the case. In any event, no other concessions would be afforded by this government.

It was nearly 1 o'clock when the conference at the White House adjourned. Besides Secretary Alger, there were present Secretaries Bliss and Wilson and Post Master General Smith. Adjutant General Corbin was present during the last hour of the conference.

Secretary Alger did not say how much time would be allowed the enemy to reach a conclusion, but it is known that the administration will make it very short and submit to no further parley with General Toral.

The next move is surrender upon the terms which the United States government proposes or immediate attack upon the Spanish forces by the army and navy.

### PREPARATIONS FOR PORTO RICO.

Washington, July 15.—Telegrams have passed between the military authorities here and those in Cuba and the agents of the war department at other places indicated that preparations for the Porto Rico expedition are being given earnest attention. The officials, however, decline to discuss the arrangements in progress or to say from what port or ports the troops were to embark.

### TROOPS ORDERED TO PORTO RICO.

Charleston, S. C., July 15.—Orders have been received here for the troops under General Wheeler's command proceed to Porto Rico, but there are no indications that they are to move at once.

### NEW CASES OF FEVER.

Washington, July 15.—The war department has posted a dispatch from Assistant Adjutant Greenleaf, of General Miles' staff, as follows: "Sibony, July 15.—Only 23 new cases of yellow fever and three deaths reported within the past 24 hours. Type of disease mild. Camp site will be moved whenever practicable. Have taken vigorous sanitary precautions to prevent spread of the disease."

### GIVE UP ARMS.

Washington, July 16.—The war department has posted the following:

Playa, July 16.—Adjutant General United States Army, Washington. Headquarters Near Santiago.—The conditions of capitulation include all forces and war material in the described territory.

The United States agrees with as little delay as possible to transport all Spanish troops in the district to the Kingdom of Spain, the troops as far as possible to embark nearest the Garrison they now occupy. Officers are to retain their side arms and officers and men to retain their personal property. The Spanish commander is authorized to take the military archives belonging to the surrendered district. All Spanish forces known as volunteers and guerrillas, who wish to remain in Cuba may do so, under parole during the present war, giving up their arms. The Spanish forces march out of Santiago with honors of war, depositing their arms by mutual agreement, to await disposition of

the United States government, it being understood the United States commissioners will recommend that the Spanish soldiers return to Spain with the arms they so bravely defended. This leaves the question of the return of arms entirely in the hands of the government.

I call attention to the fact that several thousand surrendered, said by General Toral to be about 12,000, against whom a shot has not been fired. The number to return to Spain in this district amounts to about 24,000, according to General Toral.

(Signed) SHAFER.

The war department has also posted the following:

Playa del Este, near Santiago, July 16.—The following letter has just been received:

Santiago de Cuba, July 16.—To His Excellency, Commander-in-Chief American Forces. Excellent Sir: I am now authorized by my government to capitulate. I have the honor to so appraise you, and ask that you designate the hour and place where my representatives shall appear to confer with those of your excellency, to effect the articles of capitulation on the basis of what has been agreed upon to this date in due time. I wish to manifest my desire to know the resolutions of the United States government respecting the return of my army, so as to note it in the capitulations, also the great courtesy of your great graces in return for the great generosity and impulse of the Spanish soldiers, and allow them to return to the peninsula with the honors the American army do them the honor to acknowledge, as dutifully descended.

(Signed) JOSE TORAL, Commanding General for the Army Corps. To General Shafter, commanding American forces.

### PRESIDENT SENDS THANKS.

Washington, July 16.—The following messages were sent today: To General Shafter, Commander, Front, Near Santiago.—The president of the United States sends to you and your brave army the profound thanks of the American people for the brilliant achievements at Santiago, resulting in the surrender of the city and all of the troops and territory under General Toral. Your splendid command has endured not only the hardships and sacrifices incident to the campaign and battle, but in stress of heat and weather has triumphed over obstacles which would have overcome men less brave and determined. One and all have displayed the most conspicuous gallantry and earned the gratitude of the nation. The hearts of the people turn with tender sympathy to the sick and wounded.

Great Father of Mercy, protect and comfort them. (Signed) WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

### BLESSINGS FROM ALGER.

To Major General Shafter, Front, Near Santiago. I cannot express in words my gratitude to you and your heroic men. Your work has been well done. God bless you. (Signed) R. A. ALGER, Secretary of War.

### FOR PEACE.

London, July 17.—The Madrid correspondent of the Sunday Times says:

"Despite official denials and preparations for a continuation of fighting, I have the best authority for saying that peace is assured. It is beyond doubt that the main points have been agreed upon with the Washington authorities. It is understood Spain will evacuate Cuba, the Americans undertaking to transport the troops to Spain."

"Spain, through the Mexican minister, has represented to America that she is firmly decided on peace, at the same time explaining

the difficulties arising from the opposition of Cuban volunteers and Spain's total exhaustion through her enormous losses.

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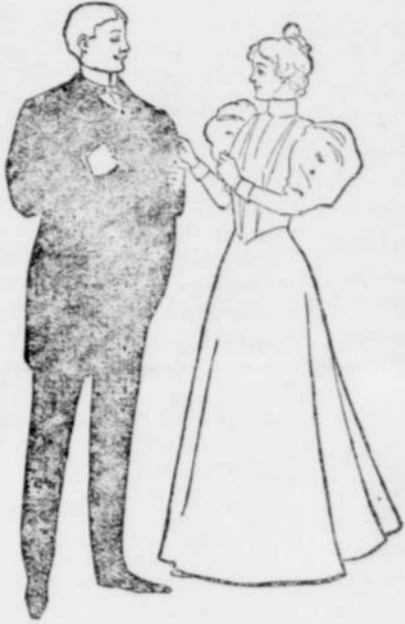
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