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SCRANTON, PA., THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 30, 1898.

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DECISIVE BATTLE EXPECTED TODAY

Shafter Will Strike Ere the Spaniards Are Reinforced.

Eight Thousand Spaniards, with Pack Trains, Are Coming Toward Santiago from Manzanillo, and It Is to Head These Off That the American Assault Will Be Made at Once—The Cuban Forces Apparently Have Been Unable to Check This Forward Move—Other Developments of a Day as Reported to the Authorities at Washington.

Washington, June 29.—The opinion prevails here that within a day or two at most General Shafter will have begun his attack upon the city of Santiago proper. The important event of the day was the general's announcement that he could take the city in forty-eight hours, but at considerable loss. Taken in connection with the announcement contained in another dispatch that he is going to attack without awaiting reinforcements, it will be seen that the officials have ground for their expectation that the first general engagement of the war will begin in a very short time.

and droves of animals, were advancing from Manzanillo and were 34 miles from Santiago. It has been known through reports from Lieutenant Joyce made to General Miles, that the Spaniards have 12,000 men at Manzanillo and 10,000 at Holguin, and every precaution has been taken to guard against their advance from either quarter. The official report today showed that 8,000 of these at Manzanillo had covered half the distance to Santiago, and it is the belief of military officials here that General Fajardo is making advances with 10,000 men from Holguin. These advances, now practically unopposed, are regarded as one of the most serious phases of the situation.

ENEMY SHOWS ABILITY. The military authorities here say that General Linates has shown great military tactics in slowly retreating during the last few days, as he has gradually drawn our troops away from the protection of the American ships in Santiago harbor. For this reason it is inferred here that Shafter succeeded in landing all of the heavy guns, including his siege train, for unless Sampson can be relied upon to force his way into the harbor and attack the Spanish ships these siege guns placed on heights commanding the bay will be the main reliance of General Shafter in any assault on the city. The Spanish force, undoubtedly Shafter is animated to attack as soon as possible by his knowledge of the approach of reinforcements for Linares from Manzanillo, for with this additional force, Shafter's position would be dangerous if not untenable, at least until he had received reinforcements.

There is the further element to which the military authorities are giving careful attention, that one man entrenched behind earth works, or in rifle pits, is worth three men in the open. It is said that the battles of Chancellorsville and Spotsylvania afforded the most direct proof of this point. It was announced at the war department by their reports 2,000 soldiers should be leaving Tampa today to join Shafter. They will be three or four days on the voyage and it is probable that the passage of the General Shafter refers to as likely to arrive too late for his action.

SPANISH REINFORCEMENTS. The war department received the first definite news today as to the approach of these Spanish reinforcements. This was in an official dispatch stating that 8,000 men, with pack trains,

operations, while the supply base may remain at Juraguá. Captain Wright obtained information on reconnaissance, which is believed to be reliable, to the effect that 2,000 Spanish troops have been sent to reinforce the garrison at Aguadores.

GROSVENOR FLAYS THE DEMOCRACY

Scores It for Its Course in Bringing on War and Then Trying to Tie the President's Hands—Lively Tilt in Congress.

Washington, June 29.—After sending the Indian and sundry civil bills back to conference, consideration of bills from the military affairs committee proceeded in the house today. Notable among the measures passed were those providing for the protection of the harbor defenses and fortifications against wanton and malicious injury, and giving the secretary of war discretion to permit any church or religious sect to erect its house of worship upon the West Point military reservation. The last named bill precipitated considerable discussion. It being framed at the instance of Catholic effort, but giving equal privileges to all churches. Mr. Allen, of Mississippi, criticizing and replying to a feature of General Grosvenor's Ohio convention speech, in which the latter referred to the minority as universally opposing war measures, caused Mr. Grosvenor to answer. He contended that his speech was justified by the facts, and, proceeding, declared he was no more amenable to criticism than were Democratic authorities. In this connection he read from a Washington newspaper a Democratic organ, he said, an editorial in line with his convention speech. It contained a severe arraignment of Democratic leadership, and Mr. Grosvenor created a sensation by declaring emphatically it was written by a Democratic member of the house. He refused to name the man.

ONE DAY'S WAR HISTORY.

GENERAL WHEELER denies that Roosevelt's Rough Riders and their colleagues in the battle of La Quintrala were ambushed. He says they made a deliberate attack under orders from him. CUBANS IN THE UNITED STATES are raising funds to send a relief expedition to Gomez, who is in dire want. STEAMSHIP COLUMBIA reaches Port Townsend, Wash., too late to save \$100,000 in duty on tea. GENERAL PANDO with 5,700 Spanish reinforcements is within four days' march of Santiago. ADMIRAL SAMPSON highly compliments General Garcia and the Cuban auxiliaries. GENERAL SHAFER is expected to attack Santiago within twenty-four hours. THE EGYPTIAN government refuses to permit Camara's fleet to coal at Port Said. COMMODORE WATSON'S squadron may start for Spain set this week. PEACE SENTIMENTS said to be growing in Spain.

ADMIRAL SAMPSON'S REPORT. His Impressions of General Garcia Are Very Favorable.

Washington, June 29.—The navy department today posted the following bulletin, giving a report from Admiral Sampson under date of June 22 of Santiago: On the morning of the 16th the batteries at the entrance of Santiago were subjected to a severe bombardment by the fleet. The firing was deliberate and in general most excellent. The batteries were quickly silenced. On the 18th the Texas, Marblehead and Suwanee destroyed the fort at Guantanamo. On the 19th the Mexican cruises Spanish gunboat of Centauros. On the 17th Lieutenant Harlow, with two steam launches, one under Cudde Powell and one under Cudde Hart, made an examination of Cabanas bay. The launches were subjected to a heavy and continued fire at short ranges, and were struck seven times, although no one was hurt. Lieutenant Harlow in his report particularly praises the conduct of Cadets Hart and Powell and Coxswains O'Donnell and Bloom. On the 19th General Garcia and his staff visited the flagship, having arrived that morning at General Bell's camp at Aguadores. My impressions of General Garcia are of the most pleasant character. He is a large, handsome man of most frank and engaging manners and of most soldierly appearance. The fleet has with my directions, furnished arms, clothing, and food to the Cuban forces, both east and west of Santiago. Great activity and courage has been shown by the Cubans at Guantanamo. General Merritt's report is most eulogistic in reference to their conduct.

GORDON STOOD NO SHOW WHATEVER

Jenks and Swoden Put Through at Adopting a Rush. Platform Dodges National Issues and Consists Solely of an Arraignment of Republican Administration in This State—Captain DeLacey Wins for Secretary of Internal Affairs—Convention Wild and Disorderly. Altoona, Pa., June 29.—The Democratic state convention today nominated the following ticket: Governor—George A. Jenks, of Jefferson county. Lieutenant Governor—William H. Swoden, of Lehigh. Secretary of Internal Affairs—P. DeLacey, of Lackawanna. Congress-at-Large—Jerry N. Weller, of Carbon, and P. P. Iams, of Allegheny. Superior Judge of the Peace—J. J. Keck, of Cumberland, and C. M. Bower, of Center. The convention was dominated by the friends of William J. Bryan, led by Colonel James M. Guffey, of Pittsburg. Notwithstanding this fact, an effort to insert a plank regarding the Chicago platform was defeated, the controlling influence in the convention preferring that the platform should relate entirely to state issues. John T. Brown was chairman of the Lackawanna delegation, which divided 45 for Jenks and 6 for Gordon. Luzerne voted 11 for Jenks and 4 for Gordon. Wyoming voted for Jenks and Wayne for Gordon. In Philadelphia Gordon received 45 votes to 19 for Jenks. PROCEEDINGS IN DETAIL. The convention lasted from noon to 11 o'clock tonight and was a decidedly lively gathering. At several stages of the proceedings it required the combined effort of a squad of police and the special constables to maintain order. Chairman Garman called the convention to order. P. A. O'Boyle, of Luzerne, was chosen temporary chairman and Matt Savage, of Clearfield, secretary. The afternoon session opened at 4 o'clock, but it was almost five when the convention settled down to business. The delay was caused by the wrangle in the resolutions committee over the platform. The delegates finally became tired of waiting for the report of the committee and proceeded to the special nominating candidates for governor. Before the speech-making closed the committee, through its chairman, ex-Congressman William H. Swoden, of Allentown, reported. The report was adopted after a most exciting contest due to the attempt of the free trade silverites to inject a silver plank. COMMITTEE REPORTS. The credentials committee reported in favor of the sitting delegates from the Fourth, Luzerne, Berks and the First, Eighth and Twenty-fifth Philadelphia districts, and recommended that Lycoming county be allowed seven delegates, there being eight on the roll. The report was unanimously adopted. The committee of Eastern, reported that the committee on permanent organization failed to agree on a chairman. Joseph Hawley, of Allegheny, and Levi McQuiston, of Butler, had been named and the ballot showed a tie. Michael J. Ryan, of Philadelphia, announced that he had nominated Hawley in the committee and now desired to withdraw his name in favor of McQuiston. The announcement was greeted with cheers and McQuiston was elected. He made a short speech, lauding the Republicans. NOMINATIONS BEGIN. W. J. Brennan, of Allegheny, moved to proceed with the nomination of candidates for governor. Several delegates protested against making nominations before a platform. Brennan's motion prevailed, and Major J. Miller, of Allegheny, presented Jenks' name. Mr. Miller eulogized Jenks and predicted his election. D. E. Portney, of Centre, and J. A. Wakefield, of Allegheny, seconded. Ex-Judge Krebs, of Clearfield, moved first gun for Gordon and was followed by Michael J. Ryan, of Philadelphia. Before a ballot was taken Mr. Swoden read the report of the resolutions committee which had been adopted in committee by a vote of 25 to 21 after a long hard fight. W. J. Breese, of Venango, submitted as a minority report a plank which the silverites desired should lead the platform. It read as follows: The Democratic party of the state of Pennsylvania, in convention assembled, declares its loyalty to the honored traditions of the Democracy and reaffirms its loyalty to the principles of the party as enunciated in the Chicago platform of 1860 and now embodied by that form of New Jersey. The delegates and readers were entertained at the Trenton Driving park. The business of the convention was purely routine, except for the introduction of a resolution opposing any Anglo-American alliance. The resolution was referred to the resolutions committee. The Turk Wins. Buffalo, N. Y., June 29.—Yonouff, the Turk, defeated Dennis Gallagher, a local wrestler, in two falls, catch-as-catch-can. In the presence of a fair sized crowd tonight. Time, 5:45 and 12:30. Arkansas Republican Ticket. Little Rock, Ark., June 29.—The Republican state convention today nominated a full state ticket headed by H. S. Auton, of Pulaski county, for governor. There is not a negro on the ticket.

THE HAWAIIAN RESOLUTION. Will Be Voted on Soon and Congress Will Adjourn.

Washington, June 29.—While no agreement has yet been reached as to when a vote will be taken in the senate on the Hawaiian annexation resolution there is a strong belief at the capitol that it will come before the end of next week—possibly by Wednesday or Thursday. With this implied understanding, the senators and representatives who are in charge of the appropriation bill will shape matters so that they will be out of the way within a few days. Senators White and Pettigrew, the most uncompromising opponents of annexation, are said to realize that action on the resolutions cannot be prevented this session, and they intimate it is useless to prolong a hopeless struggle, but Senator Jones, of Arkansas, and others on that side, are manifested as determined to continue the fight. If the Hawaiian question can be disposed of next week, it is thought that within twenty-four hours thereafter congress will adjourn. HOBSON IS WELL. He Cables to His Father Not to Feel Any Uneasiness. Birmingham, Ala., June 29.—The Age-Herald will print tomorrow a special dispatch from Greensboro, Ala., the home of Judge Hobson, father of the hero of the Merrimac, giving a cablegram received from his son at Santiago today. The cablegram reads: Santiago de Cuba, June 23. My health continues good. Feel no uneasiness about me.

WITHIN SOUND OF SPANISH SENTRIES

American Troops Continue Their Advance on Enemy's Works.

Thirteen Thousand Men Have Pushed Their Way Toward Santiago and Are Merely Waiting for the Arrival of the Heavy Artillery to Begin the Assault—Cubans Under Castillo Do Good Work on the Picket Lines—Aguadores to Be Attacked First—Rapid Work in Road Making.

(Copyright, 1888, by the Associated Press.) At the front, on the Rio Guama, second crossing, June 28, 4 p. m., via Port Antonio and Kingston, June 29.—The preparations for a general advance of the American troops on Santiago de Cuba are being pushed steadily forward and the troops of all branches of the service are being hurried to the front. General Kent's division, consisting of the brigades of General Hawkins, Colonel Pearson and Colonel Worth, has joined General Lawton's division, and with the cavalry division of General Wheeler and four batteries of light artillery, will now be strung out in the rear of General Lawton's division. The front still rests on the second crossing of the Rio Guama river, on the road to Santiago de Cuba, in the rear of the crest of the Sevilla hills and a mile and a half back. The delay in the general forward movement is due to the inability to get subsistence stores to the front rapidly enough. The advance, it is said, will not be ordered until every man has three days' rations in his knapsack. This, however, is impossible until the road is passable for wagon trains. The pack train can convey only one day's rations in a day. The work almost completed, and this afternoon the first wagon train of four six-mule teams will go through. In two or three days every man will have three days' rations in his knapsack, and then the army will move upon the enemy.

ARTILLERY TO BE USED. General Lawton will probably make a diversion with his artillery as soon as it is placed in position. Heavy rain this afternoon made it impossible to move today beyond General Wheeler's headquarters. But the roads will dry quickly, the guns will probably be brought up tomorrow and the intrenchments will be shelled by the artillery and Colonel Wood's dynamite guns. The dynamite will be more used by the artillery. The guns are 3.210 inches, and with scrap iron they are effective at 2,300 yards. The Cubans say the Spaniards are in deadly fear of dynamite, and General Lawton will see how he can certify them. Simultaneously with the bombardment, General Chaffee's brigade will move forward and occupy a position of vital importance in advance of our front. The military telegraph line has been completed as far as General Wheeler's headquarters, thus placing the front in direct communication with General Shafter, who still maintains his headquarters on board the Aqueduct, where he can keep in close touch with Rear Admiral Sampson. It is probable however, that he will establish his headquarters at Juraguá tomorrow or Thursday. CUBANS DO WELL. The troops belonging to General Lawton's command are kept ready to move in high marching order, while the reconnoitering parties are out. This precaution is considered necessary in order to avoid disaster in case the small parties of troops should collide with the Spaniards in force. But not a single skirmish has occurred. The Cubans under General Castillo are doing commendable work as advance pickets. They are thrown out day and night, from half a mile to a mile in advance of our pickets, along the front and flanks, thus forming a double cordun along the aqueduct. There are now more than 13,000 men at the front.

WATSON MAY GO YET THIS WEEK

His Vessels Are Nearly Ready to Put to Sea—To Have More Ships Than Intended Originally—Will Destroy Spain's Commerce and Visit Its Big Coast Cities.

Washington, June 29.—Commodore Watson may start for the coast of Spain with the Eastern Squadron before the close of the week. It is found that the delay is not to be so great as expected. The colliers which are to accompany the fleet are coaling at Newport News and are well filled already. The auxiliary cruisers are well supplied with coal, and they have been taking on additional coal from the colliers off Santiago. It was thought that there would be some delay on account of the necessity of scraping the bottoms of the USS Oregon, but that appears improbable. The Oregon was in prime condition when she started from the Pacific slope on her long journey around the Horn on March 22, and as she has been traveling pretty constantly ever since she has not become very fouled. The Iowa is not in such good condition, but divers have been at work on her for some time as she lay off Santiago. The Newark has just been put in first-class order. It is quite probable that Commodore Watson will take more than the originally intended number of colliers, and the Atlantic with him than was intended originally. The Brooklyn, it is likely, may be assigned to the squadron, and the auxiliary cruiser Prairie, which has just finished coaling at Tompkinsville and is on her way south, may join his squadron. It is possible that a third second squadron may be formed to go across later.

SPANIARDS HEAR A FAIRY TALE

Rumor That the Brooklyn Has Been Sunk and Commodore Schley and Twenty-Four Seamen Killed—Was Promptly Denied at Washington.

Kingston, Jamaica, June 29 (11 p. m.)—The Spanish consul here has received a cablegram from Santiago de Cuba asserting that the United States armored cruiser Brooklyn, has been sunk by a Spanish shell which sank the vessel and killed Commodore Schley and 24 seamen. The consul really believes the "news" and the Spaniards all over the city are drinking champagne and rejoicing. It has also been reported to the Spaniards on Santiago that an extensive mine has been laid with which to blow up half the American army if it enters the city. Washington, June 29.—At 1:15 this morning when officers on duty at the navy department were shown a copy of the above dispatch they expressed disbelief in the story. Not a word has been received from Admiral Sampson, they said, since the night of the 23d. The officers regard it as certain that had anything of the kind recounted in the dispatch happened, the admiral would immediately have informed the department.

AGUADO'S GOOD WORK.

It Is Officially Commended in a Dispatch by Dewey.

Washington, June 29.—The navy department today made public the following cablegram from Admiral Dewey, brought by the McCulloch from Hong Kong and though undated, supposed to have been sent from Cavite June 23: No change in the situation since my telegram of June 15.—Five German, three British, one French and one Japanese men of war in port. The insurgents are constantly closing in on Cavite. Aguinaldo has been ordered to take up his headquarters on the Naushan. He established himself on Cavite outside of the arsenal under the protection of our guns and organized his army. The progress of Aguinaldo has been wonderful. He has invariably conducted the war humanely. My relations with him are cordial and my conferences have generally been only of a personal nature.

SHARKEY WINS IN ONE ROUND

Rubin Stands No Show Whatever Before the Final-Liste Bout of the Sailor Pugilist—Winner Wants to Fight the Champion.

New York, June 29.—Tom Sharkey, the sailor pugilist of California, knocked out Gus Rubin, the champion, in less than one round tonight before the Greater New York Athletic club at Coney Island. Rubin's defeat was accomplished in exactly two minutes and seventeen seconds, and as soon as the referee had declared Sharkey the winner, the sailor ran across the ring and shook hands with Rubin, who had been carried to his corner. Rubin was still in a groggy condition when Sharkey grasped his gloved hand, and was unable to reply to his conqueror's remarks, which were uttered in an apologetic tone. Sharkey then rushed to the ringside and, leaning on the ropes, shouted: "I am now ready to meet Fitzsimmons, Corbett, McCoy or any other man for the heavyweight championship of the world." As soon as he had delivered this brief speech, Sharkey's second took hold of him and pulled off his gloves. Meanwhile the crowd kept surging towards the ring and Sharkey was cheered as he walked through the mass of people on his way to his dressing room. Rubin came to his dressing room and was able to walk to his dressing room without assistance. The story of the fight, if it can be called such, is easily told. Rubin was

MORE SHIPS READY.

Minneapolis and Cincinnati Will Soon Be on Duty Again.

Norfolk, Va., June 29.—The work on the condensers and boiler tubes of the cruiser Minneapolis is about completed, and it is expected that she will sail South in a few days. The work on the Cincinnati is being rushed, and it is stated that she will be ready to sail by next Saturday. Snegerbund Elects Officers. Lancaster, Pa., June 29.—At the biennial session of the State Snegerbund today the following officers were elected: President, Charles J. Sand; recording secretary, William B. Graf; financial secretary, Paul H. Treaster; Henry Wolf, of Lancaster; executive committee, William Laender and Philip Klingman; Reading; Herman Phillips; Allentown; Christian Buechler; Williamsport; Jacob Shibuschaer; Lancaster. The next snegerfest will be held at a place to be announced by the chairman of the executive committee. Santiago's Water Supply. (Copyright, 1888, by the Associated Press.) Siboney, June 29, via Kingston, June 29.—It is reported here tonight, on apparently good authority that the water supply of Santiago de Cuba has been cut off.

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WANTS TO HEAR FROM BLANCO

Cabinet at Madrid Commands Him to Send at Once His Plans of Resistance—Peace Sentiment Growing.

Madrid, June 29.—The cabinet council held yesterday instructed the minister of war to telegraph to Captain General Blanco at Havana, requesting him to submit to the government his plans of campaign and the prospects thereof, at the same time sending him a copy of the information received in preparing the information requested for. General Blanco was ordered to reply immediately. The belief is gaining ground here that the peace party is prevailing at Madrid. CAMARA CANNOT COAL. Nevertheless the Madrid Government Says He Will Go Right On. Cairo, Egypt, June 29.—Admiral Camara has asked permission to coal his fleet at Port Said, but the Egyptian government, believing the Spanish ships have sufficient coal to steam them to the nearest port of their own country, has definitely refused his request in accordance with the neutrality laws. Madrid, June 29.—Carreo, minister of war, says Camara has begun the passage of the Suez canal. TO CELEBRATE THE FOURTH. Baltimore, June 29, via Playa Del Este, June 29.—The soldiers here to celebrate the Fourth of July in Santiago and many of the officers believe the day a good one to burn powder for more than usual reasons. IBERIAN PRIDE. Trenton, N. J., June 29.—The Ancient Order of Hibernians here met in session today and then adjourned to take part in the parade which included about 5,000 members of the order, principally from New Jersey. The grand march leaders were entertained at the Trenton Driving park. The business of the convention was purely routine, except for the introduction of a resolution opposing any Anglo-American alliance. The resolution was referred to the resolutions committee. The Turk Wins. Buffalo, N. Y., June 29.—Yonouff, the Turk, defeated Dennis Gallagher, a local wrestler, in two falls, catch-as-catch-can. In the presence of a fair sized crowd tonight. Time, 5:45 and 12:30. Arkansas Republican Ticket. Little Rock, Ark., June 29.—The Republican state convention today nominated a full state ticket headed by H. S. Auton, of Pulaski county, for governor. There is not a negro on the ticket.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

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GOOD TIMES EVIDENCED.

Philadelphia, June 29.—Not showing as much of the sun as he has for the five months ended May 31 shows an increase of \$57,700. ARRANGE TO BE MISSING. Montreal, June 29.—Lieutenant Carroza, the chief of the Roumain bureau in this city, has been missing since Monday. WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, June 29.—Forecast for Thursday: Fair, warmer; northerly winds, becoming southerly; westerly. New York, June 29.—(Herald's forecast) In the middle states and New England, today, clear, warm; or weather will prevail with light winds, increasing in force, followed in this section by sunny conditions and a warm day.