

CONTINUATION OF PEACE TALK

It Is Believed That Negotiations Toward Settlement Are at Hand.

The Spanish Within the Lines of the City of Santiago Are in a Desperate Plight—The State Department Does Not Believe That Spain Will Risk Her Remnant of a Navy Within Reach of Commodore Watson—Probable Disposal of Cervera—The Privateers.

Washington, July 8.—There was a continuation of peace talk today and other evidences in this line than those of yesterday are coming to the surface. Such, for instance, was the confirmation by the state department of the report that the Cadiz fleet was returning to Spain, since it is scarcely conceivable that the Spanish government would doom this last remnant of their fleet to destruction at the hands of Watson's squadron, which in all probability could head it off before it reached Cadiz, its home port.

Conditions at Santiago are also regarded as favorable just now, according to General Shafter's dispatch received during the forenoon. Nothing more came from him during the day, but the impression prevails that the Spanish are in a desperate plight within the lines of the city and General Shafter's action in allowing Linares to communicate freely with Madrid is an implication that there is at least a reasonable hope that the Spanish general contemplates a surrender.

TIMID SHIP OWNERS. The greatest difficulty that has been encountered is in the landing of troops and supplies. This being the hurricane season and the wind settling straight on the southern coast, the masters of the transports have become alarmed and taken their ships many miles out to sea, necessitating long journeys by the ships' boats which make their landings through the surf with the greatest difficulty and danger.

DISPOSAL OF CERVERA. The government has not yet determined how to dispose of Admiral Cervera. A feeling of the highest admiration prevails here at the gallantry displayed by the old warrior and the noble spirit exhibited by him under misfortune.

THE PRIVATEER. The report of the appearance of a Spanish privateer off the coast of British Columbia, which appears to have created such a commotion on the northwestern coast, came from one of the government agents in that section of the world.

MEAT FOR THE SAILORS. The Supply Leaves League Island for Cuban Waters. Philadelphia, July 8.—The United States steamship Supply, under command of Lieutenant Commander Royal R. Ingalls, left League Island today for Cuba.

WAR HISTORY OF A DAY. BOTH BRANCHES of congress adjourn sine die at 2 o'clock p. m. SPANISH SQUADRON under Admiral Cervera returned to Spain and prepared to re-enter the canal on its way back to Spain.

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MORE TROOPS FOR CUBA.

Cruisers Yale and Columbia Sail at Daybreak with Reinforcements. Charleston, S. C., July 8.—The cruisers Yale and Columbia with the Sixth Massachusetts and one battalion of the Sixth Illinois aboard, tonight lie off the lightship at the entrance of the harbor and probably will sail before daybreak for Cuba. The embarkation of the troops began at midday. They were marched to the wharf where the steamers Commodore Perry and Planter were in waiting.

TRIBUTE TO OUR NAVY.

London Papers Believe We Could Clean Out France and Germany. London, July 8.—Most of the weekly papers think the moment opportune for Spain to sue for peace and they advise her to do so.

THE SPECTATOR has, however, little faith in talk of peace and does not believe Spain will make peace until literally compelled. It thinks the Americans' terms will be too hard to tempt Spain to abandon their ideas.

LIGHTERS LOST. Eleven Small Vessels Swamped While En Route for Santiago. Washington, July 8.—The war department was advised tonight that during a severe storm off the coast of Cuba, eleven lighters en route to Santiago in tow of tugs were swamped and lost.

SANTIAGO SITUATION. Another Demand is Made for a Surrender. Madrid, July 8.—The cabinet council this evening considered the questions of new cables and of military matters necessary in view of an American attack upon Spanish ports.

SPANISH CONSUL'S NEWS. Discovers That Philippine Insurgents Have Revolted Against Americans. Madrid, July 8.—The Spanish consul at Hong Kong cables that the insurgents at Cavite, Manila bay, have revolted against the Americans.

CONGRESS APPROPRIATIONS. Washington, July 8.—Chairman Cannon, of the house committee on appropriations, today gave out an official statement of the appropriations made during this session of congress.

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HOBSON TELLS HIS STORY

Thrilling Account of the Sinking of the Merrimac.

UNDER A RAIN OF SHELLS

Their Marvelous Escape from Death.

The Lives of the Men Undoubtedly Saved by Keeping Close to the Deck of the Sinking Ship—The Spanish Soldiers Fire Across the Channel and Kill Each Other.

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Off Santiago de Cuba, July 7, by the Associated Press dispatch boat Dauntless, via Port Antonio and Kingston, July 8.—(9.15 a. m.)—The return of Assistant Naval Constructor Richmond P. Hobson, of Merrimac fame, to his ship, the flagship New York, last night, was marked by wild enthusiasm. It was dark when a shout was passed along the ship that Hobson was coming.

Behold Hobson came Colonel John Jacob Astor and the first thing Hobson tried to do was to induce him to go with the officers, but Colonel Astor got lost in the crowd which surged around insisting upon shaking Hobson's hand.

DID NOT MISS THE ENTRANCE. "I did not miss the entrance to the harbor," he said, "as Ensign Powell in the launch supposed. I headed east until I got my bearings and then made for it, straight in. Then came the firing."

AWFUL RAIN OF SHELLS. "Not a man must move," I said, and it was only owing to the splendid discipline of the men that we all were not killed as the shells rained over us.

PRIVATEER IN THE PACIFIC. Mysterious Dispatch from Consul Smith of British Columbia. Victoria, B. C., July 8.—United States Consul Smith notified the state department at Washington that the pilot Westcott, which has been engaged to take the steamer Alpha north, has abandoned the engagement.

STRIKE AT DUNBAR. Dunbar, Pa., July 8.—The employees of Semet Solvay company at this place came out on strike today. The men notified the company last week that unless an advance of 25 per cent. was given in all departments, the plant would be shut down.

MINERS' STRIKE BROKEN. Sharon, Pa., July 8.—The strike of the coal miners in Mercer and Butler counties has been broken.

PENNSYLVANIA PENSIONS. Washington, July 8.—The following Pennsylvania pensions have been issued: Increase—Rodney Brewer, North Arnold, Bradford, \$5 to \$7. Release and increase—Henry L. Mingle, Green's Landing, Bradford, \$5 to \$7. Original widows, etc.—Mary E. Caswell, Scranton, \$5.

FANNY DAVENPORT III. Kingston, Mass., July 8.—Miss Fannie Davenport, the well known actress, who has been seriously ill for some time at her summer home in Dixbury, is very low today and much anxiety is entertained.

AT MORRO CASTLE. "Then we were put in cells in Morro castle. It was a grand sight a few days later to see the bombardment, the shells striking and bursting around El Morro. Then we were taken into Santiago. I had the court-martial room in the barracks. My men were kept prisoners in the hospital. From my window I could see the army moving and it was terrible to see those poor lads moving across the open and being shot down by the Spaniards in the rifle pits in front of me.

HUNGRY REFUGEES. A Large Drain on General Shafter's Food Supply. Washington, July 8.—Lively interest is taken by the war department officials in the reports regarding the large number of refugees who have fled in panic from Santiago to avoid the horrors of war.

PEACE PARTY GAINING GROUND. London, July 8.—A special dispatch from Madrid says: "There are numerous evidences that the peace party is greatly strengthened. Madrid is tranquil and the expected disturbances have not occurred."

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