

SPANISH GENERAL BEGINS TO HEDGE

Offers to Yield City, Arms and Eastern Part of Cuba.

The American Ultimatum Still Is That He Must Surrender Absolutely and If He Does Not Comply by Noon Today Shafter Will Open Every Gun on Land and Sea Upon the Invested City—If Toral Yields His Army Will Be Transported Safely Home.

Washington, July 13.—The war department today gave out the following from General Shafter:

Headquarters near Santiago de Cuba, July 13.—Adjutant General, Washington: Your telegram saying no modification of orders allowed just received. I have had an interview with Toral and a half with General Toral and have extended truce until noon tomorrow; told him that his surrender only if he is not to be taken to the city without hope of escape and had no right to continue the fight. I think it made a strong impression on him and hope for his surrender; if he refuses I will open on him at 12 noon tomorrow with every gun and will have the assistance of the navy who are ready to bombard the city with 13-inch shells. (Signed) Shafter.

Earlier in the day Secretary Alger had received the following dispatch from General Miles:

Playa del Este, July 13.—Secretary of War: At a meeting between the Duke of Sutherland and General Shafter and General Wheeler and Spanish General Toral were present the latter claimed that he is unable to act without authority of his government but has received authority to withdraw and surrender harbor ports, munitions of war and eastern portion of Cuba. He urgently requests until tomorrow noon to receive answer from his government regarding offer of our government to send his forces to Spain, which was granted. (Signed) Miles. Major General Commanding.

On the bulletin giving Miles' dispatch was written underneath the dispatch the following:

Permission to withdraw was declined by war department. (Signed) R. A. A. Madrid, July 13.—On leaving the cabinet council tonight Lieutenant General Correa, minister of war, said there was nothing in the telegraph dispatches to confirm the rumors that Santiago de Cuba had capitulated to the Americans.

Captain Anon, minister of marine, confirmed the report that Commodore Watson's squadron is now en route for Spain. He added that Admiral Camara's fleet would find a secure port.

Duke Almodovar de Rio, minister of foreign affairs, reiterated the statement that no negotiations for peace have taken place. He said that General Blanco had again wired General Toral, commander of the Spanish forces at Santiago, to resist the Americans. The latest news received by the Spanish government from Santiago de Cuba is that it is "making a heroic defense."

MILES ASSUMES COMMAND. (Copyright, 1898, by the Associated Press.) Playa del Este, Guantanamo Bay, July 13.—Major General Miles today assumed command of the army around Santiago, and the future movements of the United States troops will be directed by him in person.

The armistice which had been declared, pending negotiations for the surrender of the Spanish forces, will expire at noon (Thursday) and, unless the demand of the Americans are acceded to by that time, a general attack will be made, the fleet bombarding the city from outside the harbor. It is believed, however, that tomorrow morning—and perhaps before then—a white flag will be flying from the fortifications.

The terms of surrender insisted upon by the American commander take in not only the beleaguered Spaniards in Santiago, but the whole province of Santiago de Cuba, including the cities of Manzanillo, Holguin, Guantanamo and Baracoa.

The United States, on its part, agrees to send the Spanish troops back to Spain and to allow their officers their side arms. No other concessions will be granted.

THE CRISIS AT HAND. Washington, July 14.—Among the best informed administration officials the opinion is universal tonight that the crisis of the Santiago campaign is at hand.

It is deemed certain that today will witness either a desperate fight or an unconditional surrender on the part of the Spanish forces, with the chances of both so evenly divided that there is scarcely a toss-up between them.

The war officials are hoping for a surrender of the city and they generally believe that General Toral, the Spanish commander, will yield at the last moment rather than subject his men to what inevitably will be a losing fight. He is evidently hesitating as to what course he shall pursue and, as Adjutant General Corbin, commenting upon the situation tonight, said: "The soldier who hesitates is doomed."

Up to 12:30 o'clock tonight not a word of information that would throw any light upon the situation at Santiago had been received by the war department. Both Secretary Alger and Adjutant General Corbin expressed the opinion that nothing tangible would be received before today, perhaps not until after noon.

General Shafter's command is now in excellent condition and spirits. Strong re-enforcements have arrived and are at the front.

The original force under Shafter's command numbered 16,000 men. Since July 1 the corps has been reinforced by troops which eliminating 3,000 killed, wounded and sick, leaves under his command an available fighting force of 21,875 men.

YELLOW FEVER AT SANTIAGO. Official Statement Shows There Is Small Cause for Alarm. Washington, July 13.—The war department this afternoon made public the following statement concerning the conditions of things in the hospitals near Santiago:

On the 11th of July a telegram was received from Lieutenant Colonel Pope, chief surgeon of Shafter's army, informing the surgeon general that there were fourteen cases of yellow fever in the field hospital established for the purpose of the care of such cases. Since that time information has been received that a number of additional cases have occurred. Every effort will be made to arrest the progress of the disease by the establishment of isolation hospitals in which the sick will be treated by immune surgeons and cared for by immune nurses.

WAITING FOR WAR NEWS. President and Part of Cabinet Sat Up Until Midnight. Washington, July 13.—Secretary Alger and Secretary Wilson remained at the White House until nearly 12 o'clock waiting dispatches from the front, but none were received. Early in the evening Secretary Bliss also was at the White House. The situation as affected by the outbreak of yellow fever was discussed at some length.

The president is greatly concerned, as is the secretary of war, but assurances have been received that the medical corps is fully able to cope with the disease. There was a rumor aloft tonight that General Duffield was one of the victims of yellow fever, but no official information on this subject was obtainable.

INCENDIARY PROJECTILES. Spain Has at Last Discovered Why Our Ships Were Bombed. Madrid, July 13.—The newspapers here publish a statement to the effect that the Spanish minister of marine has discovered that the Americans use incendiary projectiles, thus explaining the burning of the Spanish ships at Cavite and Santiago de Cuba.

OUR TERMS INADMISSIBLE. Sagasta Doesn't Relish the American Conception of Peace. Madrid, July 13.—Senator Sagasta, the premier, declares that the peace propositions attributed to President McKinley are inadmissible.

SPANISH SPIES AFLOAT. Before Embarking, Lieutenant Carranza Dropped a False Bomb. Montreal, July 13.—Messrs. du Bose and Carranza sailed today on the Dominion line steamer Orléans. With them went a petty officer and two sailors of the steamer Fanama, captured at the beginning of the war.

First Ohio Off for Tampa. Chickamauga, Tenn., July 13.—The First Ohio cavalry broke camp at an early hour this morning and started on its journey to Tampa. The regiment marched eight miles to Blingold, Ga., where trains were boarded. No moving order for other regiments have yet been received.

Sick and Wounded Soldiers. Newport News, Va., July 13.—The steamer City of Washington arrived at Old Point today from Santiago with sick and wounded soldiers.

SENATOR HOAR ON OUR HONOR.

His Address at Worcester Secured Professor Norton, of Harvard. Worcester, Mass., July 13.—The sixth annual session of the Clark University Summer school was opened today with an address by Senator Hoar on "Americanism and American Honor."

The senator spoke at length on the quality of American character and the necessity of the reconciliation of the north and the south by the war, and the sympathy for the United States from England and gratification over the closer bonds of union with the mother country. He said, in part:

In strange contrast with these tokens of respect, are a few discordant and jarring notes which are heard at home. I see that Professor Norton, of Harvard, is quoted as telling the youth of the university that "it is characteristic of the American people to be trifling. They have acquired a varnish of civilization, but their nature is not bettered."

Poor Professor Norton, color-blind and music-deaf. At this day when the north and south are coming together when Mother Earth is not best known by her daughter and to love her again, he says that it is characteristic of the American people to be trifling and that he should be proud of his countrymen.

"Heaven knows that I do not say this from any desire to inflict pain. But it is due to the youth of the country. It is due to Harvard that somebody shall say this; if such utterances are uncorrected from our foremost university, manhood and courage and honor will follow athletics to Yale, or will follow classical learning to the English Cambridge."

BRVAN READY FOR DUTY. The Political Colonel Makes a Characteristic Stage Play. Washington, July 13.—Adjutant General Corbin tonight received the following telegram from Hon. William Jennings Bryan:

Cornwall, Neb., July 13, 1898. Adjutant General, United States Army, Washington: I have the honor to report that I was mustered into the service today and await orders. The command will be uniformed, equipped and ready to move within a few days. I am being sent to the efficiency of Lieutenant Duff, mustering officer, and Lieutenant Morgan, acting quartermaster. Colonel Third Regiment, Nebraska Volunteers.

As soon as Colonel Bryan's regiment is ready to move, it will be ordered to join Major General Fitzhugh Lee's corps—the Seventh—on the east coast of Florida.

REPUBLICAN LEAGUE CONVENTION. Isador Sobel, of Erie, Making Lively Campaign for Presidency. Omaha, Neb., July 13.—The National League of Republican clubs convened here this morning and listened to addresses of welcome and to the annual address of President Crawford. A telegram of congratulation was sent to President McKinley.

The campaign for the office of president is engrossing most of the attention. The Pennsylvania delegates are energetically pushing the claims of their candidate, Isador Sobel, of Erie. They say every hour adds to his strength and confidently assert that he will be elected Friday, E. N. Dingley, of Kalamazoo, Mich., son of Congressman Dingley, of Erie, Pa., and J. Cookman Boyd, of Maryland, are also making a strong canvass for the position.

NEXT INSTALMENT FOR MANILA. Fifth Expedition Will Not Sail a Week from Saturday. San Francisco, July 13.—Everything is in readiness for the departure of the transports Peru and Pueblo on Friday, and General Otis is now awaiting the arrival of documentary instructions as to the establishing of a garrison for the troops to be sent to Honolulu and for instructions as to the annexation ceremonies. Troops for the two vessels, the Peru and the Pueblo, have been ordered to break camp at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

BEHEADED BY A TRAIN. The Frightful Fate of a Woman at a Western Summer Resort. Milwaukee, Wis., July 13.—Mrs. Seligmann Schloss, wife of a retired merchant of Detroit, met with a horrible death today at Okonko station, a summer resort about 40 miles from this city. She started from her summer cottage to take the train for Milwaukee.

Wormy Greedy by Citizens. San Francisco, July 13.—Three companies of the First New York regiment arrived here today and were met at the ferry landing by a reception committee composed of former residents of New York. The soldiers were given a fine reception and were breakfasted before taking up the march to Camp Merritt.

Hospital Ship Sails. Washington, July 13.—Information was received tonight at the war department that the hospital ship Seneca, sailed this afternoon from Playa del Este, Cuba, for Fort Monroe. She had on board all the remaining wounded American officers and men and 200 Spanish soldiers who can be removed with safety at this time.

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BLANCO TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE

When He Heard of the Destruction of Cervera's Fleet. Key West, Fla., July 13.—According to advices from Havana received here today, Governor General Blanco attempted to commit suicide when he learned beyond doubt that Admiral Cervera's squadron had been annihilated. Long before the Spanish admiral's gallant dash out of Santiago harbor all Havana had been boasting of his ability to outwit the Americans and, when misleading dispatches gave the impression that he had eluded the American fleet, the demonstrations of joy in the Cuban capital partook of the nature of a festival.

When the true story of the defeat came it was discredited until definite confirmation from Madrid no longer left room for hope. Gloom settled upon the city, all gaieties were stopped and every public and many private buildings were hung with crepe and other black draperies. Blanco was in his palace when the intelligence reached him and he became also frenzied.

BLANCO'S CHAGRIN. He was closeted with his staff and General Arolas, of the Spanish forces, discussing the news, when he made the attempt on his life. After a struggle he was subdued and disarmed, but the shock was so severe that he was prostrated and compelled to keep to his bed for several days. When he arose his first order was to prohibit any food supplies leaving Havana for interior towns where the distress is most poignant and where many are starving daily.

This and other valuable information was brought by Joseph Pauline Blanco, who indignantly repudiated a suggestion of kinship with the governor general. He says he is a loyal Cuban and that he would gladly see the Spaniards fighting against his cause, as every man in the island who is able to bear arms is being pressed into the Spanish service. He obtained a fisherman's permit to go outside Morro and at 6 o'clock Monday morning put off in a small boat.

CONDITIONS IN HAVANA. The United States gunboat Hancock was stationed in the bay on July 13. He roved to her the Cujamar battery east of Havana firing two shots at him when he was observed passing beyond the prescribed limits. The Hancock transferred him to another vessel and the great indignation of the Spaniards was brought her to another vessel and the great indignation of the Spaniards was brought her to another vessel.

Blanco says the living conditions in Havana are constantly growing worse, the greatest complaint being the falling of the Cubans, because of the lack of food is seized for the troops. Of these there are about 70,000 in the city, consisting of volunteers, mobilized troops, militia and regulars. Their rations are largely rice and beans without beef, pork or mutton. Blanco says, sell for 30 cents a pound, bread of poor quality for 50 cents, lard \$1.00, rice 75 cents, cornmeal 25 cents and meat 50 cents. Shark food is even eagerly sought and the day before Blanco left the city thirty sharks caught in Havana harbor sold for \$12.50.

STARVATION COMMON. Those of the reconcentrados who have sufficient influence with the dispensing authorities sometimes contrive to get one wretched meal a day, but the others starve, and it is no uncommon thing, says Blanco, to see persons drop dead in the streets. Even among the reconcentrados a lot of rapidly appearing their loyalty and large numbers of men are banding themselves together, awaiting the first attack on Havana as a signal for revolt. The grocery and provisions stores are empty and the only articles on the Havana wharves are coffee, sugar, molasses, liquor to be had cheaply. Work on the defenses, he says, continues with tireless vigor.

WHO PADDED THIS BILL? Jobbery Indicated in a Recent State Printing Contract. Harrisburg, July 13.—Ex-State Printer Busch has submitted to Auditor General McCauley a bill of \$16,000 for printing and binding the annual report of the Pennsylvania State College for 1896. The report contains a lot of extraneous matter and the auditor general will not be in a hurry to pay the bill.

When Governor Hastings' attention was called to the publication he directed that payment be withheld until he could ascertain who was responsible for the irrelevant matter. In reply to an inquiry from the governor Dr. George W. Atherton, president of the college, stated that the objectionable matter was inserted without his knowledge or consent.

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KENNEY KNEW BOGGS' GUILT.

And Knowing It, Tried to Pull Him Out of the Hole. Wilmington, Del., July 13.—The third day in the trial of United States Senator Kenney, of Delaware, charged with aiding and abetting the self-confessed defaulter, teller of the First National bank in Dover, William N. Boggs in defrauding that institution of over \$100,000, opened today with further testimony relating to Senator Kenney's individual account with the First National bank. It was shown that his account was frequently overdrawn from \$100 to \$3,000 but subsequently made good by deposits.

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NOTABLE VICTORY IS WON BY DEWEY

Captures Isla Grande and Thirteen Hundred Spanish Prisoners.

The German Man-of-War Irene Had Tried to Prevent the Insurgents from Interfering with the Spaniards, but When the Raleigh and Concord Appeared on the Scene It Concluded It Was Time to Depart—Extent and Significance of This Capture.

Washington, July 13.—The navy department has received from Admiral Dewey the following dispatch:

Aguinaldo informs me his troops have taken all of Subig except Isla Grande, which he was prevented from taking by German man-of-war Irene. On July 13 the Raleigh and Concord went there; they took the island and about 1,300 men with arms and ammunition. No resistance. The Irene retired from the bay on their arrival.

I shall send the Boston to Cape Engano about July 16 to meet second army detachment. It is not practicable to send to Guam. No transport vessels available. (Signed) Dewey.

Hong Kong, July 13.—Letters received here from Cavite under date of July 9 say that while the Spanish steamer Filipinas was hiding in the river near Subig, the crew mutinied and killed the officers. They then handed the steamer over to the insurgents who armed the vessel and despatched it to Subig for the purpose of making an attack on Grande Island.

Continuing the letters confirm the story told at Manila in regard to the action of the German warship Irene and the steps taken by Admiral Dewey to prevent German interference with the insurgents, adding that the Spanish prisoners, in spite of their protest, were handed over to the insurgents with the captured arms and ammunition.

The Germans, it appears, fraternized with the Spaniards and German officers are often seen in the Spanish trenches.

Dewey is reported to have broken out among the American troops.

HOW IT HAPPENED. Manila, July 10, via Hong Kong, July 13.—The American navy, under Admiral Dewey, has won another important victory in the capture of Grande Island in Subig Bay, Island of Luzon, and also the chief harbor of the Philippines.

Chief Aguinaldo, on July 6, informed Admiral Dewey that the insurgents had full possession of Subig Bay, with the exception of the large island controlling the entrance. A strong Spanish garrison occupied the island, he said, and he was unable to take it.

Admiral Dewey early on the next day, July 7, despatched the cruiser Raleigh and the gunboat Concord with emphatic orders to Captain J. B. Coghlan to take the island, thinking the garrison. As soon as the cruisers arrived they shelled the principal points of the island, utterly destroying the earth works and other fortifications, and laying the torpedo station in ruins.

Captain Coghlan then sent out a launch with a message to the garrison demanding surrender. There was no response and the Raleigh finally sent a six-inch shell through the commanders' house. The white flag was instantly run up on the ruins of the earthworks.

SURRENDERED. Captain Coghlan sent Lieutenant Dodman, of the Raleigh, and Ensign Knepfers, of the Concord, with a landing party to demand absolute surrender. The Spanish colonel realized his hopeless position, made submission and gave up his sword. The 1,300 men comprising the garrison were taken from them. Forty thousand rounds of ammunition and one Hotchkiss gun were also captured.

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