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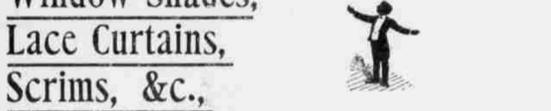
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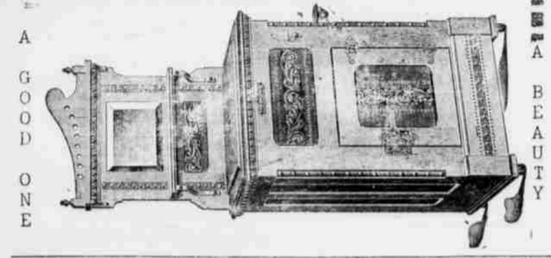


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**AMERICAN ARMY IS NEAR MORRO CASTLE**

Gen. Shafter's Forces But Seven Miles From that Fort, and the Spanish Forces in Full Retreat Toward the City.

Special to EVENING HERALD.

Off Juragua, June 24.—General Shafter's forces are having a triumphant march over Cuban soil and is pushing onward without the slightest opposition.

The American army is now within seven miles of Morro Castle, near Santiago, and the Spanish forces are in full retreat toward the city, where they no doubt hope to gain some protection on combining forces with the marine's of Admiral Cervera's fleet, and with the aid of the Admiral's fleet anchored in the bay.

Great enthusiasm prevails among the American troops, who are full of fight and seem rather piqued that the enemy has not made some pretext towards a stand.

The fall of Santiago, under existing circumstances, seems to be but a few hours off, although it is conceded by the American officers in command that the Spaniards, when finally driven into the city of Santiago, will make a fight to death that will cause losses to both sides.

Extra vigilance is being exercised to avoid any trap the Spaniards may have arranged in connection with the retreat.

**Spanish Burned Baiquiri.**

Playa del Este, Guantanamo Bay, June 24.—The landing of the United States troops from the transports began at Baiquiri from pier, 12 miles east of the City of Santiago, at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. Simultaneously the American fleet made a diversion towards Morro Castle and westward. However secretly the plans were kept, the Spaniards seemingly had full warning of the hour and place for the landing of the troops. The transports and their convoys assembled off shore during the night, but before dawn the houses of the village were fired, proving that Captain General Blanco's standing orders, always to burn a place before deserting it, were being faithfully executed.

With wonderful fatuity they burned the cottages, house and factory of the iron company, but left its pier, vital to the United States authorities directing the landing, standing and uninjured. During the conflagration ashore there were several loud explosions, either from dynamite or ammunition left behind by the Spaniards. Daylight showed the Spanish flag hauled down, and gathered in a circle of about six miles, were 30 American transports, wallowing in the heavy sea.

The landing of troops was completed without any casualties save one Cuban soldier, who had his arm injured by the bursting of a shell. The troops of Garcia and Rabi, about 5,700 in number, met the American forces with enthusiastic greetings. The Cubans were well armed and well disciplined, and General Garcia is confident that his forces will be swelled to 10,000 men as soon as Santiago falls. About the only need among the Cubans is shoes and quinine.

A few hours before the landing was begun the Vesuvius stole up under the eastern hills of Santiago harbor and landed three gun cotton shells in the neighborhood of the eastern battery. Three loud reports, three sharp flashes and clouds of earth and smoke marked their fall. It is believed that one shell did damage to the emplacements. The western battery fired two futile shots after the Vesuvius.

**HOBBSON REPORTED IN CITY OF SANTIAGO.**

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Washington, June 24.—The Navy department heard from Admiral Sampson this morning. He writes that from a flag of truce it was learned that Lieut. Hobson and his comrades of the Merrimack are all well. They are confined in the City of Santiago, four miles from Morro Castle. With this positive information in his hands, naval officials believe that the bombardment of Morro Castle, at the entrance to the harbor, will be no longer delayed. This information sets at rest the wild stories about Hobson being held at Morro to save the bombardment of that fort by the Americans.

Now that the landing of the troops is off his hands and the presence of all his ships at Santiago is no longer imperative, Admiral Sampson has decided to devote attention to blockade runners. He has received information that a number of vessels have left this port late, and have succeeded in running supplies into Hatabano and other southwestern harbors. These supplies have been forwarded to Havana by railroad, and to prevent the continuance of the traffic several ships will be detached from the Santiago fleet and detailed to patrol the waters in the vicinity of the Isle of Pines.

It is learned that Cervera's torpedo-boat destroyers are disabled, one by the shells of the American ships and the other is sadly in need of repairs. The sinking of the Reina Mercedes by a shot from the Massachusetts during the first bombardment of Santiago is confirmed, and all of the ships are in need of coal. The Vizcaya and Cristobal Colon have taken up a position near the entrance of the harbor. The Spanish soldiers and sailors at Santiago are on short rations, and could not hold out much longer.

**ADMIRAL CAMARA GOING TO MANILA.**

Special to EVENING HERALD.

Madrid, June 24.—Prime Minister Sagasta announced in the Cortes that Admiral Camara's Cadiz squadron was bound for the Philippine Islands. The government confirms the statement that Captain-General Augusti's family are prisoners in the hands of the Philippine insurgents.

The rumor that sailors and marines had been landed from European warships at Manila is not credited in government circles.

A Palermo despatch says the Spanish squadron under command of Admiral Camara, consisting of four warships, three torpedo boats and five transports, passed the island of Pantellaria, sixty miles southwest of Sicily, on Tuesday. The squadron was going to the eastward.

Washington, June 24.—The state department received a despatch this morning confirming the report that the Spanish Cadiz fleet is in the Mediterranean Sea, moving eastward.

**THE SPANIARDS CRY FOR PEACE.**

Special to EVENING HERALD.

Madrid, June 24.—The news from Santiago today has caused most profound alarm.

It is believed the Cabinet crisis is reached and sensational developments here are momentarily expected.

Senor Robledo, in the Chamber of Deputies, today urged that Spain open peace negotiations.

**Ready to Advance.**

Special to EVENING HERALD.

Washington, June 24.—Naval officials are satisfied, from advices received from Sampson and Shafter, that the attack on the city and harbor of Santiago will be made before the end of the present week. There will be very little delay in moving the troops, which will be formed in a semi-circle around Santiago. The troops can easily cover the distance from the landing place, about fifteen miles, in comparatively short time. Consideration is being given to the proposition of sending Gen. Miles to Santiago, but he will probably be retained here until the expedition to Porto Rico is formed.

**OFFICIAL CUBAN REPORT**

According to Colonel Laborde the Flight of the Spaniards Was Shameful.

New York, June 24.—The first official cablegram received by the Cuban Junta direct from the government since the breaking out of the war was received here yesterday by Senor T. Estrada Palma from Colonel Laborde. It was as follows:

"Playa del Este, June 22.—We are at Guantanamo. Position taken from the enemy, Playa del Este. Fought with 200 Americans and 50 Cubans against 450 Spaniards. Complete rout. Enemy's flight shameful. We captured 18 prisoners, one officer. Sixty of the enemy are dead and 16 wounded; two officers killed. On our part we had two killed and three wounded. We captured 28 Mauser rifles and 3,000 cartridges.

"Today the forces of General Rabi and Brigadier Castillo took Baiquiri with the aid of the American vessels. Spaniards set fire to the town on retreating. Sixteen thousand American troops disembarked at Baiquiri. General Garcia is on board the cruiser New York."

**WAR HAPPENINGS OF A SINGLE DAY.**

Part of General Shafter's army was landed west of the main point of disembarkation and has joined Cuban advancing on Santiago. The battleship Texas destroyed a battery at Santiago that had twice before been ineffectually bombarded.

The new explosive which Spain is experimenting with, duna, is said to be the most powerful ever invented. The Carlos V and the Palayo are equipped with it.

Madrid received reports of a naval battle at San Juan, in which one Spaniard was killed and three wounded.

Camara's fleet was sighted off Pantellaria Island last Tuesday, still proceeding in the direction of Sicily.

Most of the regulars under General Shafter will be attached to General Miles' army for the invasion of Porto Rico after Santiago de Cuba has fallen.

Hobson and his men are confined in the city of Santiago, and are well.

**The Popular Bond Issue.**

Special to EVENING HERALD.

Washington, June 24.—The war bond is a popular one. Within a week the people have sent to the Treasury bids for \$157,000,000 in sums of \$50 and less. These are in addition to the cash subscriptions made at the office of the Treasury here and Sub-Treasuries at various cities throughout the country, estimated to be at least \$10,000,000. It is the opinion of the Treasury officials that every dollar of the \$200,000,000 will be absorbed by the subscriptions in sums of \$50 and less.

**Evaded the Blockade.**

Special to EVENING HERALD.

Havana, June 24.—The Spanish seacruiser Reina Christina has entered this harbor safely, though she was chased by three American cruisers. Three ships loaded with provisions have arrived at Cuban ports, but mention of their names or the ports at which they have arrived is forbidden.

**Ensign Payne Sustained.**

Special to EVENING HERALD.

Washington, June 24.—Secretary Long has sustained the action of Ensign Fred. R. Payne, of the auxiliary cruiser St. Louis, in refusing permission to British Vice Consul Taylor to board the prize ship Twickenham upon her arrival at Key West. The ensign acted under instructions from a superior officer.

**Clemmer Guilty.**

Special to EVENING HERALD.

Norristown, June 24, 4 p. m.—In the trial of James A. Clemmer, charged with the murder of Mrs. Emma P. Kaiser, at Crooked Lane, on October 28, 1896, the jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree.

**Camara's Fleet Again Sighted.**

Palermo, June 21.—The Giornale di Sicilia publishes a dispatch from the Island of Pantellaria, southeast of Sicily, announcing that Admiral Camara's squadron, consisting of seven warships, including three torpedo boats, and conveying five transports, passed here on Tuesday, going in the direction of Sicily.

**Spanish Cruiser Ran the Blockade.**

Madrid, June 24.—In the chamber of deputies yesterday Captain Anson, minister of marine, read the following official dispatch from Havana: "The Spanish auxiliary cruiser Maria Christina has succeeded in running the blockade, and has entered Cienfuegos with a cargo of provisions and stores."

**The First Volunteers.**

Washington, June 24.—The records of the adjutant general's office of the war department show that the actual number of officers and men mustered into the United States service under the president's first call for 125,000 men amounted to 124,541. Of these 2,874 were officers and 118,577 enlisted men.

**ATROCIOUS ASSAULT.**

The Victim, an Aged Woman, Receives Timely Protection.

**ASSAILANT MADE HIS ESCAPE!**

A Business Man of Town Tells the Story of a Young Scoundrel's Attack Upon His Defenceless Victim and How Timely Arrival Saved Her.

A prominent business man of town tells the story of an atrocious assault made upon an aged Polish woman on the mountain slope north of town Wednesday afternoon.

The informant says he was driving home from the valley and when descending the road from the cemetery to town he heard the feeble cries of a woman. He stopped his horse and hurried to the place the cries came from. He was horror-stricken on approaching to see a young man holding an aged woman prostrate upon the ground with a firm grip upon her throat and making desperate efforts to crush her victim.

The gentleman who tells the story is well equipped physically to take care of himself in an emergency and he is in the habit of hurrying to the unfortunate woman's aid, for the scoundrel who was making the attack was equally as active and dashed down the slope of the mountain before he could be caught.

The aged victim was assisted by the road by the gentleman who interfered and escorted to town. She was so badly shocked by her experience that she could make no intelligible statement as to her name or residence, but upon finding herself safe within the limits of the borough, declined further assistance and took a distant part of Main street for her home.

The informant says he learned sufficient from the woman to know that she was blind and at the time of the attack she was engaged in seeking berries. She did not know her assailant.

It is a source of much regret that the scoundrel made his escape, but it could not be helped. The gentleman who went to the rescue, and, by the way, his name is withheld because he does not wish any publicity in connection with the matter, had a horse that is somewhat fractious and he did not wish to leave it alone on the road to give chase. He says the assailant entered one of the houses in the vicinity of West Lane or West Oak streets.

**Specials at Givins Friday and Saturday Only.**

One dozen box of matches 5c; 10c; 10c; screw-door complete 75c; 90c; copper bottom tea kettles 30c; 75c; 10 bars of soap and a broom for 25c; box paper, 24 sheets of paper and 24 envelopes for 5c; galvanized water pails 10c; No. 1 lamp chimneys 5c; No. 2 good window screens 8c; iron frame clothes wringer 10c; 15c; 20c; window sashes complete 75c; brass granite tea kettle 40c; 75c.

**Retired From Business.**

Matt. Kopolinski has retired from the management of the cafe in the basement of the Emory building, corner of Main and Oak streets, and this morning left for Baltimore, Md. After spending a few days on the farm of Rev. Abram Smith, which is near Baltimore, Mr. Kopolinski will enter a Philadelphia hospital to have an operation performed upon his knee. He sustained the injury last winter through a fall on the part of some companions, who pulled a chair upon which he was sitting, resulting in Mr. Kopolinski falling and sustaining an injury to the knee cap from which he has since failed to recover.

**Enjoyable Social Event.**

The progressive euchre party held last evening in the rooms of the Amputation Literary and Library Society was a very enjoyable affair in which a large number of people participated. Two handsome and valuable prizes were awarded. Miss Katie C. Dougherty won a silver tea set of four pieces and John Seaman was awarded a gold ring. Refreshments were served during the evening.

**Bickert's Cafe.**

Clam soup, free, to-night. Filled beef and dressing to-morrow morning.

**Their Preliminary Hearing.**

A committee heard a number of young men who desire to become law students, and the preliminary examination took place Wednesday. Among them are Guy C. Kelpier and John Kelly, of town. The former will be under the preceptorship of J. H. Pomeroy, Esq., while the latter has chosen John R. Coyle, Esq.

**Kendrick House Free Lunch.**

Clam soup will be served, free, to all patrons tonight.

**Ashland Schools.**

The School Board of Ashland re-elected all the old teachers. Miss Katie Gough was elected to succeed Miss Kinney, resigned, and Miss Marie Langton succeeds to Miss Gough's position as sub-secondary teacher. An effort was made to reduce all salaries above \$60 ten per cent but it was defeated, and salaries will remain the same.

**Summer School.**

The undersigned will open a summer school in room 6, Centre street building, Monday, June 27th. One session per day from 9:00 a. m. to 12 noon. Pupils from all grades will be received. Terms, one dollar per month. Free text books, paper, pencils, pens, etc. 6-2331 HURRIET G. HOOKS.

**An Innocent Victim.**

John K. Jones, of town, who was sent to jail yesterday in default of payment of costs in a nuisance suit instituted against him by Health Officer Conroy, left his horse in his stable without food or a care-taker when he went to court and to-day the poor animal was suffering from starvation.

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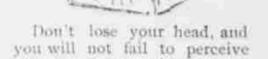
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