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SUMMARY OF THE NEWS.

Inspection since last Thursday's bombardment at Santiago shows that the fortifications on the hills defending the harbor were almost totally destroyed and that great loss of life must have been caused. Flags at half-mast over Morro Castle show that some leader of importance was killed.

Fifteen hundred Cubans under Gen. Garcia have joined the forces of Admiral Sampson. Cuban Gen. Rabi has captured the city of Acerraderos, eight miles from Santiago, where there are facilities for landing the siege guns carried on Gen. Shafter's ships.

Gen. Miles says the war will be carried on vigorously. Expeditions will be sent forward and an aggressive campaign waged. Acting under his orders Gen. Garcia is massing his troops back of Santiago to co-operate with the American army and navy.

There has been six days of terrific fighting between the Spaniards and the natives about Manila, the rebels being victorious. The insurgents took 3,000 prisoners, among them the Governors of two provinces, one of whom tried to kill himself.

A correspondent cables from Hongkong that the Philippine rebels under Aguinaldo routed the Spaniards at Old Cavite and pursued the regulars sent to relieve them almost to Manila. It is reported that 2,100 Spaniards were killed.

Gov.-Gen. Augusti on June 13 cabled to Madrid that the situation in Manila was growing more desperate for Spain; that native troops were deserting to the Americans, and that he had been forced to retire within the walled city.

Captain-General Augusti is reported to have telegraphed to Madrid imploring relief, saying that the situation at Manila is getting worse daily and that the Spanish troops, with all their bravery, cannot resist hunger.

Spanish soldiers have fired at attacking the marines at Camp McCalla and the latter now seek permission to capture the city of Guantanamo. The marines are reported to be in splendid physical condition.

The Ambassadors of Austria, Russia and Germany at Madrid have been directed to strive to protect the Queen Regent in the expected revolution in Spain when we take Manila, Santiago and Porto Rico.

Senators opposed to Hawaiian annexation say that enough Senators to force an adjournment have assured them that they will vote to adjourn rather than stay in session to annex Hawaii.

A large expedition of insurgents, commanded by three Cuban generals, has been sent to intercept Gen. Pando's army, now on its way from Havana to the relief of Santiago.

President McKinley and his advisers are framing a tariff law for the Philippines which is expected to be satisfactory to Germany and other European powers.

Ensign Pratt, of the Marblehead, captured with a launch a sloop in Guantanamo Bay in which were a Spanish Captain and four sailors, believed to be spies.

Cuban spies report that the Spanish General Joral and several officers were killed in Santiago by the explosion of one of the Vesuvius's gun-cotton projectiles.

Secretary Day and other State Department officials declared absurd the story that Germany has bought or contemplates buying the Philippines from Spain.

Gov. Black has turned over Camp Townsend, at Peekskill, to the Federal Government, and the regiment now recruiting in this city will be sent there.

Delay may be caused to the Porto Rico expedition by the sending of the best equipped soldiers to reinforce Gen. Shafter, as is now proposed.

Spain is buying supplies in large quantities in Jamaica and shipping them to Havana by way of the Isle of Pines and Catabano.

CONFERENCE OF GENERALS.

General Shafter and Admiral Sampson Confer With General Garcia.

SANTIAGO CAN BE TAKEN.

Place Where They Landed Only a Few Miles From Thousands of Spanish Soldiers.

They Went Ashore Without Any Escort but Officers of Their Staffs—They Were Met by Ragged Cuban Soldiers at the Beach—General Garcia Advanced to Greet Them in the Broiling Sun—Believe Santiago Can Be Taken in a Week.

Garcia's Camp, Acerraderos, Cuba, June 22, via Port Antonio, Jamaica, June 23.—Without military escort of any kind, Gen. Shafter, commander of the army of invasion, with a few members of his staff, accompanied by Admiral Sampson and Lieut. Stanton, his chief aide, landed from a small boat on the shores of Cuba Tuesday.

A ragged escort of Cuban soldiers met the famous officers on the beach. Gen. Garcia advanced to welcome them hat in hand, under a blazing Cuban sun, so hot that it burned the eyes.



ADMIRAL SAMPSON.

Soon the three commanders were seated under the palm-leaf roof of an open hut examining maps of the country they expect to fight over.

The moment was historic and the scene worthy the brush of a great artist. Gen. Garcia explained fully the plan he had formed for the landing and disposition of troops and the attack upon Santiago. He was listened to eagerly by the American commanders, who seemed struck by the apparent feasibility of the movements projected, and questioned him closely as to details.

Gen. Ludlow, of the Engineers, was impressed particularly. Gen. Shafter approved Garcia's plans, with a few modifications. Admiral Sampson differed in opinion on some points, but was outvoted by the two Generals, and accepted the result placidly. Shafter places great reliance upon the old Cuban's knowledge of the country and of the Spanish plans of campaign.

They believe that Santiago can be taken in a week. The hut where the commanders were in conference is open at both ends, and all that took place was in full view of the curious crowd.

There were some strange contrasts. Col. Astor, of Gen. Shafter's staff, was crowded by a black giant with only a leather belt to cover his magnificent naked shoulders. Gen. Ludlow, of the engineers, Gen. Costello, Lieut. Wiley, Admiral Sampson and Count von Goetzka, the German military attaché, were clad in spotless white. A Cuban officer in a brown linen blouse and with bare feet chatted with them, while John Lee, the British attaché, stood booted and spurred, with field glasses and helmet.

Went Exchange Hobson. Key West, Fla., June 23.—The light house tender Maple, now used as a naval dispatch boat, has just returned from Watson's blockade line off Havana with two Cuban couriers aboard and an interesting report of her recent attempt to treat with Blanco.

One of the couriers brings important dispatches from Gen. Maximo Gomez, at the headquarters of the Cuban army, to high army and naval officials here and at Washington; also private correspondence from Gomez to Gen. Lee and the Cuban Junta at Jacksonville.

The Maple is the dispatch boat which recently went into Havana harbor, under a flag of truce to treat with Blanco in reference to the exchange of Hobson and his party.

The vessel, after some delay, was met under Morro's guns by the little Spanish gunboat Yanez Pinzon, which, after several trips to and from shore finally brought Blanco's answer that the exchange must be made through the British Embassy at Madrid. He could take no steps unless specially authorized by the Spanish ministry.

Dewey's Ship to Quit Hong Kong. Hong Kong, Wednesday.—Difficulties are being raised by the Hong Kong officials in regard to supplies for the American fleet. Mr. Hillier, Commissioner of the Chinese customs, on behalf of the Chinese government, has ordered the Zafro to leave Chinese waters.

Despatches are being hurried aboard by Consul Wildman, and the Zafro will leave in a couple of hours.

The Columbia Ready Again. Brooklyn, June 23.—The cruiser Columbia, lately injured in a collision, had her last coat of dark paint put on yesterday. She is ready to leave the Navy Yard just as soon as sailing orders are received from Washington.

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SUMMARY OF WAR TAXES.

These schedules went into effect on June 14.

Beer, ale, and other fermented liquor, per barrel, \$2; tobacco, manufactured, per pound, 12 cents; cigars, cigarettes, over three pounds per 1,000, \$3.60; cigars, under three pounds per 1,000, \$1; cigarettes, under three pounds per 1,000, \$1.50; tea imports, per pound, 10 cents.

These schedules will go into effect on July 1:

Bank capital, including surplus, over \$25,000, \$50; for each \$1,000 over \$25,000, \$2; brokers in negotiable securities, \$50; pawnbrokers, \$20; commercial brokers, \$20; custom house brokers, \$10; theatres, museums, concert halls, in cities of over 25,000 inhabitants, \$100; circuses, \$100; other shows and exhibitions, \$10; bowling alleys, billiard rooms, per alley or table, \$5; tobacco-dealers—leaf tobacco, sales between 50,000 and 100,000 pounds, \$12; sales over 100,000, \$24; manufacturers, sales under 100,000, \$50, \$5; sales between 50,000 and 100,000, \$12; sales over 100,000, \$24; manufacturers of cigars, sales under 100,000, \$6; sales between 100,000 and 200,000, \$12; sales over 200,000, \$24; stocks, bonds, debentures, certificates of indebtedness issued after July 1, 1898, per \$100 face value, 2 cents; transfers of stocks, per \$100 face value, 2 cents; sales of merchandise for present or future delivery on exchanges, per \$100, 1 cent; bank check or sight draft, 2 cents; bills of exchange (inland), time draft and promissory note, money orders, for each \$100, 2 cents; bills of exchange (foreign) letter of credit, drawn singly, per \$100, 4 cents; in sets of two or more for each bill, 2 cents; bill of lading or receipt for any goods to be exported, 10 cents; bill of lading to be issued by express and transportation companies, per package, 1 cent; telephone messages, charged at 15 for carrying over 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450, 500, 550, 600, 650, 700, 750, 800, 850, 900, 950, 1,000, 1,500, 2,000, 2,500, 3,000, 3,500, 4,000, 4,500, 5,000, 5,500, 6,000, 6,500, 7,000, 7,500, 8,000, 8,500, 9,000, 9,500, 10,000, 15,000, 20,000, 25,000, 30,000, 35,000, 40,000, 45,000, 50,000, 55,000, 60,000, 65,000, 70,000, 75,000, 80,000, 85,000, 90,000, 95,000, 1,000,000, 1,500,000, 2,000,000, 2,500,000, 3,000,000, 3,500,000, 4,000,000, 4,500,000, 5,000,000, 5,500,000, 6,000,000, 6,500,000, 7,000,000, 7,500,000, 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