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Price 5 Cents

DISSOLUTION SALE

AT 28 SOUTH MAIN ST.

The withdrawal of Mr. Emi Oestricher from the firm of Oestricher & Co., necessitates a settlement, and to this end we are compelled to reduce our Stock in all lines before taking an inventory. The tidal wave will strike our place Monday next, sweeping everything in its onward rush, prices being the smallest things under consideration.

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OUR FRUIT JUICES

are selling fast this hot weather. We have in stock now Raspberry, Pineapple, Lemon, Orange, Clarrett.

DIRECTIONS.

Use about two tablespoons full in glass of ice water making a delightfully cool and refreshing drink.

Hires Root Beer \$1.00 Doz.

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Lace Shoes

We believe we can please any little girl that wants a pair of lace shoes in tan or black, out of our stock.

We have them at prices that will suit almost any one's pocket book.

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DAZED BY OUR DARING

Spaniards Desert Outposts in Dismay Our Army at Santiago's Gates To-day.

The Enemy has Centred in the Entrenchments Just Outside the City to Make a Stand in Force.

Utter Contempt for Spanish Bullets Leads Regulars and Rough Riders to Walk Into Ambush—Seige Guns Being Placed—Heat Prostrates Some of the Soldiers.

Off Santiago, June 25.—Unless the Spanish make a more determined stand, Sunday will see General Shafter's men at the gates of Santiago.

So far the Spaniards seemed to have been dazed by the rapidity and daring of the American advancing, abandoning, as they did position after position with but little resistance.

It is now believed that the first stand in force will be encountered at the entrenchments east of the city, as the scouts report that these entrenchments are heavily manned with no considerable body of troops east of them.

Insurgents are now in close touch with the main body of the army.

General Shafter is still on board the headquarters ship, Segurancia, General Wheeler being in command ashore.

There is scarcely any doubt now that rough riders deliberately walked into ambush. The severity of our losses is attributed, in part, to the utter contempt of Roosevelt's men and the regulars for the Spaniards. It was difficult to restrain the soldiers from attacking the enemy's superior position without waiting for re-inforcements.

The troops are having difficulty in transporting the seige guns to the front and the heat and exertion has prostrated many soldiers. But in the main the men are bearing up well.

TRIED TO SNEAK IN

Steamer Francia's Attempt to Get Into San Juan Harbor Foiled by St. Paul.

The Francia Had Two Spanish Officers Aboard.

St. Thomas, Danish West Indies, June 25.—The Hamburg-American steamship, Francia, arrived here this morning homeward bound from West Indian ports.

Yesterday she was approaching San Juan, Porto Rico, when the cruiser, St. Paul, hove her to with one blank and three solid shots. The officer of the boarding party informed Francia's captain that San Juan was blockaded and that the Francia would not be allowed to enter.

The captain protested and later attempted to sneak in but the St. Paul signalled her to keep away and escorted her for four hours.

The Francia had two Spanish officers on board.

HOBSON ALL RIGHT

Washington, June 25.—The state department received a telegram from Admiral Sampson stating that under a flag of truce the news was brought that Hobson and his companions are all well and are confined in the city of Santiago four miles from Motru castle.

PEACEFUL SIEGE

That is the Present Plan for the Taking of Havana.

Washington, June 25.—An official says the probable plan of attack on Havana will be for the troops to surround the city and take possession of the table lands in order to cover the point of approach, and to conduct a peaceful siege which would do away with large fatalities sure to follow an immediate attempt to storm the Spanish citadel and also place the troops in a healthful region. No less than seventy-five thousand men would be needed, if the plan should be adopted.

DISHEARTENED DONS.

Kingston, Jamaica, June 25.—In correspondence received from Ferdinand Miller, second Spanish commander at Santiago, the true condition of the Spanish troops is made known. The general says there is a scarcity of food, powder and ammunition and the insurgents have cut off every source of supplies. The troops are disheartened, and are openly clamoring for surrender, expressing the opinion that the present war is murder, and Spain should never have entered into it. The general adds: "We were morally defeated from the first campaign and the war can only result in loss of blood, treasure and credit."

Many articles at less than half price at Oestreichers.

SPAIN'S PROBLEM

A Critical Week Opens for the Sagasta Government.

Dangers of the Domestic Situation Stand in the way of Peace Overtures.

Expected That a Proclamation of Martial Law Will Precede a Move to End the War.

Great Question as to the Attitude of the Army—Basis of Peace Proposals.

London, June 25.—Whether Spain will make the first overtures for peace before or after the fall of Santiago is an open question. The doubtful point is whether there will be any government in Spain to act for the country.

Sagasta's ministry, if it exists another week, will seek to end the war in the only manner possible, and so will Senor Silvela or any other conservative premier if called to power, which, however is doubtful. So also would the so called National or fusion cabinet or even the republicans. The only people in Spain at present who are opposed to peace, except upon the impossible basis of Spanish retention of Cuba, are the Carlists who make pretensions to Quixotic patriotism only for the purpose of seizing the government.

The only reason why Spain has not sued for peace is because of the dangers of the domestic situation which is so threatening that even more courageous a statesman than Sagasta would be appalled at undertaking peace negotiations earlier. It would certainly have plunged the country in a civil war. If undertaken now, it would be impossible to forecast their effect. Nevertheless, they probably will be begun within a few days and by the co-operation of both existing parties.

It is expected that proclamation of martial law will precede other steps and then will come the most important factor. The attitude of the army which will determine the future course.

The Spanish nation is almost unanimously for peace. Even the common people do not longer deceive themselves regarding the loss of Cuba.

The retention of the Philippines is doubted, but in negotiations it is hoped that the Americans will be inclined to give them up for the sake of saving men and money, which must be expended in conquering Cuba. The independence of Cuba would be placed in the scale against the evacuation of the Philippines. Ambassador Hay had a long conference with Lord Salisbury at the foreign office today. It is understood that the Philippine question in connection with the eastern situation was the subject of the conference, but no definite steps were taken.

CAPTURED OFF HAVANA

Spanish Brig Taken by the Vicksburg of the Blockading Squadron.

Captain and Passengers Simply Fleeing From Starvation.

Key West, June 25.—The Amapala of Honduras was captured by the gunboat Vicksburg yesterday coming out of Havana harbor.

She had on board ten men, fifteen women and twenty children, who were trying to leave Havana. She was brought here by a prize crew and will doubtless be condemned.

The Amapala went to Havana before the blockade and left because of the impending famine threatening the city. Her captain said that food had been steadily growing scarce. The mass of citizens having nothing to eat but rice and potatoes. Of meat there was little and none for the poor. There are fifty thousand troops in the city who are now on half rations. Hundreds are dying daily. The captain estimated that nine-tenths of the reconcentrados who were alive when General Lee left, have since died.

The growing scarcity of food induced the captain to try to escape and he took forty-five passenger. All seemed to think that being prisoners of the United States was better than starving in Havana.

TO CHASE CAMARA

New Flying Squadron Under Schley Will try to Catch the Spaniards.

Washington, June 25.—The war board has practically decided that more can be accomplished by running down Camara than by merely harassing Spain's coast, and to that end the formation of a flying squadron will be arranged at once.

If Camara proceeds through the Suez canal the squadron, under Commodore Schley's command, will start for the Mediterranean with instructions to follow Camara around the world.

That Camara will never return to Spain if he persists in going to the Philippines, naval officers are ready to wager big money.

London, June 25.—A despatch from Algiers confirms the reports that the Cadiz fleet has passed the island of Pantallaria in the Mediterranean, going east.

SHAFTER'S PLANS

Will Shell the City Beyond the Reach of Cervera's Guns.

Sampson Will Then Draw the Cork and Fight the Bottled Fleet.

Lighters and Tugs, Needed at Santiago to Land Siege Guns, on the way.

Administration Pleaded With General Shafter's Activity.

Washington, June 25.—After a conference late this afternoon between the secretary of war and assistant secretary of the navy, Allen, and Commander Bradford of the equipment bureau, orders were sent to Commodore Remy at Key West to despatch a number of steam lighters and tugs under convoy of warships for Santiago tonight.

There is a feeling in the army administration that the advance guard of the invading forces against Santiago has gone too far ahead to be in close touch with the base of supplies. The guns and necessary supplies have not all been landed.

Despatches from General Shafter today give an adequate idea of the situation and officials are pleased with the progress made toward Santiago. It is expected by this time that the forces under General Shafter, Wheeler and Lawton are in possession of the principal approaches to Santiago and that as soon as the guns are brought from the coast the attack on the city and harbor will begin.

Shafter's plan is to occupy a high point of land which Admiral Cerveras guns cannot reach and with heavy seige guns shell the city and cruisers in the harbor. Sampson will then remove the Merrimack's hulk from the channel and take the ships into the inner harbor and attack Cervera's fleet and defenses of the city.

HARVARD WAS DELAYED

Want of Coal and Soldiers Astray—Probably Sails To-day.

Newport News, Va., June 25.—The Ninth Massachusetts and part of the Thirty-fourth Michigan volunteers arrived today from Camp Alger and after "doing the city" in a thorough manner, embarked on the cruiser, Harvard.

The start will probably be delayed until tomorrow to enable the cruiser to take more coal and also to corral the many soldiers who drank too deeply of Newport News joys.

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