

Dissolution Sale

Our one week's slaughter in all departments created quite a stir in shopping circles, and the Good Work goes on, as we find too many Goods to undertake an Inventory yet. We are determined to knife right and left till a minimum point is reached before taking Stock.

FOR THIS WEEK

We offer these Luscious Ripe Plums, which should be plucked at once. One gentle touch lands them in your basket.

SHIRT WAISTS, TABLE LINENS, NAPKINS, TOWELS,

Ready for use—Sheet and Pillow Cases.

Prettiest line Lace Curtains ever seen in this City.

For slaughter prices of above named Goods look on page 4 Column 4 & 5.

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To eat or drink anything cold these hot days is a comfort.

Just try a pound of our Royal Blend Tea for a cold comfortable Ice tea.

Nothing better for the money at 50c. 75c. and one dollar a pound.

The war tax of 10 cents a pound will not affect our Royal Blend for a year yet, as we have made a large purchase of Tea and will keep the grade up to the standard.

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Fine Groceries,

COMPLIMENTARY TO OUR READERS.

Our readers will be pleased to learn that the eminent physician and specialist, Dr. Kilmer, after years of research and study, has discovered and given to the world a remarkable remedy, known as Swamp-Root, for the cure of kidney, liver and bladder troubles; the generous offer to send a bottle free that all may prove its wonderful merits without expense, is in itself sufficient to give the public confidence and a desire to obtain it. Swamp-Root has an established reputation as the most successful remedy, and is receiving the hearty endorsement of all up-to-date physicians, hospitals and homes. If our men and women readers are in need of a medicine of this kind no time should be lost in sending their name and address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Birmingham, N. Y., and receive a sample bottle and a book of valuable information, both sent absolutely free by mail, upon receipt of three two-cent stamps to cover cost of postage on the bottle. The regular sizes may be obtained at the drug stores. When writing to Dr. Kilmer read this generous offer in the Gazette.

ALL ODD PIECES. Dinner ware being closed out at half price this week. Every housekeeper will find something they want this week at Law's, 25 Patton Avenue. 25

HARRIS ENDORSED.

Special to The Gazette. Dillboro, N. C. July 2.—Jackson county held a republican convention here today and endorsed Mr. Charles J. Harris for congress. N. S. T.

Fireworks sold July 4 at Ray's.

THE STORY OF FRIDAY'S FIGHTING

Advantage Gained Greater Than First Supposed—Besides El Caney and Aguadores the Important San Juan Hill was Taken After a Splendid Charge Led by Roosevelt's Men.

Our Losses Larger Than First Reported—Five of the Dead Identified—Hallett Also Borrowed Believed to Have Been Killed—Chivalrous Spaniards Fire on Litters Bearing the Wounded.

Artillery did the Work at El Caney—Wheeler Led His Men in a Litter—Warships Reduce Aguadores—Suwane's Shot Carried Away the Spanish Flag.

Siboney, July 1, 10 p. m.—The victory of the Americans in fighting before Santiago today was greater than early reports indicated and the losses are also much heavier than was first reported. It is yet too early to form an estimate of the number killed and wounded, but it is certain that it runs high up into the hundreds. Among those known to have been killed are: Private Skinner, Private Emmons and private Scofield all of the 71st regiment, New York. Colonel Wyckoff, 22nd infantry.

Men fell wounded on every side, but they kept steadily advancing until they captured the position of San Juan which was supposed to be occupied by 1,000 Spaniards. The Spaniards were strongly entrenched with heavy artillery back of them and an open field before, but the Rough Riders and First, Second, Thirtieth, Sixteenth and Twenty-second infantry drove them out. The Rough Riders, Seventy-first New York, and Tenth cavalry swept everything before them. They captured three blockhouses, defended by ar-



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Captain Morrison, 15th infantry. Among those reported dead are: Captain O'Neil, Rough Riders. Colonel Hamilton, 9th cavalry. Sergeant Hallett Also Borrowed, Rough Riders who was in charge of the dynamite gun.

Besides capturing El Caney and Aguadores, we have taken, after a terrific fight the hill of San Juan, which commands the barracks at Santiago, and tomorrow Santiago itself must fall. The soldiers are sleeping on their arms tonight, after fighting from dawn until dark.

General Kent's division and General Wheeler's cavalry are occupying the slopes before and the ridges overlooking the city.

After Grimes battery had silenced the first Spanish redoubt, General Wheeler's command advanced up the valley supported by General Kent.

The most glorious achievement of the day was the charge up San Juan hill, only six hundred yards from the city by the Rough Riders.

Spanish shells were pouring down upon them, but they never wavered.

tilery with an irresistible dash. The Spanish sharpshooters constantly fired at the litters upon which our wounded were being borne to the rear.

Once during the fight the Seventy-first, New York was flanked by the Spaniards. They beat the enemy off, with heavy loss, mostly in wounded.

Tonight the entire Spanish army has been driven into the city proper. Americans are in full possession of the batteries on the hills, and the city seems to be at their mercy.

The guns which were landed from Cervera's ships, as well as heavier guns on board his vessels, fired shells into the American ranks which inflicted great damage.

The losses of the Cubans were proportionately as heavy as those of the Americans.

Guantanamo, July 1, via Playa del Este, July 2.—The Spanish stronghold, El Caney has been captured by the American troops and Aguadores has also fallen into our possession. Santiago alone remains and the attack upon

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THREE PRIZES TAKEN

They Were Falsely Flying the British Colors When Captured.

The Adula From Kingston Jamaica With a "Fake" Charter Overhauled by McCalla.

The Benito Estenger and a Smaller Boat Taken by the Hornet While Trying to Land at Cuba.

Both Seizures Were Made off Cabo Cruz.

Siboney, Cuba, July 2.—The British steamship Adula, which sailed from Kingston, June 28, for Guantanamo, was seized by Commander McCalla.

The preliminary search disclosed a batch of letters and despatches addressed to many persons in Santiago.

The charter of the steamship recites that she was hired to bring away from Cuban ports such residents as might desire to flee from the island, and also to carry provisions. A search of the vessel showed no cargo of provisions.

Her papers were seized and brought to Admiral Sampson. A number of sealed messages, addressed, were not opened, but one letter, unsealed, showed that the Adula was sailing under false colors. In all probability the Adula will be sent to New York, on account of her charter and her despatches.

Key West, July 2.—The steamship, Benito Estenger, has been brought into port as a prize. She was captured off the southern coast of Cuba, while attempting to run the blockade. She was flying the British flag when she was caught.

A Spanish smack has also been brought in as a prize. The Hornet made both seizures June 28, off Cabo Cruz.

HOSPITAL SHIPS FOR SANTIAGO

New York, July 2.—The United States hospital and supply ship "Relief" sailed this afternoon for Santiago. She will stop at Fort Monroe only long enough to take on additional surgeons.

READ THIS. A lot of deceptively covered dishes, worth from 75 cents to \$1 each, at 25 cents each, and some other parts of broken sets just as low. Not enough of a kind to make complete sets so the odd pieces go cheap. J. H. Law, Patton Avenue. 128-21

Ray's bookstore will be open all day Monday for sale of fireworks.

Have you tried one of the battleship Maine cigars? Try one.

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Huntley & Palmer (London)

Opera Wafers

AND Albert Biscuits

Nice, Fresh and Crisp, at

SNIDER'S 6 Court Sq.

ARMY CLOSES IN ON SANTIAGO

Latest Advice From the Battle-Field Tell That Severe Fighting Was In Progress.

Estimate of the Spanish Loss in the First Day's Fighting is 4,000 Killed and Wounded and 2,000 Prisoners

American Losses Aggregate 800 Killed and Wounded—Rumored That Morro Has Fallen—Second Bombardment of Aguadores—Wounded Well Cared For.

Playa del Este, July 2.—Couriers from the front estimate the Spanish loss killed, wounded and captured at 6,000.

We have taken 2,000 prisoners. It is estimated that from 10,000 to 15,000 Spaniards were engaged.

Washington, July 2.—Late this evening the first of the American army outside of Santiago since the official despatches from General Shafter this morning, came to Washington in the form of an unofficial message sent by an officer of the signal corps to another officer here.

It is said that the fighting was severe, that it continued "today," that the Red Cross was doing good work and at the time the telegram was sent, was engaged in landing cots for the wounded, and that the soldiers worst wounded had not been brought in up to that time.

Playa Del Este, July 2.—Official list of killed and wounded in yesterday's fight aggregates 800. The losses of the Spaniards were enormous. Some idea of her losses can be gathered from the fact that one hundred and fifty dead were found in one entrenchment.

It is rumored that Morro castle has been taken by our troops, but the report cannot be confirmed.

The fighting has been going on since day break. The troops are advancing upon Santiago on all sides, slowly but surely closing in.

It is estimated that in the Spanish entrenchments an average of only twelve Spaniards out of every thirty escaped. Three hundred of our wounded are now in camp. Many of them were able to walk in. The steamer Iroquois will start with many of the wounded for Key West tonight. All the tents on the shore are being used for the wounded, and the Red Cross society has a special hospital.

At day break today the Oregon, New York, Gloucester Brooklyn, Massachusetts and Indiana bombarded Morro castle. Holes were punched in the fort and shells from the warships fell inside the works. The Spanish flagstaff was hit but the fort not silenced.

At 8 o'clock in the evening, when the warships withdrew, the Spanish gunners gave evidence that their guns were still in commission by firing two parting shots.

The attack of the troops and the ships on Aguadores was made merely for the purpose of occupying the attention of the garrison there and preventing it from marching to the relief of the forces directly in front of Santiago. This strategy has not only isolated Aguadores, but leaves it at General Shafter's mercy, to be taken whenever he wishes, and to be used afterwards against Morro and the powerful Estrella battery.

The following was received at the war department early this morning: "Siboney, via Playa del Este.—I fear I have underestimated today's casualties. A large and thoroughly equipped hospital ship should be sent here at once to care for the wounded. The chief surgeon says he has use for forty more medical officers. The ship must bring a launch and boards for conveying the wounded." SHAFER.

The correspondent of the Llanos bureau, writing from Wheeler's headquarters, near Santiago, on June 29, describes the hardships endured by the troops in their advance through the rough tropical country to attack the city.

One look at Santiago from these

the Spanish army and the hopelessness of its attempt to resist the invaders. No man who has not gone over this trail, no man who was not in the terrible downpour of rain which drenched the American army to the skin this afternoon can understand the suffering of our troops and the heroism with which they bear it.

Cavalrymen, dismounted for the first time in years, and infantrymen from cool Michigan and Massachusetts, toiled hour after hour along these so-called roads and paths through the jungle of castor, poison vines and high grass that cuts like a razor, in a blistering sunlight that makes the skylines of the distant hills shimmer and waver before the eyes, while from the stagnant pools strange, gray mists float upward, and vultures, with outstretched wings, look greedily down from above. The vegetation torn down and trampled under foot by our troops has fermented and a horrible sour breath arises from the earth. Curious stench steal from hidden places in the jungle.

Thousands of gigantic land crabs, spotted with yellow and red, wriggle and twist themselves along the sides of the roads, with leprous, white claws clicking viciously, a ghastly, dreadful sight to young soldiers fresh from New York, Boston and Detroit. Ragged Cubans slip noiselessly through the undergrowth or sprawl under the shade of huge gossamer trees watching with childish pleasure the steady onrush of their American defenders.

The heat is almost intolerable. The sun is like a great yellow furnace, torturing everything living and turning everything dead into a thousand mysterious forms of terror.

The fierce light swims in waves before the eyes of the exhausted soldiers. This morning a young infantryman reeled and fell in the road almost under the feet of the mule ridden by your correspondent. When he helped him to his feet he smiled and said: "It's all right. I never struck such a place as this, but I must get to the front before this fight begins. I had to lie to get into the army, for I am only seventeen years old." Five minutes after he was trading along gallantly.

Two hours later the first of the tropical rainstorm we encountered fell from the sky, not slantwise, but straight down. It was the first actual test of the army in a most dreadful experience of the tropics. For three hours a great, cold torrent swept down from the clouds, drenching the soldiers to the skin, soaking blankets and carrying misery into all our vast camp, reaching out on either side of the trail, extinguishing camp fires and sending rivers of mud and red water swirling along the narrow road, dashing over rocks where the trail inclines downward and through this filthy flood the army struggled along, splashing in the mud or water or huddling vainly for shelter under the trees.

An hour before the heat was so intense that men reeled and swooned, but now came upon us a mysterious transformation of the tropics. The whole army shivered and robust men could be seen shaking from head to foot, turned gray and white. Millions of land crabs came clattering and scurrying from under the poisonous undergrowth, and the soldiers crushed

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