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FOURTH OF JULY

Celebration at Jacksonville—A Grand Parade of Soldiers—Two New Members Arrived to Join the Company—Sergeant Hamilton Probably to Remain in Jacksonville.

Camp Cuba Libre, Jacksonville, Fla., July 3rd, 1895.

Tomorrow being the anniversary of the great Fourth, the occasion will be celebrated here in grand style. A military parade consisting of 12,000 soldiers will be one of the main features of the programme, and the line of march will reach from Camp Cuba Libre to Bay street, in the city of Jacksonville, a distance of more than two miles. The procession will be headed by Gen. Lee and staff and conspicuous in the line will be a regiment of cavalry mounted on Rocky Mountain mules. Great preparations have been made for the celebration and the small boy began to demonstrate his patriotism at an early hour Saturday by popping firecrackers and other combustible stuff. The soldiers all dread the long and tedious march and subsequent ceremonies.

Among the visitors at camp during the past week were Mrs. Bacon and daughter, Mrs. Barker, of Salisbury, who are here visiting Messrs. Tom and Ed Bacon and their son and grandson, Max Barker, who is with Company L.

Two new members have been enlisted in Company L. One Spales Miller, of Rocky River, who arrived this morning, and Ed Watkins, a former resident of Montgomery county, but who has lived in Florida for the past six years, in the railroad business.

Company L has organized a baseball team and is now thoroughly equipped. The team comprises Mabrey Bramley, Grier, Farmer, Hess, Rousche, Bluster, Alexander, Johnston and Cahill, Corporal Brown and Willie Trice and substitutes. The boys will endeavor to sustain Concord's reputation inside the regimental lines, and challenges the Concord team to play on their grounds, provided the guests will bear their own expense.

A great many of Company L's soldiers are spending the day at Pablo Beach and St. Augustine, while others are passing the time in various occupations. But for the fact that there are no drill duties Sunday, one could not notice the difference from a week day. Religion and sports is tangled up in great shape, and the boys go according to their inclination.

Sergeant James W Hamilton, who has been discharged from the service, will very likely remain in Jacksonville for awhile, as there is a splendid place open to him with the H & W B Drew Company, dealers in books, stationary and artists supplies.

The members of Company L are in excellent health, and as for drilling and appearances, is the crack company of the regiment. Capt. Hill and Lieutenants Goldston and Goodman take special pride in the men and encourage them in every practicable way.

Band concerts take place at the Windsor hotel, General Lee's headquarters, every night from 7 to 10. Thousands of soldiers as well as civilians, crowd the balconies, streets and the city park, to pass a pleasant time.

DEATON.

A GLORIOUS VICTORY.

Cervera Dashes Out of Santiago Harbor Sunday Morning and One By One His Ships are Bored, Fired and Blown Up—A Thrilling Chase But the Spanish Commander Surrenders and is Congratulated—He Loses 350 Men Killed, 160 Wounded and About 1,500 as Prisoners—Santiago Probably Now Suffering a Fierce Bombardment—Our Loss One Man Killed and One Ship a Little Hurt.

As the Daily was well on its way through the press Monday evening we received a dispatch from the Charlotte Observer bringing the glad news of the complete triumph of the American fleet at Santiago and the utter annihilation of the once proud and formidable Spanish squadron under the command of the almost invincible Cervera. We held the paper till we could dash off a sheet for each patron, telling the joyous news. It was good without explanation and glorious enough for filling one cup of joy. We could all sleep soundly if nothing more were to be had. The story in minute detail is too elaborate for most readers but all along down the ages the story will be told with some new item that will embellish it.

After constant watching for about six weeks with the bottle supposed to be corked, with Santiago to a fair extent holding her own and apparently determined not to yield, it was not surmised that a dash would be made and that too in open daylight, at 9-30 o'clock. But it is the unexpected that occurs.

It was Sunday morning and probably there was as little idea of any great events near as at any time since the Spanish fleet was known to be in the harbor. Admiral Sampson had arranged a meeting with Gen. Shafter and had sailed to the eastward. He missed the fleet. When the fleet was discovered putting out there was hurrying to head the vessels toward them and firing opened at once. The most graphic pen will doubtless fail to depict the sublime scenes of that naval contest.

Cervera had the Cristobal Colon, the Almirante Oquendo, the Infanta Maria Teresa, the Viscaya and the two torpedo boat destroyers, the Furor and the Pluton.

The American vessels, Iowa Indiana, Oregon, Massachusetts, Texas, Brooklyn and Gloucester engaged them with terrific force. The Spanish fleet evidently hoped for nothing more than to get away and it was fairly good speed they made and they sent shot for shot that might have made it serious but again the aim was bad while the American aim was wonderfully accurate and did terrible execution. One by one the Spanish ships were pierced and set on fire. To save the lives of the crews the vessels were run aground and the crews escaped to the land. The burning vessels would soon be blown up by their own magazines. The crews would surrender on the shore, as they were in danger of the Cubans who would have been bad on them. The Cristobal Colon is said to have gone about 60 miles under the pelting fire of the Oregon and others when she also yielded by taking down her colors and running aground, when she also was blown up and her crew surrendered.

It was a grand victory, in which we mourn the loss of one man, Geo. H. Ellis, of the Brooklyn.

The Spanish killed are estimated at 350, the wounded at 160, and the

prisoners are estimated at from 1,300 to 1,600.

The destruction of the Spanish fleet is complete, while the Gloucester is the only one of our vessels that is the least damaged, and it had the honor of receiving and caring for Admiral Cervera and his crew.

A pleasing incident was the reception of Admiral Cervera by Lieutenant Commander Wainwright, who grasped the admiral by the hand and said, "I congratulate you, sir, upon having made as gallant a fight as was ever witnessed on the sea." He then took his distinguished prisoner to his cabin and extended its privileges to him. His wound in the arm was dressed.

Admiral Cervera it is said wept, and many of the other Spaniards were so pleased at being allowed to live that they lit their cigarettes and played games pleasantly.

Gen. Shafter had given the city till Monday noon to surrender, or be bombarded, but yielded to diplomatic requests to extend the time till this (Tuesday) noon to allow all aged men and the women and children to get out of danger.

It is fair to presume that the city is now suffering a most destructive fire from our guns and must surrender or be destroyed.

Our Jacksonville Money.

We have received a "hard tack" from Jacksonville Camp. It has much of the appearance of coin, and bears our ideas of what some modern financiers would institute. In fact, if we are going to make money out of the mere stamping of some sort of guarantee upon it this would be doubly good for money. It is round like a dollar and almost as hard. It is broad as modern financial bases are expected to be. In color it is not green, but dun, which is better, for unlike other money when you could not exchange it for something to eat you could eat the money itself.

The inscriptions and the embossing seem to carry the fiat of force, and we need only one more on it, viz, "This is Money."

On the face side is a U S A battle flag with its 45 stars; a U S 2-cents stamp and the "E Pluribus Unum." This side a so has the words Concord STANDARD, Concord, Cabarrus Co., N. C., also compliments of H. P. D. The reverse side has American-Spanish war, 1898; "In God We Trust," and Camp Cuba Libre, Jacksonville, Fla.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Mr. Walter Smith, of Rock Hill, spent last night and this morning here with his cousin, Mr. Marvin Smith.

—Miss Snow, of Birmingham, who has been visiting her friend, Mrs. John Yorke, left this morning for Hillsboro to visit a while.

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