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## ENEMY IS SURROUNDED.

### Santiago Completely Surrounded by American and Cuban Soldiers.

## SPANISH ARMY CAN'T ESCAPE

### Shafter Sent a Message to the Spanish Under a Flag of Truce. Believed to Be Another Request for Their Surrender. Shafter Cables the Department at Washington. Few Casualties. Suffering Among People Who Left Santiago.

At Front of Santiago, July 11, via Playa del Este, July 12.—Santiago is now completely surrounded by the Americans and Cubans. The last gap was filled today by Ohio and Illinois troops, thus shutting off the last avenue and hope of escape for the Spanish soldiers. The American line is now extended from Ratero on the west to Parada Ladrona on the east.

The bombardment of the city was resumed this morning by the batteries and fleet and continued until 1 o'clock this afternoon, when Gen. Shafter sent a message to the Spanish under a flag of truce, containing, it is believed, a request for surrender, to which no reply has been received.

### Cablegram From Shafter.

Washington, July 12.—Gen. Shafter cables the following, probably written yesterday: "Headquarters fifth army corps.—Been very quiet, but little fighting. Flag of truce since 2 o'clock this afternoon, considering proposition of surrendering, now that I have the city surrounded on the north. The lines were completed by Ludlow at 5 o'clock this afternoon down to the bay line, which is rather thin, but will be strengthened in the morning by Henry, who has just arrived at headquarters. Only a few casualties. There is suffering among the people who have gone out of Santiago. I am doing my best to relieve it but am not entirely successful."  
" (Signed) SHAFTER."

### THINKS SANTIAGO WILL SURRENDER.

### City Completely Invested on All Sides and Spaniards Can't Escape. Alger Expects News of Surrender Today. If Not A Grand Assault Will Take Place Immediately.

By Telegraph to The Free Press. Washington, July 12.—Gen. Shafter's message this morning is taken by the war department to mean that Gen. Toral is going to surrender under a flag of truce, the city having been completely invested on all sides. This is considered to mean that Toral, seeing he cannot escape, wants to surrender. Secretary Alger expects news of surrender today; and says if not surrendered, a grand assault, as arranged, will take place immediately.

### EXPLOSION IN POWDER MILL.

### Fifteen People Killed and Many Wounded. Caused by Boiler Blowing Up.

By Telegraph to The Free Press. Pompton Lake, N. J., July 12.—An explosion occurred this morning in the Lath-Rand Powder company's factory, supposed to have been caused by the blowing up of the boiler.

The factory had been working on large government orders for smokeless powder. Over fifteen operatives were killed; many injured.

The place was guarded by five companies of the third New Jersey volunteers.

### British Blockader Captured.

By Cable to The Free Press. Key West, July 12.—An American cruiser has just entered the harbor with a prize schooner in tow, supposed to be a British vessel captured while running the blockade.

## AFTER SPANISH PRIVATEER.

### British Warships to Prevent It From Holding Up or Looting Ships.

Cable to Free Press. Vancouver, July 12.—The British warships Amphion and Icarus have put to sea hurriedly to protect British subjects from and also to prevent the holding up of ships for the purpose of looting by the Spanish privateer said to be hidden near Dixon's entrance to capture Klondike treasure ships.

## LAGRANGE NEWS.

### Personal Mention. Death of Mrs. Sallie Jackson. LaGrange Warehouse Opens August 4th.

FREE PRESS BUREAU, LAGRANGE, July 11, 1898.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Richardson returned to Goldsboro today.

Miss Florence Speight is visiting her old home in Greene county.

Mr. N. C. Newbold returned Friday, after an absence of some weeks.

Mr. D. M. Stanton, treasurer A. & N. C. R. R., spent Sunday with his family here.

Mr. A. J. Harrell, of Goldsboro, is instructing the Masonic lodge No. 233 at this place.

Miss Effie Isler, who had been visiting Miss Ada Wooten, has returned to her home near Kinston.

Misses Maggie Dixon, of Greene county, Anna Pittman, of Grifton, and Rand, of near Raleigh, are visiting at Mr. A. W. Kennedy's.

The LaGrange Warehouse company will be conducted on a different plan this year, and will open up for business August 4th, at 11 o'clock. They will keep the people posted through the columns of THE FREE PRESS.

The removal by death of Mrs. Sallie Jackson, on Saturday morning, July 9th, at her home, near here, leaves the mother, Mrs. L. J. Joyner, bowed down with sorrow, which with her agedness, is hard to endure. Mrs. Jackson was twice married, having survived both husbands, was a member of the Disciple church and was in her 44th year. The remains were placed in a metallic casket and at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon were laid to rest in Fair View cemetery, Rev. Moses Mose, of Wilson, performing the funeral service. For a long time the home of mother and daughter has been a pleasure resort for friends and relatives far and near, and no people have dispensed hospitality more hospitably. During her protracted illness, which extended into months, loving friends and skilled physicians did all that could be done for the patient, uncomplainingly. Beautiful flowers in abundance decorated the grave. We extend our condolence to the bereaved ones.

## CADEZ ITEMS.

July 11, 1898.

We had a very heavy rain here Saturday. From what we hear it was a "local" rain but it was a drencher right.

Mr. B. F. Dixon, Mr. Frank Moore and wife and Mr. Joe Moore attended the Sunday school convention at Institute last Saturday. They report the exercises as very interesting.

Labor is exceedingly scarce in this neighborhood. One farmer remarked that "you could not get labor for love nor money." I cannot say as to the love part, but I do know that the money will not get it.

Rev. Mr. Binson, of Trenton, filled his regular appointment at Shady Grove yesterday. The weather was threatening, yet Mr. Binson had a good large congregation. He announced that Rev. C. E. Forlines, of LaGrange, would preach at Shady Grove the fifth Sunday in July.

## To the Work.

Dunn Union.

Every Democrat has a work to do and now is the time to commence. Go out to your primary and county conventions when they are called and help to put out the best men that you have for your candidates and then bend every energy you have to elect them. The women of your State look to the Democratic party to give them protection from the negro rule that is now upon us. They look to it to put white men in school boards to examine their daughters and pass upon their fitness for teachers in the schools of the State. They look to it for the protection of their homes and their children. Democrats, can you be lukewarm and indifferent when you see your proud State disgraced by the Rep-Pops in placing negroes on school committees for white schools, and electing them to offices of trust and authority? We know you will not, so be up and doing; the battle has begun and we must win.

## PREPARING FOR PEACE.

### France Tenders Its Good Offices To Open Negotiations.

## CORREA NO LONGER OPPOSES

### Peace Negotiations Providing Conditions Are Not Too Onerous. Spanish Papers Say Spain Is Prepared for Peace Provided It Implies the Loss of Cuba Only.

By Cable to The Free Press.

London, July 12.—French Minister Del La Casse has notified Spanish Ambassador Castillo, at Paris, that the French government is ready to tender the good offices of the French ambassador at Washington in opening negotiations for peace, if the Madrid government consents.

## Discussing Possibilities of Peace in Spain.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. Madrid, July 12.—The possibility of peace is being widely discussed in political circles and by the press. The newspapers state that Spain is prepared for peace, provided it implies the loss of Cuba only.

Gen. Correa, the war minister, says he will no longer oppose peace negotiations, providing the conditions are not too onerous.

## ONLY ARTILLERY IN ACTION.

### Reducing Forts at Entrance of Harbor So Fleet Can Enter. Two Americans Killed And Six Wounded in Sunday's Bombardment.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Washington, July 11.—Gen. Shafter cables that only the artillery is in action, the fire of which is directed at the forts, in order to reduce them so the fleet can get in the entrance to the harbor. He states that the infantry is not being used; that the guns are directed chiefly against Morro Castle and La Zacana fortifications at the entrance of the harbor, but that a considerable portion of the fire is being directed against the Spaniards in the rifle pits and trenches. Gen. Shafter says that the artillery are fully protected, have the exact range and are doing good execution.

Shafter also reports that Capt. Roswell, of the second infantry, and Private Chas. Jenks were both killed and six troopers were wounded in yesterday's bombardment.

## PHILIPPINE INSURGENTS.

### Gen. Aguinaldo Patrolling the Coast With A Squadron of Merchant Vessels. Spaniards Claim to Have Defeated Two Bands of Insurgents and Shot Three of Their Leaders.

By Cable to The Free Press.

Madrid, July 12.—An official dispatch from Iloilo, Philippine islands, says that Gen. Aguinaldo, the insurgent chief, is patrolling the coast with a squadron of merchantmen.

The dispatch says that two bands of insurgents have been defeated and three of their leaders captured and shot. No further news has been received.

## TO BE ELECTROCUTED.

### A Female Convicted of Murder to be Executed by Electricity on August 29th.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS.

New York, July 12.—Mrs. Martha Place, the convicted murderess, who strangled her step daughter, was this morning sentenced to electrocution at Sing Sing on August 29th.

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## NEWBERN NEWS ITEMS.

### A Tall Corn Yarn. Dr. Street Better. Newbern's Loss, Snow Hill's Gain. Marine Notes. House Party Returned.

C. White Gaskins, Manager Newbern Department.

NEWBERN, N. C., July 12, 1898.

The schooner Mary, Capt. Geddes, is in port.

The schooner Hattie C. Wheatley, Capt. Greenwald, has arrived from Norfolk.

The schooner Bertie and Maud, Capt. Levins, arrived Sunday from Philadelphia.

The schooner May and Anna Beswick, Capt. Smith, arrived Sunday from New York.

Mr. Charlie C. Thornton, of the Cape Lookout signal corps, is in the city on a visit.

The schooner Edward J. Martin, Capt. Matthews, arrived Sunday from Baltimore.

Mrs. George W. Wallace and children have returned from Beaufort, from a two weeks' sojourn by the seaside.

The house party that has been at Morehead for several weeks, came up this morning. Another party will go down next week.

Mr. C. M. Gilpin, the clever pension examiner, and family left Sunday evening for Beaufort to spend a few days by the briny deep. They returned this morning.

The many friends of Dr. N. H. Street will be glad to hear he has so far recovered from his recent illness as to be able to go to Seven Springs for a few weeks, Mrs. Street accompanying him.

The Misses Lena and Rosa Dail left Saturday for their future home, Snow Hill, much to the regret of the community. Newbern has lost two fair jewels, and Snow Hill has gained them.

Craven county is noted for its fish yards, but this is not a corn yarn. A. R. Hank Smith has growing in his yard a small patch of corn. In it there are several stalks measuring 15 feet 4 to 5 inches high.

## Another Spanish Victory.

Washington Post. In his official report of the fight with the Rough Riders, a Spanish official said: "We won a complete victory, but the enemy persisted in fighting after they were defeated, and we were compelled to retreat." This comes in under the head of "sad but glorious."

## SOME DANISH DANDER.

### Danish Ruler Says Americans Shan't Have Their Own Coal. Says

## IT IS CONTRABAND OF WAR.

### The Danish Ruler of the Islands Says The Removal of This Coal Would be Prevented by a Danish Gunboat in the Harbor. American Consul Said Americans Would Remove It by Force. Danish Ruler Said He Would Call in Help of Foreign Warships. Matter Referred to Washington.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

St. Thomas, July 12.—An attempt was made by the Danish government to prevent the Americans from using 8,000 tons of coal, the property of the United States, Governor Lederman, ruler of the islands, notified Consul Vanoorne, of the United States, that the American coal in the harbor was contraband of war and its use by the Americans would be contrary to neutrality laws. He further stated that the removal of the coal would be prevented by the Danish gunboat now lying in the harbor.

The American consul replied that the Americans would remove it by force, if necessary.

Lederman declared that he would call in the help of the warships of foreign powers in the harbor.

The matter was referred to Washington.

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