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DREAD YELLOW FEVER

Has Broken Out Among the Soldiers Around Santiago.

EVERY PRECAUTION IS TAKEN

To Prevent the Spread of "Yellow Jack." The Extent of the Disease Will Not Be Given Out by the Administration. The Town of Siboney Was Burned by Order of General Miles. It Was a Hot Bed of Yellow Fever Germs.

By Telegraph to The Free Press. Washington, July 13.—Dispatches conveying the information that yellow fever has broken out among the troops in the vicinity of Santiago were received at the war department today. McKinley, Alger, Corbin and Sternberg are in conference.

Every precaution is being taken to prevent the spread of the disease. Hospitals at a special quarantine camp are to be established. Immune nurses have been ordered to Santiago. Stringent measures will be adopted to prevent refugees from Santiago coming in contact with the troops.

Information as to the extent of the fever has been refused by the war department. As near as can be learned the disease broke out in the vicinity of Siboney, which was ordered to be burned by Gen. Miles.

SURRENDER REFUSED.

Toral Definitely Refused an Unconditional Surrender of Santiago. Must Fall by Assault. Siboney Burned for Sanitary Reasons.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. Off Jaragua, July 12.—All negotiations for a peaceful surrender ended in utter failure tonight when Toral definitely refused an unconditional surrender of the city. It must fall by assault.

The army now awaits only word from its general to begin the final struggle. When the attack will be made depends upon the time which ensues before they get all the batteries to the front. It is definitely settled not to begin the final attack until all the heavy batteries have been properly placed. The roadbeds are in bad shape, making the moving of artillery next to impossible, and it will probably be twenty-four hours before there is an open engagement.

Siboney lies in ashes tonight, burned by order of health authorities for the purpose of ridding the hospital camp of unhealthy and dirty buildings, and driving away scores of Cuban followers whose presence seriously inconvenience surgeons. Almost every building was fired. The occupants were mostly Cubans who are flying to caves in the overhanging hills.

NO NEWS FROM SHAFTER.

He is Dilatory in Reporting His Operations. A Grand General Assault is Thought by Some to Have Taken Place, But is Discredited by the Officials. Reported That the Bombardment of the City by the Ships Was Ineffectual.

By Telegraph to The Free Press. Washington, July 13.—The administration is awaiting anxiously, with some show of impatience, news from Shafter. Dispatches received to date serve only to add to the uncertainty of his actions at Santiago. It is reported that Shafter cabled this morning that the bombardment by the ships was ineffectual. It is known that Secretary Alger wired Shafter to send immediately details of his actions and the situation, but no reply has been received at two o'clock. Gen. Miles, in his reports, confines strictly to routine. No reflection of Shafter's operations have been received yet, and it is believed by some that a grand general assault took place this morning, but is discredited by officials.

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FIRST OHIO BREAKS CAMP

At Chattanooga, and Awaits Transportation to Reinforce Shafter. They Are Splendidly Equipped.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Chattanooga, July 13.—The first Ohio broke camp this morning and marched to Ringgold to wait transportation to Tampa. The troops are splendidly equipped and will be started to reinforce Shafter immediately.

Large quantities of supplies are arriving.

AMERICANS REPULSED

In an Attempt to Land at Tayabocoa. An American Transport Reported Aground.

By Cable to The Free Press.

Madrid, July 13.—A dispatch says the Americans attempted to land at Tayabocoa, were repulsed and took refuge in a warship, which fired over 200 shots. One Spaniard was wounded. It also reports an American transport aground at Punta Caney.

GEN. MILES IN COMMAND.

Uncertainty of Exact State of Affairs. Thought Spanish May Have Left Santiago. Gen. Duffield Wounded. Army Reinforced.

We copy the following from this morning's Newbern Journal:

Washington, July 12.—Gen. Miles has assumed command of the army before Santiago.

Gen. Duffield, of Virginia, has been seriously wounded by the Spanish fire.

Reports of a battle are received from several sources. The New York World tonight says that a terrible battle is now in progress at Santiago. All the way from Rome comes a report that Santiago has capitulated, the "Tribune" of Rome publishing a dispatch from Kingston, Jamaica, to that effect.

A cipher dispatch was received at the war department late this afternoon, but the contents are not public.

The cabinet is perplexed over the meaning of a flag of truce which Gen. Shafter sent into Santiago yesterday afternoon. Shafter sent Maj. Noble into the city under the protection of the flag.

In regard to the report that the greater portion of Gen. Linares' army had probably escaped from the city to the westward, a cabinet member said that the authorities did not believe that it was likely. The American army has been drawing around to the northward making such a movement of the Spanish army difficult.

The Cubans have occupied Das Caminos which had been evacuated by the Spaniards. General Narro with 6,000 Spanish troops hastening from Holguin on the north side of the island to reinforce Linares at Santiago. General Shafter, with the new troops which are arriving, can hold him off. Five thousand reinforcements have arrived within a few days, giving great encouragement to the whole army.

The town of Siboney was burned under orders from the American authorities. The reason is given as sanitary.

The fire of the American warships yesterday was more destructive to Santiago, the shells wrecking many houses.

Secretary Day says that no peace overtures have yet been made on the part of Spain.

The secretary of war has authorized the removal of submarine mines from all the harbors, all fear of an attack from Spanish ships being removed.

Must They Pay the War Tax?

Atlanta, Ga., July 11.—The Georgia railroad commission has taken the position that the requirement by the Western Union Telegraph company and the Southern Express company, that their patrons pay the war tax on messages and receipts as a condition precedent to the sending of telegrams and packages, amounts to an exaction of that much in addition to their usual rates.

The companies have been cited to appear July 19, and show cause, if they can, why they should not be held to be guilty of such exactions in violation of the commission's rules.

Conductor Killed.

Capt. W. D. Williamson, conductor on one of the Coast Line material trains, fell from a car at Dunn Monday and was killed. His body was severed nearly in two just above the hips.

Angry Guest—Say, you! There was a pair of kid gloves in one of the pockets of this coat when I hung it up on that hook. They are gone.

Imperturbable Porter—Don't know anything about 'em, sah. 'Sides, dey wuzn't kid; dey wuz cheap dogskin, sah. —Chicago News.

WAITING AT MANILA

Until Fully Prepared For Any Emergency.

REINFORCEMENTS EXPECTED

Soon, Which Will Enable Dewey to Effectively Control the Whole Philippines. The Insurgents Made a Vigorous Attack On the Spanish, but With Little Results. Aguinaldo's Influence Believed to Be of Short Duration.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

Manilla, July 7, via Hong Kong, July 13.—The insurgents made a vigorous attack yesterday with but little results. They shelled the Spanish entrenchments and captured many guns. Over 100 men were killed on each side.

The Americans and insurgents are acting independently. Both are conducting their own operations, hoping to evolve an agreement afterward.

Aguinaldo's influence is believed not to be of great extent or duration. After the Spanish are expelled it is believed there will be a state of chaos, unless the Americans assume control of the islands in force. The Americans are postponing operations until they are fully prepared for any contingency. Thirty thousand reinforcements are expected soon which will enable Dewey to effectively control the whole Philippines.

LUZON IN REVOLT

Against Spanish Rule. A Letter From Augustine Says He Expects An Attack By the Americans on July 14th, When Reinforcements Arrive.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

Madrid, July 13.—A German cruiser brings a report that all Luzon is in revolt against Spanish rule. It also brought a letter from Augustine which says that all is quiet, but expects an attack by Americans on the 14th, when reinforcements arrive.

SPANIARDS CAN'T STAND MUCH LONGER.

Was Believed Monday That Santiago Would Be Captured in 24 Hours. In Captured Spanish Trenches Many Dummy Wooden Guns Were Found. Gen. Miles On the Scene.

Shafter Headquarters, July 11th, 4 p. m., via Kingston, July 12.—Fighting continued during the day. At this hour it is believed that Santiago will be captured within twenty-four hours.

The Americans have advanced steadily all day. Several Spanish trenches are now occupied, in which were found many dummy wooden guns.

The Spanish fire was very weak after the dispatch was sent from the field.

After Shafter's message was received from Washington this morning it seems that Gen. Toral's second proposition to surrender was rejected and fighting was resumed. The advent of Gen. Miles on the scene with instructions from Washington also led to a resumption of hostilities.

SHIP WRECKED.

While Trying to Run the Blockade. Its Nationality Unknown, But Believed to Be a Spanish Vessel Carrying Supplies To Blanco.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Washington, July 13.—Signal Officer Sawyer, at Key West, reports to the war department that a ship, the San Domingo, was wrecked off Isle of Pines, Cuba, while trying to run the blockade. Its nationality is unknown, but believed to be a Spanish vessel carrying supplies to Gen. Blanco.

It is now said that only one of Cervera's wrecked ships can be saved, which is the Maria Teresa, former flagship of Cervera.

NEWBERN NEWS ITEMS.

Excursion to Morehead for Benefit Atlantic Reel Team. In Remembrance of His Bravery. Ball Game Tomorrow.

C. Whit Gaskins, Manager Newbern Department.

NEWBERN, N. C., July 13, 1898.

Rev. John Stanly Thomas is in the city on a visit.

There will be a game of baseball at the fair grounds tomorrow afternoon for the benefit of the Atlantic reel team.

An excursion will be run next Friday to Morehead City, for the benefit of the Atlantic reel team. The train will leave here at 9 a. m. and return at 9 p. m. Fare for round trip \$1.00; children 50 cents.

In remembrance of his heroic bravery in rescuing Clara, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Habicht, Mr. John Scales was yesterday presented with a very pretty gold locket, or watch charm. On one side is set a diamond, on the other side an inscription reads "Clara to J. S."

WAR NOTES.

Du Bose and Carranga, the Spanish spies, have at last been forced by the Canadian government to leave Canada.

W. J. Bryan's regiment, of Nebraska, has been ordered to join Gen. Fitzhugh Lee's corps at Jacksonville, Fla.

During the bombardment by the warships of Santiago Monday one shot struck a prominent church in the heart of the city which was heavily stored with powder and ammunition, causing a tremendous explosion. The extent of the damage is not known.

It was rumored in Washington that Gen. Shafter strongly advised the acceptance of Gen. Toral's offer to surrender if allowed to leave with the troops wearing their side arms, and the American commander is said to have sent a long dispatch to President McKinley, making arguments in favor of the Spanish commander's offer. General Shafter is said to have urged the importance of gaining immediate possession of Santiago city so as to leave our fleet and army free to undertake other work. According to a report, General Shafter said the acceptance of Gen. Toral's offer would save the lives of our soldiers and enable us to begin the relief of the starving Cubans immediately. The advantage to the Spaniards, Gen. Shafter is also said to have pointed, will not be large. President McKinley's response, it is rumored, was as laconic as was Gen. Grant's upon a similar occasion.

GERMAN BOAT GOT GAY.

Refused to Permit Insurgents to Attack Spaniards.

DEWEY SENT TWO CRUISERS

To Investigate. On Entering the Bay at Grand Island the Raleigh Opened Fire On the Forts, Whereupon German Gunboat Steamed Out by the Other Channel. Spaniards Surrendered Everything and 500 Prisoners Were Taken. German Commander Says He Interfered in Cause of Humanity.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

Manila, via Hong Kong, July 12.—The insurgents on July 6th reported that the German gunboat Irene, in Subig bay, refused to permit them to attack the Spanish at Grand Island. Dewey promptly dispatched the cruisers Raleigh and Concord to investigate. On entering the bay the Raleigh opened fire on the forts, whereupon the German ship slipped her cable and steamed out by the other channel.

In response to the fire of the Americans the Spaniards surrendered everything, and 500 prisoners were taken.

The commander of the Irene explained his action and says he interfered in the cause of humanity, and offered to hand over a number of refugees aboard. Dewey refused to accept them.

Dubosc and Carranza Leave Canada.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

Montreal, July 13.—Dubosc and Carranza, heads of the Spanish spy system, sailed this morning on the Ottoman for Liverpool.

Camara Returning to Spain.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

Port Said, July 13.—The Spanish fleet was sighted off Cape Burlos at midnight, heading for Spain.

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