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ALL BUT GUANTANAMO

Spanish Troops in Capitulated Area Have Surrendered.

RELIEF TO SPANISH TROOPS.

They Gave Up Without Reluctance And With a Feeling of Relief. 3,000 Stands Of Arms Turned Over. Plantation Owners Think Prosperity Will Come With Peace. The Surrender of Guantamo is Important and Will Be Accomplished Without Trouble. Over 7,000 Spanish Troops in Guantamo.

By Cable to The Free Press.

Santiago, July 25.—With the exception of those at Guantamo, all the Spanish troops within the area of territory indicated in Gen. Toral's capitulation have given up their arms and surrendered to the authority of the United States.

Lieut. Miley, of Shafter's staff, who was designated as head of the commission to receive the surrender of the Spanish in the outlying districts, has just returned from his expedition. He reports that he has not had the least trouble in obtaining the surrender of the various garrisons, the Spanish troops giving up their arms not only without reluctance, but with a feeling of relief at the termination of hostilities.

Three thousand stands of arms were turned over to the Americans.

Rich and influential plantation owners declare that the Spanish guerillas and volunteers are ready and willing to work as zealously as they fought, and are of the opinion that prosperity will quickly come to the country with peace under the American flag.

The surrender of Guantamo is of greater importance than was at first believed. Over 7,000 troops, the greater part of whom are seasoned regulars, are there.

The Spanish army commissioners left yesterday on their return to Guantamo and stated that the surrender of the troops there will be accomplished without the slightest trouble.

The reports of fighting between the Cubans and Spanish troops are untrue.

PEACE EASIER OF ADJUSTMENT THAN SUPPOSED.

At Least So Stated a Madrid Official. Modified Cabinet to Initiate Peace Negotiations. Everybody in Madrid Thinks Spain Should Treat Directly With U. S.

By Cable to The Free Press.

Madrid, July 25.—A prominent official stated today that the quarrel between the United States and Spain is much easier of adjustment than is generally believed. He says that the queen endeavored to avoid war and desires honorable peace, also that the present government will not initiate peace negotiations, but that a modified cabinet, headed by Gamazo, will conclude the negotiations and then retire; that they will re-organize the country.

Everybody here considers that Spain should treat directly with the United States.

Riotous Demonstrations in Granada.

Cable to Free Press.

Paris, July 25.—Advices received from Madrid say that riotous demonstrations have occurred in Granada.

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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Wilson beat Tarboro Friday playing ball 20 to 14. It was a slow, poor game. Townsend's tobacco hogshead factory at Wilson was burned Saturday morning before day.

News-Observer: Watch out for the Republican fertilizer inspectors doing campaign work. Five thousand dollars additional appropriated by the Russell-Butler agricultural department to put "inspectors" in the field "at once."

Henry L. Stevens, of Warsaw, has flopped to the Populists. He was an aspirant for the Democratic judicial nomination in this district. He hopes to get Locke taken down and himself put in as a Rep.-Pop. fusion candidate.

Joe Williams, colored, was lynched near Scotland Neck Friday night. He had made himself a nuisance by writing insulting letters and had been warned to leave the community. The good people of the community greatly deplore the occurrence.

A dispatch July 23d from Philadelphia to the Goldsboro Argus says: Tired of a fruitless search for employment and weary of life, a young man, supposed to be Luther Sanders, of Beaufort, N. C., committed suicide by inhaling gas at the boarding house of Mrs. Krauss, 241 North Sixth street, yesterday afternoon.

Wilmington Star: The governor has named O. V. F. Blythe, of Hendersonville, to succeed Judge H. G. Ewart as judge of the criminal circuit court. Blythe obtained his license to practice law only a few years ago, and is said to have had only a small practice. He will have to stand for re-election this fall. The appointment has been severely criticized, as it is thought a man with only a few years experience as a country lawyer can scarcely have sufficient ability to uphold the dignity of the North Carolina bench.

GLAD TO SURRENDER.

Short of Provisions in Guantamo. Shafter's Dispatch.

Washington, July 23.—The war department tonight received the following from Gen. Shafter:

"Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.: "Colonel of Engineers Spanish army has just arrived from Guantamo. He heard from French consul there that Santiago had surrendered and that they had been included. Not crediting it he was sent here to verify the fact. They will be very glad to accept terms of surrender; very short of rations and shall have to begin feeding them at once. He tells me there are 6,000 men at that place. Am now feeding 6,000 well prisoners here and 1,600 sick in hospital. Expect 2,000 men in tomorrow from San Luis and Palmas. Will send an officer tomorrow or next day and then go to Sagua and Baracoa to receive surrender there. Think the number of prisoners will be fully up to the estimate—22,000 or 23,000.

(Signed) "SHAFTER."

WANTS THE CONTRACT ANNULLED.

Suit Brought Against the Spanish Steamship Company by Mr. Lord.

New York, July 23.—George Osgood Lord today brought suit in the supreme court against the Campana Trans-Atlantic Espanola, J. Cebellos, agent, who, in behalf of the Spanish line, made the bid for transporting 25,000 defeated Dons from Santiago to Spain at \$55 for officers and \$20 for enlisted men. The suit is to annul the contract the quartermaster's department made with the enemy's steamship line. The ground for the suit is that the contract is against public policy, and gives aid and comfort to an enemy of the United States. Technically Mr. Lord asks for \$100,000 damages, but the real object is to secure the annulment of the contract.

GEN. WOOD GOVERNOR.

Military Ruler of Santiago. Cleaning the Streets.

Playa del Este, Santiago de Cuba, July 21.—General Wood, of the Rough Riders, was appointed military ruler of Santiago de Cuba yesterday, succeeding General McKibbin, who returns to his old duty and who is on the sick list.

A recruit, wishing to evade service, was brought up for medical inspection, and the doctor asked him: "Have you any defects?" "Yes, sir, I am short-sighted." "How can you prove it?" "Easily enough, doctor. Do you see that nail up yonder in the wall?" "Yes." "Well, I don't."—Tid-Bits.

"Could you love a man who was cowardly, Julia?" "Well, I should want him to have courage enough to propose."—Chicago Record.

TAMPA TO PORTO RICO.

All Remaining Troops Will be Embarked Soon as Transports Arrive.

EMBARK AT NEWPORT NEWS.

Four Batteries Artillery Left Chattanooga For Newport News. Second Division of First Corps Not Expected to Leave for At Least a Week. Third Brigade to Leave Camp Thomas Wednesday.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS.

Washington, July 25.—As soon as transports arrive from Santiago all the remaining troops at Tampa will be embarked for Porto Rico. Orders have been issued to the first Florida, second Georgia and fifth Maryland volunteers to prepare to embark.

To Embark at Newport News.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS.

Chattanooga, July 25.—Four batteries of artillery have departed for Newport News to embark for Porto Rico. They were battery A of Illinois, twenty-seventh Indiana, battery B of Pennsylvania and battery A of St. Louis.

The second division of the first corps is not expected to leave for at least a week. The third brigade is still at Camp Thomas but will leave Wednesday.

NEXT MANILA EXPEDITION

Will Be Commanded by Gen. King. Sickness Among Soldiers Increasing.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS.

San Francisco, July 25.—Gen. King will be in command of the next Manila expedition. Gen. Miller will remain here for the present, at the request of Gen. Merriam. Active preparations in moving troops to embark at Presidio began this morning. Sickness among soldiers is increasing.

Hobson Saving the Colon.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS.

New York, July 25.—Lieut. Hobson returned to the city this morning from Washington. Upon his arrival he went immediately to the office of the wrecking company to complete preparations for saving the Cristobal Colon.

Movements of Two Auxiliary Cruisers.

By Telegraph to The Free Press.

New York, July 25.—The St. Paul will sail this afternoon for southern waters. The Harvard is being disinfected and is not expected to sail for several days.

An English Diplomatist.

Sir Claude Macdonald, the British minister to China, is 46 years old and holds rank in the army as a major. He served with the Seventy-fourth highlanders and was in the Egyptian campaign of 1882 and the Suakin expedition before he was appointed consul general at Zanzibar in 1887. After leaving east Africa he was sent to the Niger, where he proved a very successful consul general in the Niger Coast Protectorate, as the district, which was once known as the "Oil Rivers Protectorate," is now designated. Sir Claude's career in west Africa was cut short in 1896 by his selection for the embassy at Peking.

Permanently So.

Weary Watkins—I see some of the papers is agitating the wide tire question again for better roads.

Hungry Higgins—I don't know much about wide tires, but I know I've got a lifelong one.—Indianapolis Journal.

Weaknesses seem to be even more carefully and anxiously concealed than graver and more decided faults, for human nature is more ashamed of the first than of the last.

The willow is one of the most adaptable of plants. A willow stuck in the wet ground will almost invariably take root and become a tree.

NEWBERN NEWS ITEMS.

Mrs. J. C. Wyman Died in New York. Fire Apparatus Sent to Goldsboro. C. Whit Gaskins, Manager Newbern Department.

NEWBERN, N. C., July 25, 1898.

Dr. and Mrs. N. H. Street returned last night from Seven Springs, where the doctor has been for several weeks for his health.

Mr. James Moore, Jr., arrived yesterday morning from New York for a short visit. Jim has been gone about three years, and his friends are glad to see him again.

The apparatuses of the Newbern fire department were sent to Goldsboro today by freight. The companies will go tomorrow morning. THE FREE PRESS will give telegraphic reports of the tournament each day.

Died in New York city Friday, July 22nd, Ella Radcliffe, wife of J. C. Wyman, in the 46th year of her age. Mrs. Wyman was formerly Mrs. Wm. J. Street and was well known in Kinston, having been in the hotel business there for a number of years. The remains will be brought to Newbern this evening, and the funeral will be from the depot.

DECLINED TO SURRENDER

Unless They Could See for Themselves Evidences of Our Victories.

"Adjutant General Corbin, Washington, D. C.:

"Sent two troops of cavalry with Spanish officers and Lieutenant Miley to receive surrender of Spanish troops at San Luis and Palmas. They had not heard of the loss of Cervera's fleet or of Toral's surrender; they declined to surrender unless they could come in and see for themselves. A detachment of officers and men came in last night and returned this morning, apparently satisfied.

(Signed) "SHAFTER."

White Man Has No Rights Under Present Rule.

News-Observer.

The Halifax county chain-gang brutally insulted a white gentleman while the guards stood by without making the slightest attempt to protect him. Are the guards any better than the convicts? Some who have been employed at the State penitentiary are not as good as some convicts. Under this regime it has come to be so that no white man has rights which even a convict is bound to respect.

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