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LATE WAR NEWS. Our troops arrived at Manila June 30. There was only one death on the way.

A reign of terror is on in Spain. The feeling is thus summed up: "God alone knows what will happen."

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Under pretext of security for war purposes the Republican administration at Washington has added nearly 50 per cent to the public debt.

The injunction is watch and pray. Sampson may have gone off last Sunday morning to pray, or to see Shafter, or may be to fish, but Shafter is watched.

Cervera's desperate dash out of Santiago's harbor and its fatal denouement only furnished further proof that the Spaniards are not afraid to fight and not afraid to die.

The full name of the Spanish Admiral who was captured by Sampson's fleet last Sunday and is now a prisoner of war is "Pasencio de Cervera y Topete Conde de Jerez, Marquis de Santa Ana."

Chicago without news Saturday, Sunday, and Monday on account of a strike of the streetcar men.

Our fellow citizen, Mr. D. F. Morrow, is favorably mentioned in many localities as one of the Democratic candidates for Senator from this 3rd district.

Mr. Morrow is an exceedingly clever politician, a good business man and would make a creditable representative.

Many American soldiers in the vicinity at Santiago have been made sick by eating tropical fruits.

There is more Catholicism in this section of the country than in any other section.

FIGHTING AT SANTIAGO.

Three Days of Hard Fighting—Our Ships Destroyed—Our Losses are Terrible—Spaniards are Desperate Fighters—Their Two of Smokeless Powder guns on a Blunderbuss—Thousands of Spaniards Killed and Wounded.

On last Friday morning, the first day of July, Shafter's forces on the hills overlooking Santiago were in a position to move against the city's outposts. The Americans approached from the south-east and their line extended from nearly to El Caney on the northeast almost to Aguadere on the south, a distance of about five miles.

On the left but little was done. In fact but little was intended to be finished until the right and center had pushed their tanks. The foot and Duffield's forces were to co-operate in making a feint and this they did.

At five o'clock General Lawton moved against El Caney. Captain Capron, whose son was killed at La Quasira, fired the first shot into the Spanish stronghold, defended by about 2,000 Spaniards without artillery.

But the enemy must be driven from the trenches on top of the slope guarded by wire fences. General Hawkins' brigade and a division of mounted cavalry started forward with a shout.

A no less heroic charge was made at the center on the heights of San Juan. General Wood commanded the brigade in his stead. The heights were held by 3,000 troops.

Every man saw to it that his cartridge belt was full, and the fence clips were stationed in proper position. The advance was commenced under heavy fire.

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Early Saturday morning the fleet engaged in a terrific bombardment of the fortifications at the channel entrance. The big ships went close into the mouth of the channel and smashed the fortifications to pieces.

Admiral Cervera made as gallant a dash for liberty and for the preservation of his ships this morning as has ever occurred in the history of naval warfare.

The Americans saw him the moment he left the harbor, and commenced their work of destruction immediately. For an hour or two they followed the flying Spaniards to the westward along the shore line sending shot after shot.

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General Shafter at Monday repeated his demand for the surrender of the city, he notified General Linara that unless Santiago surrendered hostilities would be resumed at noon on Tuesday.

The foreign consuls said there were 31,000 men women and children, foreign subjects in the city and they requested permission in order to enable them to be removed outside Santiago and to be placed under the protection of the United States.

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McCormick REAPERS AND MOWERS. The best and most reliable of Mr. James Hooker, who has about two miles southeast of Bethesda church, were destroyed by fire last Thursday night. Mr. Hooker had attended to the feeding of the stock himself and the fire was discovered about half an hour afterward. The origin of the fire is unknown.

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