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SPANISH FLEET WAS DESTROYED.

Sampson Confirms News by an
Official Cablegram.

CERVERA IS AMONG THE 1,300 PRISONERS

More Than 300 Spaniards and
Only One American Killed—
Sampson is Now in the
Inner Harbor.

THE FLEET DESTROYED.

By Telegraph to the Times-Visitor.

WASHINGTON, D. C., JULY 4.—ADMIRAL SAMPSON TODAY CABLED THE NAVY DEPARTMENT THAT CERVERA'S FLEET HAD BEEN DESTROYED. NOT ONE DOES HE STATE ESCAPED. THIRTEEN HUNDRED SPANIARDS WERE MADE PRISONERS, AMONG THEM ADMIRAL CERVERA, WHO WAS AT FIRST REPORTED TO HAVE DIED AN HEROIC DEATH.

THE DISASTER TO THE FLEET CAUSED JOY ON BOARD EVERY SHIP IN THE AMERICAN SQUADRON. SAMPSON'S GUNS SUNK THREE OF THE SHIPS AND TWO TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYERS WERE WRECKED ON THE SHORE. ABOUT THREE HUNDRED LIVES WERE LOST, ONLY ONE AMERICAN, A SEAMAN ON THE BROOKLYN. AMERICAN GUNNERS FIRED EFFECTIVELY, BUT FEW SHOTS FAILING TO DO DISASTROUS WORK.

ACCOUNT OF THE BATTLE.

Off Santiago, July 4.—Five vessels of Cervera's fleet have been destroyed by Admiral Sampson. No American vessel was lost. Santiago is likely to be surrendered to General Shafter within a few hours. Cervera was driven to desperation by the steady advance of the Americans upon Santiago and the evident intention of Admiral Sampson to force his fleet into the harbor. Cervera then attempted the forlorn hope of pushing his fleet past the sunken Merrimac and made a bold effort to run past the American fleet. Admiral Sampson was on the alert and immediately ordered an advance from the flagship. The Americans steadily advanced, firing as did so, and at the same time receiving a terrific bombardment from the Spanish vessels. The firing of the gunners on the Americans ships was perfect and three Spanish vessels were soon utterly destroyed. The Spaniards became desperate and headed two torpedo boat destroyers for the beach in order to save the crews. These two boat destroyers for the beach in complete wrecks. Rumors have it that Cervera is dead. One of the reports is that he committed suicide. The general belief is that he remained on his ship to the last moment and was killed by the explosion of a magazine.

SAMPSON IS INSIDE.

Telegraph to the Times-Visitor. Washington, July 4.—News has been received that Sampson two hours after the destruction of the Spanish fleet entered the inner harbor under full head of steam where he is now anchored waiting to bombard the town. Shafter wires that he confident that General Linars will surrender.

SPANIARDS ASK 24 HOURS.

Washington, July 4.—Spaniards have asked twenty four hours time before surrender. Shafter gave the command at Santiago until noon tomorrow surrender the city if by then his hand is not complied with he shall proceed to bombard Santiago immediately. Shafter has notified the war department that the bombardment is stopped on account of suffering in the city.

Mrs. Bettie Ashe Eaton and her daughter Miss Mary Eaton, of St. Louis, are visiting Capt. S. A. Ashe's family.

SANTIAGO BY NIGHT.

Washington, July 4.—The President has received important news from Santiago this morning but it is being carefully guarded, not the slightest intimation being obtainable as to the character of the news. It is believed, however, to contain the news that Sampson has bombarded the city from the inner harbor and that Santiago is on the point of surrendering to General Shafter. It was given out this morning that if Shafter's demands for the surrendering of Santiago are not immediately complied with concerted action by fleet and army will be made between the two and the city will be wiped out. Nothing definite received since midnight regarding the Spanish fleet. The stories that the Viscaya can escape is baseless as either the New York or Brooklyn can outlast her. The President says he expects the fall of Santiago before night.

REFUSE TO SURRENDER.

Women and Children Removed from the City.

TROOPS MOVING.

SAMPSON CHASING THE
VIZCAYA, WHICH HE
FINDS DID ESCAPE.

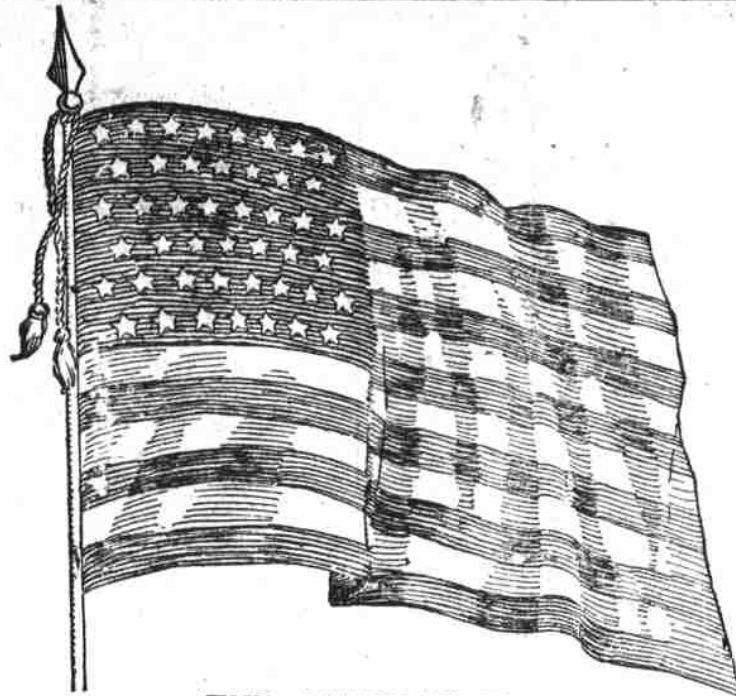
The News and Observer this afternoon received the following official telegram from Washington:

WASHINGTON, JULY 4.—

"SHAFTER'S DEMAND FOR SURRENDER REFUSED BY SPANISH COMMANDER. BOMBARDMENT DELAYED UNTIL TUESDAY TO GIVE TIME FOR THE REMOVAL OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN. SAMPSON IN PURSUIT OF VISCAYA, THE ONLY SPANISH WARSHIP TO ESCAPE. FIRST PHILIPPINE EXPEDITION ARRIVES AT MANILLA. CAPTURING LAARONE ISLANDS ON THE WAY. TROOPS UNDER ORDERS AT CHICKAMAUGA AND CAMP ALGER TO PROCEED TO SANTIAGO. GENERAL MILES SAYS HE WILL GO WITH THEM TO RELIEF OF SHAFTER."

THE COLORED SOLDIERS.

Not Known Yet When the Raleigh Negroes Will Leave. The Raleigh negroes belonging to R. H. Hackney's company are anxious to know when they will be ordered to Fort Macon. General Cowles will order the men to leave as soon as Lieutenant Harlow is ready for them. The equipment and tentage has not yet arrived at Fort Macon. It is possible that the men here will be ordered to move Friday.



THE AMERICAN FLAG.

When Freedom from her mountain height
Unfurled her standard to the air,
She tore the azure robe of night
And set the stars of glory there.
She mingled with its glorious dyes
The milky baldric of the skies
And striped its pure, celestial white
With streakings of the morning light.
Then from his mansion in the sun
She called her eagle bearer down
And gave into his mighty hand
The symbol of her chosen land.

Flag of the brave, thy folds shall fly,
The sign of hope and triumph, high!
When speaks the signal trumpet tone
And the long line comes gleaming on,
Ere yet the lifeblood warm and wet
Has dimmed the glistening bayonet,
Each soldier's eye shall brightly turn
To where thy sky born glories burn
And, as his springing steps advance,
Catch war and vengeance from the glance!

JOSEPH RODMAN DRAKE.

PROGRAMME OF TO-NIGHT'S EVENTS

The Times-Visitor's Fourth of
July Celebration at Pullen
Park.

The Fourth has been a grand day in Raleigh and long before dawn the cannon cracker waked the sleeping residents in all sections of the city.

The destruction of Cervera's fleet as a fourth of July present added much to the spirit of the people and red, white and blue is floating to the breeze on hundreds of flag poles and from many residences.

This afternoon as we go to press the city is preparing for the greatest celebration the Glorious Fourth has ever seen in Raleigh.

At 4:30 by telephone it was learned at this office that the Second Regiment was preparing to move into the city. At 4:45 the men were drawn up in regimental formation and at 5 o'clock the march into the city began.

At six o'clock the regiment will be drawn up for dress parade in front of the Governor's Mansion. There the men will be reviewed by Governor Russell and Adjutant General Cowles with Col. Burgwyn commanding.

At 8 o'clock the illuminated and decorated bicycle parade will form on Fayetteville street and proceed to Pullen's Park where the following prizes will be awarded:

The best costume (male) cash \$5.00. Best decorated wheel and costume pair racing tires, value \$7.50. Best ladies' costume, pair bicycle boots value \$3.50. Best decorated wheel and costume, \$5.00. Best girls' costume, \$2.50. Best boy's costume, \$2.50. Best costume and decorated boy's wheel, \$2.50. Best costume and decorated girl's wheel \$2.50. Most original costumes either ladies' or gentlemen (couple), either on tandem or single wheel, \$5.00. Messrs. Thomas and Campbell have offered a handsome \$5 rocking chair as a prize to the most graceful lady rider.

For the best clown or comic costumed rider—male or female—an elegant nickel-plated lamp, valued at \$2.00. This open for all ages.

The following named gentlemen have been requested and consented to act as judges of the racing, etc.: Mr. John C. Drewry, Dr. J. M. Ayer, Mr. W. A. Linehan, who will be assisted by two ladies.

At 8:30 or 9 o'clock the grand pyrotechnic display will begin and Pullen Park will be the scene of rarest beauty and illuminated designs such as have never before been seen here will be exhibited.

At all of the exercises the Second Regiment band, under Director Guth, will furnish the music.

ADMIT DEFEAT.

By Cable to the Times-Visitor.

London, July 4.—A dispatch from Madrid says advices from Havana state that the enemy advanced in force and bombarded Cane. General Varade Rey in command of the Spanish forces of five battalions was defeated.

FLOATING OLD GLORY.

So far as flags go to tell us about the weather every patriotic citizen in Raleigh forgot the temperature at home and applauded the act of the city, suggested by the Times-Visitor, raising "Old Glory" over the market building.

THE TROOPS HAPPY.

Washington, July 4.—The following was received from General Shafter: Playa del Este, nine thirty, July 4th.—Headquarters fifth army corps near Santiago: When the news of the disaster to the Spanish fleet reached the front which was during the period of truce the regimental band played "The Star Spangled Banner" and "A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," the men cheering from one end of the line to the other. Officers and men without even shelter tents, been soaking five days in the afternoon rains, but all are happy. (Signed) "SHAFTER."

THE STATE NORMAL.

We are in receipt of the catalogue of the State Normal College. We notice that the State Normal and Industrial College is six years old. Including the Practice and Observation School and special students, the catalogue shows an enrollment of 683 for the past year. Dr. McIver announces that students desiring to secure free tuition and admission to the dormitories as boarders should send in their applications before July 20th.

WILL PURSUE THE WAR.

By Cable to the Times-Visitor. Cervera's fleet and route of the Madrid, July 4.—The destruction of Cervera's fleet and route of the Spaniards in front of Santiago has bewildered the Spanish cabinet. The press and Sagasta, however, boldly say that Spain will pursue the war despite the losses sustained.

ORDERED TO SANTIAGO.

Chickamauga, July 4.—Troops are being rushed to port Tampa to reinforce General Shafter. First division of first and second brigades, second division of first army corps are the troops ordered to Santiago.

W. E. SHIPP KILLED AT SANTIAGO

Lieutenant on Staff of General
Young Among the Dead.

SHAFTER'S MESSAGE BRINGS SAD NEWS

Sisters of the Lamented Young
Officer Live Here, His Wife
a Daughter of Mr. F. H.
Busbee.

The death of Lieutenant William E. Shipp brought sadness to every home in Raleigh, where the war has dealt such cruel blows, and on every hand sympathy has been expressed for the Lieutenant's young wife, who has always been a favorite in this her home city, and also for his sisters who have for several years made Raleigh their home.

Lieutenant Shipp has often visited in this city and his marriage to Miss Margie Busbee, daughter of Mr. F. H. Busbee, is remembered as one of the leading social events in the history of the town.

When the troops were ordered to Santiago those in this city who knew Lieutenant Shipp most intimately watched with keen interest for mention of his regiment, and the first news is the bitterest blow that could have struck home.

Mrs. Shipp, when the Tenth Cavalry was ordered to Chickamauga, left at once for Chattanooga, and spent the remainder of the time of the regiment's stay there with her husband. The latest news received from Lieutenant Shipp was a telegram to his wife, "I am well; kiss the babies." This morning the news was wired to Miss Kate Shipp, half sister of the Lieutenant, and upon her devolved the duty of breaking the awful news to Mrs. Shipp. The first words said to her of the battle were by Editor Tipton, who was instructed to tell her that the Lieutenant was shot.

Mr. Busbee left this afternoon for Lincoln. It is not known as yet whether the Lieutenant's body can be brought back to America, but certainly not before the fall when the hot weather ceases. General Shafter has promised that officers will be buried in separate graves so as to insure identification. The blow is an awful one here, the home of his sisters, Miss Kate Shipp and Miss Mary Shipp and in Charlotte, his old home, there is great sorrow.

This morning's Charlotte Observer says editorially: "The war comes home to us. Since the death of Ensign Bagley it has brought no such sad news to North Carolina as that of the death of Lieut. William E. Shipp, killed in the engagement near Santiago Saturday. A brave man; a trained soldier; a man of talents; handsome of person; a gentleman born; the husband of a beautiful young wife, and the father of two children, there was much in him to wed his acquaintances to him and much in life to wed him to it. It does not mitigate the pang to say that such are the fortunes of war. The event is an unmitigated calamity."

In its local columns the Observer contains a full biographical sketch of Lieutenant Shipp and telling the sad story of his death said: "Last night's dispatches brought the distressing news from the front that Lieutenant William E. Shipp had been killed in the battle of Saturday. He was first reported to have been wounded. A later dispatch brought the news that he was killed."

The dreadful tidings spread rapidly over the city. While all knew that Lieutenant Shipp was in the thickest of the fight, yet when the news that he had been killed came, the city was shocked and universal sorrow prevailed.

"The meaning of war was more realized by the people of this city last night than ever before, for Lieutenant Shipp formerly lived here, and the city proudly claimed him as her own. By word and by phone came anxious inquiries when he was reported to have been wounded, and later expressions of profound sorrow when he was reported dead. It seems too horrible to be true. To think of a magnificent man like Lieutenant Shipp being stricken down thus is horrible. There could have been

no finer gentleman, nor braver officer in the army, for he was the purest type of either that could be imagined. He was a man of superb physique, erect as an arrow; a splendid head and handsome features. No finer specimen of man—mental, moral and physical—ever wore his country's uniform.

"He was cultured, intellectual, refined and high-toned gentleman of fine address and bearing—nature's nobleman. Well may the old North State deplore the loss of such a son."

BIOGRAPHICAL.
"William Ewart Shipp was the son of the late Judge William M. Shipp. His mother was Miss Kate Cameron, a niece of Judge Cameron, and a first cousin of Paul Cameron, of Hillsboro. He was born at the old Shipp homestead, in Lincoln county, in 1881. After his father moved to Charlotte, Lieutenant Shipp entered the Charlotte Military Institute under Col. Thomas. He was easily Col. Thomas' favorite. He was generally popular with the cadets. His fine address and force of character were his father's and always prominent."

"He was appointed by Hon. Walter L. Steele and entered West Point in 1896. He graduated eleventh in his class, and was assigned to the Tenth (negro) cavalry at his own request. He made a fine record as an officer and on good authority it is stated that no officer stood higher in the army than Lieutenant Shipp. When the question of a brigadier general being appointed from North Carolina came up, a prominent Republican of this State who holds merit and country above party, wrote a strong letter to Senator Pritchard and said that 'if the best man in the State and one equal to any in the United States was wanted, Lieutenant Shipp should have the appointment.'"

"One who knew the Lieutenant well says that he has not known in his life and brave efficient soldierly duty and brave, efficient soldier. Among his many sterling virtues there shone that most rare one, modesty."

"Lieutenant Shipp married Miss Margaret Busbee, daughter of Fabius H. Busbee, of Raleigh, who with their two sons, William and Fabius, is with Lieutenant Shipp's sisters, Mrs. Anna McBee and Miss Kate Shipp in Lincoln. His brother, Mr. Bartlett Shipp, is in Seattle."

"Lieutenant Shipp married Miss Mary Shipp, was ordered to Arizona. He spent several years there. While playing polo there one day he injured his ankle, and was retired on sick leave. He returned to North Carolina and for two or three years was the military officer at the Davis school, Winston. As soon as he was able he rejoined his company, and was again sent west. When the war began he and family were living in the west. Lieutenant Shipp was ordered east, and his family came with him, going to Lincoln, where his sisters live. Sad news indeed is that that will be borne to them this morning. The freedom of a nation will not be any balm in Gilead to the young wife who has lost so gallant and evoted a husband; to the young sons, bereft of a father's love and guidance; to the sisters whose joy and pride he was."

Other sad news for Raleighites spread over the city throughout the day but it is safe to say that no word has been received in this city of any accident to any other North Carolinian in this battle.

The capital and bank buildings are closed today on account of national holiday. All members of the Rescue Circle are earnestly requested to meet promptly at 8 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at Mrs. Jas. McKimmon's, as business of importance will come before the regular meeting of the Circle.

The regular weekly meeting of the Baptist Young People's Union of the First Baptist church will not be held tonight but has been postponed until Tuesday (tomorrow) night. The subject will be "The nation's Glory."