LANDING OF OUR TROOPS COMPLETED

Sixteen Thousand American Soldiers Are Now On Cuban Soil.

Insurgent Forces Render Great Assistance During the Debarkation.

ON BOARD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH-BOAT WANDA, BAIQUIRI HARBOR, Cuba, Wednesday, June 22, 5 p. m. (via Kingston, Jamaica), Thursday, June 23, 5:30 p. m. At 5 o'clock this afternoon 6000 trained American soldiers are camped in and around Baiquiri, and 10,000 more rest on their arms on board the transports ready to join those who have debarked as soon as the available launches and boats can carry them ashore.

The Cuban insurgents bore their share in the enterprise honorably and well. Five thousand of them, in mountain fastnesses and dark thickets and ravines, lay all last night on their guns, watching every road and mountain path leading from Santiago to Guantanamo. A thousand were within sight of Baiquiri, making the approach of the Spaniards under cover of darkness an impossibility.

General Shafter, on board the Segueranca, closely watched the landing of the troops.

Brigadier General Lawton, who had been detailed to command the landing of the troops, led the way in a launch accompanied by his staff, and directed the formation of the line of operation.

General Lawton threw a strong detachment for the night about six miles west, on the road to Santiago, and another detachment was posted to the north of the town, among the hills. The rest of the troops were quartered in the town, some of them being housed in the buildings of the iron company. Other troops were quartered in deserted houses, while others still preferred the shelter of their tents in the adjoining fields.

The landing was accomplished without loss of life, the only casualty being the wounding of an insurgent on the hills by a shell from one of our ships. He will lose his arm. The insurgent troops at Baiquiri are commanded by General Castillo and are estimated to number a thousand men.

NEW YORK, June 23.—A special dated at Playa del Este, Cuba, to-day, said that at 1 o'clock this morning the last of General Shafter's army of invasion had landed at Baiquiri.

SHAFTER WILL SOON BE HAMMERING AT THE GATES OF SANTIAGO.

WASHINGTON, June 23.—Secretary Alger and General Miles were in conference in the Secretary's office at 4 o'clock to-day when the first Madrid bulletin announcing that fighting had begun was shown to them. The Secretary read it aloud with evident satisfaction and both of them expressed themselves gratified with this favorable report, coming as it did from the enemy. There was no surprise that the fighting had begun so soon. It was suggested by the reporter that the troops had completed their landing only this morning.

"Yes, but they have gone there to fight and are ready to begin it at once," replied General Miles. Secretary Alger said that no word had been received up to that hour indicating that fighting was in progress. He had no reason to doubt, however, that our troops had encountered the Spanish forces and had given a good account of themselves. He commented on Admiral Cervera's cable that the situation was "critical," and that the Spaniards had been obliged to retire as in strange contrast with Madrid's claims of a "Spanish victory."

General Miles said that the American troops would now push forward aggressively, driving in the Spaniards and forcing them to fight. There was not a suggestion of apprehension or doubt, either with Secretary Alger or General Miles, as to what the outcome would be. They had made their plans and they were confident that General Shafter and his troops would be hammering at the gates of Santiago before long.

The impression here is that the Spaniards will make their strongest stand close to Santiago and the inner harbor, within the range of protection of the guns of the big Spanish warships lying there. There is no doubt that until these ships are removed from the field of operations the campaign against Santiago will be conducted against odds. The guns of the ships command the hills over which our soldiers must come to attack the town and reach the bay, but we will soon bring our own artillery into play.

The naval officials here believe that when the time comes for an attack by land upon the town Sampson will force his way into the harbor and take part in the engagement. They are satisfied that the wreck of the Merrimac does not completely block the channel, and say that if Sampson does not come in the Spanish fleet is likely to make a desperate effort to get out. The mines are to be considered in such a case, but it is believed that once Morro Castle is taken by the combined attack of the soldiers and fleet these obstructions can be easily removed with the experience gained in Guantanamo Bay.

The only positive news coming to the War Department up to the close of office hours was a dispatch to General Miles from one of his staff officials with General Shafter and also a brief dispatch to General Greely from Lieutenant-Colonel Allen. General Miles' dispatch stated in substance that the landing of troops had been completed without any casualties save one Cuban soldier, who had his arm injured by the bursting of a shell. The troops of Garcia and Rabi, about 5700 in number, had met the American forces with enthusiastic greetings. Stress was laid upon the point that the Cubans were well armed and well disciplined. Garcia was confident that his forces would be swelled to 10,000 men as soon as Santiago fell. About the only need among the Cubans was shoes and quinine.

The dispatch to General Greely merely stated that progress was being made in connecting the military forces directly with the War Department.

During the day orders were issued to the entire division comprising the newly created command of Brigadier-General Guy V. Henry for its speedy departure to re-enforce General Shafter at Santiago. Already the Thirty-third Michigan regiment and one battalion of the Thirty-fourth Michigan have started on this mission. To-day's orders cover the balance of General Henry's command. It includes the remaining battalions of the Thirty-fourth Michigan and the Ninth Massachusetts regiment. These will complete General Duffield's command. The Third Virginia, which belongs to this brigade, will not go, as its equipment is incomplete. The orders also cover the entire brigade of Brigadier-General Garretson, which includes the Sixth Illinois, Sixth Massachusetts and Eighth and Ninth Ohio regiments.

The plan is to move all of General Henry's division on the Harvard and Yale, the ships to make two round trips. The first trip will carry most, if not all, of General Duffield's brigade. The War Wepartment allows three days for the trip, two days to unload troops and three days to return to Newport News, making eight days. By that time General Garretson's brigade will be at Newport News, ready to go on board the ships, and then comes the second trip, taking three days, with two days allowed for Garretson's troops to unload in Cuba.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., June 23.—The auxiliary cruiser Yale, with the Thirty-third Michigan Regiment and one battalion of the Thirty-fourth Michigan, sailed from Old Point this evening at 6 o'clock for Santiago. The troops, to the number of 1600, are in command of General Duffield. Colonel Boynton of the Thirty-third Regiment is second in command. The men arrived from Washington by steamer early this morning. A large crowd assembled to see the troops embark, and when the Yale weighed anchor and headed for the capes a mighty cheer went up from the soldiers and civilians on the Government pier. The auxiliary cruiser Harvard will leave Old Point for Santiago Monday or Tuesday with another expedition.

STRENGTHENS THE BLOCKADE

Sampson Will Stop the "Runners."

SMUGGLING TO BE CHECKED

FOUR MORE FAST SHIPS SENT TO THE SOUTH COAST.

These Will Patrol From Cape Cruz to the Isle of Pines and Stop the Flow of Supplies to Havana.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

OFF SANTIAGO DE CUBA, June 22 (via Kingston, Jamaica, June 23).—With the complete investment of Santiago de Cuba by land and by sea but a few days off the admiral has decided to strengthen the blockade of the large ports of the southern coast westward of Santiago. For three weeks the south coast, west of Santiago de Cuba, to Cape San Antonio has been practically unprotected. The blockade has been simply on paper in name only, with the result that it is known that quite a number of ships have run the blockade and that an immense quantity of provisions has been smuggled into Havana.

Most of the blockade runners have landed their cargoes under the lee of the Isle of Pines, and thence the provisions, etc., have been taken in small boats to Batabano, whence the railroad runs to Havana, only thirty-five miles. The majority of the blockade runners have gone out of Jamaica, and two of them at least are known to have made several trips. Only last week the steamer Purisima Concepcion, flying the Spanish flag, took a cargo out of Kingston, ostensibly for Manzanillo, but probably for the Isle of Pines. The auxiliary cruiser Yosemite missed her by a few hours. The Purisima Concepcion carried, in addition to provisions, arms and ammunition. These cargoes were undoubtedly smuggled into the Spanish line and will aid Captain-General Blanco greatly in withstanding the siege.

The admiral has now decided that the blockade running must cease, and yesterday he dispatched four fast ships to patrol the coast from Cape Cruz to the Isle of Pines.

The Manners of Captain March Of the Astor Battery Described by Alice Rix In Next Sunday's Call.

IN DEFENSE OF HOBSON.

Yellow Examiner Journalism Insults the Brave Prisoner Whom the People Honor.

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Little Rock, Ark., June 23. 1898

W. S. Leake, Manager Call.,

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The so called Hobson letter is the invention purely of a newspaper correspondent in this city. It has no foundation whatever.

J. N. SMITHLEE,

Editor Gazette.

To its habit of printing bogus "news," heretofore mentioned, the Examiner has added the offense of insulting its readers and the crime of being imbecile. From long practice it is able at times to so present a fake that it seems plausible, and one not familiar with the character of the sheet may accept as truth that which is not only not true, but intended to deceive. Yesterday the Examiner outdid itself. It printed a story so outrageous and palpably false that it could mislead no one, and which was a reflection upon the intelligence of the public, an indication of its own denseness and a scurrilous gibe for the hero of the Merrimac, a man whom the world honors.

The matter in question purported to be a letter from Lieutenant Hobson to the lady he expects to marry. It was not a letter from the lieutenant or any other gentleman. It was a crude and boorish effort such as an unscrupulous correspondent might send, but how it got past the editorial desk must ever remain a mystery. It was badly constructed, full of cheap bombast, silly and inane. The person who composed it lacked brains, character, common sense, ordinary decency and a knowledge of grammar. A schoolboy could have done better as a mere feat of composition, not necessarily a bright schoolboy either.

Think of the gallant Hobson sitting in Morro scribbling of "our bravery." Imagine him penning a message setting forth his "daring," praising his deed, and at the same time affecting a mock modesty more disgusting than an open boast. Had Hobson ever written such a fool letter he would be no longer regarded as a hero. His pen would have pried him from the pedestal.

Aside from the "letter" there are some surrounding circumstances which tend to emphasize the ridiculousness of the Examiner's attempted swindle. It is hardly to be thought that a young lady receiving a note from her affianced would immediately put it on display. No such note could have left Morro. If Hobson could communicate with anybody he would manage to get some word to the commander of the fleet. If he had anything to say it would at least possess the element of importance, and there would be some news in it.

The trick writer makes Hobson discuss the reports of the explosion as published by the American papers. Now the individual who thinks the American paper circulates in Morro is so nearly an idiot that he might as well be an absolute one, and stop thinking altogether. Even the Examiner would not soberly set up a claim to circulating there, unless in its wee, collective mind there is confusion as to the identity of the place. Possibly it believes Morro and the garbage crematory to be the same.

For the purpose of so discrediting the fake that the faker would be unable to defend it, or to make excuses, The Call sent to an editor at Little Rock, whence the letter was alleged to have escaped, and asked as to its authenticity. A reply was promptly received and is presented herewith.

An analysis of the fictitious Hobson message would be waste of space. One may perceive at a glance that the originator of it simply strung together a collection of incidents with which everybody is familiar and palmed them off as having been compiled by the prisoner. Had not the pretense been detected at once this would have put Hobson in the position of being an uncultured ass. As it was, it merely draws attention to the fact that the correspondent is in this position and that he has the directors-general of yellow journalism to bear him company.

That such a correspondent is a disgrace to the profession about the edge of which he glides like a hyena in quest of scraps needs no saying. He deserves to be in jail as an impostor. He is a knave so scurvy that any honest citizen would deem the task of kicking him a plain and pleasant duty. But he may have felt the impulse of hunger with no chance to pick a pocket. However, for the editors who helped him to carry out the game there is no shadow of mitigation. From every point of view the publication of that "letter" was an outrage, a gross affront to all under whose eye it fell, a slander directed against Hobson. But yellow journalism is growing bolder. Once it tried to disguise its falsehoods; now it seems to glory in their being falsehoods.

HOBSON'S ALLEGED LETTER A BARE-FACED FAKE.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., June 23.—The sensational story sent broadcast last night by an irresponsible newspaper correspondent of this city to New York, Chicago, Cincinnati, San Francisco and numerous papers of an alleged letter supposed to have been received by Miss Ella Ellston, a cousin of Lieutenant Hobson, who has been confined in Morro Castle at Santiago since June 2, is a cold-blooded fake. The story is absolutely without foundation. The closest investigation proves that there is not a family in the city who ever heard of Ella Ellston.

The correspondent who sent the story discussed with a quondam friend the best way out of his sore financial straits. The latter jokingly suggested that Lieutenant Hobson, the center of attraction throughout the nation, might have a Little Rock connection who might be made a source of revenue to one in his fix. The story was thereupon concocted and sent out. All the local press will appear in the strongest denunciation of the fake.

NEWS BROUGHT BY A CUBAN

Gives Positions of Cervera's Doomed Ships.

DAMAGE DONE BY SHELLS

ONE THAT SUNK THE REINA DID OTHER DAMAGE.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

IN GENERAL GARCIA'S CAMP, ASERRALERO, SANTIAGO DE CUBA, June 22, per the Associated Press dispatch boat Wanda, via Kingston, Jamaica, June 23.—A Cuban who left the city of Santiago on Monday night arrived at General Garcia's camp on Tuesday morning with accurate maps of the harbor and of the earthworks surrounding it.

Lower Half of Harbor of Santiago, Showing Position of Spanish Fleet and the Sunken Merrimac at the Entrance.

The ships of Admiral Cervera have moved from the position they were in three days ago and now lie in almost a circle, surrounding a small island and lighthouse about half way up the harbor. The cruiser Cristobal Colon, which is uninjured, lies to the westward, commanding with her port battery the narrow neck of the harbor, while the Vizcaya, also uninjured, lies to the east, her starboard battery looking upon the same neck. Both of the Spanish torpedo-boat destroyers are temporarily disabled, one having been struck by fragments of the shells that sank the Reina Mercedes and the other having her boiler tubes and engines in course of repair.

The most important statement made was in substance that the torpedo-boats have not since their arrival here made any attempt to leave, being unable to do so, although some coal arrived by overland routes two weeks ago.

The shell that sunk the Reina Mercedes was fired by the Massachusetts. Beyond this loss and quite a large loss of life incident to it, there was little or no damage done. The earthworks were disturbed and one smooth-bore gun was dismounted on the west battery. Seven new guns are being put up facing the sea, three of which on the west are ship's guns of the six-pound rapid-fire variety, and automatic guns of all descriptions, it appears, are being dismounted from the ships and mounted on the earthworks surrounding the city. A new line of trenches has been dug about a mile and a half from the city.

The Spanish soldiers known as the regular troops are on half rations, and no rations or supplies are furnished to the local Spanish forces, numbering about 3000 men. They are compelled to forage for themselves. The spirit of discontent, it also seems, is very widespread among the Spanish troops, and an uprising in Santiago de Cuba is feared.

There is an absolute lack of drugs in Santiago and, finally, the crews of the Spanish warships are on half rations.

Supreme Court Clerk Found Dead.

LOS ANGELES, June 23.—F. C. Woodbury, clerk of the Supreme Court here, was found dead in his office to-day.

HERALD-CALL BOATS WILL CARRY MAIL TO SANTIAGO

NEW YORK, June 23.—After mature consideration the Postoffice Department has decided that mail matter for the army and navy in Cuba can be handled more expeditiously and more economically by way of Key West than by way of Jamaica. In addition, then, to the Herald-Call dispatch boats, of which, when they touch at Key West, the Government will avail itself, the Government will send mail in all Government vessels, and is engaging other fast boats which will go from Key West. All letters, therefore, for the army and navy in Santiago addressed directly to that point will get prompt transmission from Key West, either by the Herald-Call dispatch boats or by Government transports. By this arrangement all possibility of international postal complications will be eliminated and only the domestic rate of postage, namely 2 cents for each ounce or fraction thereof, will be necessary. In future letters should be addressed to ships or companies and regiments and marked simply via Key West.

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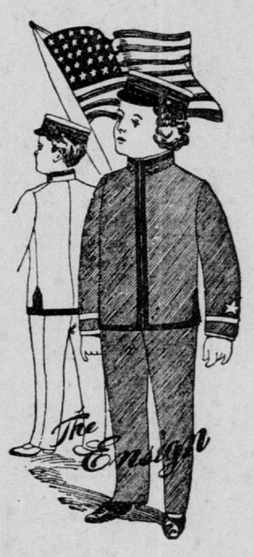

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