

OUTER INTRENCHMENTS OF SANTIAGO CARRIED BY A BRAVE ASSAULT

EL MORRO PROBABLY CAPTURED

NEW YORK, July 1.—A Washington special to the Herald says: In attacking Santiago this morning Major General Shafter simply made a feint movement at Caney for the purpose of drawing the attention of the enemy from the main object of the operation—the assault of the fortifications defending the harbor. The heavy work fell to Kent's division in the center, in the attack upon Aguadores. This no doubt accounts for the losses in the Twenty-first Infantry. It is confidently believed to-night the assault was successfully carried; that guns are being mounted at Morro Castle and at Estrella battery, and that the fire of

the American gunners will be directed without loss of time, upon the batteries on the western shore of the harbor and Cayo Smith. With these silenced, Rear Admiral Sampson will at once send in small boats to pick up the mines in the harbor. It is expected this will have been accomplished by Sunday morning, when the real attack upon Cervera's ships and the city of Santiago de Cuba will begin. Reliable information which I obtained to-night shows this to have been the plan of operations during the day: The troops to the eastward of Santiago were ordered to attack the city, while the American squadron bombarded Morro Castle and the for-

WASHINGTON, July 1.—The War Department has received the following from General Shafter, dated at Siboney:

"Had a very heavy engagement to-day, which lasted from 8 A. M. until sundown. We have carried their outworks and are now in possession of them. There is now about three-quarters of a mile open between my lines and the city. By morning troops will be intrenched and considerable augmentation of forces will be there. General Lawton's division and General Bates' brigade, which have been engaged all day in carrying El Caney, which was accomplished at 4 P. M., will be in line and in front of Santiago during the night. I regret to say that our casualties will be above 400. Of these, not many killed. SHAFTER."

tifications to the westward of the harbor. At an hour agreed upon by General Shafter and Rear Admiral Sampson the warships were to cease firing and the American troops selected to assault the for-

tifications were to make a dash upon Morro Castle and, possibly, the Estrella battery. The authorities have naturally kept their plans secret, although the fact that it had been the in-

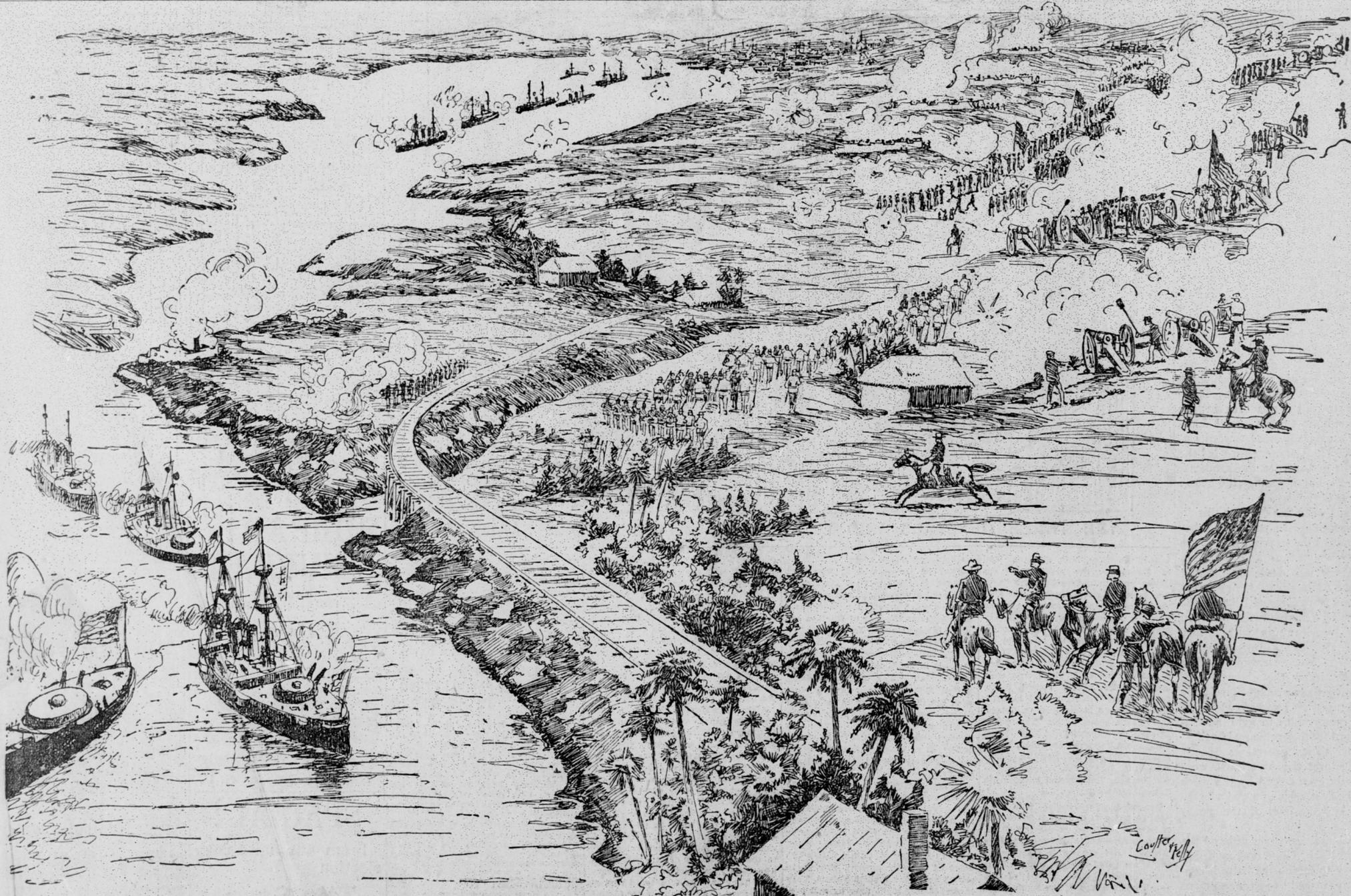
tention to first capture the fortifications has been announced in the Herald, and they feel certain to-night that it has been carried out without a hitch, though pos-

AMERICANS AND CUBANS VICTORIOUS

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WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY BEFORE SANTIAGO (via Playa del Este), July 1.—Major General Shafter this morning began with great vigor the attack on the outer defenses of Santiago. From three directions the American forces advanced toward the doomed city. While General Lawton and General Wheeler were attacking Caney, northeast of Santiago, General Kent was advancing toward Aguadores. General Garcia, with his Cuban troops, at the same time approached Caney from the southeast, and other divisions of the American army pressed toward Santiago from the east, our forces thus presenting a solid front from the coast to General Linares' northern defenses.

Four members of the Twenty-first Regiment of regulars were killed in the fighting between Sevilla and Aguadores, while sixteen other Americans, all members of the Twenty-first, were wounded. Both the American and the Spanish fleets early joined in the battle. While Admiral Sampson's men were reducing the recently emplaced batteries at Aguadores, Admiral



BATTLING ALL ALONG THE LINE BEFORE SANTIAGO.

View of the scene of action showing General Lawton's division attacking at Caney on the right and General Joe Wheeler's in the center, while General Kent on the left moves on Aguadores and Sampson's fleet bombards Morro and the other forts at the entrance. The Spanish fleet in the upper harbor is also taking part in the fight.