

CERVERA'S FLEET SUNK BY ADMIRAL SAMPSON

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DESPERATE DASH TO ESCAPE

All the Spanish Vessels
Destroyed But
One.

Shafter Demands the Surrender,
and the Fall of Santiago Is
Expected Momentarily.

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OFF SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Sunday, July 3 (by Herald-Call dispatch boat Golden Rod to Kingston, Jamaica, Monday, July 4).—Five vessels of Admiral Cervera's fleet have been destroyed by Admiral Sampson's squadron.

No American vessel has been lost. Santiago is likely to be surrendered to General Shafter within a few hours. This is glorious news for the American

The aim of our gunners was almost perfect in spite of the clouds of smoke that rolled up around the fleet.

The heat was stifling, but the officers kept their places with splendid bravery.

So deadly was the aim of our gunners that three of the Spanish cruisers were soon utterly destroyed, just what ones it is not now possible to tell.

Then the Spaniards became desperate and headed two torpedo boat destroyers for the beach in order to save their crews. They are now aground on the beach complete wrecks.

As the Call-Herald dispatch boat left to send this glorious Fourth of July news, the Resolute reported that more Spanish ships were coming from the eastward, but I could not learn what vessels they were.

WASHINGTON, July 4.—Shortly after 12 o'clock this morning Assistant Secretary of the Navy Allen left the White House hastily, and, going directly to the department, posted the following statements on the bulletin board:

PLAYA DEL ESTE, July 3.—General Shafter telegraphs early this morning: "I sent demand for immediate surrender of Santiago, threatening to bombard the city. I believe the place will be surrendered."

This contradicts the report that General Shafter has fallen back.

The following dispatches were received at the War Department:

"PLAYA DEL ESTE, July 3.—Siboney office confirms statement that all Spanish fleet except one warship is destroyed; burning on the beach. It was witnessed by Captain Smith, who told the operator. No doubt of its correctness. ALLEN."

"PLAYA DEL ESTE, July 3.—The destruction of Cervera's fleet is confirmed.

"ALLEN, Lieutenant Colonel."

"PLAYA DEL ESTE, July 3.—All