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FURIOUS FIGHTING.

It Began Early Friday and was Going on All the Afternoon

PLAYA DEL ESTE, June 30.—Noon.—The American army occupies a position in a long line five miles east of Santiago. The forward movement is delayed while waiting supplies and artillery.

SHAFTER'S FIRST NEWS.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—Secretary Alger received the following dispatch from General Shafter, dated 9:45 a. m., today: Camp at Sevilla, Cuba, July 1.—Action now going on, but firing light and desultory. Begun on the right near Caney, Lawton's division. He will move on the northeast part of the town of Santiago. Will keep you continually advised of progress.

SHAFTER.

TELEGRAPH STATION.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—General A. W. Greeley, Chief Signal officer, received a dispatch from Lieut. Col. Allen, Chief Signal corps officer in Cuba, announcing that a telegraph and telephone station had been established within two miles of the city of Santiago. This information is of the highest importance to the officials of the War Department, as it insures to them practically direct communication with General Shafter. The telegraph station, being of course, within American lines, its location conclusively indicates that the forces of Shafter have established themselves in advance of telegraph communication.

NOW GOING ON.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—Gen. Shafter reported to the President that he began the attack on Santiago this morning, and that it is now going on, beginning with active skirmishes.

CABINET GROWS ENTHUSIASTIC.

The Spaniards were shelling the Americans as they advanced and Admiral Sampson's fleet was hotly engaging them. The dispatch was received by members of the Cabinet with much enthusiasm. No doubt was expressed that our forces would win the day.

UP IN A BALLOON.

NEW YORK, July 1.—A correspondent in Santiago telegraphs to the *Journal* that four United States warships bombarded Manzanillo, on the gulf of Guacanayago, Thursday, inflicting much damage to the defenses. The Spanish gunboats according to this dispatch opened fire upon the American ships, which then moved out of range. The same dispatch reports that a balloon sent up from the American camp was seen from Santiago Thursday. In

the balloon were two men, seemingly taking observations of the Spanish fortifications.

YESTERDAY'S CONDITION.

THREE GOOD REASONS.

LONDON, July 1.—The *Pall Mall Gazette's* correspondent at Madrid telegraphs that a coldness exists between Captain General Blanco and Admiral Cervera. Blanco ordered Cervera to leave Santiago. The Admiral replied that he would be glad to leave, but his guns were dismounted, he was without coal, and the American Admiral was waiting outside.

FORTS HOTLY ENGAGED.

War Bulletin.—WASHINGTON, July 1.—Signal Officer Allen sent a dispatch saying that the fighting was growing furious at Santiago. Eight Americans and nine Cubans have so far been wounded. Sampson and Otis have hotly engaged the forts.

PUERTO RICAN EXPEDITION

This the Next Move Under General Brooke, as Soon as Possible.

MILES REMAINS FOR HAVANA

NEW YORK, July 1.—A special to the *Times* from Washington says: The Puerto Rican expedition is the next number on the war program, after the surrender of Santiago. It is to be led by Major General John R. Brooke, now commanding the First Army Corps at Chickamauga, who will be made military governor of the island after its capture. General Brooke has been ordered to get his corps, composed of twenty-seven regiments of volunteers, ready to move to Tampa within a week or ten days. From there they will be sent to Santiago, preparatory to a movement on San Juan, which will be made from southeastern Cuba as the base.

If by the time General Brooke's force arrives at Santiago, General Shafter has not succeeded in taking that town, as many men as may be needed will be landed to re-inforce him. If, however, as is more likely, Shafter shall have practically if not actually completed his task, when Brooke arrives, the plan is to land a portion only of the volunteers to help form an army of occupation for the province of Santiago, take on board the bulk of the regulars now in General Shafter's command, and proceed to Puerto Rico. With General Merritt in the Philippines and General Brooke in Puerto Rico, it will remain for the other ranking Major General of the regular army, General Miles, to lead the main expedition against Havana, when the time comes for a final movement to drive the Spaniards out of Cuba.

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