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SEVERE FIGHTING

OCCURRED WHEN SHAFER'S VAN GUARD LANDED

The Spanish Were Driven To The Brush By The Fire Of Our Ships

THE CUBANS ARE HELPING NOBLY

After Wasting Tons Of Ammunition Santiago's Gunners At Last Kill An American Sailor

HEAVY FIGHTING AT SANTIAGO

Washington, June 23.—Three thousand United States troops were landed yesterday seventeen miles east of Santiago.

The troops were landed from the transports in small boats, and the landing parties were protected by the fire of the American fleet which drove the Spanish artillery and cavalry back in the woods and kept them at least two miles from the landing place.

There were no casualties while landing and the American forces immediately prepared to defend themselves. Several batteries of field artillery were landed with the infantry. The work of landing was kept up all day, and will be continued as rapidly as possible.

The fleet began a bombardment of Agudores, Cabanas, Sibony, Juragua and other fortified places to the east and west of Santiago. The forts were completely dismantled, but not before a shot from the fort at Cabanas struck the battleship Texas and killed one man. Several men were wounded but none of them seriously.

At the time the fleet was protecting the landing of the American army one thousand Cubans attacked the Spaniards from the rear. They were completely demoralized by this assault, and a large number were killed by the Cubans. Over one hundred prisoners were taken by the Cubans.

Fearing that an attempt will be made by Admiral Cervera's fleet to leave the harbor of Santiago, Admiral Sampson now has the entrance completely blocked, and he will henceforth maintain a closer watch than ever for the appearance of the Spanish vessels.

IMPORTANT IF TRUE

Santiago, June 23.—Information brought by Cubans to Garcia state that Cervera's ships are in a circle in the bay, protecting the entrance. The torpedo boats were disabled by the bombardment. The scouts brought valuable maps of the harbor and earth works.

SO FAR, SO GOOD

Diaguiri, Wednesday afternoon.—Six thousand trained American soldiers are in camp in the hills. Ten thousand are resting on their arms aboard the transports ready to land as soon as the available boats can carry them ashore. Time, sea and weather are propitious for invasion.

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sion. Navy and army co-operate splendidly. The insurgents bore their share in the enterprise honorably and well. Five thousand of them are in the mountain fastnesses. They lay last night on their guns, watching every road and path leading from Santiago, making the approach of the Spaniards impossible.

AT THE CAPITAL

Washington, June 23.—A suspension of the money order business has been averted by an agreement between officials of the treasury and postoffice departments that the law does not require stamps to be affixed to domestic money orders. It is agreed that additional charge for stamps will be made by the time the order is issued.

The government agent in Montreal reports three large vessels offered as transports.

An army hospital ship relief now at New York, will leave for Santiago next week.

It is reported from Madrid that the Cadiz fleet has sailed to the Canaries.

Advices from London say that German marines have landed at Manila.

It is now said that the Porto Rico expedition will be deferred until Santiago is disposed of. Six thousand men are ready to sail at Port Tampa. Two thousand went aboard the Yale and Harvard at Newport News today.

MILES WILL GO TO CUBA

Washington, June 23.—It is stated on the best authority that Miles will go to Santiago to superintend the attack on the city. Much anxiety is felt here in consequence of the large army of Spaniards.

THE LAST CABLE CUT AGAIN

Kingston, June 23.—The last cable between Cuba and Jamaica has been cut by the St. Louis. Spain is cut off from all communication with Cuba. The two lines still working are both in the hands of the Americans.

SPANISH ADVICES

Madrid, June 23.—The compulsory military service bill will not be passed at the present session of the Cortes. It is reported that the government has sent agents throughout the country to learn the exact state of public opinion on war and peace. The result of their report will form the basis of Sagasta's declaration, following the proposition of the Cortes.

The government confirms the statement that the family of General Augusti are prisoners in the hands of the Philippine insurgents.

THEY SAW SNAKES

Cadiz, June 23.—A merchant vessel reports being chased by an American cruiser in the English channel. The city fears the advance of a fleet to bombard Spanish ports.

SOUR KROUT AND GARLIC

Havana, via London, June 23.—The German warship Geir has entered the harbor.

WORK FOR THE WAYS

Newport, June 23.—Orders have been received for the torpedo fleet to leave immediately for Key West.

MORE SHIPS FOR DEWEY

San Francisco, June 23.—The monitor Monadnock and collier Moro will sail for Manila this afternoon.

THE HEMMING MONUMENT

Interesting And Impressive Exercises At Its Unveiling

The unveiling of the Charles B. Hemming monument at Jacksonville last Thursday deserves more than a passing notice. The unusual things that transpired to make it an epoch in the history of Florida give it a prominence that can not be disregarded. The history of the generous donor in connection with this monument alone is worth a tablet of enduring bronze.

This labor of love consummated in enduring granite is as worthy of immortality as the imperishable shaft that marks the record of the brave Floridians who battled for their convictions and submitted them to the arbitration of war. The donor, though a mere youth, was a gallant participant in the late struggle, and could appreciate the heroism of his associates.

The close of the war left Mr. Hemming, with thousands of others, penniless, but cherishing a secret ambition that, if he succeeded in life's battles to secure a competency, he would remember his fallen comrades and rear to their memory a monument which for all time should proclaim their undying deeds. The same spirit and indomitable pluck and high resolve that made Charles B. Hemming a model soldier and a private in the ranks of rare excellence, gave him success in the walks of civil life and wrested a victory from the fickle goddess of fortune in commercial pursuits by honorable and commendable commercial transactions, and enabled him to carry into execution the ardent desires of his youth and the patriotic ambitions of his maturer years.

His ambition was a noble, pure and unselfish one, worthy of all acceptance and commendation, and the beautiful monument in St. James Park is a consummation that testifies in exalted strains to the nobility of Mr. Hemming's manhood. May his spirit stimulate the hearts of others in good works toward their fellows!

To the writer, another pleasing and impressive lesson of the dedication was the hearty meeting and cordial commingling of the old soldiers of both armies. The presence in the procession of the Jacksonville Grand Army Post and United States volunteers now in camp at Jacksonville, representing the states of Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Virginia and New Jersey, showed that truly the day of fraternal union and peace has settled upon us as a people like a benediction, and the glorious inspiration of a reunited country swells every loyal, liberty-loving heart.

Ocala was deeply interested in this magnificent pageant, which added luster to the name of a Floridian, because the donor at one time was an Ocala school-boy and sat at the feet of that splendid teacher, our honored townsman, Hon. W. P. Haisley; again, because Mr. Hemming's name is enrolled as a member of the Ocala camp of Confederate Veterans; nor must it be forgotten that he was in Ocala in December, 1895, at the annual meeting of the Association of Florida Confederates; that Mr. Hemming came from his far-away home, Gainesville, in the Lone Star State, and gave to our people, while making one of the most interesting addresses ever spoken in the opera house, a surprise that sent a whirlwind of pleasurable emotions through every heart and caused gray-bearded veterans to fall on each other's necks and weep for joy, when Mr. Hemming said the hour had come

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when he could disclose the ambition of his life, dropped a curtain that revealed a large-sized drawing of the proposed monument, which now adorns St. James Park in Jacksonville.

That was a memorable occasion. Its impression will ever remain with the writer. It was a moment that exalted the nature of every person in that hall and consecrated the occasion.

But connected with this monument, part of it, which lends additional interest to it in the eyes of Florida and the people of Ocala, is the fact that in the south panel of the pedestal is a bust in bronze of General J. J. Dickson, our venerable, beloved citizen, over whose head are inscribed the words, "Tried and True;" an honor, though worthily bestowed, seldom accorded to mortals, to be immortalized ere life's fitful fever is over, and the shining shores of immortality are reached.

This nasty and imperfect notice of an event that is full to overflowing with interest to the citizens of our town, must suffice.

NOTES

No living mortal is so dear to others as to those who gave them birth, nurtured and reared them. Then why not accord this remembrance to the credit and honor to the people of the south for honoring their dead heroes?

The addresses of Ex-Governor Francis P. Fleming, Hon. R. H. M. Davidson, and Governor W. D. Bloxham, in connection with the unveiling of the monument, were gems of thought, eloquently spoken; while the impromptu address of General Lee electrified his hearers.

The sea of upturned faces in the park and their patience in enduring the hot sun for three hours evidenced the interest the audience took in the exercises.

When the cord that was to drop the drapery that veiled the statue of a private soldier, said to represent our own Len Dozier, surmounting the shaft, broke, Chief Harney was equal to the occasion; for quickly the fire truck with ladder was beside the monument, and the drapery was removed amid the huzzas of the crowd.

The reception tendered the Confederate Veterans at the armory was one of the most brilliant social events ever seen in Jacksonville. Fair women shone with a glory all their own, in which Ocala and Marion county held first place. Among the fairest flowers Misses Libas Aired and Mary Reardon of Ocala and Mrs. Green of Ultra were beauties that drew attention, while brains, in the persons of Miss Jeannette Aired and Miss Sarah Harris, were typical of the intellectuality of our young lady representatives. And there were others.

In numbers the Ocala camp, in charge of Captain Ditto, distanced all others, while the Sons of Confederate Veterans, in charge of J. R. Matthews, held second place and in contributing

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