

NEAR TO SANTIAGO

Our Advance Only 4 Miles Away on Sunday.

HURRYING ON THE BIG GUNS.

Simultaneous Attack by Our Army and Fleet Expected.

Cuban Scouts Are a Mile Ahead of the Army Within a Mile and a Half of the City's Defences...

As told in the despatches to THE SUN, 5,000 troops, American and Cuban, occupied Sevilla on Saturday...

From the position taken by THE SUN correspondent a number of soldiers could be seen working upon the fortifications...

Later the entire First Brigade, under Gens. Wheeler and Strong, moved forward and camped within two miles of the place occupied by the Seventh Infantry...

The Cuban troops, whose knowledge of the country is not equalled by the Spaniards themselves, are fully a mile ahead of the most advanced Americans...

Heavy artillery is being landed to-day at Baiquiri. The task of landing these guns is very great with the meagre facilities at hand...

Gen. Wheeler and Gen. Strong and their officers are chafing at the delay. Were it not that Gen. Shafter had issued an emphatic order instructing them not to do so they would probably have attempted to carry the city by assault before this...

All the army, with the exception of the First Brigade, is camped in the hills between Baiquiri and Siboney. All the men are anxious for the fighting to begin. Their spirit is excellent, despite the hardships and drudgery of campaigning in such a country as this...

operations. He climbed a hill from which a fine view could be had of the entire city and all the inner harbor. From the Spanish hospital in the town was flying the flag of the Red Cross Society...

The enemy were busily engaged in strengthening the defences of the town, though it was evident that some of their work had been commenced too late...

On Saturday last our advance force occupied Sevilla. On Sunday afternoon the advance force was at San Juan, on the Guamo River, only four miles from Santiago.

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wounded officer was taken back to the city in a carriage, he must have been of very high rank.

The negroes confirm the report that there are 12,000 soldiers in Santiago, and that 4,000 others are near by.

The possibility was suggested to Gen. Garcia to-day, in the presence of THE SUN correspondent, of the Spaniards making a detour with the object of coming up behind the Americans and attacking them in the rear when the Americans attack the city.

The force commanded by Gen. Garcia is increasing in strength daily. Recruits are constantly coming in, and as soon as they are armed they are sent to the field.

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the importance of Guantanamo Bay has recommended itself to the American authorities. The bay affords perfect shelter and abundant anchorage room for all the ships...

With this in mind steps are being taken to strengthen their position at Camp McCalla and effectually forestall the possibility of a successful movement against it on the part of the Spaniards.

The report of the negroes that the Spaniards in Santiago are short of ammunition is confirmed from two other sources. There is little doubt that the Spaniards are in a desperate condition.

To-day Gen. Garcia received a cable despatch from Gen. Miles saying: "We are enthusiastic over your conduct. Warmest congratulations."

Gen. Shafter still maintains his headquarters on the steamer Segurancas, but he will move with the army. Gen. Garcia is enthusiastic in his support of the Americans.

So far the health of the army has been good. To-day the engineers and doctors decided to burn the hospitals and all buildings suspected of being centres of contagion.

Two Spanish soldiers walked into camp here to-day and gave themselves up. They said that they were tired of the Spanish Army, where they received no money and no food.

Mr. Marshall's Critical Condition—Have Two Reporters Been Captured? Siboney near Santiago de Cuba, June 26.—Edward Marshall, the correspondent...

Two correspondents, one representing a Boston paper and the other a Cincinnati journal, are reported to have been captured by the Spaniards.

THIS RUSSIAN THREATENS US. We Will Not Be Permitted to Bombard Spanish Coast Towns. Paris, June 27.—A Russian correspondent of the Figaro, referring to the uneasiness felt in St. Petersburg over the Spanish outlook...

Madrid, June 27.—Sanfer Silveira, the leader of the Conservatives, had a conference with the Queen Regent to-day.

WATCHING FOR CERVERA.

ALL OUR BIG SHIPS ARE CLUSTERED OFF SANTIAGO.

The Texas, Iowa and Oregon Are Less Than Four Miles from the Enemy's Guns—Four Gunboats Guard Each Army Landing and the St. Louis Is on Duty—Early on Sunday Morning the Vesuvius Woke Up Santiago with Three More Gunboats.

The Suwanee, Capt. Delahanty, to-day ran in within a mile and a half of the entrance and paraded up and down in front of Morro Castle and in front of all the land batteries for hours, but could not draw the enemy's fire.

At 1 o'clock this morning the dynamite cruiser Vesuvius, which the Spaniards, since they have learned her awful destructive power, call the "earthquake thrower," was ordered to creep up close to the entrance to Santiago harbor...

In a little while was heard the "cough" of one of her pneumatic guns, and the first shell went sailing over the crest of the hill on the east or city side of the entrance.

The Vesuvius moved swiftly along and two other shells were thrown quickly, one at the western battery and the other over the battery. The noise and flash of the explosions were terror-inducing.

After the Vesuvius had reached a place of safety the other ships moved up and continued their monotonous task of watching for Admiral Cervera's fleet.

OUR MARINES AT CAMP MCALLA. They Are Anxious for Orders to Capture the Spanish Garrison at Calmanera. Siboney near Santiago de Cuba, June 26.—The First Battalion of marines at Camp McCalla, Guantanamo Bay...

Foreign Warships to Meet Dewey. Berlin, June 27.—The German cruiser Prinzess Wilhelm arrived at Manila on Monday last. Vienna, June 27.—The Austrian corvette Franesca arrived at Singapore on June 24.

Madrid, June 27.—Duke Almodovar de Rios, Minister of Foreign Affairs, reiterated that his reports of peace negotiations are unfounded.

CAMARA IN THE CANAL.

Has He Been Ordered to Go to Cuba—Where Will He Get Coal?

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. MADRID, June 27.—Orders have been sent to Admiral Camara to go through the canal to Suez. It is supposed that his squadron is now in the canal.

London, June 27.—It is believed that the content of the statement that the warships of Admiral Camara's fleet were lighted by the removal of their guns, &c., in order that they might pass through the Suez Canal.

ROME, June 27.—The Agency Liberal asserts that Italy has privately informed Spain that Admiral Camara's squadron will not account to be allowed to coal at any of the Italian ports on the Red Sea.

SAO FRANCISCO, June 27.—The third Manila expedition sailed this afternoon, the Indiana leading and the Moran Clay Ohio, and City of Paris following. Thousands on the pier cheered when the anchors were weighed and the steam whistles announced the departure of the vessels.

WASHINGTON, June 27.—The Government has concluded a contract with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company for the use of the transoceanic liner Peru as a transport. This, with the City of Puebla, chartered several days ago, forms a good nucleus of a fleet of transports to be obtained for the next expedition to the Philippine Islands.

WORKMEN ARE FIGHTING UP THE VESSELS AS FAST AS FEASIBLE. Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. MADRID, June 27.—A despatch from Cadix says the Spanish ironclad Victoria and the cruiser Alfonso XII. have left Caraca Arsenal.

PEACE MOVEMENT IN CATALUNYA. The Barcelona Chamber of Commerce Declares That It Is in Favor of Peace. Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. MADRID, June 27.—The peace movement in Catalonia continues to gain strength.

NO PEACE JUST YET. Spain Says She Will Ask for Mediation Only After a Decisive Defeat. Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. LONDON, June 27.—The latest peace talk is contributed by the Vienna correspondent of the Chronicle, who says he has learned from an authoritative source that Spain was unofficially sounded as to whether she was prepared to ask for peace.

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TO ATTACK SPAIN'S PORTS.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE NAVY DEPARTMENT.

A Flying Squadron Which Will Include the Battleships Oregon and Iowa Has Been Ordered to the Spanish Coast Under Command of Commodore Watson, Who Will Use the Cruiser Newark as His Flagship.

WASHINGTON, June 27.—When the Navy Department announced to-day that a squadron under Commodore J. C. Watson would be sent to Spain, a great many people regarded it as a bluff.

THE SUN has told from time to time about the consideration given by the Naval War Board to the question of despatching a strong squadron to Spanish waters.

ALTHOUGH there are reasons for believing that the Spanish fleet now at the Suez Canal will be ordered to remain at Honolulu no longer than that was absolutely necessary.

"Commodore Watson sails to-day in the cruiser Newark to join Admiral Sampson at Santiago, where he will take under his command an armored squadron, with cruisers, and proceed at once to the Spanish coast."

"Commodore John C. Watson is assigned to the command of the Eastern squadron. The Eastern squadron will be composed of the following vessels: Flagship Newark, battleship Iowa, battleship Oregon, cruiser Yosemite, cruiser Yankee, cruiser Dixie, and the colliers Scudis, Albrechts and Alexander. This squadron will sail for the coast of Spain shortly."

"Commodore W. S. Schley is assigned to the command of the second squadron of the North Atlantic fleet."

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Madrid Ministry's failure to appreciate that a prolongation of the struggle will only bring more misery and the loss of additional territory has somewhat nettled the Administration. Nobody in authority here believes that Camara is going all the way to the Philippines, although the presence of 4,000 soldiers on the transports under his command has caused a few officials to have some doubt on the subject. But the Administration does not propose to stand any more such threats as that contained in the announcement that Camara would attempt to retake Manila. Plainly the Administration