

THE CRISTOBAL COLON AND THE WRECKED SPANISH CRUISERS.

SANTIAGO ATTACKED

Fall of the City Expected In a Few Days.

Bombarded on Refusal To Surrender Hobson and His Companions Exchanged-Admiral Cervera and Other Prisoners Arrive-Peace Hoped For Soon-Spain's Attitude-Progress of

the War.

TUESDAY, JULY 5.

PREMATURE EXULTATION IN MADRID.

Almost indescribable enthusiasm pre vailed at Madrid to-day over the supposed escape of Admiral Cervera and his squadron from the harbor of Santiago de Cuba The Admiral's name was on every tongue and it was claimed that he saved Santiago de Cuba, by "adding to Gen. Linares" handful of soldiers his brave sailors to man the guns ashore and repel the Ameri-cans under Gen. Shafter."

Such was the exultant eulogy of Admiral Cervera heard on all sides, this state of public feeling being due to the official announcements from Santiago. One statement from Santiago said:

"When Admiral Cervera found that it was certain Col. Escario's reinforceements their bullets even into the camp of Gen.

LORDSHIP OF AMERICAN THE SEAS

Was Firmly Established by the Great Naval Battle off Santiago, July 3, 1898.

GLOUCESTER

"Whose ruleth the sea ruleth the world, for the sea is the empire of the world, and every nation's gateway," | and high-gun-power combined in a way that we had not approached. The traditions of 400 years of Spanish said the ancient sage, and it is more true to-day than centuries ago. No Nation ever reached the pinnacle of sea-power inspired their officers. The final demonstration-the supreme test of the value of European and American ideas-came on the

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greatness until it controlled the sea, or at least gained an equal share in its control. Greece only fairly started morning of July 3. The Spanish Admiral attempted to execute a well-conceived plan of piercing our line of on her marvelous career when she broke the Persian sea-power at Salamis 2,378 years ago. Rome was subordi- blockade and escaping to the sea. In spite of all that is said to the contrary, the plan was a very hopeful nate to Carthage until she destroyed the Punic navy in the terrible battle of Favigana, 2,158 years ago, one. If the crews could have changed ships the Americans would have carried out the plan to entire success. The Augustus Cesar and Antony decided which should be Emperor of the whole world by the battle of Actium, Spaniards had a compact squadron of four very fast ships, so heavily armored as to seemingly defy pounding, 1,928 years ago. Christianity only got the upper hand of all-conquering Mahometanism by destroying the Turkish line so long that the more distant could not arrive on the scene until the battle was decided. Cervera sea-power at Lepanto in 1571. England saved her national existence and began the swift downfall of Spain and tad much reason to hope that he could hurl himself upon a part of the line, quickly overpower the ships he her own still more rapid rise by the destruction of the Spanish Armada in 1588. Napoleon's mighty scheme might encounter, and make good his escape before we could concentrate our superior force upon him. He was for a world-empire was wrecked, and his overthrow assured by the destruction of the Franco-Spanish navy at foiled, overwhelmed, and utterly crushed by an amazing superiority in the American ships in every essential Trafalgar in 1805. We really gained our independence and recognition as one of the Nations of the earth by feature of naval warfare. our astonishing naval victories in the War of 1812.

In every age the destinies of the great Nations of the earth have been determined and the currents of history force him to a battle on nearly equal terms. Then, our ships were handled with the greatest skill, the discipline changed by momentous battles at sea.

As the years go by the astonishing victory of the American ships over those of Spain off Santiago de Cuba terrific strain put upon them, and the marksmanship of our gunners was beyond anything ever dreamed of in will be more and more fully recognized as one of those epoch-making sea-battles which make new departures in naval warfare. The most of the fight was broadside to broadside between ships of comparatively even strength. history and starts the world moving in a different direction.

It does not mean merely that the final terrific blow has been given to a crumbling empire which once held the whole world in awe.

Spain could have been struck out by Great Britain, France or Germany without making more than a convulsive ripple on the surface. But to have the blow delivered by the Young Giant of the West-the champion in Americans such as no other people who ever fought at sea have been able to show. In all naval victories and exponent of a newer and higher civilization-shakes the old systems of the world to their foundations, and previous to those of Manila and Santiago the vanquished have shown an ability to cope with the victors that foreruns a quick shift of the center of the dominion of the world's politics, commerce, and intellectual and industrial activities. To-day, as the result of that battle, the world turns its eyes most eagerly on Washington, as it once in turn looked with most anxious interest on Athens, Carthage, Rome, Constantinople, Madrid, Paris, come off a great deal better in a contest with the astonishing Americans. and London.

The world stands aghast at the stunning victory. It is the first time that the higher types of the modern The more that is known of the history of the battle of Santiago the more impressive and epoch-making it battleships have been put into battle by civilized peoples, and the overwhelming triumph of the Americans becomes. The Spanish ships represented the very highest achievements of the naval architects of Europe. At startles the whole world as it has not been startled by any one event for centuries. It overthrows far more than the outbreak of the war-and before any trial had been made-the naval experts of Europe confidently ex- Spain, and in a few brief but momentous hours the supremacy of the United States upon the seas was established. pressed the opinion that they would give Spain such an advantage over us that, in spite of our superiority The only questions that now remains to be settled is as to what extent we will allow ourselves to go in the lordof resources, she would make us pay dearly for our victory. They had torpedo-power, speed, armor-resistance, ship of the ocean.

WE MAY EXECUTE GUERRILLAS.

miral held a council with the commanders of his squadron, disclosing to them a plan to force the blockade in broad daylight. The commanders responded unanimously 'Ad lante' (forward). "It was them arranged that the torpedo. jective point, which was Aguadores and with one screw, 280 feet long, 43 feet beam forces. They said that many of the poor having the opportunity of getting into

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TEXAS.

How She Put Out of the Battle the Torpedo-Boat Destroyer-Sharp Manuvering To Separate Her and Her Consort-Good Work By American Gunners.

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The St. Paul, having parted company with the blockading squadron off Santiago de Cuba, arrived off the harbor of San Juan, Puerto Rico, on the morning of the 22d of June, after a cruise of two days and a night along the southern coast of Haiti in search of Spanish vessels. Aside from the boarding of one British steamer for contraband, the cruise was uneventful. But the events of the first day off San Juan were enough to cheer the hearts of the officers and "old salts" who had spent their years in the service without

the eastern entrance of the harbor), head-

ing eastward with head on to the fresh

fruits of victory of Commodore Dewey's

fleet at Manila. All hands were called to

"General Quarters," and, at 12:50 p. m.,

the Isabel fired the first shot. We in-

stantly teplied, whereupon the enemy,

who had now advanced some distance

seaward off Morro, but still out of range, poured in a rapid broadside, completely

Close inshere, and under cover of this

smoke, a torpedo-boat destroyer had

stolen her course, but she had not gone

far eastward when we made her out as the

Terrer. The Isabel now moved a little to

the westward, firing quite frequently, and

we, in turn, replied with an occasional

goodly-sized shell to test the range and to let the Dons know that we were ready for

them. Heliograph signals were seen on

were probably directed. Apparently it was the intention of the crafty Dons to

enveloping herself in smoke.

"It was then arranged that the torpedo- bringing in the wounded and forwarding boat destroyers should take the lead, supplies is to charge upon the hidden foe forth and Trocal, and are now being held feigning an attack, and discharge the in the direction of the sound of the rifle. Complaints continue that the guerrillas decided what to do with them, but it is silenced La Socapa, and also the battery torpedoes against the enemy's ships, the Cristobal Colon protecting their advance, make no pretense of respecting the Red thought likely that they will be executed. Two of them at least are former convicts. Castle is 150 feet above the water, and sheltered by the batteries of Morro Castle Cross. They peg away at the men carryand distracting the enemy's attention, ing the wounded and at the Surgeons. while the remainder of the squadron These acts seem to justify the bloodsailed out of the harbor.

"The Americans at first were taken by three years been subjected to cruelties be- arrival of sufficient reinforcements to al- the channel of mines and torpedoes and there, under charge of Maj. Irles, and were peace. thirstiness of the Cubans, who have for surprise. Then, recovering, they opened side which the firing on wounded men a tremendous fire, especially against the and doctors seems merciful.

torpedo-boat destroyers, which vessels Admiral Cervera had instructed to steer an opposite course to the squadron. "The Americans were deceived and

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manuvered toward the supposed course Not a shot has been exchanged between ship for the purpose of capturing Santi- Morro Castle easy, of the Spaniards, while Admiral Cervera the opposing armies since yesterday noon. ago, when it can be done without any went, full steam, ahead, maintaining a At the request of the foreign Consuls in such risk. TWO MORE SPANISH SHIPS DESTROYED.

continuous fire until clear of the Ameri- Santiago Gen. Shafter extended until to- Admiral Sampson was distinctly orcan lines and then steamed away westmorrow noon the period within w'ich Gen. dered by the Navy Department not to enward, pursued and breasted for some Linares may agree to surrend r h s forces ter the harbor with the risk of sinking his cruiser Reina Mercedes was seen drifting view of a large portion of the men of both Gen. Shafter of the complete destruction of distance by the swiftest American ves- under the threat that the tewn will be vessels, and he is not at liberty to take slowly out of the narrow entrance of San- armies. sels, until they were lost sight of from bombarded. any other course. Morro Castle There are known to be two sets of elec-The Spanish General's decision

Later Minister Sagasta announced officially that Admiral Cervera's squadron the annihilation of Admiral Cervera's fleet off from a point near Morro Castle and the of shells was hammering down upon her. was generally good, but two of them were deem proper to consider the advisability had been defeated, that the Almirante was a staggering blow to him, but Mr. other set off from a point on Cayo Smith. Oquendo was burned and the Infanta Ramsden, the British Consul, says that Hence, the passing out of the Spanish the fire, but the shore batteries opened, Maria Teresa sunk and that Admiral Cer- Gen. Pando has reinforced Gen. Linares. fleet is no indication whatever of the and one six-inch shell fell on the Indiwith 5,000 troops, and that the Spaniards harbor entrance being clear of torpedoes ana's forward deck, exploding below. Then the people became riotous, and the

Gen. Linares would probably be shot if and at Cayo Smith, which could with a No other American ship was hit during chivalrous courtesy. plunging fire easily sink any vessels the engagement, which lasted only a few he surrendered.

The bombardment of Santiago which Among some of the soldiers, however, a passing into the harbor. Gen. Shafter threatened to begin at noon different feeling must prevail. They have EXPECTED ARMY TO CAPTURE AGUADORES. to-day did not take place, for the reason ascertained from the experience of inthat the 6,000 reinforcements had reached habitants of Siboney that American solthe Spaniards. diers respect property and relieve prison-

Up to the sending of the demand for a ers in distress. Many Spaniards, there- center his forces so as to take Aguadores of the Merrimac, and thus to block the surrender the Spaniards kept up a plucky fore, are now utterly indifferent if further and open the way for the army to cap- entrance to prevent the Americans from resistance, and occasionally made a misfortune befalls the Spanish army. ture Morro Castle and the other batteries getting in. hearty sort of attack, but in every instance The armistice is not officially recog-our boys beat them off. The armistice is not officially recog-our boys beat them off. The Alfonso XII., the best vessel the nized, and our boys have been cautioned When the first report of the battle came Spaniards had at Habana, was discovered Orders were issued to treat them with Their guerrillas and sharpshooters do to keep out of sight, as a stray shot at from Santiago it was stated in the dis- trying to run the blockade. Fire was every possible consideration for their comthe pluckiest work, creeping up along our any time may precipitate general firing patches that an attack on El Capey, at opened on her, and she was driven ashore fort. They told touching stories of hard-the right, was a feint to cover the real ob- and destroyed. She was an iron gunboat ships and the condition of the Spanish

on Aguadores, while the real attack was tubes. Her officers and crew numbered further resistance was nothing short of ing about six miles off the Morro (an old-They have killed two Surgeons, Danon the city proper. 370. With Morro Castle in the possession of

as prisoners of war. It has not yet been the Americans, they could have easily

Just after midnight of Monday, the

tiago by one of the American scouts. In

a moment the fleet was ablaze with sig-

minutes

The Spaniards finally agreed to suron Cayo Smith, for the reason that Morro render Lieut. Hobson and his men. The

appreciable injury to our ships or armament.

place decided upon was a tree about twocan make a plunging fire on either of the thirds of a mile in front of the center of other batteries. It would then have been our line, held by the Rough Riders. Lieut. armies have been informed that Washing-Everything is awaiting at Santiago the a matter of no difficulty whatever to clear Hobson and his men were marched out ton and Madrid are negotiating terms of open an easy access to the harbor for

met by Col. John Jacob Astor and Lieut. Miley, who had three Spanish Lieuten-The army captured the principal fortifi-

and armed with guns stronger than the average armament of our ships. Our vessels were scattered over a

The fleet tactics were such as to at once throw against him a combination of force equal to his own, and

of the crews was perfect, the machinery and appointments of every one of our ships was fully equal to the

But our fire overwhelmed the enemy, shattered his armor, pierced to the vitals of his ships, covered his decks

with dead and wounded, and destroyed his motive power, while we lost but one man killed, and sustained no

gave at least the foundation of a hope that another trial might result differently. There can be no such ray of

hope in the Spanish breast. It is doubtful if any Frenchman, German, Italian or Russian can really expect to

Never in the world has there been such a conclusive battle won, because it demonstrates a naval superiority

ants, captured at El Caney, and 14 non-There is much destitution as well as commissioned officers and privates. Maj. Irles was told that he could have from Santiago are now quartered with his choice of the Lieutenants, and the the soldiers at the front. The men gave whole 14 enlisted men for the party. He up half their rations last night to feed selected Lieut. Adolfo Aries, of the 1st these unfortunate people, but some other

Gen. Toral, the Spanish commander in

doubtful. It is unquestionably true that tric mines, one set of which can be fired nals and almost instantly an awful hail the soldiers and sailors. Their health He has been given such time as he may It is not known whether she returned suffering from remittent fever. They said of capitulating with his garrison.

though there was a disposition on the part hopelessness of holding out against a are bitterly determined to fight it out. He or mines. The contrary is known to be The explosion occurred in the men's of some of the soldiers and lower officers siege by land and sea must be forcing ittroops were held in readiness to suppress an outbreak. are bitterly determined to fight it out. He for mines. The contrary is known to be said that so intense was the feeling among the Spanish subaltern officers that Con Lington workhy he shot if

> President of the Upper Court of Justice country to Habana. The Reina Mercedes sank at once. It is not known whether she attempted to came to Canay and delivered themselves

It was the expectation of the Navy De- escape from the harbor or whether the up to our forces. They had been forbid- pealed to Gen. Blanco to surrender the partment that Gen. Shafter would first Spaniards tried to sink her near the hull den by Gen. Toral to leave the town, but fearing death, they sneaked away, coming across the mountains in a crowd of other refugees, and as soon as possible

murder. There is a general impression fashioned, but beautiful and formidable that surrender may come at any moment. looking fortress situated on a high bluff at EXCHANGE OF LIEUT. HOBSON.

THURSDAY, JULY 7.

BROOKLYN.

trade wind, which was stirring up a rough sea, sighted a bark-rigged vessel in the Firing was not resumed to-day, although harber entrance. The vessel kept close the truce is supposed to be ended. Both inshore, but as it rounded the Morro we made it out as eitlier the Infanta Isabel, or the Isabel II., which are sister ships of the Don Juan de Austria and Don Antonio de Ulloa, which were part of the

The news from Santiago is to the effect that suffering there increases daily.

hunger at El Caney, where 1,000 refugees

Barcelona Regiment, one of the most provision must soon be made. aristocratic organizations in the Spanish

the Spanish fieet, and that the American Lieut. Hobson and his men were re- warships are now free to co-operate with

that on the whole they had been well-treated, and given good food and quarters, jous to resist to the bitter end, the utter

he was counting have not arrived. Gen. The Civil Governor of Santiago, Senor Pando has left him in the lurch, and, it is Ros; the Mayor, Senor Porrase, and the understood, is making his way across the lure us on within range of the Morro and

the shore batteries. But Capt. Sigsbee Gen. Shafter telegraphs that he will as-

sault on Saturday, unless the city is surrendered before. He will have his siege guns up by that time. Between 12,000 and 15,000 refugees from

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would undertake no such foolhardy course; for, besides the 8, 10 and 12-inch guns mounted on shore, more dangerous to a vessel of our deep draft were the shoals as the shore is approached. Calmly seated on a chair on the bridge. coolly directing the movements of the St. Paul from time to time, Capt. Sigsbee

seemed to be right in his element. The best of humor was depicted on every countenance, save the derisive shout that

Santiago are at El Caney in a starving

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AWAITING REINFORCEMENTS.

Gen. Shafter appears to think that the Sampson's fleet. city could be now taken if Admiral Samp-

cation between Morro Castle and Santiago, But most people do not think it would and it would have only been necessary to

be wise to risk the sinking of a single take Aguadores to make the capture of

son would enter the harbor.