

seem to show that probably five and even six months have elapsed since they were cleaned. What is true of the Vizcaya and Oquendo is also possibly true of the Infanta Maria Teresa and Cristobal Colon.

"While it is known that the Naval War Board has given consideration to the formation of a flying squadron, in fact and name, it can be positively stated that nothing has yet been done looking to the formation of such a fleet, and it is stated that nothing will be done in this direction unless the Spaniards should continue to evade the armoured-clads."

"The fact is," said an officer, with whom I talked, "that the board regards the Spanish armored cruisers as vessels which only battle-ships or armored cruisers can meet with safety. The armored sides of the cruisers and turrets are nine inches thick, so that the six-inch guns of protected cruisers could not penetrate this armor."

TERROR READY TO LEAVE ST. PIERRE AT ONCE

Repairs to the Spanish Torpedo-Boat Destroyer Have Been Completed.

ST. PIERRE, Martinique, May 19.—The Spanish torpedo-boat destroyer Terror, at Fort de France, has completed her repairs and is ready to leave at any moment.

The British steamer Twickenham, with 2000 tons of coal, has arrived at Fort de France. It is reported that a contract has been made with the Spanish Government under the terms of which the Twickenham is to furnish coal for a two-months' basis at Fort de France.

TWO BIG SNOWSLIDES ON VALDES GLACIER

SEATTLE, May 19.—Passengers of the steamer Morgan City, which arrived here from Copper River, Alaska, to-day, report that two large snowslides occurred on Valdes Glacier, April 30 and May 1, in which about one hundred people were caught.

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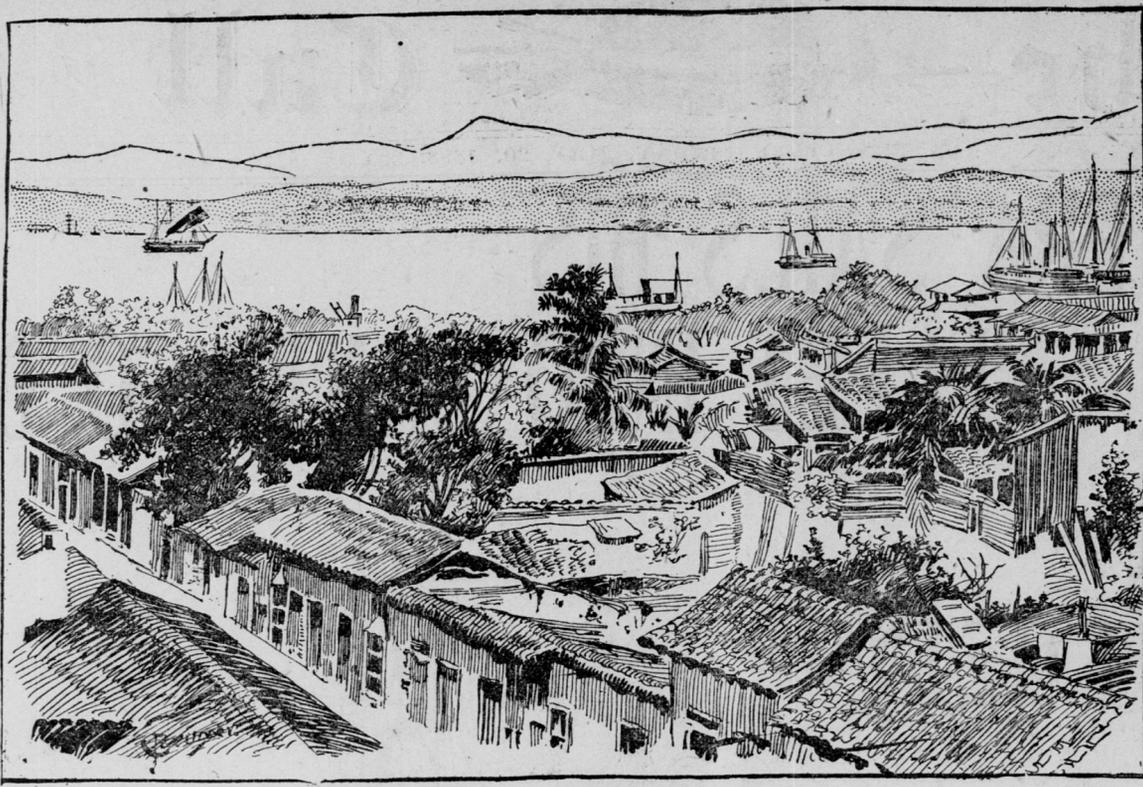
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LIVELY CHASE OF TWO BOATS

KEY WEST, May 19.—The cruiser Montgomery had a lively engagement Tuesday afternoon with two Spanish gunboats near Nuevitas on the northern coast of Cuba. The Montgomery was returning from Porto Rico under moderate speed, when suddenly rounding a headland she sighted two gunboats quite a distance out at sea.

THREE HUNDRED SPANIARDS SLAIN

KEY WEST, May 19.—Until to-day no adequate estimate could be made of the damage done to the Spanish forces at Cienfuegos last week, when the cables were cut under an attack by Spaniards, and Marblehead and Nashville bombarded the forts, lighthouse and forces on the beach.

CARRINGTON URGED FOR BRIGADIER

Regular Army Captain a Candidate. BACKED BY HIS FRIENDS

SENATOR FRYE TO DEFEAT OTIS' ASPIRATIONS.

Men Who Will Secure Federal Appointments Such as Attorney, Pension Agent and Shipping Commissioner.

TO PREVENT ANNEXATION

Senators Work Against the Scheme. OPPOSITION TO RETALIATE.

MAY HOLD UP THE WAR REVENUE BILL.

Whichever Way the Newlands Resolution Goes, Congress Faces the Prospect of a Heated Controversy.

FRIENDSHIP OF CANADA

Statesmen Express Their Sympathy. LIKE THE PARENT STATE.

OUR NORTHERN NEIGHBORS ARE LOYAL.

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NEXT GRAND LODGE FOR SANTA CRUZ

The Pythian Session at Santa Rosa. NO CHANGE IN MEETING TIME.

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RELATED BY AN EYE WITNESS

Details of Bombardment of San Juan Fully Set Forth.

Monitors, Particularly the Terror, Did Plucky Work, but Their Fire Was Not Very Effective.

KEY WEST, May 19.—An onlooker of the bombardment of the fortifications of San Juan de Porto Rico on May 12 by the fleet of Rear Admiral Sampson gave the following details of that engagement. He said: "The most remarkable feature about the bombardment was the escape of the fleet with so few casualties. The enemy's fire was heavy and continuous, and the elevation of their batteries gave them a tremendous advantage."

"The secondary batteries of the ships were not used after the line had passed before the forts. This was chiefly on account of smoke. Drifting in front of the turrets, it made the handlers of the big guns liable to lose all sight of land."

"The admiral and his assistant chief of staff, Staunton, were on the superstructure on the lee side of the conning tower. They did not go inside the conning tower, which will probably not be used in action unless the fire is coming from both sides. So far it has proved a rather useless institution. On the forecastle, in the lee of the forward 12-inch turret, were Lieutenant March, flag secretary, and Ensign Bennett, flag lieutenant, both of whom, with Staunton, accompanied the admiral from the New York. Bennett had signal buoys with him. His signal flags, in the cans, were hoisted in a flash with a line which ran around the turret barrette. This was to prevent them from being shot overboard."

"It took about four broadsides to wake the Spaniards up. In the meantime great yellowish white clouds were rising from the hillsides, marking where our shells had fallen. Then a few puffs of white and little lines of flame came from nooks in the bluff. The mark of the other ships, the heavy swell causing them trouble and precluding any degree of accuracy of aim."

"When the Iowa was turned to go back to the starting point, the entire line was engaged. The New York, stately, standing high out of the water and showing all her gracefulness, but making an easy target, slowly ran the gauntlet of two miles. While the enemy's fire was at its hottest, two jacks stood at the Iowa's bows, without any cover, heaving the lead. They worked just as calmly as if in New York harbor. They can't hit us, George," sang out one of the men to another in the lee of the turret. Just then a shell whizzed by. "Rig a line to that thing," laughed the man in the chair, pointing derisively to the water that spouted fifty yards ahead of him.

"The feature most discussed was the wonderful pluck of the Terror and her escape from being hit. Shells simply rained about her as she lay within 500 yards of the forts, and blazed away with her five-inch rapid-fire batteries. The Amphitrite's trouble was with her after turrets, and was caused by an accident to the gear which supplies the turret power. Several slight accidents occurred on the ships, but on the whole they were not as numerous as generally happens during heavy target practice. The strain on the men was rather severe. The heat of the sun was intense before 8 o'clock. The work done by the engineer officers and their men, who for three hours were under the battle gratings in the intense heat, cannot be too highly praised. The firing of the monitors seemed hardly up to the mark of the other ships, the heavy swell causing them trouble and precluding any degree of accuracy of aim."

TO USE HAWAII AS MILITARY BASE

CHICAGO, May 19.—A special from Washington says: It is probable that American troops will soon be occupying Hawaii. President McKinley agrees with all callers that the temporary occupation of the Philippines is out of the question. Whether we desire it or not, we will be compelled to retain the islands for a long time, if not permanently. More troops than now decided on will have to be sent to Manila in the course of several months.

This contingency has appealed to the administration with such force that the advisability of making Hawaii a base for both army and navy operations has been discussed. It is not known at what time the American commander in the Philippines might need additional men. The distance between San Francisco and Manila might endanger American prestige and many lives. To offset this possibility it is proposed to send probably 10,000 volunteers to Hawaii, that there to be held in reserve. They could be trained there and from that point could be sent to Manila twenty days earlier than they could if kept in the United States. The climate of Hawaii is excellent. No finer point could be selected for organizing, drilling and equipping raw recruits and getting them into shape for active field service.

WILL NOT BOMBARD CANARIES.

LONDON, May 20.—The agent in the Canary Islands of a Liverpool firm writes that the British Consul there has been informed that the United States will not bombard the Canary Islands, as the result of an arrangement between Great Britain, whereby, while Great Britain remains neutral, the United States will abstain from such bombardment, which would mean the destruction of British property.

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