

HOBSON EXPLAINS

How the Lieutenant Escaped From the Merrimac.

TAKEN OFF IN A LAUNCH

The Brave Men Surrendered to Admiral Cervera—Under the Enemy's Terrible Fire—Forced to Lie on Deck Until Daylight—Splendid Discipline.

Off Santiago, via Kingston, July 11.—The return of Assistant Naval Constructor Hobson to his ship, the flag-ship New York, was marked by wild enthusiasm. When Hobson sat once more among his messmates, he told the story of his experience, his marvelous escape and his imprisonment in Morro castle.

"I did not miss the entrance to the harbor," he said, "as Ensign Powell, in the launch, supposed. I headed east until I got straight in. Then came the firing. It was grand, flashing out from one side, then the other, from those big guns on the hills, the Vizcaya, lying inside the harbor, joining in.

"Troops from Santiago had rushed down when the news of the Merrimac's coming was telegraphed, and soldiers lined the foot of the cliffs, firing wildly across and killing each other with their crossfire.

"The Merrimac's steering gear broke as she got to Estrella point. Only three of the torpedoes on her side exploded when I touched the bottom. A huge submarine mine caught her full amidships, hurling water high in the air and tearing a great rent in the Merrimac's side. Her stern ran up on Estrella point.

"Chiefly owing to the work done by the mine, she began to sink slowly. At that time she was across the channel, but before she settled the tide drifted her around.

"We were all aft, lying on the deck. Shells and bullets whistled around us. The six-inch shells from the Vizcaya came tearing into the Merrimac, crashing into wood and iron and passing clear through, while the plunging shots from the forts broke through her decks.

"Not a man through her," I said.

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and it was only owing to the splendid discipline of the men that all of us were not killed, as shells sailed over us and minutes became hours of suspense. The men's mouths grew parched, but we must lie there until daylight, I told them.

"Now and again one or the other of the men lying with his face glued to the deck and wondering whether the next shell would come our way, would say, 'Hain't we better drop off now, sir?' But I said, 'Wait till daylight.' It would have been impossible to get the catamaran anywhere but to the shore, where the soldiers stood shooting, and I hoped that by daylight we might be recognized and saved.

"The grand old Merrimac kept sinking. I wanted to go forward and see the damage done there, where nearly all the fire was directed, but one man said that if I rose it would draw the fire on the rest; so I lay motionless. It was splendid the way those men behaved. The fire of the soldiers, the batteries and the Vizcaya was awful. "When the water came up on the Merrimac's decks the catamaran floated amid the wreckage, but was still made fast to the boom, and we caught hold of the edge and clung on, our heads being above water.

"A Spanish launch came toward the Merrimac. We agreed to capture her and run. Just as she came close, the Spaniards saw us, and half a dozen marines jumped up and pointed their rifles at our heads.

"Is there any officer in that boat to receive a surrender of prisoners of war? I shouted. An old man leaned over under the awning and waved his hand. It was Admiral Cervera. The marines lowered their rifles, and we were helped into the launch.

"Then we were put in cells in Morro castle. Afterward we were taken into Santiago. I had the court-martial room in the barracks. My men were kept prisoners in the hospital. From my window I could see the army moving across the open and being shot down by the Spaniards in the rifle pits in front of me. The Spaniards became as polite as could be. I knew something was coming, and then I was exchanged."

Cervera Now on the Iowa. Headquarters of General Shafter, via Kingston, July 9.—Admiral Cervera has been transferred from the Gloucester to the Iowa, and is being treated with every consideration. In a brief interview today he said he was ordered to leave the harbor, but refused to say from whence the order came.

Today's estimate of the Spanish loss in the naval battle placed it at 1,200 killed and 1,500 captured. The American loss was one killed and two wounded.

As Viewed in France. Paris, July 11.—The Temps this afternoon, referring to the annexation of Hawaii by the United States, says: "It is impossible to ignore the creation of a daily increasing current in America bearing that country in the direction of political aggrandizement and foreign conquests, which is a departure from all its national traditions."

Advice received from General Shafter announces that a number of high Spanish officers are deserting across the line at Santiago into the American army.

USED THE MACHETE.

Cubans Showed No Mercy to the Spanish Prisoners.

Before Santiago, via Kingston, July 11.—One secret of the determination of the Spanish soldiery in Santiago to fight to the death was the belief which prevailed generally among them that prisoners taken by the Americans would be put to the sword.

It is known that after the fall of El Guey July 1 the Spanish soldiers who escaped along the foothills marched directly into General Garcia's camp, posted to the north of Santiago. They fought desperately, but were shown no mercy by the Cubans, and were massacred to the last man. General Delino, who was in command, was brutally mutilated. The knowledge of this massacre found its way into Santiago and prompted the Spaniards to die rather than surrender.

The voluntary surrender of some of the wounded Spanish officers and men has dispelled the delusion, and is helping to induce General Toral to consider the proposition to capitulate.

After the fall of El Guey the Cubans sacked the town. Information of the two outrages were promptly sent to General Shafter, who issued orders that any Cuban found rifling the bodies of dead or wounded Spaniards would be promptly dealt with.

To prevent the possibility of Cubans plundering Santiago when it capitulates it has been decided to forbid the Cubans entering the town.

CONDITIONS IN HAVANA.

The Poor Are Dying of Starvation in the Streets.

Kingston, Jamaica, July 11.—The British cruiser Talbot, which left Havana Tuesday, arrived at Port Royal today with 23 passengers, among them Sir Alexander Gollan, British consul-general at Havana, and Mr. Higgins, of the British consulate there, both on leave, which is given as the only explanation of their departure. Mr. Jerome has been left in charge of British affairs in Havana. Mr. Higgins said:

"The city of Havana is quiet, and there are no new complications. The well-to-do inhabitants are subsisting tolerably, but the poor are dying of starvation in the streets. There are many signs of terrible misery. The barracks are filled with starving women."

"The soldiers are fairly well fed. General Blanco has been sending troops into the interior, it is said on

EULATE TELLS OF IT.

The Vizcaya's Captain Describes the Great Naval Battle.

Santiago de Cuba, via Charleston, July 14.—Through Lieutenant of Marines Thomas S. Borden, who conversed in French with the prisoner, an interview was obtained with Captain Eulate, of the armored cruiser Vizcaya. He said:

"The entire squadron was ordered to devote the fire of their guns to the cruiser Brooklyn, because it was believed that she was the only ship in the American squadron that could overtake us. When we got out of the harbor our ship was second in the line, and I saw our flagship was getting a terrible baptism of fire. It was frightful. The Texas and Brooklyn were just riddling her, and in 15 minutes I saw the ship on fire. The Iowa and the Oregon were firing on the Oquendo, and as yet I had not been hurt badly. The Brooklyn was a half mile closer to us than any other ship, and I decided to try to ram her, so that the Colon and Oquendo could get away, and I started for her. She was a good mark with her big broadside, and as I started I thought surely I would get her, but she had evidently seen us. Very quickly she turned about and making a short circle, came at our port side so that I thought she would ram us. I moved in toward her so that I could avoid her and then knowing that the Oquendo had gone ashore also, her steam pipes evidently having been severed by a shell.

"The maneuvering of the Brooklyn was beautiful. "We opened a rapid fire at her with our big guns, but she returned it with terrible effect. The Oregon also hit us several times, but the Brooklyn's broadside crashing to our superstructure simply terrorized the men. We worked all our guns at her, and I don't see how she escaped us. She simply drove us into shore, at one time fighting us at 1,000 yards. One shell went along the entire gun deck, killing half the men on it, and wounded nearly all the rest. A shell from the Oregon hit the superstructure and it was then that I was wounded and knowing that we could not get away, I struck the flag and started for the beach.

"I did not instruct the men to load the guns, and do not know why they were loaded. We were on fire badly, and when those men who were alive started to swim for the shore, the Cubans on shore shot at us until the American ships arrived and stopped them.

"The Brooklyn prevented me from getting away, for I could have beaten the Oregon out, as I had a two-mile lead of her. My orders were to try and sink the Brooklyn, and I tried to carry them out. I did not think that her battery could be so terrible as it was."

A DOUBLE EXPLOSION.

New Jersey Powder Mills Blown Up With Great Loss.

New York, July 14.—Two explosions, which killed 11 men, wounded about 20 others, and wrecked two buildings, occurred at the plant of the Lafin-Rand powder works, at Pompton, N. J., today. The first explosion was in the house where gunpowder was being made, and the second, presumably superinduced by concussion, was in the drying house, close by.

Three men were in the mixing-room when the explosion occurred, and they were blown to atoms. Chief Engineer Crang, who was in the engine-room, had his head crushed to a jelly in the wreckage of the boiler-house, the side of which was blown out.

Steamer Regulator Sunk.

Bonneville, Or., July 14.—The steamer Regulator was wrecked on today noon on the rocks just below the Cascades while attempting to enter the government locks. She had on board 160 passengers and a large amount of freight, including some teams. The passengers and most of the freight were landed on the Oregon shore. The passengers were sent to their destination by rail through arrangements made by the steamboat company. The boat lies submerged up to her sternmost windows, but can be raised with little loss, unless broken to pieces on the rocks by the high winds.

Conditions of Peace.

Madrid, July 14.—It is asserted that the United States makes the following demands as conditions of peace:

First—The possession of Cuba and Porto Rico, with a port in the Canaries. Second—An indemnity of \$48,000,000 about \$240,000,000. Third—The retention of the Philippines as a guarantee of the payment of the indemnity. These terms are regarded as impossible.

Brought Under the Stars and Stripes. San Francisco, July 14.—The annexation of the Hawaiian islands has given American registry to 53 vessels. Of these 24 are steamers, four full-rigged ships, 10 bark and 17 schooners. Most of the steamers are now engaged in the inter-island trade.

Guarding Spanish Coast.

London, July 14.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Mail says: Orders have been received by the Spanish government to hold itself in readiness to proceed to the defense of the coast.

Dummy Guns in Spanish Trenches. General Shafter's Headquarters, via Kingston, July 14.—The Americans have advanced all day. In several of the Spanish trenches our troops found dummy wooden guns and no Spanish soldiers. There was a weak fire from the Spanish troops, and the Americans advanced further. There is evidence of great distress existing in Santiago.

London journals speak in highest praise of the bravery shown by the United States troops in Cuba.

Work of Chinese Rebels.

Canton, China, July 14.—The rebels have captured nine towns and have defeated the imperial troops west of Wu Chou. Flacards have been posted at Wu Chou declaring war against the officials and warning the inhabitants to depart before the rebels attack the town. The authorities here have purchased 5,000 rifles and are negotiating for a number of machine guns.

Weather bureau officers left Guavento to establish stations along the Caribbean sea, to notify the fleet of approaching storms.

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In treating the tin summer fabrics, says St. Paul's, the up-to-date modistes have hit on the happy plan of closely tucking the upper part of the skirt from the waist to above the knee, whence the material hangs full and free round the feet. The style is well expressed in a green and white foulard, the top of the skirt vertically tucked, the hem finished with two narrow pinked-out ruffles of white silk. The bodice, something of the shape of a mess jacket, was entirely white silk, and opened over a pretty vest of white silk. Believes corns and bunions of all pain and the sleeves of the green and white foulard were tucked from shoulder to wrist, and ended with bell cuffs lined with white silk.

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The most ancient coin in Europe, the ducia, was first struck in the mint of Venice in the year 1284. The building is still in existence.

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The new improved Stoughton wagons stand the racket. Three more car loads are on the way. It pays to have the best. Write for free catalogue. JOHN F. O'LEARY, sole agent, foot of Morrison street, Portland, Or.

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Opium eating has become a habit with the Kaffirs in South Africa. The Chinese are the chief purveyors of the drug.

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The highest waterfall in the world is Cholook cascade, at Yosemite, Cal., which is 2,685 feet high, or just half a mile.

Try Schilling's Best tea and baking powder.

Centennial of Electricity.

A centennial of electricity will be celebrated at Corra, Italy, the birthplace of Volta, from May to October, 1899. It is understood that everything pertaining to the advancement of electricity will be represented. At the same time an electrical congress of the world's prominent electrical engineers will be held.

A new German antiseptic, called protargol, is a compound of silver and protein. A one per cent solution is reported to destroy the bacteria of anthrax and enteric fever.

A French journal states that among the recent uses which have been discovered for acetylene gas is a motor which has special advantages for use in automobile vehicles.

Clocks can be accurately leveled by a new shelf, which has a fixed wall plate supporting a pivoted, adjustable shelf, with levels in the top, to be set by thumb screws on the under side.

Matchless Without Precedent.

The Belgian government has scattered broadcast over the world an announcement that a prize of \$5,000 to \$10,000 would be awarded to the originator of a scheme by which matches may be made without phosphorus. The competition is international and the matches must ignite on any surface. It is open until January 1, 1899, and competitors must furnish a quantity of the material as well as 10,000 matches. All communications and packages will be addressed to M. Voets, state minister, president of the committee, department of industry and labor, No. 2 Rue Laterale, Brussels. These communications and packages can be forwarded any time from now until the first of January, 1899. The inventors whose matches fulfill the aforesaid conditions under title B will have to give proof that the industrial manufacture of said matches is practicable. They must pledge themselves to the manufacture of at least 1,000,000 matches on Belgian territory, in some place designated by agreement between the inventor and the committee, and in the presence of the committee or a delegation of the committee.

THE CLIMATE OF CUBA.

Because of frequent rains in Cuba malarial fevers are common ailments there, just as they are in many sections of the United States. Ailments of this kind, no matter in what part of the globe they occur, are quickly cured with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Besides being a specific for malarial fevers, this Bitters also makes pure blood, strong nerves and muscles, and firm, healthy flesh. They have no equal for dyspepsia and constipation.

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