MANY KILLED AT MATANZAS: THE CITY ALMOST RUINED BY THE AMERICAN GUNS

ALL CUBA NOW IS AT THE MERCY OF SAMPSON’S FLEET

THE FIRST BATTLE OF THE WAR.

Engagement at the Mouth of Matanzas Bay on Wednesday Last Between the American War Vessels New York, Cincinnati and Puritan and the Spanish Forts on Both Sides of the Entrance, in Which the Latter Were Entirely Silenced, With a Loss of 100 Men.

HAD ORDERS TO RETURN THE FIRE OF SPAIN’S GUNS

Rear-Admiral Sampson Knew What He Was Doing When He Silenced the Batteries at Matanzas.

THE EXODUS FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

WASHINGTON, April 28—The Navy Department does not expect news from Admiral Dewey and the Pacific squadron before Saturday.

Havana (via Kingston, Jamaica), April 28.—The shelling of Matanzas yesterday by the American squadron caused much damage to the city. Many were killed and wounded. One-quarter of the town is said to be ruined.

SHAFTER WILL LEAD AN ARMY OF OCCUPATION

Fifteen Thousand American Regulars Will Be Landed in Cuba Next Week, Probably at Matanzas.

THE GUNS OF SAMPSON’S FLEET FIRED AT MATANZAS’ BATTERIES WERE HEARD AROUND THE WORLD

When the flagship went to Matanzas the Somers N. Smith followed her. The correspondents on board had no intimation from the admiral or any one else that he contemplated firing a shot that would be heard around the world. The correspondents had had a long conversation with Admiral Sampson just before the flagship sailed, and so had felt the Somers N. Smith that he was sure enough to be in all the news. After the engagement the Herald-Call best officer to bring in the admiral’s dispatches, and sailed with the flagship for letters from the ships engaged, and for Richard Harding Davis’