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The Blockade Is Still Out of Part Havana and Included in Target Practice Yesterday.

The Asiatic squadron, under Rear Admiral Dewey, left Hong Kong yesterday, and is en route to the Philippine Islands.

There is positive proof that the Spanish squadron is in China, according to Mr. William T. Backus, United States minister at Shanghai, who passed up from Espiritu Santo Island to Shanghai on Wednesday, and there received the most positive information of this kind. The Spanish fleet is now off the coast of China, and the minister has every reason to believe that the Spanish fleet is on the move, and that it is probable that it will approach the Philippines shortly.