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NAVY LOSES EVANS

"Fighting Bob" Retired Today by Age Limit of 62

HERO AT FT. FISHER, 1865

Commanded Yorktown During Chilian Affair, and Iowa at Battle of Santiago, Cuba

ROBLEY DUNGLISON EVANS

1846—Born in Floyd county, Virginia, August 18, son of Dr. Samuel Andrew Jackson Evans, and received early education in public schools of Washington.

1860—Appointed to United States naval academy from Utah, September 29, and graduated in 1863, with rank of ensign.

1865—Participated in both attacks of federal forces on Fort Fisher, and in a land attack received four severe rifle shot wounds, which rendered him lame for life.

1866—Promoted to rank of lieutenant, July 23, and to rank of lieutenant commander on March 12, 1868.

1873—Promoted to rank of commander, and later assumed charge of several vessels.

1891—Commanded the Yorktown at Valparaiso during period of strained relations between the United States and Chile and there earned the popular name of "Fighting Bob."

1892—Promoted to rank of captain, on June 23.

1898—Commanded battle-ship Iowa of Sampson's fleet during war with Spain and took active part in battle with Cervera's fleet off Santiago, July 3.

1901—Promoted to rank of rear admiral, February 11.

1902—Appointed commander-in-chief of Atlantic station.

1907—Sailed from Hampton Roads, December 16, in command of Atlantic fleet of sixteen battleships, beginning the famous trip to San Francisco.

"Fighting Bob" does not lose his determination and firmness when off the sea. His mother in an endeavor to get him to side with the confederacy at the beginning of the civil war, sent his resignation to the navy department. When Bob learned of this he had himself reinstated.

Both of his legs were shot much to pieces at Fort Fisher and the surgeons at the Norfolk hospital came in to amputate them. Evans pulled a revolver from under his pillow and remarked quietly: "I fell perfectly sure that I can kill six persons with this gun, and the first person to enter the room with a case of instruments will get the first shot."

Evans is as diplomatic as he is brave. He plays cards and drinks whiskey because he "could not afford not to do so." His suavity has won him the friendship of Emperor William, the empress of China and the mikado. President Cleveland and Evans frequently shot ducks together. McKinley and Roosevelt have both honored him with their friendship.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Father Time today descended upon the naval headquarters and with relentless hand effaced from the rolls of America's great sea fighters the name of the greatest of them all—Rear Admiral Robley Dunglison Evans—"Fighting Bob." For today is "Fighting Bob's" sixty-second birthday, and by law and rule the career of the great warrior as an active commander of conquering fleets of the high seas is over and done. In the memory of patriotic Americans, the feat of Rear Admiral Evans in safely conducting the Atlantic fleet to the Pacific will remain as the climax of the life of one of the doughtiest commanders that ever strode the quarter-deck of the man-of-war. Few commanders have ever been so well loved by the men, and there is deep sorrow today in the hearts of all of Uncle Sam's tars.

"Fighting Bob" describes Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans to a dot. He won the right to this title in his first "naval engagement." He was sailing a boat in a public school yard in Washington, when a bigger boy smashed it with a rock. Evans smashed the boy with another. The big boy was carried home on a door. Although the engagement resulted in a victory for Evans, it marked the close of his public school career. He has been fighting ever since, and whenever there was nothing more warlike on the horizon he tackled the general naval board.

Evans was sent to Valparaiso, Chile, with the Yorktown in 1891. The hostile Chilians developed a new game of cruising about the American vessel with their torpedo boats, seeing how near they could come to it without scraping it. Although nine Chilean warships were anchored near by Capt. Evans, fighting mad, told the officer in charge of the torpedo boats that if one should hit the Yorktown he would blow the bottom out of it.

The officer replied that the water in the harbor belonged to Chile. "The Yorktown and the paint on her belongs to the United States," retorted Evans, "and if either is defaced by your boats, hell will smell of garlic."

Not a lot of paint was scratched on the Yorktown. In Cleveland's administration he appealed to the secretary of the navy for permission to rid Cuba of the Spaniards. The proffer was refused. "Spanish would be the only language spoken in hell for six months if they would just let me loose," said Evans, as he left the secretary's office.

At the close of the battle of Santiago, Evans, commanding the Iowa, expressed regret that he had not been permitted to do the job alone. Some years before, Evans and his wife, Louise Hanstone, inflicting a scalp wound, and then blew out his brains. He had been acting strangely for several days past. He owned considerable property.

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THREE RESCUED IN TIME

Drunken Fiend Assaults Aged Woman in Portland—Wealthy Man Ends His Life.

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Drunken Brute's Crime. PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 18.—H. A. Collier, aged 27 years, is in jail here charged with a fiendish crime upon an aged woman in this city last night. Collier is alleged to have attacked the woman in her home, beating her into insensibility and then assaulting her criminally. The fiend was drunk and after committing his foul crime fell asleep, allowing the woman to escape and summon the police. Collier was arrested as he lay in bed.

Manie Kills Himself. TACOMA, Aug. 18.—In a fit of insanity today, Wm. Kiteley, a watchman, shot his sister, Mrs. Louise Hanstone, inflicting a scalp wound, and then blew out his brains. He had been acting strangely for several days past. He owned considerable property.

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