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SPAIN certainly experienced a great deal of trouble in Manila bay, but her warships were at the bottom of it.

"THERE'LL be no more Morro there"—when the Vesuvius gets through tossing gun cotton over that way.

"It is useless to think of the mills that waters gone past might have turned," is the axiom Cervera has resolved to forget.

CAMARA and his fleet are over 5000 miles from the nearest American warship. Our guns are not quite as long range as that and Camara is safe.

GARCIA, the Cuban general, is quoted as saying: "Let no one imagine Spaniards will not fight. It is mere brute obstinacy. They are like bulls who fight merely because they have horns."

SPANIARDS threaten to confiscate American plantations in Cuba. That will be all right. Americans are confiscating the Spaniards as swiftly as could reasonably be expected—or even more so.

CERVERA'S fleet?—le'ssee—Oh, yes! that was the invincible armada that came out some weeks ago to shell our Atlantic cities, relieve Blanco, break up the Cuban blockade and play smash generally.

IN THE stories of the fighting about Santiago one feature in the conduct of the officers stands out with splendid prominence. No one among them bade his men "go" anywhere. The word was always—"Come with me."

"The letter S is in the ascendant—Sampson, Schley, Shafter and Santiago. The sibilant is sounding."—Fargo, N. D. Argus.

The letter S is also in the descendant. Witness Spain's sickly smile as she seeks succor and sinks in the soup. See?

How about Hobson? Will the Queen Regent now want Cervera worse than we wanted Hobson a few weeks ago? Cervera would make lots of fun for the brutal queen as a court-martial subject, but he can't be got at—and for the purpose in question he is not it.

A St. Louis newspaper's Washington correspondent wires that "bustle is everywhere apparent about the White House." How the fashions do change! THE MAIL had hoped, for the sake of street car convenience, that never again would these things be thus—but let 'er bustle, Sampson and Shafter have been engaged in that line themselves during the past few days.

So NOT even the Vizcaya got away. And her captain was the good fellow who so soundly kicked, on his own deck in Havana harbor, the fool Spaniard who insulted the survivors of the Maine. It was the Vizcaya too that went into New York harbor with a chip on her shoulder only a few weeks before the ball opened. We didn't do a thing to her at that time but the splinters have since been flying from all sides of her hull.

ABOUT the only thing destroyed by the Spanish navy up to date is its reputation to fight. But then there is Camara yet to report. The work mapped out for him is to take the Philippine and Hawaiian is-

lands and San Francisco. Then again there is the work of bombard- ing all Atlantic coast cities and the taking bodily of Cuba which was given to Cervera to perform—which is still undone—about as much so as Cervera himself now is.

The next thing to a period in punctuation is the colon. And it may be suggested—with apologies in advance—that the Cristobal Colon came to a "full stop" very suddenly recently—over in the vicinity of Santiago.

THE Fargo Argus says: "The Spaniards are thinking of using Pisco's Cure for that Vesuvius cough." And in another place the same paper says: "Why should we annex the Hawaiian volcanoes, when we have the Vesuvius?"

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING.

Two nephews of President McKinley have enlisted as privates. Their uncle did the same in '61.

Berlin university has expelled two young women because they wore their hair down their backs. This should be followed by a protest to the Creator for making it grow that way.

At the commencement exercises of Norwich university last Thursday the degree of master of military science was conferred upon Rear-Admiral George Dewey, a graduate of the university.

The miners in Colorado are changing the names of many of their plants to those of famous men of the present war. One of the best paying copper mines is called Sigbee. It is claimed that it never paid until now.

During the past fiscal year of 11 months' work, the United States mint in San Francisco has coined in gold \$48,931,000, and in silver, \$4,889,441, a total of \$53,820,441. This is the largest year's coinage in the history of the mint.

It is disappointing to learn that Spain has not purchased the Chilean warship O'Higgins, after all. Our government wanted the vessel, but thought \$6,000,000 too much to pay for it, and now that Spain has failed to secure the craft, we miss our chance of getting it for nothing.

Among the officers serving in our regular army by recent appointment from the president is Frank Gordon, son of the famous ex-Confederate general, John B. Gordon, who, next to General Longstreet, is the most eminent surviving captain of Lee's famous army of Northern Virginia.

The immense lumber raft which left Astoria eleven days ago in tow of the tugboat Monarch, arrived here this morning, having averaged about four knots per hour during the trip. The original raft contained 5,000,000 feet of lumber, but owing to rough weather 2,000,000 feet of this was lost during the voyage.

The load which the United States soldiers carries when in active service foots up to 64½ pounds. This is exclusive of incidentals, which would make the total about 70 pounds. By a recent order, the men in the ranks are to be relieved of as much of this load as possible, and the knapsack, tent, blanket, overcoat, canvas suit, change of underclothing, soap and towels are to be carried on a wagon, two of which will be furnished to each company. This will take about 17 pounds from the shoulders of the tramping soldier.

ANCIENT POLITICAL "RINGS."

Monopolists Flourished Centuries Ago in Rome and Egypt as They Do To-Day.

The evil of monopolies and rings was known to the ancients. Aristotle, referring to them in his "Politics," and then, as now, it was found necessary to hold them in check by legislation. The monopolist was in Roman law called a Dardanarius, and published under the Lex Julia de Annona, says London Answers. Monopolies of clothing, fish and all articles of food were prohibited by Emperor Zeno under pain of confiscation and exile; so that it is certain that the "rings" of the ancient days were as mischievous as those of to-day. At Athens a law limited the amount of corn a man might buy. The earliest recorded instance we have was a corn "ring."

There is an ancient tradition that the king who made Joseph his prime minister and committed into his hands the entire administration of Egypt was Apepi. Apepi was one of the shepherd kings and ruled over the whole of Egypt, as Joseph's Pharaoh seems to have done. The prime minister, during seven years of remarkable plenty, bought up every bushel of corn beyond the absolute needs of the Egyptians and stored it. During the terrible famine that followed, he was sure to get his own price, and bartered corn successfully for the Egyptians' money, cattle and lands, and taking one-fifth for Pharaoh, made him supremely wealthy. It was not merely a provident act, but a very politic one, his policy being to centralize power in the monarch's hands.

HOBSON IS A FREE MAN.

HOBSON AND MEN EXCHANGED.

WASHINGTON, July 7:—General Shafter has notified the war department that Hobson and his party of seven who blew up the Merrimac in the Santiago harbor, and who have since been held prisoners by the Spaniards, were exchanged yesterday for Spanish officers held as prisoners by our government.

SPANIARDS ARE DESERTING.

WASHINGTON, July 7:—Shafter telegraphs that a number of Spanish officers are deserting and joining the American forces and that Spaniards are strengthening their fortifications.

Sampson telegraphs that the dismantled battleship Reina Mercedes attempted to leave harbor of Santiago and was captured by an American warship.

SAFE ARRIVAL OF TRANSPORTS.

A Manila cablegram of July 1st, by way of Hong Kong, July 4, says the transport ships Australia, City of Peking and City of Sydney, conveyed by the cruiser Charleston, arrived there last Thursday, with all well on board. The cruiser Baltimore met the vessels at Cape Eng-land, and piloted them there. As they entered the bay and came up to the American warships they were greeted enthusiastically by the officers and men. The troops were overjoyed that their long voyage had ended. They were in good condition, despite the fact that they were poorly equipped for service in the tropics. In accordance with instructions prior to sailing, the con-voys went to Guam, the capital of the Ladrone islands, for the purpose of taking possession of the place. They arrived there June 20. The Charleston entered the harbor of San Luis Dapra and shelled the old fort of Santa Cruz. No reply was made to the American fire. On the following day General Marina, gov-ernor of the islands, his secretary, all of his officers and 54 soldiers surrendered. They gave up four Spanish flags and 54 Mauser rifles, 54 Remingtons and 10,000 rounds of ammunition. All of the prisoners were taken to Manila on the Charle-son. Not a single able-bodied Span-iard now remains in Guam. The wives of the prisoners were left be-hind. The native civil government of the islands was not disturbed by the Americans. Five hundred American soldiers were left to gar-ison the islands.

"THE MAINE IS AVENGED."

Four hours after Admiral Cervera went aboard the Gloucester, the Infanta Maria Teresa, Almirante Oquendo and Vizcaya continued to burn, and every now and then a deep roar, accompanied by a burst of flame and smoke from the sides of the ships, would announce the explosion of more ammunition or of another magazine. As the flames shot higher and higher above the decks of the magnificent vessels that had composed Admiral Cervera's fleet, many of those who witnessed the scene felt it had a strong connection with the destruction of the American battleship Maine in Havana harbor five months ago. Lieut.-Commander Wainwright, the commander of the Gloucester, was executive officer of the Maine at the time of the disaster, and although he remained in Havana harbor two months after the explosion, he lived on board the dispatch boat Fern and steadfastly refused to set his foot within the city until, to use his own words, the time had come when he could go ashore at the head of a landing party of American blue jackets. Today it was his ship that sunk two Spanish torpedo boat destroyers and afterwards received the Spanish admiral aboard as a prisoner of war. From his position on the bridge of the Gloucester, Lieut.-Com. Wainwright watched the flames and smoke as they enveloped the decks of the three great warships of the Spanish navy, which were soon to be reduced to nothing but shattered masts and twisted smokestacks protruding above the water, similar to that other picture in Havana harbor. It was not strange, therefore, that he remarked to his brother officers beside him, "The Maine is avenged."

THE PRISONERS MUTINIED.
WASHINGTON, July 6.—A special

dispatch to the Star, dated off Santi-ago, July 6, says: "After the de-struction of the Spanish fleet 440 men from the Marie Theresa were placed as prisoners on the Harvard. For some reason these men mutin-ied. The officers and crew of the Harvard were prepared, and the mutineers were fired upon. Six Spaniards were killed outright and twelve wounded."

ALPHONSO XIII CAPTURED.

The Spanish warship Alphonso XIII was captured Tuesday while attempting to run Havana harbor. She has a displacement of 5000 tons, carries 25 guns and is a steel second class protected cruiser.

NOTIFIED TO "MOVE ON."

SUEZ, July 6:—The Spanish fleet has arrived here. Camara has been notified that he must leave this port within 24 hours, and that he will not be allowed to coal here.

THE POPE WILL APPEAL.

The London Times has a special from Rome that the pope is again about to make a final appeal to the powers to intercede for a speedy settlement with America in the in-terest of Spain.

OTHER WAR NEWS.

The number of Americans killed and wounded in the two days' bat-tle is estimated to be 1800.

Orders have been sent Admiral Sampson to send all captured Span-ish prisoners to the United States.

Private Elias Hutchinson, of Company M, Second Oregon Regi-ment, died of peritonitis on June 20, and was buried at sea June 21. Hutchinson was from Canby, Ore-gon, and was on board the City of Peking.

It is estimated that the mortality on the Spanish side in the two days' fighting was 60 per cent. Between 10,000 and 15,000 Spaniards were engaged. It is believed their losses will run up to 6000 killed, wounded or captured.

Cervera, the Spanish commander, and our prisoner, is quoted as re-garding his attempted escape from Santiago: "I would rather lose my ships at sea, like a sailor, than in a harbor. It was the only thing left for me to do."

One ship load of Shafter's wound-ed soldiers has arrived at Key West and others are en route. The pris-oners being brought to Key West are those only slightly wounded and they are moved to make room for others being brought in from the field.

The Spanish fleet, under com-mand of Camara, consisting of the Pelayo, Carlos V, Patriota, Rapido, Buenos Ayres, Isla de Panay, San Francisco, Isla de Luzon, San Au-gustin and San Ignacio de Loyola, has passed through the Suez canal and is headed for the Philippine islands to re-possess the islands. The Spanish torpedo boats which were with the fleet have been or-dered to Messina, Sicily.

General Shafter wired the war department that when the news of the destruction of Cervera's fleet reached his army the regimental band that had managed to keep its instruments on the line, played "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight." Men cheer from one end of the line to the other. Officers and men are with-out even shelter tents and have been soaking for five days in the afternoon rains, but all are happy.

A CHANGE OF OPINION.

And Percy found the Indignant Young Lady soon Ready to Retract.

"I'll have nothing more to do with him," declared one of the belles of De-troit, with a pout, according to that city's Free Press. "He's a perfect stick. The idea of him coming here regularly every week and then dropping off sud-denly to come at long intervals, just when it suits him. I'll show him. Remember, mamma, if he calls I'm not in, and if he asks me to go any place I'll tell him that I have a previous engagement. I never did care a snap of my finger for him, any-how," and there were tears in her eyes, just as an evidence of good faith.

"Never mind, dear," consoled the mother, who had been through the mill herself. "It's not worth worrying over."

"I'm not worrying, and don't you dare to think that I'm worrying, either. The best Percy will ever get from me is a cold bow of recognition when we happen to meet. As for our being friends any more, that is simply out of the question. There goes that tele-phone," and the mother could not help hearing the home end of the conversa-tion.

"Oh, hello, Percy, I knew your voice. Have a cold, haven't you? That's too bad. This unreasonable weather has made so many people sick. Saturday night? Won't that be charming? No-thing could please me more. At eight o'clock I'll be ready. It's awfully kind of you. Good-by."

Then she whistled her own accom-paniment to a waltz as she danced back to her mamma, who made innocent in-quiry.

"Oh, that's Percy. Wants me to go to the theater Saturday night. How thoughtful, and what an old dear he is!"

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