HOBSON EXPLAINS

Escaped From the Merrimac.

Daylight-Splendid Discipline-

-The return of Assistant Naval Con- rather than surrender. structor Hobson to his ship, the flagmore among his messmates, he told the the proposition to capitulate. story of his experience, his marvelous

in the launch, supposed. I headed east be promptly dealt with. until I got straight in. Then came the big guns on the hills, the Vizcaya, ly- Cubans entering the town. ing inside the harbor, joining in.

Troops from Santiago bad rushed down when the news of the Merrimac's coming was telegraphed, and soldiers The Poor Are Dying of Starvation in dined the foot of the cliffs, firing wildly the Streets. across and killing each other with their

rimao's side. Her stern ran up on planation of their departure. Estrella point.

the mine, she began to sink slowly. said: At that time she was across the chan-

drifted her around. Shells and bullets whistled around us. starvation in the streets. There are The six-inch shells from the Vizcaya many sights of terrible misery. The came tearing into the Merrimac, crash- barracks are filled with starving ing into wood and iron and passing women.

USED THE MACHETE.

11 .- One secret of the determination How the Lieutenant 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.

The voluntary surrender of some of ship New York, was marked by wild the wounded Spanish officers and men enthusiasm. When Hobson sat once has dispelled the delusion, and is helping to induce General Total to consider

CONDITIONS IN HAVANA.

Kingston, Jamaica, July 11.-The British cruiser Talbot, which left Ha-'The Merrimao's steering gear broke vana Tuesday, arrived at Port Royal as she got to Estrella point. Only three of the torpedoes on her side exploded when I touched the button. A Sir Alexander Gollan, British consulpided when I touched the button. buge submarine mine caught her full general at Havana, and Mr. Higgins, amidships, hurling water high in the of the British consulate there, both on air and tearing a great rent in the Mer- leave, which is given as the only ex-Jerome has been left in charge of Brit-"Chiefly owing to the work done by ish affairs in Havana. Mr. Higgins



and it was only owing to the splendid route to Santiago, but I do not see how discipline of the men that all of us they will get there. were not killed, as shells sailed over us and minutes became hours of suspense. vessels are frequently turned back. The men's mouths grew parched, but Everybody is anxious for the concluwe must lie there until daylight, I told sion of the war, though the soldiers

the men lying with his face glued to and no beets, while yams are scarce."
the deck and wondering whether the Sir Alexander Gollan declined to next shell would come our way, would say anything on the condition of things say, 'Hadn't we better drop off now, at Havana. The other passengers on sir?' But I said, 'Wait till daylight.' the Talbot are for the most part It would have been impossible to get wealthy refugees. the catamaran anywhere but to the shore, where the soldiers stood shooting, and I hoped that by daylight we might be recognized and saved.

ing. I wanted to go forward and see practicable a statement of the total the damage done there, where nearly all the fire was directed, but one man eral Wheeler's as a result of the recent said that if I rose it would draw the fighting: fire on the rest; so I lay motionless. It was splendid the way those men be-cers, 74 men; wounded, 14 officers, haved. The fire of the soldiers, the 315 men; missing, 1 man.

'When the water came up on the 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 ed. 1 man. Merrimac. We agreed to capture her yet been received. and run. Just as she came close, the Spaniards saw us, and half a dozen marines jumped up and pointed their

receive a surrender of prisoners of war?' It was Admiral Cervera. The marines

Cervera Now on the lows.

Cubans Showed No Mercy to the Span-iah Prisoners.

Before Santiago, via Kingston, July

It is known that after the fall of El Gauev July 1 the Spanish soldiers who escaped along the foothills marched TAKEN OFF IN A LAUNCH directly into General Garcia's men, posted to the north of Santiago. They fought desperately, but were shown no mercy by the Cubans, and were ma-Cervera-Under the Enemy's Terrible cheted to the last man. General Del-Fire-Forced to Lie on Deck Until rine, who was in command, was brutally mutilated. The knowledge of ships were trying to break through and this massacre found its way into Santi-Off Santiago, via Kingston, July 11. ago and prompted the Spaniards to die at full speed, with the determination

After the fall of El Gauey the Cuescape and his imprisonment in Morro bans sacked the town. Information of the two outrages were promptly sent to "I did not miss the entrance to the General Shafter, who issued orders harbor," he said, "as Ensign Powell, in the length appropriate that any Cuban found rifling the bodies of dead or wounded Spaniards would

To prevent the possibility of Cubans firing. It was grand, flashing out from plundering Santiago when it capitu-one side, then the other, from those lates it has been decided to forbid the

"The city of Havana is quiet, and nel, but before she settled the tide there are no new complications. The well-to-do inhabitants are subsisting We were all aft, lying on the deck. tolerably, but the poor are dying of

"The soldiers are fairly well fed. clear through, while the plunging shots from the forts broke through her decks.

"'Not a man must move,' I said. troops into the interior, it is said en

"The blockade is maintained, and

wish to fight, and all the officials are

Losses at Santiago.

Washington, July 11 .- The war de-

Lawton's division-Killed, 4 offi-

Kent's division-Killed, 12 officers,

Signal corps-Killed, 1 man; wound-

General Wheeler's report has not

Manila Spared For a Time.

Chicago, July 11 .- A special cuble

The American troops under General

partment has received the following

CAIMANERA, PRINCIPAL SPANISH CAMP ON GUANTANAMU BAY.



"Now and again one or the other of resolute. There is no flour in Havana, 'The grand old Merrimac kept sink- from General Shafter, giving as far as

casualties in each division except Genbatteries and the Vizcaya was awful.

Merrimac's decks the catamaran floated men; missing, 62 men. wounded, 2 officers, 26 men; missing, 5 men.

rifles at our heads.

" 'Is there any officer in that boat to gram to the Record from its correspondent with Admiral Dewey's fleet I shouted. An old man leaned over at Manila bay, July 7, via Hong Kong, under the awning and waved his hand. says: lowerred their rifles, and we were Anderson, which have reached the helped into the launch. Philippines, are now comfortably quar-

Then we were put in cells in Morro tered in the Spanish military barracks castle. Afterward we were taken into at Cavite, and are busy preparing for Santiago. I had the court-martial active service against the room in the barracks. My men were No attack on Manila is probable before kept prisoners in the hospital. From the arrival of the second detachment of my window I could see the army mov- troops under General Greene, which ing across the open and being shot is expected soon. The present force of down by the Spaniards in the rifle pits soldiers and marines is considered inin front of me. The Spaniards be- sufficient to protect life and property came as polite as could be. I knew in Manila in the event of the capitusomething was coming, and then I was lation of that city. The soldiers, how-exchanged."

Starving in Gauntanamo. Headquarters of General Shafter, via Playa del Este, Cuba, July 11,-A Kingston, July 9 .- Admiral Cervera Spanish soldier, terribly emaciated and has been transferred from the Glou- so weak that he could hardly walk, cester to the Iowa, and is being treated was picked up by men from the United with every consideration. In a brief States gunboat Annapolis today, at a interview today he said he was ordered point near the entrance to the upper to leave the harbor, but refused to say bay. According to his story, there are many Spanish soldiers in Guantanamo from whence the order came. Today's estimate of the Spanish loss in the same condition of starving. He

Today's estimate of the Spanish loss in the same condition of starving. He in the naval pattle placed it at 1,200 says there is absolutely nothing to eat killed and 1,500 captured. The there, and that the Spaniards are daily the colonial cabinet over the loss of American loss was one killed and two told that if they surrender to the Amer. American loss was one killed and two told that if they surrender to the Amer- the fleet. icans they will be murdered.

CAPTAIN CLARK'S REPORT. The Oregon Responsible for the Defeat

of Cervera-Off Guantanamo, via Kingston, July 13.-Captain Clark, of the battle-ship Oregon, which did such remarkable work at the naval battle that resulted in the destruction of Admiral Cer-

evera's squadron, says in his official re-

port of the engagement to Rear-Admiral Sampson:

"The Spanish fleet turned to the westward and opened fire, to which our ships replied vigorously. For a short time there was an almost continual flight of projectiles over the ship, but where our line was fairly engaged, Ban Into the Ship Cromartyshire in a the enemy's fire became defective. As soon as it was evident that the enemy's escape to the westward, we went ahead of carrying out to the utmost your in-

"'If the enemy tries to escape the ships you must close and engage him as soon as possible, and endeavor to sink his vessels or force them to run

"We soon passed all of our vessels except the Brooklyn. At first we used only the main battery, but when it was discovered that the enemy's torpedo-boats were following the ships, we used our rapid-fire guns, as well as the six-inch guns, upon them, with

telling effect. "As we ranged up near the sternmost of their ships, she headed for the beach, evidently on fire. We raked her as we passed, rushing on for the next ahead, using our starboard guns as they were brought to bear, and before we had her fairly abeam, she, too, was making for the beach. The two remaining vessels were now some distance ahead, but our speed had increased to 16 knots, and the Vizcaya was soon sent to the shore in flames.

"Only the Cristobal Colon was left, and for a time it seemed as if she might escape. But when we opened with our forward turret guns, and the Brooklyn followed the Colon began to edge in toward the coast, and her destruction was assured. As she struck the beach her flag went down.

"The Brooklyn sent a boat to her, and when the admiral caught up with the New York, Texas and Vixen, the Cristobal Colon was taken possession

'I cannot speak in too high terms of the bearing and conduct of all on board this ship. When they found the Oregon had rushed to the front, and was horrying to a succession of conflicts with the enemy's vessels, if they could be hove to and would engage, the enthusiasm was intense. As these Spanish vessels were much more heavily armored than the Brooklyn, they might have concentrated their fire upon and

"Consequently, I am persuaded that but for the officers and men of the Oregon, who steamed and steered the ship and fought and supplied her batteries, the Colon and perhaps the Vizcaya would have escaped."

FOR SAFE KEEPING.

Prisoners of War Reach Portsmouth-Cervera Among the Lot.

Portsmouth, N. H., July 12 .- The auxiliary cruiser St. Louis, with 746 Spanish prisoners, including 54 officers, arrived in Portsmouth harbor at 8:80 o'clock this morning, and a few minutes later dropped anchor just above Fishing island. The big liner left Guantanamo at 6 o'clock Tuesday, July 5, and did not make a stop until she dropped anchor in Portsmouth harbor. Including the prisoners, there were 1,036 people on board the boat. and out of this number there are 91 sick and wounded Spaniards under the care of surgeons.

Admiral Cervera is confined to his cabin, having been quite ill for the past three days, although he was able to be dressed this morning.

Captain Eulate, who was commander of the Vizcaya, and is among the prisoners, is also quite ill, having been wounded in the head during the battle off Santiago.

DOWN FROM YUKON.

87 men; wounded, 36 officers, 586 The Schooner Phillips Brings Twenty Gold-Laden Miners Bates' brigade - Killed, 4 men;

San Francisco, July 12 .- Twenty miners from the placers at Minook, Circle City and Dawson arrived here today on the schooner Hattie L Philips from St. Michaela. The returning prospectors, who bring about \$70,000 with them, have been in Alaska from 1 to 25 years. Half of the party will return to work their claims. The passengers from Dawson are confident the output of Dawson will reach far over \$15,000,000. Minook will probably be not less than \$300,000. Circle City will also contribute largely to the output of the Alaska placers. The Yn-kon river is higher than known for years, and overflowed its banks at Mincok, where a number of miners' cabins were washed away by the flood.

Street-Car Collision. Washington, July 12 .- An electric car on the Congress Heights road, filled with passengers, collided with a horsecar-of the Anacosta line this evening. An unknown man was killed and 25 or 80 persons were injured, several of

them fatally. MOURNING IN HAVANA.

Gloom Cast Over the City by Cervers's Disastrous Defeat-Havana, July 12 .- July 6 the produce, money and stock exchanges suspended operations, observing the day as one of mourning over the loss of

Cervera's fleet. The inhabitants of Guira Molena, province of Havana, have sent a tele-

A HORROR AT SEA

Steamer La Bourgogne Went Down With 562 Souls.

COLLISION OFF NOVA SCOTIA general conduct of the campaign.

Dense Fog-Less Than Two Hundred Saved-Fiendish Cruelty of Satlors Prevented More Being Rescued.

Halifax, N. S., July 8 .- In one of the thick fogs which at this time of the year hang like a pall over the grand banks and Sable island in the North Atlantic, occurred early Menday morning one of the most appalling ocean disasters in the annals of trans-Atlantic commerce, and in fact in the history of steam sailing of the world. Almost without a moment's warning the French liner La Bourgogne, with 725 souls on board, was run down by the iron sailing ship Cromartyshire, and sunk within half an hour, carrying with her to the ocean's bottom over 500 of her passengers and crew, while the rest who were not drowned by the fearful suction struggled and fought for life until 163 were at length rescued by the crew of the Cormartyshire, which ship survived the collision.

If the words of the passengers who were dragged aboard the Cromartyahire and later brought into this port by the steamer Grecian, are to be believed, the last few minutes on board the La Bourgogne witnessed some of the most terrible scenes of horror and cruelty that have blotted the history of a civilized race. Instead of the beroic discipline which so often has been the one bright feature of such awful moments, the crew of the steamer fought like demons for the few lifeboats and rafts, battering the helpless passengers away from their only means of salvation, with the result that the strong overcame the weak, for the list of 168 saved contains the name of but one woman.

The disaster occurred at 5 o'clock in the morning, Monday, about 60 miles south of Sable island, which lies nearly 100 miles off this port. The Bourgogne had left New York, bound for Havre, on the previous Saturday, while the Cromartyshire was on its way from Glasgow with a crew of 21 men. Although the trans-Atlantic ships have a definite course, the Bourgogne was, by all accounts, 40 miles or more to the north of these lines. The fog was very dense and the Cromarty-shire was sailing along with reduced canvas and blowing the fog horn. Suddenly out of the fog rushed a great steamer, and in a moment there was a fearful crash, the iron prow of the ship plunging into the port side of the steamer, just under the bridge. The dons hole in the steamer, while the entire bow of the ship was demolished.

Half an hour after the collision the misty curtain went up, giving a clear view for miles, and then it was that those on the Cromartyshire realized the fearful struggle for life on board the Bourgogne, the collision having come so suddenly and at such a time in the morning that few besides her crew were on deck, but the shock roused nearly everyone, and within a few minutes

the decks were crowded. At first it seemed as if there was some attempt at discipline. A few of the boats were swung off and some of the passengers allowed to get into them, but as the steamer began to tremble and list to port, the officers lost control

of the crew, and a panic ensued. Passengers and crew fought for the boats and life rafts, the strong battered down the weak, the women and children being pushed far away from any hope of rescue. Fists, oars and even knives were used by some of the demons to keep their places.

The officers seem to have been pow erless over their men, and only four were saved. The fight for life on the decks of the steamer did not last long, for in a little more than a half hour she gave a long lurch to port and went

As the ship sank beneath the surface, the vortex of the water sucked down everything on the surface within a certain radius. When the suction ceased. those still alive saw about 200 bodies come out of the water with a rush, as if the sea were giving up the dead, after having swallowed the ship.

But the struggle for life still continned after the ship went down. Hundreds still floated about grasping for rafts, boats and wreckage, in frantic endeavors to keep above water. Even then many of those in the boats, if the stories told are to be believed, showed their brutality by beating off those who attempted to climb aboard.

By this time the small boats of the Cromartyshire had come up, and the work of rescue began. The crew of the ship saved everyone who kept affoat. But one woman was rescued.

Austria sends cocoanut oil to Eng-

Gold From Alaska

Seattle, July 8 .- According to a letter just brought down from Unalaska, the river boat Governor Pingree is at that port disabled. The boat will be unable to proceed until extensive repairs | by Cubans:

have been made. \$2,000.000 in gold dust aboard. AFTER CAMARA'S FLEET.

Commodore Watson Has Been Ordered

Washington, July 9 .- The president called a council of war to meet at the White House, the purpose being to review the situation and learn exactly what the present conditions are and what changes, if any, should be made in the plans for the conduct of the war. According to one of the members present, it was decided to abide by the plans already laid, at least as to the

Confirmation seemed to have been given to this statement later in the day, when, after a conference with the members of the war board, Secretary Long announced to the waiting newspaper men that he had ordered Admiral Sampson to detach from his own command immediately the vessels to be embraced in Commodore Watson's Eastern squadron and to direct the

commodore to proceed on his mission. The new Eastern squadron will consist of the battleships Iowa and Oregon, the protected cruiser Newark and the auxiliary cruisers (carrying side armor) Dixie, Yankee and Yosemite; the colliers Avernda, Cassius, Caesar, Leonidas and Justin, and the supplyboat Delmonico.

The lowa, Oregon and Newark are all in the south with Sampson; so is the Yosemite. The Dixie is at Newport and the Yankee at Tompkinsville. The colliers are at Hampton Roads with the Delmonico.

The ships are to sail as soon as they can coal and supply. It will not be required, in the case of the southeastern vessels, to come north, which would mean the loss of several days, but they will start directly from the

points where they are now located. The order provides that each ship shall make her way across the Atlan tic to a marine rendezvous, which will be designated in sealed orders to prevent its exposure to the slightest possible danger from the enemy, and the most that is known is that it will be at some point off the Spanish coast. It probably will not be long after that pefore the American squadron will be in full pursuit of Camara with his remnant of the Spanish navy. Meanwhile, the gathering of the American fleet off the Spanish ports is expected to have a sobering effect upon the inflamed people.

Troops Ashore. Washington, July 9.—The navy de-



ADMIBAL CAMABA.

partment has received the following cablegram:

"Cavite, via Hong Kong, July 9.— The United States troops have landed and are comfortably housed at Cavite. The insurgents are active. Aguinaldo proclaimed himself president of the revolutionary republic on July 1. "DEWEY."

As the dispatch makes no mention of trouble with Germany, the report that he had fired on a German vessel is pronounced baseless. No advices could have reached a cable station since

Still Another Sunk.

Washington, July 9. — Admiral Sampson telegraphs the navy department as follows, under date of July 6, from the flagship New York, off San-

tiago:
"About midnight last night the dismantled Spanish cruiser Reina Meroedes was seen by the Massachusetts, which vessel had a searchlight on the channel, coming out of the harbor of Santiago. The Massachusetts and Texas opened fire, and the Spanish vessel was sunk opposite Estrella cove. I am inclined it was the intention to sink her in the channel and thus block the harbor entrance. If so the plan was defeated by the fire of the ships, as she lies on the edge of the shore."

Country Around Manila Flooded. London, July 9.—The Hong Kong correspondent of the Daily Mail says: The whole country within a radius of 18 miles of Manila is flooded. General Monet's arrival astonished everybody. He reported that his soldiers, whom he had deserted, were starving and surrounded by thousands of repels. He was ordered back to Pampagna.

Hong Kong, July 9.—The British collier Eddie, from Manila July 3, arrived today. It reports that no attack has been made upon the town up to the time of leaving. Four German, three British, two French and one Japanese warships were at Manila.

No Brutality by Cubana. Washington, July 9 .- The war department has posted the following dispatch from General Shafter, received in response to an inquiry as to the reported killing of Spanish prisoners

"The dispatch as to the killing of Another letter received here says the prisoners by Cubans is absolutely false. chooner Hattle I. Phillips left Et. No prisoners have been turned over to

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

The New Crop Will Bave a Tendency to Strengthen Values.

This week's information in regard to the evidence of yield of winter wheat are confirmatory of the previous iudications of disappointing results, although no special new developments have been added. The spring wheat crop in the Northwest is not particularly changed in general promise in comparison with the situation a week ago. There appears to be some tendency in the winter wheat regions, where serious disappointment in yield have arisen, to take a too gloomy view of conditions. The fact is the crop never justified the extravagant estimates which were freely promulgated a few weeks ago.

In the Chicago wheat market the sitnation of prices for new crop deliveries does not vary much in comparison with a week ago. The recent embarrassment to the trade from conditions incident to manipulation are clearing away. The new crop will be in urgent demand, and sellers apparently will be tardy in offering on the basis of current values, so there is increasing ground for the belief that chances for a strengthening tendency of values as a prevailing condition in the early part of the crop year, whatever may happen later.

The record of the most remarkable year in our export trade has just been completed by the bureau of statistics, so far as relates to the exportation of wheat, corn and other breadstuffs, pork, beef and other provisions, cotton and mineral outputs. These articles form a large percentage of the total exports, aside from manufactures. The figures show in most cases a large increase in quantity and value of the articles exported. In wheat, corn, cats and rye the increase in both quantities and values was strongly marked.

The exportation of wheat for the year (including flour as wheat), amouted to 215,571,981 bushels, which exceeded the imporatation of any preceding year, except that of 1892.

Portland Market. Wheat-Walla Walla, 60@62c; Valley and Bluestem, 68c per bushel. Flour-Best grades, \$3.75; graham,

\$3.50; superfine, \$2.25 per barrel. Oats-Choice white, 89c; choice gray, 36@37c per bushel. Barley—Feed barley, \$21; brewing,

Millstuffs-Bran, \$15 per ton; middlings, \$21; shorts, \$14. Hay—Timothy, \$11@12; clover, \$10 @11; Oregon wild hay, \$9@10 per ton.

Eggs—Oregon, 15c per dozen.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 32 1/2 @ 35c; fair to good, 82 1/2 c; dairy, 25 @ 30c

Cheese-Oregon full cream, 11@120; Young America, 12%c.

Poultry-Chickens, mixed, \$3.50 per dozen; hens, \$4.00; springs, \$2.00@8; geese, \$3.00@4.50; ducks, young. \$3@ .00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 11% @ 1216c per pound.

Potatoes-Oregon Burbanks, 30@35c per sack; new potatoes 60@75c. Onions-California red, \$1.25 per

Hops-5@12%c per pound for new crop; 1896 crop, 4@6c. Wool-Valley, 10@12c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 8@12c; mohair,

Mutton-Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 316c; dressed mutton, 7c; spring lambs, 9c per lb. Hogs-Cross, choice heavy, \$4.75;

light and feeders, \$3.00@4.00; dressed, \$5.50@6.50 per 100 pounds. Beef-Gross, top steers, 8.50@\$3.75; cows, \$2.50@8.00; dressed beef, 5@6%c per pound. Veal—Large, 5c; small, 6%c per

pound.

Seattle Markets. Vegetables-Potatoes-Yakimas, \$11 @12 per ton; natives, \$8@10; California potatoes, \$1.00 per 100 pounds. Beets, per sack, \$1.25; turnips, \$1.25; carrots, \$1.25; hothouse lettuce, -o;

radishes, 121/2c.
Fruits-California lemons, fancy, \$3.75; choice, \$3@3.50; seeding oranges, \$1.50@1.75; California navels, fancy, \$8@3.25; choice, \$2.50@2.75; ban-anas, shipping, \$2.25@2.75 per bunch; strawberries, 60c@75c per crate. Butter-Fancy native creamery, brick, 19c; ranch, 7@12o; dairy, 1236

@15c; lows, fancy creamery, 19c. Cheese-Native Washington, 11@ 12c; Eastern cheese, 12@1216c. Meats-Choice dressed beef steers prime, 7c; cows, prime, 61/4c; mutton, 71/4c; pork, 7@71/4c; veal, 6@8c.

Hams-Large, 10½c; small, 11c; breakfast bacon, 11¼. Poultry-Chickens, live, per pound, 14c; dressed, 16c; spring chickens,

82.50@8.75. Fresh Fish-Hallbut, 8@4c; steelheads, 7@80; salmon trout, 9@10c; flounders and sole, 3@40; herring, 4c. Oysters-Olympia oysters, per sack,

\$3.40; per gallon, solid, \$1.80. Wheat—Feed wheat, \$23. Oats—Choice, per ton, \$26. Corn—Whole, \$25; cracked, \$25; feed meal, \$25.

Barley-Rolled or ground, per ton, \$25; whole, \$24. Flour-Patent, \$41.0, bbl; straights, \$8.50; California brands, \$5.50; buckwheat flour, \$6.50; graham, per bbl.

\$4.95; whole wheat flour, \$4.50; rye Millstuffs-Bran, per ton, \$14; shorts, per ton, \$16.

Feed-Chopped feed, \$17@21 per ton; middlings, per ton, \$17; oil cake meal, per ton, \$35. Hay-Puget Sound mixed, \$8@10;

choice Eastern Washington timothy. Eggs-Paying 18c.