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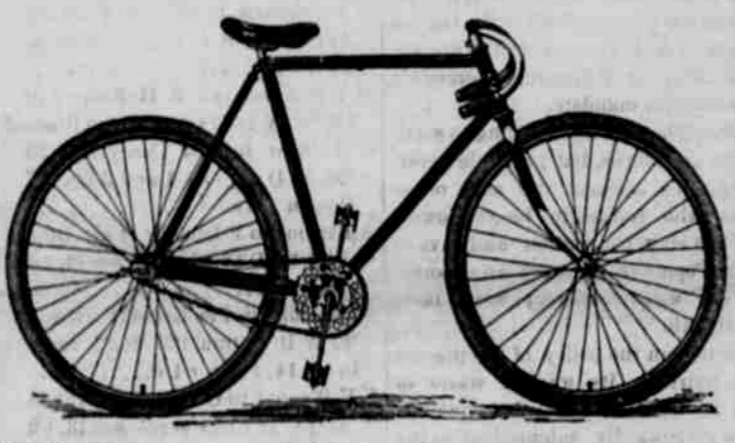
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## THE FIRST VICTORY

### Admiral Dewey Captures Manila and Phillipine Islands.

### Three Spanish Gunboats Sunk and Two More Burned to the Waters' Edge, With Great Loss of Life to Spain.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—The first fight of the war occurred today between the U. S. fleet under command of Admiral Dewey and the Spanish fleet at the Philippine Islands. All the dispatches received at this time comes from Madrid, and at first was reported as a victory for the Spaniards, but subsequent dispatches announce that the Spaniards were defeated. The American squadron under Dewey arrived off Manila bay at 5 o'clock this morning. As soon as the light was sufficiently strong the American war ships took up the position assigned them and opened a strong cannonade against the Spanish squadron and forts protecting the harbor. The forts and warships responded and in a few minutes the engagement became general. The cruiser San Juan de Austria took a prominent part in the fighting and the attention of the American vessels were directed toward her, with the result that she was severely damaged and her commander killed. Two Spanish boats caught fire and were burned to the waters' edge. The engagement lasted five hours and resulted in the sinking of two Spanish gun boats and the destruction of three cruisers by fire. The Spanish navy were driven under cover of the forts and a general bombardment commenced resulting in the total annihilation of the entire Spanish fleet.

**The Engagement.**  
LONDON, May 3.—The Madrid correspondent of the Times describing the engagement says:  
The Olympia, Boston, Raleigh, Concord, Petrel and the Monocacy entered the bay under cover of darkness by the smaller and safer Bocachica channel. The forts of Corregidor Island gave the alarm by firing on the intruders, but they seem to have inflicted no serious damage. The American squadron moved up the bay, and at 3 o'clock in the morning appeared before Cavite. Here, lying under the shelter of the forts, was the Spanish squadron.  
Admiral Montojo, a few days before, went to Subig bay to look for the enemy, but learning that they were vastly superior in force, had prudently returned and placed his ships under the protection of the forts. This was his only chance of meeting the enemy on something like equal terms, and it did not suffice.  
Soon the Americans fired. The Spaniards replied vigorously, and the combat continued without interruption for four hours, during which the Don Antonio de Ulloa was sunk, the Castilla and Mindanao were set on fire, and the Reina Christina and the Don Juan de Austria were seriously damaged. One or two of the smaller craft were scuttled by their crews to escape capture. Others took refuge in a small neighboring creek emptying into Banker bay, where presumably the American ships were unable to follow them, but there was no surrendering.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—Official news of the engagement at Manila has been received. Admiral Dewey totally annihilated the Spanish squadron, sinking two war ships and burning three others. He immediately moved his fleet to Manila and demanded the surrender of the town. This being refused, the American boats opened fire on Manila and in two hours compelled them to surrender and it is now in the hands of the Americans. This is a most important victory as it completely shuts off the Spanish from their base of supplies and virtually ends the war.

MADRID, May 1.—The news of the crushing defeat to the Spanish navy and the capture of Manila by the Americans has caused intense indignation among the Spanish against the government. Thousands of men are parading the streets and howling against the government. The city is in a state of turmoil and it is impossible to check it. The government is threatened and its overthrow is only a matter of time. The present dynasty is blamed for the defeat at Manila. Business is suspended and the rioters are in possession of the city.

HONG KONG, May 1.—The steamer Meunou arrived from Manila last night bringing the chief Spanish residents of the city, including 350 leading merchants, and a large amount of specie.  
When the steamer left the Spanish squadron was cruising off Luzon island. Nothing was seen of the American squadron.

MADRID, MAY 2.—2:45 A. M.—At this hour, Admiral Beriojo has issued an official statement fully admitting the fact that the fleet suffered a complete and crushing defeat at Manila.  
Wedding stationery, the latest styles and finest assortment ever brought to Oregon City at the ENTERPRISE office.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—The news of Admiral Dewey's great victory at Manila is received here with vast rejoicing, both by the public and in official circles. Our success in these distant waters is an immense relief to official minds. An element of desperation entered into the venture because, if it had failed, Dewey would have had no place which he could retire to. As it is, the Spanish fleet at Manila is wholly destroyed as a factor in this war. Had it destroyed our fleet, it could have raided the Pacific coast and done tremendous damage before a sufficient force could have been sent there from this coast to afford necessary protection.  
What will be done with the Philippines is now a question for our government to decide. To occupy them would be to invite international complications which might prove serious.  
The United States, of course, has no intention of holding colonies in the Orient, but having once conquered and occupied these islands, it may find it a difficult task to let them go honorably. However, it is not necessary to borrow trouble.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—The state department learned today through secret agents that the wreck of the battleship Maine, now lying in Havana harbor, has been destroyed by the Spanish authorities.  
It is supposed by officials of the administration that this action on the part of the Spanish authorities has been taken to prevent raising the wreck after the capture of Havana. This information has intensified the desire to "avenge the Maine."

Plans have been mapped out, and the intention of the government is just as soon as Havana is in the possession of United States troops, to start an investigation that will end in several hangings. All the port officials who were on duty at the time the Maine anchored to the fatal buoy and again on the day when she was blown up, will be placed under arrest for complicity in this crime. They will be forced to prove their innocence. A cabinet member is authority for this statement being made today:  
"We shall make it part of our first business as soon as we take possession of Havana to find out who the perpetrators of that bloody crime on the night of February 15. We will ascertain who was in charge of the harbor and we will find everybody who possibly could have been connected with the affair, if they are still in Cuba. When we put our hands on those who were responsible for blowing up the Maine, we will punish them as they deserve, by strutting them up."  
"If we find that they have escaped from the island and have gone back to Spain, we will follow them there and tell Spain that the war shall not stop until they have been delivered up to us for punishment. Those men will not escape. They have to suffer for the infamous and cowardly murder of sleeping sailors, and if they are yet alive they will hang for it."

**Will Bombard Havana.**  
WASHINGTON, May 3.—The plans for the Cuban campaign are being steadily developed and there is no indication of a change of purpose on the part of the military authorities, who are expected to land an expeditionary force in Cuba in a very short time.  
Admiral Sampson, so far as the navy department knows, is steadily maintaining the blockade of the Cuban coast, and this is not likely to be abandoned for the present, though two or three of his ships may be sent away temporarily to meet the Oregon on her way from Rio Janeiro. The officials naturally feel an interest in this race of the magnificent battleship around the continent. They profess to feel little anxiety over the outcome, notwithstanding a report of the effort of the Spanish squadron to cut off the Oregon. The vessel sailed from Rio on a course known only to the captain, and the chances of her being overtaken on the high seas are very small. Even should the Spanish vessels fall in with her, it is by no means certain, notwithstanding their numbers, that she would be defeated by the combined Spanish force, as her magnificent armor and ordnance are superior in every respect to the Spanish ships.

**A Valuable Prize.**  
KEY WEST, May 3.—The Spanish mail steamer Argonaut, Captain Lage, the news of the capture of which was telegraphed yesterday, was conveyed into Key West harbor by the United States cruiser Marblehead this afternoon. It appears that Colonel Vincent de Costejo, of the Spanish cavalry, who, with nineteen other army officers was taken on the prize, is a brother-in-law of Lieutenant-General Valeriano Weyler. Colonel Costejo denies this, but it is learned from good authority that he sustains this

relationship to the former governor-general of Cuba. Colonel Costejo and the other officers were transferred to the Ambrosio Bolivar, another trophy of the war. The Argonaut herself is no mean prize, being of 1000 tons, but the value of the capture lies mainly in the prisoners of war and the mail matter going to General Blanco. Her cargo is general merchandise, with a large quantity of ammunition and supplies for the Spanish troops in Cuba.

**France Takes Control.**  
SALEM, Or., May 3.—Governor Lord today received notice from the French consul-general at San Francisco that he had been instructed by the Republic of France to take charge of consular archives and interests of Spain in the Western states and territories during the hostilities between the United States and Spain. Under these instructions the governor of Oregon was notified that the consular agent at Portland has been instructed to take charge of the Spanish consular archives there. The consul general expressed the hope that the excellent relations that have always existed between our two countries will make the accomplishment of this temporary duty not an uneasy task. The governor, through his private secretary, replied that he anticipated no opposition and if necessary aid would be afforded. He joined in the hope for a continuance of the excellent relations between the two republics.

**The Oregon Volunteers.**  
WASHINGTON, May 3.—It seems to be a foregone conclusion that in case Commodore Dewey should call for troops in the Philippine islands, the regiments raised in Oregon and Washington, and perhaps California, would be sent to the Asiatic islands. There is also talk here that the naval militia of the Pacific coast, if it is enlisted in any considerable numbers, will be placed upon auxiliary cruisers and sent to the Philippines. Nothing has been decided upon regarding the movement of Oregon and Washington troops, but under present conditions they are likely to be held until it is determined whether they will be needed on the islands.

**Spanish Boat Sunk.**  
ATLANTA, May 3.—A special to the Journal from Key West says:  
The Marblehead has arrived with the Argonaut, the Nashville's prize. While the Nashville was away trying to capture a mail steamer, two Spanish gunboats came out and attacked the Hornet. The Hornet returned the fire and the Marblehead came in the action soon after. After firing a broadside the Spaniards turned about. Captain McCalla thinks he sank one of the Spaniards and probably both. The fight occurred off Cienfuegos.

**Middle of the Roaders.**  
SALEM, May 3.—The middle-of-the-road populists today filed with the secretary of state nominations by petition as follows:  
Governor, John C. Luce; secretary of state, Ira Wakefield; state treasurer, J. K. Sears; superintendent of public instruction, J. E. Hosmer; state printer, D. L. Grace; representative for second congressional district, J. L. Hill.  
These candidates will go on the ticket as "regular populists." It has been announced by the populists that this move will in no way interfere with their mandamus suit, the object of which is to maintain the autonomy of the party.

**Manila Recaptulates.**  
WASHINGTON, May 3.—News has just been received that Manila has surrendered to Commodore Dewey, together with all the stores, munitions of war and what was left of the Spanish fleet. A provisional government was immediately established and the insurgents put in command. On the receipt of the verification of Commodore Dewey's victory congress immediately conferred upon him the rank of Admiral.

**The Real Truth.**  
Some people deceive themselves with the notion that if they have been denied some advantage which another has had the only dignified course for them in life is to ridicule that advantage.  
"It is a strange thing to me to discover," said Mr. X. to Mr. Z., "that I have wanted a college education all my life, and never have known it until lately."  
"What brought it to your knowledge at last?" asked Mr. Z., smiling.  
"I perceived that there was a certain bitterness in the light way in which I always said, 'Well, as for me, I'm heartily glad that I didn't go to college.'"  
—Youth's Companion.

**Quick Fingers.**  
The dexterity of a modern virtuoso's fingers made a deep impression on an old farmer who was among the audience at a "piano recital." Clapping both hands suddenly down upon his knees, he was heard to exclaim, "I'd give \$100 to have that man pick peas for me!"  
—Troy Times.

**Not Sufficiently Explicit.**  
Timkins—Who is that solemn looking man?  
Simkins—Why, that's Crankleigh, the great society leader.  
Timkins—Society for the suppression of what?—Chicago News.

**What Dr. A. E. Salter Says.**  
BUFFALO, N. Y.—GENTS.—From my personal knowledge, gained in observing the effect of your Shiloh's Cure in cases of advanced Consumption, I am prepared to say that it is the most remarkable Remedy that has ever been brought to my attention. It has certainly saved many from Consumption. Sold by Charman & Co., druggists, Oregon City.