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## Fighting Bob Evan's Story of The Battle.

He Gives a Thrilling Description of the Great  
Naval Battle at Santiago.

### SPANIARDS EATEN BY HUNGRY SHARKS

Spain is Paying Dearly For Its Years' of Cru-  
elty to the Cubans, and the De-  
struction of the Maine.

OFF SANTIAGO DE CUBA, July 8.—The  
battleship Iowa was the first to see the  
Spanish fleet coming out of the harbor.  
A moment later her crew was at general  
quarters, and at 9:23 a. m. a gun was  
fired to attract the attention of the fleet.  
Captain Evans' account of the battle  
as told in the cabin of the Iowa, to a cor-  
respondent of the Associated Press, is  
intensely interesting. He said:  
"At the time 'general quarters' were  
sounded the engine bell rang full speed  
ahead. I put the helm to starboard,  
and the Iowa crossed the bow of the in-  
fanta Marie Teresa, the first Spanish  
ship out. As the Spanish admiral swung  
to the westward a 12-inch shell from the  
forward turret of the Iowa seemed to  
strike her fairly in the bow and the sight  
was a spectacle.  
"As the squadron came out in column,

Iowa's entire battery, including the  
rapid-fire guns, was opened on the  
Oquendo. The punishment was terrific.  
Two 10-inch shells from the Iowa pierced  
the Almirante Oquendo at the same  
moment, one forward and the other aft.  
"The Oquendo seemed to stop her  
engines for a moment, and lost headway,  
but she immediately resumed her speed  
and gradually drew ahead of the Iowa  
and caught the terrific fire of the Oregon  
and Texas.  
"At this moment the alarm of 'torpedo  
boats' was sounded, and the two tor-  
pedo-boat destroyers were discovered on  
the starboard quarter at a distance of  
4000 yards. Fire was opened on them  
with the after-battery, and a 12-inch  
shell cut the stern of one destroyer  
squarely off. As the shell struck, a  
small gun on the torpedo boat fired back

rocks at Acerraderos, where she found  
her last resting place.

"As it was apparent that I could not  
possibly catch the Cristobal Colon, and  
that the Oregon and Brooklyn undoubt-  
edly would, as the fast New York was  
also on her trail, I decided that the  
call of humanity should be heard, and  
assistance given to the 1200 or 1500  
Spanish officers and men who had  
struck their colors to the American  
squadron, commanded by Admiral  
Sampson. I therefore headed for the  
wreck of the Vizcaya, now burning fur-  
iously fore and aft. When I was in as  
far as the depth of water would admit I  
lowered all my boats and sent them at  
once to the assistance of the men, who  
were being drowned by dozens or roasted  
on the decks.

"I soon discovered that the insurgent  
Cubans from shore were shooting on  
men who were struggling in the water,  
after having surrendered to us. I im-  
mediately put a stop to this, but I could  
not put a stop to the mutilations of  
many bodies by the sharks inside the  
reefs. These creatures had become ex-  
cited by the blood from the wounded  
mixing in the water. My boat's crew  
worked manfully, and succeeded in  
saving many of the wounded from the  
burning ship.

"One man, who will be recommended  
for promotion, clambered up the side of  
the Vizcaya and saved three men from  
burning to death. The smaller mag-  
azines of the Vizcaya were exploding with  
magnificent cloud effects.

"The boats were coming alongside in  
a steady string, and willing hands helped  
the lacerated Spanish officers and sailors  
on the Iowa's deck. The Spaniards  
were absolutely without clothes. Some  
had their legs torn off by fragments of  
shells. Others were mutilated in every  
conceivable way. As I knew the crews  
of the first two ships wrecked had not  
been visited by our vessels, I ran down  
to them. I found the Gloucester, with  
Admiral Cervera and a number of his  
officers aboard, and also a large number  
of wounded, some in a frightfully man-  
gled condition. Many of the prisoners  
had been killed on shore by the fire of

### German Gunboat Tries to Bluff Dewey.

MANILA, July 9, via Hong Kong, July 13.—The insurgents on Wednesday, July 6, reported that  
the German gunboat Irene, in Subig bay, refused to permit them to attack the Spaniards on Grande  
Island. Rear-Admiral Dewey promptly dispatched the Raleigh and Concord to investigate the mat-  
ter. On entering Subig bay the Raleigh opened fire on the forts, whereupon the Irene slipped her  
cable and steamed out by the other channel. The result of the fire of the American warship was that  
the Spaniards, numbering over 500 men, surrendered everything.

On returning to Manila the Irene explained that she interefered "in the interest of humanity," and  
offered to hand over to the Americans the refugees she had on board. Admiral Dewey declined to ac-  
cept them.

Governor-General Augustin has issued a proclamation promising to grant autonomy to the  
islands, and offering the insurgents inducements to join the Spanish forces. General Aguinaldo, the  
insurgent leader, in a reply, said the overtures of the Spanish leader came too late.

A New York Journal copyright cable from Manila says that Admiral Dewey's possession of Subig  
bay defeats Germany's supposed plans to interfere in the Philippines, and although the attitude of the  
Germans is still irritating, Admiral Dewey is still managing them with great diplomacy. He does not  
expect any trouble with them.

the ships beautifully spaced as to dis-  
tance, and gradually increasing their  
speed to 13 knots, it was superb.

"The Iowa from this moment kept up  
a steady fire from her heavy guns, head-  
ing all the time to keep the Infanta  
Maria Teresa on her starboard bow, and  
hoping to ram one of the leading ships.

"In the meantime the Oregon, Indi-  
ana, Brooklyn and Texas were doing  
excellent work with their heavy guns.

"In a very short space of time the  
enemy's ships were all clear of the har-  
bor mouth, and it became evidently im-  
possible for the Iowa to ram either the  
first or the second ship, on account of  
the speed.

"The range at this time was 2000 yards  
from the leading ship. The Iowa's helm  
was immediately put hard to starboard  
and the entire starboard broadside was  
poured into the Infanta Maria Teresa.

The helm was then quickly shifted to  
port, and the ship went across the stern  
of the Teresa in an effort to head off the  
Oquendo. All the time the engines were  
driving at full speed ahead. A perfect  
torrent of shells from the enemy passed  
over the smokestack and superstructure  
of the ship but none struck her.

"The Cristobal Colon, being much  
faster than the rest of the Spanish ships,  
passed rapidly to the front in an effort  
to escape. In passing the Iowa, the  
Colon placed two six-inch shells fairly  
in our starboard bow. One passed  
through the cofferdam and dispensary,  
wrecking the latter and bursting on the  
berth deck, doing considerable damage.  
The other passed through the side at the  
water line, within the cofferdam, where  
it still remains.

"As it was now obviously impossible  
to ram any of the Spanish ships on ac-  
count of their superior speed, the Iowa's  
helm was put to starboard and she ran  
in a course parallel with the enemy.

"Being then abreast of the Almirante  
Oquendo, at a distance of 1100 yards, the

at the battle-ship, sending a shell with-  
in a few feet of my head.

"Well up among the advancing cruis-  
ers, spitting shots at one and the other,  
was the little Gloucester, shooting first  
at a cruiser and then at a torpedo-boat  
and hitting a head whenever she saw it.  
The marvel was that she was not de-  
stroyed by the rain of shells.

"In the meantime, the Vizcaya was  
slowly drawing ahead of the Iowa, and  
for the space of 15 minutes it was giv-  
ing-and-taking between the two ships. The  
Vizcaya fired rapidly, but wildly, not  
one shot taking effect on the Iowa, while  
the shells from the Iowa were tearing  
great rents in the side of the Vizcaya.  
As the latter passed ahead of the Iowa,  
she caught the murderous fire of the Oregon.

"At this time, the Infanta Marie  
Teresa and the Almirante Oquendo,  
leading the enemy's column, were seen  
to be heading for the beach and in  
flames.

"The Texas, Oregon and Iowa pounded  
them unmercifully. They ceased to re-  
ply to the fire, and in a few moments the  
Spanish cruisers were a mass of flames  
and on the rocks, with their flags down,  
the Teresa flying a white flag.

"The enemy's crew stripped them-  
selves and began jumping overboard,  
and one of the smaller magazines began  
to explode.

"Meantime the Brooklyn and the  
Cristobal Colon were exchanging compli-  
ments in a lively fashion at apparently  
long range, and the Oregon with her  
locomotive speed, was hanging well on  
to the Colon, also paying attention to  
the Vizcaya.

"The Teresa and the Oquendo were  
empty and in flames on the beach just  
20 minutes after the first shot was fired.

"Fifty minutes after the first shot was  
fired the Vizcaya put her helm to port,  
with a great burst of flame from the  
afterpart, and slowly headed for the

the Cubans. The Harvard came off, and  
I requested Captain Cotton to go in and  
take off the crews of the Teresa and the  
Oquendo, and by midnight the Harvard  
had 674 prisoners aboard, a great num-  
ber of them wounded.

"For courage and dash there is no  
parallel in history to this action of the  
Spanish admiral. He came out, as he  
knew, to absolute destruction. There  
was one single hope—that the Cristobal  
Colon would steam faster than the  
Brooklyn.

"The spectacle of two torpedo-boat de-  
stroyers, paper shells at best, deliber-  
ately steaming out in broad daylight in  
the face of the fire of a battle-ship can be  
described in one way: It was Spanish,  
and it was ordered by Blanco. The  
same must be said of the entire move-  
ment.

"I took Admiral Cervera aboard from  
the Gloucester, which had rescued him  
and received him with a full admiral's  
guard. The crew of the Iowa crowded  
close to the turrets, half naked and black  
with powder, as Cervera stepped over the  
side, bareheaded.

"One of the 15-inch shells of the Iowa  
exploded a torpedo in the Vizcaya's bow,  
blowing 21 men, all of them dead and  
mangled, into the fire which at once  
started below.

"The torpedo-boat Ericsson was sent  
by the flagship to the help of the Iowa  
and the rescue of the Vizcaya's crew.  
Her men saw a terrible sight; the flames  
leaping from the huge shot-holes in the  
Vizcaya's sides, licking up the decks,  
sizzling the flesh of the wounded who  
were lying there shrieking for help.

Between the frequent explosions there  
came awful cries, and groans from the  
men pinned in below. This carnage was  
chiefly due to the rapidity of the Ameri-  
can fire. The bottoms of the boats held  
two or three inches of blood. In many

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