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THE WORK OF OUR FLEETS.

In the civil war the ships devised by Americans revolutionized the navies of the world. At the present moment all navy departments are studying the extraordinary features of the battle between the fleets at Santiago. On one side four heavily armored cruisers were smashed up with a loss of hundreds, and on the other not a ship was harmed, while the casualty list was one killed, two wounded.

This is war with terrible slaughter for one combatant and practically immunity for the other. If this condition were permanent there would be no more war. But the Spanish were not aware that their navy was impotent. When their fleet at Manila was destroyed they claimed that it was unarmored and outclassed. But at Santiago they had four of the finest armored cruisers extant. Their belt of steel was twice as thick as that of the Brooklyn, a ship that punished them terribly, without injury to herself, though the Spanish fire was concentrated upon her. Even the little Gloucester, which was in the thick of the fight, escaped the slightest damage. The speed of the Oregon and the Brooklyn prevented the escape of the Colon, and so the victory was rendered complete.

In looking over the results of this battle, the Spanish must be amazed to find that they used their splendid implements with so little effect in a battle lasting over two hours. Such intense humiliation is new to the Spanish navy, even though its modern record is one of continuous defeat. At Santiago Cervera, a life-long sailor, was crushingly beaten without getting in a counter blow. The inference is natural that Watson would smash up Camara in the same manner, and it is quite reasonable to suppose that the Spanish admiral would not venture to fight in the light of what is now known of the remarkable efficiency of the American navy. After two such disasters as those at Manila and Santiago the proper course is to study causes and keep out of range. The prestige of victory is with the Americans. They know what they can do with their ponderous ships and big guns, as well as with the lighter weapons of warfare. Spain has nothing left with which to face us on the ocean, and the acknowledgment of the fact is wise.

Naval departments abroad are asking how the Americans accomplished this wonderful exploit. An answer to the question is of supreme importance to them. Spain has shown that a nation may own fine, modern, armored ships and yet be utterly helpless on the ocean. The Spanish sailors were not lacking in courage. The Spanish guns were almost equal in caliber to the American. Where, then, was the all-important difference? Every naval publication will try to clear up the matter.

It is admitted that the American crews are superior in intelligence and energy. Their training has been far more thorough. They handle the mechanism of an armored warship to better advantage. Their tactics are more direct and aggressive. Fighting is their trade, and they never shirk it. One of the captains of an American cruiser has hung up on his ship a motto that the best way to escape the enemy's fire is to give him two shots for one. The projectiles hurled upon Cervera were a blinding storm. Every shot was aimed by skilled hands. The result was a certainty. To reach the American level other navies must produce crews of equal charac-

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