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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 lifelong 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 18 Wise.

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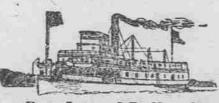
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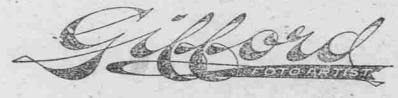
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