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SEEKERS AFTER NOTORIETY.

Many of the correspondents who have spent the last two years in Cuba have taken the attitude of advisers in general to the Cuban insurgents. Some of them have gone further and have assumed the full responsibility for the conduct of the war on the part of the United States. It was inevitable that some of these adventurers, gifted in the matter of impudence and courage, should come to grief. Sylvester Scovel is the first to be disciplined.

Scovel has always been more of an adventurer than a correspondent. He is a product of that yellow journalism that cares less for news than for sensational vaporizing; a graduate in that school of journalism that hires young women of good repute to seek arrest by playing the disreputable, and that counts notoriety more desirable than fame. Scovel, naturally an egotist, was spoiled by success won by indomitable will and unshaking impudence, until he believed himself to be of supreme importance to the universe, and most particularly to the army and navy of the United States. He was for a time on the cruiser New York, but, according to the account of one of his friends, he acted as though he were a more important personage than Admiral Sampson. Transferred to the army in front of Santiago, he conceived the notion that he was necessarily of more importance than General Shafter.

Consumed by a desire to write "I myself raised the American flag over the palace," he had arranged a plan which the guards would not permit him to carry out. Thereupon he attempted to pull General Shafter from his horse and slapped the general face. Foiled in his scheme to burn incense to his own egotism, this seeker after notoriety assaulted the general commanding the victorious army and was at once arrested. This will probably suit his purpose, because it will cause him to be talked about the world over. But so was Guitteau.

Once before Scovel committed an offense that put him outside the list of army correspondents. This time, for the credit of journalism and the credit of the army, he should be sent home in disgrace. The worst of the matter is that his employers may make merchandise of his discharge and in this way encourage an eccentricity that has been the unmaking of many a good newspaper man.

The people of this country are tired beyond measure of the vapid correspondent who is always telling what he himself did and never of what the army did. If General Shafter could gag and muzzle all the superficial egotists who make every reference to a maneuver or a battle the occasion of self praise, he would confer a favor second only to his victory at Santiago.

Gen. Correa, the Spanish minister of war, thought on Thursday that if Santiago had not already been surrendered the garrison would attempt to break through the American lines." Wisdom at long range is often hard. The Santiago garrison had seen the result of Cervera's attempt to "break through the American lines," and had no inclination to repeat the attempt.

The news that Santiago had surrendered had the effect of advancing the price of Spanish bonds in all the European markets. The meaning of this is plain enough. So long as Spain was bent upon wasting her meagre resources in a hopeless war, financiers dared not buy her bonds except at prices fixed by desperate speculators. Now that Spain shows

signs of coming to her senses and suing for peace, her credit improves.

Sagasta says he would not be thinking of peace "if Spain still had her navy." This is the first instance on record of a man who has been through a horrible calamity wishing that he had to go through it all over again.

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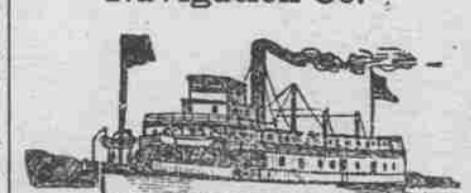
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