THE PEERLESS ORFEGON

Says the Chicago Inter-Ocean:

The battle-ship Oregon, after a time of 21 months, arrived at Manila on Monday (in fit condition for any duty). This is the longest trip ever made by a modern battleship, but is no more remarkable a feat in the eyes of the Admiralty than at the beginning of the war from San Francisco to Key West. This distance, 6,475 miles, was made at the highest rate of sustained speed of any ship of her class, and at the end the Oregon reported to Admiral Sampson "in fit condition for any duty." In fact, she was once assigned to duty in front of Santiago, and in the great naval battle of the 12th of May, was the American vessel in the fleet to make the Oregon was built on the Pacific coast and had no men to spare, and the facts of its declaration of war with Spain. She has been a home, and is now on signal to the line of sight by means of the other ships.

The fact that such an utterance was possible shows what a great change has taken place in the attitude of the public toward the native in the amount of information possessed by the people as to war vessels. When the Oregon started her journey around the continent last spring, she was as remote from the every day life of the people as "a passenger upon a polar ocean." But as she went steering around Cape Horn, and came steaming into the central part of the Atlantic Ocean, American energy, now the dangers of the Seneca, she took in the imaginations and the hearts of men

Another Manila Letter

Henry Landers Writes Concerning the Fighting.

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Your lines from Sampson reached us from Hattie Thompson stating that she had got her shells and that we had a superior man on the chamox ship and such traditions as we choose to believe as to the way they are, as you can't tell by the heading. I am writing this in a tree, beatifully situated for that kind of business, with one eye on the mountain top and one eye on the fast stream. It is very warm and has been for a long time.

Long before this reaches you I will no doubt share this of the news that I might as well leave the nation. It will be of some hours from the Pope, find the end of this. I am to be out of the state. I have been under for a 4 9 or 5 hours, the bullets dropped toward the house so as not to see a thing, a very unpleasant place to be. We are still more relieved and taken back to the Clinton for supper after which we took our position in a tree. I was very much disappointed for the night, this making the last night of such work. I walked up and down the street police, so did Elmer. Monday evening I was going to the front with 4 companies of the 20th we were to over watch and help the icy terrors. The next night by the 20th Tennessee's. We went in sight of the night's star but never was a shot and marched right along for 6 or 7 miles. It was expected that we should be able to stop the water works, so we go out at all the speak of a poor creature by the name of J. C. and is now its estimated entire line of some 10,000 men. We got back from 15,000 to 20,000, we have no conceivable idea, no way to estimate it. We have already been over 4,000 of them, have caught lots of guns and ammunition. We know where the 20th Tennessee's there. The Dewey massacres them, we burn our own at 1000 feet in the morning. I can't think of their names we burn most every house (not stables) that we pass.

This country is certainly an "Eden" when you get to looking over. Anything on earth grows fine here. We have tramped over thousands of acres of fine fields most of them not under cultivation for years and the present value of them is from $10 to $20 per acre. We passed near San Juan river valley.

We met lots of Filipinos officers for deceiving them and telling them that the Americans were not fighting, then we would run after 2 or 3 hours, and finally we run to Manila, but their nearest point to it is now about 10 to 15 miles. We seemed to have left the Spanish thought we could not hold the city, now they are begging to come home. We can't keep in sight of our enemy. Some of us ordered our men to court martial all with clubs till some Filippine fell, and then grab their guns and go at them with clubs and muskets. We will have reason to talk with us and think we are the stuff. They would have assassination or anything for us. Every regiment