## IT WILL NEVER COME DOWN

In the general excitement warfare in the Philipines，few per a large part of the North Atlautic squadron has been for two or the weeks in Guantanamo bay．The fleet is not there to make any hos tile demonstrations，but is using the magnificent land－locked bay as a practice ground．Meautime the naval and army engineers are mak ing surveys with a view of improv ing the harbor and transforming Gauntanamo bay into one of the great naval
hemisphere．
It will be remembered that the first foothold secured by the Amer－ icans at the beginning of the war with Spain was on Gauntanamo bay．The position captured and held by the marine brigade proved to be one of the healthiest in East－ ern Cuba．This fact and the ad－ vantage of the bay as a rendezvous for war ships led the naval engi－ neers to recommend it as a nava station．The concentration of the fleet there indicated the purpose of the government to utilize Gauntan－ amo as a permanent station．With comparatively small expenditure finest in the world
The few Americans who look forward to the early withdrawal of General Brooke＇s army from Cuba do not realize that the fortifications at Havana，at Mantanzas，at Santi－ by American troops；that the im－ provements in the cities of the coast，as well as those of the inter ior，have been made under the direction of Americans；that where－ ever permanent work has been in－ cans；that the American flag flies from the fortifications and the ships that guard Havana and Santiago， as if these were native American instead of Cuban．
In the Philipines the same policy is being pursued．Admiral Dewey has taken measures to put the navy yard and arsenal at Cavite in good condition，and on his own motion has raised the Spanish ves－ sels and had them repaired or equipped for service in the Philip－ pine waters．At the same time General Otis has instituted meas－ ures to improve conditions，not only in Manila，but in every city in the island occupied，or to be occupied by Americans．The government has had prepared in Chicago plans for a refrigerating plant and cold－ storage warchouse，to be erected as soon as possible at Manila．This will be the first enterprise of the kind undertaken by any gevern－ ment in the East．It will be of immense advantage to army and navy，and will pave the way for that will give residents of Manila the benefit of the best cold－storage system．

The improvements that have been made or projected in Cuba and the Philippines mean much． They mean the maintenance of the present American occupation in the islands．They mean a purpose on the part of our government to Americanize our new possessions． Cuba and Porto Rico are our out－ posts in the Caribbean sea．On the Pacific we have Hawaii，where Pearl harbor will soon become great naval station．Eastward we have Guam and Wake islands on the way to the Philippines．And off the Chinese coast we have the great archipelago，which consti－ tutes the gateway to the Asiatic today over them all will never come down，and the present course of the Washington government is a growing recognition of this glonious
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## AROUND THE WORLD

## Captain Adolph Freitsch，the

 daring navigator who crossed the boat，will in a few days start from San Francisco on one of the most perilons voyages ever undertaken by man．In a thirty－tcot flat－bottomed schooner－rigged vessel，every part of which has been built by himself in the past six weeks in a yard at the comer of Folsom and Spear streets，Captain Freitsch will sail from the port of San Franc
voyage around the world．
As on his famous trip from New York to England the man who will constitute eaptain，officers and
crew，will be the solitary passenger on the long and dangerous trip．
Captain Freitsch bas named his new vessel the＂Coke＂and next week he will enter her at the vessel and under the Stars and Stripes he will navigate his little boat around the world if Providence is kind to him
The＂Coke＂is only thirty feet ong with six feet beam and draws but two feet of water，
In a tiny cabin 6x6 feet the cap－ ain will live on the solitary journey．He knows fully the perils that are ahead of him，but ecidents，he will that，barring accidents，he will exhibit his ship In 1896 after navigating his small vessel，the＂Nina，＂from Milwaukee to New York through the Erie canal，he started to cross Atlantic and reached Queens－
own in 38 days，being afterwards wrecked on the Irish coast in a errible storm．
When he leaves here he will take with him food enough to last for ix months and too gallons of water in barrels
He expects to make Honolulu in 8 days and from Hawaii will start on the long trip to Manila，touch－ ing at the Ladrone Islands．
Captain Freitsch will carry with him a number of letters from promi－ ent Americans to the army and Pavy officials now on duty in the American consuls in all parts to Amerld．
At Manila he will take on fresh supplies and make the run to Hong Kong and other ports in China．
He will then steer south across he Indian ocean，through the Town，which he expects to reape vext February From South Africa he will journey north hrough the Bay of Biscay，along the French coast and reach Paris y the River Seine．
Captain Freitsch has received from the Prince of Monaco a num one of which he will throw made board each day at noon after plac－ ing in it a record of latitude and ongitude and other data．
The Prince of Monaco is an ar dent student of ocean currents and much valuable information
Captain Freitsch is 38 years old and was born in Finland，but is a like the Vikings，bis citizen，and a disposition to roam the boundless seas．
If he succeeds in his daring venture，and it is hoped that he will，he will have achieved a record which no mortal has ever possessed．
The management of the Steeple－
chase at Central Park has engaged chase at Central Park has engaged Captain Freitsch to exhibit his period and the daring navigator will explain its working to visitors． －S．F．Bulletin．


