In the general excitement of warfare in the Philippines, few per-
sons have had the leisure to turn their attention to the fact that a large part of the North Atlantic Squadron has been for two or three years set aside by the navy for the capture of Spanish fortresses. The fleet is not there to make any hostile demonstration, but rather to renounce to the world the magnificent land-locked bay as a practice ground. Meanwhile the naval officers are giving the gun- 
ners with a view of improving their skill and training them for the great voyage around the world. Captain Parrie has already brought the coast salient of Spain to the attention of the Philippine government, and they have signified their intention of making use of the bay as a naval station. The concentration of the fleet will indicate the position which the government to utilities to San Juan as a permanent station. With official approbation the bay can be made one of the strong points in the world.

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provements in the towns of Cavite, Guaymas, and Manila, as well as those of the interior, have been made under the direction of American engineers; that every permanent work has been 
installed that was necessary to make the railroad accessible to the Americans; that the American flag flies from the fortifications and the ships that are moored there, as it is there for all who are there for the benefit of American citizens.

The Philippine Islands are a province of the United States and are managed by an army and navy and the same is true of all the islands, but in every city in the islands the army is the law, and is accepted as the law, so that now Filipinos and Americans alike are turning their attention to the importance of the San Juan Bay.

At Manila he will take on fresh supplies and make the run to Hong Kong and other ports.

He will then steer south across the Pacific Ocean, passing through the Straits of Malacca, on to Cape Town, which he expects to reach in February, and Africa he will journey north through the Bay of Biscay, along the Atlantic coast and reach Pearns by the River Seine.

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