

CERVERA'S STRATEGY

A Statement by Captain Clark—
The Admiral's Chance of Escape.

In a personal interview in answer to a question by the editor, Captain Clark gives in the May Century the following opinion of the Spanish admiral's strategy:

"Assuming that the Spanish fleet had to come out and I, for one, had given up the hope that it would do so, it is my judgment that Admiral Cervera should have preferred night to day as the time for the sortie, notwithstanding the search-light watch so rigidly maintained at the entrance. He could have placed as guides to the channel, along the shore, and on the smokestack or mast of the sunken Merrimac, lights screened toward the sea, so that we could not have detected them. His best chance would have been to get up his anchors and begin to move about dusk, when he would have had light enough to see the shore and the channel marks, timing the movement so that he should dash out just as darkness fell. We could not then have closed in upon him without great danger to ourselves. The firing would have had to be done virtually in the dark, for the searchlights (even supposing that others than the one regularly in use had been turned on) would soon have become ineffective, on account of the smoke and from the shattering force of the guns, which probably would have extinguished them. The direction of the enemy could thus have been masked, and as each of our captains would have been concerned with the risk of his ship being rammed or torpedoed our onslaught would have had a far different result than it actually had when full daylight enabled every commander to see what all the others as well as the enemy were doing, and exactly what was to be done. It was the difference between certainty and uncertainty. In the daytime we were able to choose our distance from the enemy with relation to being torpedoed. As all his ships were supposed to be provided with Whitehead torpedoes, I determined, unless an emergency should require it, not to go inside of half a mile, that being the effective torpedo range, since our superiority in ordnance and armor would thus have been neutralized.

"Considering the courses that were open to Cervera, I should probably, in the circumstances, have done as he did—head to the westward, keeping the fleet together in the hope of destroying any vessel which might be able to overtake me. Cienfuegos was his nearest and natural port, and there he would have been in direct communication with Havana by rail, and, so to speak, would have been in a Spanish environment. If he had intended to go to Havana, it would have been better to go westward than eastward, for, though the distance is somewhat greater, the current would have favored, and there was no additional force to be considered like that at Guantanamo. To have divided his fleet, part going eastward and part westward would have been to leave one-half to Admiral Sampson and the other half to Commodore Schley.

"There remained one other course. The result of the sortie shows that he might have stood a better chance of saving one or two or even more of his ships by the policy of scattering, with an ultimate rendezvous. Only three of

our ships were superior in speed to his vessels, namely, the New York, the Brooklyn and the Oregon—possibly the Texas. Even if each of these could have selected and pursued a Spanish ship, it is possible that not every one of them would have been equal to the task of destroying her antagonist. The armored cruisers, the Brooklyn and the New York, might have found that they had 'caught Tartars.' They could not have pierced the armor of the Spanish vessels, while the Spanish guns could readily have pierced theirs. There were no orders to our vessels for such separate action, for neither Admiral Sampson nor anyone else could have anticipated such tactics. It is a matter of pure conjecture, but I am inclined to think that the confusion resulting from such a movement would have strongly favored Cervera."—Oregonian.

Whooping Cough.

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Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon May 5, 1899. Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Joel Ware, U. S. Commissioner at Eugene, Oregon, on June 17, 1899, viz: James H. Sharp on H. E. No. 9348 for the E 1/2 SW 1/4, W 1/2 S E, 1/2 Sec. 26, T. 23 S., R. 1 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Frank A. Rankin, William T. Bailey, of Eugene, Oregon, Baker Stewart, Robert M. Veatch, of Cottage Grove, Oregon. J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT ROSEBURG, OR., April 26, 1899. Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Joel Ware, U. S. Commissioner at Eugene, Oregon, on June 13, 1899, viz.: Fliny E. Snodgrass on H. E. No. 8065, for the south half of northwest quarter of lots 3 and 4 of section 2, township 19, south, range 1 east. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz.: J. Shepard Smith, of Creswell, Or., Milan S. Barker, of Fall Creek, Or., Roes S. Holbrook, of Fall Creek, Or., Henry T. Hollenbeck, of Eugene, Or. J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

Adminstrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that George M. Hawley has been appointed administrator of the estate of George W. Oment, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to said administrator, at Cottage Grove, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. Dated this 26th day of April, 1899. GEORGE M. HAWLEY, Administrator. JOHN M. WILLIAMS, Attorney for Estate.

"JUST A MINUTE" WITH DEWEY.

When Dewey met the German there among the Philippines, He didn't like his uppish air, provoking stormy scenes; And when the German craved a fight and panted to begin it, "If war you want, you'll get it, sir," said George, "in just

a minute! "Go, tell your admiral," he said, the speech that I have made, And tell him if he dares to cross the line of my blockade, I'll blow his ship to kingdom com and everybody in it, And he'll have war to give away. in just

a minute! "I'm here to flout the Stars and Stripes; all other flags are barred; A rag like yours a man may buy for 30 cents a yard! Keep off the grass! Take down your sign, or else you won't be in it, For I will turn my gunners loose," said George, "in just

a minute! —J. Getcher Gunn in St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

TWO GIRLS.

As examples of feminine grit and perseverance we may refer to that displayed by Misses Minnie and Lizzie Beach, who assist their brother, John, in managing a farm just across the river. The young ladies are aged respectively 16 and 18 years, and during several years past they have carried and sold large quantities of milk in Corvallis. Every morning long before day-break in the winter they milk a number of cows, convey the milk to a skiff and row across the river, at times through a torrent of drift. To stem the current of the Willamette in the dark, when the river is high and full of drift is an undertaking which requires heroism and proficiency in watercraft. This operation is repeated twice a day the year round, and between times during a great portion of the season they sell a wagon load of farm products. These girls are orphans and their heroic efforts in the battle of life are attracting the attention of our people.—Corvallis Times.

CHURCH NOTICES.

M. E. CHURCH. Hereafter the services at the Methodist Episcopal church will be as follows: Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching every 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7:30. Let us hear the Gospel "it is the power of God." Strangers and friends are made welcome to all meetings. M. O. BRINK, Pastor. CATHOLIC CHURCH. Services at the Catholic church will henceforth take place each third Sunday in every month. Services will be held on the 28th of May i. e. the Sunday after Pentecost. Rev. L. PRZYBYLSKI. NOTICE. Twenty-five thousand brick for sale. Bert Wood, Cottage Grove, Oregon.

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