

## Our Query and Reply Department

Did the battleship Oregon reach Cuba in time to take part in the battle of Santiago, and what other battleships were in the fight?

Yes. She left San Francisco under orders March 19, 1898, steamed around the Horn, reached Jupiter Inlet, Florida, May 24, and assisted in the pursuit and destruction of the Spanish fleet July 3.

The other ships engaged were the battleships Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts and Texas; the armored cruisers Brooklyn and New York and some gunboats.

In the battle the speed of the Oregon enabled her to pass some of the other ships and to force the Cristobal Colon to run ashore and surrender.

Has there ever been an attempt to build a tunnel under the English channel?

The advantages of a railway tunnel across the English channel at its narrowest part have been frequently urged, and an English company was formed for the purpose of constructing a tunnel halfway across from Dover to meet a similar tunnel starting from near Calais. Excavations under the sea for over 2,000 yards were made, but were interdicted by the British government for military reasons.

What is an echo, and what is its cause?

An echo is a sound repeated from some obstructing surface so that a person in the path of both the original and reflected waves hears the sound twice. Sound being produced by waves of the air, when such waves meet an opposing surface as a wall they are reflected like light waves. The sound so heard as if originating behind the reflecting surface is an echo. An echo returns to the point from which the sound originated if the reflecting surface is at right angles to it. An oblique surface deflects the sound in another direction so that it may be heard elsewhere, though not at the point where the sound originated. If the direct and reflected sounds succeed one another with great rapidity, as happens when the reflecting surface is near, the echo only clouds the original sound so that it is not heard distinctly, and it is this which interferes with the hearing in churches and other large buildings.

What is the Almanach de Gotha?

It is an almanac published by Justus Perthes in the town of Gotha, in the Duchy of Saxe-Coburg Gotha. It contains much information about the royal families and rulers of the world, and statistical and historical information. It was begun in 1764 and was originally published in German. After Napoleon I. became emperor it was changed to French, but since the Franco-German war of 1871 it has been published in German and French.

What is the nature of the action of oil in calming waves at sea?

It is mechanical. The philosophy of the operation is that the thin covering of oil floating on the waves prevents the wind from entering under the surface and thereby greatly reduces the roughness of the sea, the height of the waves and the breaking of their crests, which is a particularly dangerous feature.

Does a declaration of war by one country against another have to assign a reason or the cause of the war?

There is no set form for a declaration of war, and it has even been questioned whether a formal declaration of any kind is necessary. An American writer on international law says: "An act of hostility, unless it be done in the urgency of self preservation or by way of reprisal, is in itself a full declaration of intention; any sort of previous declaration therefore is an empty formality, unless an enemy must be given time and opportunity to put himself in a state of defense, and it is needless to say that no one asserts such quixotism to be obligatory."

Formal declarations of war preceding the beginning of hostilities were more common in ancient times and in the middle ages than in modern times. Investigation has shown that of 118 wars between 1700 and 1872 less than ten showed declarations of war prior to hostilities, but hostilities may consist in the capture of a single ship or the crossing of a frontier without the loss of a life. Some modern wars, however, have been preceded by a formal declaration, and there is no uniformity of action in the matter. A convention of the second Hague conference says: "The contracting powers recognize that hostilities between them are not to commence without a previous and unequivocal warning, which shall take the form either of a declaration of war, giving reasons, or of an ultimatum with a conditional declaration of war."

1915.

Near the ending of the Yuletide,  
Nineteen Hundred and Fourteen,  
Warming in an easy rocker  
By the embers cheer and sheen,  
I am musing sad and pensive  
And reflecting on the past;  
Asking many solemn questions  
While the old year's moments last.

Pleasant was the year now closing  
When it first was young and fair,  
When with notes of cheer and promise  
New Year bell bestrewed the air,  
Never broke a morn more gayly  
On the eastern sky athwart  
Never New Year day enclosing  
Greater promise in its heart.

Never, heaped up high for record,  
For historian's tusty pen  
Were so many great achievements  
Credited to sons of men.  
And in arts of peace excelling,  
Nations strove for highest aim,  
Winning ever greater laurels  
And enduring, well-earned fame.

Civilization star ascending,  
To the zenith of its sway,  
Looked upon the widest freedom  
On last happy New Year's day.  
Every gate and port stood open  
Beckoning to the freighted hold,  
All the bonds of nations mingling  
As did stamped and native gold.

And the truth that men are brothers,  
Scions of a common life,  
Seemed to've almost won and routed  
Every form of war and strife.  
And the star o'er Bethlehem's manger,  
Never seemed so near and mild  
And Goodwill and Peace the swaddling  
Of each helpless, new born child.

But alas, as if at midnight  
When from slumber, sweet and deep,  
Fire bells arouse to action  
And bid all arise from sleep  
As when on a summer morning  
From a sky divinely fair  
Suddenly a clap of thunder  
Rends the darkening, lowering air.

So the fondest dream of nations  
That a lasting world wide peace,  
Was about to find acceptance  
And make strife forever cease;  
Suddenly was dissipated  
By the war drums' beat afar,  
And the world aghast stood trembling  
Staggered by this world-wide war.

Oh, the horrors! Oh, the bloodshed,  
Of this cruel monster Mars,  
Everything he spoils and ruins,  
Everything he maims and scars.  
Richest valleys fair as Eden,  
Like a desert land are left  
Town and cities burned to ashes,  
And of store and food bereft.

From the icy, flooded trenches  
Vollies pour with deadly aim  
And by thousands, untold thousands,  
Manhood flower lies there slain!  
On the sea, beneath, above it,  
Waiting for their sleeping prey  
Dragons lurk to snatch their victim  
In a moment's time away.

Oh, I cannot help but ponder  
On the bleeding mother's heart  
Giving him, her heart's best treasure,  
For the battle to depart.  
Sleepless nights and wakeful watching  
Over him, who was her joy,  
When she first pressed to her bosom  
Her new-born, her darling boy.

Sleepless nights and wakeful watching  
Now that he is at the fort,  
Tearful eyes intently scanning  
The long-listed death report.  
Men of all the world together,  
Soldiers, statesmen, plowmen, hear!  
Listen to the plaintive pleadings  
Of a mother's love and fear!

Is there not some stay, or surcease  
From this mad and bloody strife?  
Is there not some common purpose  
Which may end this waste of life?  
Should not sacred love of mother  
In the heat of battle's fray  
Fall like dewdrops on the lilies,  
And make war forever stay?

Could not vision of a Mary,  
Pressing to a mother's breast  
Greatest Gift of all the Ages  
And of all the sons the best;  
Could it not unite together  
Every mother's son a friend,  
And make mother's love the Watchword,  
Love, can cause all wars to end.

HENRY C. SCHLEEF.

The new year has started out "big with promise," to say the least.

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