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Lieutenant Hobson's Work.

On Board the Associated Press Dispatch Boat Dauntless, off San Diego, June 4.—(via Kingston.) (Copyrighted 1898 by the Associated Press.)—Rear Admiral Sampson during Friday morning decided to close the narrow harbor entrance to Santiago de Cuba by sinking the collier Merrimac, loaded with coal, in the channel. He called for volunteers to go to almost certain death and 4000 men offered themselves. Lieutenant Hobson and six men were chosen and at 3 a. m. Friday morning the Merrimac, under her own steam, entered the channel under a terrible Spanish fire. The vessel was riddled with projectiles, but she anchored and swung around.

Lieutenant Hobson then set off an internal torpedo with an electric attachment, there was an explosion, the Merrimac sank and the channel was closed and apparently Admiral Cervera will be unable to escape.

Unable after sinking their vessel to row back through the storm of shot and shell, they rowed into the harbor to the Spanish flag ship and were taken on board unharmed. They were taken prisoners to Santiago city under guard. Later they were taken to Morro castle, where they now are.

The Spanish Admiral, under a flag of truce on Friday, sent word to the American Admiral that he offered to exchange the prisoners, adding that in the meantime Hobson and his party were treated with the greatest kindness.

Caused tears to Flow.

A beautiful and patriotic scene at the high school graduating exercises at McMinnville last Friday, brought tears and cheers to the audience. Paul B. Cooper, who had been chosen to deliver the class valedictory and marched away with company A, of the Oregon volunteers. The class refused to choose another to fill his place, and placed a vacant chair in the center of the stage, draped with bunting, flowers and the American flag. When Paul's name was reached at the close of the programme, the class of 14 rose and faced the vacant chair in silence, as the piano played softly "The Star Spangled Banner." Hearts filled to the brim as memory went out to the young heroes now far out on the ocean on their way to relieve Dewey and his gallant men at Manila.

Everything comes to those who wait—even the invasion of Cuba by our troops.

Gen. Blanco talks like a man whose name should be Bunco, but he can't play Uncle Sam for a jay.

It would require a much more extensive war than the present one to prevent the "sweet girl graduate" having her annual inning.

The General deficiency bill to be passed by this Congress will break the record, by carrying appropriations for more than \$200,000,000.

The United States Cruiser Columbia hasn't had an opportunity to sink a Spanish ship, but she sunk a British merchant steamer, in a collision in a dense fog, just outside of New York harbor.

The merest glance at the list of civilians given commissions in the volunteer army will furnish indisputable evidence that Mr. McKinley has been paying off old political debts.

It is gratifying to know that Commodore Schley really has that Spanish fleet penned up in the harbor of Santiago de Cuba. The fact has been officially announced at Washington.

John Sherman hasn't filed any specific kick against his treatment by the Hanna-McKinley-Day combine, but his hint that he would accept a nomination to Congress is significant.

Mr. Henry Norman, editor of the London Chronicle, who is now in this country, writes like a man who feels slighted because he has not been asked to participate in Mr. McKinley's cabinet councils.

It would be too bad if the quarrel between Secretary Long and Attorney General Griggs, which began on account of the defence by each of the officials of his department in connection with the handling of naval prizes at Key West, should result in another break in the Cabinet.

Mercure D. Conway has taken the rostrum as an advocate for more personal liberty for Americans. He says the absolutism of a majority, which we now have, is insufficient, and that nothing short of the right of a man to do exactly as he pleases, provided he doesn't interfere with the equal rights of others, is real personal liberty.

Carl Schurz, who lately retired from the editorship of Harpers Weekly, has got a new job. He is to be president of the company formed to conduct the Die Westliche, the St. Louis German dailies which have just been consolidated. Schurz has a faculty for lighting on his feet.

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Race Program.

The Burns Jockey Club will give four days racing, July 1, 2, 4 and 5 1898.

FIRST DAY, JULY 1,
1/4 mile dash free for all, purse \$175.

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SECOND DAY, JULY 2,
1/2 mile dash free for all, purse \$200.

2 mile bicycle race Harney county men, purse \$50.

THIRD DAY, JULY 4,
1/4 mile dash free for all, purse \$200.
1/4 mile dash for Harney county cow horses, grass fed, untrained, vaquero saddles, purse \$50.

FOURTH DAY, JULY 5,
1 mile dash free for all, purse \$225.

5 mile race, change horses every mile, purse \$50.

Indian race 1 mile and reverse, purse \$25.

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Geo. Shellee, President.
J. J. Donegan, Secretary.

Senor Don Sandago Barroeta, who is a Spaniard by birth and who held an important judicial position in Cuba previous to the Weyler regime, left Cienfuegos on May 20. He closes a long and doleful description of the situation in Cuba by saying: "If the present situation lasts two months longer Cuba will be but a vast cemetery. People are fleeing from the island more by fear of hunger than war. I left on a steamer which had only capacity for 40 passengers and we numbered 389."

The young swells, many of them sons of rich men, who belong to the Michigan naval reserves, now manning the auxiliary cruiser Yosemite lying off Old Point Comfort, Va., objected to the enforcement of the rules of the hotels, against allowing privates admission to the hotel wine room, and, as the objectors had pocketful of money and the desire to spend it, the hotel keepers

abolished the rule, so far as the Michiganders are concerned.

The President of France expresses the hope that the efforts of the neutral powers will succeed in restoring peace. The neutral powers may say their efforts. Peace will come when we have whipped Spain into asking for it, and agreeing to accepting it upon our terms, and not before.

Strict censorship of war news at Washington has driven several of the most imaginative correspondents into manufacturing the details of an Anglo-American alliance, offensive and defensive, upon which, in their minds, negotiations have been opened.

It is not fair to blame our naval officers because the ships in the Spanish fleet are faster than ours.

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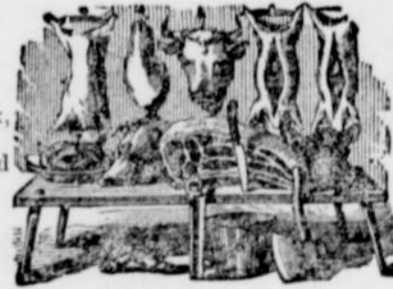
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