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### Latest War News.

A dispatch dated July 7, 7:30 a. m.—Assistant Naval Constructor Richmond P. Hobson of the flagship New York and the seven seamen who with him sailed the collier Merrimac into the channel of the harbor of Santiago de Cuba, June 23, and sunk her there, were surrendered by the Spanish military authorities in exchange for prisoners captured by American forces. Hobson and the men were escorted through the American lines by Captain Chadwick of the New York. Every step of the journey was marked by the wildest demonstrations on the part of the American soldiers, who threw aside all semblance of order and scrambled out of the entrenchments, knocking over the tent guys and other paraphernalia in their eagerness to see the returning heroes and sent cheer after cheer for the men who had passed safely through the jaws of death to serve their country.

### HOBSON TALKS.

New York, July 8.—A special to the Herald from off Santiago contains an interview with Lieutenant Hobson, in which he says: "We have been 33 days in a Spanish prison, and the more I think about it the more marvelous it seems that we are alive.

"It was about 3 o'clock in the morning when the Merrimac entered the narrow channel and steamed in under the guns of Morro castle. The stillness of death prevailed. It was so dark we could hardly see the headlight.

"We had planned to drop our starboard anchor at a certain distance to the right of the channel, reverse our engines and then swing the Merrimac around, sinking her directly across the channel.

"This plan was adhered to, but circumstances rendered its execution impossible. When the Merrimac poked her nose into the channel our troubles commenced. The deadly silence was broken by the wash of a small boat approaching us from the shore. I made her out to be a picket boat. She ran close under the stern of the Merrimac and fired several shots from what seemed to be a three pounder gun. The Merrimac's rudder was carried away by this fire. That is why the collier was not sunk across the channel.

"We did not discover the loss of the rudder until Murphy cast the anchor. We then found that the Merrimac would not answer her helm and we were compelled to make the best of the situation. The picket boat had given the alarm and in a moment the guns of the Vizcaya and Almirante Oquendo and of the shore batteries were turned upon us.

"Submarine mines and torpedoes also were exploded all about us, adding to the excitement.

"When the ship was in the desired position we found the rudder was gone, and I called the men on deck. While they were launching the catamaran I touched off the explosives.

"At the same moment two torpedoes struck the Merrimac amidships. I cannot say whether our explosives or the Spanish torpedoes did the work, but the Merrimac was lifted out of the water and almost rent asunder.

"As she settled down, we scrambled over board and cut away the catamaran.

"We attempted to get out of the harbor in the catamaran but the strong tide was running and daylight found us still struggling in the water. Then for the first time the Spaniards saw us and a boat from the Reina Mercedes picked us up. It was then shortly after 5 o'clock in the morning and we had been in the water more than an

hour. We were taken on board the Reina Mercedes and later sent to Morro castle."

### FOR PEACE.

Washington, July 8.—It can be stated authoritatively that no overtures toward peace have been received up to the time of the cabinet meeting to day. At the same time cabinet members look upon the situation as having more factors conducive to peace than at any time heretofore.

### BLANCO FOR WAR.

Madrid, July 8, Noon.—According to dispatches received from Havana Captain Blanco openly urges the continuation of the war. The newspaper of this city say the moment has arrived to sue for peace, one of them adding: "We find ourselves in a position from which we are able to make our enemies feel the consequences of the war."

### NO PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

London, July 8.—The officials of the Spanish embassy here say they have no knowledge of any peace negotiations being on foot at present.

### TO ARRANGE PEACE.

Rome, July 8.—Italy says that negotiations have been opened among the European powers with a view of arranging peace.

### LOSERS AT SANTIAGO.

Washington, July 9.—The war department received two dispatches from General Shafter over night as follows:

Camp near Santiago, July 8.—Complete report received today of loss on July 1st and 2d:

Killed, 12 officers, 298 enlisted men.

Wounded 81 officers, 1203 enlisted men.

Missing, 79 enlisted men.

The reports giving the names of the killed and wounded are being rapidly prepared and it is hoped to get them off tomorrow.

SHAFTER

### TALKS ACROSS THE SEA.

Camp near Santiago, July 8.—Cable operators were permitted to go in yesterday morning. The English cable was in working order and some of the operators are in the city.

English cable has been working all the time through to Havana.

SHAFTER.

### SERVICE REWARDED.

Washington, July 9.—The president has determined to promote Acting Admiral Sampson and Commodore Schley, in recognition of their services in the destruction of the Spanish naval fleet in American waters, but is undecided as to the extent of promotion.

### THEIR MERITS' DESERT.

Washington, July 9.—The president has directed the promotion of Brigadier General B. M. Young and Brigadier General J. F. Kent, to the grade of major generals of volunteers, and Colonel H. Carroll to the grade of brigadier general. These officers all took a conspicuous part in the heavy fighting around Santiago on the 1st and 2d instant.

### SAMPSON'S PRISONERS.

Washington, July 6.—Sampson has been directed to send his prisoners to the United States. Possibly the Harvard will bring some of them. The St. Louis is filled with wounded soldiers and cannot be used to convey the Spanish sailors.

The enlisted men and non-commissioned officers among the prisoners will be sent to Portsmouth N.

H, where they will be confined on Seavey's Island in the harbor.

Orders for the immediate preparation of that place for the reception of the reception of the prisoners are going forward.

The commissioned officers, from Admiral Cervera himself, down to the Ensigns, will be sent to Fort Warren, Boston Harbor where they will be turned over to the army for safe-keeping.

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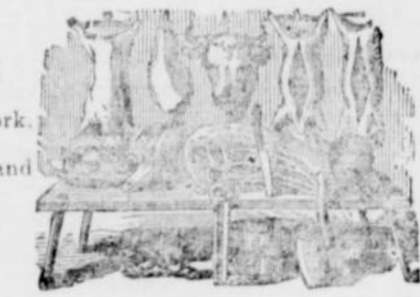
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