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THE DESTROYED FLEET.

Not long after the declaration of war apprehensions began to be felt of an attack upon the American coast by the fleet under command of Admiral Cervera. It came to be spoken of as the Cape Verde fleet, having after its departure from Spain taken a southern course and arrived at the Cape Verde Islands off the coast of Africa when it had been really expected off the coast of New England.

Cervera lingered a good while at Cape Verde, during which time repeated reports were made that he had sailed, but these were again and again contradicted. When at length he did sail his destination was the subject of conjecture. The first authentic tidings of his whereabouts was obtained on May 12th when he was located at the French Island of Martinique where he coaled his ships. Some apprehension was then felt that he was lying in wait for the battleship Oregon then known to be coming up the coast of South Africa. But Cervera really sailed south westerly toward Panama, and then made a quick dash to the southern coast of Cuba, taking refuge in the harbor of Santiago on May 20th.

There was great rejoicing in Spain when it was known that the Admiral had successfully reached Santiago, and the city was itself greatly elated with his arrival. He carried guns, ammunition and supplies for the garrison there. But his ultimate object seems to have been to reach Havana, which was then blockaded, and was about to be attacked by sea and land. His fleet would powerfully aid in the defence of the Cuban capital. For two or three weeks there was doubt at Washington whether Cervera was actually in Santiago harbor, or again at large. Meanwhile the place was closely blockaded by Commodore Schley with the flying squadron. At length on May 30th it became positively known that the Spanish fleet was "bottled" in Santiago harbor.

This knowledge changed the course of the war. It was then determined that the projected invading army should land near Santiago, instead of near Havana, and make it the first business of the war to capture or destroy the Spanish fleet and take possession of Santiago and Eastern Cuba. This plan had several advantages, among which was the fact that in this section of the Island the insurgent Cubans were in strongest force and could render effectual aid as they have since done.

On June 5th occurred the dramatic incident of the sinking of the Merrimac across the harbor entrance at Santiago, and the capture and imprisonment of Lieut. Hobson and his brave comrades. On the 14th the invading army sailed, and on the 20th and 21st the landing of general Shafter's force of about 16,000 men was safely effected at Baiquiri, 17 miles east of Santiago. In the meantime one or two unsuccessful attempts were made by Admiral Cervera to escape and the forts at the harbor entrance were repeatedly bombarded by Admiral Sampson.

The bay of Santiago extends some miles northward inland with the large city near its inner end and on

its eastern side. The situation on Sunday last showed the city and bay surrounded by American and Cuban forces, occupying the heights overlooking the city and bay. General Lawton's division threatened the city quite closely from the north and General Wheeler's division was closing in from the north-east, having captured the vantage point of Caney. From the east and near the coast General Bates and General Kent were moving in toward the Morro Castle which guards the harbor entrance.

It seems to have been General Shafter's plan to capture the forts at the harbor entrance and thus permit Sampson's fleet to force its way into the harbor. The Spanish admiral knew that to remain inside meant capture or destruction within the next few days, and he resolved to stake everything on a bold attempt to escape. It was reckless venture, the result of which was the annihilation of his fine fleet of cruisers. Whether he acted on his own judgment or in pursuance of orders from the Spanish government we do not know, but his act was a courageous one and deserved a better fate.

Spain has lost two fleets, one at Manila and the other at Santiago, quickly destroyed by superior force and accurate gunnery, with marvellously small loss to the victors. But Spanish pride will be somewhat consoled by the reflection that her commanders and men fought bravely to the last and no Spanish ship has yet struck her flag to the enemy.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

In some western Canadian cities the special quick delivery of letters has been undertaken by the postal department. Letters marked for special delivery and prepaid by 10 cents extra, are promptly despatched from the post offices at which they are received to the person addressed. A swift bicyclist was employed in Toronto for the day delivery. The night delivery will also be by the speediest wheelman in the employ of the post office. So the world moves. And Charlottetown has not yet even the ordinary carrier delivery, because, we are told, the people do not want it!

We have read with some care the Patriots' article on Economy but without changing our opinion that the federal expenditure is larger than it should be and that sound statesmanship calls for a reduction. We cannot expect the Liberal party journals to speak thus plainly. They naturally find excuses for what the government may do, and the government has been under very great pressure to spend money east and west with a liberal hand. We speak in no unfriendly spirit when we point out that the expenditure has been much larger than was expected, and although made for useful objects, and the money to be honestly expended, which is an important consideration, we feel that the government have erred in undertaking too much at once. Many staunch members of the Liberal party freely concur in the opinion which finds general expression in the

Conservative press, that this is the Laurier governments' most vulnerable point.

The so-called colonial policy of the United States really began with the appointment of General Merritt as Governor-General of the Phillipine Islands. He sailed some days since to enter upon his office, and with the capture of Manila will at once assume control of the government there. He carries with him a customs tariff to be put in force at Manila, and Uncle Sam will commence collecting duties as soon as his flag flies over the public buildings there. It seems improbable that the flag once set up will be willingly hauled down afterwards.

Self moving carriages, which have become common in Paris and London and in less degree in New York, have not yet been seen in the leading Canadian cities. And we are told that the pneumatic tire is becoming universal for cabs and carriages in Britain, but has not yet come into use in the Dominion. We are rather slow in these matters, doubtless because of the inferiority of our streets and roadways to those of the old world. It would be a great relief from the din of rattling wheels if we could have smooth, well-formed streets and noiseless vehicles.

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