

Slaking of the Merrimac.

Desperate Work by Lieutenant Hobson.—With a Volunteer Crew of Seven Men, Under Cover of Darkness, Shortly After 3 o'clock on Friday Morning, He Ran the Big Collier Merrimac into the Throat of the Harbor of Santiago de Cuba...

REMAINED PLUCKILY UNTIL DAYLIGHT. Ensign Powell, also of the New York, with a steam launch crept up close under the guns of Morro castle to take off the heroes of the Merrimac, and remained there pluckily until daylight discovered his position...

HOBBSON CONCEIVED THE UNDERTAKING HIMSELF. When Rear Admiral Sampson joined Commodore Schley on Wednesday, the latter had already ascertained that it would be impossible for the fleet to crawl into the rat hole in which the Spanish fleet had taken refuge...

Commodore Schley was inclined to think the dynamite cruiser Vesuvius might be able to countermine, but the ships would have to go in single file, and if one were sunk in the channel, the progress of the others would be blocked.

When the admiral's consent was obtained Lieutenant Hobson became impatient of all delay and that very night, Wednesday, after the moon went down, he set the time for the attempt. Volunteers were called for on all the ships of the fleet, and to the credit of the American navy, he said that few flinched.

Other men selected from various ships, with Ensign Powell in command, manned the launch, which was to lie at the harbor mouth and take off the men who escaped.

The Merrimac was made ready. Six torpedoes were strung along her portside, with wire connections to the bow and stern. Her cargo of coal was shifted and her cargo ports were opened so that she would more readily fill when the time came to cut her anchor lashings, open the sea cock and torpedo her bulkheads.

On board the ships of the fleet picketed about the entrance every officer and man, awaited the issue with anxious eyes fixed on the jutting heads that marked the entrance of the harbor.

During the day Lieutenant Hobson went aboard the flagship. His once white duck trousers were as black as a coal heaver's, his old fatigue coat was unbuttoned and his begrimed face was deep furrowed with tense lines.

ing waters and the dim outline of the Cuban hills showing against the unstarred sky to the watchers on board the ship's fleet.

CALM HOUR BEFORE DAWN.

Suddenly several blood red tongues of flame shot down from the rocky eminence on which Morro castle is situated. They were followed by jets and streams of fire from the batteries opposite.

When the curtain of the night was at last lifted, the light disclosed a tiny steam launch riding the waves at the very throat of the entrance of the harbor.

But the Spaniards, nevertheless, fired wildly, overshooting the launch, until the latter was fully two miles up the coast.

As a result of the act of heroism performed by Lieutenant Richmond P. Hobson and his seven companions in sinking the collier Merrimac across the channel leading into the harbor of Santiago de Cuba, the Spanish fleet is now helpless.

They were all captured by the Spaniards but the Spanish admiral, in recognition of their bravery, sent word to the American admiral, under a flag of truce, that he was willing to exchange the prisoners.

Montague is chief master of arms of the New York. He has served four years in the navy, is 29 years of age and his home is in Brooklyn.

George Charette is a gunner's mate of the first-class on board the New York. He has served fourteen years in the navy, is 31 years old and resides at Lowell, Mass.

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The American troops which are about to visit the Philippine islands will find themselves in a country and among a people so strange that those of them who may return will have curious stories to relate in the coming years.

The inhabitants are generally in harmony with their environment. The aboriginal natives live in the mountains and forests of Luzon. They are dark-skinned dwarfs with enormous heads, of fuzzy hair and be long to the most inferior races of savages.

The principal population, however, consists of Malays, Chinese and half-breeds. The Malays and Mestizos, or half-castes, are brown and yellow in complexion and stalwart and muscular in form.

hasty sketch discloses some outlines of their character. There are among them persons of wealth and education, but the masses are as ignorant of the kind of government under which we live and of the institutions and principles cherished by us as if they belonged to another planet.

Following rules will help in learning how to speak Spanish: Rule 1—Every letter is sounded and is always pronounced the same.

Rule 2—The accent is always on the next to the last syllable, unless otherwise signified. Rule 3—The alphabet, as follows: A—Like a in ark.

Requirements of those Who Enter the Regular Army. The instructions issued by the war department to govern recruiting in the regular army in time of war gives the weight required for men enlisting for various branches of the service.

For the infantry and the artillery branch the height must not be less than five feet four inches and weight not less than 120 pounds and not more than 190 pounds.

For the cavalry branch the height must not be less than five feet four inches and weight not more than five feet ten inches, and weight not to exceed 165 pounds.

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A Wet and Stormy June.

Hicks says June weather is to be rainy and stormy. The first half will be made up like the latter part of May. Brilliant and severe lightning will accompany the storms on account of the continued perturbations of Saturn's opposition.

Joe Leiter is said to have cleared several millions by the advance in the price of wheat. What did you say the farmers—the real grain growers—made by the advance?

Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria. Face-similar signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on the wrapper of every bottle of Castoria.

Wisconsin Farm Lands. There is a rush now to the choice unoccupied farm lands along the line of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway in Central Wisconsin.

Medical. SPEAK OUT. Let the public speak on the subject. There has been too much claim—no little proof.

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When we consider the important part that coal has already been shown to play in naval warfare, and compare the 200,000,000 tons produced in the United States with Spain's annual product of less than 4,000,000 tons, we have an index of relative strength more significant than population or area.

They Don't Need as Much. Fat widows never get as much sympathy as thin ones.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to Cure!

Roofing. A LEAKING ROOF IS A PESKY NUISANCE. W. H. Miller, Allegheny Street, Bellefonte, Pa., puts on new or repairs old slate roofs at the lowest prices.

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CENTRAL RAILROAD OF PENNA. Condensed Time Table. May 16th, 1898.

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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD AND BRANCHES. Schedule in effect May 30th, 1898.

VIA TYRONE—WESTWARD. Leave Bellefonte, 9.53 a. m., arrive at Tyrone 1.10 p. m., at Altoona, 1.50 p. m., at Pittsburgh, 5.50 p. m.

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