 crowded with important events Cuba has been successfully invaded. Fierce fighting took place at Santiago De Cuba. General Shafter advanced his army of Americans step by step to the inner trenches of Santiago. It was a fight in the
bushes, on July Ist, 2nd and 3 rd, in which about 2,000 Americans were killed and wounded. The Ameri cans expected to celebrate the 4th in Santiago, but fate decreed otherHowever, that disappointment was compensated for by the destruction of the most powerful Spanish fleet on the 3 rd of July at Santiago. The reader knows that it was the Spanish fleet going into Schley there to blockade the place, and the fleet being penned there took the army of Shafter there to surround the town. Shafter's vi torious march to the gates of Santiago, frightened Cervera, the commander of the Spanish fleet in the harbor, and he determined to escape. Early on the morning of the 3 rd of July he steamed out of the harbor. Commander Schley was surprised at the sight, but he was glad for chance to fight the Spanish fleet, he the Brooklyn. The fire of the Spanish fleet directed their fire on the Brooklyn, for they knew be the fastest ship in the fleet and the one that would give them the most trouble in a chase on the sea.
Schley, however, signaled other American war ships to close in. The result was the most marvelous sea fight took place. Every Span-
ish ship was sunk. There were 350 Spaniards killed, 160 wounded and 1 1000 prisisners. Three of the Span-
ish ships got away 20 miles before
they were ish ships got away 20 miles betore destroyed and run ashore. Cristobal Colon, the ship of the Spanish Commander Cervera, was chased 60 miles by Schley on the flag ship Brooklyn. The Brooklyn
was hit 45 times and somewhat damaged, but only one man was killed, G. H. Ellis, had his head knocked off by a shot. The de-
struction of the Spanish Commandr's flag ship closed the naval battle, for there were no more Spanish ships to fight. It was thought that Dewey's destruction of the Spanish
fleet in the harcor of Manila on the fleet in the harbor of Manila on the 2nd of May could not be duplicated, but Schley duplicated the Dewey achievement on the sea off the harbor of Santiago on the morning of the 3 rd day of July. The fight beand closed about half past ten in the forenoon. The Spanish fleet de-
stroyed, ranked among the best
modern war ships in the world. is about 65 years old and has been in the Spanish navy since a boy 18 years old. On the ist of July three transports convoyed by the Ameri-
can man of war Charleston, landed 2500 American troops at Manila for Dewey's assistance. Only one man
died on the voyage which started from San Francisco on the 25th of
May. On the voyage from California to Manilla they stopped at and took possession of the islands of Ladrone, a strip of territory comprising
about 400 square miles, about as about 400 square miles, about as habitants of Ladrone number about
ten thousand people., The Spanish ten thousand people., The Spanish ly realize that he must surrender to the Americans, he had not heard of


Atter the destruction of the Santiago fleet, General Shafter
emanded the surrender of Santiago. A parley took place hat lasted till the 9 th of Ju'y. Those five days were ex-
citing days in Santiago, 15.000 of its inhabitants wanted to leave the town and get within General Shatter's lines. The
panish General wanted till the 9th of July, he said to get a definite answer from Spain as to whether he should surrender,
or continue the fight. An English telegraph company was permitted to connect its line so that despatches could be eent
o and from Spain on the question of surrender. The Spanish government wou!d not hear to an unconditional surrender
of the army with Santiago. On Sunday evening July 10, the
American army again opened fire on Santiago, four hours. Fir-
ng at intervals was kept up on Monday, Tuesday, and Wed ing at intervals was kept up on Monday, Tuesday, and Wed
nesday. The city is to be stormed on Thurday, July 14.





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## DEWEY HAS GAPTURED MANILLA

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