

# SANTIAGO IS STORMED BY SCHLEY.

Fortifications of El Morro and Socapa Battered Down by the Yankee Fleet.

Americans Accomplish Their Task Without Loss of a Man or Damage to a Ship.

Washington special:

THE distinction falls upon Commodore Schley for striking the first hard blow in the Atlantic. The outer fortifications of Santiago de Cuba are in ruins, the formidable Morro fort being practically wrecked, and Admiral Cervera's flagship battered and her plates broken and her machinery injured is no longer the dangerous battle craft that crossed the Atlantic to lead the Spanish fleet against the American warships. The imported French and German gunners sent the projectiles from the Krupps close to our ships, but they did not land. Not one shell struck Schley's vessels.

According to advices received by way of Kingston, Jamaica, the Marblehead first made certain of the presence of the Spanish fleet at Santiago. The fight was a sequel to its discovery. The Marblehead, cruising close to the harbor entrance, found four Spanish cruisers, two



COMMODORE W. S. SCHLEY.

torpedo-boat destroyers and the old Reina Mercedes skulking behind the batteries at the mouth of the harbor. Schley at once determined to draw the fire of the batteries. His object was to make the enemy reveal the location of the new masked batteries and to compel the Spanish fleet to come out and fight. When the American fleet advanced the Cristobal Colon lay across the entrance to the harbor, her port broadside, facing the assailants.

The Massachusetts opened fire, taking the Spanish flagship for its first target. An eight-inch shell was thrown. It was not a good shot, quite as bad as the shot that answered it. Then the Massachusetts tried its thirteen-inch guns. The

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Commander Miller, who commanded the collier Merrimac before she was turned over to Lieut. Hobson to be sunk, and several officers of the vessel came aboard the Mayflower and told in detail the story of the sinking of the ship.

When the Merrimac started toward the harbor the flash of a single gun on the Morro was seen from the deck of the New York, though the report could not be heard. It was followed in a few moments by sheets of fire all along the shore. The Spaniards had evidently turned every gun on the ship. The Merrimac went straight on to a point where the channel was only 400 feet wide. Shot and shell were falling all about her, but none seemed to hit her. When this narrow point in the harbor was reached Lieut. Hobson headed her in shore, and dropped an anchor only a few feet from the shore.

The moment the anchor was dropped Lieut. Hobson and her crew dropped these torpedoes over the side and then opened every seacock there was in the ship and all the port holes. Meantime the guns kept booming and the flash of the burning powder lit up the harbor, so rapid was the firing. The fleet was so far off shore that they did not hear the guns, but could tell by the flashes of the hotness of the fire.

The current was running out of the harbor and as the Merrimac lay at anchor she swung lazily around with it. Everything was open and she had begun to fill before she was broadside in the passage. Hobson and his men waited patiently until they could drop another anchor, this one from the stern, so that it would hold her directly across the passage. She was so long that there was only thirty-one feet of channel on each side that she did not occupy.

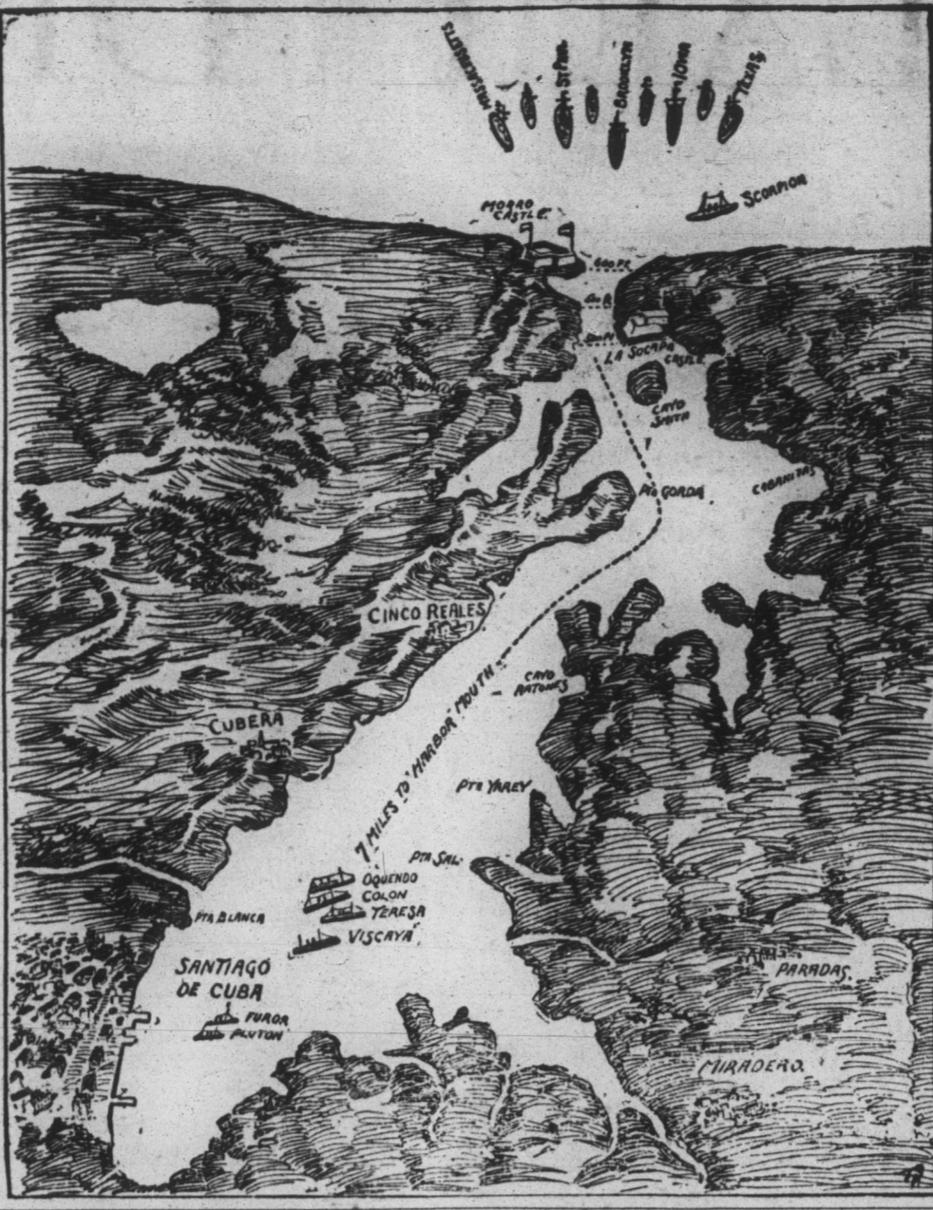
Hobson and his men launched the life raft and dropped down on board it, taking with them the wires with which the torpedoes were to be exploded. The thunder of the shore batteries and the rattle and clash of musketry continued. The water was foaming with the commotion made by the shells and bullets. Hobson and his men floated down stream 150 yards, dragging the wires out after them. This was the distance for the contact to be made and it was then done. The water about the Merrimac was lifted up by the explosion and when it had settled again the ship was at the bottom of the passage.

MCKINLEY'S TERMS OF PEACE.

Will Demand Possession of Puerto Rico, Manila and Cavite.

The terms upon which the President is now reported to be willing to negotiate peace with Spain, and which are said to be generally acceptable to the Senators

## HOW SCHLEY BOTTLED UP THE SPANISH FLEET.



### VAST ARMY MOVING.

#### Twenty-six Thousand Men Under Gen. Shafter Hurried to Santiago.

The last of the first expedition to Cuba left Tampa Monday night, forty-six transports carrying 26,000 men with horses, wagons, artillery, siege guns and all necessary equipments and supplies for a campaign of six months. Gen. Shafter is in command. Twenty thousand troops went from Mobile. Assuming that forty-six transports can take 26,000 men to Cuba in seven days, and giving them three days to unload and four days to get back to Tampa, which is a very short time, two weeks will be used up in the round trip. It will require another week for them to take on the second load and seven days more to land it in Cuba, or ten days if they are going to Porto Rico. The present fleet of transports will therefore require at least fifteen weeks, or until the middle of September, to transfer 100,000 men, or one-third of our army, across the gulf stream.

#### MATANZAS BLOCKHOUSE RAZED.

#### Tugs Uncas and Leyden Fire on the Fortifications.

It was discovered a few days ago that the Spaniards had built a new blockhouse at the entrance of Matanzas harbor, east of Pedro light. It was determined to destroy the fort, which was a small affair, mounting only one gun, and manned by a small company of Spaniards. The tugs Uncas and Leyden were ordered to do the work. At noon on Monday they steamed

## DEFENSES IN RUINS.

### SAMPSON SHELLS FORTIFICATIONS OF SANTIAGO.

American Warships Throw a Furious Torrent of Deadly Projectiles—Spaniards Admit Serious Damage and Loss—Landing of Troops Under Fire.

#### Spanish Guns Silenced.

Washington special:

The news from Santiago Tuesday was of a stirring character. The bombardment of the fortifications at the mouth of the harbor, which began on Saturday, was resumed Monday morning at 7:30 and continued until 11 o'clock. Evidently the attack was intended to cover the landing, probably of marines, from the fleet, whose purpose it was to establish a depot, land supplies and siege guns, communicate with the insurgents, and prepare the way for the invasion by the army.

The bottled-up Cervera, who would send as roseeate a dispatch as possible, reported to the Spanish Government that six American vessels had bombarded the fortifications and Santiago, but that the damage was "unimportant," though he conceded that six men were killed and seventeen wounded on the Reina Mercedes, which would indicate that important damage was inflicted upon that cruiser and that three officers were killed and eighteen soldiers wounded, probably in the engagement with the marines. Admiral Sampson, on the other hand, notified the Navy Department that the forts were bombarded and "entirely silenced," which would not have been the case had the damage been unimportant, as asserted by the Spanish admiral. It is evident there were no casualties on our side or any damage to the fleet, or he would have been likely to mention them.

Other and unofficial reports state that immense damage was inflicted upon the enemy, that the cruiser Reina Mercedes was badly crippled, and that the Morro, Socapa and Punta Gorda forts were substantially demolished. The havoc wrought by the fleet is further demonstrated by the successful landing of the marines, which appears to have been made at Aguadores, a little to the east of the entrance of the bay. The forts being silenced and the Spanish fleet bottled up, it will be possible

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