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The Spanish Phillipine Fleet Destroyed

Manilla in Possession of the Americans—A Terrible Naval Battle on Sunday—All Quiet at Havanna

A Madrid special, dated May 2, says: Fuller details are coming about the battle at Manila. So far as can now be learned, Commander Dewey passed the forts at the entrance of the bay just before dawn, under fire from the forts, to which he did not reply. At daybreak Fort Cavite opened fire with her heaviest guns and at once the Olympia fired her 8-inch forward cannon in reply.

The firing now became general. Admiral Montejo in the Reina Christina went boldly to meet the foe, engaging with the Olympia. He inflicted much injury, but his ship was set on fire and began to sink, when Admiral Montejo left the flagship for the Isle De Cuba.

As the Admiral was leaving the captain was shot dead by his side and devoted men were falling all around him. The transfer of the flag was a deed of desperate daring, as all the ships of the Spanish fleet were under a terrible fire.

Meantime the fire of the forts forced the American ships, including the Olympia and Baltimore, to withdraw to the west of the bay, where the wounded men were sent ashore out of range of the Spanish fire. Then the Americans returned to the attack, making straight for the crippled Spanish ship. The Spanish gunners stood bravely by their guns and answered shot for shot. The large wooden cruiser Castilla caught fire. The Americans continued to pour shot into her, and to prevent the magazine from exploding the Spaniards scuttled her and the crew made for shore in boats and on pieces of shattered spars. Suddenly the Don Juan of Austria's magazine exploded under a shot from the Americans, in a great burst of flame, and the ship sank. The Spanish gunboat Mendinao and the cruiser Don Antonio Ulloa sustained heavy fire for an hour and then withdrew under the forts, seriously injured.

The crews of the Spanish gunboats showed great heroism. Seeing they were to fall into the hands of the enemy they sunk or set fire to their vessels and jumped into the sea. All this time the forts were firing at the American war ships. The marksmanship was bad.

The American squadron remain in the harbor of Manilla, but it is believed they are not in condition to renew the attack to-morrow, and must retire.

The Spanish fleet has been practically wiped out of existence. The vessels that have not been sunk or burned have either been captured or driven to seek shelter close under the Krupp guns of the Manilla batteries, where they will be taken later.

From all accounts two battles were fought, the first near the mouth of the bay and the second inside. It is probable that Commodore Dewey attacked the Spanish fleet in column formation and that they prepared to meet him in line of battle. Dewey cut the enemy's line in the middle and then turned all his attention to the wings. The Spanish wing not cut off in the first encounter seeing the destruction wrought upon their consorts, made off up the bay under a hot fire from the Americans, who, by this time were ready to deal with them. In the second encounter the Cavite forts maintained a steadier and stronger fire on the Americans than in the first engagement. Our vessels then had come closer to them in order to destroy the remnants of the Spanish squadron.

The Spanish ships not captured are either sunk or aground.

ANOTHER DESPATCH

Manilla May 2 (Monday morning.)—(Special)—The American fleet, under the command of Commodore Dewey, anchored in the bay here at 5 o'clock on Sunday morning at a distance from the Cavite forts. The latter, notwithstanding the long range, opened fire on the Americans and were supported by the Spanish warships which were anchored under the forts. Commodore Dewey then ordered his squadron to close in and delivered an awful cannonade, using his guns of all calibres for thirty minutes. He then withdrew his vessels beyond the range of the smaller guns and poured shells from his big guns upon the Spaniards, inflicting hideous damage. This fire lasted for a little more than a quarter of an hour. The Spaniards, though greatly weakened, continued to reply. Commodore Dewey therefore closed in again and renewed a ceaseless cannonade. After the fight had continued for an hour and a half the Spanish squadron was practically annihilated and all the forts were silenced. Three of the Spanish ships were on fire, one had sunk, and the others were riddled and helpless. After the lapse of a few hours Commodore Dewey, who had withdrawn to the west side of the bay when the Spaniards ceased to reply to his fire, returned to Cavite. He was received with some shots from the land forts, whereupon he again opened on them with a furious torrent of projectiles. In a short time he had silenced them, apparently rendering them totally useless. Then Commodore Dewey demanded the complete surrender of the city, fortifications, munitions and stores. The Governor refused to surrender. When information of the refusal, Commodore Dewey notified the Governor that he would give him twenty four hours to clear out, after the expiration of which time he would bombard the city. This notice expires at 11.30 o'clock to-morrow (Tuesday) morning.

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I have learned the song they sing,
Whom Jesus hath set free;
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With my new-born melody

No sin, no grief, no pain,
Safe in my happy home!
My fears all fled, my doubts all slain,
My hour of triumph come!

O friends of mortal years,
The trusted and the true,
Ye are walking still in the vale of tears,
But I wait to welcome you.

Do I forget? Oh no!
For memory's golden chain
Shall bind my heart to the hearts below,
Till they meet and touch again.

Each link is strong and bright,
And love's electric flame
Flows freely down, like a river of light
To the world from which I came.

Do you mourn when another star
Shines out from the glittering sky?
Do you weep when the raging voice of war
And the storms of conflict die?

Then why should your tears run down,
And your hearts be sorely riven,
For another gem in the Saviour's crown,
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HATTIE WALLACE.

Now that the bicycle season is ushered in the following extract from the law governing the rights of cyclists and those in charge of vehicles will be opportune: (*A.*) In case a person travelling or being upon a highway in charge of a vehicle meets a person travelling upon a bicycle or tricycle, he shall, where practicable, allow the person travelling upon a bicycle or tricycle sufficient room on the travelled portion of the highway to pass to the right. (*B.*) In case a person travelling upon a highway on a bicycle or tricycle overtakes any vehicle or horseman travelling at less speed, or a person travelling on foot, the person travelling on a bicycle shall give to the other person audible warning of his approach before attempting to pass. (*C.*) In case a person travelling or being upon a street or highway on a bicycle or tricycle is overtaken by any vehicle as aforesaid, or horseman travelling at a greater speed, the person so overtaken shall quietly turn out to the right, and allow the said vehicle or horseman to pass, and the person so overtaking the bicycle or tricycle shall turn out to the left, so far as is necessary to avoid the collision.

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