

ANOTHER TRICK

Of the Spaniards That Failed of Accomplishment.

THEY SENT OUT A DERELICT

FROM HAVANA HARBOR LOADED WITH OLD IRON AND EXPLOSIVES, HOPING IT WOULD "BUMP" SOME OF OUR VESSELS. THE WILMINGTON, HOWEVER, KNOCKED THE STUFFING OUT OF THE "TRAP"—THE AMERICAN BLOCKADING SQUADRON WATCHING AND WAITING FOR THE SPANISH FLEET.

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KEY WEST, Fla., May 17.—The United States cruiser Wilmington, commander C. C. Todd, when about thirty miles east of Havana yesterday, fired four shells into a Spanish trap, in the shape of a derelict, sinking it and thus doing away with another piece of Spanish trickery. The commander of the Wilmington had been warned by dispatch boats that some dangerous wreckage was drifting about the spot mentioned, and the cruiser steamed in that direction to investigate the reports. An old Spanish schooner, with her deck loaded to the rails with rusty iron, car wheels, etc., closely packed together, was found floating in the track of the torpedo boats and dispatch boats. The iron-laden schooner had evidently been sent out of Havana harbor in the hope that a torpedo boat or small craft of the blockading force would crash into it and be so damaged as to cause her to sink. As wires were noticed around the iron rails of the schooner, Commander Todd believed the Spanish trap might also contain explosives, and, therefore, laying off a considerable distance from her, his guns promptly sent her to the bottom.

Another commission from Gen. Maximiliano Gomez, the insurgent commander-in-chief, arrived at Key West today. Mr. John F. Jova, the former United States vice consul at Sagua la Grande, who was landed by an American gunboat on the coast of Cuba about ten days ago, was picked up yesterday afternoon after an exciting experience with a Spanish gunboat, which the American gunboat chased into her harbor. Mr. Jova succeeded in reaching the camp of Gen. Gomez and has brought dispatches from the latter to Commodore Watson. He reports that Gen. Gomez and the several thousand troops with him are in the best of spirits, and hopeful of a speedy ending of the present situation. Mr. Jova also reports that Spanish troops are moving westward, keeping in the cities. He made part of the journey along the coast in a small boat, and was being chased by a Spanish gunboat when the American gunboat hove in sight. The Spaniards, though several miles off, fired a number of shots at the American vessel. The latter proceeded to pick up Mr. Jova and two companions of the former consul, and then chased the Spanish gunboat, which promptly scudded for safety into port.

READY FOR THEM.

The American Blockading Squadron Keeping a Vigilant Watch for the Spanish Fleet.

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ON BOARD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH BOAT KATE SPENCER, OFF HAVANA, May 16.—Via Key West, Fla., May 17.—The ships of the American blockading squadron are keeping a vigilant watch for the appearance of the Spanish fleet, and will not be taken by surprise should the Spanish men-of-war round Cape Antonio, the westernmost point of Cuba, and swoop down upon Havana. All our ships have been warned by Commodore Watson of the possibility of such a move, and sailors are kept constantly in the tops, where they can sweep the horizon for thirty miles, looking out for the first sign of a hostile ship.

All the naval officers on the blockade station are anxious for a meeting with the Spaniards, and when informed that the latest reports placed them off the coast of Venezuela, they jubilantly declared that the enemy could be hemmed in between the Windward Islands and the Yucatan channel to be destroyed. The only fear expressed was for the safety of our ships blockading Cienfuegos. But they do not doubt that precautions have been taken for the safety of the ships now on the southern coast of Cuba. The torpedo boats and fast yachts of the auxiliary fleet keep the blockading ships in constant communication with Key West, whence the movements of the vessels are being directed.

The general opinion is that there will be no movement of the army in the direction of Cuba so long as the Spanish fleet remains in American waters, or until it is met and beaten.

The blockade at Havana has been maintained without incident since the Conde Venidito and Legazpi attempted to draw our ships under the big guns of the Santa Clara battery on Saturday evening.

The French frigate Dubourdieu, which entered Havana harbor a week ago after an unimportant incident, which necessitated the firing of two shots across her bows before the Frenchman would show his flag, passed out this afternoon at about 4 o'clock and headed north-west. The Dubourdieu is a long schoolship, carrying six-inch and five-inch guns and one-pounders, besides two torpedo tubes. The Mayflower ran close enough to the frigate to establish the Frenchman's identity, and then stood off. Our flag was not saluted.

The Dubourdieu, like the French sloop of war Fulton, had on board many refugees. She is bound probably for some Mexican port.

The activity along the coast continues. Squads of Spanish cavalry and parties working upon fortifications have been seen daily along the shores, but they have not been molested.

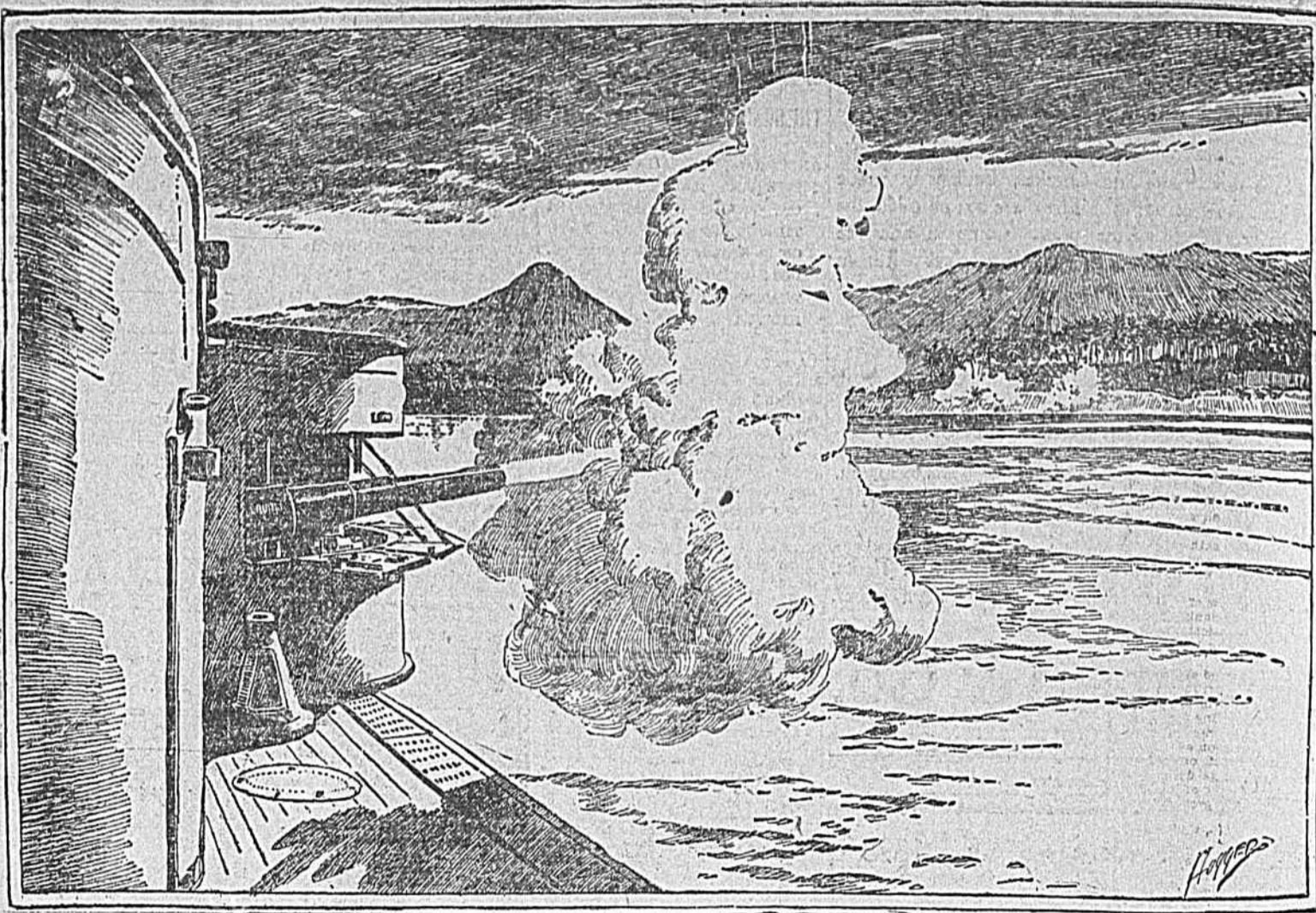
Orders have been given not to expose the small vessels of the squadron to unnecessary danger.

BERNABE'S STAY

In Canada is looked upon with suspicion—His Conduct in Excessive Taste, to Say the Least.

NEW YORK, May 17.—A special from Washington to the Times says: The continued presence in Canada of Polo y Barnabe, late Spanish minister to this country, and the reports which reach here of his activity there in behalf of the Spanish cause, have given rise to the suggestion that it might be a proper proceeding on the part of this government to direct the attention of the British government to the minister's course as a violation of the neutrality laws.

Certain features of the Spanish diplomat's conduct it is known have been brought to the attention of the state department, but there is the slightest possible authority for the assertion that no protest has been sent to the British government, nor is any anticipated. So long as Senor Polo confines himself to talking about this country he will not be interfered with. In countries like England and the United States, where a broad freedom of speech and action



THE CINCINNATI FIRING ON CIENFUEGOS.

This is the first shot fired at the reducing of the forts of Cienfuegos. It was fired by the United States cruiser Cincinnati, which is the flagship of Commodore Watson. The Cincinnati has the reputation of being the "sure shot" of the American navy in Cuban waters.

is accorded to all, it is not to be expected that a censorship of the utterances of any man, especially a foreigner of rank, would be enforced. If, however, Senor Polo should undertake to raise an expedition to attack this country, or should engage in any clearly hostile act, he would be guilty of a violation of the neutrality laws, and the attention of the British government would undoubtedly be directed thereto.

The friendly attitude of England at present leaves no doubt that nothing more than a hint would be necessary. If indeed the Spanish minister has not been requested to withdraw, without any suggestion from this side. It is acknowledged at the state department that, annoying as the Spanish minister's presence on our very border is, it is an extremely delicate matter for this government to handle. The United States has always been very liberal in its attitude in such matters, and the department recognizes that it is in a glass house. It is recalled that Senor Polo's being allowed to stay in Canada can hardly be considered any worse than our allowing the Cuban junta to exist in this country while we were friendly with Spain. Koscisko, it is recalled, was received here, entertained in Washington official circles, and allowed to raise funds. As for England, it is known that London is a hot-bed for revolutionary movements against the continental powers. Under these circumstances it is unlikely that the ex-minister from Spain will be disturbed unless he commits some overt violation of the law of neutrality. It is believed here, however, that public opinion in Canada, which pronounces his conduct most unusual and in execrable taste, will before long drive him out of the country.

ALPHONSO XIII.

The Young King of Spain is not Such a Bad Sort of a Boy—Very Precocious.

King Alfonso XIII, of Spain, born posthumously to the throne of his father, will be twelve years old tomorrow. In deportment he is aristocratic, nay, majestic, and, with manners singularly reserved, gentle and courteous, he is every inch a king.

Picture an extremely delicate child, stunted in growth, of white complexion and fair and silken hair. His beautiful curls were sacrificed not very long ago. They lent to an open, honest and engaging countenance an old-world look which became the boy well. The forehead is prominent and developed—"rather too developed in one so young," phenologists maintain; the nose is pointed, the eyes large and luminous, perhaps too wistful, as though the soul were yearning after the unattainable. His majesty's hands are small; no, too, are his feet, and well proportioned. This mere child of a monarch stands

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erect. He does not walk, he marches, and never so proudly as when he may appear in public in the uniform of a cadet of the infantry school, with a gold collar around his neck, which is an heirloom worn by his father, Alfonso XII, before him in general he wears the boy sailor dress of blue serge or flannel and in the drawing room is at his very best in rich black velvet and costly lace.

Alfonso XIII is adored by his mother, the queen regent, Christina of Hapsburg, and by his magnificent grandmother, Archduchess Elizabeth. He is idolized by his sisters, the Infantas. When, on the opening of the cortes, he drives into Madrid in his golden coach, drawn by six mules, seated at his mother's side, her majesty superb in her diadem and white veil, the people show enthusiastic loyalty.

Opinions differ as to whether the king bears a family likeness to the Bourbons and the Hapsburgs. There are those who aver that he strongly resembles the sons of Charles IV. I have seen the king but for a moment at a time, yet I was at once impressed by his striking likeness to his late father. His only too apparent nervousness, notwithstanding a look of resolution, of intrepidity, pervades his countenance, which is the more engaging because it is enhanced by an expression born of genuine lightness of heart.

From the hour of his birth his royal mother has shown herself to be an extraordinary woman. In her noble self she was determined in the anguish of her widowhood that her Alfonso should not be born a child of tears. Her maternal mission demanded fortitude, mental as well as physical. She would nerve herself to ignore her bereavement, and the boy should inherit his father's joyous temperament. By nature of a melancholy disposition, Christina, in her early widowhood, is said to have fought a brave fight against morbid sentimentality, and to have come off victorious. To chase away care she was bent on her immediate surroundings being transformed so that the objects near her should not remind her too vividly of the past. So she ordered the Miramar palace, in San Sebastian, to be completely restored, and the gardens of the royal palace at Madrid, in the Campo del Moro, were changed throughout. While all these alterations were going on Christina, with her children, took up her residence at the royal castles of Aranjuez and Pardo a la Granja.

Alfonso is reared on principles strictly hygienic. His dress, his food, his walks, his gymnastic drill, his very games, are a stern study. He spends his boyhood in an atmosphere of ease, of soothing isolation. By 10 o'clock at night he is in bed, and he is up and out of doors by 8 in the morning. Astride horses or wheel he is in buoyant spirits, and in his precocity applies himself to his studies with gravity beyond his years. He speaks Spanish, English and French, and is mastering the rudiments of Latin and German. For modern history and the natural sciences he has a decided predilection. On attaining his tenth year several professors were appointed in charge of his schooling. To the teachings of these able men—for they are the pick of the profession in things elementary—he does full credit. In a word, his conduct is exemplary.

I must not let a characteristic anecdote escape me illustrative of the royal boy's precocious powers. One of his tutors, moralizing on the evils of flattery, told him that kings in particular should be on their guard against the silver-tongued voice of the flatterer. They were out riding together a few days later, when the tutor went into estates over the boy's equestrian skill. Alfonso turned in his saddle and called his monitor to task with: "Pray remember, sir, what you cautioned me against. I know how badly I ride."

Alfonso will come to the throne, if the dynasty stands the storm, on reaching the age of sixteen. Thousands despair of his attaining manhood, but then the sanguine argue that, though of delicate constitution, the monarch is admirably nurtured and his health meanwhile is good. In support of this view the young duke of Cilia is taken as an example. In infancy he was puny and his life was despaired of, his parents having been cursed with hereditary disease, but the duke, through paying strict attention to hygiene, escaped his inheritance.

From court circles at Madrid and Vienna the mournful intelligence that the girl archduchess, Natalie, who died in her teens at Presburg, in Hungary, quite recently, and who was cousin-german to Alfonso, was destined to become Alfonso's wife. She was a sweet and gifted child, for whom her paternal aunt, the queen regent, entertained deep affection.

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Governor Tanner was born in Indiana in April, 1844. He began his political career as sheriff and worked up to the position of state senator in an incredibly short space of time. He soon identified himself with the Republican party of Illinois, and was to that state what Tom Platt is to the state of New York.

He fought with great distinction in the civil war and at the close of the war re-entered public life with the zest of a man who has not been weakened by powder smoke. He has fought more battles, politically, than any other living man, and his success is such that even his enemies say of him that "he is a man who does succeed." Governor Tanner is progressive, aggressive and hopeful. He is ever ready to try something new and in the Spanish-American war will distinguish himself along the line of the patriots.

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In former times liniments and plasters sold over all internal remedies, because people mistook effects for diseases, and attacked a pain where they found it. Temporary relief convinced them they were right, and so they laid a return of the pain to a return of the complaint, when in fact, the disease was there all the time. Backache is not an aching of the back, but an aching of the kidneys, and remedies must reach the kidneys, and be perfect in their work at that, before permanent relief is secured. Doan's Kidney Pills are perfect in their work and permanent in their cure. A Backache gives way at once, because the kidneys resume their normal functions and there is nothing to ache. There is nothing so hard to combat as the evidence of our senses, and yet all who believe us on the subject of backache, are glad they did because of the cure.

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BLANCO'S CONSCRIPTION

Is Forcing Cuban Sympathizers Into His Ranks who will Turn on Him.

(Copyright, 1898, by the Associated Press.) KINGSTON, Jamaica, May 17.—The Cuban provisional government has directed insurgent sympathizers not to try to evade in garrison cities General Blanco's conscription order forcing into the ranks of the volunteers all males from fifteen to forty-five years of age.

Refugees who arrived here by the French steamer Fulton from Havana, and who have since been released from quarantine, say that the Cubans in Havana are joining the volunteers by hundreds. Spain is thus arming enemies ready to rise at an opportune time or to desert. The Spaniards in Havana, for a communal police purpose, spy out Cuban sympathizers and cause their arrest.

Eggs there were ten cents apiece.

meat was fifty cents a pound and flour 30c a pound when the Fulton left on May 7.

The Atlas line steamer Adula called for Santiago de Cuba to-day with provisions and to bring back refugees. Three or four schooner cargoes of food leave Jamaica ports for Santiago weekly.

The Death Rate.

While it is quite true that the proportion of deaths from malaria as an immediate cause is proportionally small as cited in annual mortality statistics, yet physicians are thoroughly convinced that it causes malades of a fatal character, and begets dangerous nervous prostration. This malady is eradicated and prevented by Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which also cures biliousness, constipation, rheumatism and dyspepsia.

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