

LA DISADVANTAGE

Ships at Santiago Proves Superiority of Smokeless Powder.

Ships Unable to Do Their Best Work Because of the Obscuring Clouds of Smoke That Enveloped Them.

Later stories from Santiago about the engagement between the fleets of Spain and Cervera dwell with particular emphasis on the convenience and effectiveness of the American gunners the use of the old-fashioned smokeless powder.

Inquiry at the ordnance bureau of the navy department as to the prospects of our warships being supplied with smokeless powder elicited the information that there is no probability of this being done generally for a considerable time to come.

It appears that the chief reason the navy was not supplied with smokeless powder at the beginning of the war was that its ordnance experts were not satisfied with the powder used by other nations, and they were experimenting with a powder of their own.

Two strokes of lightning destroyed the Switch Boxes at the Ends of the Brooklyn Bridge.

Two strokes of lightning cut the trolley companies out of business on the bridge at Brooklyn the other morning. It was 8:45 o'clock and the cars were crowded with people on the way to business in New York city.

The first bolt struck the wires on the south roadway, and danced merrily along until the switch-boxes at the ends of the bridge were reached.

The cars extended over both roadways of the bridge, and in Brooklyn along Fulton street far into the night. No one was reported to be hurt, although many passengers said that they felt the electricity as it played about the wires.

TO FLY AMERICAN FLAG

The Annexation of Hawaiian Islands Adds Materially to Our Pacific Coast Shipping.

Among the vessels which will fly the American flag as the result of Hawaiian annexation are the steamships Aztec, Barrasouts, and San Matso, owned by the Pacific Mail and Southern Pacific companies; the island steamers Mauna, Claudine, Lon and Finaw, and the steam whaler Alexander, now in the Atlantic.

Of 17 schooners to change their colors to the stars and stripes, two, the American and Honolulu, are four masted steel vessels. The others are mostly small craft, engaged in trading among the islands.

How Ireland Might Prosper.

Someone has undertaken to show how Ireland might be made to prosper. There are 2,000 parishes which ought to turn out a desirable total of 5,000,000 annually, which, at a fair average price, would bring in an income of \$24,300,000.

Teaching of Swimming.

Boston's latest innovation is putting swimming in the public school curriculum. All the public school pupils are to be taught to swim, without charge.

Watch Movements.

A watch ticks 107,660,000 times in a year, and they travel 2,558 1/2 miles per annum.

PRESENTED TO THE QUEEN

Thanks Niece of President Buchanan for Kindness to Prince of Wales When in America.

By special request of Queen Victoria herself, Mrs. Harriet Lane Johnston, niece of President Buchanan, was presented at private audience at Windsor castle the other day.

The presentation was made by Mrs. Henry White, wife of the first secretary of the American embassy. The queen chatted for some moments cordially with Mrs. Johnston, referring gratefully to the kind reception given to the prince of Wales on his first visit to Washington, when Mrs. Johnston (then Miss Lane) did the honors of the white house for her uncle.

The queen also alluded to "this terrible war," and expressed the hope that peace would be restored soon. After the queen had expressed hope that her visit to England would be a pleasant one the interview ended, and Mrs. Johnston withdrew.

The prince and princess of Wales also are to receive Mrs. Johnston. It is understood in court circles that it was at the instance of the prince of Wales and with the special view of demonstrating friendly feeling toward the United States that the queen conferred so exceptional a compliment on this American lady.

Mrs. Johnston was charmed with her visit to Windsor and with the tact and good nature of the queen, to whom she had been presented first when Mr. Buchanan was minister to Great Britain.

REDUCED TO A SYSTEM.

Secretary Alger Approves of Postal Regulations Suggested for Distributing Mail to Soldiers.

Secretary Alger has approved a number of suggestions made by the postmaster-general regarding the establishment of a more complete system for the military mail service. These have been embodied in the form of a general order and published for the information of the army. Under the system outlined, the post office department is to keep the supervision and management of the mails; the quartermaster's department of the army is to undertake the transportation within the camp to and from point of departure and arrival, and battalion and regimental adjutants are to be responsible for the correct distribution of the mail.

A post office or branch post office is to be established at every military post or camp created during the existing war, to be under the immediate charge of a postal superintendent. The post office department is to detail for each camp an expert money-order clerk, who is to be fully supplied with all postal requisites. Whenever any military expedition is to be made, the postmaster-general will detail a sufficient force of trained employees of the postal service to accompany it and organize a system of military mail service at any camp.

FOR FIREPROOF WOOD.

Ex-Secretary Herbert Desires the Adoption by the Navy-Proves Its Superiority.

Ex-Secretary Herbert had a conference with Secretary Long the other afternoon upon the subject of fireproof wood for naval construction. He brought with him a formidable array of reports of the naval battle to show that fire was the element that worked the greatest destruction among the vessels of the Spanish squadron, and that what ever American vessels had been hit, even in the case of the tiny torpedo boat, they had escaped such fires because of their woodwork was fireproof.

So impressed was Secretary Long with the statement that he has concluded to reconvene a special board, which was appointed some time ago to deal with this matter, and which has recommended that the use of the prepared wood be curtailed in some measure in American warship building.

ENLISTING MEN FOR ARMY.

Recruiting Officers Notified by Gen. Miles that They Will be Held to Strict Accountability.

Gen. Miles has issued an order notifying recruiting officers that they will be held to a strict accountability for the enlistment of men who may be unfit for the military service. The order is made necessary because of the great number of enlistments of persons unqualified to serve mainly because of their being under the legal age of 18 years. If a recruit after enlistment is rejected or discharged as a minor and it appears that the enlistment was carelessly made the expense incurred may be charged against the pay of the officer responsible.

Doctors in British Army.

Hereafter the officers of the Medical Corps in the British army will be designated Lieutenants, with the intermediate army grades up to the rank of colonel. On reaching the last-named rank, instead of major general, the officer will be promoted to surgeon general.

Mustn't Contain Borax.

The French minister of agriculture has issued a notice that all importations into France of meats containing borax or boric acid will be prohibited.

Needed in Other Cities.

London has now a Society for the Suppression of Street Nuisances as well as a Society for the Suppression of Street Noises.

Watch Movements.

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LOST HER CHANCE.

Sore Disappointment for the Torpedo Boat Ericsson.

Was Ready to Discharge a Torpedo at the Victory When She Struck Her Colors—Helped Rescue the Men.

A special to the New York Herald from Portsmouth, N. H., says: Out of the many "scraps of deeds and duds of daring" that never-to-be-forgotten day of Santiago, the adventures and exploits of the little torpedo boat Ericsson should be brought to light.

The Ericsson was off Siboney when the Spaniards made their desperate sortie, and the torpedo boat went racing down the coast line, steering straight for the thick of the battle. The big battleship Indiana, eastward guard of the blockading squadron, was heading straight for the entrance of Santiago harbor in order to block the return of the flying fugitives in case their flight was balked and they attempted to return.

Through the smoke of her great bow guns the Ericsson darted, plunging into the swirling cloud of the smoke-enveloped fleets.

A hit on the starboard bow a huge hull loomed through the mist of burning shells, and through the whirling white a glimpse was had of the flag of Spain, almost riddled, but still flying.

Over went the helm of the torpedo boat, around swung the torpedo tubes. The long-looked-for opportunity to sink an enemy's ship at last was at hand. Nearer and nearer the great hull loomed through the smoke. At last the mark was fair. Wait for the next roll to plant the splitting mine well under her armor belt. "Stand by!" the order. There she goes over "Hold on, sir," the quick fall from forward as the order to fire is given. "She has hauled down her colors."

And so it was. Cut to pieces by shells, her decks a-shamble and on fire, the Victory had struck her flag. Blindly groping she found a ledge on which to rest her keel, and the Ericsson, intent on her destruction a moment before, came near to rescue. Many of the Vizcaya's men were then in the water. The flagship signaled the Ericsson to range near the Vizcaya and rescue the survivors of the now fiercely burning wreck.

In all the Ericsson picked up nearly a hundred survivors, among them the Vizcaya's commander, Capt. Eulate, of Competitor fame, he being the officer who ordered the execution of the captives of that vessel.

WOULD SEND SON TO WAR.

Mrs. Pullman Trying to Secure for George M. a Commission in the United States Army.

George M. Pullman wants to go to war, and his mother has promised to try to get him a commission in the United States Army.

MAY LOSE VANDERBILTS.

Millionaire society is just now engaged in discussing both sides of the question why the Vanderbilts are gradually drifting to the other side of the Atlantic.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt have taken a chateau on the terrace of St. Germain. The socially learned declare that William K. Vanderbilt has become much enamored of the French race course and that he will forthwith set up a fine Parisian establishment.

At a London club there is a curious pair of curtains. This portiere is formed of hundreds of champagne corks, each of which bears the tin top which adorned it when the cork was in its parent bottle. The corks are made into strings, there being 60 of them to each string. Between every two corks there are three big Chinese beads of turquoise blue.

One Word.

"Llanfair-pwllgwygilly" is a village in Wales that enjoys the privilege of being counted as one word in telegrams.

Bulletin Financier.

Jendi, 28 juillet 1896.

COMPTON D'ECHANGES (CLEARING HOUSE) DE LA NOUVELLE ORLEANS.

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