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## SHORT AND DECISIVE.

### Admiral Sampson Reports the Expedition to Niue a Complete Success.

### The Spanish Cruiser Jorge Juan Destroyed While Defending the Town.

Washington, July 22.—The following message has been received at the navy department:

Playa del Este, July 22.—The expedition to Niue has been entirely successful, although the mines have not been removed for want of time. The Spanish cruiser Jorge Juan, defending the place, was destroyed without loss on our part. The Annapolis and Wasp afterwards proceeded from Niue to assist in the landing of the commanding general of the army on his arrival at Porto Rico.

(Signed) SAMPSON.

The war department has posted the following:

Santiago, July 22.—Adjutant-General Corbin, Washington, D.C., sent two troops of cavalry with Spanish officers and Lieut. Miller to receive the surrender of the Spanish troops at San Luis and Palmas. They had not heard of the loss of Cerro's fleet, or of Torral's surrender. They decline to surrender unless they could come in and see for themselves. The detachment of soldiers and men came in last night and returned this morning, apparently satisfied.

(Signed) SHAFER.

## CALIFORNIA TROOPS ADVANCE.

### To Them Is Given the Honor of Leading the Attack Upon Manila's Batteries.

New York, July 22.—A despatch to the Journal from Cavite, July 19, via Honolulu, says that the California regiment of First California volunteers advanced to-day to Janbo, only two miles from Manila. The California troops have been thrown out by General Anderson to form the advance attacking force. South Manila is to be the objective point.

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## TWENTY TWO ARE LOST.

### Upwards of a Score of Fishermen Drowned at the Fraser Heads.

### The Victims Japanese Who Became Excited and So Sacrificed Themselves.

Vancouver, July 22.—Stevenson was in a state of great excitement last night, for besides the five Japanese known to have been drowned in the recent storm, there are seventeen others missing and it is feared all have lost their lives.

The damage to the fishing boats was heavy, and it is estimated that several American fishers will not cover the bill. The Japanese fishermen, who were with the storm, were not so fortunate. The storm is said to have been the most violent in years, and it sprang up quickly when some two thousand were in comparatively close proximity to each other. The wind drove them together with a violence, upsetting some and smashing others like egg shells.

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## A FLEET OF FIVE.

### Consul Mellon's Commission to Reprovision the Spaniards at Manila.

### Canadian Government Investigating the Story of That Privateer.

Vancouver, July 22.—(Special).—The Canadian and Washington governments evidently think that there is something in the Spanish privateer story, as both governments are taking positive action in connection with the affair. Since the publication of the despatch sent to Washington by Col. Dudley, United States vice-consul here, the American government have been increasing their enquiries.

United States ship Bennington, was at anchor yesterday, and after making further enquiries, left to re-join his ship. Another secret agent of the Washington government is said to be in town, as well as Lieut. Robert, ex-naval attaché at Spain, who was sent out of Montreal by Premier Laurier. This report, however, is unconfirmed.

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## THE CANADIAN CAPITAL.

### Hon. Mr. Foster To Visit the West—The Free Press Gets a New Editor.

Ottawa, July 22.—(Special).—Hon. Mr. Foster returned from New Brunswick last night and leaves for British Columbia on Monday, where he will spend several weeks and deliver a number of addresses. D. C. Fraser, M.P., left for the Northwest to-night. Mr. Fraser has been offered a judgeship in the Territories, but the leaders of the Liberal party want him to remain in politics.

The department of the interior has notified the parties that were going with the military expedition to the Yukon by the Telegraph creek and Teslin lake route, to turn back and meet Ogilvie's party at Ft. Langley or Dyea and proceed along with them.

Dr. Dawson has been advised by Surgeon McEvoy that two Englishmen, brothers, named Church, were drowned in Athabasca river while prospecting near Yellowhead pass.

A. J. Maguire, one of the veterans of the press gallery and for the past ten years the correspondent here of the Toronto Globe, has assumed the editorial management of the Manitoba Free Press.

Ottawa, July 22.—(Special).—The returns of the department of trade and commerce show that this season's shipping totals far exceed those of former years, giving an index of great prosperity. From Montreal all lines are better than in passengers and freight, while Halifax and St. John report very heavy summer business. West Indian trade is so good as to necessitate the chartering of extra vessels, in addition to the ordinary fortnightly services. The demand for Canadian lumber is in the West Indies is growing satisfactorily.

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## HOBBON AT HOME.

### The Young Hero of the Navy Bears Admiral Sampson's Official Report.

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## THE ISLAND OF CUBA.

### Its Features and Resources Discussed by One Who Was Long a Resident.

### Many Resources Have Remained Dormant—Climate Suitable for a Health Resort.

To many intelligent people Cuba even in these days is a sort of terra incognita, and it has seemed to me that a few facts might be of interest. Space, of course, forbids even a resume of its earlier history. Its real development in commerce, production and settlement dates from 1762, the time when Almirante, with an English fleet of over 200 vessels and some 12,000 men, reinforced by an American contingent of 2,300 under Gen. Isagel Fumana, captured Havana. This gave an extensive knowledge of Cuba to the English people and the American colonies, and as a result considerable investments were made in the island by the latter, or three decades following the capture of Havana, and it is safe to say that but for the despicable misgovernment of the island by Spain in our day Cuba would have been one of the most prosperous and productive portions of the globe.

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## GOLD IN SEATTLE.

### Upwards of a Million of Yukon Dust and Nuggets to be Forwarded to Philadelphia.

Seattle, Wash., July 21.—(Special).—Since the opening of the United States assay office here last week more gold has been taken in on deposit than has fallen to the share of Helena in a year. The total for the few days since its opening is in the neighborhood of one million ounces of dust and nuggets representing more than \$1,000,000 worth of gold, a record said to be unexcelled by any similar office in the country.

About seventy thousand ounces of dust were shipped for assay in a single day by the Canadian Bank of Commerce, the bulk of the gold coming from the vicinity of Dawson, Yukon. This gold has been checked by the U.S. assay office, and is in charge of the office for the present. All gold taken in here is shipped to the government mint at Philadelphia.

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## IN THE PHILIPPINES.

### Admiral Dewey May To-day Be Bombarding the Forts of Manila.

### Surrender the Only Avenue of Escape Open to the Spaniards.

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