

Dewey's Own Story of Battle of Manila Bay.

No naval officer of any time was ever rewarded with more extravagant praise than was Admiral Dewey, after he sailed into Manila Harbor on May 1st, 1898, and sank the half dozen old tubs that constituted the Pacific Ocean division of the Spanish fleet. He was hailed as the greatest naval commander of history by the flamboyant American press, and has been trying ever since to live down the foolish talk of his compatriots. Now he has published his autobiography, and it reveals that the man himself was not as rapturous for applause as his fellow-Americans were to give it.

It was not until the third day after the battle that he despatched a revenue cutter to Hong Kong to cable the good news home, nor until her return to Manila on May 11 that the victorious commander began to receive the plaudits of his countrymen for winning the battle that had been fought May 1. He had prudently cut the cable to prevent the Spaniards from communicating with the "metropolis" and incidentally isolated his squadron not only from "orders" but from news. The officers and men of the squadron were unaware that a naval battle had already been fought in Cuban waters. Although they were entirely confident of the event, in case such a battle had been fought, they could not help being apprehensive that the result of it might darken in the public mind the lustre of achievements of their own little squadron in the Far East. "But I had reminded my officers that if ours had really been the first blow of the war, it must be appreciated at home."

The last moments of the battle, when the attacking force already had the victory, but did not know it, were

marked by a curious piece of misunderstanding:

"Cling to the smoke over the Spanish squadron there was no visible sign of the execution wrought by our guns when we started upon our fifth run past the enemy. We were keeping up our rapid fire, and the flagship was opposite the centre of the Spanish line when at 7.35, the captain of the Olympia made a report to the effect that on board the Olympia there remained only fifteen rounds per gun for the five inch battery."

"It was a most anxious moment for me. So far as I could see, the Spanish squadron was as intact as ours. I had reason to believe that their supply of ammunition was as ample as ours was limited. Therefore, I decided to withdraw temporarily from action for a redistribution of ammunition if necessary. For I know that fifteen rounds of ammunition could be shot away in five minutes."

"But even as we were steaming out of range the distress of the Spanish ships became evident. Some of them were perceived to be on fire and others were seeking protection behind Cavite Point. The Don Antonio de Ulloa, however, still retained her position at Sangley Point, where she had been moored. Moreover, the Spanish fire, with the exception of the Manila batteries, to which we had paid little attention, had ceased entirely."

"It was clear that we did not need a very large supply of ammunition to finish our morning's task; and happily it was found that the report about the Olympia's five-inch ammunition had been incorrectly transmitted. It was that fifteen rounds had been fired per gun, not that only fifteen rounds remained."

Healthy and Unwell by Lighting

Gas, it may be said, vitiates the atmosphere. True, but it also helps to purify it. Its purifying power is greater than its vitiating power. Electricity does not viliate, nor does it purify. Hear what three eminent men have said:

Much evidence has lately been adduced to show that gas is more useful than the electric light in promoting efficient ventilation of air. It is for this amongst other reasons that gas is being frequently substituted for the electric light. The latest example is, perhaps, the Society of Medical Officers of Health, which has recently installed gas on its premises, after experience with the electric light.—Dr. Jameson B. Hurry.

He would merely add that no member who had experience of their meeting room under the old conditions could deny the improvement that has taken place since gas had been substituted for the electric light and the new system of heating and ventilation had been installed.—Dr. Reginald Duffield, before the Society of Medical Officers of Health.

I have in my mind's eye, at the moment, a hall which, in the old days was lighted by gas, and in which a large audience could, with comfort sit through an hour's lecture, or with pleasure through a three hours' dinner, but which with the electric civilization had its illumination changed from gas to electricity, the latter being employed with all the latest refinements to effect the light under the best conditions, with the result that any large gathering within its walls leads to a state little short of asphyxiation.—Vivian B. Levy, Professor of Chemistry at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich.—Nov 8, 11

Nine Hundred Per Cent. Dividend—Fortunes in Fox Farming.

Two million sterling is the estimated value of the fox farming industry of Canada—an industry which of late years has increased in importance and wealth to such an extent that people to-day are as anxious to invest their money in fox farms as they were to speculate in rubber shares two or three years ago. And their eagerness to do so will be readily understood when mention is made of the extraordinary dividends which have been paid this year by fox-farming companies.

The latter have been chiefly established in Prince Edward Island, and among the principal companies are the Buntbury, with a capital of £20,000 whose last declared dividend was 250 per cent; Spring Park, with a

Signs of Rain

These signs of rain were written long ago by Dr. Edward Jenner, being forty reasons for not accepting the invitation of a friend to make an excursion with him:

The hollow winds begin to blow.
The clouds look black, the glass is low.
The spout falls down, the spaniels sleep.
The spiders from their cobwebs peep.
Last night the sun went pale to bed.
The moon in halos hid her head.
The heding shepherd heaves a sigh.
For see, a rainbow spans the sky!
The walls are damp, the ditches smel!
Insect is the pink-croft of the night.
Hark, how the chairs and tables crack!
Did Betty's nerves are on the rack.
Loud quacks the duck, the peacocks cry.
The distant hills are seeming high.
The low restless are the snorting swine.
The busy firs disturb the kine.
Sow 'er the grass the swallow wings.
The cricket, too, how sharp he sings.
'uss on the hearth, with velvet paws.
His whiping o'er her whiskered jaws.
Through the clear stream the fishes rise.
And nimbly catch the incautious flies.
The glow worms, numerous and light.
Hummed the dewy dew last night.
At dusk the scurried toad was seen.
Hopping and crawling o'er the green.
The whirling dust the wind obeys.
And in the rapid eddy plays.

The frog has changed his yellow vest.
And in a russet coat is dressed.
Though June, the air is cold and still.
The mellow blackbird's voice is shrill.
My dog so altered in his taste.
Quits mutton bones on grass to feast.
And see you rocks, how old their flight.
They imitate the gliding kite.
And seem precipitate to fall.
As if they felt the grey ball.
'Twill surely rain; I see with sorrow
Our jaunt must be put off to-morrow

Daily Investment News

St. John's, Dec. 11, 1913

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St. Andrew's Sale of Work.

The annual Sale of Work by the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Church was held yesterday in the Presbyterian Hall, and was largely patronized. His Excellency the Governor and Mrs. Davidson, accompanied by Major Davenport, arrived at the Hall at 3.30 p.m. and were received by Messrs. John Syme and W. Frew, Miss Agnes Anderson playing the National Anthem as the Vice-Regal Party entered. The Rev. J. S. Sutherland, Pastor of St. Andrew's, introduced His Excellency, who before declaring the sale open, told some of his early experiences as an advocate of Presbyterianism. After complimenting the ladies who promoted the sale, and wishing them every success in the good work, the sale was declared open. Amongst those present were Mr. D. Baird, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. King, and Mrs. (Rev.) J. S. Sutherland. The absence of the Hon. James Baird, through illness was deeply regretted. The arrangement of the different stalls was quite artistic. Near the entrance were the cake and pudding tables, presided over by Mesdames Lym and R. H. Anderson. The plain and fancy work booths were situated near the stage and Mesdames Skinner and Butler, who were in charge, readily disposed of their goods. The principal attraction was the toy table, which was in the centre of the hall, and contained an endless variety of toys for the little ones. The holders of the tea tables and candy stalls were kept continually busy during the afternoon. At the concert, which began at 8 p.m. a full house greeted the performers. The Rev. Mr. Sutherland acted as chairman in a very pleasing manner. Those who contributed were Mrs. F. J. King, Miss Johnson, Strang, Trapnell, Haulins, Job, Herder, Doyle and Mr. King, while the accompanists were Mrs. Selville, Miss Winkler and Mr. King. The sale on the whole was one of the most successful held for many years, and the promoters of the affair are to be congratulated on the success achieved. The proceeds will be devoted to the Home and Foreign Mission Fund.

Competition at St. Bon's.

St. Bonaventure's College No. 3 of the C.C.C., held the first of a series of section competitions, that will take place during the winter, in the Aula Maxima, last night. The prize offered was a beautiful shield donated by the college through the President, Rev. Bro. Ryan. Great enthusiasm is being shown by the lads who are preparing hard, and the task of judging will be a difficult one. After the contest the entire company parading under Lieut. Halley, were addressed by Lieut.-Col. Conroy, who congratulated the lads on their appearance, the inspecting officer for the competition was Lieut. Summers, of No. 1 Co., and the results will be made known on Friday next when the lads will get their Xmas vacation.

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Caught After Long Chase.


Morris Gutman is Charged With Swindling Seventy Banks.

New York, December 6.—Morris Gutman, indicted here on a charge of grand larceny, ended to-night a 15,000 mile journey begun as a fugitive from justice. Guarded by Bernard Hood, a detective from the District Attorney's Office, Gutman arrived as a passenger on the steamship Van Dyck, from South American ports. He had been arrested in Rio Janeiro after a search by city and private detectives, aided by the state department, which communicated with several Central and South American Governments in the effort to trace him.

Gutman is accused of swindling seventy banks out of \$25,000. Several days before his indictment last summer he fled to Montreal. His disappearance was at first accounted for by explanations by friends that he had committed suicide. When he was finally located in Canada, he fled to New Orleans and thence to Guatemala, Chile, Peru, and across the continent to Brazilian cities. The American Bankers Association was instrumental in having extradition papers prepared. Gutman tried to leap overboard from a ship when Detective Flood arrested him.

Signs of the Time

Several carpenters are complaining of the scarcity of employment in the city at present. Many of them are practically starving, while some few are engaged from time to time making packing boxes for the Water St. Arms, the remuneration for which barely ends to keep the wolf from the door. And still the modern philosphers of the cit speak of the prosperous time, which they measure by the increased number of purchasers of Xmas gifts.



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