

FIRST AMERICAN LOSS.

ONE ENSIGN AND FOUR MEN KILLED.

BATTLE IN CARDENAS BAY.

Three Ships of the Blockading Fleet Enter into an Engagement With the Spanish Gunboats - The Winslow Wrecked by a Shell - The Americans Made the Attack.

KEY WEST, Fla., May 13.—There was an engagement off Cardenas yesterday at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. The United States gunboat Wilmington, Commander C. C. Todd, the torpedo boat Winslow and the auxiliary gunboat Hudson were engaged. One officer and four men were killed and several were wounded.

When the United States gunboat Hudson came up to the government dock at 8 o'clock this morning five dead men were lying on her deck. They were the bodies of Ensign W. Bagley and four members of the crew of the Winslow. The bodies were covered by the stars and stripes.

In the cabin of the Hudson was Lieutenant John B. Bernardou of the Winslow, who is slightly injured in the left leg. Several others of the Winslow's crew who are slightly wounded also came with the Hudson. The names of the dead are: Ensign Worth Bagley, John Varvoris, officer; Joseph Tunnett, cabin cook; J. V. Meeks, fireman, and J. Daniel, fireman.

AMERICANS MADE ATTACK.

The engagement took place inside the harbor of Cardenas. The gunboat Wilmington, the torpedo boat Winslow and the gunboat Hudson were the only vessels engaged. They entered the harbor for the purpose of attacking some Spanish gunboats which were known to be there. These latter, however, were not discovered by the American force until the Spaniards opened fire. The land batteries of Cardenas supported the fire of the Spanish gunboats.

The battle, while it lasted, was terrific. The Wilmington and the Hudson were ahead and opened fire upon the Spanish boats, which were lying at the docks. The firing began at a range of 3,500 yards.

A few minutes later the Winslow came up and also opened fire. In an instant the entire attention of the Spanish gunboats and land batteries was directed upon her.

From all sides shot and shell poured in on the little torpedo boat. The Wilmington and the Hudson still kept up their fire, but they could not turn aside the terrible storm of fire and death pouring in upon the torpedo boat.

KNOCKED OUT HER BOILER.

The crew of the Winslow, however, never faltered for a second. At 2:45 a solid shot crashed into the hull of the Winslow and knocked out her boiler. In an instant she began to roll and drift helplessly. Then there was a moment of awful suspense. A fierce cheer of triumph went up from the Spaniards on the gunboats and in the batteries and again a storm of fire was opened upon the helpless boat.

The gunboat Hudson, which was lying near by, started to the assistance of the Winslow. She ran alongside the torpedo boat and tried to throw a line to the imperiled crew. Up to this time with the exception of one shot, which disabled the boiler of the Winslow, the firing of the Spanish gunboats had been wild, but as they saw the Winslow rolling in the water they sighted closer and the shells began to explode all about her.

TRIED TO RESCUE THE MEN.

It was difficult for the Hudson to get near enough to throw a line to the Winslow's crew, so terrible was the fire all about her. Finally, after about twenty minutes, the Hudson approached near enough to throw a line.

Ensign Bagley and six men were standing in a group on the deck of the Winslow.

"Heave her, heave her!" shouted Bagley, as he looked toward the commander of the Hudson and called for a line.

"Don't miss it," shouted an officer from the Hudson, and with a smile Bagley called back, "Let her come. It's getting too hot here for comfort."

A SHELL IN THEIR MIDST.

The line was thrown and about the same instant a shell burst in the very midst of the group of men on board the Winslow.

Bagley was instantly killed and a few others dropped about him. Half a dozen more fell groaning upon the blood-stained deck. One of the dead men pitched headlong over the side of the boat, but his feet caught in the iron rail and he was hauled back.

Bagley lay stretched upon the deck, with his face completely torn away and the upper part of his body shattered.

AT MERCY OF SPANISH GUNS.

It was a terrible moment. The torpedo boat, disabled and helpless, rolled and swayed under the fury of the fire from the Spanish gunboats.

When the shell burst in the group on board the Winslow, another wild shout of triumph went up from the Spanish boats and batteries and again

a heavy fire was opened on the torpedo boat. Finally, the Hudson succeeded in getting a line on board the Winslow and was towing her out of the deadly range when the line parted, and again both boats were at the mercy of the Spanish fire.

FOUGHT FOR AN HOUR.

The engagement commenced at 2:03 p. m. and lasted for about an hour. The wounded are: R. E. Cox, gunner's mate; D. McKeon, quartermaster; J. Patterson, fireman; F. Gray and Lieutenant J. B. Bernardou.

All are slightly wounded except Patterson, whose condition is serious. Ensign Bagley was appointed from North Carolina on September 7, 1891, and had been out of the naval academy only one year.

At 3:50 p. m. the Hudson managed to get another line on the deck of the Winslow, but there were only three men left at that time to make it fast.

THE WINSLOW TOWED OUT.

The line was finally secured and the Winslow was towed up to Pedras Island, where she was anchored with her dead and wounded on her deck. Then some men from the Hudson went on board the Winslow and took the most seriously wounded men off. Three who were taken on board the gunboat Machias died shortly afterward.

At 9:15 o'clock last night the Hudson, with the dead bodies and some of the wounded, started for Key West, arriving here at 8 o'clock this morning.

THE COMMANDER'S STORY.

Lieutenant Bernardou of the Winslow was wounded in the left leg, but not seriously. Lying in the cabin of the Hudson he told the story of the fight. He said:

"We went into the harbor under orders. The torpedo boat Winslow was the worst injured. She had five of her men killed and I don't know how many injured.

"The Winslow was ordered by the commander of the Wilmington to go into the harbor of Cardenas and attack the Spanish gunboats. We steamed in with full head and were fired on as soon as we came in range. The Spanish gunboats were tied up at the docks and had a fair range on us. The batteries on shore also opened on us, and I think we received most of the fire. I don't know whether any one was hurt on the Wilmington or on the Hudson, but I think not.

"I have no fault to find with the Winslow's crew. They acted nobly all the way through. The men who were killed fell at the same time. We were standing in a group, and the aim of the Spanish was perfect. A shell burst in our very faces."

The success of the American ships in every action thus far has been so overwhelming that it is hard to realize that death has at last come to some of our men.

Ensign Bagley was about 26 years old, and while the fleet was stationed here he was one of the most popular men in the service. The news of his death came as a terrible shock to all who knew him. It has always been a foregone conclusion that the torpedo men were among the first to fall, as their work is most dangerous, but in spite of this, when the fleet was stationed here and changes in assignments were frequently made, all the young men of the service were eager for torpedo boat duty.

The Hudson shows the effects of the fight. Her smokestack is punctured with bullet holes and her cabin and decks are smashed and splintered.

SPY HANGED HIMSELF.

Without Waiting for Trial the Discharged Sailor Took His Life in His Cell.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—George Downing, the Spanish spy arrested here several days ago, committed suicide this morning by hanging himself at the barracks where he was confined.

Downing was discharged from the Brooklyn several months ago and at the time swore that he would make it hot for the navy. It was recently discovered that he was furnishing information about the navy to the Spanish attaches in Canada.

Letters written by Downing were intercepted, giving statistics of the Washington navy yard and promising further information about the new Holland submarine boat.

Little's Successor Chosen.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 13.—James Lewis, editor of the Kansas Graphic, will succeed Ed Little as private secretary to Governor Leedy. Little resigned to attend to his military duties.

Disappointed Bride.

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., May 13.—Mrs. J. B. Lane, formerly Edna Whitney, who became widely known as the "Queen of Labor" by reason of her carnival experience, is again a shaver in a cigar factory. She is now at Gallatin. The Queen married J. B. Lane, a druggist of Stuttgart, Ark., about three months ago and returned here three weeks ago. They could not agree. In view of Mrs. Lane's recent acrobatic, her latest experience has caused quite a sensation here.

The Frisky Tomerario Again.

BUENOS AYRES, May 13.—The Spanish gunboat Tomerario returned to the river Plata, entered the Parana river and is now steaming up that river. It passed to-day off San Nicolas in north of Buenos Ayres province. It is seeking a port to repair damages caused by the last storm. It will probably not stop until it shall reach Paraguay.

Hogs Are Up 25 Cents.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 13.—Top hogs sold for \$4.50 and the bulk at \$4.10 to \$4.25 to-day. On the top sale the advance was 2 1/2 cents and on the bulk of sales 20 to 25 cents.

Echoes in Mammoth Cave.

Our guide asks us to keep silent; then, lifting the heavy, broad paddle with which he has been propelling our boat, he strikes with all his strength the flat side on the surface of the water. Instantly the subterranean thunders of this under-world are let loose. From all directions come rolling waves of sound, multiplied a thousandfold, receding, and again returning with increasing volume, lingering for many seconds, and finally dying away in sweet, far-away melodies. Then, when the last faint sounds have ceased, he agitates the water with his paddle, and asks us to listen. The receding waves, reaching cavities in the sides of the overhanging arches, break the stillness with sweet bell-like sounds. Some notes, striking the key-note of the rocks, multiply the musical melody; some notes are soft and low; others are loud, almost with an alarm-bell clangor. This music, such as cannot be heard elsewhere on earth, gradually dies away in receding echoes, coming over the waters from far-away hidden chambers. The echo is not such as we hear above ground or in buildings, but a succession of receding waves of sound, lasting for about thirty seconds, and adding an indescribable melody to all sounds, whether from shouting or from instrumental or vocal music. "The Mammoth Cave of Kentucky," by John R. Proctor, in the Century.

Artificial Rubies.

In a recent lecture Prof. A. P. Brown of Philadelphia described the methods now practiced for making artificial rubies. Although minute diamonds can be made, with the aid of the electric furnace, none large enough to be employed in jewelry have yet been produced. But rubies of large size, and as fine in color and appearance as the best natural gems, have been made. The ruby is composed of oxide of aluminum. A certain method of detecting artificial rubies is by examination with a microscope. The natural gem is always filled with minute cracks, invisible to the naked eye, but perfectly discernible with a high magnifying power. The artificial ruby has no cracks, but, on the other hand, is filled with minute bubbles, or gas-holes. This test, according to Professor Brown, is the only one by which the best artificial rubies can be distinguished from the same gems as nature makes them.—Youth's Companion.

Church Buried in the Sand.

Engineering Magazine: There are several instances where lighthouses have been increased in height because of the sand which has engulfed them. In one place on the New Jersey coast I once stumbled upon the corner of an old rail fence which had been buried and exposed again on the ocean side. It marked the site of an old field. On the North Carolina dunes, chimneys projecting above the sand belong to the houses of an old fishing village. In France and other parts of Europe villages have been buried. At Soulaire in Gascony a cross was discovered projecting above the sand. Further investigation showed that it was attached to a steeple, and later a well-preserved church of the thirteenth century was excavated. The church is now in use.

Telephone Rates in Switzerland.

The Swiss government has put into force a new telephone tariff. The former charges for the use of a telephone were 80 francs (\$16) per year. The new rate is only 40 francs (\$8) per year. This gives the subscriber connection within the town where he lives. As in the United States, an extra charge is made for connection with points outside the limits of the city or township where the subscriber resides. But these charges are also vastly lower than here. The switching charges, with a three-minute time limit, are as follows: Six cents for up to thirty-one miles, 10 cents up to sixty-two miles, and 15 cents for greater distances.

The World's Alphabets.

The Abyssinian alphabet consists of 208 characters, each of which is written distinctly and separately. The Sandwich islands alphabet has but 12 letters; the Burmese, 19; Italian, 20; Bengalese, 21; Hebrew, Syrian, Chaldee and Samaritan, 22 each; Greek, 24; Latin, 25; German, Dutch and English, 26 each; Spanish and Slavonic, 27 each; Arabian, 28; Persian and Coptic, 32; Georgian, 35; Armenian, 38; Russian, 41; Old Muscovite, 43; Sanscrit and other Oriental alphabets have 50 each; Ethiopian and Tartarian each have 202.

Skates of Glass.

Through persistent experimenting a process has been discovered by which glass can be hardened to the consistency of steel, and its first practical application is being given to the manufacture of skates. The product has so many advantages that it is certain of being a successful competitor of steel skates, it having already withstood satisfactorily all the tests to which it has been submitted. It is of lower cost, much more durable, lighter and faster.

Barred Bloomers Barred.

"Our society," said the young woman who belongs, "has decided that bloomers shall be barred." "How vulgar!" said the girl who does not belong. "They ought never to be in other than solid colors."—Indianapolis Journal.

Caught Her Steady.

A young Maryland widow set a bear trap in front of her smokehouse door, and her first catch was the man who was courting her.

Children's Exercises.

The amount of exercise a child should and youth should be carefully regulated as in many instances ambitious children will far exceed their strength in the effort to avoid being outdone by older and more robust companions. In infancy the almost incessant movements of a baby's limbs show how imperative is the instinct of nature for muscular exercise. Hence it is important not to restrict too much the freedom of infants, and care should be taken to prevent their clothing being too tight to allow ample freedom for the limbs. Even the cry of a young child is often useful as a means of exercising the muscles of the chest, and in moderation must not be discouraged. The best muscular exercise for young children, says a well known writer, is the movement to which they are led by their natural playfulness. They, if left to themselves, will run, tumble and wrestle with each other like sportive kittens. Each limb and every muscle of their bodies will by turns rise and fall, swell, contract and perform all the actions of which they are capable. They are hardly at rest a moment, and each movement they make is of the freest and most graceful kind. Nothing can be more favorable for the development of the muscular system, and, in fact, for vigorous growth and sound health, than the motions of a child in the free indulgence of its playful moods. During childhood and youth efforts should be made to exercise every important muscle of the body, each in its turn, so as to secure for all a complete and symmetrical development and consequently robust health.

Educate Railroad Men.

The Vienna training school for railroad employes, now in its sixtieth year, does not, like the Buda-Pesth institute, prepare men for appointments, but is designed to increase the special knowledge of railroad employes and fit them for promotion. The lower yearly course embraces bookkeeping, traffic geography, railroad technology, description of goods transported, etc., the higher comprising custom-house regulations, railroad law, political economy, traffic statistics and electro-technology. The students are divided into regular and extraordinary classes, and the small expenses of the school are defrayed by the railway companies, which give preference when making promotions to students whose examinations are most creditable.

New England's Early Currency.

The earliest money, or substitute for money, used in the colonies—except, perhaps, small quantities that were brought from England—was the Indian money, known as "wampum," or "wampumpeag," for brevity called "peag." This "peag" was for a long time used as money both among the Indians and the settlers; though it would appear that the Massachusetts colonists had some other kind of money in use, as in 1635 the court ordered that "brass farthings shall be discontinued and musket balls shall pass for farthings."—Exchange.

Perhaps.

Freddie's father had just been struggling with an old fashioned bureau and, retiring disheartened from an unsuccessful effort to open one of its compartments, he moved to the window and looking out upon the lowering sky he exclaimed: "It's mighty strange that the weather bureau can't give us a change of weather." "Maybe," shyly interposed Freddie, "they can't open the bureau drawers."—Boston Courier.



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Goodnight..... Natsume in 'Martha'
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Happy Little Country Child..... Louis F. Hutton
How Will He Ever Catch Them?—Comie..... Fubert
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I Really Don't Think I Shall Marry..... Anon.
Just Such as You Are..... Anon.
Janey in the Orchard..... Hamilton Aids
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