GREAT NAVAL VICTORY

"Fighting Bob" Evans Graphically Describes ing ship. One man, who will be recthe Annihilation of Cervera's Proud Fleet.

coming out of the harbor?" A mothat the enemy' ships were coming out. A gun was fired to attract the attention of the fleet at 9:33 a. m. "Fighting Bob" Evans, the commander of the Iowa, was sitting in his cabin, talking to his son, a cadet on the Massachusetts, who, luckily, had been left behind in a picket launch when the Massachusetts went to Gauntanamo to coal

Capt. Evans' Story. Capt. Evans' account of the battle as told in the cabin of the lowa to a correspondent of the Associated Press, is intensely interesting. He said:

"At the time 'general quarters' was and the Iowa crossed the bows of the Infanta Maria Teresa, the first ship



"FIGHTING BOD" EVANS.

out. As the Spanish admiral sweng to the westward the 12-inch shells from the forward turret of the lowa seemed to strike him fair in the bow, and the fight was a spectacle. As the squadron came out in column, the ships beautifully spaced as to distance and gradually increasing their speed to thirteen knots, it was superb. The lowa from this moment kept up a steady fire from her heavy guns, heading all the time to keep the Infanta Maria Teresa on her starboard bow and hoping to ram one of the leading ships. In the meantime the Oregon, Indiana, Brooklyn and Texas were doing excellent work with their heavy guns. In a very short space of time the enemy's ships were all clear of the harbor mouth, and it became evidently impossible for the Iowa to ram either the first or the second ship on account of their speed.

Fighting at 2,000 Yards.

"The range at this time was 2,000 starboard and the entire starboard ship, but none struck her. The Cristobal Colon, being much faster than the rest of the Spanish ships, passed rap-In passing the Iowa the Colon placed two 6-inch shells fairly on our starboard bow. One passed through the cofferdam and dispensary, wrecking manded by Admiral Sampson. the latter and bursting on the berth deck, doing considerable damage. The other passed through the side at the water line within the cofferdam, where it still remains.

The Dual with the Oquendo,

to ram any of the Spanish ships on ac- ate men, who were being drowned by count of their superior speed, the dozens or roasted on the decks. I soon Capt. Eulate into the cabin to let the lowa's helm was put to the starboard discovered that the insurgent Cubans doctors examine his wounds the magaand she ran on a course parallel with from the shore were shooting on men | zines on board the Vizcaya exploded the enemy. Being then abreast of the who were struggling in the water after with a tremendous burst of flame. Capt.

The battleship Iowa was the first | 1,100 yards, the Iowa's entire battery, ship to see the Spanish fleet coming including the rapid-fire guns, was opout of the harbor on the morning of ened on Oquendo. The punishment July 3. Somebody on the bridge was terrific. Many 12 and 8 inch shells shouted: "What's that black thing | were seen to explode inside of her and smoke came out through her hatches. ment later the lowa was at general Twelve-inch shells from the lowa quarters and the signal was hoisted pierced the Almirante Oquendo at the same moment, one forward and the other aft. The Oquendo seemed to stop her engines for a moment and lost headway, but she immediately resumed her speed and gradually drew ahead of the lowa and came under the terrific fire of the Oregon and Texas.

Torpedo Boats Sighted. "At this moment the alarm of 'torpedo toats' was sounded, and two torpedo boat destroyers were discovered in the starboard quarter at a distance of 4,000 yards. Fire was at once opened on them with the after battery and a 12-inch shell cut the stern of one destroyer squarely off. As the shell sounded the engine bell rang full speed | struck a small torpedo boat fired back ahead, and I put the helm to starboard at the battleship, sending a shell within a few feet of my head. I said to Executive Officer Rogers: "That little chap has got a lot of cheek." Rogers shouted back: "She shoots very well, all the same."

> Daring of the Gloucester. "Well up among the advancing cruisers, spitting shots at one and then another, was the little Gloucester, shooting first at a cruiser and then at a torpedo boat, and hitting a head wherever she saw it. The marvel was that she was not destroyed by the rain of shells. In the meantime the Vizcaya was slowly drawing abeem of the Iowa, and for the space of fifteen minutes it was give and take between the two ships. The Vizcaya fired rapidly but wildly, not one shot taking effect on the Iowa, while the shells from the Iowa were tearing great rents in the sides of the Vizcaya. As the latter passed ahead of the lows she came under the murderous fire of the Oregon. At this time the Infanta Maria Teresa and the Almirante Cquendo, leading the enemy's column, were seen to be heading for the beach and in flames. Th Texas, Oregon, and Iowa pounced them unmercifully. They ceased to reply to the fire and in a few moments the Spanish cruisers were a mass of flames and on the rocks with their colors down, the Teresa flying a white flag at

Enemy's Crews Jump Overboard. "The crews of the enemy's ships stripped themselves and began jumping overboard, and one of the smaller magazines began to explode. Meantime the Brooklyn and the Cristobal Colon were exchanging compliments in lively fashion at apparently long Colon, also paying attention to the Viz- per came from him. Gradually the yards from the leading ship. The lowa's caya. The Teresa and the Oquendo helm was immediately put hard to the | were in flames on the beach just twenty minutes after the first shot was fired. broadside was poured into the lafanta | Fifty minutes after the first shot was Maria Teresa. The helm was then fired the Vizcaya put her helm to port quickly shifted to port and the ship with a great burst of flame from the went across the stern of the Teresa in afterpart of the ship, and headed slowan effort to head off the Oquendo. All | ly for the rocks at Acceradores, where the time the engines were driving at she found her last resting place. As full speed ahead. A perfect torrent of it was apparent that the Iowa could shells from the enemy passed over the not possibly catch the Cristobal Colon, smokestacks and superstructure of the and that the Oregon and Brooklyn undoubtedly would, and as the fast New York was also in her trail, I decided that the calls of humanity should be idly to the front in an effort to escape. | answered and attention given to the twelve or fifteen hundred Spanish officers and men who had struck their colors to the American squadron com-

Saving the Beaten Spanlards. "I therefore headed for the wreck of the Vizcaya, now burning furfously the depth of water would admit I lowered all my boats and sent them at "As it was now obviously impossible once to the assistance of the unfortun-

ing in the water. My boat's crew workmany of the wounded from the burnommended for promotion, clambered up the side of the Vizeaya and saved three men from burning to death. The smaller magazines of the Vizcaya were exploding with magnificent cloud effects. The boats were coming along-side in a steady string and willing hands were helping the lacerated Spanish officers and sailors onto the Iowa's quarter-deck. All the Spaniards were absolutely without clothes. Some had their legs torn off by fragments of shells. Others were mutilated in every conceivable way.

Blood Deep in the Boats.

"The bottoms of the boats held two or three inches of blood. In many cases dead men were lying in the blood, Five poor chaps died on the way to the ship. They were afterward buried with military honors from the Iowa. Some examples of heroism, or more properly devotion to discipline and duty, could never be surpassed. One man on the lost Vizcaya had his left arm almost shot off just below the shoulder. The

diately put a stop to this, but I could 'Adios, Vizcaya. There goes my beaunot put a stop to the mutilation of tiful ship, captain!' And so we passed many bodies by the sharks inside the on to the cabin, where the doctors reef. These creatures had become excit- dressed his three wounds. In the meaned by the blood from the wounded mix- time thirty officers of the Vizcaya had been picked up, beside 272 of her crew. ed manfully and succeeded in saving Our wardroom and steerage officers gave up their staterooms and furnished food, clothing and tobacco to those naked officers from the Vizcaya. The paymaster issued uniforms to the naked sailors, and each was given all the corned beef, coffee and hardtack he could eat. The war had assumed an-

Found Cervers on the Gloucester.

'As I knew the crews of the first two ships wrecked had not been visited by any of our vessels, I ran down to them. I found the Gloucester, with Admirst Cervera and a number of his officers aboard, and also a large number of wounded, some in a frightfully mangled condition. Many prisoners had been killed on shore by the fire of the Cubans. The Harvard came off and I requested Capt. Cotton to go in and take off the crews of the Infanta Maria Teresa and the Almirante Oquendo and by midnight the Harvard had 976 prisoners aboard, a great number of them wounded. For courage and dash there is no parallel in history to the action of the Spanish admiral. He came, as he knew, to absolute destruction. He fragments were hanging by a small he knew, to absolute destruction. There at the wholesale cost of \$5 per carat. piece of skin. But he climbed unas- was one single hope-that was that the which the lapidaries pay, makes the

son's fleet. The Pluton and Terror, they say, kept guard every night inside The Indiana was hit only twice. She

fired no armor-piercing shells except from the smokeless powder six-pounders. The Oregon was hit three times, twice by fragments of shells. The Iowa was struck nine times.

WONDERFUL ORE SPECIMEN. Contains Ten Pounds of Gold and Is

The finest specimen of quartz gold ore ever sent to the State Bureau of Mines, the finest specimen ever seen in Colorado, and probably the finest specimen in existence for that kind of ore was received from the Smuggler-Union mine, Telluride, San Miguel county, last week. It was immediately sent to the lapidary's, from where it emerged neatly cut in two sections, says the Denver Times. The shape of the specimen is that of a triangle, being 81/2 inches on a side and 41/2 inches thick, maximum dimensions. Its weight is 181/2 pounds, of which, experts say, 10 pounds is pure gold. This, at \$18 per ounce, makes the value of this one piece of ore \$2,160. The cutting required three whole days-Saturday. Monday and Tuesday-and four carats of diamond dust were use on it. This

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> "Is there any danger of a boa-con-strictor biting me?" asked a lady visitor at the zoological gardens. "Not the least harm," cried the showners. "He never bites: he swallows his wittles whole."—Tib-Eits.

scent bottle—'let not their precious balms break my head."

Mrs. Lesile in Business Again

An interesting news item to the pubishing world is the reorganization and

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tensive improvements will be made in the printing plant and in all depart-ments of Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly this fall.

A Philippine Heroine.

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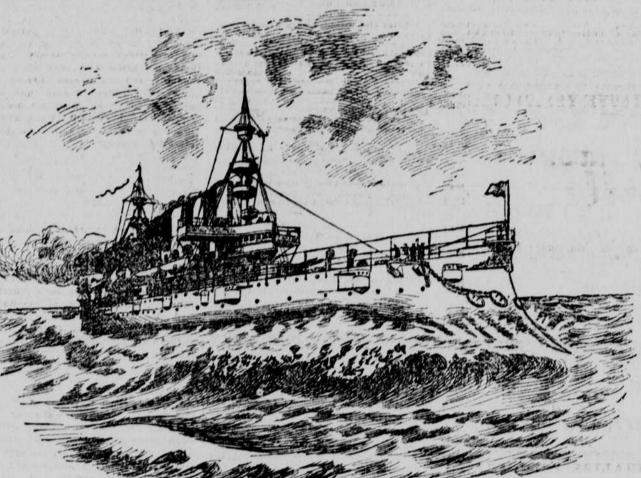
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THE BATTLESHIP IOWA

sisted over the side and saluted as if Cristobal Colon would steam faster actual cost of cutting \$20, exclusive of on a visit of ceremony. Immediately after him came a strong-hearted sailor whose left leg had been shot off above range, and the Oregon, with her loco- the knee. He was hoisted on board the motive speed, was hanging well on the lowa with a tackle, but never a whimmangled bodies and naked well men ordered by Blanco. The same must be accumulated until it would have been almost difficult to recognize the Iowa as a United States battleship. Blood was all over her usually white quarterdeck, and 272 naked men were being supplied with water and food by those who a few minutes before had been using a rapid-fire battery on them.

Receiving Capt. Eulate.

"Finally came the boats with Capt. Eulate, commander of the Vizcaya, for whom a chair was lowered over the side, as he was evidently wounded. The captain's guard of marines was drawn up on the quarterdeck to salute him. and I stood waiting to welcome him. As the chair was placed on the deck the marines presented arms. Capt. Eulate slowly raised himself in the chair, saluted me with grave dignity, unbuckled his swordbelt and, holding the hilt of the sword before him, kissed it reverfore and aft. When I was in as far as ently, with tears in his eyes, and then surrendered it to me. Of course I declined to receive his sword, and as the crew of the lowa saw this they cheered like wild men. As I started to take Almirante Oquendo, at a distance of having surrendered to us. I imme- Eulate, extending his hands, said:

than the Brooklyn. The spectacle of time and labor, which will, of course, two torpedo boat destroyers, paper swell that figure considerably. The shells at best, deliberately steaming | managers of the mine loaned this piece out in broad daylight in the face of the of gold to the State for use during the said of the entire movement. In contrast to this Spanish fashion was the cool, deliberate Yankee work. The American squadron was without sentiment, apparently. The ships went at their Spanish opponents and literally tore them to pieces. But the moment the Spanish flag came down it must have been evident that the sentiment was among the Americans, not among the Spaniards.

High Praise for Cervera.

"I took Admiral Cervera aboard the Iowa from the Gloucester, which/had rescued him from the dead, and received him with a full admiral's guard. The crew of the lowa crowded aft over the turrets, half-naked and black with powder, as Cervera stepped over the side bare-headed. Over his undershirt he wore a thin suit of flannel, borrowed from Lieutenant-Commander Wainwright of the Gloucester. The crew cheered wociferously. Cervera is every inch an admiral, even if he had not any hat. He submitted to the fortunes of war with a grace that proclaimed him a thoroughbred."

Capt. Evans is intensely proud of his ship and her men. The lowa fired thirty-one 12-inch, forty-eight 8-inch, 270 4-inch, 1,060, 6-pound, and 120 1-pound

Fearful Havor on the Vizcaya.

The officers of the Vizcaya said they simply could not hold their crews at the guns on account of the rapid fire poured upon them. The decks were flooded with water from the fire hose and blood from the wounded made this a dark red. Fragments of bodies floated in this along the gun deck. Every instant the crack of exploding shells told of new havoe. One of the 12-inch shells from the lowa exploded a torpedo in the Vizcaya's bow, blowing twenty-one men against the deck above and dropping them dead and mangled into the fire which at once started below. The torpedo boat Erlesson was Japanese that is not particularly sent by the flagship to the help of the known they never utter an oath. The lows in the rescue of the Viscaya's reason for this is that there is no word erew. Her men naw a terrible sight, in the Japanese language which is The flames leaping out from the huge equivalent to an oath. Even the vast shot holes in the Vizcaya's sides licked | number of foreigners who have gone up the decks, sizzling the fesh of the to that country during the last ten ing for help. Between the frequent ex- added to the language have not in the grouns from the men planed in holow. In this respect the Japanese stand rapidity of the American's fire. The earth can, when they stop on a tack, spaniards say that no torpedo houts use a stronger expression than the

fire of a battleship can be described in Trans-Mississippi Exposition only, but one way-it was Spanish, and it was it is probable that, in view of the commotion which it is creating among mining men in the city-no less than twenty having been in this morning to look at the find-they will allow it to remain on exhibition in the Bureau of Mines for some time after the return of the exhibits from Omaha. Messrs. Lee. Langley and White of the bureau are warm in their praises of the state feeling which prompted the donation of this valuable nugget for the exposition. Another point respecting this is the fact that the Smuggler-Union is generally known only as a low-grade ore producer. These pockets, which produce specimens similar to the one at the State House, are numerous, however, throughout the mine, and as high as \$300,000 is said to have been taken out at one fell swoop. In characterizing this specimen Mr. White said: "It is the most remarkable lode gold specimen ever shown up in Colorado, and ac is probable that there is not another like it in the country."

> In the Name of the Prophet. In Morocco everything is sold in the name of the Prophet. The storekeeper, the auctioneer and even the peddler calls upon Mohammed or one of the saints to aid him in disposing of his wares. The auctioneer who sells a slave girl or a rug interlards his talk with many allusions to the Moorish deities. In the streets it is no uncommon thing to hear such cries as, "In the name of Mulai Idriss! Roast chestnuts!" "In the name of our Lord Mohammed A! Hadji! Popcorn! Popcorn!" "In the name of Sidua Ali-bu-Rhaleh! Melons! Nice, sweet melons!" "God is gracious! Beans! Fried beans!" "There be no might or majesty save Allah! Water! Water! Cool water!" To the stranger it would appear as if peddler and prophet were partners in business.

No Profunity in Japan-There is one peculiarity about the counded who were lying there shrick- years and the thousands of new words plosions there came awful cries and | least affected the Japanese in awearing. This carnage was chiefly due to the alone, for all other inhabitants of ever came out to attack Admiral Samp- one used in general conversation,

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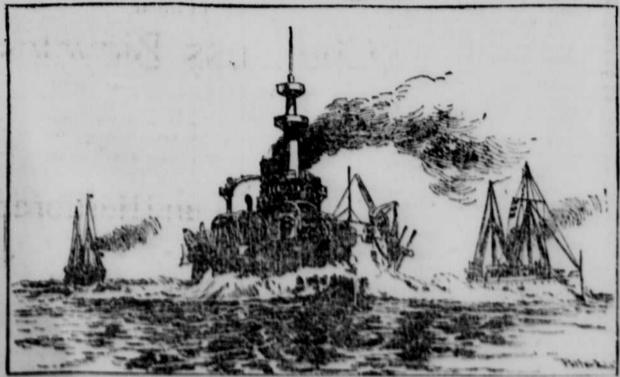


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