SCHLEY WON THE FIGHT

Commodore of the Flying Squadron Took in the Spanish Fleet.

WAS IN THE THICKEST OF THE BATTLE.

Admiral Sampson Saw Her the Way Open to Follow Him by Passing Cardenas Harbor.

On summer in Cuba, Monday, July —The Associated Press dispatch boat, leaving at six Port Antonio, Jamaica, yesterday morning, July 5th, by way of Kingston, Jamaica, July 6—Hurriedly: Admiral Sampson's fleet, July 4—After a chase of more than two hours, the Spanish fleet, closely followed by the Oregon, overhauled the Cristobal Colon and the fight was begun. Captain Cook, of the Brooklyn, went on board of her and the commander of the Spanish cruiser came forward to surrender and we had to take on board the New York which came in sight after the Brooklyn and Oregon had completed the capture of the Cristobal Colon. The battle was extremely damaging to the Spanish ships, as she struck several times as she ran ashore and had to be abandoned by her crew.

During the chase a clever maneuver of Commodore Schley in heading the fleet to Cuba enabled the Brooklyn to cut off the Cristobal Colon and compel her to take a more southerly course with a much greater distance to cover, enabled the Spaniard's lead to be overhauled.

There seems to be no doubt that the Cristobal Colon, had performed her duty, and had expected cruisers would have escaped had it not been for the prompt action of Commodore Schley. The Brooklyn alone was in a position to attack the Spanish vessels, as they left the harbor, and the commodore ordered her to follow them, engaging all the cruisers, inflicting great damage upon them.

The Oregon was the first to join the Brooklyn and afterwards the Iowa, Indiana, Texas and Vixen closed around the Spaniards, all firing as they came in range, the beginning to the end of the fight, the Brooklyn, Oregon and Commodore Schley's flagship bearing a part in the destruction of the enemy.

Captain Cook, of the Brooklyn, was the man who first boarded the Spanish cruiser,