



TO LEAD THE FLEET TO THE PHILIPPINES



Captain Richard Wainwright, It Is Understood In Naval Circles, Will Succeed Rear Admiral Evans as Fleet Commander.

In navy circles it is understood that President Roosevelt intends to make Richard Wainwright, commander of the "Atlantic" fleet, next summer. Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans will reach the age limit of active service, sixty-two years, Aug. 18, and will retire. In July Captain Wainwright will become a rear admiral by the retirement of Rear Admiral William T. Burwell.

According to the best knowledge and belief of the navy and the country in general, the fleet is to make a visit to the Philippine Islands after San Francisco has had a chance to glimpse the salmon hued funnels of the big ships. The cruise to Asiatic-American waters may require a matter of two years. It is advisable, therefore, that a fleet commander be named whose period of active service extends beyond the time limit of the cruise. Captain Wainwright is in his fifty-ninth year. Those who pay attention to these matters hold that the reputed designation of Wainwright to take command next summer signifies the definite intention of the administration to send the fleet to the Philippines. Should Wainwright be placed in command he will be promoted over the heads of several senior rear admirals. This will be merely the carrying out of the president's well known policy of placing in important commands men who have won their spurs, so to speak, in active service.

Richard Wainwright, next to "Fighting Bob" Evans, is undoubtedly the most noted fighting officer in the American navy. Ten years ago, when he gained international fame during the Spanish-American war in less than an hour's fighting, somebody prophesied that our navy was to have a "Fighting Dick" as well as a "Fighting Bob." Thus far Wainwright has escaped this fate. Admiral Evans, it is said, much dislikes the "Fighting" sobriquet, though he does not dislike fighting when that is necessary.

The fact that Captain Wainwright is not averse to fighting when occasion arises was proved conclusively ten years ago the next 3d of July, when he performed an exploit in the waters off Santiago bay which placed his name for all time upon the records of American naval heroes. What Wainwright did on that occasion amazed the civilized world—that is, if the fighting nations of the world may be called civilized. And what was this most amazing exploit? Simply the destruction of two powerful torpedo boat destroyers by a converted pleasure yacht. This craft, which had belonged to the New York Yacht club and had carried many a party of dainty ladies and diletante lads on the annual cruise to New London and

Newport, mounted as armament a few six pounder guns. The torpedo boat destroyers carried fourteen pounders and torpedo tubes, capable of sinking a first class battleship. But this was not all. During a considerable part of the fight Lieutenant Commander Wainwright's pleasure craft was under the fire of the powerful armored cruiser Viscaya, of 7,000 tons displacement, and the heavy guns of Morro castle.

A Memorable Fourth.

Those of us who celebrated the Fourth of July, 1898, by reading the newspaper dispatches telling of the destruction of the Spanish fleet off Santiago harbor the day before may recall enthusiastic mention of Lieutenant Commander Wainwright's feat. If we followed the succeeding newspaper reports we received the full story. It was a story difficult to believe, almost preposterous, and yet it was undeniably true. It supplied the flimsy stuff of which romances are made, and yet in this instance it was fact, not fiction.

For the earlier chapters in this fact romance of American history let us go back four and a half months prior to the naval battle of Santiago. On the night of Feb. 15, 1898, the American battleship Maine, peacefully anchored in the harbor of Havana, was blown up and totally destroyed, causing the death of 266 members of her crew. For several years the Cuban patriots had been at war with Spain, trying to drive the ancient tyrant from the island. There had been more or less talk of American intervention in the matter. Chronic disturbance throughout a large island lying so close to our shores furnished occasion for the belief that the United States might intervene. But there was no actual threat of such interference. The Maine was visiting Havana harbor upon a peaceful mission. By some mysterious agency the battleship was destroyed.

Second in command of the Maine was Richard Wainwright, executive officer under Captain Sigsbee. Last to leave the sunken wreck was Wainwright, who worked heroically in securing the wounded and recovering the bodies of the dead. For weeks after the disaster Wainwright made his headquarters on a small government vessel in the harbor, going daily to the twisted hulk of the Maine, taking out corpses of victims and seeking evidence upon which to base a finding as to what caused the explosion. Wainwright refused to go ashore in Havana. When asked his reason he replied that he preferred to wait until he could go ashore at the head of a landing party in armed conflict with Spain.

Lieutenant Commander Wainwright firmly believed that the Maine was destroyed by a conspiracy of Spanish army or navy officers, though the finding of the court of inquiry was necessarily indefinite. His duties in connection with the Maine ended, Wainwright was assigned to shore duty, much against his will. He sought an independent command at sea, no matter how small might be the vessel. In the course of a few weeks his plea was granted. War was declared against Spain. Many merchant and pleasure vessels were added to our navy in the emergency. J. Pierpont Morgan's yacht Corsair was one of these. The gingerbread work which made it practically a floating home palace was supplanted by something a little more



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warlike, six pounders were mounted, and the Corsair became the auxiliary cruiser Gloucester of the United States navy, with Richard Wainwright in command.

Avenge the Maine.

The Gloucester was on hand in the outer harbor when Admiral Cervera's powerful battle fleet emerged from the channel and tried to make its escape. Two Spanish torpedo boat destroyers, with terrible names, the Pluton and

the Furor, had come across the sea to sink American vessels. When these craft came out from their rendezvous Wainwright's little Gloucester espied them and singled them out for attack. The armored cruiser Viscaya, one of Spain's proudest fighting ships, espied the Gloucester and trained her guns upon the "demoralized" yacht. Guns from the land forts also poured their fire against the ex-pleasure craft. But Wainwright remembered the Maine. He proposed to put the Pluton and the

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Furor out of commission. Though his own vessel was struck and partially disabled, he poured such a penetrating fire into the two Spaniards that one of them caught fire and blew up before she gained the shore for which she fled, and the other was beached by her officers to save the crew from drowning. The Gloucester had bagged the Pluton and the Furor.

"The Maine is avenged," remarked Wainwright to a brother officer peering through his glasses at the wrecks of the destroyers.

A little later Lieutenant Commander Wainwright had the honor of receiving aboard his vessel Admiral Cervera, commander of the defeated fleet, as a prisoner of war. Wainwright received Cervera with chivalric courtesy, but it is not to be denied that the recent executive officer of the Maine felt a thrill of satisfaction whose tendrils trailed back to the deserted hulk in Havana harbor.

Of course Richard Wainwright was from that day forth one of the heroes of the short lived war. With the Santiago naval battle the war was practically ended. Wainwright returned to his native city, Washington, where the secretary of the navy served as spokesman in presenting him with a sword from the citizens in this laconic but significant little speech:

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Some Other Wainwrights.

After the war Wainwright held several high posts in the naval service, including the superintendency of the Naval academy at Annapolis, where his own son Richard, the youth to whom the secretary of the navy alluded in his brief address, was a cadet. Young Wainwright is now a lieutenant in the navy. He is the third Richard Wainwright in direct line in naval service. The father of the officer who is to command the battleship fleet was Commodore Richard Wainwright, commander of Admiral Farragut's flagship, the Hartford. Commodore Wainwright died in 1862. His war record was highly creditable. His young son Richard was a boy in Washington. Two years after the commodore's death President Lincoln appointed the son to a cadetship in the Naval academy. Captain Wainwright has been in the service forty-three years.

In person the future commander of the great fleet is tall and spare, of the rawboned type. In his casual conversation he is not so picturesque perhaps as is "Fighting Bob," who has made several national mottoes in moments of enthusiasm which do not look well in large type unless expurgated is resorted to, which spoils the

mottoes. Captain Wainwright, however, has proved his prowess as a fighter.

ROBERT DONNELL.

ABSENTMINDED CELEBRITIES.

Not only was the late Canon MacColl, the English divine, one of Mr. Gladstone's closest friends, but there was a great similarity between his characteristics and those of the "Grand Old Man." Both men, for instance, were apt to be totally oblivious of everything else when talking on a subject which excited their feelings. It will be a long while before the house of commons forgets the ludicrous spectacle of Mr. Gladstone trying to balance a hat several sizes too small on his head while putting a question to the speaker. Equally funny was an incident which occurred at a big country house with all the guests at luncheon, and Canon MacColl speaking with unquenchable enthusiasm on the Bulgarian atrocities. A plate of stewed fruit was before him, and a magnificent stumpy stood beside with sugar and cream on a salver. The cream had clotted, and when the canon, still speaking, turned the jug over his plate nothing came out. Unconsciously he continued to hold it more and more upside down, while the guests watched him, fascinated. Did he jerk the jug in his enthusiasm or was it only force of gravity that told? Suddenly out came the cream in one mighty splash all over fruit and cloth and canon! And the unforgettable sight was the splendid fork struggling not to laugh!

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The full title of King Chulalongkorn of Siam: "Most high, illustrious, invincible and powerful monarch, crowned with 101 golden crowns, each adorned with nine species of precious gems; greatest, purest and most divine master of immortal souls, who sees all things; sovereign-emperor, under the shadow of whose wings lies the rich and incomparable kingdom of Siam; king to whom is subject the most fruitful of all lands lit by the sun; greatest of lords, whose palace is of fine gold and gems; divine master of the golden thrones and of the white and red elephants, sovereign god of the nine kinds of gods, king who is like unto the sun at its zenith and like the full moon, king whose glance is more dazzling than the orb of the morning, king who is above all emperors, monarchs and potentates of the universe from the rising to the setting sun."

BRITAIN'S MINERAL OUTPUT.

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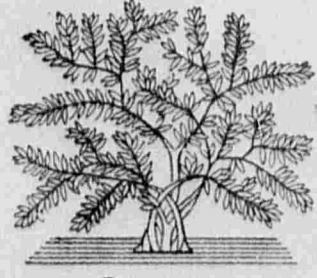
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A PREHISTORIC MEXICAN IDOL.
The grotesque figure shown herewith was unearthed recently in Mexico and is supposed to antedate the sun worshipers of that country. A leading English illustrated paper fancies that in this curious relic there is a suggestion of President Roosevelt. That, however, is only another explosion of British humor.



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BIGGEST PROFESSIONAL INCOME.
The largest professional income in the world is that of Mr. John Hays Hammond, which is no less than \$1,000,000 a year. Larger sums are made by investments or speculation, but no other man receives so much for personal services. Mr. Hammond, whose name became familiar at the time of the Japanese raid, is a mining engineer now living in New York.

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The tiger thereupon sprang into a chilla tree and grasping the trunk

with his fore paws and resting his hind legs on a branch, remained hidden in the foliage for five minutes. Then the dogs were let loose after

the tiger. But he stuck to his seat and would not come down till the dogs, getting a scent of him, jumped up to catch his tail, which was just dangling

over their heads.
Down sprang the tiger on one of the faithful dogs, breaking his spinal cord and wounding another at the glands.

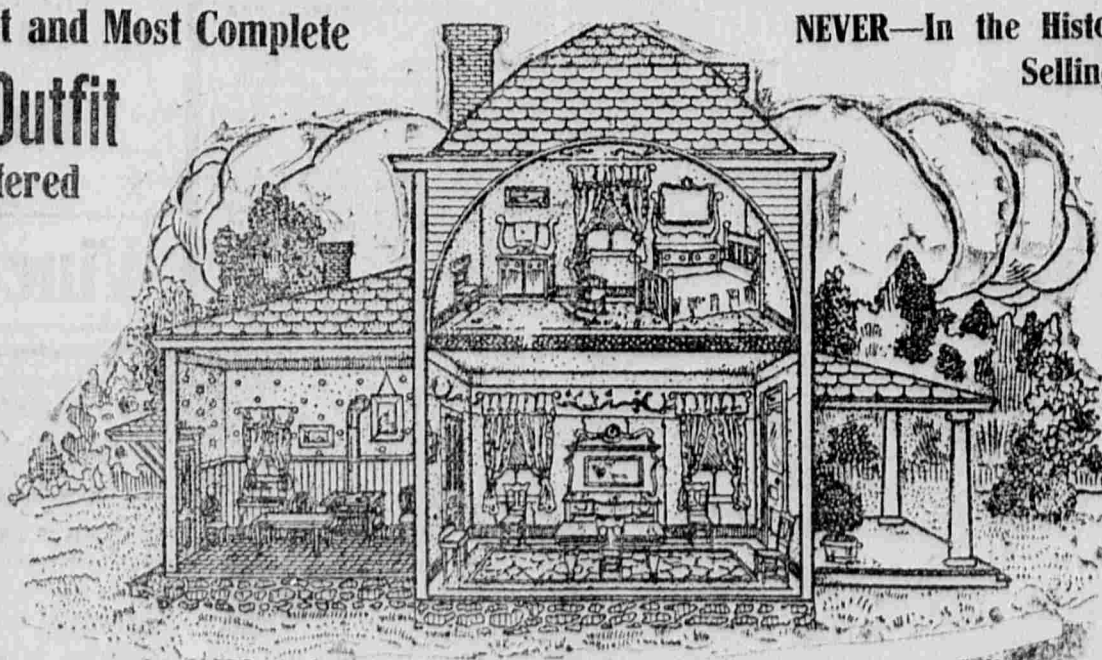
But his onslaught brought on his own ruin through a deadly blow of his highness's new rifle.—(Bombay Gazette.)

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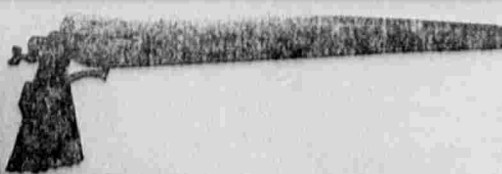
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