

ENSIGN HENRY ALLEN PEARSON

It is a source of considerable pride to the people of Utah to know that they had a naval representative in the great and now famous battle of Manila Bay where Commander, now Admiral Dewey, and his brave men achieved

commander under whose leadership he fought in the Philippines. As heretofore stated in the "News" the Utah referred to is Henry Allen Pearson of Draper, Salt Lake county. The young man is now an ensign in the American navy (an official position ranking with a lieutenant

in the district school at Draper where he showed unusual aptitude for learning, especially in the line of mathematics. On completing his course of study in the Draper school he entered the University of Deseret, and graduated from the normal department of that institution at the age of eighteen. He immediately took up the profession of teaching and followed it for two years in the schools of Salt Lake county. He was given the opportunity of Utah cadet to the United States academy, September 6, 1889, being named by Hon. John T. Calne while that gentleman was serving the people of the then Territory as Congressional representative. For the ensuing four years he pursued his studies with unflinching zeal and graduated with the highest honors June 2, 1893.

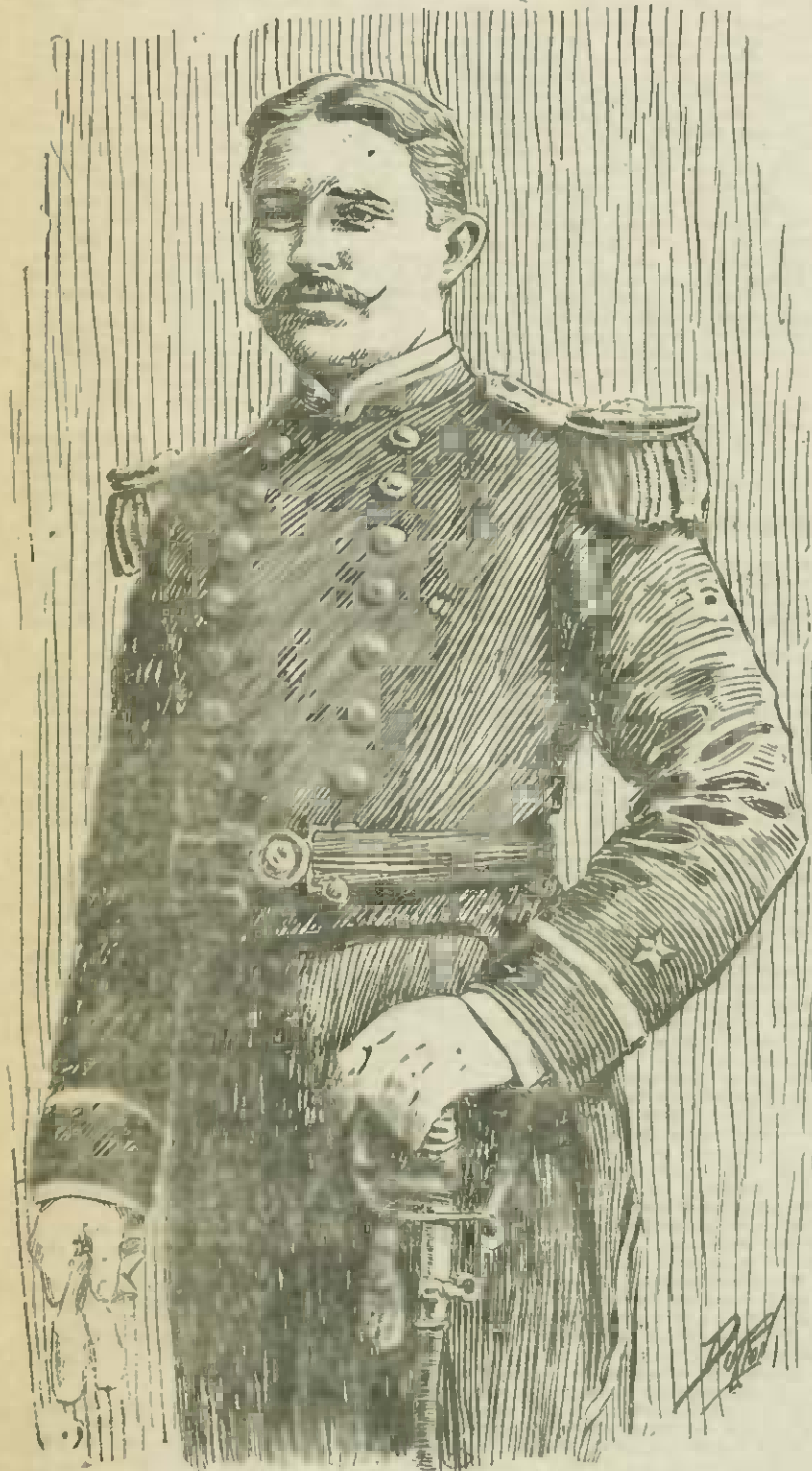
Mr. Pearson was always known as a most exemplary and moral young man, being imbued with a keen sense of right and wrong, following closely the prompting of Christian duty. In physical proportions he is almost perfection itself, the claim being made that no finer formed man graduated from the Annapolis Academy. He weighs just 200 pounds, and is exactly six feet high. He has an easy and graceful movement, and is as strong and brave as a lion. On leaving Annapolis he immediately entered upon active naval life, and quickly distinguished himself for efficient service, ranking particularly high as a gunner of unerring marksmanship. His proficiency in this direction won for him the favorable notice of the naval authorities, and resulted in him being awarded two medals of merit. In 1895 he received a leave of absence, and came to Utah, visiting his parents at Draper, and exchanging greetings with his many friends in this city. His visit was cut short by the receipt of telegraphic orders to hasten to San Francisco and join the Olympia for a cruise in Chinese waters and to protect American interests in that part of the world during the Chinese-Japanese war. During the trouble between these two nations he was given excellent opportunity to study the force and effect of modern warfare. He has not been home since 1895, having remained continuously in Asiatic waters. He wrote his last letter to his parents from Shanghai, under date of April 5th. It was unusually brief and simply stated that the situation was very serious; that he was in the Monocacy at that time, but that he and three other Americans had just received orders from Commodore Dewey to forthwith join him on his flagship, the Olympia, and proceed with the United States fleet for the Philippines. This being true, there is good reason to believe that Ensign Pearson was on the Olympia when the great battle took place in Manila harbor on May 1st. His account of the now historic fight will be awaited with interest. He was made acquainted with Captain Sigbee and the other officers of the ill-fated Maine, and in a recent letter to his father and mother, expressed the profoundest regret and sympathy for the Havana harbor disaster.

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The weather during the week ending Monday, May 9th, was generally cloudy and moderately cool, with gentle and widely distributed rains over the greater portion of the State. Snow fell at intervals during the middle of the week, and averaged in depth from a trace in southern districts to two feet in the eastern and northern sections. Heavy frost was quite generally reported from many localities but no damage is reported.

In nearly all cases the rain was gen-



such a brilliant and overwhelming victory over the Spanish Asiatic squadron. Especially is it a source of pride when it is known that the Utah representative referred to possesses all the attributes of a great naval leader himself, and that he may some day become as distinguished as the gallant com-

mander in the army. He was born at Draper December 24, 1869, and is therefore twenty-nine years of age. His father is a native of Sweden, reared and educated under the tutelage of the Swedish nobility. His mother is a daughter of Utah.

Ensign Pearson as a boy attending