

# HEROES AT BATTLE.

## How the Eight Americans Who Went Into the Harbor to Sink the Merrimac Escaped with Their Lives.

Could Not get Back Through the Storm of Shot and Shell, and Rowed to the Spanish Flagship—Admiral Cervera Offers to Exchange Them as Prisoners of War.

Spanish Claims a Brilliant Victory—Men Were Sent in to Block the Harbor With the Merrimac—Spaniards Demand the Wreck to Clear the Channel—Reported that the Spanish Fleet Will Continue Spanish Campaign.

Washington, June 4.—(Copyrighted.) The Associated Press. The Merrimac and the crew of the ship were saved in the following manner:

After the sinking of the ship, the crew of the Merrimac were taken to the Spanish flagship, Admiral Cervera's ship, and were treated as prisoners of war. The Spanish admiral, under a flag of truce, sent a boat to the Merrimac and asked the crew to surrender. The crew, however, refused to do so, and the Spanish admiral, in a fit of rage, ordered his ships to open fire on the Merrimac. The crew of the Merrimac, however, managed to escape with their lives.

Washington, June 4.—The only ship of the Merrimac that was not captured, the ship was taken to the Spanish flagship, Admiral Cervera's ship, and was treated as a prisoner of war.

Washington, D. C., June 4.—Up to this point, no news had been received at the navy department concerning the fate of the Merrimac.

Washington, D. C., June 4.—A special dispatch from Cape Hatteras and Port of Spain states that the Merrimac was seen in the harbor of Port of Spain, and was being used by the Spanish fleet for the purpose of blocking the harbor.

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# GOOD NEWS FROM SANTIAGO.

## Admiral Sampson Has Six of the Spanish Squadron in the Harbor Unable to Avoid Being Captured or Destroyed.

Official Report of that Fact, and of the Heroic Work of Naval Constructors Hobson and Seven Men on the Merrimac—A Request for Exchange of Prisoners, which Certainly will be Granted.

Washington, June 4.—The navy department has posted the following bulletin: The navy department at 5 o'clock received the following dispatch: Mr. Hall, June 4.—Successful in sinking the Merrimac in the channel of Santiago at 4 p. m., June 3. This was carried out under the command of Naval Constructor Hobson and seven men. By a flag of truce from the Spanish Admiral Cervera, sent in recognition of their bravery, I am informed that all are prisoners of war. They are slightly wounded. I request authority to approve an exchange, if possible, between these men and prisoners at Manila. Six of the Spanish squadron are in the harbor, unable to avoid being captured or destroyed.

## WORK OF THE ASSASSIN WM. J. BRYAN IS A COLONEL.

President Hercules of San Domingo the Air-legend Victim.

DOMINICAN REVOLUTION UNDER WAY.

Report that the Rebels Have Captured the Town of Las Cañas.

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# SEALED ORDERS.

## Five Transports Carrying United States Troops for Cuba or Porto Rico Sailed From Mobile Today.

Steamers: Mattoewan, Stillwater, Breakwater, Aransas and Morgan Carry an Expedition Ostensibly for Tampa, Florida, But Really Moving Under Sealed Orders.

Departing Troops, Consisting of Infantry and Cavalry, Loaded by Enthusiastic Thousands—Procession of Ships in the River, Making an Impending Scene—Men Were All on Board by 10 O'clock Last Night—Horses Unloaded Today—Vessels Pass Out Into the Channel and Disappear from Sight, Leaving Rapidly Over the Water of the Gulf.

Mobile, Ala., June 4.—Five transports carrying the Twenty-fifth Infantry, Third Infantry, Col. Bryan's Troops A, C, D and E of the Second Cavalry, arrived down the Mobile river this morning on their way to Tampa, but really under sealed orders.

The transports were the steamers Mattoewan, Stillwater, Breakwater, Aransas and Morgan.

Scenes of enthusiasm all along the river front, where thousands of people lay the morning, while the transports were being loaded.

The troops were loaded on the vessels by 10 o'clock last night and had a good night's rest. They were all on board by 10 o'clock last night.

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