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Rear-Admiral HANCOCK, on taking command of the *Pacific*, was not long in placing himself on friendly terms with his officers. We hear that his address to them on board the *Repulse* was spoken in a most pleasant and sailor-like manner. They were astonished. Such kindly and cheery words had not been heard from the Commander-in-Chief since Admiral HILLYAR left the ship at Esquimalt. Why cannot all commanding officers make their ships happy in the same way? --
-Army and Navy Gazette.

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