

BILBAO FALLS.

All is quiet in Bilbao on the eve of her final surrender. In the surrounding heights the men of Franco's army lie in wait for the last assault upon the city that has withstood the long weeks of siege. ~~And then~~ --- the battery opens fire! Bilbao is in ruins, like the ~~rest~~ rest of Spain --- a wicked testimonial to the efficiency of high explosive. Overhead the planes roar endlessly while the stream of refugees flows out towards Santander --- the next objective on the insurgent route offers yet a haven from the next terrifying bombardment. It seems incredible that any should be left alive by such an onslaught of bombs and shells, but they are. And there remains the triumphant entry of the victorious troops --- for the victor the cheers. And thus Bilbao fell --- But she like all the rest of Spain to-day, bathes her martial triumph in a pool of blood and tears.

LADY ASTOR.

On a visit to the United States, ~~AMERICAN~~ Lady Astor gave them one of her most vigorous. speeches.