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A STARTLING RECITAL

An Infernal Machine Seen Approaching.

A SAILOR WAS THE NARRATOR

Strong Evidence that an Enemy Caused the Explosion—The Story Lacks Confirmation.

A wounded sailor in the marine hospital at Key West has told a New York Herald correspondent that while looking over the Maine's bow into Havana harbor just previous to the battleship's destruction, he saw an illuminated missile—apparently a torpedo—approaching in the waters, and that before he could give the alarm the explosion occurred. If true, this story settles all doubt as to the destruction of the Maine having been the work of an enemy of the United States.

A joint resolution passed both houses of congress today, appropriating \$200,000 for the purpose of raising the Maine. Until this has been accomplished it is probable that the manner of the destruction cannot be definitely learned.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—The Herald this morning prints the following from Key West.

"I learn on undoubted authority that one of the Maine's sailors who was taken to the marine hospital, out of gratitude for the kind treatment and careful nursing received from surgeons and attendants, has broken the seal of silence enjoined by his superior officers before leaving Havana, and makes statements, the truth of which cannot be doubted, and which points to the deliberate destruction of the vessel.

"The sailor, whose name for obvious reasons is withheld for the present, says he was on watch on the forward deck shortly before the explosion occurred. While looking over the Maine's bow into the waters of the bay he saw a black object slowly approaching the vessel. The object, whatever it was, was apparently illuminated and emitted smoke. He suspected something wrong and started to communicate the fact to the officer of the day, when the explosion occurred. The Maine was reared in the air and he was thrown to the deck stunned and bleeding.

"He also says that simultaneously with the raising of the Maine he saw the steam launch which was moored alongside of her, also thrown out of the water. This was before the second explosion in the Maine's magazine was felt, and which sent her to the bottom."

Colonization Scheme.
NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—One of the greatest colonization schemes the world has ever seen was practically begun yesterday when John Jacob Astor started for Honduras. He left here in a private car for Palm Beach, where his yacht, Normanhall is in waiting. Mr. Astor goes in the interest of a syndicate recently formed.

The syndicate has also started a national bank in Honduras, erected light-houses, established a revenue-cutter service and begun the extension of the Honduras railroad to the Pacific ocean. It has taken charge of the custom-house on a guarantee to the government of one million dollars, and has already confiscated eighteen thousand dollars worth of smuggled goods.

Mr. Astor will go direct to the capital.

The new railroad has already reached the great coffee belt and there will be a colony formed there in which every man will have a chance of fortune. Only men with families, with some little money, with practical experience and with the best of reputation will be taken. To them will be given concessions of land, importation of implements, etc., and up to a certain point financial aid will be given them.

The details of the colonization plan is not perfected, and will not be arranged and made public until after Mr. Astor's return, in March.

The Maine to be Raised.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—A resolution offered in the senate by Hale appropriating \$200,000 for raising the battleship Maine and saving what property could be saved, was passed by the senate without objection, being amended so as to authorize the secretary to direct that the remains of the officers and sailors be brought to the United States for interment.

The house passed a resolution similar to that passed by the senate relative to the Maine.

The vessel with her stores, guns, ma-

terial, equipment, fittings and appurtenances cost approximately \$5,000,000. As an illustration of the value of single items which may have escaped serious injury, it may be said that the 10-inch guns, of which the Maine carried four, were worth, with their mounts, \$43,500 each.

The sinking of the Maine will be made the subject of an immediate and exhaustive inquiry, and congress will be fully advised as to the result of such investigation.

GLOOMY VIEW OF THE SITUATION.

Japanese Times Thinks China is Forming Trouble.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—A Herald special from Yokohama says:

The Japanese Times takes a gloomy view of the Eastern situation. The following is from its leading editorial:

"Things are in a state of suspense. Will the threatened storm pass away without occasioning any actual explosion? Nobody should answer in the affirmative. We should say that the real dangers of the situation have yet to be faced. What these dangers will be it is not easy nor safe to foretell, but we may state broadly that they will disclose themselves when the time comes for Japan to act the hero part on the stage."

The Times speculating as to the probability of Japan refusing China's request for time in which to pay the war indemnity, continues:

"If our neighbors succeed in raising the money before that time it will be all right, but should their efforts be unsuccessful then would be the inauguration of operations in the Eastern crisis. Under the development of events, things may easily come very near to the point of explosion. China's failure to find money will open a new scene in the drama, a scene which will be of more lively interest than anything thus far enacted."

\$100 Reward \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the disease and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY, & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

The New Irish Bill.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The house of commons was crowded today when the first lord of the treasury, Balfour, introduced the Irish local government bill. In so doing Balfour said he thought it possible the new order of the things would at first seem a failure, but he believed it would work through failure to the success which it deserved.

In a recent letter from Washington, D. C., to an old friend, Major, G. A. Studer, for twenty years United States Consul at Singapore, says: "While at Des Moines I became acquainted with a liniment known as Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I found excellent against rheumatism as well as against soreness of the throat and chest (giving me much easier breathing. I had a touch of pneumonia early this week, and two applications freely applied to the throat and chest relieved me of it at once. I would not be without it for anything." For sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

To Raise the Maine.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—The Commercial Advertiser says:

It was reported at the navy-yard today that Naval Contractor Bowles is to be sent to Havana to superintend the work of raising the Maine.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Always Proves Effectual.

There are no better medicines on the market than Chamberlain's. We have used the Cough Remedy when all others failed, and in every instance it proved effectual. Almost daily we hear the virtues of Chamberlain's remedies extolled by those who have used them. This is not an empty puff, paid for at so much a line, but is voluntarily given in good faith, in the hope that suffering humanity may try these remedies and, like the writer, be benefited.—From the Glenville (W. Va.) Pathfinder. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

Overproduction of Oil.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21.—It is stated that the overproduction of oil in the Los Angeles oil fields at the present time is nearly 500 barrels a day.

POLISHING UP OF GUNS

Warlike Preparations are Being Made Generally.

TROOPS UNDER MARCHING ORDERS

More Men for Fortifications—Extra Drills at the Various Forts—Guards for Big Guns.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Since Friday morning Fort Sheridan, where the Fourth infantry and the First cavalry are stationed, has been in a state of the utmost activity. Soldiers have been polishing their weapons, arranging mess kits, grooming horses and preparing generally to march at a moments notice. Colonel Robert H. Hall in command of the fort, yesterday received one telegram among many messages which caused him to take action. He at once ordered that general preparations for a possible immediate summons be made. Accordingly every man at the fort was set to work. Every man of the 700 soldiers at the fort busied himself arranging his army belongings. Every man has been supplied with ammunition sufficient for 100 rounds of shot. This is in both cavalry and infantry. Orders were issued to the soldiers to turn defective weapons into the ordnance department, and new ones have been supplied. Today final preparations, in compliance with the orders, were completed, and those stationed at the fort were in readiness to receive orders of any character.

A New Spanish Plot.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—There is a curious discussion in the Spanish press as to the possibility of confederating the Latin republics of South America with Spain against the United States. El Pais contends that the Spanish republics are weak through isolation, and that if united in a military and diplomatic alliance, they would be the first power in the world in territory, the second in population, and their armies and navies would have sufficient power to insure respect.

The papers point out that the jealousies of the republics prevent them from taking the initiative, but Spain, it is claimed, ought to urge her diplomats to approach the republics with the view of combining for the defense of Latin interests, endangered by the intrusion of the Anglo-Saxons.

El Pais thinks Spain's advice would not be disregarded if she warned Latin America against the United States, adding:

"For it is well known that the greedy Yankees, once the Panama canal is opened to the world's commerce, will do all which their perfidy can suggest to wrest it from the Latin countries of Central America, even as England did the Suez canal. Tending in this direction is the desire of the Americans to secure Cuba."

In conclusion El Pais says: "The advances of the United States in the sea of the Antilles are preliminary steps in the blockade and occupation of the canal."

Referring to the Latin American countries, the Spectator, in a long article, points out that there is no doubt of the existence of an understanding between France and Spain, which has lately been strengthened, and says:

"There are well-informed people who believe that in the autumn, when the United States and Spain almost collided, the United States found there was a stiffness in the Spanish attitude which could only be accounted for by the fact that Spain knew she could appeal to a power which could not neglect her demands for help."

The Sunday review expresses the belief that France allowed the United States to understand, indirectly, that considerations of importance to her would not allow her to see Spain treated in an unfriendly manner, and that a Spanish appeal to France must result in the latter's intervention. The Saturday review believes that this accounts for the "way the United States shrank from putting in practice the treatment of Spain suggested in the original protests of the Washington government." The Spectator understands that if France had not helped Spain, the latter would have applied for assistance to the dreadnought, with almost a certainty of success.

A Gale at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 19.—A severe storm of lightning and wind struck New Orleans today. The gale was so heavy that the rear of the city sheds were knocked down, chimneys toppled over,



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Both the method and results when Syrup of Figs is taken; it is pleasant and refreshing to the taste, and acts gently yet promptly on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels, cleanses the system effectually, dispels colds, headaches and fevers and cures habitual constipation. Syrup of Figs is the only remedy of its kind ever produced, pleasing to the taste and acceptable to the stomach, prompt in its action and truly beneficial in its effects, prepared only from the most healthy and agreeable substances, its many excellent qualities commend it to all and have made it the most popular remedy known.

Syrup of Figs is for sale in 50 cent bottles by all leading druggists. Any reliable druggist who may not have it on hand will procure it promptly for any one who wishes to try it. Do not accept any substitute.

CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.
LOUISVILLE, KY. NEW YORK, N.Y.

trees uprooted and fences laid low. One man was seriously injured by lightning. Telegraph and telephone wires were down in many quarters. Forty thousand dollars would be a rough estimate of the loss.

A SUBMARINE MINE DID IT.

Scovel Says the Forward Magazine is Still in Tact.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—A copywright cablegram to the Evening World from Sylvester Scovel under date of today, from Havana, says:

"The consensus of opinion of those who have studied the wreck closely is now that the wreck was caused by a submarine mine. The forward magazine, it is now generally supposed, is in tact, also the forward six-inch magazines. This leaves only a few saluting charges and a few small-caliber shells in the pilot-house which could possibly have exploded aboard the ship. At the same time, the fearful damage is too great for anything but an extremely large torpedo. If it were true, the divers will find the torpedo, fragments, but if it was a submarine mine, no trace will be found. All of the American officers are internally doubting. There is no one of them, from Captain Sigbee down, who is not fairly convinced a submarine mine did it. The Spanish dailies are loudly clamoring 'accident, accident' when the entire fact is known that the entire middle deck, which was blown straight up, never had an ounce of ship's powder under it, and that was where the first flame was seen."

Consumption Positively Cured.

Mr. R. B. Greeve, merchant, of Chilhowie, Va., certifies that he had consumption, was given up to die, sought all medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies he could hear of, but got no relief; spent nights sitting up in a chair; was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery, and was cured by two bottles. For past three years has been attending to business and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the greatest remedy ever made, as it has done so much for him and also for others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery is guaranteed for Coughs, Colds and consumption. It don't fail. Trial bottles free at Blakeley & Houghton's drug store.

Denver & Pacific Sold.

DENVER, Feb. 21.—Special Master Cornish today sold under first mortgage foreclosure the road and appurtenances of the Denver & Pacific Railway and Telegraph Company. The property was bought by Lawrence Greer on behalf of the reorganization committee for \$2,000,000. There was no other bidder at the sale.

WARNING:—Persons who suffer from coughs and colds should heed the warnings of danger and save themselves suffering and fatal results by using One Minute Cough Cure. It is an infallible remedy for coughs, colds, croup and all throat and lung troubles. Snipes-Kinersly Drug Co.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve
Cures Piles, Scalds, Burns.

MAGAZINE UNINJURED

Divers Report a Startling Discovery.

NEW LIGHT THROWN ON THE CASE

Explosion Shown to Have Come From Without or From the Central Portion of the Vessel.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—A Key West special says:

It is learned from what may be considered a semi-official source that divers sent down on behalf of the United States to examine the wreck of the battleship Maine, have made a preliminary report of their work.

Incredible as it may seem, it says that after a practical examination of the magazines of the Maine, the divers report that the one in which the explosion is supposed to have occurred is in tact. According to the correspondent's informant, the contents of the magazines are uninjured. Therefore, if this is true an entirely different aspect is given to the terrific explosion which brought death and destruction to the Maine on the 15th inst.

This report reaching Key West, it is said, caused the members of the court of inquiry to decide to proceed to Havana and begin their investigation at once, instead of organizing the court here. At any rate, the lighthouse tender Mangrove, with the court of inquiry onboard, left for Havana yesterday evening. Upon reaching Havana the court will make a personal examination of the wreck, and will then take testimony regarding the loss of the vessel. When the Mangrove sailed it had not been decided where the board would convene, but Admiral Sigsbee told a press correspondent this evening it would probably meet on board the Mangrove or the Fern, the supply ship of the North Atlantic squadron, which is now in Havana. The admiral added that the court would, in all probability hold another session in Key West before its final conclusions are reached.

The Day in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The galleries were filled today when the senate convened, the crowd of spectators doubtless being attracted by the probability of further debate upon Cuban affairs or matters connected with the catastrophe to the battleship Maine.

Hoar introduced a joint resolution directing the transfer of valuable historical records from several departments to the national library.

Allen introduced the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the committee on naval affairs be and is hereby directed to make a thorough examination of the destruction of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor on the 15th inst., and report to the senate."

The resolution was passed without a word of debate.

In the House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Under the arrangement made last week while the bankruptcy bill was being debated, today in the house the time was given up to the consideration of privy bills.

Magazine Keys Found.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—A Havana dispatch says:

The divers have only made three descents to the wreck of the battleship Maine. Captain Sigbee's state documents were rescued from a private drawer in his cabin. The keys to the magazines were found just above the hook over the head of the captain's bed, the usual place. They had been floated upward by the rising of the mast of the berth.

About 100 of the Maine's heroes are yet in the wreck.

To Sound International Organs.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The invention has been announced of a phonoscope, an instrument of wonderful value in studying the conditions of the internal organs of the body. It is declared by physicians to be a wonderful advance on the old stethoscope. The phonoscope conveys to the physicians sounds made by the internal organs, thus telling him whether or not they are in a perfectly healthy condition.

Prescott Hotel Burned.

PRESCOTT, ARIZ., Feb. 21.—A disastrous fire occurred here last night resulting in the total destruction of the Johnson hotel. The house contained between twenty and thirty guests and the fire made such rapid headway before being

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discovered that it resulted in almost total loss of nearly everything, and many had hairbreadth escapes. While no fatalities occurred, many were seriously injured.

Annie Pierson, a chambermaid, made the discovery and remained in the third story awakening the guests until the flames cut off every avenue of escape by the stairways, and she then was compelled to crawl through a window to the roof, where she was rescued very badly burned.

The Shakers of Mount Lebanon, a community of simple, honest, God-fearing men and women, have prepared the Shaker Digestive Cordial for many years, and it is always the same, simple, honest, curative medicine that has helped to make the Shakers the healthy, long-lived people that they are. The Shakers never have indigestion. This is partly owing to their simple mode of life, partly to the wonderful properties of Shaker Digestive Cordial. Indigestion is caused by the stomach glands not supplying enough digestive juice. Shaker Digestive Cordial supplies what's wanting. Shaker Digestive Cordial invigorates the stomach and all its glands so that after awhile they don't need help. As evidence of the honesty of Shaker Digestive Cordial, the formula is printed on every bottle. Sold by druggists, price 10 cents to \$1.00 per bottle.

Through Tourist Cars to St. Louis.

A tourist sleeping car will leave Portland every Monday via Missouri Pacific and every Wednesday via the Burlington route at 8 p. m.; and The Dalles at 11:45 p. m. via the O. R. & N., through Salt Lake and Denver, without change to St. Louis, and under the supervision of experienced conductors. No change of cars to Kansas City or St. Louis.

Keep this service in mind when going East and consult O. R. & N. agents or address
W. H. HURLBURT,
Gen. Passenger Agt.,
Portland, Or.

How to Look Good.

Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver be inactive, you have a bilious look; if your kidneys be affected, you have a pinched look. Secure good health and you will surely have good looks. "Electric Bitters" is a good Alternative and Tonic. Acts directly on the stomach liver and kidneys. Purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches and boils, and gives a good complexion. Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at Blakeley & Houghton's drug store. 50 cents per bottle. 5

J. M. Thirswend, of Groesbeck, Texas, says that when he has a spell of indigestion, and feels bad and sluggish, he takes two of DeWitt's Little Early Risers at night, and he is all right the next morning. Many thousands of others do the same thing. Do you? Snipes-Kinersly Drug Co.

The cigars manufactured by S. F. Fouts are all high grade goods, and are placed before the smoking public entirely on their merits.

Smoke the popular brands, Prize Medal, Rose Queen and Guarantee. For sale by all first-class dealers.

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