

DIVERS STILL WORK

Slow Progress Being Made in the Inquiry.

THE COURT IS NOW AT HAVANA

Divers Expect to Find a Number of Bodies Today—A Contract for Raising the Battleship Made.

No startling developments in regard to the disaster to the battleship Maine were reported at Washington today. Divers are still at work about the wreck, and a New York wrecking firm has been awarded a contract to raise the sunken battleship, the work to begin at once.

Captain Sigbee has ordered that no efforts be spared to recover the dead bodies still remaining in the wreck as promptly as possible.

The court of inquiry is prosecuting its investigations at Havana, but can accomplish little until the divers have made a full report as to the result of their examination of the Maine.

HAVANA, Feb. 22.—Consul-General Lee and members of the United States court of inquiry on the loss of the battleship Maine called this morning on Captain-General Blanco and Admiral Monterola. When these ceremonies were ended the court returned to the United States lighthouse tender Mangrove and resumed its session. It is believed that a number of bodies will be recovered from the forward part of the Maine today. A majority of the bodies left are understood to be those of the firemen, and many of them are said to have been mutilated in the struggle for life, which the divers say must have been fearful.

It is announced that 1600 Spanish regular troops arrived at Santiago de Cuba Saturday.

The military commander of Guanabacoa has ordered a suspension of public festivities as a mark of respect to the Maine's dead.

To Raise the Maine.

New York, Feb. 22.—The Merritt & Chapman Derrick & Wrecking Company today signed a contract with the government to raise the battleship Maine. Their most powerful tug, the Monarch, now at New York, will proceed at once to Havana. The Monarch will be followed by other tugs, and the work will be begun as soon as possible. Two expert divers with all necessary appliances will accompany the Monarch on her trip.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Details of the wrecking expedition of the Maine have been completed. The tug Right Arm will proceed at once to Key West with three divers and the wrecker's underwriters. The mammoth tug Monarch will follow with an equipment of one hundred men.

Spanish Inquiry Ended.

New York, Feb. 22.—A dispatch from Madrid says: The Spanish admiral commanding Havana telegraphed that the Spanish official investigation into the catastrophe of the Maine has terminated, and that the first examination made by official divers has shown up to the present that the explosion was accidental, and positively not produced from any outward cause.

Elder Safe at Nantamo.

NANTAMO, B. C., Feb. 22.—The overdue steamship George W. Elder, of the Portland-Alaska line, has arrived here on her down trip with all well on board.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS.

The Senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—A bill to increase the artillery two regiments passed the senate this afternoon by a vote of 52 to 4.

The senate passed a resolution directing the committee on naval affairs to ascertain if a ship to be equal to any in the world and to be named the George Washington can be built within one year in the United States ship-yards.

The House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The house today refused to adjourn over Washington's birthday, and took up the sundry civil service appropriation bill. The general debate is to close at 5 p. m.

Under the latitude allowed in the general debate of appropriation bills,

Representative Johnson, Republican, of Indianapolis, created somewhat of a sensation by a speech opposing Hawaiian annexation.

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Shooting Was Justified.

New York, Feb. 24.—Herman Hinz, a Texas cowboy, who was tried in the Kings county court last week for manslaughter in causing the death of his brother-in-law, Otto Diehl, whom he shot in January, in Brooklyn, has been discharged.

Hinz argued that the shooting was done in self defense. His trial lasted four days. The jury deliberated more than nine hours, and at the end of that time stood ten to two for the acquittal of the prisoner.

Hinz shot his brother-in-law for cruelty to his sister.

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Storm at Honolulu.

HONOLULU, Feb. 22.—One of the most severe storms ever experienced in Honolulu took place on the morning of the 12th. The wind developed into a hurricane, and the rain came down in torrents. Thunder was terrific and lightning followed in quick succession. The storm reached its height at about 4 a. m., when the velocity of the wind was over fifty miles an hour. Considerable damage was done generally.

Consumption Postively 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 grandest 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.

Concession Made.

OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—The Canadian government has decided to permit Canadian goods to be shipped from Vancouver and Victoria in American vessels without duty by St. Michaels to the Yukon for the coming season. An order to that effect has been sent to the custom office on the coast. The order applies to the Yukon route by St. Michaels, and does not include the points of Skaguay and Dyea.

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One Minute Cough Cure, cure. That is what it was made for.

TREACHERY'S RESULT

Several Naval Experts Express the Opinion.

A CONTINUATION OF THE INQUIRY

Consul-General Lee said to have Warned American Families to Leave Havana.

As the investigation into the cause of the disaster of the Maine progresses the opinion that the explosion was the result of treachery appears from the reports of newspaper correspondents to be gaining ground. No official report regarding the inquiry has been made at Washington, and none is likely to be made for at least a day or two.

A New York World correspondent telegraphed that the situation at Havana is becoming intense, and that Consul-General Lee has advised Americans not necessarily detained there to leave for home at once.

New York, Feb. 23.—A dispatch from Havana says:

The situation in Havana is more grave than it was a week ago. Although the officers of naval board of inquiry preserve an impenetrable reserve, it is learned that some of the best naval experts now believe that the explosion was the result of treachery. They do not believe that Spanish officials were parties to the conspiracy. From evidence now in their possession they believe the Spanish government, General Blanco and all his military subordinates, are guiltless. It is believed to have been the work of a fanatic.

Consul-General Lee has informally advised Americans not necessarily detained here to leave for home at once. Many of the families will sail by the Olivette tomorrow. This is an indication that those on the ground realize the possibility of trouble arising suddenly and their absolute inability to protect women and children should any such outbreak occur.

THE WORK OF THE DIVERS.

Chances of the Accident Theory Being Sustained are Remote.

New York, Feb. 23.—A dispatch from Havana says:

The further the inquiry into the cause that led to the Maine disaster proceeds the more remote appears the chances that any evidence will be discovered to show that the disaster was due to an accident. Those divers who penetrated into the forward part of the wreck found that the whole forward end of the ship, from a point just abaft the forward turret, had been twisted by fifteen or twenty degrees to starboard. That part of the vessel was a wilderness of debris and curled and twisted plates. The sharp, jagged edges of some of the plates added danger to the difficulties of the divers. In some instances they almost cut through a rubber tube which supplied the divers with air.

One important discovery made was the position of the bodies found in the wreck, 100 of which were found floating about in the torn compartments. A full score of these were examined by my informant. All of them were in hammocks and all had their arms curled upward. They looked as though they had been startled by some sudden shock of danger, and were in the act of reaching up for their hammock hooks to swing themselves on deck when death came. This seems to confirm all that has already been said about there having been two explosions—the first startling the men into the act of rising from their hammocks, and the second dashing out their lives.

Before the explosion the 10-inch magazine was located on the starboard side, forward and beneath the forward turret. What is left of the magazine seems to have been driven toward the port bow in a diagonal and upward direction.

The 6-inch magazine, which had its location in the port side, forward, was buried in a direction directly opposite to that taken by the 10-inch magazine. One of the copper cylindrical tanks of the 6-inch magazine was found by the divers in the wreck of that structure. It contained no powder charge.

The theory of the two explosions is borne out by the testimony Senor Antonio Cabalero, a tobacco dealer of Havana. Senor Cabalero was crossing the bay in a ferry-boat at the time of the

explosion. He was familiar with the craft and was pointing out to a group of friends on the ferry-boat her peculiarities. There came just at that instant, he says, a dull report from the forward part of the ship, the upheaval of a geyser of water about the boat, followed almost instantly by a terrific roar and a blinding flash of light. He is positive about the first explosion, and says that it was noticed by his companions. This statement of his came to the ears of the board of inquiry, and last night an officer was sent to Senor Cabalero to ask him if he would appear as a witness before the court. He announced his willingness to do so.

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A Series of Explosions.

MEXICO, Feb. 24.—F. C. McDonald and Edward M. Fowler, of New York, who were passengers on the City of Washington at Havana at the time of the Maine explosion, have arrived here. They say that there seemed to be a series of explosions in quick succession.

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

Will Sail for Alaska.

TACOMA, Feb. 24.—The Midnight Sun is the name of a tiny craft that is about to sail from Tacoma for Alaska. The boat is 24 feet long, 6 feet wide and 2 feet deep, and is flat-bottomed.

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.

J. M. Thirwend, 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 Bitters at night, and he is all right the next morning. Many thousands of others do the same thing. Do you? Snipes-Kinnersly Drug Co.

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NOTHING SUPPRESSED

Cause Not Known to the Navy Department.

A STATEMENT BY SECRETARY LONG

Rumor that Secret Advice of a Disquieting Nature Have Been Received.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Secretary of the Navy Long today in answer to inquiries as to whether the department was suppressing information concerning the disaster to the Maine, wrote the following:

"No telegram has been received from either Admiral Sicard or Captains Sampson or Sigbee, since yesterday afternoon, and this department has received no information with regard to the Maine disaster which has not already been made public. The department is awaiting the result of the inquiry, and judgment should be suspended until some official information has been received here."

Reports from Havana have not changed in any degree the view of high officials of the government as to the probable cause of the disaster to the Maine. It can be stated on the highest authority that absolutely nothing of a disquieting nature has been received at the White House, nor is news of any character expected until the court of inquiry has completed its investigation and submitted its report. It can also be stated on authority not to be questioned that the public has been fully informed as to all matters connected with the disaster of the Maine, which have come to the knowledge of the government. Nothing has been withheld of the least public interest, and this policy will be continued until the problem has been solved and the whole truth brought to light. It is known the government has not received any information from an official source tending to show with any degree of certainty that the explosion was caused by the work of enemies to this country.

No orders have been issued as yet for any vessel to go to Havana to replace the Maine.

THE DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

The Day in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—At the opening of today's session of the senate, the chaplain prayed that in this momentous hour of our history the blessing of the Holy Spirit might rest on the president and vice-president of the United States, both branches of congress and all the people of the country. He prayed that the honor and dignity and rights of our country might be upheld.

At the conclusion of the morning business, the vice-president laid before the senate Allen's resolution, which was laid over from yesterday. Allen said that, being satisfied from the vote on his resolution yesterday, the fate of this resolution was quite well sealed, he would withdraw it from further consideration of the senate.

Hansbrough called up the bill extending the homestead laws and providing for the right of way for railroads in the district of Alaska.

Rawlins objected to consideration of the matter at this time, as it was a subject too important to be taken up hastily. Hansbrough then moved that the bill be taken up, and Rawlins demanded the yeas and nays. It was decided to proceed with the measure. After a brief, desultory discussion, Hansbrough consented not to press the bill until Spooner of Wisconsin had delivered a speech on the Corbett case. Spooner made a legal argument in favor of the admission of Henry W. Corbett to the senate. He said that as a lawyer he felt he had no higher or better right to a seat in the senate than Corbett.

In the House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The sundry civil appropriation bill was taken up in the house again today. Sayers offered an amendment to increase the epidemic fund by two hundred thousand dollars, but it was lost.

Maine Men are Discreet.

HAVANA, Feb. 24.—The stories published in the Spanish newspapers that the United States naval officers at Havana are talking too much are unfounded. It would be impossible to find more discretion than is shown by all from captain to cadet. Even the men, wounded or unwounded, are careful of what they say, lest an indiscretion in talk should lead to serious action. Captain Sigbee's private letters have

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been recovered. His gold medal from congress and the diplomatic order of the Red Eagle given to him by Emperor William I of Germany, for his invention of a deep sea apparatus, have not been found.

New Trapeze Feat Performed by a Girl of Seventeen.

A pretty little acrobat has introduced a new sensation to this country, says the Boston Advertiser. She climbs to a lofty perch, lies flat on her face upon a smooth plank, with her feet resting against a velvet-covered block of wood attached to the string of a huge cross-bow. Then she stiffens her body, extends her hands in front of her and cries "ready." A catch is pulled, the string of the bow sings as it cuts the air, and little Alar is hurled, as rigid as a steel bar, head first through a paper target at which she had been carefully aimed, and sails through the air in a graceful curve to the other side of the big tent, where, just as she begins to descend, she is caught by another woman, who swings head downward, hanging from a trapeze, which oscillates in such a manner that, just at the right moment, it brings the dangling woman within reach of the flying girl, and just as the spectators are wondering whether the little one is going to land and how badly she will be hurt, they see her safely dropped into a comfortable and inviting pair of arms.

Maier & Benton's steel range drawing will come off on the evening of March 1st at 8 p. m., instead of February 28th as advertised. On account of the early closing the change has been made. Those who haven't a chance on the steel range had better avail themselves of the opportunity and buy one dollar's worth of goods, which entitles them to a chance on the steel range. MAIER & BENTON.



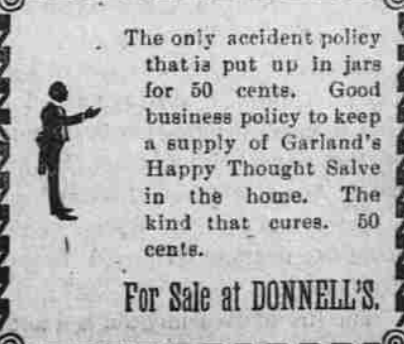
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