

WORK NEARLY DONE

Court of Inquiry Finishes Taking Testimony.

WILL LEAVE HAVANA TONIGHT

The investigation to be completed in a session which will be held at Key West.

The battleship Maine court of inquiry has practically completed its investigation as to the cause of the explosion, having completed its inquiry at Havana. The court will now return to Key West to examine a few civilian witnesses, whose testimony can be of little importance, and to draft a report for submission to the navy department.

No hint as to the cause of the Maine disaster has yet reached the department at Washington. Correspondents of New York newspapers, however, continue to assert that the result of the divers' examination proves beyond the question of a doubt that the Maine was wrecked by a torpedo submarine mine.

HAVANA, Feb. 25.—The United States lighthouse tender Mangrove is still here, and the naval court of inquiry continues its usual session today. Its members hope to get away to Key West late this evening. It is probable the testimony of civilian witnesses will not add to the courts' knowledge of the circumstances attending the explosion.

The wounded are reported as doing well today.

The wrecking tug Right Arm is engaged in removing such parts of the wreck as it is possible to handle in advance of the arrival of strong tugs and derricks from the north. It is believed the divers from the fleet and the Right Arm will remain at work when the Mangrove leaves. The Fern will be the only United States vessel in the harbor after the Mangrove goes.

Explosion Came From Beneath.
NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—A special to the Herald says:

There is no longer any reason to doubt that the explosion which wrecked the Maine came from underneath the vessel, and that her magazines had nothing to do with the initial explosion and played a much smaller part in the great disaster than was at first supposed.

The evidence that has served to convince the board was obtained by Ensign Powellson, an officer attached to the Fern. Mr. Powellson was formerly in the construction corps, and took a two-year course in the Glasgow school of naval architecture. He is therefore a competent witness.

What he discovered was that the forward part of the keel of the Maine, with its ribs and plates, was stove upward so far that part of the shattered double bottom show out of the water and in places sections of the green-painted outer hull are visible. Corroborative of the evidence given by Powellson and of equal significance and importance is the result of the close examination made by the divers. What they found indicates that the explosion came from a point beneath the boat.

Wants an Assay Office.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—A memorial sent by the committee appointed at a mass meeting of the citizens of Juneau, Alaska, to Chairman Stone of the house committee on coinage, weights and measurements advocating the establishment of a United States assay office at Juneau instead of Seattle or Portland has reached here.

It makes important statements about the Alaskan situation, saying among other things:

"A conservative estimate of the annual bullion output of Juneau, from its quartz mines alone, is about \$3,000,000, produced from approximately 650 stamps. Within twelve months the number of stamps in operation on lands tributary to Juneau will exceed 1100, and the annual bullion production exceed \$5,000,000."

Night of Horror.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Passengers on the steamship Concho that has just arrived from Havana, say that the night of the disaster was horrifying from the evidence that the wreckage bore of the power of the explosion and the carnage wrought. Buzzards hung about the wreck, the Spanish officers making no

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effort to drive them away, though their presence was sickeningly offensive.

Spaniards who rowed about in boats did not conceal their satisfaction at the American warship's fate, and sometimes were seen shaking their fists at the flag that hung at half-mast above the bulk.

FAST ON A ROCK.

Alaska Steamer Pakehan Comes to Grief in the Entrance of Nainaimo Harbor.

Another vessel of the Alaska fleet, this time one sailing from Vancouver, has come to grief. The steamer Pakehan, the heaviest laden vessel that ever left Vancouver for Skagway, is fast on a besconed rock at the entrance to Nainaimo harbor and within 500 yards of the ensom-house, according to a dispatch to the Seattle Times.

The news of the Pakehan's mishap was brought to Vancouver by the steamer Chieftain, which plies between that port and Nainaimo, whose captain went to the rescue of the Pakehan and with three other tugs tried for two hours to pull her off, but the tide fell so rapidly that it was no use, so the Chieftain proceeded on her way.

As the Pakehan was sticking fast on the rock, which is three hundred feet long, and resting on it amidship, and being so near land there was no danger. The rock was beacons, and how she went onto it is a mystery.

The captain of the Chieftain said it would be a miracle if she was not riddled with holes when the tide fell a few feet more. Agents of the steamer at Vancouver say they know nothing of the accident at present.

A later dispatch from Vancouver states that the Pakehan was floated at high tide, and that she was thought to be not seriously injured.

The Discovery of the Day.

Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for Consumption, Colds and Coughs. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is no experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and today stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottles at Blakeley & Houghton's drug store.

Money to Buy Warships.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Bromwell of Ohio introduced a resolution in the house today appropriating \$80,000,000 for the purchase of war vessels whenever in the judgment of the secretary of the navy it shall become expedient for the best interests of the country to take such a course.

Cash in Your Checks.

All county warrants registered prior to Nov. 22, 1893, will be paid at my office. Interest ceases after Feb. 16th, 1898.
C. L. FULLER,
County Treasurer.

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BILL MUST BE PAID

If Proved the Maine Disaster was not an Accident.

SPANISH GOVERNMENT'S LIABILITY

Secretary Sherman Outlines the Policy of the Administration—American Burial for the Victims.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Secretary Sherman spent some time at the capitol today. He talked freely with the senators concerning the situation at Havana, in view of the Maine disaster. He told them that no important news, additional to the information previously received had reached the state department in the past few days, but stated that the situation was being considered with a view to having a policy developed, in case the naval court, now making an inquiry into the disaster, should find that it was not the result of an accident. To this, he added the statement that he thought an indemnity would certainly be demanded, and if so, a good round sum would be asked for. The secretary did not think the Spanish authorities were aware of the intention of anyone who may have caused the explosion, but he advances the opinion that whether they were or not, the Spanish government would be liable for indemnity if it was shown that any Spaniard had caused it.

A member of the cabinet, in speaking today of the attitude of the president on the question of the war with Spain, said:

"President McKinley is giving thoughtful and earnest consideration to every phase of the Cuban situation as it appears, but he will not be jingled into a war or act in anticipation of events which may never occur. He fully realizes what war means, and will not go to the last direful extremity without the approval of his conscience and a firm conviction that such a course would be right in the sight of God and man. But whenever the honor and integrity of the nation or its people become involved, the president may be depended upon to do his whole duty, and to do it promptly."

Expert Alger's Views.

When the attention of Philip Alger, expert of the bureau of ordnance, was called to Senor du Bose's statement, he said:

"The statement is important as representing the position taken by Spanish officials, who have absolute knowledge of whether or not Havana Harbor was mined. It is, of course, improbable that such mines existed, since it is not customary to plant torpedos in harbors at all, and especially not in harbors constantly occupied by friendly vessels. Should it be possible to prove Senor du Bose's statement to be true, the whole theory of the Maine's destruction by a torpedo will become untenable, in my opinion. But the only proper course now to be pursued is to await patiently the report of the board of investigation and to accept its findings as conclusive. When the first news of the catastrophe arrived, it was important to allay all excitement by pointing out the fact that the possibilities were in favor of an accident. Nothing that has yet been known tends to a modification of this view. It is still vastly more probable that the case was an internal one than that it was an external one. It seems, however, to be the present feeling that the accident theory casts a reflection upon the navy, and also that its acceptance would be hurtful to the navy's interests. The contrary seems to me to be true. The wit of man has not yet devised an instrument of destruction which accident may not turn against a friend with an effect equal to that which it was intended to produce upon an enemy. Accidents will sometimes happen, and it is self-evident that the force of explosives carried by any warship will always be sufficient to destroy her if accidentally set on fire.

"If it was an accident, its cause may be ascertained and a repetition guarded against. If the modern battleship can be as easily destroyed by an enemy as the advocates of the torpedo theory believe, then perhaps it might be claimed, with some show of reason, that such ships should no longer be built. But to condemn battleships because an accident may destroy one of them would be to act without reason.

Thurston Opposed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—During the greater part of the senate's session today, the right of Henry W. Corbett to a

seat from the state of Oregon was under discussion. Thurston, in an extended speech, opposed the admission of Corbett, while Foraker, Kyle and Mantle supported Corbett's claim. The vote on the case it has been agreed, will be taken on next Monday at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The pension calendar was cleared by the passage of several private pension bills. A few bills of general character were also passed.

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.

Lane County's Institute.

EUGENE, Feb. 26.—The Lane county teachers' institute was in session here today. Although only one day was given to the institute, every moment of time was improved to the utmost, and an unusually large number of prominent educators from various parts of the state were present. Tonight President Hawley of Willamette university lectured before the institute.

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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.

No Mine Near the Maine.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—A World special from Madrid says:

Admiral Terry, secretary and chief-of-staff of the minister of marine, says: "The harbor of Havana contained no submarine mine in the vicinity of the place where the battleship Maine and the Spanish cruiser Alfonso XIII were anchored.

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.

Arrested for Manslaughter.

BAKER CITY, Or., Feb. 26.—Officer James L. Baisley, who shot and killed William S. Johnson, alias "Omaha Bob," was today arrested on a charge of manslaughter.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject is narrated by him as follows: I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at Blakeley & Houghton's drug store.

You can't cure consumption but you can avoid it and cure any other form of throat or lung trouble by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. It cures quickly. That's what you want. Snipes-Kinnersly Drug Co.

CLAIM WAS NOT VALID

Vote on the Question Stood Fifty to Nineteen.

THE MATTER HAS BEEN SETTLED

The Senate Has so Decided in the Case of Hon. Henry W. Corbett of Oregon.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—A vote on seating Corbett as senator from Oregon was taken on the amendment declaring him entitled to a seat. It was defeated by a vote of fifty to nineteen.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—In the senate today consideration of the Corbett case was resumed.

Bacon of Georgia addressed the senate in opposition to Corbett's claim. He felt that it was extremely unfortunate that in this case the senate was not controlled by partisan motives, because he thought it ought to be understood by legislatures that they must perform their duties or the onus of their failure should fall upon their states.

Barrows of Michigan followed with an extended and elaborate argument in opposition to the seating of Corbett. He maintained that the governor of the state has no authority to fill an original vacancy.

The House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The sundry civil appropriation bill, consideration of which was resumed in the house today, displaced regular District of Columbia day, which, by consent was postponed until next Monday. Before the house went into the committee of the whole, Bull of Iowa, Republican, chairman of the military affairs committee, asked unanimous consent for the consideration of a resolution providing for an investigation by a joint committee of the house and senate of expenditures for river and harbor work at Savannah, Jan. 1, 1892.

Cox of Tennessee, Democrat, called attention to the fact that the subject was being investigated by a court-martial now sitting in the case of Captain Carter. Until the court-martial returned its findings, he saw no necessity for a congressional investigation. He therefore objected, and the resolution was referred to the committee on military affairs.

The sundry civil appropriation bill, after a protracted debate as to railroad influence in the last national election, was completed in committee of the whole, and on Cannon's motion reported to the house.

No Decision Reached.

KEY WEST, Feb. 28.—The United States court of inquiry into the loss of the battleship Maine in the harbor of Havana, February 15, began its session here today. Officers and civilians here who believe the reports from Havana saying that the court had already decided that the loss of the Maine was the result of treachery, have apparently changed their mind, for today the question is "What has the court found?" while yesterday one heard all around "When will war be declared?" Brought face to face with the court the men realized for the first time how unlikely it will be for the court to allow any inkling of their decision to be known out of due season.

The unusual bustle prevailed this little town from the early morning hours. The torpedo-boat Cushing went over to the New York and brought ashore Captains Sampson and Chadwick, and Lieutenant-Commander Porter. Lieutenant-Commander Merix, judge-advocate, who is staying on the island with Commandant Forsythe, was already at the Federal building, directing the preparations of the United States district court for the session of the court of inquiry.

A small crowd gathered outside eagerly watching for certain persons. The men saved from the ill-fated vessel were up early and waiting at their temporary home at the army barracks. It was not known whether any of them would be called, but all preparations were made so that the court should not be delayed in its work.

The court opened shortly after 10:00. Lieutenant Bladen was the first witness. Testimony will be taken according to its relative importance and not according rank of witness.

Orders were issued today at the army barracks prohibiting enlisted men from leaving the reservation without special permits, which will be granted only in exceptional cases. Officer's leave was

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also curtailed. It was rumored that two batteries were held under march orders, but this is denied. Secrecy is maintained at the barracks, and no explanation of these circumstances is forthcoming.

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No Money for the Paris Exposition.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The provision in the sundry civil appropriation bill relating to the Paris exposition was ruled out on the point of order in the house today.

Weekly Excursions in Through Cars to the East.

Another through tourists car to the East has been arranged for to run out of Portland, giving four each week. Hereafter the car leaving Monday will run through without change to Kansas City and Chicago, over the O. R. & N., Oregon Short Line, R. G. W., D. & R. G., Mo. Pacific and C. & A. That car has just previously been arranged for and the one previously arranged for has been changed to Thursday. It runs through to St. Louis, via the Mo. Pacific line. The car leaving Portland Tuesday goes through to Boston, and is promoted by the C., R. I. & P. Wednesday's car runs to St. Joseph, Kansas City and St. Louis over the Burlington. All these special through cars are receiving a gratifying patronage. Consult the O. R. & N. agent before buying a ticket to the East.

Frank Sherwood was down town today, the first time since he had his tussle with cholera morbus. He says he drove miles after he was taken sick, and never came so near dying in his life. After this when he goes out in the country he will take a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy with him.—Missouri Valley (Iowa) Times. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

The Bowling Tournament.

The third match of the sixteen game tournament between the Umattila House and the club team last evening, resulted as follows:

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204..... Second Game.....	232
200..... Third Game.....	207
192..... Fourth Game.....	226

This gives the club rollers eight games out of twelve, and should the Umattila House boys win the next four games the tie would have to be decided by the number of pins. It is not likely to result in a tie as it is very unlikely that they will win this number of straight games.

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