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## THE PUZZLE UNSOLVED

### The Court Still Apparently Far From an End.

#### THE INQUIRY STILL PROCEEDS

Scene of the Investigation May be Transferred to Havana Tomorrow—Madrid Waiting.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Two weeks ago tonight the battleship Maine was destroyed in Havana harbor, and in spite of the greatest diligence on the officers charged with the inquiry into the affair, the cause of the disaster is still shrouded in mystery so far as any officials at Washington know. A few officials acquainted with the formidable obstacles in the way of the operations of the divers are much surprised at this state of the affairs.

Meanwhile officials of the navy department have reached the conclusion that harm is being done by broaching theories to account for the explosion, so notice has been served upon experts who have been heard from in the press that it is expected they will no longer discuss this matter in advance of the report of the findings of the court of inquiry.

A meeting of the cabinet today, at which all of the members were present, disclosed further evidence that the government is still without news regarding the cause of the disaster to the Maine. Up to this time the court of inquiry has not indicated in any way the trend of investigation. The president and members of the cabinet are as completely in the dark as to what the news so far adduced discloses as they were the day after the explosion. The truth of this statement is vouched for by an authority not to be questioned.

Following the cabinet meeting a report was circulated that Secretary Long had stated that the element of Spanish responsibility had been eliminated from the incident of the disaster of the Maine. When seen Long said his reference to Spain's responsibility was that the question of any official participation by the Spanish government in the destruction of the Maine was practically eliminated, in his judgment. He desired to have it made clear that this was his personal view on the subject.

No orders have gone out from the department to the vessels of the squadron today, and officials stamp as with foundation the reports that yesterday the squadron was ordered to be held in readiness to sail for Havana. No advice has been received at either state or navy department that would warrant the statement that Spanish officials in Havana have attempted to interpose obstacles to the prosecution of the work of the wreckers on the hull of the battleship Maine.

#### THE DAY IN CONGRESS.

##### The Senate.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—As soon as the senate convened today, on motion of Hale, it went in executive session.

At 11:20 the senate resumed its open session. The conference report on the sundry civil appropriation bill presented by Perkins, was agreed to. Mason, of the committee on postoffices and post-roads, presented a concurrent resolution from the committee for investigation of the Lake City, S. C., postoffice murder, and on objection by Allen it was laid over until tomorrow.

##### In the House.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—A resolution of inquiry was adopted by the house today, asking the president to transmit to the house a copy of the proceedings of the international commission on the question of the equitable distribution of the waters of the Rio Grande, required of said commission by the protocol of May 6, 1896; also the protest of Mr. Horcasitas, representing the citizens of Mexico, against the construction of the dam by the Rio Grande Dam & Irrigation Co. and action thereon.

A bill was passed creating a Knoxville, Tenn., port of entry. The house then resumed the debate on the Loud bill in relation to the postage on second-class mail matter.

Bell of Colorado and Thompson of Kansas, Populists, and Clarke of Missouri, Democrat, opposed the bill, mainly on the ground that it was inimical to the interests of the country newspaper men.

Patriotic Knights of Pythias.

KIMBALL, Neb., March 1.—Informa-

tion has been received at state headquarters from Major-General Carnahan that he had tendered the president the services of 15,000 uniform rank Knights of Pythias in the United States when required for war. Prospects for war cause activity at state headquarters. Orders were issued mustering in a new company at Blair today. The order in Nebraska has forty-four companies at present.

#### The First Battle of the War.

NEW YORK, March 1.—A special from Paris says: In the intransigent Henry Rochefort writes: "To really grasp the situation, the explosion of the Maine must be regarded as the first battle between Spain and the United States. As for us, we only see in it the last stages of the advance of the Cubans toward independence. The catastrophe has caused the death of 250 unfortunate sailors, but it has also saved the lives of millions of combatants, for it insures the final triumph of the insurrection before many weeks."

#### 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 Saffords, 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.

#### Just a Little Bluff.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 1.—Mr. Stout of Woodford, Democrat, introduced a bill in the house today proposing to repeal the charter of the Southern Pacific Company, declaring an emergency because of the refusal of the company to pay the franchise tax. There is not enough of the session left to make probable, if possible, the passage of any bill introduced at this time.

#### 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.

#### Swept Overboard in a Gale.

ADELAIDE, South Australia, Mar. 1.—The French bark President Felix Faure, Captain Fossard, from Barry, November 15th, for Port Pierre, arrived here and reports that during a gale February 2d her second mate and fifteen sailors were swept overboard.

#### Favors and Investigation.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—The senate committee on postoffices and post roads today authorized a favorable report on Mason's joint resolution for investigation of the recent killing of the colored postmaster at Lake City, South Carolina.

#### The Dolphin Docked.

NEW YORK, March 1.—The dispatch-boat Dolphin has been floated in the dry-dock at the navy-yard, where she has been undergoing repairs for several months. It is the intention to have the Dolphin ready to go into commission by March.

Frank Sherwood was down town today, the first time since he had his trouble 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.

#### Sheepmen, Attention!

Clarke & Falk have secured the agency for the La Plata Sheep Dip. Mixes instantly with cold water.

## Alum

baking powder is almost as strong as Schilling's Best.

Yes, and prussic acid is stronger than vinegar.

## WAR CLOUDS LOWER

### Mission Ostensibly One of Peace.

#### SECRETARY LONG HAS SO DECIDED

The Armored Cruisers Montgomery and Nashville to be Dispatched to Havana at Once.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—Secretary Long as decided to send two naval vessels to Cuba with forty or fifty tons of provisions for the relief of the suffering reconcentrados. It is said an emergency exists which makes it necessary to dispatch provisions at once to succor the starving.

The Montgomery will take supplies to Matanzas and the Nashville to Sagua la Grande. The vessels will return immediately after delivering their supplies, which were furnished by the New York Cuban relief committee.

The tension over the Maine affair is noticeably relieved in official quarters today, partly because of the absence of dispatches to the state or navy departments bearing on the subject, and also because of the conservatism inspired by Secretary Long's utterance to the effect that the element of Spanish participation in the disaster had been eliminated in his judgment.

Although the navy departments had no report from Havana or Key West, a dispatch announcing the departure of the cruiser Brooklyn from Lanta Lucia far La Guayra had some direct significance on the further removing of the larger vessels from what has thus far been the common center of naval activity at Key West. The Brooklyn will make a short stop at La Guayra and will then proceed further southward.

#### The Day at Key West.

KEY WEST, Mar. 2.—The court of inquiry resumed its session here shortly after 10 o'clock. Ten more enlisted men were examined by the full board. Commander Forsythe was the first witness not on the list of the crew of the Maine to be called. The torpedo-boat Ericsson left this morning with mail matters for the fleet at Tortugas. She was expected to return this afternoon.

The court took a recess for luncheon at 1 o'clock. It reassembled at 2 o'clock and proceeded at once to the barracks, where the survivors of the Maine who were confined in the hospital, were examined.

#### Ships Back Broken.

NEW YORK, Mar. 2.—A special from Havana says:

The Maine's back was broken. Later discoveries made by divers not only support the information printed by the Herald concerning the disclosures of paramount importance by Ensign Powellson, but convince those in charge of the submarine investigation that a mine rent the battleship asunder. The keel of the ship has been found in two pieces the nearest ends of which are separated by a distance of from two and one-half to three feet. The sections are no longer lying in one straight line, but show the effect of a force executed from port to starboard.

It is evident from the discovery of the present condition of the keel that the section of the bottom found twenty-five feet from its natural position was wrenched from its belt by the first explosion and driven upward. The keel itself was forced in the middle until it was broken and then collapsed in two sections, and well in position the divers found it yesterday.

#### Gulls for Willetts' Point.

NEW YORK, March 1.—The work of mounting two 8-inch disappearing guns at Willetts' Point, Long Island, which was begun a week ago, is progressing rapidly. Only a short time ago three new guns were mounted at that place. One was 8 inch bore and the other two were 10-inch bore, weighing thirty-three tons each.

#### Comment in France.

PARIS, March 1.—French newspapers generally do full justice to the attitude of the United States in view of the loss of the battleship Maine, although they contend that the "jingo newspapers" have a dangerous influence.

#### Consul at Belize.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—The president has named William L. Avery, of Montana, as consul at Belize, British Honduras.

#### John Wilde Dead.

TROY, N. Y., Mar. 2.—John Wilde, the famous actor, passed away in this city today.

## NEWS NOTES.

Wednesday's Daily.

Today's bulletin states that there are no new developments in the Maine disaster.

If the report of the Chicago Chronicle's Key West correspondent be correct, Secretary Long is seriously alarmed for the safety of Americans in Cuba, and in preparation to meet an emergency which he considers is imminent, has ordered the warships stationed at Key West and Tortugas to prepare to leave for Havana at a moment's notice.

Comptroller of the Currency Dawes today accepted the resignation of Bank Examiner Charles Cleary, for Oregon and Washington district. He has transferred Examiner Eldridge from the California district, Cleary's old district. Cleary's resignation was called for some time ago and its acceptance has been held up, pending the appointment for the California district.

Spanish officials at Havana, in despair of ever crushing the Cuban rebellion, are urging the Madrid government to demand of the United States that the Maine inquiry be concluded at once and an ultimatum rendered, apparently in the belief that defeat at the hands of the United States army and navy would be less humiliating than acknowledgment of their failure to put down the rebellion.

Margaret Dempsey, wife of the great pugilist, Jack Dempsey, died at the home of her parents on Grand avenue, Portland, last night. Mrs. Dempsey was a victim of consumption, having been ailing for several years. Last June she went to California in hopes that the change would improve her health, but returned a couple of months ago, little improved, and since that time she has failed rapidly until her death last night. She leaves a little girl, a father and mother, one brother and two two sisters to mourn her loss.

Thursday's Daily.

The Nicaragua canal commission states that the route between the Pacific ocean and lake Nicaragua is very feasible, and estimates the cost of construction at not more than \$100,000.

Reports received yesterday state that in case of a war with the United States, Spain will not find allies in Europe. The European countries are neutral to the United States and will, in all probability, remain neutral in case of trouble.

A late dispatch received this morning states that it is known positively that the board of inquiry has reported, but it is unable so far to determine the cause of the accident. The president is determined to find out the facts.

The steamer College City has been put on the Alaska route.

Two Klondikers are reported frozen to death near Skagway with \$100,000 in their possession.

The result of the recent battle of Holguin, province of Santiago de Cuba, was not a Spanish victory, as was announced in the official report of the engagement sent to Havana. Letters received at New York from Cuban leaders show that the Spaniards not only were not victorious, but that after five days of fighting they were driven from the field in confusion and forced to retreat under cover of darkness, and that their losses in killed and wounded were the heaviest suffered in any single engagement which has been fought in many months.

Friday's Daily.

Japan is preparing to take a hand in the Maine matter, as several Japanese subjects were killed in the Maine explosion. The New York Journal yesterday advanced a theory that the Maine was blown up by a submarine mine which was laid by the Spaniards and touched off by a follower of Weyler.

Late reports state that the Canadians have planted a flag at the summit of White's Pass, on the shore of Summit Lake. Both the United States and Canada claim this territory and bitter feeling is being engendered regarding it.

A Goldschmidt, a traveling man in the employ of C. H. Meyer & Bros., manufacturers of hats and caps at No. 28 and 30, Sansome street, San Francisco, familiarly known as "Little Goldie," and one of the best-known commercial men on the Pacific coast, ended his troubles with a 38-caliber six-shooter at the Esmond hotel, in Portland, yesterday morning.

#### BUCKLEN'S ARCADE SALVE.

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

## IS NOT YET KNOWN

### Court of Inquiry Has Made No Report.

#### STATEMENT MADE BY SEC'Y LONG

Madrid Public Excited Over the News of the Arrival of American Warships in Hong Kong.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3.—Secretary Long today authorized an absolute denial of the rumor that a partial or preliminary report had been received from the Maine inquiry board indicating or declaring the loss of the Maine to have been due to an external explosion. He said the public had all the information which had been received.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3.—Secretary Long spent a good part of the morning in conversation with Chairman Boutelle, of the house naval committee. He denied himself to all other callers, and from time to time sent for various bureau chiefs of the department, a pretty clear indication that Boutelle was being supplied with such information as the department could supply as to the immediate needs of the naval service.

Up to noon no word had come to the department from the court of inquiry at Key West. It is said the court is under no obligation to inform the department when it has completed this branch of the inquiry, nor is it necessary for the court to seek permission from the department to return to Havana.

The state department received a call today from Senor du Bose, the Spanish charge d'affaires, this being diplomatic day. It is understood, however, to have had no relation to the Maine inquiry, which, up to the present time, has not become the subject of diplomatic exchange.

#### Activity Not Abated.

NEW YORK, Mar. 3.—There is a continuance of unwonted activity at the New York arsenal. The shipping of shells and other projectiles, to the fortifications about the harbor continue. At army headquarters there are no new developments, and no orders out of the ordinary routine are expected. It is said that a battery of twenty 12-inch mortars will be soon received at Sandy Hook for testing before they are forwarded to the places for which they are destined. There are a number of unarmored guns at the proving-grounds awaiting the construction of carriages. The supply of ammunition has been increased in all the magazines, and is so arranged that it can be made immediately available.

The men at the post seem much more pleased at the work they have to do than when the guns lay idle and in a condition unfit for active use. At Sandy Hook, however, there is a slight complaint among the men, who say that too much work is expected of two small a force.

A large consignment of ammunition, including powder and projectiles, is ready for shipment at the ordnance department in the New York navy-yard.

Commander Swift, who has charge of the department, superintended the work of packing. Commander Swift has received instructions from Washington to forward the supplies as soon as possible to Key West, whence they will be distributed among the United States warships now in that neighborhood. When asked if the consignment was not an unusually large one, Commander Swift replied that it was not, and that when it was divided up among the several ships they would not have more than the usual complement in their magazines. Many of the projectiles are for guns of large caliber.

As yet no information has been received as to what disposition of the guns which have recently been shipped to the yard from Washington. These guns are of different sizes, and as neither the Chicago nor the Atlanta, which are being overhauled at the yard, will be ready to receive guns for at least six months, it is rumored that they are for auxiliary vessels.

#### The Venezuelan Revolt.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3.—The state department has been informed that a small revolution has broken out at Valencia, about 200 miles from Caracas, the capital of Venezuela. No details are given. This evidently directed against President Andrade, who was only a few days ago inaugurated as successor to President Crespo.

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Ready to Co-Operate.

NEW YORK, Mar. 3.—A special from Havana says: A messenger left Gomez' camp early last week and is now on his way to Washington, bearing full details and data of insurgent field organization. In case hostilities break out General Gomez expects to co-operate with the American fleet, and for this reason desires that American officers shall have full knowledge of the rebel force and equipment.

It is understood here that General Gomez will offer to relinquish his command to any American general who may be sent from Washington.

#### \$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.

#### William's Ointment Words.

BERLIN, Mar. 3.—The semi-official North German Gazette says the following passage occurred in the speech of Emperor William delivered Tuesday at Wilhelmshaven, upon the occasion of swearing in the naval recruits: "Where the German eagle has seized hold and fixed its claws, that country is German and will positively remain German."

#### Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Always Proves Effectual.

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