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MINE UNDER THE MAINE

Manner of the Battleship's Destruction.

A PIECE OF CABLE WAS FOUND

Strong Evidence That an Agent of the Spanish Government Operated the Key-Report of the Board of Inquiry Nearly Ready to Forward to Washington—Everything is Quiet at Madrid at Present.

New York, Mar. 15.—A special from Key West says: A shattered section of a submarine cable containing seven conductors for setting off mines is in the possession of the board of inquiry. The cable led to a mine underneath the Maine. The discovery was made by divers at the Maine wreck. This proves that the mine which blew up the battleship was in some way connected with a switchboard ashore, which was in charge of a trusted and responsible agent.

New York, Mar. 15.—The World's correspondent at Havana telegraphed that the report of the naval board of inquiry will be ready to forward to Washington in two or three days at the outside. A few little details of expert testimony are being carefully collected to wind up things, and the drawings and plans based on the divers' investigations are nearly finished.

The divers are now only working to verify the points already suggested by previous discoveries and to take accurate measurements of certain important places of the wrecked cruiser and twisted ram, which the correspondent asserts lies in such a position as to prove that an outside force served to destroy the battleship.

UNCLE SAM IS IN THE GAME.

Prospect That the Government Will Secure the Chilean ship O'Higgins.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 15.—Nothing of special importance developed at today's cabinet meeting. A large part of the time was occupied in a general discussion of measures being taken to place the navy on a proper footing for defense in case of trouble. The question of the purchase of warships, where they could be had and at what price was talked over, but without coming to any definite conclusion as relating to any new propositions.

Information in the possession of the government is to the effect that up to this time Spain has not consummated the purchase of the Chilean warship O'Higgins. The indications, it is stated seem that this ship will be ultimately added to the navy of the United States.

Denied at Madrid.

MADRID, Mar. 15.—Friends of Senor Sagasta, the Spanish premier, deny that Senor Ceballos, general manager for the Spanish Trans-Atlantic Steamship Company, at New York, visited President McKinley at the inspiration of the Spanish government.

San Francisco is Safe.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 15.—The land defenses of San Francisco harbor have been greatly strengthened at late, and military or naval authorities agree that the presence of the battleship Oregon is not essential for the protection of the port. The 10-inch battery at Fort Point has been reinforced by the addition of two guns, so there are now five 10-inch rifles in position.

Five 12-inch guns, commanding a fine sweep of the ocean, can be depressed to bring under fire a ship attempting to pass through the narrow channel between Lime point and Fort point. Three more 12-inch guns at Fort Baker, together with the sixteen mortars and three dynamite guns on the peninsula can also be brought into use at long or short range.

The great guns on Lime point nearly 500 feet above the water are so high that a plunging fire against the deck of a ship can be maintained. All of these formidable weapons are so situated that their fire can be concentrated on any hostile fleet attempting to enter the Golden Gate.

The Spanish Torpedo-Boats.

MADRID, Mar. 15.—The Spanish torpedo flotilla, which sailed from Cadiz Sunday, ostensibly for Porto Rico, will only call there for provisions, etc., and will afterward leave for Havana. A

second Spanish flotilla will soon start for Cuban waters, and will probably be stationed at Porto Rico.

Smith Stabbed Kelly.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 15.—James Curtin, known as "Spider Kelly," was seriously, but not fatally, stabbed last night by Solly Smith, the pugilist, who was drunk.

The affair took place in Kelly's saloon, and was the culmination of a row, in which Kelly had violently abused Smith who struck with a knife at Kelly's throat but the Spider threw up his shoulder. The knife cut deep into the fleshy part of the body, just back of the armpit, but the movement saved his life. The wound is deep, but the injured man will recover. Smith escaped in a hack.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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May Buy the Aquidaban.

LONDON, Mar. 15.—The United States government is negotiating here for the purchase of the Brazilian battleship formerly the Aquidaban, the flagship of Admiral Mello, which has lately been reconstructed in England.

Projectiles for Spain.

BIRMINGHAM, Eng., Mar. 15.—The Kynochs Company has already dispatched a part of the large Spanish order for special projectiles standing 4 1/2 feet high, the largest ever made by the Kynochs.

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at Blakeley & Houghton's drug store. Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed or price refunded.

Committeeman from Denver.

DENVER, Mar. 17.—President Springer, of the National Livestock Association, with the approval of the executive council, has appointed Geo. L. Goulding, of Denver, committeeman from Colorado, and also treasurer for the association.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

This remedy is intended especially for coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough and influenza. It has become famous for its cures of these diseases, over a large part of the civilized world. The most flattering testimonials have been received, giving accounts of its good works; of the aggravating and persistent coughs it has cured; of severe colds that have yielded promptly to its soothing effects, and of the dangerous attacks of croup it has cured, often saving the life of the child. The extensive use of it for whooping coughs has shown that it robs that disease of all dangerous consequences. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

Gold from Australia.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 17.—The Oceanic Steamship Company's steamer Alameda, now on her way from Australia to San Francisco, has on board \$3,500,000 in gold. This is the largest amount of treasure ever brought into this port by a single ship.

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Shilling's Best baking powder ought to sell for twice as much as the next best.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers, The famous little pills.

SPAIN DON'T LIKE IT

War Like Preparations Not Pleasant to Spain.

A SHORT NOTE ON THE SUBJECT

The Communication Not a Protest but Merely a Mild Expression of Disapproval and a Representation that War Upon Spain, Under the Existing Conditions, Would Certainly be Unjustifiable in the Eyes of the World.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16.—The war preparations being made by the United States, the assembling of ships at Key West, the purchase of a cruiser abroad and the emergency measures in the war and navy departments have come to the official attention of the Spanish government, and the views of the Spanish cabinet thereon have been communicated to the state department here. This has not taken the form of a protest, however, as it does not appear that the Spanish government claims or asserts the right to question such measures as the United States may adopt, even though they be of a character to indicate war. It is rather by way of reparations, conveyed in a friendly spirit and without threats, as to the serious influences which these preparations will have in encouraging the Cuban insurgents at a moment when the autonomy plan is to have its most critical test through the Cuban elections, and in this way defeat the measures which Sagasta is endeavoring to carry out.

It has been especially pointed out that the presence of a large fleet of United States warships at Key West cannot be regarded as a friendly measure, as the sending of the ships was officially represented to be when the Maine was sent to Havana, and the Viscaya returned the friendly visit. In short, the presence of this extensive fleet near Cuba, together with the war measures taken by the United States, is regarded by Spain as seriously prejudicial to the policy of autonomy which Spain and the United States have alike approved, and in direct encouragement of the insurgents in defeating the desires of both governments for the success of that policy.

Finally, in the same spirit of friendly representatives, Spain pointed out that war begun by the United States against Spain under such circumstances would be unjustifiable before the world and a crime against humanity and civilization.

The representations contained no reference whatever to the Maine disaster or redress or indemnity therefor.

BOLINA BESIEGED.

Garrison Finally Relieved—The Rebellion Spreading.

New York, Mar. 16.—A Heral special says:

The Philippine rebels surrounded the cable station at Bolina on March 17th, and thirty-three Spanish soldiers were killed. A steamer which was sent on March 8th to relieve the garrison, was obliged to return owing to the renewal of the fusillade. Four priests at the garrison from neighboring towns were massacred. Bolina was subsequently relieved by general Moret. The insurgents' loss was heavy.

Three gunboats and one steamer left Manila March 10th for Bolina with artillery and troops.

European cable operation are safe. The provinces of Taslo, Panzasinan and Zambales are in open rebellion, and it is feared that others may follow their lead.

It is reported that Aguinaldo and other rebel leaders have landed from Hong Kong with 6000 troops.

Artillery has been sent to the provinces within the past three days, and at Manila but a very few troops have been left.

The situation throughout is a very critical one.

Silence Taken as Consent.

LONDON, Mar. 17.—A dispatch from Shanghai says:

Russia informed China that the latter's delay in replying to Russian demands will be construed as an acquiescence in the occupation of Port Arthur by the Russian government.

Sir Claude McDonald, the British minister at Peking, is said to be urging China to resist.

Reasserted in London.

LONDON, Mar. 15.—It is reasserted here today that the Spanish government has sequestered the Chilean battleship O'Higgins.

TO DEFEY JOHN BULL.

Transvaal Government Will Refuse to Admit the Claim.

LONDON, Mar. 16.—There is reason to believe, says the Johannesburg correspondent of the Times, that at a meeting of the volksraad at President Kruger's residence yesterday a strong opinion was expressed against admitting the claim of British suzerainty, and it was decided to allow the government to take advantage of any complications which Great Britain may be involved in elsewhere.

PRETORIA, Mar. 16.—A widespread sensation has been caused by the declaration of former Chief Justice Kotz, while addressing the deputations Sunday, that when the case of Mr. Brown, the American engineer, with claims against Transvaal government, pending in the courts, was awaiting judgment subsequently rendered in his favor, President Kruger in an interview with him, Judge Kotz, threatened him with dismissal unless he obeyed the resolution of the volksraad.

At a special session of the volksraad today President Kruger declared Judge Kotz' statement false, and said: "The devil himself never spoke a greater lie."

Having given his version of the matter, President Kruger, turning to the present situation, said that the British people were jealous of the country's independence and the progress it was making. No one knew what was going to happen, but they must stand together. The government, he declared, had replied to the British dispatch, and the reply would be published directly. He knew that it had reached the hands of Mr. Chamberlain.

President Kruger concluded his speech exclaiming: "We shall show that we are a government."

Loud cheers followed. His declaration left the impression that the governments reply denied the British claim of suzerainty.

Judge Kotz has published noted supporting his statement as to the interview with President Kruger. He declares that he still regards himself as the chief justice of the supreme court until properly tried. He will first appeal to the people, and if that fails him, he says he is bound to prosecute his rights in other quarters and to appeal to the queen's government.

FOR THE HOME BAKER.

Some Useful Hints on the Art of Pastry Making.

To prevent cake from becoming too brown on the bottom or burning, put the cake mold in a tin plate covered with sawdust.

To smooth over a cake after putting it in the mold to bake dip the hand in milk and pass it over the surface of the cake.

For cake, powdered sugar sifted is often better than any other kind, especially for an angel or sponge cake.

In making jelly roll, when the cake is taken from the oven place it on a cloth dipped in cold water, then spread the jelly on the cake and roll quickly.

If you want to have chopped jelly for garnishing dishes, remember to chop or cut it with a knife which has been dipped in ice water, and have the jelly on paper which has also been dipped in water.

Whites of eggs in pumpkin pies make it watery. Use only the yolks of eggs and cream, not milk.

Beechnuts make a nice dressing for roast woodcock. After shelling the nuts, season with a little butter and salt and stuff the bird full of them. The nuts are removed from the shells by pouring hot water over them.

To color homemade candy pink, make a preparation of one-quarter ounce each of powdered cochineal, alum and cream of tartar, mix well and add four ounces of warm water and the same quantity of alcohol, cover and allow the mixture to stand over night, strain and bottle. Stir a drop at a time into the candy until you have the right shade.

For coloring yellow, take a half ounce of saffron and add to it two ounces of alcohol and four of water. Let the mixture stand for several days before using.

To color green, crush and cook a few spinach leaves in water, strain and use the liquid. Fruit juices can also be used for coloring purposes in candy-making.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Cost of the Cuban War.

The cost of the Cuban war from February, 1895, to the end of 1897 is officially estimated at \$240,000,000.

Education Compulsory.

Education in the Hawaiian islands is compulsory, and the law against truants is strictly enforced.

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

COMING TO A CLIMAX

Spain Will Repeal a Demand for Indemnity.

SPANISH AGENTS ON THE LOOKOUT

One Vessel Said to Have Been Already Seized—Spanish Commission's Report on the Loss of the Maine Thought to Be Already in the Hands of the Spanish Government—Comment at Madrid.

MADRID, Mar. 17.—The following semi-official note was issued today:

"The report of the Spanish commission on the Maine has not yet been made, but the statement of several technical officers, who have made a close study of the scene, show it to be indisputably due to an internal accident. American assertions to the contrary are therefore deplored in official quarters, as tending to mislead public opinion and render the situation more difficult from the standpoint of maintaining friendly relations between the two countries.

"It may be regarded as certain that should the American technical commission report declaring that the disaster was due to an external explosion, the public here will refuse to accept such finding, and a demand for indemnity based thereon will be indignantly repelled by Spain."

New York, Mar. 17.—A Madrid dispatch says:

It leaked out, notwithstanding great reserve in official quarters, that the government knows that the Spanish and American commissioners inquiring into the cause of the blowing up of the Maine do not agree in the conclusions drawn from their respective investigations, but that their reports clash. The Spanish commission is firm in the opinion that the catastrophe was the result of an accident. On the other hand, the American court, it is said, exonerates the officers of the Maine from any blame attributing the disaster to some unknown exterior cause.

HOLD TO THE ACCIDENT THEORY.

Spanish Commissioners Will Dissent From American Report.

New York, Mar. 17.—A special dispatch says:

The Spanish government expected cable dispatches from the admiral at Havana with the final report of the Spanish commission before the meeting of the extraordinary council of ministers which was summoned for last evening. But nothing will be known probably concerning the future intentions of the Spanish cabinet until President McKinley duly intimates the course he proposes to adopt. It is evident that the Spanish government has determined to stand on the defensive, while resolutely keeping in touch with public sentiment in regard to upholding Spanish rights and interests in Cuba.

The council was also to examine into the case of Senor Ceballos, whose conduct will be overlooked if he acted in a private capacity, as he seemed to indicate 48 hours ago when he cabled to the Marquis of Comillas, president of the Spanish Trans-Atlantic line on account of a conversation with President McKinley, which Comillas immediately conveyed to Sagasta.

Premier Sagasta says: "If what passed in the supposed interview of President McKinley with Senor Ceballos to secure peace in Cuba is true, we would reject it."

At a meeting of the conservative party, Chief Seva said: "We have solemnly promised to respect loyalty whatever parliament may sanction in regard to the new colonial regime, and I consider this a sacred national compromise. The great ruling parties cannot act otherwise even if the compromise is not in harmony with their convictions. When the cortes assembles we will be bound to demand a strict account of the treasures of our honor, blood and finance."

Rev. E. Edwards, pastor of the English Baptist Church at Minersville, Pa., when suffering with rheumatism, was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. He says: "A few applications of this liniment proved of great service to me. It subdued the inflammation and relieved the pain. Should any suffer profit by giving Pain Balm a trial it will please me." For sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

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Approved at Madrid. LONDON, Mar. 17.—A Madrid special says: The customs committee has approved the report relative to the basis of the treaty of commerce with the United States. Spain will concede certain reductions in tariff on condition that the United States grant benefits under the reciprocity clauses of the Dingley tariff law.

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.

"DANCE OF THE STARVING."

An Odd Event Among the Poor of Hungary.

A striking article on the agricultural condition in Hungary has just been published in the Neues Wiener Journal, under the title of "The Dance of the Starving." From this it appears that the peasants of the Alföld plain have recently organized a number of popular balls, which have been attended by thousands. This does not imply that the people are particularly happy or prosperous. On the contrary, owing to the strike of last summer and the bad harvest, their condition is one of great need. The dances are the result of the bill passed in the Hungarian reichstag for regulating the relations between land owners and their laborers. That bill is regarded as exceptionally hostile to the latter. For the laborers, however, liberty of speech and of public meeting is so restricted as to render all gatherings for political purposes practically impossible. Hence this stratagem of popular balls. It is pointed out that the accounts of these peasant dancing parties are accompanied by the news of acts of pillage and a strike against taxes, which have rendered necessary the intervention of the military. The present movement is a direct consequence of the harvest strike of last summer, and of the measures adopted by the government to prevent its recurrence. The obnoxious bill, according to the Neues Wiener Journal, delivers up the laborer to the arbitrary discretion of his employer, entitling the latter to put an end to the agreement he has entered into, and to withhold the wages he has agreed to pay if the laborer should, in his opinion, be a socialist agitator. If the laborer, however, should fail to appear at the time and place appointed, the employer is empowered to call upon the authorities to force him to carry out his contract. The laborer has no legal remedy against this proceeding, while the employer is assured of the cooperation of the authorities in the event of a strike. Such injustice as this, as the writer remarks, might convert a strike very easily into a rebellion.

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