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AWFUL EXPLOSION ON THE MAINE

The United States Cruiser in Havana Meets With Disaster.

DELOME'S LETTER CONDEMNED

Spain Repudiates the Statements of Her Minister—The Incident Closed—De Lome Packs His Grip.

Havana, Feb. 15.—At 9:45 this evening a terrible explosion took place on board the United States cruiser Maine in Havana harbor. Many were killed or wounded. All boats of the Spanish cruiser Alfonso XIII are assisting. As yet the cause of the explosion is not apparent.

THE LETTER CONDEMNED.

New York, Feb. 15.—In conversation with a Madrid correspondent of the Herald a cabinet minister said: "You may say openly as coming from Senor Sagasta and from each of us that we entirely condemn in the most absolute manner Senor De Lome's letter. We are ashamed, grieved, and sorry thereat. The ministers feel more aggrieved than President McKinley can possibly be. We are honest men who have been placed in a false position by a fool."

SPAIN'S WEAKNESS.

The Washington correspondent of the Herald says that the announcement from Madrid that the Spanish ministry had decided to reply in a "fitting manner" to Minister Woodford's representations in the De Lome letter is highly satisfactory to administration officials. No one is more pleased over the matter than the president. He has never doubted that Spain would repudiate the action of its minister. His only concern has been that the delay in closing the incident might lead to some outburst in congress which would cause embarrassment to the administration before the Spanish government had had an opportunity to make a satisfactory response.

IN THE HOUSE.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The house put in a busy day. The time was devoted to consideration of bills and joint resolutions presented under the call of committees and sixteen or more of less public importance were passed. An order was entered for the consideration of the Lome bill relating to second-class matter on March 1, 2 and 3, and an order for the consideration of the bankruptcy bill which begins tomorrow was modified so that the final vote shall be taken on Saturday instead of Monday as arranged last week.

DEMOCRATS AND POPS.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Addresses on behalf of the democratic-populist and silver republican parties which are the result of conferences which have been in progress all along the line for this purpose. The address to the democrats is signed by Senator James K. Jones, chairman of the democratic national committee, and is endorsed by the democratic congressional committee; that to the populists by Senator Marion Butler, chairman, and 25 silver members of the senate and house and by Chairman Towne and also by ex-Senator Dubois.

PACIFIC RAILROADS.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The resolution of inquiry offered yesterday by Harris precipitated a spirited discussion of the Pacific railroad question in the senate today. The resolution called upon the attorney-general for the reasons which induced him to abandon his plan of redeeming the mortgage of the Kansas Pacific branch of the Union Pacific and having the road operated by the receiver. Harris denounced the present plan to sell the road at the bid of the reorganization committee as defrauding the government of nearly \$7,000,000. Foraker explained the view taken of the matter by the administration showing the president was convinced that the reorganization committee proposed to pay for the road all that it was worth. The resolution was finally passed in an amended form.

THEIR RIGHTS DISREGARDED.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 15.—The bill to submit the women suffrage amendment was defeated in the upper house general assembly today.

WOMEN'S RIGHT OF SUFFRAGE.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 15.—The house of representatives has put a quietus on an attempt to amend the constitution and given women the right of suffrage. The committee on constitutional amendments had reported that petitioners for the amendment should be given leave to withdraw and this report was accepted. Later, reconsideration was asked, and the motion was finally lost.

INSURANCE SUIT DEFERRED.

San Francisco, Feb. 15.—The injunction suit instituted by the foreign insurance companies against Commissioner Glavin has been deferred until March 7 by United States Judge Morrow, by consent.

SPEAK A LITTLE LOUDER, TILLMAN

South Carolina Senator Had a Hard Time to Get Recognition.

A POINT AGAINST HAWAII

Democrats and Pops Issue National Address—Pacific Railroad Matters Up Again—Resolution of Inquiry Passed.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The executive session of the senate today was enlivened by the vigorous effort of Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, to secure recognition to make a point against the constitutionality of the Hawaiian islands were of strategic importance to the United States.

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LOCAL BOARD FOR ALASKA.

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UNKNOWN MAN IS MURDERED

The Tragedy Occurred Near Medford Oregon.

BODY THROWN FROM TRAIN

Leaded Gun, Vint Deall's Pack—Mysterious Case Which Baffles the Detectives—Clothes Found Near by.

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DOLLAR MARK FOR WHEAT

Almost Reached Again on the Chicago Market.

LEITER STILL IN CONTROL

May Is Cornered—Shorts Hastily to Get from Under—Stop-Loss Orders Issued—Market Closed Strong.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—For a few minutes following the opening in wheat it looked as if the dollar mark for wheat was at last to be reached. There was hardly any wheat offered on the curb and this condition also prevailed when the regular market opened. Reports that Leiter had contracted with the Lehigh road for the moving of 2,000,000 bushels of his wheat to the seaboard came from New York. They were not substantiated but it spread so that May wheat is almost completely tied up by the Leiter influence, and when the market opened there was a rush of anxious shorts to get under cover.

WHITE PASS RAILROAD.

Montreal, Feb. 15.—C. H. Wilkinson, representing the British Yukon Company, says the construction of a railroad through the White Pass from the head of Lake Bennett will be begun immediately by his company. The road, which will be 45 miles in length, will be completed within 90 days of the beginning of the work.

U. P. EAST TRAIN.

Denver, Feb. 15.—Colonel George A. Taylor, general agent of the Union Pacific railroad, has received a telegram from headquarters at Omaha notifying him that beginning tomorrow the Chicago special, the fast train inaugurated by the Gulf, Union Pacific and Northwestern roads, will leave Denver daily at 4:30 p. m. instead of 3:30 and will arrive at Chicago at 8:45 p. m. the following day, the same as heretofore. This reduces the running time one hour.

SMALL SEALING FLEET.

San Francisco, Feb. 15.—The sealing fleet this season is very small and the outlook is not encouraging. Captain O'Leary of the schooner Geneva reports that seals are very scarce and wild and the weather very unsuitable for sealing. Captain Nelson of the schooner Mary Taylor lost seven of his men by death and had to put into port for repairs. He also says that few seals are to be found and predicts a light catch. It is stated that the Cox and Marvin sealing fleet of Victoria will not be put in commission this year, although sailors and hunters have been engaged. It is not known whether the precautions taken by the United States to prevent poaching have had anything to do with the retirement of this fleet of British sealers.

OBEYED THE ORDER.

Nelson, B. C., Feb. 15.—The steamer Nelson from Kuskokwag, a new town at the head of Kootenai lake, formerly Goat River Landing, has brought down the body of Dennis Connors, who was murdered on Sunday night by a man named Doyle. Without any provocation Doyle drew a revolver and pointing it at Connors said:
"Dig up, or I'll shoot you."
Connors replied:
"Fire away."
Doyle fired and Connors fell dead and Doyle escaped.

SENSATION IN BLACK DIAMONDS.

London, Feb. 15.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Odessa says that a recent police inquiry undertaken at the instigation of the minister of marine has revealed a large and sensational scandal in connection with the sailing of the Black sea fleet. The Russian admiralty paid for 60,000 tons of coal which was never delivered. The coal contractor, who is a Jew, together with several naval officers at Sebastopol, has been arrested.

DECISION AS TO MORTGAGE DEBTS

Washington Supreme Court Makes an Important Ruling.

THE PERIOD OF REDEMPTION

Must Be Uniform—Gold Coin Contract Stands—Attorneys' Fees—Mortgage Security—Heats and Profits.

Olympia, Wash., Feb. 15.—An important decision was rendered by the state supreme court today in the case of Dennis vs. Moses, involving the construction and validity of several acts of the last legislature relating to mortgage debts.

SALES OF MORTGAGED LANDS.

The opinion also holds that the court may or may not enforce a stipulation for the immediate possession of the property with the right to the rents after default, as the justice of each case seems to demand.

NO NEWS FROM CLARA NEVADA.

Seattle, Feb. 15.—No further news has been received concerning the reported loss of the steamer Clara Nevada in Alaskan waters. Owing to the many conflicting rumors, hopes for her safety have not yet been abandoned.

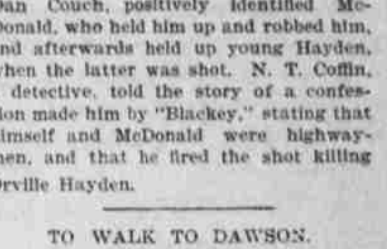
"DAKOTA SLIM'S" TRIAL.

He Is Identified as the Man Who Killed Orville Hayden.
Colfax, Wash., Feb. 15.—Robert McDonald, otherwise known as "Dakota Slim," was brought before Justice Kirkland this morning for a preliminary examination for the murder of Orville Hayden, at Farmington, October 22, 1897.

TO WALK TO DAWSON.

Logan, Utah, Feb. 15.—A man giving his name as Benjamin Caldwell who has arrived here, claims to be walking from Denver to Dawson City on a wager by Millionaire Stratton of Colorado Springs and another Colorado capitalist named Moffitt. The conditions are that Caldwell must walk the distance starting with 10 cents in his pocket. If he succeeds he will receive \$25,000 from Stratton, from whom he has a card of introduction. No time is set for his arrival at Dawson, but he is expected to reach there by June 1.

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