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STEAM IN BOILERS

Maine Wreck Not Due to Boilers Exploding.

PARTLY CONFIRMED

**"Forward Half Completely
Destroyed," Various
Interpreted by Of-
ficials.**

CONSERVATISM EXERCISED

**Forward Magazine May Still be Intact
—Captain Sampson Fearful of Ill-
Judged Attempts to Account
for Destruction of Maine.**

"Havana, Feb. 23.—All news-
paper reports of interviews with
divers are untrue. Every precau-
tion is taken."

Washington, Feb. 23.—The arrival of the
mail in Washington from Key West this
afternoon, bringing several private letters
from naval officers lately attached to the
Maine, caused a wave of excitement to
run over the department and capital, for
there were all sorts of rumors as to the
contents of these letters, very few of
which rumors, in point of fact had any
sound basis. The only feature so far as
could be discovered of real importance
as throwing any light on the cause of the
explosion, contained in the letters was
the statement that the two after boilers
in the after boiler space and all of the
eight boilers of the Maine were under
steam at the time of the explosion. This
fact had a negative value for it disposed
at once of the theory that a boiler ex-
plosion had caused the wreck. Experts
all say that by no possibility could the
after-boilers' explosion have wrecked the
forward part of the Maine and left the other
part unharmed.

Much interest was shown in the dis-
patch received shortly before 3 o'clock
from Admiral Sigsbee giving the recom-
mendations of Captain Sampson, of the
court of inquiry, as to the raising of the
wreck. The view of the naval office was
that Captain Sampson and his associates
were giving this advice, not as the court,
but as officers in a position to speak as to
the best methods to be adopted for
wrecking the Maine. Various interpreta-
tions were put on the expression "forward
half completely destroyed." This was re-
garded as the partial confirmation of the
theory that the forward magazine had
exploded, as that is one of the most im-
portant portions of the forward half of
the ship. At the same time it was held
by some of the naval authorities that the
destruction of the forward half of the ship
did not necessarily mean that the for-
ward magazine had exploded as this
might still be intact, though part of the
general wreckage. In the absence of an
explicit statement as to the forward mag-
azine, there was a disposition not to ac-
cept any implied statement as to its de-
struction.

The clause of the contract itemizes the
amounts to be paid for each branch of
the wrecking work, viz.:
Wrecking tug Underwriter, \$50 per day.
Wrecking steamer Jones, \$20.
Lighter Seymour, \$75.
Derrick Chief, \$75.
Barge Lone Star, \$50.
Wrecking tug Right Arm, \$20.
Wreckmaster, \$15.
Wreckers, \$1.50 each.
Divers, \$40 each.

Evidently the president of the court of
inquiry is fearful of the effect upon the
public of the destruction of the Maine,
for this afternoon he telegraphed Sec-
retary Long, doubtless having in mind cer-
tain publications of this morning, as follows:
"Havana, Feb. 23.—All newspaper
reports of interviews with divers are un-
true. Every precaution is taken."
This brief statement disposes of all the
allegations that have been made pro and
con as to the blowing up of the forward
magazine.

Officers here are still thinking of Cap-
tain Sigsbee's request of yesterday to be
furnished with plans of the Maine's sec-
tion through the magazines and coal
bunker pockets. The request, besides,
may show that Captain Sigsbee is not
yet satisfied as to the cause of the ex-
plosion, notwithstanding the expressions
attributed to him by unauthorized per-
sons.

IT LOOKS LIKE TWO EXPLOSIONS

Positions of One Hundred Bodies on
the Maine's Berth Deck.

SPANIARDS DANCED WITH JOY

"Ah, Americanos, Bring Dynamite Here to
Blow up Spaniards and Get it
Themselves."

New York, February 23.—A Herald dis-
patch from Havana says:
The further the inquiry into the causes
that led to the Maine disaster proceeds,
the more remote appear the chances that
any evidence will be discovered to show
that the disaster was due to an accident.
Those divers who penetrated into the for-
ward part of the wreck found that the
whole forward end of the ship from a
point just about the forward turret had
been twisted 15 or 20 degrees to star-
board. That part of the vessel was a
wilderness of debris and curved and
twisted plates. The sharp jagged edges
of some of the plates added danger to the
difficulties of the divers. In one instance
they almost cut through a rubber tube
which supplied a diver with air. One im-
portant discovery made was the position
of the bodies found in the wreck, 100 of
which were floating about in the torn
compartments.
A full score of these were examined by
my informant. All of these bodies were
in hammocks and all had the arms curved
upward. They looked as if the men had
been startled by some sudden shock of
danger and were in the act of reaching up
for their hammock hooks to swing them-
selves on deck when death came.
This seems to confirm all that has al-
ready been said about there having been
two explosions—the first startling the men
into the act of rising from their ham-
mocks, the other dashing out the life.

Before the explosion the 16-inch mag-
azine 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 lo-
cation in the port side forward, was
buried in a direction directly opposite to
that of the 16-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 of Senor An-
tonio Cabalero, a tobacco dealer of Ha-
vana. Senor Cabalero was crossing the
bay in a ferry boat at the time of the
explosion. He was familiar with the
Maine, had paid several visits to 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 pycner of
water about the boat, followed almost in-
stantly by a terrific roar and a blinding
flash of light. He is positive about the
first explosion and says it was noticed by
his companions.
This statement of his came to the ears
of one of the court 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.

PEELING OF SPANISH SOLDIERS.
New York, Feb. 23.—Engineer Albert
Holdsworth and Assistant Engineer La-
drow of the British ship Olivevale, which
has just arrived from Havana, say that
on the night of the explosion they, with
some others, were ashore. They were
sitting at the end of a pier at the south
end of the harbor and about a half mile
from the American warship. Next the
pier was a ferry slip and the course of
the ferryboat from the city lay past the
Maine. When the explosion occurred a
lot of Spanish soldiers and sailors in a
restaurant at the head of the pier cleared
out and ran as if for their lives. There
was no immediate blaze from the ex-
plosion, but there were smoke and sparks.

Two or three minutes passed before the
flames could be seen. While they stood
watching some breathless Spaniards hur-
ried down the pier bearing fragments of
the Maine's payrolls. They said they had
picked them up on a hill back in the
country from where the Maine lay. The
Spaniards wanted to know what the writ-
ing in English meant and the engineers
after looking at the papers told them
through one of their party who spoke
Spanish. The Spaniards fairly danced in
glee at the fate of the Maine, the engi-
neers said, exclaiming:
"Ah, Americanos, Americanos; they
bring dynamite here to blow up the Span-
iards, and they get it themselves."
When the ferry came it was found that
she had passed the Maine just before the
explosion and a Spanish army officer
aboard demanded that the captain of the
ferryboat should head about and go to
the rescue. The ferry captain's hatred
of Americans was so great that he re-
fused. The Spanish officer was so in-
censed that there came near being a
fight.

WITNESSES ARE BEING EXAMINED

Court of Inquiry in Session at Ha-
vana Making Progress.

WRECKERS ARE AT WORK

Difficulties Encountered—Quantity of
Clothing Recovered—Missing Of-
ficers Not Found.

Havana, Feb. 23.—The United States
court of inquiry into the loss of the
Maine met at 10 o'clock this morning and
examined Dr. Hauerberger, Paymaster
Ray and Chief Engineer Howell, of the
battleship. There was a recess ordered
at noon and it lasted until 1:30 p. m. Sev-
eral witnesses whose names are not now
obtainable were examined during the af-
ternoon.
Another visit was made to the wreck
by Captain Sampson, president of the
court. The captain says he has no idea of
the length of time the court will remain
in session here. It all depends upon the
testimony, and new features requiring
further investigation may develop at any
time. Captain Sampson added that sooner
or later every survivor of the Maine
will be examined by the court, which
seems to imply that reasons for that
purpose will be held at Key West. Al-
though this information is meager, it is
absolutely all Captain Sampson will give
the press.
A correspondent of the Associated
Press has seen him by appointment twice
daily, but there is a rigid rule to observe
since until the facts in the case have de-
veloped through the testimony presented.
The Right Arm, of the Merritt & Chap-
man Derrick and Wrecking Company is
moored about 200 yards from the poop of
the Maine.
A strong wind made the harbor rough
today and added to the difficulties of the
divers, as the electric lights are worked
from a battery on the lighthouse tender
Mangrove 200 yards distant.
Captain Sigsbee is pained by comments
on his conduct while the Maine was afloat
made by some of the papers here, but it
is pointed out that such papers are not
of the better class.
A large quantity of clothing has been
taken from the wreck and after it has
been disinfected it will be given to the
concentrated. The bodies of the missing
officers, Lieutenant Jenkins and Assis-
tant Engineer Merritt, have not been re-
covered. The divers reached the former's
room, but it was found that his body was
not there. Thus far the sharks have
eaten scarcely a bit behind but the skele-
tons of the three men who were entan-
gled in the debris near the surface of the
water. The bodies were not noticed by
any one until the four birds had completed
their ghastly work. From the hand of
one, Chaplain Childwick removed a deeply
chased gold ring for the purpose of identifi-
cation.
Chaplain Childwick said the total num-
ber of missing is 83 or 86, and five have
died in the hospital.

RIGHT ARM AT WORK.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Secretary Long
this afternoon received the following tele-
gram from Admiral Sigsbee:
"Key West, Feb. 23.—Long, secretary
of the navy: The Right Arm arrived at
Havana this morning. Captain Mager
seems to be an experienced man, who will
be able to give good advice. Captain
Sampson wires me the condition of the
wreck is such as to require the most pow-
erful appliances the government can se-
cure. The court recommends a contract
with the best equipped wrecking company
to remove the material and lift the ship
without delay. The forward half is com-
pletely destroyed; the after half is ap-
parently intact, except in minor matters."

COLUMBIA CONDOLES.

Colon, Columbia, Feb. 23.—The govern-
ment has sent to the commander of the
United States gunboat Newport an official
message of condolence upon the loss of
the Maine, which he acknowledged.
Flags on the ships, the various consulates
and elsewhere were at half-mast
yesterday.

THE GAIN IN DISCIPLINE.

Princeton, N. J., Feb. 23.—Captain Al-
fred Mahan, U. S. N., was the principal
speaker at the Washington's birthday
banquet of the New Jersey Society of the
Cincinnati last night. Captain Mahan
said:
"We should be very cautious in forming
hasty conclusions in reference to such
things as the Maine disaster. There is one
actual good to the nation from the Maine
disaster, which has been little dwelt
upon. I refer to the discipline in the
ship, after the accident occurred. The
conduct of the captain and officers at
that juncture showed the American peo-
ple the character of the discipline which
prevails in all the ships of the American
navy and I count this a distinct gain."

GENERAL MERRITT- WILL INSPECT

Absolute Necessity for Completing all
Coast Defenses at Once.

PASSAGE OF ARTILLERY BILL

Will Change Affairs at Sandy Hook—New
Regiments Needed—Guns Being
Mounted at San Diego.

New York, Feb. 23.—The World says:
Major-General Merritt in command of
the eastern department of the United
States army, will start on a tour of in-
spection of the fortifications before the
end of the week. It was his original in-
tention to leave Governor's Island today
for New Orleans, but at midnight it was
generally understood that he would not
be able to start for a day or two.
This sudden move on the part of Gen-
eral Merritt, following so closely upon the
recent order of General Miles relative to
the absolute necessity of completing the
new works of defense at the fortifications
throughout the country has created quite
a sensation in army circles. Obviously
he is simply going on his annual tour of
inspection, but at the island, Fort Wad-
sworth and Fort Hamilton, it is under-
stood that his mission is of far greater
importance than the regulation visit to
the stations under his command. It is
believed that the work on the new or-
nance of the southern fortifications has
not been going on with sufficient rapidity
to satisfy either General Miles or General
Merritt.
Another development which has a di-
rect bearing on General Merritt's depar-
ture is the artillery bill, which yesterday
passed the senate. This bill provides for
the maintaining of two more artillery
regiments. It is the intention of General
Merritt to have one of these quartered
at Sandy Hook. The other will in all
probability, be distributed among the va-
rious posts along the Atlantic coast.
When General Miles sent word to Gen-
eral Merritt relative to the necessity of
getting all available ordinance ready for
immediate use, he specially referred to
the work under way at Fort Hamilton
and Wadsworth. The posts are of the
greatest importance and practically con-
trol the channel and the lower bay.
It is General Merritt's intention to visit
New Orleans and inspect Fort Phillip and
Fort Jackson. The other forts that Gen-
eral Merritt will visit are at Mobile,
Charleston, Galveston, Savannah, Pen-
nsacola and Key West.

SAID AN OFFICER AT GOVERNOR'S ISLAND LAST NIGHT:

"The passage of the artillery bill will
change the entire state of affairs at Sandy
Hook. Just now the only thing we can
use men for down there is to keep the
sand from clogging the machinery of the
guns. With the new regiments, however,
all will be as it should be. Just now we
have far too many officers for our men,
but under the new appointments this will
also be remedied."

MOUNTING GUNS.

San Diego, Feb. 23.—The third 10-inch
rifle for the Ballast point fortifications
has arrived and will soon be mounted.
A large portion of the members of bat-
tery D, Third artillery, are now at work
preparing to mount the guns.

AMMUNITION FOR TROOPS.

Cincinnati, Feb. 23.—There has been
much activity at Port Thomas, in Ken-
tucky, for some days. While all the
troops were under special discipline with
extra drilling, Colonel Cochran, command-
ant, and other officers refused to be in-
terviewed. Today the troops were sup-
plied with 150 rounds each.

THE TERROR IS READY.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 23.—The repairs on
the monitor Terror are completed and it
is understood she will sail for New York
today. Repairs on the torpedo boats
Foote and Winslow also are practically
completed and they are ready to leave
the dry dock. The Puritan will hardly
be ready to leave the yard until 10 days.
The number of men at the yard will
probably be doubled by March 1.

REPAIRING THE TERROR.

Vallejo, Cal., Feb. 23.—There are now
at the Mare Island yard the Charleston,
Yorktown, Philadelphia, Pensacola, Hart-
ford and Adams. A number of mechanics
who were at Port Orchard have returned
and will go to work Monday and assist
in rushing to completion repairs to the
various ships at the yard.

THE AUTONOMISTS STIR UP CUBA

Trouble With Old Spanish Party and
the Volunteers.

GOVERNMENT IS DISTURBED

Sharp Debate in the Senate Over Cuban
situation—Allen, of Nebraska,
in Evidence Again.

New York, February 23.—The Maine in-
cident is quite cast into the background
by the attitude of the radical auton-
omists, headed by Govin, Giberg and Amb-
lard, says the Madrid correspondent of the
World. The majority of the Spanish poli-
ticians, generals and newspapers are an-
noyed and alarmed. They argue that a
political committee is thus created out-
side the insular government and despite
its resistance with a view to virtually con-
trolling the elections and conducting ne-
gotiations with the insurgents and the
Cuban refugees abroad. The impression
is that the concessions in the extreme
autonomists will lead to make them mas-
ters of the situation as the moderates
like Galvez and Montero will be in their
hands or will have to resign the moment
it becomes known that the Madrid gov-
ernment will allow a free hand to Govin,
and Amblard as long as they can hope to
secure the prompt submission of a ma-
jority of the rebels, in order to avert for-
eign interference and the prolongation of
a struggle disastrous to Spanish finances.
People here apprehend that Marshal Blazo-
co may have trouble to keep the old Span-
ish party and the volunteers quiet if the
colonial cabinet is reconstructed with rad-
ical autonomists who are certain, it is
believed, to drift into some direct under-
standing with the rebel chiefs and the
fugitives in order to secure pacification
before the first of May.

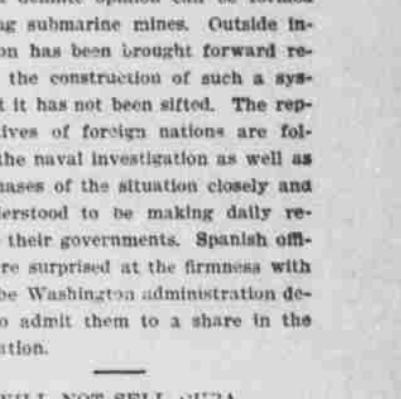
GOVERNMENT DISPATCHES.

New York, Feb. 23.—A Tribune dispatch
from Havana says:
The outlook in Cuba does not grow more
promising. The exact statement is that
the government officials were never so
much disturbed as today. This is partly
due to the information from Madrid, as
Washington. News from those places
which is permitted to reach the public
is so meagre that better judgment can
be formed in the United States than here
as to whether their fears are exaggerated.
The statement that divers have pen-
etrated the forward part of the Maine and
found nothing in the magazines there to
indicate an explosion seems to be verified.
Attention is also given to testimony re-
garding vibration under water before the
Maine went to pieces. Evidence as to
this fact is emphatic. How far it justifies
the belief that the explosion came from
underneath the ship, experts may be left
to determine.

WILL NOT SELL CUBA.

New York, Feb. 23.—A dispatch to the
Herald from Madrid says:
As the question of the purchase of Cuba
is again being pushed in Washington it
may be of interest to state on the highest
authority that Spain will never, no matter
what suggestion or any compromise
in Cuba beyond the broad measure of
autonomy drafted by the liberal govern-
ment.
This is an irrevocable decision.

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ELDER AT PORT TOWNSEND.

Port Townsend, Feb. 23.—The steamer
George W. Elder, from Alaska points,
which put into this port last night with
three blades gone from her propeller, pro-
ceeded to Port Hadlock early this after-
noon where she will go on the beach and
make necessary repairs. The Elder will
occupy about two days. The Elder will
then proceed to Portland.