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ACCIDENTAL OR NOT?

Is the All Absorbing Topic of the Day.

INVESTIGATION WILL DECIDE.

A Hole Said to Be in Ma'ne's Bottom.

KEY WEST, Fla., Feb. 18.—The correspondent here of the Associated Press has returned to this place on board the steamer Olivette from the scene of the wreck of the United States battleship Maine in Havana harbor.

Divers working about her bottom have discovered an eight-inch percussion hole in the outer plates of the Maine.

Admiral Manterola has summoned Captain Sigbee to appear before Military Judge Peral to make the necessary depositions.

When the keys of the magazine were delivered to Captain Sigbee, the temperature of the forward magazine was 20 degrees, and it is said no high explosives were stored there, which would seem to make the mystery more dense. Fears are expressed here that the divers will not be able to throw light on the cause of the disaster, since the forward part of the Maine is practically in atoms. As this dispatch is sent no news of importance has been received here from Havana or from the fleet.

According to the Key West press correspondent, divers working about the bottom of the wrecked battleship Maine, have discovered an eight-inch percussion hole in her outer plates.

This means, if the report is true, that the Maine was blown up from within, and by design.

The report that Captain Sigbee telegraphed as his opinion that the Maine was blown up by design is flatly contradicted in Washington.

Admiral Seward telegraphs the navy department that according to the report of Lieutenant Hood, of the Maine, the battleship is hopelessly wrecked.

All flags throughout the city, including those on the capitol and department buildings, are flying at half mast and among the others is conspicuously that of "Cuba Libre."

As for the Maine herself, notwithstanding the discouraging reports from Lieutenant Howe as to her condition, the navy department will raise her. While this is required by every creditable sentiment, they say they are bound to remove the hull from the small harbor.

There is nothing in the story that a torpedo may have been concealed in the torpedoes, as completely scouted, but an inspection of the fuel coal for warships will be made hereafter. In this connection it is advisable to discontinue the stories in circulation at Havana and here, regarding the Maine having been blown up by a torpedo under the ship. The Maine reached Havana unexpectedly, and therefore it would be difficult, if not impossible to place a torpedo at the spot which she was moored.

He describes the whole forward body of the ship as completely collapsed, where the shock of the explosion was heaviest. Photographs of the wreck will be sent to the department.

The Pera and Mangrove arrived at Havana last evening. They are provided with diving apparatus, and as every warship company includes at least several expert divers, and there will be no lack of men to make the necessary examination. These men can be depended upon to report the exact facts, and are not likely to be led into the mistake of supposing an outlet hole or piping from the interior to be a torpedo hole. It is believed under the most favorable circumstances the investigation cannot be made for several days.

Secretary Long positively denies that Captain Sigbee has any suppressed telegram expressed the opinion that a torpedo caused the disaster, or that it came from any external cause. He said, on the contrary, that he could not venture to express an opinion.

In the opinion of Lieutenant Hood, of the Maine, who has just arrived from Havana, the Maine can never again be utilized as a warship.

OPINIONS.

"Under all circumstances," said Naval Constructor Philip Hitchborn, "it does not seem to me that the Maine's disaster could have resulted from an accident. Everything was quiet and orderly about the ship as far as we have any knowledge, and the probabilities are that only one of the four engines were being used. With all the safeguards imaginable and lying at anchor as quietly as possible, it seems unlikely that such an accident could have occurred. Men were about the ship everywhere, but none of the machinery was in motion with the possible exception of one of the smaller engines for necessary work aboard. If the Maine had been at sea or in action there might have been some valid reason for such an explosion as occurred, but not under conditions existing in Havana.

"Then, too there was no possible manner for the ammunition in the magazine to be exploded. Here was a vessel in stanch and well built as anything that ever left a shipyard, and in an instant almost the work of years gone for naught and we are told that there was an accident at the bottom of the affair. But I will never believe anything of the kind, and I have best reasons for entertaining such opinions from my knowledge of the manner in which the Maine was constructed."

BARCELONA, Feb. 17.—Lieutenant-General Weyler, who arrived here, expressed the opinion that the disaster which had befallen the United States warship in Havana, was "due to the indolence of her crew."

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—The Evening World contains a copyrighted cablegram from Havana, signed by Sylvester Scoville, which repeats graphically the story of the blowing up of the battleship Maine, and says: "The quays and docks were jammed with spectators during the sad proceedings, and I am informed that some jubilant sayings were heard among the crowd, and that some of the lower element rejoiced over the 'tankie massacre,' as they termed it. Personally I saw nothing but sympathy. Only in the palace did I see any signs of content."

"Captain Sigbee bears the calamity like an American soldier and gentleman. He was not even outwardly ruffled by the awful calamity. He received the Spanish chief of police as calmly as though his quarter deck was not a wreck and his men mangled and drowned. Apropos of this, it is told of Captain Sigbee that he was writing a letter to his wife in the port cabin when the explosion occurred. All the lights were instantly extinguished. Sigbee, running out, bumped into the perfectly disciplined marine orderly, who, amid the shrieks, groans, flames and horror and darkness, saluted and said: 'Sir, I have to inform you that the ship is blown up and is sinking. This morning he will have a good look at the wreckage everywhere among the men."

"In view of his present attitude, I shall now quote what Senor Congosto, then acting governor-general and fulfilling the functions of that responsible position, said to me the night before the Maine arrived. Consul-General Lee had told him that afternoon that the warship would come. Congosto belligerently objected. General Lee said: 'Remember, if any trouble does occur, I will have the whole fleet here in four hours.'

"Shortly after, I saw Secretary Congosto and he was very mad. He was also indiscreet. He said to me, 'If you people would only let us alone, it would be all right. Spain has put up with more than any other nation would have done. I had warned you that there will be trouble if the Maine comes here. If you want war, you can have it. You will find Spain has not forgotten how to fight.'

The report that evidence of Spanish treachery had been found in a plot to destroy the great battleship, is not wholly confirmed, but contradiction of it is not sufficiently strong to repress angry suspicion.

Spain's Kindness Refused.

HAVANA, Feb. 18.—Consul-General Lee has refused to accept the services of Spanish divers, as offered by Admiral Manterola, to assist in the work of recovering the bodies of American sailors who met their death in the Maine disaster. It is believed that many bodies will be found within the vessel's hull. General Lee will do nothing with the wreck pending the arrival of the American court of inquiry.

Charges of Cowardice.

MADRID, Feb. 18.—The Imparcial's Havana correspondent telegraphs: "In order to justify his course, the government and avoid responsibility for carelessness and cowardice in the face of the catastrophe, and for abandoning his ship and handing over the work of rescue to our sailors, the captain of the Maine telegraphed to New York that the explosion was caused intentionally."

"Furthermore, General Lee after visiting the palace and stating that the disaster was due to carelessness in cleaning the torpedoes, has telegraphed to his government, very reticently, that nobody can doubt the gross negligence of the officers and crew of the Maine. Her captain and the majority of her officers were on the City of Washington at the moment of the explosion, but afterwards pretended that they had returned to the Maine before the disaster."

From Monmouth.

MONMOUTH, Feb. 17.—Mr. C. G. Fisher died very suddenly here about 12:30 o'clock of neuralgia of the heart. He was lively man here and had been feeling poorly for some time, he was at the stable complained of a dull pain in his chest this morning. He went for his mail at noon but after returning took suddenly worse, told his son to go for the Dr. When he returned he found him lying on the floor. He had evidently tried to go from the office to the bedroom and fell. Everything was done to arouse him, but he soon passed away. He leaves a large family, besides a host of friends. Everyone respected him.

Safe From Bombs.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—The Spanish armored cruiser Vizcaya is expected to arrive tomorrow. The navy department has ordered a guard of patrol boats established about her while she is here and has asked the police to lend policemen for the same purpose. The officers of Vizcaya will come ashore and pay a visit of compliment to the mayor, according to established custom.

A New Suit.

The Southern Pacific Company has instituted a suit against A. L. Mills, L. A. Lewis, H. P. McNary, in his own person and H. P. McNary, as receiver of the property of the Williams & English banking company, a corporation. It is a sequel to the suit recently instituted by A. L. Mills and L. A. Lewis against the Southern Pacific company to recover possession of two lots of hops, of 110 and 64 bales respectively and valued at \$2,000 and \$1,200. The plaintiff prays that the said defendants be compelled to interplead as between themselves as regards the ownership of and title to the hops in question; that the clerk of this court accept of said hops and hold the same until the right, to which the plaintiff prays that the plaintiff recover costs; that the law action begun by L. A. Lewis and A. L. Mills be perpetually enjoined, as against the S. P. Company, it be adjusted and decreed that H. P. McNary in person or as receiver have no claim or demand against the S. P. Company and that the S. P. Company be released from any and all responsibility to either or any of the said parties. Geo. G. Bingham, Fenton, Brunaugh and Muir are attorneys for plaintiff.

Will Go to the Klondike.

The following is taken from the Tacoma Daily News of Thursday the 17th inst and relates to a well known young Salemite: "A. M. Grilley has resigned as assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A. to go to the Klondike. He left this morning for Salem, Or., to visit his parents and will return here to embark on the Cleveland next Wednesday. His many friends believe he will make the trip successfully, as he proved an expert mountain climber last summer, carrying the life line ahead a good share of the time while the Mazama party was ascending Mount Tacoma."

Mr. Grilley's duties have made him assistant physical instructor of the Y. M. C. A. since last summer, during which he has gained 15 pounds in weight and a hard muscle. He will go north with a party of Klondikers and his acquaintances hope he will have as good luck as ex-Secretary Lippy, of the Seattle Y. M. C. A., who went in two years ago, got a rich Eldorado claim and brought out \$60,000 last July."

Miss Francis E. Willard Dead.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Francis E. Willard died at midnight, at the Imperial hotel.

Francis Elizabeth Willard was born in Churchville, N. Y., Sept. 28, 1839. She was graduated at North-western female college, Evanston, Ill., in 1869, became professor of natural science there in 1882, and was principal of Genesee Wesleyan in 1890 '7.

Miss Willard left her profession in 1874 to identify herself with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, serving as the national corresponding secretary until 1879, and since that date as president. As secretary she organized the home protection movement, and sent an appeal from nearly 200,000 people to the legislature of Illinois asking for the temperance ballot for women.

In 1881 she accepted the leadership of the Whole Cross movement in her own unions, which has obtained, through her influence, enactments in twelve states for the protection of women.

K. of P. 35th Anniversary.

Central Lodge No. 18 K. of P. and all visiting brothers are requested to meet at Castle Hall tomorrow evening February 20, at 7 o'clock to march in a body to Unity church, where the exercises are to be held, also bathhouse sisters are to meet in the parlors of Unity church where the brothers will join them. A good program promised.

THE COMMITTEE.

HANDEL'S "MESSIAH"—Will be presented by the Salem Choral society at Reed's opera house on Tuesday night next. The following people will remember the splendid success of the society when they presented the "Creation" also "Elijah," but this year their work is said to be greater than ever. The accompaniments will be played on two pianos by Herr Edward B. Fleck and J. Carlie Denton, and it goes without saying that this part of the work will be artistically done. Salem will without doubt show her appreciation by filling the house to overflowing on next Tuesday night. Seats are now on sale at 25 and 50 cents to all parts of the house.

INCORPORATED—The Mt. Baker Development Co., office Portland, has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of State.

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JOURNAL "X-RAYS."

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Whooping cough is the most distressing malady; but its duration can be cut short by the use of One Minute Cough Cure, which is also the best known remedy for croup and all lung and bronchial troubles. Stone's Drug Store.

Assignee's Sale.

An opportunity to buy the old, established business of E. F. Osburn-Stock of general merchandise. I am offering this entire stock of goods in one lot. If you anticipate going into business, this is your opportunity. Come and examine this stock, and make me a bid, by the 1st of March, 1898.

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