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CRAY BROS.

Divers Hard at Work.

Slow Progress--The Court at Havana--More Bodies Found.

Contract Let to Float the Maine to New York.

HAVANA, Feb. 23.—Consul-General Lee and members of the United States court of inquiry on the loss of the battleship Maine called upon Captain-General Blanco and Admiral Mante-rana. When these ceremonies were ended the court returned to the United States lighthouse tender Mat-grove and resumed its session. The divers says the majority of the bodies left in the Maine are those of the fire-men, and many of them were mutilated in the struggle for life, which the divers say must have been fearful

It is announced that 1000 Spanish regular troops arrived at Santiago de Cuba Saturday.

The military commander of Guana-bacoa has ordered a suspension of public festivities as a mark of respect to the Maine's dead.

More Bodies Taken Out.

The navy department received a dispatch from Captain Sigbee that fourteen more bodies had been recovered from the wreck of the Maine. All the remains were unidentified. It is not thought that any bodies will be identified hereafter unless by the clothing. Aside from the effect of the long submersion, the men still missing were nearly all directly under the main deck, which was blown up and the tremendous force of the explosion probably blotted scores of them out of existence entirely.

To Raise the Maine.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The Merritt & Chapman Derrick & Wrecking Company have signed contracts with the government to raise the battleship Maine. Their most powerful tug, the Monarch, now at New York, will proceed at once to Havana. The Monarch will be followed by other tugs, and the work will be begun as soon as possible. Two expert divers with all necessary appliances will accompany the Monarch.

The tug Right Arm will proceed at once from Key West with three divers and the wreckers' underwriters. The mammoth tug Monarch will follow with an equipment of 100 men.

The terms of the contract provide for the payment of the sum of \$871 a day for the regular plant and the additional payment of \$500 per day for the use of the Monarch, while the latter is actually employed.

An express provision is made, that the government may terminate the contract at any moment. It is also provided that the compensation shall not exceed the sum of money (\$200,000) appropriated by congress for this purpose, in the recent resolution passed. It is also provided that if the companies should succeed in raising the Maine and towing her to New York they shall receive a bonus of \$100,000. In view of the large first cost of the Maine, estimated at \$5,000,000 and the national desire that she be raised, as evidenced by the prompt and unanimous action of congress upon the joint resolution, Secretary Long believes that he is justified in making the above terms with the wreckers, though at first thought the per diem compensation is large. It must be borne in mind, however, he said, that it will constitute the largest wrecking expedition ever equipped in this country. Moreover, the wreckers express a willingness to go to work in the usual way that they serve underwriters, namely, to do the wrecking and then take the award of the board of arbitration. This plan, however, was not open to the government, which is compelled by law to fix the exact terms in advance.

Here Is Evidence.

An important discovery was made in the Maine investigation. Divers brought up a powder case for a 10-inch gun, which they took from that part of the battleship which was destroyed by the explosion and in which the Maine gunpowder magazine is situated. The gunpowder discovered was in a bag, and the bag was contained in a copper case. The case was entirely closed, but had an exterior mark as if some hard object had struck it on the outside; but, within, the gunpowder is absolutely intact. As the case was in a forward magazine, this discovery is conclusive proof as to whether or not the magazine exploded, and it is the general belief that it did not explode; at least, the important part of it remains intact.

Neither divers nor any one having official connection with the investigation is willing to say whether or not the magazine exploded. Any positive declaration about the matter at this time would be foolishly premature. Yet the copper case with its powder bag intact speaks for itself.

The case was taken from the Maine to the Fern and put in the gunpowder magazine of the revenue cutter. Your correspondent saw it.

Divers failed today to place the electric light apparatus inside the Maine, as the wire obtainable in Havana is worthless for that purpose. The work of the divers is progressing very slowly on account of paucity of material.

The wrecking tug Neptune is eagerly expected from Key West. She will bring all necessary apparatus to raise the big guns and especially to clear away many large objects and iron pieces which are hampering the divers.

Spanish Inquiry.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—A dispatch to the World from Madrid says the Spanish admiral commanding Havana telegraphed that the Spanish official investigation into the catastrophe to the Maine has terminated, and that the first examination made by official divers has shown up to the present that the disaster was accidental, and not produced by any exterior cause.

Advised to Leave Havana.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The Herald's Havana special says that Americans have been advised by General Lee to send their families out of Havana, as the volunteers are anti-American and anti-autonomy, and have been inspired to create trouble in case the Maine inquiry proves that the catastrophe was due to design.

Tragedy.

BOSTON, Feb. 23.—There is scarcely doubt the British ship Asia, bound from Manila for this port, was wrecked near Nantucket during the gales of the past few days, and that her entire crew of twenty men has perished. This conclusion is not only borne out by wreckage, consisting of the stern of a boat, yards and other material, which were cast ashore at Montgomery, but Captain Haley, of this city, telephones from Woodhill, that while the tugboat E. V. McCauley, was steaming out to the barge Excelsior, which lies sunk on Handkerchief shoal, he saw positive evidence of a large, square rigged vessel and recovered two bodies from a portion of the dismantled hull.

Portland Murder.

PORTLAND, Oreg., Feb. 23.—Elmer Rountree, a colored piano player, in the Richellee saloon, was shot and killed yesterday afternoon by Frank Cooper, the colored proprietor of the same saloon. Rountree threatened to chastise Cooper and followed him into the rear saloon. After repeated warnings to Rountree to keep away from him Cooper drew his revolver and shot him in the abdomen. Rountree died soon after being taken to the hospital. Cooper walked to the police station and gave himself up.

Ignatius Weds.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 23.—The marriage of Miss Marion Olive Hanson and Ignatius Donnelly was solemnized at high noon, with pomp and ceremony. The church was filled, and a vast crowd gathered outside to catch a glimpse of the pretty young bride and the distinguished groom. The ceremony took place in the Norwegian Methodist church.

Big Order.

NEW HAVEN Conn., Feb. 23.—The American Ordnance Company, of Bridgeport, Conn., has received by telegraph from its vice-president at Washington an order for 40 rapid-firing six-pounder Hotchkiss guns. The order is for quick delivery and the guns will all be delivered in about three months. The ordnance company says it does not attach any significance to the order.

Ran Into the Dock.

HAVRE, Feb. 23.—The British ship Andreta, from Portland, Or., via Queenstown, struck the dock entrance badly damaging her bows, and it is solely owing to her water-tight bulks that she keeps afloat.

Not Troubled Now.

"From my childhood I have been in poor health. When I was 10 years old I had salt rheum on one of my hands. I got a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla and before I had taken all my hand was well. I have never been troubled with salt rheum since."
MRS. BERTHA REID,
Baker City, Oregon.
Hood's Pills are easy to take. Cure indigestion, headache.

Criminal News.

The Confession of a Thief Solves a Big Mystery.

Daring Robbery on the Santa Fe—Clew to the Bandits.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—The mystery surrounding the robbery of the Texas & Southern railroad ticket offices at Phoenix, Ariz., a month ago, at which time \$8000 worth of tickets and \$700 in money were taken, was solved today by the arrest and confession of Charles Collins. Collins implicated J. W. Waterman, who is also under arrest. The robbery was a peculiarly daring one. The ticket office in the heart of the city was entered about midnight and the safe and a strong box of the company were wrecked with dynamite. So great was the force of the explosion that one side of the depot was completely wrecked, but before the police arrived the robbers had escaped. They were traced to Chicago where they were arrested.

Murder.

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 22.—An exciting account has been telegraphed of a daring robbery committee on the Santa Fe railroad. It appears as though the passengers in the sleeping car were aroused in the middle of the night to answer the importunate demand of "Your money or your life!" The money was forthcoming at once, and estimates made show that the robbers managed to get away with about \$2000 worth of valuables. The railroad detectives are sure that they have a clue and they state that it will not be long before they have the daring highwaymen under arrest.

Lynchers in Trouble.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 23.—After months of waiting for the local authorities of Ripley county to indict the men who lynched Clifford Gordon, Lyle Levy, Bert Andrews, William Jenkins and Henry Schutter, at Versailles, in September, the state today began the work itself: Arrests will be made as fast as the accused can be tried.

C. H. Hughes, superintendent of the county infirmary, has been arrested upon information sworn to by Governor Mount. While the state is expected to show that he was in the mob and therefore guilty of murdering the five prisoners, the warrant charges him with the murder of Henry Schuter. Another warrant has been sworn out for the arrest of Archibald Wright, against whose life an attempt was made 10 days ago. He left soon after and is supposed to be in Chicago. It is believed that he has agreed to turn state's evidence.

Postmaster and His Child Killed.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Feb. 22.—A special from Lake City, S. C., says: Postmaster Baker, a negro, and his child were shot to death and their bodies cremated. It is said that a mob numbering several hundred surrounded Baker's house, where the postoffice is kept, set fire to the building and opened with their guns upon it. Baker was killed and his wife, his two daughters and one son were seriously wounded. The woman had a baby in her arms, and she said that the ball that passed through her arm passed through the baby, killing it, and it fell to the ground. The house was then fired and those who were able to run ran out, but the cremated bodies of Baker and his child were found in the ruins yesterday morning. All the wounded are maimed for life. The two girls may lose their arms. All of the mail matter was totally destroyed. There is no clew to the composition of the mob.

About 1 o'clock the mob sneaked to the postmaster's cabin, which was also used for the postoffice, and fired it. The crackling flames aroused the family, which rushed out. Immediately a volley of lead poured into the cabin. Baker was among the first to fall dead. His wife, who was holding a young baby to her breast, had a rifle ball pass through her hand. It afterward buried itself in the child, killing it instantly.

Two daughters and a small son were shot, but they may live. The mother was seriously wounded. Before the shooting ceased, the building was covered with flames, and the bodies of Baker and his child could not be dragged out. In the morning they were found charred almost beyond recognition. The injured children fled for safety,

but they were not interfered with after the murder.

All mail in the postoffice was destroyed.

It is claimed that Baker was never a resident of the town and that he was lazy, ignorant and insulting to lady patrons at the postoffice.

Petitions were sent to the postmaster-general to have the man removed, but nothing was ever done about it. The petition was signed by 200 business men of Lake City.

The murder has been reported to the authorities in Washington. Baker was appointed postmaster three months ago. Lake City has 600 inhabitants. The negro population in that vicinity is large.

After the first assault three months ago, Baker moved his family into the house on the outskirts of town, where he established his postoffice.

Tillman and McLaughlin, and Congressman Norton had asked the postmaster-general to remove Baker because of his color, but the request was refused.

All mail matter was destroyed. The coroner's jury which was impelled, viewed the charred remains, then it adjourned till Saturday.

War Preparations in Pennsylvania.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.—Major-General Snowden, commander of the national guard of Pennsylvania, has issued general orders to every officer in the state to recruit his command up to the full quota required by law. The orders were issued five days ago with instructions that they kept a profound secret. The officers were instructed to have their men ready to march fully armed and equipped at 24 hours' notice.

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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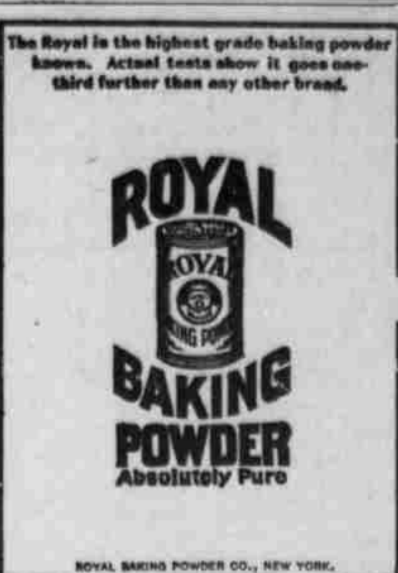
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INDEPENDENCE OF CUBA.

Leading Autonomists Said to Be Negotiating for It.

MADRID, Feb. 23.—A gloomy tone pervades political circles on the report of a split in the Cuban ministry. The autonomists, Senar Guhera and Senar Amblard are, it is believed, really treating with the insurgents in the direction of independence for Cuba. Senor Govin, the Cuban secretary of the interior, is accused of treason by the Imparcial, which publishes a facsimile of a letter from Senor Govin to a friend, in which the former says:

"How could you think that Sagasta, a man inferior to Canovas, and liberal only in name, has inspired my attitude and not my ideas and sentiments as a Cuban? McKinley, as well as Cuba, will determine whether I am a Spaniard. Long live our country and liberty!"

The Imparcial adds that it predicted a weak ministry in Cuba, and warned Senor Moret, the Spanish colonial minister, of what was likely to be the outcome of his autonomy charge.

STATE NEWS.

It is now acting collector Fox, since Monday morning at Astoria.

Farmers Institutes are being held in the Grande Ronde Valley.

A large band of elk were seen at Wilber, about 70 in number.

William Riley, of Baker City, ruptured a small artery in his left leg last Saturday, and lost three or four quarts of blood before surgical aid was secured.

M. B. Belleu, an old Coos county pioneer, died at the home of his son, L. D. Belleu, at Enchanted prairie, on the 13th inst., at the age of 85 years.

J. B. Stowell, a pioneer of 1851, died at his home in Eugene Sunday evening, aged 71 years.