

SORROW IN SPAIN

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SEMI-OFFICIAL NOTE IS GIVEN OUT

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were very dangerous, the slightest friction causing an explosion.

All the members of the cabinet and of the diplomatic corps left cards at the American legation today.

El Correo Espanol urges the government to issue orders prohibiting the Visayas from visiting New York.

COMMENT BY THE LONDON PRESS. Disaster Causes Profound Sensation in the British Capital.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—(New York World Telegram-Special Telegram.)—The Maine disaster caused a profound sensation in London today.

Lord Charles Beresford replied to inquiry early today: "I can only express my horror of this apparently unaccountable calamity, involving loss to so many gallant American sailors.

The newspapers nearly all deal editorially with the subject, and the St. James Gazette, which is particularly well informed in naval matters, says: "The fact that the explosion took place beneath the main quarters, which is generally on the lower decks in the fore part of the vessel, lends support to the supposition that the mischief was wrought by an explosion in the magazine beneath the foremast and as far as possible away from the engine fires.

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CONSIDERS IT AN ACCIDENT

Secretary Long Takes a Conservative View of the Disaster.

OFFICIALS WAITING FOR PARTICULARS

For the Present No Other War Ships Will Be Sent to Havana to Take the Place of the Maine.

(Copyright, 1898, by Press Publishing Company.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—After a day of intense excitement at the Navy department and elsewhere, growing out of the destruction of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor last night, the situation tonight after the exchange of a number of cablesgrams between Washington and Havana, can be summed up in the words of Secretary Long, who when asked, as he was about to depart for the day, whether he had reason to suspect that the disaster was the work of an enemy, replied: "I do not. In that I am influenced by the fact that Captain Sigsbee has not yet reported to the Navy department on the case.

HE IS EVIDENTLY WAITING TO WRITE A FULL REPORT. So long as he does not express himself I certainly cannot. I should think from the indications, however, that there was an accident—that the magazine exploded. How that came about I do not know.

THE APPELLING NATURE OF THE DISASTER and the gravity of the situation that would arise should investigation give a basis for the undercurrent of suspicion of treachery and foul play that ran through all minds had a sobering effect on public men of all shades of political opinion.

At the White House the president spent the evening until midnight in his office. There was no official conference on the disaster, however, but one caller, Senator Fairbanks of Indiana, who merely discussed the catastrophe incidentally with the other business which brought him to the White House.

THE PRESIDENT HAS ORDERED THAT tomorrow and until further orders the flags at all navy yards and on naval vessels at ports, army headquarters and on all public buildings shall be half mast.

LATE TONIGHT THE FOLLOWING DISPATCH from Captain Sigsbee, addressed to Secretary Long, was received: "All men whose names have not been sent as saved probably are lost.

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SAVED FROM THE WRECK

Boat Load of Survivors of Disaster Arrive at Key West.

PURSER TELLS STORY OF EXPLOSION

Thinks It Did Not Originate from Torpedo Outside the Vessel.

(Copyright, 1898, by Press Publishing Company.) KEY WEST, Fla., Feb. 16.—The steamer Olivette, with sixty-two survivors of the Maine on board, arrived here at 10:30 tonight, seven and a half hours from Havana.

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THE BEE BULLETIN

Weather Forecast for Nebraska—Cold wave, with a...

1. Spain Expresses Sympathy.

2. Local Interest in Maine Disaster.

3. Western Union Case in Court.

4. Editorial and Comment.

5. Arkansas and the Exposition.

6. Council Buys Local Matters.

7. General News of the Farther West.

8. Sons of Veterans Meeting Closes.

9. In the Field of Electricity.

10. Commercial and Financial News.

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12. "The Sign of the Serpent."

Temperature at Omaha:

Hour. Deg. Hour. Deg.

6 a. m. 29 2 p. m. 40

7 a. m. 30 3 p. m. 48

8 a. m. 30 4 p. m. 48

9 a. m. 31 5 p. m. 48

10 a. m. 34 6 p. m. 48

11 a. m. 37 7 p. m. 45

12 m. 42 8 p. m. 44

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Forecast Official Watch at 7:30 received a message from the Chicago office, directing him to display the cold wave and northern signal.

TALK WITH CAPTAIN SIGSBEE.

Maine's Commander Gives No Cause for the Explosion.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—A dispatch to the Herald from Havana says: The officers of the Maine fall utterly to account for this disaster on the theory of any internal explosion, but they also agree that no torpedo could have caused the damage that this explosion wrought.

THE CAPTAIN CHOKED DOWN HIS emotion and I asked him of the disaster.

"I was in the cabin at the time. I had just finished a letter to my family when the enormous crash came.

"The cabin lights were put out, and as I groped my way out of the apartment I met my orderly running toward me.

"I saw then that the disaster was complete; in fact, I noticed a few of our men struggling in the water."

"Only three boats were left of the number we carried. These, the rig-barge and second whale boat, were lowered as quickly as we could get them in the water.

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Anguished Cries for Help from the Ship's Brave Crew.

WOUNDED MEN SUFFER ON IN SILENCE

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Other witnesses who were looking at the Maine say they first saw flames without noise shooting high from the center of the ship. Then came the explosion after an interval sufficient to say: "My God, the Maine's blown up."

CRISPER PIPE, angle iron, etc., fell in a shower on the decks of the City of Washington, so injuring two boats that when lowered they were useless.

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