

PULL UP AN ANCHOR

Result of Another Day's Work on the Maine Wreck.

POSITION CONFIRMS PREVIOUS THEORY Goes to Prove that the Battleship is Broken in Two.

OTHER WRECKAGE HAULED OUT OF MUD Divers Continue to Bring Stuff to the Surface.

EXTERNAL EXPLOSION IDEA CONFIRMED Investigation of Vessel's Bottom Practically Completed, So Far as Establishing a Cause is Concerned.

Copyright, 1908, by Press Publishing Company. HAVANA, March 20.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The work of investigation of the Maine's bottom to determine the cause of the explosion is practically finished.

One of the most significant facts bearing on the cause of the explosion is that the port side amidships is almost free from debris. Of course, the Spaniards will not admit this, but the fact that they found little or no wreckage to impede their progress from the big crane forward to a point near the protruding plates, is only another such proof as is indicated by the upper works, or that the force was expended from the port side forward of amidships.

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WAIT ON PANDO'S MISSION

Conference with Insurgents Results in Considerable Excitement.

WEYLERITES SHOW GREAT INDIGNATION If the Proposition to the Rebels is Sure to Be a Disturbance in Havana.

Copyright, 1908, by Press Publishing Company. HAVANA, March 20.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—There is considerable excitement among inside political circles concerning the rumor that Spain is conducting negotiations with the insurgents. It is difficult to affirm or deny the present story, but it is an assured fact that General Pando did hold a conference with leading rebels about two weeks ago, and that nothing came of it. The renewed activity in the campaign in Camagney would indicate that the insurgents still refuse to accept any solution but independence. More so at the present time, when everything points to a rupture and hostilities between Spain and the United States.

For this the insurgents and their sympathizers in the United States have insidiously labored for three years, and now when the end is in sight they cannot be expected to accept what they have hitherto steadfastly refused.

General Pando has returned to the Trocha Join Moran and is at present in Ciego de Avila. He is expected to return to Havana in a few days. He is expected to return to Havana in a few days. He is expected to return to Havana in a few days.

General Castellanos and Salcedo will command the forces in the field. Salcedo is a native Cuban, and is a member of the Cuban army. He is a member of the Cuban army. He is a member of the Cuban army.

The wife of Diver Barquin, who was replaced by a sensational story to have placed a mine under the Maine, has been reported to have died in a hospital. The authorities say she is crazy, but she continually says she is not.

GEORGE BRONSON REA.

ENGLISHMAN WANTS HIS REVENUE

Refuses to Dock Spanish War Ship

Copyright, 1908, by Press Publishing Company. HAVANA, March 20.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—There was considerable excitement here yesterday over alleged English insults to Spain. J. Graham is the manager of the mammoth dry dock floating in the harbor now, and although the dock is not yet finished, the price has been paid, the English company refused to dock the Alfonso XII until the balance is forthcoming. The Spaniards here are not at all anxious to get the blame of the explosion of \$50 a month and \$1 a day extra when diving.

A remarkable prediction was made last night by a Cuban astronomer, who said that the Spanish fleet would be destroyed by the American fleet. The prediction was made last night by a Cuban astronomer, who said that the Spanish fleet would be destroyed by the American fleet.

Mr. Stewart proposed a toast to General Lee as perhaps the next vice president of the United States. The toast was proposed by Mr. Stewart, who said that General Lee was perhaps the next vice president of the United States.

General Bruzon further stated that he has informed Galvez, president of the council of secretaries, that the daily agitation against the American press is not to be stopped. He is considered as prejudicial to the success of the autonomist regime.

SYLVESTER SCOVELL.

BROWNSON INSPECTS CRUISERS.

Looks Over the Recent Purchases by the United States Government.

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JOIN IN SINGING OLD TUNE.

"Star Spangled Banner" Captivates a New York Audience.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Over 4,000 people rose simultaneously tonight in the Metropolitan Opera house and joined with the choruses on the stage in the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" with more enthusiasm than has been exhibited in the opera house for many months. It was upon the occasion of the performance for the benefit of the Maine monument fund.

On the great stage stood the well known opera singer, who was joined by the choruses of the Broadway theater, the Casino square and the Whitney and Castle Square companies. The entire audience in the Metropolitan Opera house joined in the singing of the national anthem.

Eighty Precruits Secured.

COLUMBUS, O., March 20.—Eighty recruits have been secured from Columbus post up to date for the new artillery regiments, and as many more are now at the post under instructions. A high standard of enlistment is fixed and fully four-fifths of those applying are rejected.

Says Explosion Was External.

LONDON, March 20.—The morning papers publish a long statement by Seaman Newman, recently arriving in England, who was on board the Maine at the time of the disaster in Havana harbor. Newman solemnly declares that the explosion was external and on the port side of the ship.

FUNERAL OF MRS. THURSTON

Ceremonies at the House and at the Church Yesterday.

HOMAGE OF GRIEF PAID HER MEMORY Tremendous Concourse of People Through the Church and Jams the Street While the Services Are in Progress.

The funeral services of the late Mrs. John M. Thurston occurred in this city yesterday and were attended by an unusually large concourse of people from Omaha, from many other points in the state and from distant cities, furnishing a silent proof of the esteem and affection in which the deceased was widely held.

The sad journey of Senator Thurston, accompanied by his wife's remains from Cuba, came to an end in this city yesterday morning at five minutes before 8 o'clock. But early as the hour was it was not too early for several hundred of his friends to have gathered at the depot to meet him. The party arrived here on the Burlington's express from Chicago and as soon as the train had come to a stop the private car of the Union Pacific railroad, which was occupied by the party and carried the remains of Mrs. Thurston, was switched to another track. It was allowed to stand alone just in front of the union depot for somewhat over an hour. During this time the large number of people who had gathered at the depot passed through the car in an almost constant stream and gazed at the coffin containing the remains of the deceased. The services at the church were held at the residence at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Although only those who were invited were supposed to attend, the church was crowded, while on the sidewalks without a crowd of several hundred curious spectators assembled. The services, conducted by Rev. Thomas J. Mackay, pastor of the All Saints' Protestant Episcopal church, were of a character that peculiarly appealed to the family of the deceased. The services at the church were held at the residence at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

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TEMPERATURE

Table with 3 columns: Hour, Deg., and another column. Rows for 5 a.m., 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 m.

TALK MATTER OVER

President Holds a Consultation with Members of the Cabinet.

DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES OF THE WEEK Report from Court of Inquiry Expected Within a Few Days.

SUBJECT OF NEW SHIPS IS CONSIDERED Argentine and Chili Will Sell Their Vessels if Necessary.

THEY THINK WE DO NOT NEED THEM Have the Kindest Feelings for This Government and Will Do What They Can to Assist It.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—President McKinley did not attend church this morning as is his custom, but instead spent two hours and more in conference with several members of the cabinet.

Assistant Secretary Day called about 12:30 and remained until nearly 1 o'clock. Secretary Long and Secretary Bliss were present. They remained until about 1 o'clock.

Commander Clover, in company with Mr. Flint, who has been acting for the government in the purchase of ships, also called, and were shown into the president's private office.

The members of the cabinet, on leaving the White House, said there was no special significance in the meeting. The report of the Maine committee had not been received, either was it definite when it would reach here. It was expected to reach here this week, and as soon as received it would be handed at once to the president, and when it had been read and considered by the president it would be made public.

Secretary Long, in speaking of the report, said that while fully realizing its importance, the country, in his opinion, would willingly accord to the president a day or two for its consideration.

The incident in point to the message being made public by the middle of the week. The presence of Charles R. Flint at the cabinet meeting was discussed by the president and his advisers were discussing the question of acquiring additional ships.

Mr. Flint, whose commercial interests are largely in South American countries, is believed in a measure at least to represent Chile and Argentine in any negotiations which are under way for the disposition of their war vessels.

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