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further statement on the report of the board after it had been considered by the president. One member of the board was of the opinion that the report never would be published in full, but would be kept confidential by the navy department.
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mine and not a dirigible torpedo was the instrument of destruction. This only deepens the mystery of the destruction of the Maine. A mine charged with sufficient powder must have weighottom of the shi pounds. To plant such a mine and lay the electric connections neces quired the services of a number of men.

Attorney General Wickersham was taken suddenly 111 while attending the cabinet session at Washington His condition is not serious.

The supreme court of the United States refused to grant a stay of the beef packers' trials in Chicago until the court would be able to pass on the constitutional question raised by the packers in habeas corpus proceedings.

The senate Lorimer probe com mittee indicated that it was anxious mittee indicated that it was anxious to bring to s
investigation.

Senator Bourne believes his proposed law on the parcels post can be made to pass.
W. P. Willett, a sugar expert witness, told the house sugar trust investigating committee the causes that brought about the recent advances in the price of sugar.

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An Agsociated Press dispatch says: enator Cummins of lowa announced that he would introduce a bill proearly in the coming session. The bill would direct the holding of primary elections in each state which the electors of both parties could announce their preferences for presidential candidates. Thes for would flx August 1 of next year as the time for the first primiaries and if it should prevail nothing would be left to the national conventions except the framing of platforms and arranging the machinery of the naarranging the machinery of the navide for a direct vote for the presidential candidates in each party and dential candidates
also for electors.

Washington dispatches say that Vice President Sherman is not \& candidate for renomination.

The naval board appointed to in vestigate the wreck of the battleship Maine has reported that the vessel was blown up from the outside. The statement follows: "The injuries to the bottom of the Maine were caused by the explosion of a charge of low form of explosive exterior to the ship between frames 28 and 31 strake B, port side. This resulted in igniting and exploding the content of the six-inch reserve magazine A-

The democrats of the house favor the passage of the Sherwood navise pension bill, granting a pension of $\$ 30$ per month to every surviving $\$ 30$ per month
civil war veteran.

Friends of Champ Clark have opened headquarters at St. Louis.

A Washington correspondent for the Chicago Tribune says: Russia will not grant to the American Jew the right freely to enter, and trave within her dominions. She has notiled the United States that she will accept the abrogation of the treaty of 1832 rather than accord this
privilege. Thus for the moment privilege. Thus for the momen ave ended the negotiations which it developed, were initiated by Secrepopular agitation, for the purpose popular agitation, for the purpose posed by the Russian government posed by the Russian governmen upon this section of the American people. The administration, as far as it has dealt with the matter, feels it would be unwise for the genera public interests to abrogate the treaty. Taking into consideration the large commercial interests of the United States and Russia, the necessity of maintaining friendly re lations with the Russian governmen in view of the Chinese situation and the desirability of such relations be cause of other existing diplomatic matters, the president and the secretary of state are disposed to let the question rest until a more favorable opportunity arises for the application of pressure. Congress is not
likely, however, to be quiescent. There is a strong sentiment, particularly in the house of representatives, to adopt a resolution directing the president to denounce the Russian treaty. Such a resolution if passed undoubtedly would be stifled by the senate, and if it reached the president probably it would be vetoed. The exact character of the representations made to Russia by this government through Ambassador Guild can not be learned; but in a general way it is ${ }^{\circ}$ known that it was proposed to amend the treaty of 1832 so as to prevent future discrimination against Americans, no matter what their race or religion, in the matter of entering and traveling in the Russian empire.

For the coinage of subsidiary money at San Francisco, Director of the Mint Roberts purchased 100,000 ounces of silver at 55.2 cents per ounce.

After hearing arguments of counsel for certain North Dakota tax payers asking to have the North Dakota drainage law declared unconstitutional, the supreme court of

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