

SITUATION IS GRAVE

Outbreak Likely to Occur Any Time in Havana.

LEE ADVISES AMERICANS TO GO HOME

Many Families Expect to Sail for America Today.

EXPLOSION THE RESULT OF TREACHERY

Mine Believed to Have Been Fired by Fanatic.

DANGER WHEN TRUTH BECOMES KNOWN

Naval Officers Fear Their Inability to Restrain Public Sentiment

HAVANA, Feb. 22.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The situation tonight is more grave than at any time since the Maine explosion one week ago tonight.

Naval officers fear that when the facts are known it may be impossible to restrain public sentiment.

Consul General Lee today formally advised Americans not necessarily detained here to leave for home at once.

DIVERS CONTINUE TO PLY THEIR DANGEROUS OCCUPATION.

They report that the forward part is jammed with bodies. Many of these have arms upraised and fingers clutched as if reaching upward for the handles in the deck overhead.

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THE BEE BULLETIN.

Weather Forecast for Nebraska—Fair; Cooler; Northerly Winds.

1. Affairs Are Critical at Havana.

2. State War Talk at Washington.

3. Story of the Maine's Launching.

4. General News of the World.

5. McKinley Speaks at Philadelphia.

6. Council Bluffs Local Matters.

7. General News of the Far West.

8. Omaha's New Postoffice.

9. Affairs at South Omaha.

10. High Skies in the West.

11. Reviews of Recent Publications.

12. "Joel Bennett's Pumpkin Head."

Temperature at Omaha:

Table with 4 columns: Hour, Deg., Hour, Deg. Rows for 5 a.m., 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m., 11 p.m.

upon the number of employes to be permanently employed by the board and to "call" just the number between the several districts of the state.

This was carried unanimously and the chair appointed Commissioners Boydston, Poynter and Casper as the committee.

Contractor Kinnell reported that the staff and plaster work on the Nebraska building will be completed in about a week.

PLANS FOR RAISING THE MAINE.

Merritt Wrecking Company Proceed with the Work.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The plans of the wrecking expedition for the relief of the Maine were completed today after long conferences.

In view of the large cost of the Maine about \$5,000,000, and the desire that it shall be raised, as evidenced by the prompt and unanimous action of congress.

Mr. Casper said that the work of the board and those who could not watch the performance in both rings at the same time.

Member Poynter sided with Mr. Casper. He said he didn't like to vote against the men who had been nominated.

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CAPTURES COLORADO

Centennial State Representatives Submit to Exposition's Charms.

DENVER'S DELEGATES ARE DELIGHTED

Express Astonishment and Satisfaction at Building and Grounds.

PROMISE TO MAKE A CREDITABLE SHOWING

Business Men Pledge Active and Earnest Participation of State.

SENTIMENTS OF VISITORS FREELY SPOKEN

Trip to Kountze Park Followed by Luncheon, at Which Many Kind and Encouraging Words Are Spoken.

The Transmississippi and International Exposition has no warmer supporters than the thirty-seven Coloradans who arrived in the city yesterday morning.

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