Outbreak Likely to Occur Any Time in Signber to brave Marine Orderly Anthony Havana.

Many Families Expect to Sail for America Today.

EXPLOSION THE RESULT OF TREACHERY

Mine Believed to Have Been Fired by Fanatic.

Naval Officers Fear Their Inability to Restrain Public Sentiment When the Facts Come to Light.

(Copyright, 1898, by Press Publishing Company.) since the Maine explosion one week ago tonight. Although the officers of the naval board of inquiry preserve an impenetrable reserve, the World correspondent learns lieve that the explosion was the result of treachery. They do not believe the Spanish officials were a part of the conspiracy. From lieve the Spanish government, General Blanco and all his military subordinates were guiltless alike of knowledge of or participation in the crime. It is believed to have been set off by a fanatic.

Naval officers fear that when the facts Sceretary Long are said, frankly, by officials who have wired directly from Washington, to be strenuously for peace. Both hope that the naval board of inquiry will committed, even by a Spanish lunatic. But the American officers fear trouble when all the facts are known. They do not expect any public revelations or any radical change in the situation for a week,

Consul General Lee today informally adhere to leave for home at once. Many families will sail by the Olivette tomorrow. This is an indication that those on the ground realize the possibility of trouble arising suddenly and their inability to pro tect women and children if an outbreak SYLVESTER SCOVEL.

DELVING IN THE MAINE'S WRECK

gerous Occupation. inch and reserve magazines of the Maine were not exploded completely, the main deck and amidships annihilation came from some other immensely powerful force. This point is intensely interesting and of the highest importance.

The divers employed in the forward par of the wreck are working in very dangerous quarters. They have secured a powder case for the 10-inch guns. It was full of wet

powder. They report that the forward part i unward for the handles in the deck over head in trying to get quickly out of the hammock. The second great explosion came too quickly for that. They are some what broken by falling angle irons and beams and are very bady decomposed.

Divers Reddin of the Maine and Schulter of the New York recovered the silver plate -three pieces-presented by the state of Maine and the big silver and horn handled loving cup presented on Mardi Gras day by Maine-born men of New Orleans. They also saved several repeating rifles, rescued cutlasses and miscellaneous articles. A bar lock typewriter works perfectly; the ribbon alone is useless.

Reddin is a man of wonderful nerve. was badly shaken up by the explosion and had a miraculous escape-thrown out of the top of the main turret-yet he is doing good work, notwithstanding he is without electric light, that having failed so far. Therefore he can only go down to the submerged main deck. He was almost killed by the captain's sideboard falling upon him while he was groping in the captain's cabin. He recovored the rifles there, the mechanicism o which work perfectly.

George Koehler of Brooklyn died in San Ambrosic hospital last night at midnight. He had been delirious for two days. Holtzer has a chance of living, he was slightly better today. Even after the last sacrament was administered to him, he said: "I am going to try not to die yet." Sister Wilberforce, who was with Koehler while he was dying, is doing a great and noble work.

The United States vessels Fern, Mangrove and Bache, dressed ship today in honor of Washington's birthday, only from 11 a. m. until 2 p. m., out of deference to the Maine's Spanish cruiser difonso XIL flew an American flag from its main mast in compliment. Those officers who had uniforms wore semi-

full dress out of respect for the occasion. As the censor will not allow any mention of what the divers ascertain about the causes of the Maine disaster, I shall have to merely mention the articles I saw aboard the Fern and allow readers to put this and that together and draw their own conclu-

sions. Among those articles, in addition to the books, silverware, typewriter and Captain Sigebee's personal effects, taken from the after part of the wreck, I saw both loaded and unloaded six-inch shells. A six-inch empty powder case was found yesterday. It is now known that it came from the reserve magazine, just next to the turret. The powder holder was badly crushed (exactly as if the force came from without instead of from an explosion of its own contents). After target practice the big powder cases were put back into the rack from which they came and the smaller sizes were stored empty in the reserve room. The empty cases were carefully cared for.

Captain Signbee's discipline has been superb. At the first moment of the terrible

SITUATION IS GRAVE shock he was calm. He quickly ordered the magazines to be flooded and by this quick coolness he prevented the explosion of the forward explosives. If they had gone also, then The Maine's discipline has been superb under

the strongest trial. No diving has been done outside the LEE ADVISES AMERICANS TO GO HOME wreck, being forbidden by order of the Spanish authorities. The position of the magazines is as follows: Under the forward Conservative Element is in the Maturret is the big magazine with 190 powder cases of 200 pounds each. Next to it, toward the left side, is the shell room for the big guns. Next to that is the reserve magazine, containing only a few small shells and 200 pounds of saluting powder. Forward of this strip of magazines, which probably are intact, comes the small arms cartridge magazine. Then, still further forward, comes the service six-inch magazine. Very good steel was used in the Maine, as is shown by the manner in which the main deck DANGER WHEN TRUTH BECOMES KNOWN folded over without breaking a beam, though of course it was not subjected to strain from

the big powder holder. The bodies, or rather the unsightly lumps that were once hardy, healthy sailor lads, are taken aboard the big lighters, examined by the devoted Chaplain Chedwick and hastily put into cheap coffins, half full of lime and creoline, to speedily fluish decomposition and deodorize the operation. One HAVANA, Feb, 22.-(New York World Ca- hundred and fifty-seven bodies thus far have blegram-Special Telegram.)-The cituation been recovered and six men have died in tonight is more grave than at any time the hospital. Twelve bodies were recovered today. Eight were very fragmentary, Chaplain Chedwick is faithful in his awful task.

The big wrecking tug has not arrived. A member of the court of laquiry says the tug Neptune cannot raise the heavy guns, as its that some of the best naval experts now be- cranes are of only fifteen tons capacity, while the guns weigh twenty-five tons apiece. Captain Sigsbee's pennant was also found today.

Cablegrams from friends and families have evidence now in their possession they be- about ceased. At first they came in a flood. SYLVESTER SCOVEL.

MAKE OFFICIAL CALL ON BLANCO. General Lee Accompanies Naval Court

to the Palace. HAVANA, Feb. 22.—Consul General Lee and the members of the United States court of inquiry into the loss of the battleship are known it may be impossible to restrain | Maine, called this morning on Captain Genpublic sentiment. President McKinley and eral Blanco and Admiral Manterola. When these ceremonies were ended the court returned to the United States lighthouse tender Mangrove and resumed its sessions.

It is believed a number of bodies will be recovered from the forward part of the be able to prove that no crime has been Maine today. A majority of the remains are understood to be those of firemen and many of them are said to have been mutilated in the struggle for life, which the divers say must have been frightful.

It is announced that 1,600 Spanish regular troops arrived at Santiago de Cuba Saturday. The military commander of Guanabacoa vised Americans not necessarily detained has ordered the suspension of public festivities as a mark of respect to the memory of the Maine's dead. The prohibition will continue for three days.

Judge Peral of the Spanish admiralty court today has been taking the depositions of the officers of the Spanish vessels in the harbor on the subject of the disaster to the Maine. Captain Sigsbee has been suffering from the great strain to which he was subjected, but is now much better, having been re lieved of some of the responsibility by the presence here of the court of inquiry.

The court of inquiry opened at 10:30 and HAVANA, Feb. 22 .- (New York World took a recess at 12:30, Lieutenant Holmon, Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-If the 10- navigator and ordnance officer of the Moine, was examined at the morning session. The court met for the afternoon session at 1:30 and Lieutenant Commander Wainwright, executive officer of the Maine, was called to the stand. Lieutenant Walnwright has been in immediate charge of the wreck since the explosion.

Four divers were at work, two in the for part of the ship and the others aft. The task is most laborious and the men are naturally extremely careful, as they have had to work in complete darkness and several have had jammed with bodies. Many of these have arms | bad fulls, Electric lights from the Mangrove upraised and fingers clutched as if reaching are now available and much good is expected from them. Nearly all the possible

> The cefforts to reach the ward and mees rooms are frustrated by some unknown obstacle. It is expected to find bodies in those rooms. Two cases of ten-inch ammunition have been found, the one having exploded, the other full of powder. These were found forward.

The work of securing the bodies under the hatch has been most difficult in the dark, but it is hoped the electric lights will be of great assistance. The bodies are much mutilated and some are partially burned.

The officers of the court of inquiry paid another visit to the wreck today. Captain Sampson, after the visit of the court to the captain general and Admical Manterola to day, said the reception extended them had been polite and cordial. The captain general and admiral had expressed deep sympathy and the hope that nothing would interfere to prevent a thorough investigation. They offered to give any help in their power. Captain Sampson referred to the visits as "tending to promote a better understanding."

George W. Koebier of Brooklyn died today at the military fospital. All the other injured show some improvement.

La Lucha, in an editorial today, comments upon the "unfairness of the United States in making Captain Sigsbee the adviser and assistant of the court of inquiry." The editocial is evidently based on incorrect information from the United States, as naval officers here say it is impossible, under the rules constituting naval courts of inquiry. that the captain commending the ship de stroyed should have enything to lo with the dead. No national salute was fired. The findings of the court, being in one sense on trial Cimcelf. It is made Captain Sigsbee's duty to give all the testimony as to the facts

in his possession. La Lucha alleges also that the court of inquiry is not constituted as it would be by any other of the great powers, but in this particular the page is evidently aboring under further misinformation.

Gunner Charles Morgan of the cruiser New York, who is in charge of the divers, willdevote special attention to examining the ammunition in the forepart of the Maine's hull and to ascertaining the condition of the plates, hull and ammunition. He is a graduate in gunnery and is regarded as entirely competent, as indeed are all the divers un der his direction. He is under strict orders not to give anything on the subject of the result of his investigations except to the officers of the inquiry when called upon.

The autonomist government has confirmed the appointment of Senor Manuel Rafael Angelo as delegate of the colonial govern ment at Washington to prepare a commer cial treaty according to instructions which he will receive from Senor Montoro and Senor Rodriguez, colonial secretaries of the treasury and commerce respectively. It has

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WAR TALK AT WASHINGTON

Freely Discussed.

FORMS CHIEF TOPIC OF CONVERSATION

jority, but There Are Plenty of Jingoes on Hand to Make Things Lively.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 .- (Special Telegram.)-Not in many years have the people of Washington discussed war with as much seriousness as they have done today. In the hotels, in the cafes and at teas and receptions, talk of an impending clash of arms with Spain has been uppermost. It was notable, however, that the conservative element was largely in the majority, but there were enough jingoes in all the assemblages to make the conversation decidedly picturosque. The passage of General Hawley's bill by the senate today adding two regiments of artillery to the army complement is being regarded as the first real recognition of the demand that has been heard for sometime that the artillery was entirely inadequate to man the cortifications, upon which congress has spent many millions. Whether the bill will pass the house at this session is a much mooted question, the leaders to a large extent being opposed to any increase in the army at this time. Sentiment, however, may play a part in the matter and should the developments of the next fortyeight hours show that the Maine was the victim of treachery nothing can hold the house from rushing the bill through.

Thurston today reported from his committee on international expositions his resolution providing for a commission to supervise the collection of funds among all the schools and colleges of the United States for the purpose of erecting a monument to Lafayette in Paris, the same to be presented to the government of France, un-

velled and dedicated July 4, 1990. The bill for the relief of Hiram H. Paimer of Omaha, carrying \$30 per month, which has been pressed by every republican sensfor and member of congress from the Second Nebraska district, has finally passed both houses of congress and went to the president today for his signature.

Congressman Strode has gone to Nebraska, presumably to look after his fences. Randolph McNitt of Red Cloud leaves for

his home tomorrow. QUIET AT NAVY DEPARTMENT. WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 .- All the government departments were closed in Washington today save the Navy department, where a few officials assembled to receive any dispatch that might arrive and close the contract with the wreckers for the recovery of the effects on the Maine, and the vessel itself, if that be practicable. The signing of the wrecking contract was the most important event of the day, and this concluded, the officials closed up shop and went home to enjoy a respite from the rush of the last

week. Captain Sigsbee was heard from in a dispatch which indicates that close attention will be given to the coal bunkers by navy court of inquiry.

Washington officials unquestionably have been for some time preparing for any emerfor immediate activity at Washington.

ORDERS TO VESSELS. The Castine and Cincinnati, in accordance with orders made known some time ago by the Associated Press, are to move much further north to West Indian waters, and at Norfolk the monitor Terror has been ordered to be in readiness and may be sent to New York later.

The senate passed a bill to add two artillery regiments to the strength of the army. This order has been considered for many months by officers of the War department, who foresaw that while congress of late years had taken measures for the protection of our coasts by considerable appropriations for extensive work and guns, it had not provided the men necessary to operate these engines of war. Should the house pass the bill it will enable the department to carry out plans it has long had in view.

Criticisms lately passed upon the state of the army and our fortifications have caused increased activity in military matters, and to some extent this is responsible for reports arriving from various quarters of movements at army posts. A report was circulated that General Miles, as commander of the army, had issued additional orders for troops at all forts to be on the alert and ready for immediate action, but this was promptly denied by the general's chief

Nothing whatever of a sensational charac ter occurred in Washington, and on the whole the day was free of rumors by comparison with its immediate predecessors for

the last week or more. WAINWRIGHT IN CHARGE. Probably Lieutenant Commander Wain-

of inspecting the work as it proceeds. which is of sufficient capacity for the lighter ler and Romero Robledo. upper works of the Maine, but it will take

mounted within them. Captain Humphrey said the purpose was not to separate the big guns from the turrets, but to lift them as a whole. This will be a tremendous undertaking, as the com-

there is an ample margin of lifting power. The wreckers were loath to express an the ship can be brought to the surface. The before the 1st of May. Norfolk navy yard.

time at his office, but had little news to United States. communicate. He had received only one d'a- I can state authoritatively that the rumo patch since yesterday from Consul General that United States Minister Woodford is Lee, and that related to the shipment of leaving Madrid is absolutely unfounded.

Cuban tobacco to the United States. The ARTHUR E. HODGHTO.

department has heard nothing of the reing the exportation of tobacco from Cuba.

On the contrary, General Lee's reports show no one could have survived, from Captain Possibility of a Clash with Spain Quite that the movements are in regular progress. Session of Nebraska Exposition Commission or at least had not been checked up to the Gets Rather Hot. 19th inst.

> Judge Day has received no news of the rumored capture of the Dauntless, and in fact the above telegram was all he had had rom Havana in the last twenty-four hours.

NO NEWS FROM NAVAL COURT. In the Navy department there were a few more officials who came down in the morning to look over the mails and open any tele grams that might have been received. Sec retary Long himself spent an hour in his office looking over his private mail. He said he had heard nothing from Havana and did not expect anything. The naval regulations month. There was very little business under which the court of inquiry was proceeding at Havana absolutely precluded the of the session was occupied by a very aniconveyance by any member of the court or the court as a body to any person, even the members claimed the others were getting secretary of the navy, of any facts developed during the progress of the inquiry unless the their friends and there were some very seaction of the department was necessary upon | vere criticisms of the policy of employing some development to further the investiga- alleged experts for the work to be done tion. For this reason the secretary does not | The warmth which pervaded the meeting exexpect to learn envihing officially or unoffi- tended to the lobby and a heated argucially for several days from any of the memhere of the court, and as Captain Sampson, employes of the hourd the president of that body, has given notice at Havana that the proceedings would be kept secret there, the officials do not see how sioner Whitford. Mr. Whitford is a hortiany one can know what the court is doing. AS TO NAVAL MOVEMENTS.

The paval officers assert that the report to the effect that the movements of the South Atlantic squadron, now under way, are with a view to the early assembling of the vessels near Havana, is without foundation This movement, they say, is in direct accord with the plan outlined in December last by Captain Chester, of the Cincinnati, in command of the squadron, and approved by the department. This was about as follows:

After the smaller vessels were docked at Buenos Ayres, he would assemble the squadron and proceed up the coast of South America for squadron drill, visiting all the ports where American interests exist, going as far as Para. Upon the return of the squadron from the north he would make a long visit to Rio de Janeiro with all the vessels. Near Rio is the harbor of Isle de Grande, where the vessels will have target practice and other squadron exercises. This would also give the smaller vessels an opportunity for torpedo practice.

In explanation of the order given yesterday to the Norfolk navy yard officials to have the Terror in condition for service, Secretary Later aid this order had been given to replace the maine, it being deemed desirable that the armored and chould not fall below a certain number. There was very little work to be done on the Terror and forty-eight hours should suffice to fire ish it. The Terror is our most powerful double tureted monitor, and although not as effective a sea boat as a battleship, in the smooth waters of the harbor is would probably be able to hold its own against almost

any craft, CALLS FOR SHIP'S PLANS. The following telegram was received by

the Navy department this afternoon from Captain Sigsbee: Send to Forsyth for Sigsbee transverse

ward ten-inch magazine and shell room showing pocket coal bunkers. This request was immediately complied

with. It is supposed that Captain Sigsbee gency that may arise, but appearances at wants these drawings to assist in the work the department today would indicate that of searching the ship, as they would be of all necessary orders have already been given great aid to the divers. They will be useand that the situation was not one calling ful also as the basis for the testimony now being taken by the court of inquiry at Havana. The fact that it is deemed essential that the drawings shall show the pocket coal bunkers, which abut on the magazine, is evidence that Captain Sigsbee has in mind the spontaneous combustion theory, though it does not fellow by any means that he is committed to It.

Some of the employes of the Navy de partment have been making estimates the amount of money that will be required to meet the demands of the joint resolution which Mr. Boutelle proposes to introduce in the house, allowing a year's sea pay to the families of the dead sailors and money for lost clothing and effects not to exceed a year's pay to the survivors. It fixes the sum at not to exceed \$150,000.

The Navy department received a message from Captain Sigsbee this evening saying that fourteen more bodies had been recovered from the wreck. All the remains are unidentified. It is not thought any bodies will be identified hereafter unless by the clothing. Aside from the effect of the submersion, the bodies of the men were directly under the main deck, which was blown up, and the explosion probably blew many out of

TROUBLE CAUSED BY AUTONOMISTS

Government Tneasy. Copyright, 1898, by Press Publishing Company, MADRID, Feb. 22 .- (New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-The Maine in cident is quite cast in the background by intelligence from Havana concerning the attitude of the radical autonomists, headed by Govin Giberga Amblard. A majority of Spanwright, the executive officer of the Maine, ish politicians, generals and the newspanew in Havana, will be assigned to the duty | pers are annoyed and alarmed to see a political committee thus created outside the The officers of the two wrecking com- insular government and despite its resistpanies today said that after the expedition ance with a view virtually to controlling elecwas assembled in Havana harbor a complete tions and negotiations with the insurgents inspection of the wreck would be made and cuban refugees abroad. Heraldo, the orthe exact line of work determined upon. The gan of Canalejas, Imparcial and the milifacilities will be so ample that all of the tary papers are as loud in criticising the divers will be able to work at one time on radical autonomists as are the conservative different parts of the wreck. Most of the organs of every shade, from El Tiempe of Sillifting will be done by the smaller derrick, vela to La Epoca and El Nacional of Wey

The impression is that concessions to th the monster derrick Monarch to lift the extreme autonomists will lead to making huge turrets of the Maine and the guns them masters of the situation, as moderates like Gaivez Montero will be tools in their hands or will have to resign the moment it is known that the Madrid government will allow a free hand to Govin Giberga Ambiard as long as they secure prompt subbined weight of each turret and gun is 166 mission of a majority of the rebels to avert tons. The Monarch can lift 260 tons, so fereign interference and prolong again a struggle direstrous for Spanish finance. The people apprehend that Marshal Blanco may opinion as to their ability to raise the hull have trouble to keep the old Spanish party of the Maine. Mr. Chapamn and Captain and volunteers quiet if the colonial cabine Humphreys said nothing but a close per- is reconstructed with radical autonomists sonal inspection would permit a decision on sure to drift into some direct understanding that point. They are hopeful, however, that with the rebel chiefs to secure pacification

iron barge Lone Star will be used to receive The government, especially Sagasta Moret the turrets, guns and wreckage and as fast and their organs in the Madrid press, keep as loads are made up it will be towed to the cool and say that they fear nothing and on the contrary believe the radical autonomists As this was a legal holiday very few to be excellent auxiliaries for realizing the people were at the State or Navy depart- two principal aims-liberal policy and peace ments. Acting Secretary Day spent some in Cuba and friendly relations with the

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SECRETARY CASPER DESCANTS ON EXPERTS

Employment of Numerous Assistants Arouses Him to an Indignant Protest, but He is Outvoted Just the Same,

The Nebraska Exposition commission held a meeting last night for the first time this transacted, principally because a good part mated and heated discussion. Some of the more than their share of the soft jobs for ment terminated in a fist fight between two

The trouble started over a very inno cent appearing motion made by Commidculturist by choice and the affairs of the horticulture department have been regulated largely according to his suggestions, but when he moved that the board proceed to select an assistant superintendent of horticulture Secretary Casper's hair stood on end. The secretary entered a most vigorous and emphatic protest against the appointment of any more employes until some that he would favor allowing each member kind of an agreement was reached by which some of the districts which have no representation on the pay roll should have a chance. As the usually placid and mildmannered secretary proceeded his ire increased and he demanded to know of the chairman if it was not a fact that the board had already appointed a superintendent of bus, grand matron of the Order of the Easthorticulture and an assistant.

into what he eaw was likely to be an un- the state building for headquarters or be pleasant discussion and he maintained a allotted desk room in the building. dignified silence.

Mr. Whitford's manner was gentle as a summer's breeze as he informed Mr. Casper in a tone of gentle reproach that it was and coming to some conclusion. true that the board had already employed the persons he had named, but he reminded the secretary, still in the same gentle tone, that the care of the horticultural exhibit would require the greatest attention and it ** necessary to employ experts to do the work properly

CASPER ON EXPERTS. The reference to "experts" was like flamiding a carmine undergarment in the even of an excited gentleman cow and furnished a text for a dissertation by the secretary that was a gem. He declared that he was tired all will be refused. of hearing about "experts." "We are told at every meeting," said he, "that we much and plaster work on the Nebraska building citie; Joseph Mitner, city meanings and that and it always happens that the man favorable weather. friend who is just the right kind of an ex- morning. have got a lot of experts on our pay roll cating up the money and what do they amount to? We have got two or three ex perts putting up our state building and on pert and orders the work torn down and done way and right after him comes another expert and orders the work torn dwon and done his way. I understand that the cornice on our building has been torn off three times to please some of our alleged experts and the other experts won't come along tomorrow and say it is all wrong and must be done another way. Now we are told we must have an expert to wipe off apples and put them on a plate, I believe I could learn how latter is actually employed. An express to take an apple off a plate and wipe the dust off of it and then put it back again after I had been instructed eight or ten times by the superintendent and I believe any shall not exceed the sum of money (\$400, other haveced could learn to do it in time. I would like to know when we are going to agree on the number of employes we are going to put on the pay roll and have some understanding how the different districts are going to be represented. I have not nominated a single man for a position under this board, and yet I believe I have as many applicants for jobs as any of the rest of you. I believe all the democrats in the state ton or myself when they want a job under this board, and there are plenty of pops and one or two republicans who have made the per diem compensation seems large. It application to me. I always tell them that must be borne in mind, however, he said not determined just what we will do, but it makes me tired to come here one meeting after another and see other members slipping their friends into nice soft jobs when I have to go home and be cussed by

get anything for my district." EXPERTS IN A ROW. The remarks of Mr. Casper about the alterations in the cornice of the Nebraska building caused a discussion between Assistant Foreman Watson, one of the numerous "experts" who has been in charge of the construction of the Nebraska building, and Timekeeper E. W. Crane, an "expert" engaged to keep account of the number of hours put in by the expert carpenters, expert laborers and the numerous other expert attaches who draw pay for their valuable services. Watson said Casper was "mistaken" about the cornice being changed three times and claimed it had only been changed twice. Crane forcibly ineisted that Casper was right. This counter attraction diverted attention from the proceedings of the board and those who could not watch the performance in both rings at the same time turned their attention to the lobby. At this point the lie was passed and Watson jumped to his feet and struck at Cranc. The latter kept his seat but threw out his feet in an energetic manner and kept Watson at bay. Before Watson could break them and attention was again turned to the proceedings of the board.

Member Poynter sided with Mr. Casper. He said he didn't like to vote against the men who had been nominated, as they were friends of his, but he called attention to the fact that he had named but one employe of the board. EMPLOYS THE ASSISTANT.

Mr. Whitford had sat ellently through the ndignant speech of Mr. Casper, but he said that in order to test the sense of the board he would nominate George Nownes of Sarpy county to be assistant superintendent horticulture. This motion carried with four votes "yes" and mone in the negative Mesers. Casper and Poynter not voting.

Mr. Boydston then essayed to pour oil the troubled waters by moving the appointment of a committee of three to determine

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me War Talk at Washington, Nebraska Commission Has a Hot Time Colorado Capitulates to Omaha,

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nently employed by the board and to "adtricts of the state, taking into account the of the board to name the men to fill the pocitions assigned to his district.

This was carried unanimously and the chair appointed Commissioners Boydston, Poynter and Casper as the committee, Before the storm arose over the distribu-

tion of "pie" Mrs, Helen R. Stires of Columern Star, appeared before the board and re-Chairman Neville declined to be drawn quested that the order be given a room in

Chairman Neville advocated delaying action on this matter, but Secretary Casper was in favor of "doing something" at once

This was discussed for some time and resulted in passing a motion instructing the assistant secretary to notify all societies in the state who want space in the Nebraska building for headquarters to make that fact known at once by an application in person or by mail. When these are received the whole matter will be taken up and some retired capitalist; F. A. Keener, vice presidefinite action taken, the nature of the action | dent | Denver | Consolidated | Tramway comdepending upon the number of societies pany; William Church, capitalist; S. M. many they will be accommodated, but if the president Kuner Pickle company; W. A. number is lat per than can be accommodated Hoover, wholesale druggist; S. E. Roberts,

Contractor Kimball reported that the staff port; George Adv. general agent Union Pahave an expert for this and an expert for will be completed in about a week if there is Burlington; W. A. Firth, general scent

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 between Secretary Long and the representatives of the Merritt and the Chapman company of New York and the Boston Towtoat company. The terms of the con tract as concluded and eigned today provide for the payment to the wrecking companies of the sum of \$871 per day for their regular plant and an additional payment of \$500 per day for the use of the Monarch while the provision is made that the government may terminate the contract at any moment. I is also provided that the compensation 000), appropriated by congress for this pur pose in the joint resolution passed yester day. Finally it is provided that if the crewo succeed in raising the Maine and towing it to New York, they shall receive a bonus

of \$100,000. with the wreckers, though at first thought wrecking expedition ever equipped in this country. Moreover, the wreckers expressed a willingness to go to work in the usual way the work and then take the award of a was not open to the government, which is compelled by law to fix exact terms in adcompanies to proceed with all dispatch and wrecking and, though this haste adds to the cast of the work, it is believed to be necessary in view of the possibility of the early appearance of yellow fever at Havana harbor with the approach of the rainy season next month.

Captain Humphreys and M. H. Chapman representing the two companies which will do the work, explained to the Associated Press the plans they will adopt in wrecking the 100 men, including six skilled divers; the iron barge Lone Star of Boston, capable of resented in a creditable manner. carrying 3,000 tons; the floating derrick Mon erch, capable of lifting 260 tons, the largest floating derrick in the country and an other derrick capable of lifting thirty tons The forwarding of the boats, derricks and through this guard bystanders separated men will begin at once. Telegrams were sent today to begin the outfitting, the taking on of coal and the assembling of men and equipment. The boats are ready to start at any time, but it will take a day or two to get together the exceptional facilities required for this large undertaking. The wreckers say that it will be impossible to assemble this material and get it into Havana harbor ready for work for a week. They will make every effort, however, to expedite the work and on leaving Secretary Long at 1 o'clock they took trains for New York and Boston with the determination of rushing the work.

> Adopts the Indianapolis Plan State Bankers' association, in annual seasion today, adopted the indianapolis monetary plan there being but two votes in the negative.

CAPTURES COLORADO

Centennial State Representatives Submit to Exposition's Charms.

DENVER'S DELEGATES ARE DELIGHTED

Express Astonishment and Satisfaction as Building and Grounds.

PROMISE TO MAKE A CREDITABLE SHOWING

Business Men Pledge Active and Earness 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 Coloradoans who arrived in the city yesterday morning to inspect the exposition grounds and learn for themselves just what is being done to prepare for the upon the number of employes to be perma- great show they have heard so much about. The citizen of Colorado is a boomer by injust" the number between the several dis- stinct, and those who were in the party in question admitted that they had formed a number already appointed. He suggested dim idea that perhaps the people of Omaha were subject to the same complaint, but they freely admitted, after they had visited the grounds, that "the half had not been told," and they were loud in their praises of the magnificence of the preparations and the remarkable progress which has been made in getting ready for an exposition which they declared will be second only to the great World's Fair. They promise that the Centennial state will not be missing when the roll is called on the opening day of the exposition, but will be here with an exhibit and the people will attend the show n great numbers.

There were thirty-seven members in the pacty which arrived yesterday morning, all but two of them being from Denver. The exceptions were Lieutenant Governor Jud Brush, who lives at Greeley, end T. A. Triplett, a mine owner of Central City. The others making up the party are these: Mayor W. S. McMurray, Vice President Edward F. Bishop, capitalist; W. N. Byers, which apply for space. If there are not too Allen, manager Bradstreets; Max Kuner, transfer business; W. C. Ward, mining ex-

Rock leland at Denver; W. F. Halley, genwho talks the most about experts has some The board will hold another session this eral passenger agent Colorado Milland; J. E. Preston, general agent Chicago, Milsectional drawing of Maine through for- pert to fill the bill. The result is that we PLANS FOR RAISING THE MAINE, waukee & St. Paul railway; Fitz Mac, journalist; J. M. Ward, city editor Post; Willis Thomason, city editor Republican; A. T. Macdonald, deputy city auditor; S. N. Hastings, real estate; H. H. Roth, insurance; M. Morris, national recretary Retail Clerks association; Colonel J. D. Fanning, proprietor Albany hotel; T. A. Triplett, mine owner, Central City; J. H. Adams, capitalist; Colonel Goodell, capitalist; Warren Gilbert, sketch artist for Denver Post; Ardice Davis, plumber; John D. Bradley, real estate; C. W. Bishop, clerk circuit court; Donald W. Campbell, engineer Board of Public Works; J. J. Humphrey, architect Manufactures building on exposition grounds; T. D. Boal, architect of Denver city building; J. J. Joelin, dry goods; O. A. Reinhardt, capitalist; Henry

J. Mayham, president Mayham Investment company.

LOCAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE. The local committee which assembled at the hotel to accompany the visitors to the exposition grounds included these Omaha men: President Wattles, Mayor F. E. Moores, Major T. S. Clarkson, chief of the Entertain-In view of the large cost of the ,Maine | ment bureau; Chairman William Neville of about \$5,000,000, and the desire that it shall the Nebraska Exposition commission; Dr. S. be raised, as evidenced by the prompt and K. Spalding, W. H. Roberson, Dudley Smith, unanimous action of congress upon the joint W. S. Poppleton, H. E. Palmer, Rev. T. J. think they must come either to Mr. Boyds- resolution Secretary Long believes that he is Mackay, Colonel J. J. Dickey, H. J. Penfold, fully justified in making the above terms H. S. Weller, Judge W. D. McHugh and W. F. Allen. After a short time spent in getting acquainted a special train of trolley cars was brought to the hotel and in this the enwe are not ready to hire any men and have today, that this will constitute the largest tire party made a quick trip to the grounds. Leading the way to the head of the grand court, President Wattles explained briefly the names of the several main buildings in that they serve underwriters, namely, to do sight and the general scheme of the grounds. The circuit of the court was then made by my friends for not having sense enough to board of arbitration. This plan, however the entire party, each building being entered in turn and the condition, size and general vance. A clause of the contract requires the appearance of all carefully noted. The Govin a businessiike manner with the work of and the staff shop in Manufactures building proved a strong attraction for most of the party. Emerging from the Machinery building, the party passed to the bluff tract and looked over the buildings in course of comstruction in that portion of the grounds. To say that the visitors were surprised and pleased would be to state a fact very mildly. They were loud in their praise of the evident magnitude of the operations and the magnificent plan which dominated the whole. Maine. In addition to the emergency work They commented very freely on the grand to be prosecuted by the Right Arm, the scale on which preparations are being made principal expedition will be made up of about and confessed that what they saw greatly surpassed their expectations. The general wrecking steamer Underwriter of Boaton, of trend of the expressions heard was to the 600-horse power; the wrecking steamer John effect that Denver must have a building on G. Jones of Norfolk, of similar power; the the grounds and that Colorado must be rep-

The location of the Denver building was examined and the general opinion was expressed that Commissioners Ward and Macdonald had made a most excellent selection on their first visit to Omaha to make arrangements for participation by Colorado and Denver.

LUNCH AT THE MILLARD. After the inspection of the grounds had been completed the party returned to the city and were entertained at luncheon at the Millard.

The west end of the main dining room was set apart for the party and tables were arranged to form three sides of a hollow square. The seats of honor were occupied by Governor Holcomb of Nebraska, Lieutenant Governor Brush of Colorado, Mayor McMurray of Denver and Mayor Moores of Omaha, Vice President Bishop of the Colorado commission and Colonel W. N. Byers of Denver. President Wattles occupied the center of the table, with Master of Ceremonies Clarkson at his side, and the executive committee was represented by Manager Rose-