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Agent that Wrecked the Maine Came from Without.

BOARD UNANIMOUS ON THIS POINT

Inquiry Into the Disaster Ended at Havana.

FURTHER TESTIMONY AT KEY WEST

Evidence Brought Up by the Divers is Very Etroug.

SHELLS INTACT AND POWDER UNEXPLODED

Report of the Board of Inquiry to Be Forwarded Soon to Wash-Ington - Worst Will Soon Be Known.

(Copyright, 1898, by Press Publishing Company.) HAVANA, Feb. 24.-(New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-The United States naval board of inquiry has finished its labors here. All the board are now convinced that the Maine was blown up externally. The report will be unanimous, in all human probability. It will not be sent to Washington before next Wednesday.

The investigating board has learned all they expect to know now except the evidence that divers may find under the forward part of the wreck. Divers in that vital region of the wreck's mysterics did nothing today except that they found more powder cases. All showed seams split from pressure outside of them-seams collapsed in some. The copper was impressed by hexagonal forms. The incides were intact, with powder unexploded . They were not damaged. The board had most important testimony towas sunk and destroyed through causes not accidental.

The court of inquiry will probably go to Key West tomorrow, continuing its sessions there. The divers of the wrecking steamer Right Arm were examined by the court today. Their testimony corroborates the evidence heretofore given by the government divers.

The members of the court, accompanied by Consul General Lee, were rowed around the Maine's wreck today. They inspected the work of the divers. Only one diver is working now. He is from the Right Arm. The work of recovering the contents of the ship is being done slowly. Two full dress coats and one dining room chair were among he things brought up today. No bodies were found. Frederick C. Holzer of New York, in San Ambrosio hospital, is dying. About thirty witnesses have been examined here. The Right Arm has brought up some important pieces of artillery.

SYLVESTER SCOVEL.

DETAILS OF THE INQUIRY.

HAVANA, Feb. 24.-The court of inquiry held its usual sessions today. Captain Samp son reports that Chaplain Chedwick was ex amined as to his personal experiences at the time of the disaster to the Maine, and that the testimony was taken of the captain of a British bark in the harbor, and the superintendent of the West Indian Oil works, across the bay at Regla, both of whom witnessed the explosion.

Neither the officers of the court of inquiry nor the witnesses will give the slightest indication of the testimony, nor the conclusions deducible from it, and all say that the men employed on the wreck have been needed. warned to observe an equally strict reticence.

This course is regarded as eminently wis by the Americans and all intelligent Spanish officials, as there is no telling what passions might be aroused, or what evil results might be brought about by talking freely on official Fla. says: matters in the present state of public feeling with the utmost courtesy and kindness and of Havana to show friendliness.

in the report that he had asked Captain ordered. General Blanco to dismiss from Cuba certain newspaper men for sending sensational stories to the United States. On the contrary, General Lee has never interfered with

the American newspaper men in any way. Today the principal streets and buildings are gally decorated with flags and bunting fantrymen, under the command of Jose

steamer Montevideo from Barcelona. General Solemo, the second chief of staff. Olivette this afternoon was very heavy and today returned on board the Mangrove the the greater portion was directed to the Navy visit of the court of inquiry, acting as the and Navigation departments. representative of the governor general. Admiral Manterola personally returned the visi

paid to him by the court. The Thursday receptions of General Blance

were resumed this evening. The sension of the court of inquiry this afternoon was devoted to taking the testimony of two American civilians who saw the explosion from the deck of the Ward liner, City of Washington, which was moored wreck for several days. It is believed the pect to go to Key West instead of Charlescourt will return to Havana after hearing | ten, S. C., as reported. the Key West witnesses, but no official confirmation of this report can be obtained.

With the departure of the court the center of interest will probably be at Key West. The explosion is no longer the sole topic of conversation. The public here appears to than fill a regiment. be content to await the report of the court of 'mquiry and to be assured that nothing but surmise is possible at present.

The coast survey vessel Bache, after many delays, left for Dry Tortugas this morning with three wounded, all doing well. Owing to the American quarantine regulations the wounded, having been in hospitals here and exposed to fever, must be taken to hospitals in the Tortugas for quarantine. The names of the wounded on the Bache are: John Heffron of Freemanstown, N. J.; Thomas J. Weters of Philadelphia and Jeremish Shea of Haverbill, Mass.

The other wounded are donig well late to-Ever. Holzer, though sorely wounded,

BY EXTERNAL FORCE all officers of the Maine to give out any mained on the INQUIRY be in a condition to be brought to the United STOCK SHIPPERS ORGANIZE to ask it. The order is generally understood to apply to official matters, though some the disaster.

FORT M'PHERSON SHOWS ACTIVITY

Troops Confidently Expect to Be Ordered to Move.
ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 24.—Activity bas never been so great at Fort McPherson as at the present time. The stir is attributable to General Merritt's arrival. Everything is in readiness to move the regiment to any point that may be designated within a few

hours. At a consultation today between Colonel the men could be transported to Florida with- of them still affoat today to warrant Secrein a night. It is said Colonel Cook told the tary Long in making this statement to the reliroad men to have cars in the yards for newspaper men as he left his office: use at any hour.

It is thought tonight that the outlook is talk, and any reports to the effect that the first dispatch from Captain Sigsbee." regiment is about to move is denied by the Saturday.

creased during the last few days, and many with the business of the navy." of the officers are arranging their private affairs to leave, as they confidently believe they will be called upon to do.

General Merritt was seen tonight and asked if his arrival in the city was an indication of immediate action on the part of the regiment. "No," said he; "it is a part of my duty to inspect each post in my division every year, and I have come here merely as a part of my routine work. It is not a warlike movement at all."

military post at this place, was the order Merritt and wrecking lighter Sharpe had tillery, into the mountains on its annual thirty days' target practice. The battery, consisting of four pieces and 165 men, under day and decided definitely that the Maine command of Captain Dillonback, was to have started for the artillery target range in the mountains on March 1, but last night instructions were received to keep the bat tery at the fort until further orders.

Colonel Louis H. Carpenter, commander o Fort Sam Houston, said no reasons were given for detaining the battery at the post adding that it was surmised that the artillery was to remain here to await the arrival of Inspector General Colonel Lawton. Colonel Carpenter had no idea when the inspector general was due to arrive at this

CRUISER MINNEAPOLIS IS AFLOAT.

Leaves the Dry Dock and is Now Ready for Business. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 24.-The United States cruiser Minneapolis was successfully floated out of the dry dock at the League Island navy yard at high tide this afternoon. The floating of the cruiser was witnessed by nearly 1,000 people. The Minneapolis has been in dry dock since last December, partly to avoid the ice in the river and also to have necessary repairs made to its bottom. The school shp Saratoga will be placed

dry dock for repairs. Notwithstanding all reports to the con trary, there is no unusual activity at the yard beyond the extensive improvements that are being made to the back channel, which is to be used as a fresh water basin

for vessels of the navy. The receiving ship Richmond is besieged daily by applicants for collstment, but very

few are now being taken. Besides the Minneapolls there are at League Island the cruiser Columbia, the Menitor Miantonomah and the ram Katahdin. all out of commission at present. There are also eight old monitors at the navy yard, all of them relice of the civil war, but which could be fitted up quickly in case they were

MONTGOMERY GOES TO KEY WEST.

Many Passengers Arrive on the Olivette from Havana. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 24.-A special to the Times-Union and Citizen from Tampa,

The United States cruiser Montgomery, in Havana. Thus far Americans are treated which arrived at Port Tampa yesterday, remained at the coal docks all of today taking officers said tonight that the ship would sail

it seems the special care of the residents on coal, getting over 300 tons. One of its Consul General Lee says there is no truth for Key West tomorrow unless otherwise The revenue cutter Forward sailed tonight for Key West, after taking on a full supply

of provisions at Port Tampa. The Plant steamship Olivette arrived this passengers from that city said the report to the effect that the Americans had been adin honor of the Spanish soldiers, 2,029 in- vised by General Lee to leave the city was absolutly false, that the city was quiet and Amador, who arrived this morning by the no one expressed uneasy fears for their safety. The government's mail on the

TROOPS RECALLED TO THE FORT

Taken from Rifle Range and

Through Fatigue Drill. CINCINNATI, Feb. 24.-Under instructions from Washington, Colonel Cochran, commandant at Fort Thomas, Ky., today issued orders bringing the men on rifle range at Culbertson, Ky., back to the fort. New bayonets that can also be used for trenching few hundred yards from the Maine, and of tools were issued to all the troops. The men two divers who have been at work on the are daily undergoing fatigue drill, and ex-

> The First regiment of the Ohio National Guard, located here, is filling up with recruits. Several unauthorized recruiting stations for volunteers have been opened in this city and their enrollment would more

Monitor Terror Puts to Sea NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 24.-The monitor Terror reached Norfolk at 10:15 a. m. on its way to sea under sealed orders, but will cruise in Hampton Roads at least a short time. The vessel had been ready for sea since noon yesterday. On leaving the yard the Terror was saluted by the Franklin's guns, but did not respond. Its departure created considerable excitement and thourands witnessed it. There was, however, no cheering either from the shore or the decks of the vessel.

Bunce Receives His Commission. NEW YORK, Feb. 24.-Francis M. Bunce is better and is making a gallant fight for commandant of the navy yard here, today received from Washington his commiss

think it affects only matters connected with Secretary Long Says He Has Learned Nothing New.

STARTLING RUMORS ARE BECOMING LESS

Given to the Operations of the Wrecking Companies on the Maine.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.-Rumors of start-Cook, commandant of the fort, and the rail- ling discoveries in the wreck of the Maine

that the Navy department knows today nothmore warlike than ever before. Every pre- ing more about the cause of the disaster than caution is being used to keep down exciting it did five minutes after the receipt of the

The secretary's attention was drawn to the officers at the fort. This silence is con- published statement that Captain Crowinsidered ominous, as the preparations plainly shield, chief of the Bureau of Navigation, signify that it is not an ordinary overhaul- had just arrived at Tampa, Fla., on the Monting of the property and effects of the post. gomery from a trip to Cuba, where he had A movement may be made tomorrow or been inspecting prospective coaling stations near Matanzas. The gecretary's comment General Merritt will go to the fort tomor- was simply this: "Captain Crowinshield his row morning and inspect the troops. The not been to Cuba. He has been off with his munitions of war have been greatly in- boy on matters not in anywise connected

Secretary Long further said that he rather expected to see Captain Crowinshield tomor-

Until the conclusion of the investigation of the court of inquiry at Havana the principal business of the Navy department in connection with the Maine will relate to the corduct of the wrecking operations.

Captain Lemly, the judge advocate general, who has this branch of the work immediately in charge, today received telegrams SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 24.-The sen- from the Merritt & Chapman Wrecking comsation today at Fort Sam Houston, the large pany at New York, stating that the steamer from headquarters suspending for the present sailed for Havana, and that the tug Underthe order sending light battery K, First ar- writer would leave New York Saturday for few days. the same place. The assistant wrecking master was going to Havana on the Ward line steamer Saturday, and it was suggested to the department that its inspector should take the same steamer. Inasmuch as Lieutenant Commander Kimball, who is now at Havana, has been assigned to the duty of inspecting the wrecking operations, it will not be necessary to observe this suggestion.

SIGSBEE SENDS A TELEGRAM. The only exact information received by the Navy department from Havana during the day was conveyed in Captain Sigsbee's telegram, as follows:

HAVANA, Feb. 24.-Long, Secretary Navy Wrecking tug Right Arm arrived yesterday: begins work today. Much encumbering netal must be blasted away in detail. Navy divers down aft seven days, forward four days. Bodies of Jenkins and Merritt not found. Two unidentified bodies of crew found yesterday. After compartment filled with detached, broken and buoyant furniture and fittings, mud and confusion. Spanish authorities continue offers of assistance and care for wounded and dead Everythin that goes from wreck to the United State should be disinfected. Wrecking company should provide for this. Surgeon of Maine after consulting with others, recommended that all bedding and clothing should be abandoned. Might go to accliniated poor Useless fittings and equipments might be towed to sea and thrown overboard. Will take all immediate responsibility, but invite department's wishes. Shall old metal of superstructure and the like be saved? Friend: of dead should understand that we are in the tropics. Chaplain Chadwick charges with all matters relative to the dead. Hi conduct is beyond praise. Don't know what reports are being printed, but the intensely active representatives of the press here hav been very considerate of me and riv posi-

Secretary Long immediately answered Captain Sigsbee, approving all his recommendations. He was directed to have Lieutenant Wainwright, the executive officer of the Maine, make arrangements with the wreck ers for the disinfection of everything sen to the United States.

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.

(Signed)

tion.

The recommendation that all bedding and clothing be abandoned, and, if need be, given to the acclimated poor, was approved with out comment. The same approval was given to the suggestion that useless fittings and equipment be towed to sea and thrown overboard, it being left to Captain Sigsbee's judgment to determine how far this destruction should be carried on.

To the captain's inquiry as to the saving of old metal and parts of the sugerstructure the answer was given that such materia was of no use to the Bureau of Equipment It was left to Captain Sigsbee to say what of this shattered material was worth preserving. His statement that much blasting will afternoon from Havana, and a number of be required to clear away encumbering material indicates that it is essential further to destroy the upper portions of the wreck in order to get at what is more valuable be

neath. Captain Sigsbee's statement that the diverhave been down aft seven days and forward four days gave the Navy department the first information of the time that the divers had been in the vicinity of the "zone of the explosion," as he has termed it. This zone is confined to the forward part of the ship, and while the divers have been down aft for the last week their work forward in the vicinity, of the large magazine has been in progress only four days, which presumably

began on Monday and included today. PITIFUL PLEAS FROM RELATIONS. The statement in the Sigsbee dispatch that "friends of the dead should understand we are in the tropics," is understood at the Navy department to refer to the urgent pleas of relatives of the dead that they be brought to the United States. These appeals continue to be received here, and while they excite the deepest sympathy of the officials no hope can be held out that the dead can be brought back. One of these appeals makes | could not be present, but he would give 100 a pitiful plea against the burying of the dead "by allen hands in an allen country."

There are circumstances which, if they could be made known, would end such appeals, and would show that the department has not been wanting in a desire to bring the remains to this country. These circum stances have been withheld, mainly through a desire to save friends and relatives from the pain which would be caused by a full disclusure of the effect of the explosion. The press reports have given in part the terrible mutilation of the bodies, but it is feared this has not been fully realized by triends and relatives. The men were sleeping on the berth deck, with metal floors and ceilings, which, by the force of the terrible explosion, were ground together into a confused mass. Knowing this there is little hope that many of the bodies still missing

The Navy department today gave out the figures showing the strength of the naval militia up to date. This shows a total force Steps to Form a Mutual Commission of 4,445 officers and enlisted men, which is a gratifying increase from the 3,703 shown by the report. The number of officers and men by states is as follows: California, 396: WILL OPERATE AT SOUTH OMAHA YARDS Connecticut, 165; Florida, 186; Georgia, 225; Illinois, 523; Louisiana, 262; Maryland, 240 Considerable Attention is Now Being Massachusetts, 441; Michigan, 193; New Jersey, 364; New York, 472; North Carolina. 230; Ohio, 216; Pennsylvania, 216: Rhode Island, 130; South Carolina, 152; Virginia, 44; total, 4.445.

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt says in this connection that Illinois leads the list with forty-three commissioned officers and 423 road officials, Colonel Cook was assured that were less frequent, but there were enough petty officers and enlisted men. The adjutant general of that state recently made a request that the United States steamer Michigan be assigned for the use of the Illinois "Summing up the situation I should say brigade for one month during the coming summer. During Mr. Roosevelt's tour of the lakes last summer he was much pleased other naval brigades on the lakes and he as to result to their own gain. has recommended to Secretary Long that the request for the Michigan be granted. FORMING NEW BRIGADES.

emergency, could be utilized at once for will be \$15,000, and the greatest amount of manning the smaller national cruisers. It indebtedness is set at \$5,000. The officers could be depended upon mainly, he said, as of the company are a president, a vice presia second line of defense and also be used in dent, a secretary, a treasurer and five diplacing mines and the establishment; of rectors, all to be chosen annually. The signal stations for coast defense. The appropriation of \$50,000 made by con-

gress to aid the work of the naval militia will be apportioned among the states in a

Thanks to the promptness and efficiency of the chief of engineers and the chief of ordnauce of the army, the city of Washington is now regarded as being well nigh safe and secure from attack by water. The fortifications of Fort Washington and Sheridan Point, on the opposite side of the Potomae, are sufficiently advanced to be able to repel an ordinary fleet of luvaders and in case of necessity they could be vastly strengthened in a comparatively short time. These defenses are considered sufficient to keep all hostile vessels beyond the range of gunhsot of the national capital.

Moreover, the river has been blocked off and prepared for mines and torpedoes at a point below the fortifications already mentioned, so that it is probable some of the ships of an enemy would be blown out of the water before it would be necessary to use the guns at the forts.

The officers of the British battleship Hood today cabled from the island of Crete, expressing deep sympathy over the disaster to the Malne.

Late tonight the Navy department re ceived two brief telegrams from Captain Sigsbee at Havana, One related to some routine matter of expenditures in connection with the work on the Maine, and the other is as follows:

"Divers report more bodies in wreck. Some in hammocks involved in debris. Probably not recognizable." This dispatch indicates that the diver-

have finally secured at least a partial entrance to the quarters in the forward part of the vessel, where the crew were asleep when the explosion occurred, and under which were the magazines.

The fact that the divers were unable to extricate the bodies shows the fearful obstacles against which they are operating and bears out the belief that the work of submarine investigation will necessarily proceed slowly.

PURCHASE SEATS FOR A BENEFIT. Performance Will Be Given for Maine Sufferers.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 .- A thousand representative people gathered at the Metropolitan opera house this afternoon to bid for the boxes and seats for the performance Sunday night next for the benefit of the families of the sailors and marines who lost

their lives on the Maine. Chauncey M. Depew made a speech previous to the sale in which he said: "It is many years since this country stood in the shadow of a crisis so overwhelming as the present. We stand in the attitude of saying to the president: 'We wish you fearlessly and without favor to friend or foe to examine into and tell us what caused the death of these seamen, our brothers.' Our great ship went to Havana to protect American life and property. If called upon every one on board was ready to lay down his life." The sale netted \$3,916. All of the portiere boxes were sold at prices ranging from \$300 to \$30. Among the purchasers were: Richard Croker, \$150; Lillian Russell, \$100; ter and value and in quantity suitable and Stewart M. Brice, \$100; Maurice Grau, two appropriate to the rank or rating and duty boxes, \$100 each; August Belmont, \$100.

CUBANS IN NEW YORK CELEBRATE.

It is the Third Anglyersary of Outbreak of the Revolution. NEW YORK, Feb. 24.- The Cubans of this city held a mass meeting at Chickering hall tonight to celebrate the third anniversary of the outbreak of the revolution. Conspicuous among the decorations was an American the flag of Cuba libre. A number of speakers

gave vent to some flery cratory. In response to an address by one of the speakers a young Cuban girl cried out, 'Death to the Spaniards!' and the audience went wild.

One of the supporters of the revolution in Cuba telegraphed from New Orleans that he uniforms and money to the cause. Other messages of like character were received.

Seemed to Be Several Explosions. and Edward M. M. Fowler of New York, who were passengers on the City of Washington at Havana at the time of the Maine explosion, have arrived here. They were walking on the rear deck of the Washington when the explosion occurred and they thought at first that the Alfonso XII. had opened fire on the Maine. They say there seemed to be a series of explosions quick succession.

Grants Extradicion Papers ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 34.—Governor Black today authorized the extradition to South Carolina of Chris Harris, a negro murderer, arrested in Niagara county, for criminal

Company Formed.

Members Intend to Share in the Profits of the Business_Details of the New Corporation.

A score of stockmen from various points in Nebraska met at the Dellone hote! yesterday afternoon and organized the Ship pers' Live Stock Commission company. The organization of the new company is the outgrowth of proceedings in the federal court to test the legality of the South Omaha Live Stock exchange. In the new company the shippers forming it will endeavor to have the selling of their live stock so conducted

Lafayette Coltrin of Omaha was elected president and treasurer; H. F. Blunk of Saunders county, vice president; R. A. Templeton of Tekamah, secretary, and La-Aside from the forces shown in the above fayette Coltrin, H. F. Blunk, R. A. Temlist, new brigades are in process of formation | pleton, J. Frieman of Chapman and Fredwhich promise to swell the total to much erick H. Patterson of Stockham were chosen larger figures at an early day. The or- directors. The principal place of business ganization of this auxiliary arm of the naval of the new company is to be at South service is under the immediate direction of Omaha. The business to be transacted is Lieutenant Gibbons, U. S. N., whose energy of live stock on commission for shippers of has accomplished much in securing state live stock to the Union Stock Yards of South acts heretofore enacted relating to the presorganization and in the harmonizing of the Omaha or elsewhere in the United States. podles into one compact force, capable, in The buying and selling of live stock, the emergency, of co-operating with the regular lending of money and the transaction of a general live stock commission In his last report Mr. Roosevelt said the business are named among the state naval militia, in the event of a sudden objects of the company. The capital stock

president is to be the general manager of the

CAPITAL STOCK.

The shares of the corporation are to cost \$25, and 10 per cent of the entire capital stock of the corporation is to be subscribed and paid before the concern commences business. Any stock not subscribed and paid for at the time of commencing business shall be sold at not less than the face value. The date for the commencement of business is set at April 1, 1898, and the life of the corporation is to expire on April 1, 1958. The incorporators and stockholders are not to be held personally liable for the debts of the organization,

When a dividend shall have been decided by the corporation 50 per cent of the amount shall be paid to the stockholders upon cap ital stock subscribed and paid for, and the balance shall be paid to the shippers of the stock, who shall be stockholders in the corporation pro rata upon the cars of stock shipped and consigned by them to the corneration for sale and which have been sold by the corporation Among those who signed the articles of

Son, R. A. Templeton, C. C. Denny, H. S M. Spielman, H. Jeger, H. C. Lydick, J. W. Man, P. Johnson, H. F. Black, Western Grain and Stock company and N. P. Sell man.

There was to have been a meeting of th Nebraska Live Stock Shippers' association at the Dellone hotel yesterday afternoon President Thurber of Ong and a few other members were present. On account of a mistake in the announcement of the date of the meeting by the South Omaha papers there was not a quorum present. There will be a meeting held at an early date at South | gear of the Vizcaya was out of order was Omaha,

PROVIDES FOR MAINE'S VICTIMS. Relief Bill is Introduced in the Hous

by Mr. Bontelle. WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.-Representative Boutelle of Maine, chairman of the house paying their respects to friends on board. committee on naval affairs, introduced a bill late this afternoon providing for the victims of the late battleship Maine. It follows generally the lines of the Samoan disaster re-Hef bill of 1890 and is the result of several days' conference in committee, and embodies the views of the administration.

Chairman Boutelle had a conference with President McKinley today, at which he went over with him the proposed legislation, and later submitted the measure at an informal meeting of some of the committee. It wil! be referred back to the committee, immediately acted on there and its passage by congress expedited. The bill is as follows: Section 1. That to reimburse the survivor of the officers and crew of the United States steamship Maine, destroyed by an explosion, for losses incurred by them respectively there shall be paid to each of said survivals a sum equal to the losses sustained by them, provided that the accounting officers shall in all cases require a schedule and affidavit from each person making a claim, each schedule to be approved by the secre tary of the navy, and reimbursement shall be made for such articles of clothing, outfit and personal effects only as are of a charac of the persons by whom the claim is made Provided, further, that in no case shall the aggregate sum allowed exceed the amount of twelve months' sea pay of the grade or losses were incurred. Sec. 2. That the widow, child, or children,

rating held by such person at the time the and in case there be not such the parent or parents, and if there be no parent, brothers and sisters, of the officers, enlisted men and others who were lost in the destruction of said yessel, or who have died ter in consequence of injuries received in the destruction of said vessel, shall be entitled to and receive, to-wit: The relatives, in the order named, a sum equal to twelve months' sea pay of the grade or rating of each person deceased as aforesaid, vided, that the legal representatives of the mountainous. It has a population of bedecensed persons shall also be paid any tween 8,000 and 10,000. arrears of pay due the deceased at the time

Sec. 3. That the accounting officers of three months any allotments which may for New York, have been made in favor of any relatives of MEXICO CITY,, Feb. 24.-F. C. McDonald the degrees hereinbefore enumerated, by New York; Alsatia, from New York. any officers or men attached to the Maine who lost their lives in consequence of the York. disaster to that vessel; provided, that the amount of the allotments so continued shall | Antwerp. he deducted from the amount of the twelve months' sea pay allowed to such bene- York. ficiaries by virtue of this act for their relief. Sec. 4. That the relief granted by the proisions of this act shall be deemed and taken to be full compensation for and in satisfaction of any and all claims whatsoever on account of loss or death by the destruction of the United States steamship nine, on the part of the beneficiaries here- Bremen. inbefore designated, and the methods of presenting and establishing said claims here- York. inhefore prescribed shall be followed in lieu

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Bartley Bondsmen Case, Progress of the Kastner Trial,

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entation of similar claims.

Sec. 5. That no claim shall be allowed under the provisions of this act which shall not be presented within two years after the

date of its passage. Sec. 6. That the secretary of the navy be, and he is hereby authorized, whenever in his discretion it may be deemed a practicable expedient, to cause the remains of all or any of those who perished in consequence of such disaster to be removed to the United States cemetery at Arlington; provided, that the relatives of any such deseased officers and others mentioned in this act who prefer that the remains of such be taken to their homes within the United States shall have such privilege extended to them, and the expense thereof shall be orne by the United States, and the sum of \$10,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry out the provisions of

VIZCAYA LEAVES NEW YORK TODAY. Captain Eulate Receives Hurry Or-

ders from Madrid. NEW YORK, Feb. 24.-Unless some unexected order is received from Madrid the Spanish man-of-war Vizcaya, which has been lying off Tompkinsville, S. I., since Sunday, will weigh anchor tomorrow afternoon and steam through the Narrows to the open

sea on its way direct to Havana. Arturo Badisano, the Spanish consul general in New York, called on Captain Eulate this afternoon and took to him important dispatches, one of which ordered him to leave this port without delay. Captain ing were: L. Coltrin, W. S. Patterson & on him, but the order was not unexpected, and all day he had the vessel's crew prepar ing it for a voyage. The work of coaling was continued, with every available man handling the buckets, so that early in the morning the ship's bunkers will be packed full. Seamen were also busy putting the ship in snug shape for cruising at sea, and in the afternoon the ship's gunners inspected and cleaned all the guns. After this work had been completed, leather boxes were

placed over the gun's breeches. Captain Eulate, in conversation today said the story to the effect that the steering imaginary. The steering gear had been over-

hauled and cleaned, nothing more. A number of visitors were on board today but the marine patrol continues as active as ever, keeping back all those who have not been accorded the special privileges of A number of officers of the Vizcaya dined with Consul General and Senora Badisano tonight, returning to the ship at midnight.

SOUTH DAKOTA AND EXPOSITION.

Committee Appointed by the Governo Meets at Mitchell. MITCHELL, S. D., Feb. 24 .- (Special Telegram.)-The committee recently appointed by Governor Lee to look after the exhibit of the eastern half of South Dakota at the Omaha exposition next summer was requested by the governor to meet here today to take the first steps toward organizing a county-Clay-has just appropriated \$500 to-Dakota prominent at the exposition. The members of the committee are: Hiram Rodee, Forestburg; S. W. Narregang, Aberdeen M. P. Beebe, Ipswich; John Hayes, Fort Pierre; O. H. Mann, Okobojo; C. A. Jewett, Sioux Falls; Hugh Smith, Howard; Hans Murphy, Elk Point,

The committee met during the latter part of the afternoon and evening.

EARTHQUAKES DESTROY PROPERTY Bad Shakeup on the Island of Mont

serrat. Copyright, 1998, by Press Publishing Company.) KINGSTON, Jamaica, Feb. 24.-(New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-A succession of terrific earthquakea has caused great destruction of property on the island of Montserrat. They began on the 15th, but the most severe occurred on the 20th. There were numerous landslides and water pipes were wrecked and the entire flag draped in mourning and festooned with within one year from the date of the disasgreat consternation. There is much dietress in consequence. Montserrat is one of the Leeward islands, in the West Indies, and is a British possession. It's area is only fortyceven equare miles and the topography is

> Movements of Ocean Vessels, Feb. 24. At Queenstown-Arrived-Britannic hereby authorized to continue for a period New York for Liverpool. Salied-Teutonic

> > Naples-Arrived-Normannia, At Rotterdam-Sailed-Obdam, for New At Philadelphia-Arrived-Nederland, from

At Glasgow-Arrived-Anchoria, from New Liverpool-Arrived-Waesland, from

At Christiana-Arrived-Hekla, from New At Stettin-Sailed-Norge, for New York. At New York-Sailed-Karlsruhe, for Bremen. Arrived-Frederich der Grosse, from

Philade'phia

Cherbourg-Salled-Havel, for New At Genoa-Sailed-Kaiser Wilhelm II, for

SINGLE PPY FIVE CENTS.

DENIES MINE STORY

Statement from High Official in the Spanish Government.

NO MINE WHERE MAINE WAS ANCHORED Nothing to Say About Other Parts o

Havana Harbor.

SPANIARDS WILL NOT SELL CUBA

Declare They Will Go to War Rather

Than Do It.

WILL FIGHT AGAINST SUCH A MOVE

Sale of the Island, They Claim, Will Not Bring Enough to Begin to Pay Their War Debt.

(Copyright, 1898, by Press Publishing Company.) MADRID, Feb. 24.-(New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-I submitted the query that if Spain would settle the point of the location of the submarine mines in Havana harbor it would go a long way to clear the government of the blame to a distinguished naval officer, Captain Novo y Colson, editor of Mundo Naval, the best professional payal illustrated weekly in Spain, who immediately undertook to introduce me to Admiral Terry, secretary and chief of staff of the minister of marine. We went therefore to the ministry of marine. Admiral Terry received me with the traditional courtesy of Spanish naval officers and authorized me to state:

"The harbor of Havana contained no submarine mine in the vicinity of the place where the battleship Maine and the Spanish cruiser Alphonso XII were anchored."

The idea of the sale of Cuba is ridiculed and scouted by all classes of Spaniards, In fact it is dismissed with the query: What party or government dare moot the sale or independence of Cuba without incurring the certain risk of revolution? A popular wave of feeling, in which all other parties would join, besides the army and navy to a man. would rise against a sale of Spain's choice

colony. Financial circles and all men of business object to the cale of Cuba, because, they say, even if \$400,000,000 were offered, that sum would not suffice to cover the Cuban debt, which already exceeds \$500,000,000 and which is growing at the rate of \$8,000,000 or \$10,000,000 monthly. This debt is almost outirely in the hands of Spanish bondholders. The price suggested for the sale of Cuba would afford no compensation for the enormous amount of Spanish capital engaged in Cuban enterprises. My twenty years' experience of Spanish politice and what I have heard from statesmen of all parties, even Among those who signed the articles of incorporation at yesterday afternoon's meeting were L. Coltrin W. S. Patterson 6. to express the opinion that Spain will not sell or part with Cuba, even if it is necessary to go to war to repel such a suggestion.

ARTHUR E. HOUGHTON. LONDON, Feb. 24 .- (New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-M. Alexandre Ribot, prime minister of France in 1896 and secretary for foreign affairs in 1892, a high authority in diplomacy, in reply to a question today, said: "The explosion being prma facie an accident, Spain is not in any way responsible, but if proved to have been done maliciously the matter becomes one for settlement politically, not judicially by diplomatic negotiation, not by an leternational tribunal. It is not usual for continental governments to offer a reward for the arrest of a culprit in such cases, though England has sometimes done so. I cannot quote any precedents to guide. Spain's whole action must necessarily be conditioned by

DOUBT THE TUNNEL STORY. NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—The Press says: Cubans in this city ridicule the reports of a tunnel under Havana harbor. Arturo Arguila, who has spent most of his life in

Havana, savs: "In my opinion the whole story is built on the subterranean passage that connects Cabanas with Moro, a land passage which has been in existence for we know not how long. It probably extends back to the early part of the eighteenth century, and was constructed for the purpose of affording a means of escape from the outer Fortress Moro to the inner Cabanas in the event of move in that direction. The governor's own an attack. I have been through it half a dozen times. It is now pretty well choked ward a fund for the purpose of making South | up, and there is not a man living today who remembers when it was put to any practical

BANQUET NEW SPANISH MINISTER.

Minister Woodford Extends Cour-

tesies Before His Departure. MADRID, Feb. 24.—The United States minister, Mr. Woodford, gave a banquet today in honor of the new Spanish minister at Washington, Schor Polo y Bernabe, The guests included the Austrian, Prussian, French, German, Italian, Turkish, Dutch and British ministers and the duke of Veragua, the lineal descendent of Columbus, who was the guest of the United States at the Chicago fair; the premier, Senor Sagasta; two members of the cabinet and the staff of the United States legation. Much political importance was attached here to the incident and the banquet, "coupled with the peaceful utterances of President McKinley," according to a semi-official report, have been

"optimistically" utilized by the ministerial

But the Imparcial today takes the Spanish government to task for its "apathy, contrasted with the patriotic feeling of the country," and warns the nation against "hypercritical Yankee policy, which aim" at the independence of Cuba." Continuing, the Imparcial cays: "President McKinley may make and reiterate protestations of friendship and his intentions, but his actions contradict his words. While the president of the United States is cajoling us with words he sharpens his dagger to stab us behind. While talking concord he utilizes his Sundays in unusual war preparations at the docks and cancels the furloughs of marines. Can we trust those who are preventing the pacification of Cuba and fomenting rebellion and filibustering expeditions, sending war ships under the pretext of friendship and preaching peace? We must prepare for war. There is no time to acquire war ships, but we should fit out immediately what we have, sending the Pelayo, Colon, Carlos V

and Maria Teresa to follow the Almirant, Oquendo and Vizcaya to Cuban waters and the rest of the fleet to guard the peninsula. The other policy than preparedness is only to play into the Americans' game, which is