

LONG NAILS A FAKE

Secretary of Navy Hays Yellow Journals a Pity Blow.

PROMPTLY DENIES A SENSATIONAL STORY

No Report Yet Received on the Maine Disaster.

INQUIRY BOARD HAS MADE NO RETURNS

Public Has All the Information Thus Far Obtained.

DEPARTMENT IS HOLDING NOTHING BACK

Absolute and Positive Denial of a Report Set Afloat by Sensational Mongers—Storm Divers' Work.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Secretary Long today authorized an absolute and positive denial of a report asserting that a partial or preliminary report had been received by the government from the Maine inquiry board declaring that the loss of the Maine was due to an external explosion.

Secretary Long said at the close of his day at the Navy department that no word had been received from the court of inquiry and no order had been or would be given as to the movement of the court from Key West, as the court was fully authorized to shape its own movements.

RELIEF SUPPLIES Arrangements are being made for the trip of the cruiser Montgomery and the gunboat Nashville to Cuban ports with relief supplies.

The Navy department was advised that the Mallory line steamer leaving New York next Saturday would carry free of charge seven tons of supplies to be transported to the Montgomery and Nashville at Key West.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT has had notice from the Cuban relief committee at New York that there were shipped on March 1 from New York to Santiago 100,000 pounds of relief supplies.

MANY DONATIONS. Chairman Barton of the Central Cuban relief committee has advised the State department that donations are coming forward in great abundance.

CALLS THE SPANISH TO ARMS. Manifesto Circulated on the Streets of City of Mexico.

The relief fund under Mrs. Long's management today reached a total of \$31,113. The only telegram relating to the Maine disaster that came to the State department during the day was the following from Commander Forsythe at Key West.

THREATENED REPRISALS IN CASE OF DESCENT ON MADRID, March 3.—The public is much exercised over the report of the presence of a squadron of United States war ships at Hong Kong, as it is presumed the vessels intended to threaten Manila.

PACIFIC FLEET WORRIES DONORS. Threatened Reprisals in Case of Descent on Madrid, March 3.—The public is much exercised over the report of the presence of a squadron of United States war ships at Hong Kong.

The Impartial in an article headed "To Manila to New York" quoted an unnamed high personage who outlines the idea of an imminent rupture and says: "The presence of the war ships at Hong Kong is only Washington's policy with the view of containing the 'jingos'."

The Globe remarks: "The government is alive to the critical situation and is silently preparing for the worst, but it is too diplomatic to disclose the procedure by which it is preparing for emergencies."

BOUTELLE AND LONG CONFER

Secretary Talks Over Matters Pertaining to the Navy's Needs.

NEEDS OF NAVAL SERVICE MADE KNOWN

Bureau Chiefs Called in to Consult with Secretary and Chairman of House Naval Committee.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Secretary Long spent a good part of the morning in close communication with Chairman Boutelle of the house naval committee.

Up to noon no word had come to the department from the court of inquiry at Key West. It is said that the court is under an obligation to inform the department as to when it has concluded this branch of the inquiry, nor is it necessary to seek permission from the department to return to Havana.

Count Goblet d'Alviella, one of the fathers of Belgium liberalism and a writer of European reputation, says: "From my own point of view I don't think any European power would think it worth powder and shot to intervene, but there is one possible exception, and that is Germany."

STORM INTERRUPTS DIVERS' WORK. Unable to Proceed with Work Early in the Day.

HAVANA, March 3.—The operations of the divers this morning were interrupted by a heavy thunderstorm.

THE WRECKERS later began working with apparent vigor. The Merritt was anchored on the starboard side of the Maine with a large spool of rope on the part.

THE STEAMER Seguranga, which has just arrived here, brought additional supplies, consigned to Consul General Lee from New York for relief of the destitute.

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GAULT COMMITS SUICIDE

Well Known Railroad Man Takes His Own Life in Chicago.

TEMPORARILY INSANE THROUGH SICKNESS

Former General Agent and Local Manager of the Wabash at Council Bluffs and Omaha Shoots Himself.

CHICAGO, March 3.—Thomas B. Gault, at one time general agent of the Wabash system, with headquarters at Omaha, and brother of John C. Gault, the railway magnate, committed suicide today by shooting himself.

THE REPORT that F. M. Gault had committed suicide created a great deal of sympathetic interest in local railway circles.

PHILADELPHIA, March 3.—Lieutenant William A. Gill, U. S. N., in charge of the Hydrographic office the past two years, received orders from the Navy department today to report for active duty on the monitor Miantonomah.

THE COMMANDING OFFICERS for the cruisers Columbia and Minneapolis have not yet been announced, but it is said unofficially that the navy yard that Captain Sands, formerly of the Columbia, will be in command of the Minneapolis.

THE MERRITT RETURNS TO NEW YORK. Found Affairs at the Various Posts in Good Condition.

NEW YORK, March 3.—General Wesley Merritt returned today from his tour of inspection of southern fortifications in the Department of the East.

INJUNCTION SUIT IS DISMISSED. Building of the Port Arthur Ship Canal Will Proceed.

KANSAS CITY, March 3.—Robert Gilliam, general manager of the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf railway, received word from Galveston, Tex., today that the federal court in that city had dismissed the injunction proceedings.

OMAHA MAN ROBBED IN CHICAGO. D. E. Morgan Loses His Watch and Twenty Dollars.

CHICAGO, March 3.—(Special Telegram.)—D. E. Morgan of Omaha struck a highwayman's hand as the trigger of a revolver was pulled and the bullet intended for his head went above his mark.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN VESSELS, March 3. At Queensstown—Sailed—Vittanic, from Liverpool for New York.

At Palermo—Arrived—California, from New York via Madeira.

At Marseilles—Sailed—Patris, for New York.

At London—Sailed—Mohawk, for New York.

At New York—Sailed—Friedrich der Grosse, for Bremen.

At Bremen—Arrived—München, from New York; Lahn, from New York.

At Leghorn—Arrived—Victoria, from New York.

At Broadhead—Passed—Campania, from New York for Liverpool.

At Liverpool—Arrived—Majestic, from New York.

At Bremen—Arrived—München, from New York; Lahn, from New York.

THE BEE BULL

Weather Forecast for Nebraska Fair; Wind.

1. Secretary Long Nails a Boutelle and Long Have a Pity Blow.

2. House Kills the Loud ...

3. Nebraska News. Another Victory for Cuban Arms.

4. Editorial and Comment.

5. More Omaha Depot Rumors. Footprints Still Fly Their Vocation.

6. Council Bluffs Local Matters.

7. Iowa Legislative Proceedings.

8. Embellishment of Exposition grounds. Letter from a Maine Survivor.

9. Operations on the War Outlook. Another Convention in Sight.

10. Commercial and Financial News.

11. Word Scenes at a Barial.

12. Stories of Stately Suitors.

Temperature at Omaha:

Table with columns: Hour, Day, Hour, Day. Shows temperature fluctuations from 24 to 41.

DELAIED HAVANA DISPATCHES.

Americans Want the Naval Board to Make Haste.

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DONE BY A TORPEDO

Latest Theory Concerning Cause of the Maine Wreck.

DESTRUCTIVE MISSILE TOWED BY A ROPE

Ton of Salting Powder Aids in the Fearful Work.

ROPE DISCOVERED ON NIGHT OF ACCIDENT

No Traces Are Found of it on the Following Morning.

OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES ARE SUSPICIOUS

Information Comes from a High Spanish Naval Authority Whose Statements Are Believed to Be Reliable.

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