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CAUSE OF WRECK STILL A SECRET

Awaiting the Report of the Naval Officers.

That May Result in Peace or War.

They Met Yesterday Behind Closed Doors.

The Critical Condition That Confronts the Country.

Viscaya's Officers Visit Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Sigsbee Telegraphs That no Investigation has Been Made of the Zone of Explosion on the Wreck of the Maine—Later Yesterday However the Divers Go to Work on the Hull of the Vessel—Report That the Magazine is Intact.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Sunday's post had the effect of calming the nerves of officials at Washington, and with everything dependent on the findings of the board of inquiry, there is nothing to do except to await the momentous report from the naval officers whose decision may bring peace or war. Outwardly there was little today in the big state, war and navy department building to indicate any serious state of affairs, but behind the official curtains, things were going on, known only to a few persons, whose faces wore expressions solemn enough to excite suspicion.

The situation is admitted to be very grave indeed. Those in authority do not deny that fact but they are not letting the public know how critical is the condition which confronts the country. Their official actions, however, show every preparation is being made.

There was nothing in the telegrams today from Gen. Lee and Capt. Sigsbee to show any light on the cause of the terrible disaster. Lee telegraphed that more divers were necessary. Sigsbee's dispatches related almost wholly to the condition of the wounded. The only piece of information sent by him was that no investigation had been made of the zone of the explosion. This is interpreted to mean that none of the divers have been into that part of the ship to which the havoc was confined.

The investigation is now practically out of Capt. Sigsbee's hands, as the board of inquiry arrived today and will begin its duties immediately.

MOVING WARSHIPS

While matters are in a state of suspension in Havana, the Washington end of the federal government is actively engaged in preparations of momentous character. The most significant action has been the order telegraphed to Capt. Chester of the cruiser Cincinnati, senior officer on the South Atlantic naval station, to proceed with his ship and the gunboat Castana from Fara, Brazil, to Baradocs. Quite significant is the order to the commander of the Norfolk navy yard, to have the monitor Terror, ready for sea within two days.

As the concentration of the fleet near Havana left the northern coast entirely unprotected, the Terror will probably be assigned to New York. It has been determined to distribute armored ships all along the South Atlantic coast as fast as they become available. The monitor Puritan, now at Norfolk, undergoing hurried preparations for sea service, will anchor at Hampton Roads to protect Norfolk, Fort Monroe and approaches to Washington.

Within the past three weeks seven hundred additional men have been added to



the working force at the various navy yards, the majority being assigned to Mare Island, New York and Norfolk, where all ship construction and repairs are now generally conducted.

At present 2,600 men are employed at New York on various kinds of work. At Norfolk 2,200 are employed, an increase of four hundred recently, and at Mare Island, 1,200. The Washington gun factory has added 200 men to its force, bringing the number to 700, while the work of overhauling ships in reserve at League Island called for an increase of 200. The grand total of men now engaged in getting ships ready and guns, numbers 7,500.

THE VISCAJA

New York, Feb. 21.—Capt. Bulate commander of the Viscaya, paid a formal visit to Admiral Bucee of the Brooklyn navy yard, this morning. He spent half an hour in Bucee's quarters, exchanging compliments and chatting pleasantly. After he left the navy yard, the receiving ship, Vermont, fired nine guns in honor of Consul Baldasano, who accompanied him. The detectives drove with them to the yard, where the carriage was driven between two files of stalwart marines in brand new uniforms and brightly burnished accoutrements down the main avenue to the commandant's headquarters.

Ensign Payne walked at the carriage door. Commander Lyon, acting captain of the yard, received the visitors. Admiral Bucee said he appreciated the position of Capt. Bulate in coming to America at such a time, but hoped he would feel perfectly at home.

Capt. Bulate expressed the deepest sorrow for the Maine disaster. He tendered his sympathy to the commandant, the navy, the American people and the families of the sailors.

"We shall keep our flag at half mast," he said, "as long as we are in harbor except tomorrow, when we shall fly them at our masthead."

Bulate told the admiral he did not know how long the Viscaya would remain in American waters.

"I shall await instructions here," he said, "but while we remain we will not take part in any entertainment. I have refused several very cordial invitations already."

After visiting the army headquarters at Governor's Island, the party called upon the mayor, who simply bowed when Bulate was presented. He didn't protest his hand or utter a word, bowing again when the party departed.

Commander Bulate told Gen. Merritt that the Viscaya would only remain here four days.

A DEFENSELESS COAST.

New York, Feb. 21.—A Washington dispatch to a conservative local paper today says that General Miles told the joint appropriations committee last week that the whole United States coast, especially New

York, is practically defenseless, owing to the reckless manner wherein the big guns have been left unprotected and uncared for on fortifications. Three congressmen on the committee were astounded at Miles' charges. They secretly visited New York to learn the facts for themselves. They told the committee today that Gen. Miles' assertion was only too true. They found one hundred and seven new high power guns, which cost the government over \$40,000, lying on ships in a useless state.

Gen. Miles is quoted as saying today that he had repeatedly pressed soldiers' gaities. He declared that a Spanish warship could easily capture every one of these big guns.

The artillerymen recently sent to garnish Sandy Hook," Gen. Miles said, "are sent without sleeping quarters even, and on the Pacific coast soldiers are compelled to sleep in tents."

It is probable that the congressional opposition to Haver's bill, granting two more artillery regiments, will now cease on account of the committee's discovery.

AT HAVANA

Court of Inquiry in Very Secret Session. Sigsbee Tells Them What He Knows—Work of the Divers.

Havana, Feb. 21.—The United States court of inquiry arrived this morning with diving apparatus and members of the court of inquiry.

At 1 o'clock the court convened on the Mangrove. Lieutenant Commander Marix acted as recorder. Capt. Sigsbee began his testimony as soon as the court organized. The session lasted until 4 o'clock. It was absolutely secret and it has been impossible to learn what conclusions was reached, if any.

At 3 o'clock Capt. Sampson and Sigsbee called on General Lee. They held a long conference.

Several reports are in circulation. It is said Sigsbee will sail to-morrow, with important despatch for Admiral Stedman. It is also said that the court will hold a conference to-morrow with General Blanco. If a definite conclusion is reached by the court it will be almost impossible to know it in Havana.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon divers had to stop work because of great cloudiness. Besides this many objects floating inside the Maine greatly hampered the divers.

It is announced that to-morrow the divers will place an electric search-light inside the wrecked warship.

To-day for the first time, divers made an investigation of the hull, but have received strict orders to refuse to discuss the results of their investigation. It is reported they found the Maine gunpowder magazine intact.

IN THE SENATE

Washington, Feb. 21.—In the senate today the joint resolution providing for the recovery of the bodies of officers and men from the wrecked battleship Maine and for the recovery of valuable property on the ship, which was passed by the house of representatives last week, was presented to the senate and passed immediately. It carries an appropriation of \$200,000.

Mr. Allen of Nebraska, introduced the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the joint committee on naval affairs be, and it is hereby directed, to make a thorough inquiry into the destruction of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor on the 15th instant and report to the senate."

The resolution was passed immediately without a word of debate.

SPANISH SARCASM

New York, Feb. 21.—A despatch to the Tribune from Havana says:

The Maine is actually in ribbons, but enough of the vessel remains to make possible a determination of whether the explosion came from without or within. The chief of the Maine do not profess to disagree the theory of the submarine mine which may have been set off by explosion, but it evidently has weight with them. The nature of the damage to the port side has not been fully examined, but the weight of opinion seems to be that the hole was made by an external explosion.

Leading Spanish papers and the police officials share every official courtesy. Their liberality is undoubtedly due to their anxiety to avoid any ill-feelings which might be caused by a special effort being made to discourage the talk of the explosion being otherwise than accidental.

The newspapers give prominence to despatches saying that it is recognized in the United States that the casualty was purely accidental.

Notwithstanding these assurances from abroad, a painful impression is caused in Cuba by the knowledge that a considerable element among the Spanish classes rejoice with little secrecy over the disaster. Influences were isolated it would not be important. Unfortunately the fortified coast are too many to support this charitable view. In several places Spanish army officers have driven to vessels that other vessels of the American navy may follow the Maine.

The home is one of mingled sorrow and proud confidence. In a frequented restaurant in Havana last night, on the bill of fare was "Chicken a la Wilkie." This brought the feeling of a part of the populace, especially the volunteers. While aware of these manifestations, Capt. Sigsbee and Consul General Lee, concur in advice against sending further war vessels to Havana at present.

BOMB AT A BALL

Havana, Feb. 21.—At about midnight last night while a waltz was being danced in progress at the Hotel Desera, a bomb was exploded on the second floor which destroyed window sashes and roof, wounding

a lawyer named Fou and his father and two other persons. The explosion caused great confusion and many of the on-lookers abandoned the theatre. Others, however, continued dancing.

THE STRIKE ENDED

FALL RIVER OPERATIVES RETURN TO WORK.

Labor Troubles in That City Over For the Present—The Mill Men Win.

Fall River, Mass., Feb. 21.—The strike at King Philip mills is over. In accordance with their action at a meeting Saturday, when they voted to return to work, the spinners entered the mills this morning and the mules were once more put in operation. The result shows it was a victory for the mill men. They consented to confer with the operatives but at no time since the trouble began were they willing to make any concessions. The gates were always open and the places of the strikers not filled, but no inducement was offered to the spinners. The concessions amounted to nothing. They could have been secured before the strike was inaugurated. Agent Chase said when first asked to restore wages he could not because of his agreement with the manufacturers. Later he guaranteed that the cut would not exceed 11 1/2 per cent.

The strike cost the operatives in wages \$25,000. It cost the mill men less and most of the loss was made up by the manufacturers' association.

With the ending of the King Philip strike the labor troubles in this city are over for the present. The operatives still contend that the reduction is unjust and they say they will resist a more opportune time but it is believed if the improvement in the market continues the mill men will return to the old scale before any strike is started. In the opinion of many it will not be long before conditions warrant an increase in wages.

RECEPTION.

A reception was given yesterday afternoon and evening by Dr. and Mrs. Carl Vernon Reynolds to a large number of society people, in honor of Miss Alexandra Garrett. The house was tastefully decorated and Miss Tipper and Miss Flemming, assisted on receiving. Dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. Arthur Rankin, Miss Grace Rankin, Miss Bonnie Gene Johnston, Miss Lillian Reynolds and Miss Julia Adams. Among the guests were:

- Misses: J. A. Burroughs, Thomas D. Johnson, John Carrol, Reuben Rawls, Frank Charrman, W. T. Weaver, L. P. McLeod, F. A. Hull, R. P. Foster, Charles E. Hilliard, W. C. Carmichael, William B. Brase, Jr., Thomas Lawrence, Ben. Dennison, Eli Mudgett, Frank Danby, B. M. Jones, Willis Collier, Frank Ramsey, J. Ed. Bunnough, Thos. S. Morrison, W. B. Williamson, Roger Grant, H. P. Campbell, J. E. Dickerson, Glimer Bernicker, J. J. Brown, H. A. Gudeker, Tobin, John Horton, Schoolcraft, J. M. Campbell, Arthur Rankin, George Henderson, Carman, Fred Rutledge, Melvin Carter, Wardsworth, Pelham, C. W. Byrd, W. T. Mason, Charles A. Moore, Charles A. Webb, W. G. Smith, Wheeler, H. P. Grant, P. A. Smith, J. E. Bessling, Byron Sumner, W. W. Bernard, W. P. Clark, Henry Stephens, Henry Redwood, George Howell, John H. Williams, Archibald Jones, John Childs, R. U. Garrett, E. E. Egan, W. A. Watson, J. M. Gudgeon, The Misses: Johnson, Reynolds, Grant, Brown, Chapman, Rollins, Merrill, Ottensley, Fessenden, Gooch, Tupper, Lillian Reynolds, Julia Adams, Rankin, Williams, Blanche Weaver, Matie Johnston, Gene Smith, Josie Patton, Fleming, Nana Johnson, Carman, Redwood, Grace Jones, Charles, Dickson, Marie Brown, Moore, Bresser, Garner, Henson, Thomas, Chapman, Melissa Lambert, Bing, Ford, Stevenson, Erwin, Mrs. J. A. Burroughs, Clara Fessenden, Walter Howard, Jas. Sawyer, H. J. Chapman, Armstrong Johnston, Messrs. Eugene Swann, M. S. Barnard, George Henderson, Herbert Reynolds, Will Johnston, Merrill, Frank Smith, Herbert Millard, Phil Cooke, J. K. Ray, W. J. Cooke, Tom Smith, Guy Rankin, Edwin Davidson, Arthur Roberts, Ralph Van Gilder, B. T. Doreen, Harold Johnson, Erwin Slater.

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HOME RULE FOR IRELAND

A Long Step Taken Toward This End

In the New Irish Government Bill.

Nationalists and Parnellites Will Support the Measure.

London, Feb. 21.—In the house of commons today Balfour, chief secretary for Ireland, introduced the government's Irish local government bill which he said would provide for the establishment of county councils, rural and suburban district councils and boards of guardians. The county council would assume powers now held by grand juries with the exception of criminal powers and matters relating to land compensation. They would also deal with exceptional relief. Subordinate bodies would receive proportional authority. Grand juries would meet for the last time in 1893, elections for new bodies following immediately.

Mr. Morley, former liberal chief secretary for Ireland, the nationalist leader, Dillon, the Parnellite leader, Redmond and others spoke hopefully of the bill, promising no opposition. They consider it a great step toward home rule.

EWART'S NOMINATION

SENATE COMMITTEE AGAIN DELAYS ACTION.

Matter Put Over to March 1—Butler's Opposition—Pritchard Concedent.

Special to the Gazette. Washington, Feb. 21.—The nomination of H. G. Ewart as Judge of the federal court, western district of North Carolina, was up for consideration before the senate committee this afternoon. Both North Carolina senators made statements. Senator Butler produced additional charges. The case was continued before sub-committee till March 1.

Senator Pritchard is sanguine of Ewart's confirmation. Pritchard leaves tonight for Marshall to appear in the criminal court to defend Roberts for murder. Butler speaks in Philadelphia tonight.

The supreme court accepted briefs without argument in the railroad commissioner's case today. Their decision is awaited with interest. Avery, Womack, Day, McDonald and other able jurists are here. Otha Wilson is also in the city.

R. R. GRADY DEAD.

R. R. Grady died yesterday afternoon at 8:15 at his home near Beavertown. Mr. Grady was forty-five years old. A wife survives him. The funeral services will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock in Grace Chapel.

NORTH CAROLINA GEMS.

The rare beauties of nature, so well represented to Western North Carolina, are becoming better known every day as people who are better educated in the formation and utility of minerals have from time to time shown their appreciation of

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- One lot of 40 gems at 60 cents each.
- One lot of 100 gems at 75 cents each.
- One lot of 40 gems at \$1.00 each.
- One lot of 32 gems at \$1.25 each.—Sold.
- One lot of 5 gems at \$1.50 each.
- One lot of 3 gems at \$2.00 each.
- One lot of 5 gems at \$2.50 each.—Sold.
- One lot of 3 gems at \$4.00 each.
- One gem for \$8.00.

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