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FINDING OF THE COURT.

The Investigation Into the Maine Disaster by the Court of Inquiry

AND WHAT IT REVEALED.

THE PRESIDENT DETAILS THE FACTS.

The Arrival of the Ship and Her Subsequent Destruction.

QUEEN REGENT NOTIFIED.

The President Will Advise Congress of Her Reply, and Advise Deliberate Consideration in the Meantime.

The Sending of the Maine to Havana an Act Restoring Friendly Relations and Was So Regarded by the Spanish Government--The Message to Congress.

The President, on the 28th, according to promise, sent the following message to Congress:

To the Congress of the United States: For some time prior to the visit of the Maine to Havana harbor our consular reports pointed out the advantages to follow from the visit of national ships to the Cuban waters, in acquainting the people to the presence of our flag as the symbol of good will and four ships in the fulfillment of the mission of protection to American interests if ever the need thereof might exist.

The Friendly Call. This announcement was received by the Spanish government with appreciation of the friendly character of the visit of the Maine and with notification of an intention to return the courtesy by sending Spanish ships to the principal ports of the United States.

The Visit. The Maine entered the port of Havana on the 24th of January, her arrival being marked with no special attention besides the exchange of customary salutes and ceremonial visits.

The Investigation. At forty minutes past 9, in the evening of the 15th of February, the Maine was destroyed by an explosion which entirely wrecked the ship.

The Conclusions. The conclusions of the court are: That the loss of the Maine was not in any respect due to fault or negligence on the part of any of the officers or members of her crew.

Her Majesty Informed. I have directed that the finding of the court of inquiry and the views of this government thereupon be communicated to the government of Her Majesty, the Queen Regent, and I do not permit myself to doubt that the sense of justice of the Spanish nation will dictate a course of action suggested by our friendly relations.

The Investigation. The appalling calamity fell upon the people of our country with crushing force, and for a brief time an intense excitement prevailed, which, in a community less just and self-controlled than ours, might have led to hasty acts of blind resentment.

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REPORT OF THE COURT.

Text of the Findings of the Board of Inquiry Into the Destruction of the Maine.

The following is the report of the court of inquiry: In re explosion of the United States Battleship Maine, Before a Court of Inquiry, Key West, Fla., United States Steamship Line, first rate, Key West, Fla., Monday March 21, 1898.

That the United States battleship Maine arrived in the harbor of Havana, Cuba, on the twenty-fifth day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and was taken to buoy No. 4, in from five and a half to six fathoms of water, by the regular government pilot.

The United States consul general at Havana had notified the authorities at that place on the previous evening of the arrival of the Maine.

The state of discipline on board the Maine was excellent, and all orders and regulations in regard to the care and safety of the ship were strictly carried out.

All ammunition was stored in accordance with prescribed instructions, and proper care was taken whenever ammunition was handled.

Nothing was stored in any of the magazines or shell rooms which was not permitted to be stored there.

The magazines and shell rooms were in use that day, and "A 16" was full of New River coal. The coal had been carefully inspected before receiving it on board.

The night of the destruction of the Maine, everything had been reported secure for the night at 8 p. m., by reliable persons, through the proper authorities, to the commanding officer.

The destruction of the Maine occurred at 9:40 p. m. on the 15th day of February 1898, in the harbor of Havana, Cuba, she being at the time moored to the same buoy to which she had been taken upon her arrival.

There were two explosions of a distinctly different character, with a very short, but distinct, interval between them, and the forward part of the ship was lifted to a marked degree at the time of the first explosion.

The first explosion was more in the nature of a report like that of a gun; while the second explosion was more open, prolonged and of greater volume, and attributed by the court to the partial explosion of two or more of the forward magazines.

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SPAIN ACCEPTS McKinley's Proposed Armistice in Cuba Until October.

Spain has agreed to accept President McKinley's plan in regard to Cuba.

The President's plan is: First, an armistice between the Cubans and Spaniards until October.

Second, the United States to feed the reconcentrated with Spanish consent.

Third, the Maine report is to be held in committee indefinitely.

The President believes this country will support him in thus avoiding war.

The evidence bearing upon this, being principally obtained from divers, did not enable the court to form a definite conclusion as to the condition of the wreck, although it was established that the after part of the ship was practically intact.

The following facts in regard to the forward part of the ship are, however, established by the testimony: That portion of the port side of the protection deck, which extends from about frame 30 to about frame 41, was blown up, aft, and over to port.

The outside bottom plating is bent into a reverse V shape, the after wing of which, about 15 feet broad and 32 feet in length from frame 17 to frame 23, is doubled back upon itself against the continuation of the same plating extending forward.

At frame 18 the vertical keel is broken in two, and the flat keel bent into an angle similar to the angle formed by the outside bottom plating.

The medical stores were stowed aft and the ward room and remote from the scene of the explosion.

No dangerous stores of any kind were stowed below in any of the other storerooms.

The coal bunkers were inspected daily. These bunkers adjacent to the forward magazine and shell rooms, four were empty, namely, "B 3," "B 4," "B 5" and "B 6."

The two battleships Kentucky and Kearsage were launched successfully at Newport News, Va., last week.

The Kentucky and Kearsage are to cost \$2,250,000 each. Save the Indiana class, they carry the heaviest batteries in accord with modern naval practice.

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SUPPORTS MCKINLEY.

The Commercial Bodies of Charleston Adopt Resolutions.

The commercial bodies of Charleston, S. C., the cotton exchange, the chamber of commerce, the merchants' exchange and the Young Men's Business League all met on the 30th of March, and unanimously adopted resolutions calling on the Senators and Representatives of South Carolina to stand by President McKinley in his efforts to maintain peace.

The resolutions adopted, which were signed by the presidents of the bodies named, were addressed to Senator Tillman and are as follows: "As a strong sentiment and desire exists among the business men of Charleston that President McKinley be given full time to complete his plan to maintain peace with Spain, consistently with the honor of our country, we respectfully urge our Senators and Representatives to support and uphold the President in such efforts."

General News Notes. Two hundred of 1600 striking employees at the York Cotton Mills, Saco, Me., has returned to work.

The leading wire-nail makers have been successful in making a "combine" to control three-fourths of the world's output.

Mayor Rice, of Houston, Tex., was obliged to call on the State militia in consequence of the street-car strike riot.

William H. Edmunds, founder and editor of the Southern States Magazine, died at Baltimore on the 24th. He was one of the founders of the Manufacturers' Record, and at one time proprietor of the Anniston (Ala.) Hot Blast.

Foreign Notes. The latest returns from the Spanish elections show that 192 liberals and 46 conservatives were chosen.

The Reichstag adopted the navy bill providing money for increasing Germany's power on sea.

Russia has taken possession of Port Arthur and Taikien-Wan, which she has obtained by lease from China.

In the Cuban elections the autonomists chose twenty-one deputies to the Spanish Cortes and the union constitutional party chose nine.

Some married couples are so quarrelsome that they dare not sit near the open window for fear of falling out.

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TEXAS GAINS \$100,000 A YEAR.

Judge Maxey, of the Texas Federal District Court, has refused an injunction asked for by the Arkansas Building and Loan Association against the State of Texas, enjoining the collection of a franchise tax.

Extradition Bank Wreckers Denied. Governor Russell, of North Carolina, denied the requisition of the Governor of Georgia for James G. Mahagan and H. T. Latham, ex-president and ex-cashier, respectively, of the Abbeville (Ga.) Bank irregularities of the warrants is given as reason for the denial.

Brief Notes. The two-cent fare bill, requiring the sale of 500-mile tickets by railroads, has been passed by the Ohio Legislature.

The Peoples Bank of Philadelphia, has been closed. Its cashier, John S. Hopkins, shot himself after leaving \$500,000 on worthless paper.

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THE TWIN BATTLESHIPS KENTUCKY AND KEARSAGE WERE LAUNCHED SUCCESSFULLY AT NEWPORT NEWS, VA., LAST WEEK.

THE KENTUCKY AND KEARSAGE ARE TO COST \$2,250,000 EACH. SAVE THE INDIANA CLASS, THEY CARRY THE HEAVIEST BATTERIES IN ACCORD WITH MODERN NAVAL PRACTICE.

JOHN SIMPKINS, ONE OF THE YOUNGEST MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS DEAD. HE REPRESENTED THE THIRTEENTH DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS AND HAD SERVED IN THE FORTY-FOURTH AND FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESSSES.

THE COMMERCIAL BODIES OF CHARLESTON ADOPT RESOLUTIONS. THE COMMERCIAL BODIES OF CHARLESTON, S. C., THE COTTON EXCHANGE, THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE AND THE YOUNG MEN'S BUSINESS LEAGUE ALL MET ON THE 30TH OF MARCH, AND UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS CALLING ON THE SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO STAND BY PRESIDENT MCKINLEY IN HIS EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN PEACE.

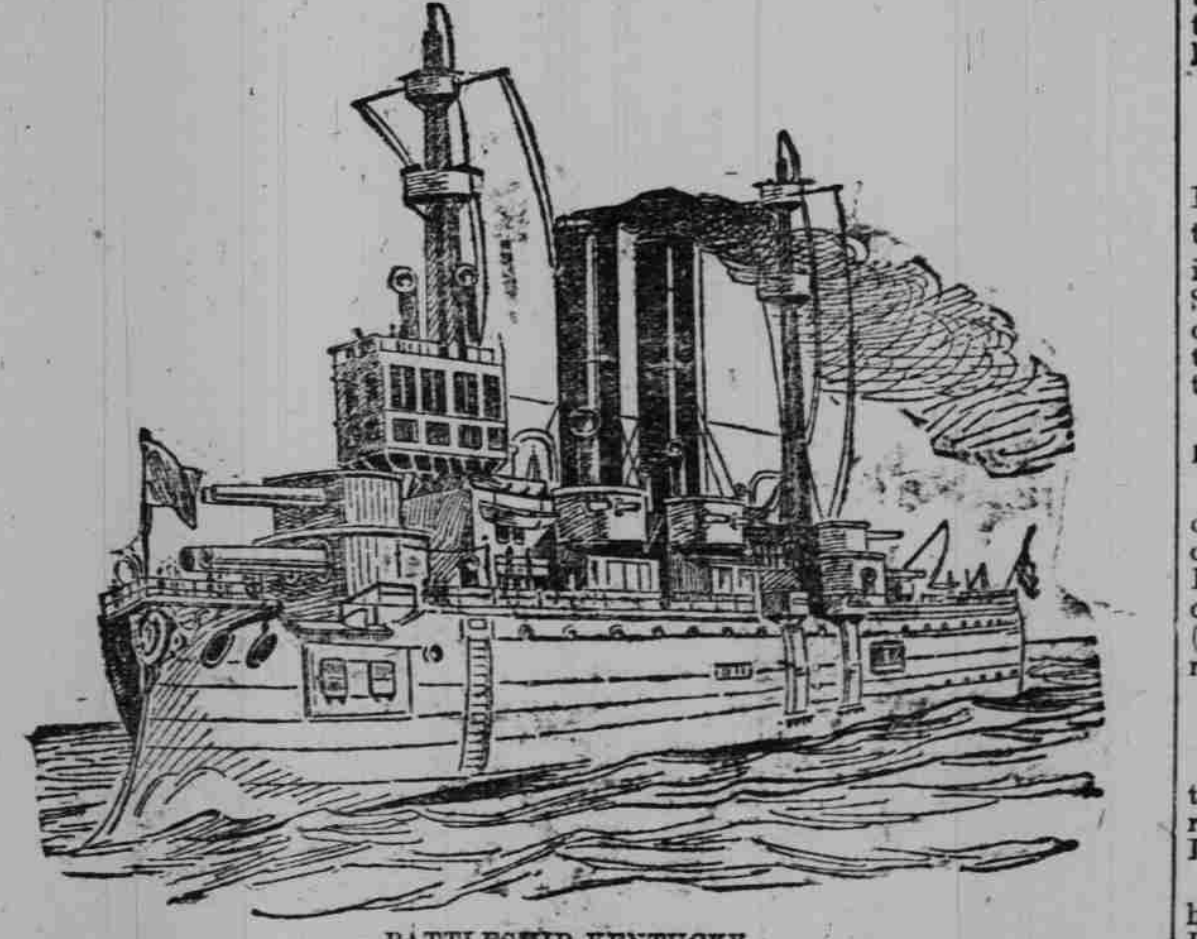
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RUSSIA HAS TAKEN POSSESSION OF PORT ARTHUR AND TAIKIEN-WAN, WHICH SHE HAS OBTAINED BY LEASE FROM CHINA.

IN THE CUBAN ELECTIONS THE AUTONOMISTS CHOSE TWENTY-ONE DEPUTIES TO THE SPANISH CORTES AND THE UNION CONSTITUTIONAL PARTY CHOSE NINE.



BATTLESHIP KENTUCKY.