That Opinion Is Galaing Strength Daily in Hayans.

THE TESTIMONY OF AN EYE WITNESS

Pirst Explosion Caused a Geyser of Water to Risc Up.

MANY STRANGE TALES TOLD

Deptain of an English Bark a Mile Away Says a Bewhiskered Jaw Fell on His Deck.

New York, February 23 .- A dispatch to the Herald from Havana says: The further the inquiry into the causes that led to the Maine disaster proceeds the more remote eppears the chance that may evidence will be discovered to show that the disaster was due to accident. The divers who penetrated into the forward part of the wreck found that the whole forward end of the ship, from a point just abatt the forward turret, had been visited fifteen or twenty degrees to the starboard. That part of the veszel was a wilderness of debris and curied and twisted plates.

The sharp, jagged edges of some of the plates added danger to the difficulties of the divers, getting life lines into a tangle and severing the cords. In one instance they almost cut through a tube which supplied the diver with air.

A full score of bodies were examined by my informant. All these bodies were to hammocks and all had the arms curved poward. They looked as if the men had been startled by some sudden shock o danger and were in the act of reaching no for their hammock hooks to swing themselves on deck when death came.

This seems to confirm what has already been said about the explosion surprising the men in the set of leaving their ham mocks. Before the explosion the ten-inch magazine was located on the starboard side forward and beneath the forward turret. What is left of the magazine seems to have been driven toward the port bow, In a diagonal and upward direction.

The six-inch magazine, which had its location in the port side of the ship forward, was hurled in a position directly opposite to that of the ten-inch magazine The copper pipe for the ten-inch magazine was found in the wreek of that structure. It contained no powder charge.

The ten-inch magazine has not been closely examined at this writing, but such Inspection as was made leads to the be-Hef that the big pile of twisted wreckage that lies about the top of it is composed of the unexploded ten-inch magazine. This la borne out by the testimony of Senor Cab-alrero, a tobacco dealer of Havana. Senor dull report from the forward part of the ship, the upheaval of a geysor of water about the boat, followed almost instantly by a terrific roar and a blinding flash of light. He is positive about the first explosion, and says that it was noticed by his companions. This statement of his came to last night an officer was sent to Senor Cabalrero to ask him if he would appear as a witness before the court. He aunonneed his willingness to do so.

Many strange tales of the disaster are brought out as the days wear on. One of these was made known yesterday, when the captain of an English bark, auchored in the harbor, nearly a mile distant from the Maine, told how a bewhiskered jaw had fallen on the deck of his vessel. The captain has been asked to appear as a Witness before the court of inquiry.

PEPORT AND DENIAL.

Effery Allen Says Cromwell Line Will Continue to Sail to New York. New Orleans. February 25.—New Orleans shippers are advised that no more . Cromwell line steamers will sail for this part from New York until further orders from Washington. The affair is a com-

New York, February 23,-Ellery I. Al len, general agent of the Cromwell line of steamers, says if the shippers of New Or-

leans are advised that no more of the company's vessels would sail to that pert from New York until further orders from Washington such advice is unauthorized.

"If a move of this kind has been taken or is contemplated," said Mr. Alien, "I would know of it and would issue the irders. I haven't given any instructions of this nature, directly or indirectly, nor has the company."

Blanco Was Scared. Havana, via Key West, February 23.-

sral Blanco on the night of the disaser was sitting with General Marinas in corridor of the palace. When he heard explosion he jumped from his chair. 'At last they have put a shell in the

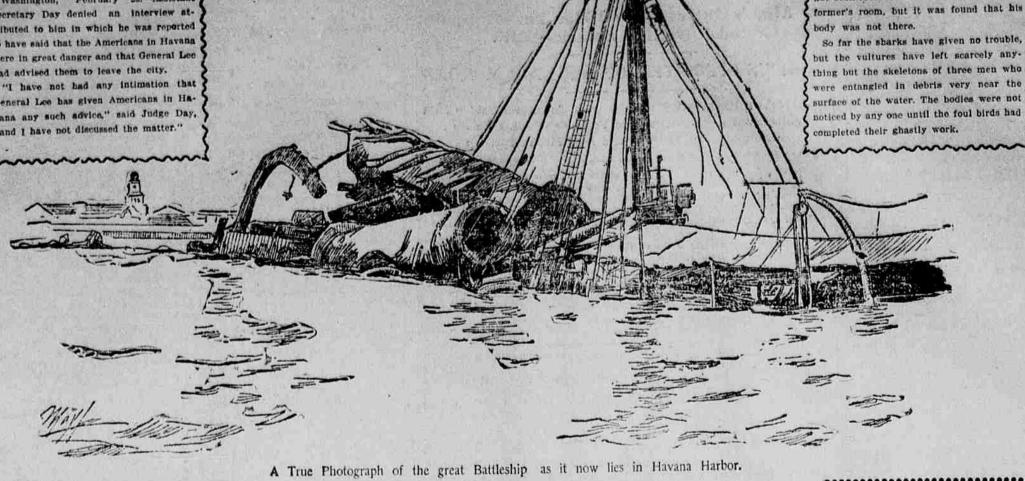
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THE WRECK OF THE BATTLESHIP MAINE.

NOT TOLD TO LEAVE. Day Discredits on Interview Credtred to Him. Washington, February 23 .- Assistant

Secretary Day denied an interview attributed to him in which he was reported to have said that the Americans in Havana were in great danger and that General Lee had advised them to leave the city.

"I have not had any intimation that General Lee has given Americans in Havana any such advice," said Judge Day, "and I have not discussed the matter."



His Health Will Prevent His Going to Sea with the Squadron.

CAPTAIN TAYLOR TO TAKE COMMAND

Large Number of Warships Being Assembled at Dry Tortugas-Span-

Washington, February 23-The noon mail brought to Secretary Long a letter from Admiral Sleard at Key West. The admiral wrote he had not yet recovered his health and will be unable to go to sea with tha squadron. He will remain on shore at his botel in Key West and retain command of the squadron from that place so long as it remains in harbor there, relinquishing it

It will be remembered the admiral suffered an attack of majarial fover and had secured a leave of absence of two weeks alrero, a tobacco dealer of Havana. Senor Cabaltero was crossing the bay in a ferry boat at the time of the disaster. He was familiar with the Maine, having paid several visits to the vessel, and was pointing out to a group of friends her peculiarities. There came just at that instant, he says, a dull report from the forward part of the probably the command of the equation would devolve upon Captain Taylor, now commanding the battleship Massachusetts and commonly regarded as one brightest and brainest officers in the paval

A telegram from Key West today anthe cars of one of the court of inquiry, and Right Arm from Key West for Havana last so without doubt the now in Havana and has brought to Captain Sigaboo the reinforcements of professional divers that he so urgently requested. With this assistance it is believed that the work of recovering bodies from the wrack of the forward portion of the Maine will be greatly facilitated.
Simultaneously with the departure of the

Texas and Nashville from Galveston the Murblehead has left New Orleans and the Detroit will leave Mobile for Key West.

umber of vessels under Admiral Sicard at Key West and immediate vicinity. These will be the New York, now at Tortugas; the Indiana. Massachusetts, Texas, Marble-

will be the New York, new at Tortugas; the Indiana, Massachuretts, Texas, Marblebead, Nashville, Montgomery, Ericcson and Cushing. The torpedo boats Porter and DuPont are in dry dock at Mobile, and are not expected to be ready to go to Key West for several days. The Brocklyn is also cruising in the West Indies at present, en route from St. Thomas to Vers Cruz.

At the Spanish legation affairs have resumed their normal aspect. Mr. DuBose has received no report of any character concerning the Maine or the progress mads by Spanish authorities investigating the occurrence. When the Spanish inquiry is empleted it doubtless will be sent to Madrid, and is not likely to come to the Spanish authorities here. Mr. DuBose continues to speak of the amicable relations which exist between the Maine and Spanish authorities at Havana concerning the work of the wreck and the investigation of its cause. It is not known here how far the American court will avail itself of the evidence of the Spanish inficers or whether the Spanish inquiry will include the evidence of American afficers, but at the legation it is said all the indications are that there will be such cooperation as will be helpful to both tranches of the inquiry and as the courts inny desire.

Mr. DuBose has received no word as to

en the report.

contain Sobral did not come to the Sian-Captain Sobral did not come to the Stan-h legation last night, as was stated. He as been expected for some days, how-rev, and probably, will be here today, lough his visit is said to be without sig-ificance, as the incident with which his ame recently was connected is closed.

Aft Half Apparently Intact.
Washington, February 23.— Secretary
ong this evening received the following
slegram from Admiral Steard: Key West, Pebrusy 23.-Right Arm or-

A LETTER FROM SICARD.

ish Legation Not Uneasy.

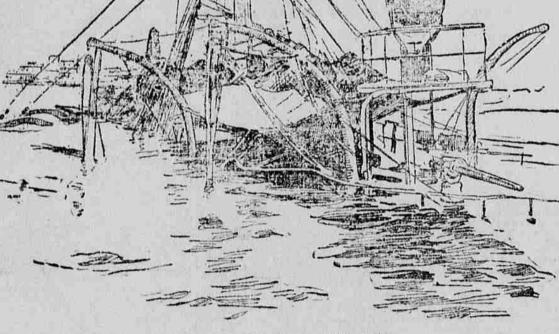
only when it becomes necessary for the vessels to go to sea as a squadron.

These movements are also a part of the or-ders given early this month before the Maine disaster. The Montgomery is also due at Key West, having loft San Domingo for Key West on the 18th.

The result will be to bring the large

Mr. DuBoke has received no word as to Mr. DuBose has received no word as to be reported capture of the Danntle's with fillbustering expedition, which is said to have got away from a point between liami and Pine Beach, Flori's. A capture of this importance would be removed to the Spanish authorities here, and in he absence of advices little credence is liven the reported.





Present condition of the midship section.



One of the views as seen in a Photograph sent to J. G. Schriever, Traffic Manager Southern Pacific R. R. Co. `......

rived at Havana this morning. Captain McGee seems to be an experienced who will be able to give good advice. tain Sampson wired me condition of the wreck is such as to require the most pow-erful appliances the government can secure. The court recommends a contract with the best equipped wrecking company to remove the material and lift the ship without delay. Forward half completely destroyed; aft half apparently intact, ex-cept in minor matters. Sicard.

MAINE'S MEDICAL JOURNAL.

It Is Now in the Archives of the Navy

Department. Washington, February 23.—There is total lack of official news respecting the Mnine disaster in both the state and navy ! departments today, oo telegrams having come in over night and none having been dispatched. A reminder of the disaster reached the navy department in the shape

of a water-stained and brine-flavored package inclosing the medical journal of Consul General Lee's mail pouch to the

Consul General Lee's mail pouch to the state department instead of through the mails, from which it was probably harred by its weight. It was turned over to the chief cierk of the navy department and by him referred to the bureau of marine and surgery, where it will be kept for future reference in case of necessity.

While there remains an air of expectancy among naval officers whenever there is the least suggestion of news from Pavana, the department appears to have settled pretty well down into its old routine. There is no longer much disposition exhibited to consider theories as to the cause of the disaster. No orders nave yet gone out to the double turreted inonitor Terror. The situation as to her remains as it did when Secretary Long stated that she was being held for orders at Norfolk.

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WORK ON THE WRECK.

NOTHING HAS DEVELOPED WHICH SHEDS LIGHT ON THE DISASTER.

Right Arm Is in Need of Supplies Strong Wind and Rough Water Retards the Divers.

Havana, February 23.-The United States court of inquiry into the loss of the Maine met this morning at 10 o'clock and exam ined Dr. Honenberger, Paymaster Ray and Chief Engineer Howell of the battleship.

There was a recess ordered at noon and it lasted till 1:30 p. m. Several witnesses whose names are not now obtainable were examined during the afternoon. Another visit was made to the wreck by Captain Sampson, president of the court. The captain says he has no idea of the length the Maine. This document came through of time the court will remain in session here. It all depends upon the testimony and new features requiring further investigation.

Captain Samoson added that sooner or later every survivor of the Maine will be examined by the court, which seems to imply that sessions for that purpose will be held at Key West. Although this information is meager, it is absolutely all Captain Sampson will give to the neess. The correspondent of the Associated Press sees him by appointment twice daily, but there is a rigid rule to observe allence until the facts in the case have been developed through the testimony presented. The Right Arm. the Merritt-Chapman Wrecking company's boat, is anchored about 200 yards from the wreck of the Maine. It is reported that she is not supplied, owing to her burried departure for this port, with all the apparatus she needs for the work which is before her.

A strong wind today made the harbor examined by the court, which seems to

rough and added to the difficulties of divers, as the electric lights are worked from a battery on board the light house

divers, as the electric lights are worked from a battery on board the light house tender Mangrove, 200 yards distant.

Captain Sigsbee is pained by the comments on his conduct while the Maine was affoat made by some of the papers here, but it is pointed out such papers are not of the better class. The captain has been so universally courteous and is apparently so popular with all it is surprising that any of the papers of Havana should seek to do him injustice.

COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ACCIDENT. Too Many Circumstances Against That Theory.

Havana via Key West, February 23 .- The explosion continues the main topic in all centers. It is useless to assert that many believe in an outside agency. These assert that even a cursory examination of the wreck shows conclusively that the dis- the defenses on the Atlantic coast south

It is pointed out that the Maine magazine forward was filled with brown powder in proper cases, and would have been slow to ignite, while all the high explosives things, be responsible.

Insurance on the Temple Fire. Temple, Texas, February 22.—The insurance | Maine explosion and warned not to offend involved in the Saturday night fire is as follows: On Conductor J. B. Conlink's her lows On Conductor J. B. Conlink's home place \$500, on furniture \$700, on servants hotes \$100 and on stable \$200; on the residence occupied by Conductor T. B. Guilfeyle \$100 on the servants' house \$125. Conductor Guilfoyle carried \$800 on his furniture. Both houses were the property of Conductor Conlink. The cause of the conflagration still revaining mystery.

THE COAST FORTIFICATIONS

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EATEN BY VULTURES.

Bodies of Three Sallors Were De-

voured by the Foul Birds.

Havana, February 23.—The bodies of the

missing officers, Jenkins and Merritt, have

not been recovered. The divers reached the

General Merritt to Make an Immediate Inspection.

SOME EXCITEMENT IN ARMY CIRCLES

One of the New Artillery Regiments Will Be Stationed at Sandy Hook.

Other Goes South.

New York, February 23 .- The World says: Major General Merritt, in fcommand of the Eastern department of the United States army, will start on a tour of inspection of the Southern fortifications before the end of the week. It was his original intention to leave Governor's Island today for New Orleans, but at midnight it was generally understood that he would not be able to start for a day or

This sudden move on the part of General Merritt, following so closely on the order of General Miles relative to the necessity of completing the new work at the fortifications throughout the country, has a little excitement in army circles. He is probably going on his annual tour of inspection, but at the island. Fort Wadsworth and Fort Hamilton it is understood that his mission is of far greater importance than the regular visit. It is believed that work on the new ordnance for the Southern fortifications has not some solicitude was appeared. been going on with sufficient rapidity to satisfy either General Miles or General At the new works at Fort Hamiton of the four new guns only three are now in position. Fort Wadsworth has

fared more fortunately.

Another feature which has a bearing ou Another feature which has a bearing on General Merritt's departure is the artil-lery bill which passed the senate. This bill provides for the maintaining of two more artillery regiments. It is thought General Merritt will have one of these quartered at Sandy Hook. The other will in all probability be distributed among the various posts along the Atlantic coast.

When General Miles sent word to General Merritt relative to the necessity of setting all available orders ready. getting all available ordnance ready for immediate use, he especially referred to the work under way at Fort Hamilton and Washworth. These points are of the greatest importance and practically control the lower bay. Their works will all be percoually inspected and investigated by General Merritt in the near future.

It is General Merritt's intention to first It is General Merritt's inention to first New Orleans and Inspect Fort Phillip and Fort Jackson. The other forts that General Merritt will visit are at Mobile, Charleston, Galveston, Savannah, Pensa-

Charleston, Galveston, Savannan, Pensa-cola and Key West.
Said an officer at Governor's Island last night: "The passing of the artillery bill will change the entire state of affairs at Sandy Hook, Just now the only thing we Sandy Hook. Just now the only thing we can use men for down there is to keep the sand from clogging the machinery of the guns. With two regiments, however, all will be as it should be. One of the regiments will be stationed at the Hook. That has already been practically decided.

"I am quite convinced that the work on the quarters of the officers and men there will be pushed forward with all possible speed. Just now we have far too many officers for our men, but under the new appropriation this evil will also be remedied."

General Merritt Departs. New York, February 23 .- Major General Merritt, commander of the department of the East, left today for an inspection of aster could not have originated from within.

It is pointed out that the Maine magnetic form of New York. His route is understood to include New Orleans, Mobile. Pensacola and Savannah, those cities being visited in the order named.

CONGOSTO CENSURED.

Accused of Sending Disputches, to a New York Paper. Havana, via Key West. Fla., February were aft. It is generally conceded that 25,-It is reported that Senor Jose Con-

neither the electric wires nor spontaneous, goste, the secretary general, has been cencombustion could, from the condition of sured by General Blanco, under instructions from Madrid, for sending dispatches to a New York newspaper with reference to the

> Rushing Work on Vessels. Baltimore, Md., February 23.-Work on a number a government vessels is being completed at the Columbian Iron works, where a force of 500 to 600 men is kept busy.

The Theory That a ? Caused the Wreck

THE WRECKERS WILL P

Captain Sampson Par Judged Dispe

EVERYTHING IS KEP

ny Reported Interview vers Untrue-Big B to Stay at Hampton

Washington, February 1 f a mail in Washington ha today, bringing private l officers lately attached to caused a wave of excite partment, for there were at mors as to the contents very few of which rumon, he had any sound basis.

The only feature that coult of importance as throwing

cause of the explosion was

that two aft boilers in the

were all of the eight bollen of

that were under steam at the

explosion. This fact bad pe

however, as It disposed finally ory that an exploded boiler but wreck. The experts all and possibility could the aft bolin have wrecked the fore part of and left the aft part almost Much interest was shown in received shortly before 3 ors miral Steard, giving the rec of Captain Sampson of the co as to the progress of the was of the naval officers was the of the naval officers was Sampson and his associate at this advice, not as a court, but in a position to speak as to be ods to be adopted for working a of the Maine. Various in or the Maine. Various interespect on the expression "formation believed destroyed." This was a partial confirmation of the the forward magazine had that was one of the most important tions of the forward balf of the the same time it was held by a authorities that the descruction ward half of the ship did ax mean that the forward manufa-ploded, as that might be still i though a part of the general was the absence of an expert slate the forward magazine there was tion not to accept any i recommendation that a cowith the best equipped w to remove the material and lin-without delay was in line with a ready taken with closing the cou-the two largest the two largest wreeking country, by which their countries will be at the service of the

The contract contains the wreckers to use their was expedite the work, so that the feels that everything has b

Evidently the president of the inquiry is fearful for the clar rublic of ill-judged attempt for the destruction of the Mil-afternoon be telegraphed Secdoubtless having in mind o tions of this morning, as "Havana, February 13.—Any waterview with divers untrue, Earl

Some solicitude was ex navy department over the Sicard's health. It was said bor there was no occasion for now; that the flagship New I leave Key West, and if she Taylor can assume charge of the while the admiral takes the issistic recuperate from his malatal ferthe was about to enjoy when he

returned to his place.
A formal order was made on a poon for Lieutenant Community wright to take station at Barne. after the government's inter-work of wrecking the Mains The hig double-turreted remains under orders to stay a reads until further notice.

Vallejo, Cal., February 31-10 now at the Mare Island 387 Charleston, Yorktown, Pensacola, Hartford and Ass number of mechanics who says
Port Orchard have returned a
assist in rushing to complete of the various ships.



Wenk Back, Pain in Side, in Urine, Brickdust, or urinating, frequency of all diseases of the bladder PhilvATE Diseases, Blod Varicocele. Tenderness, Esof Organs, and Piles. Plats without pain or detention in thout pain or detention thout pain or detention that LALIES, if you are at