

NIGHT ARM ARRIVED. Arrived at Havana with Trenching Apparatus. DEFINITE YET DETERMINED

Difficulties Encountered in the Work. Survivors Receive Mail.

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The exact statement is that the government officials were never so much disturbed as today. This is partly due to information from Washington and Madrid.

The statement that divers have penetrated the forward part of the Maine and found nothing in the magazines there to indicate an explosion seems to be verified.

Outside evidence has been brought forward regarding the construction of such a system, but it has not been sifted.

Havana, via Key West, February 23.—In reply to a question put by this correspondent today to a high American official as to what the outcome would be if the disaster was due to outside agency, the official in question said:

"Sir, the American people should not be restrained. It means war. Still I doubt whether it would be necessary to show that Admiral Seward could anchor the battleships of the squadron outside the harbor to prevent the ingress of the food supply, without which the city could not exist for a fortnight.

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THE WRECK OF THE BATTLESHIP MAINE.



Smokestack of the Maine as it lies shattered on the deck.

The submarine wrecking boat Argonaut, which will probably be used in examining the hull of the Maine.

consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill. The Southern members, who have for years been fighting the appropriation for "informers" an illicit distilleries, succeeded in killing the appropriation in committee of the whole, but Chairman Cannon gave notice that he would demand an aye and no vote in the open session.

A resolution inquiring of the state department was had done in the Cuban filibustering question was passed.

The sundry civil service section for amendment was taken up.

An appropriation of \$75,000 for the detection of violations of the Internal Revenue laws caused some debate.

Mr. Kitchen (Dem.) and Mr. Linney (Rep., N. C.) were bitter in their denunciation of the injustice of the system of paying for information.

The former moved to strike out the item. It placed the matter, they contended, upon a proper basis.

Mr. Kitchen denounced the "dirty scoundrel" who informed for pay, and declared that frivolous prosecutions would not cease as long as the government paid for testimony.

Chairman Cannon explained that the increase in the appropriation for this fund to \$85,000 was due to the increase of the taxes on whisky to \$1.10 a gallon.

A gallon of whisky cost less than 20 cents. The evasion of the tax showed the necessity for using other than ordinary means for securing information.

Mr. Evans (Rep., Ky.), who is an ex-commissioner of Internal Revenue, favored the appropriation and said the opposition proceeded on the theory that the moonshine industry must and shall be preserved.

He was opposed to the doctrine.

After some further debate by Messrs. Tate (Dem. La.), Swanson (Dem., Va.) and Pearson (Rep., N. C.) in favor of the amendment and by Mr. Sayers (Dem., Texas) in opposition to it, the vote was taken on the amendment to strike out the appropriation and was carried.

Mr. Cannon gave notice that he would ask for an aye and no vote when the bill was reported.

At the juncture, Mr. Mahany (Rep., N. Y.) created something of a flurry by delivering a five-minute speech in denunciation of what he termed the revels of the "Four Hundred" of New York.

MEEK'S APPOINTMENT

Senator Chilton Will Oppose Confirmation If It Is Made.

THE SUPPORT OF GEAR WITHDRAWN

Another Conference on the Offices Has Been Held.

MR. HAWLEY WAS NOT PRESENT

It Is Said That He Is Not a Party to the Agreement as Announced.

Washington, February 23.—(Special.)—Mr. Meek's chances for the appointment to the judgeship of the Northern Texas district are away below par today.

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THE KIAM STORE

THURSDAY, February 24, 1898.

Light winter weight clothes aren't too heavy for summer wear, and it's true in business that the selling of wool suits goes on every month of the year, except June, July and August.

We Will Sell every winter suit or pair of trousers at greatly reduced prices.

Pants \$1.00 to \$3.50, formerly \$2.50 to \$5. Suits \$6.50 to \$10, formerly \$8.50 to \$15.

Not sold as others sell—Not made as others make—We make it.

The most pithy point of yesterday's advertisement was in error, so read the correction:

Choice of Kiam's 50c colored silk Neckwear, while it lasts..... 25c

New Arrivals. Pleasant newness for discriminating tasteful men.

Manhattan suit besom. Shirts, collars, cuffs detached, finest imported shirtings of choice. Patterns..... 2.00

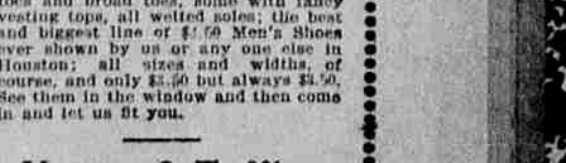
Manhattan Necktie Shirts, cuffs and collars attached, the imported. 1.50

65 feet of fine, fashionable fitting Shirts on view—Main street windows.

Ed Kiam Mammoth Clothier.

Every Day Is Bargain Day!

We can interest you if you are a close buyer at shoes.



We have just received a thousand pairs of Men's \$3.50 Shoes, in black, chocolate, tan and russets, narrow toes and broad toes, some with fancy venting tops, all well soled; the best and biggest line of \$3.50 Men's Shoes ever shown by us or any one else in Houston; all sizes and widths, of course, and only \$3.50 but always \$3.50. See them in the window and then come in and let us try you.

Krupp & Tuffly, 302 Main Street.

Dainty Wall Paper Designs.

We receive many complimentary letters from customers throughout Texas and Louisiana on our collection of new Wall Papers and the very reasonable prices we make.

Our prices are lower than ever, because we are handling more Wall Paper than ever before. Our designs are exclusive and can not be obtained from other dealers.

There are many beautiful colorings in this season, in all qualities, and it is possible to now beautify your home with a small outlay as you have never been able to do before. Sample on request.

JAS. BUTE HOUSTON.

Verified That Divers Found External Explosion. February 23.—A dispatch from Havana says: The outbreak does not grow more prominent.



MRS. SIGBEE. (Wife of the Commander of the Lost Battleship Maine.)