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February 23 .- The tug Right ing to the Merritt-Chapman npany, with additional divers me arrived here this morning. and are doing well. It is ret five bodies, probably firemen, under the hatch leading to the today. There is much cooler day, the wind is higher and a

threatened. Inesday is passing very quietly. We were crowded with people mes of forty Jesuit fathers. Deen collected were buried in the cemetery of Columbus. of the best people were present the Jesuit college here, made the Jesuit college here, made The provincial of all the Je-her Power, from the United also present. The ashes repre-mains of Jesuits burned in three es within the past forty years. aged in examining the wreck feship Maine hoped today to ion definitely as to whether magazine on the starboard

blew up. sted that the public should that a warship is not an easy about in, even when affoat ulties are therefore much such a ship is wrecked and This accounts for the slowlivers' work. Barton, president of the Red

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first mail advices from home rehip was destroyed and every a to prepare for the steamer ick this afternoon.

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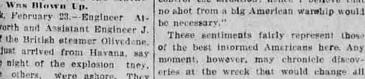
s of Joy When the Maine Was Blown Up k. February 23.--Engineer At-

The Big Wreekers.

ion at Stapleton, S. L. today. The Merritt is the biggest ug in this country. The Starson exers will be in charge of Cap-rick R. Shurp, an expert diver, likely that Captain Winfield S. I so along. Grittenden, an expert diver, and to has charge of blowing up ail

TRED OF SPANIARDS.

rth and Assistant Engineer J. the British steamer Olivedene



ing. The exact statement is that the gov-ernment officials were never so much dis-turbed as today. This is parily due to in-formation from Washington and Madrid. News from those places which is permit-ted to reach the public is so meager that better judgments can be formed in the United States than here as to whell ar their fears are exaggerated. Local devel-opments justify the serious looks of Blanco, and his associates are said to take the re-sponsibility of fresh complications. The statement that divers have pene-trated the forward part of the Maine and indicate an explosion seems to be verified. Attention is also given to testimony re-garding vibration under water before the Maine went to pleces. Evidence as to this inct is emphatic. So far it justifies the belief that the explosion came from under-ment the ship. Outside evidence has been broach for

belief that the explosion came from under-neath the ship. Outside evidence has been brought for-ward regarding the construction of such a system, but it has not been sifted. The representatives of foreign nations are fol-lowing the naval investigation closely, and are understood to be maiking daily reports to their governments. Spanish officials to their governments. Spanish officials are surprised at the firmness with which the Washington administration declined to admit them to a share in the investiga-

A SHOT UNNECESSARY

FOR HAVANA WOULD SURRENDER WITHOUT A BLOW.

Cuban Merchants Would Force Ac ceptance of Any Terms Which Sleard Might Dictate.

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 could not be restrained. It means war. Still I doubt. whether it would be necessary to show that. Admiral Sicard could anchor the battleships of the squadron outside the harbor to prevent the ingress of the food supply, without which the city could not here of the Maine received exist for a fortnight. Cuba is a waste of ashes and desolation. Even the cates and hotels in Havana live from hand to mouth bonb at the Irijon theater, ue ball was in progress, died on supplies brought from the United States.

mounted are short of ammunition and have decline to surrender, the Spanish merchants died yesterday and was here, who represent eight-tenths of the property and pay 75 per cent of the taxes, would compel him to accede to Admiral Sicard's terms. As for the volunteers, the men are, for the most part, the employes

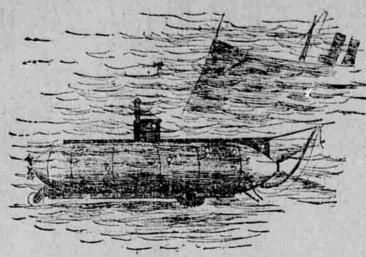
of these merchants and the volunteer officers are largely their sons or their junior partners. "It is well to look these things in the

face. At the same time, it is well for Americans to restrain themselves undi proved that the Maine disaster was the result of a dastardly plot. Spanish officers

countable belief thet their arms would overcome us, but the Cuban merchants have no such delusion and they would



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



never been tiled. If General Blanco should The submarine wrecking boat Argonaut, which will probably be used in examining the hull of the Maine.

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while that inquiry is proceeding we in the senate should maintain a most circum-spect attitude and be calm and quiet." to meet Senator Proctor, says he has no present intention of doing so. Today has been the quietest since the ex-plosion. The wounded are all doing well.

except Holzer, who is slightly worse. The divers have been continually at work, but the results of their labors, so far as they would throw light on the cause of the explosion, are kept strictly private.

WOULD HAVE CAUSED & WAR. (Continued from First Page.)

matter will eventually be submitted to the arbitrament of the sword. The word recognizes Spain's inability to conquer Cuba and, sconer or later, we will become, in our opinion, involved in the armed controversy. If we mean to declare war let us do so like men and not endeavor to con-ceal our acts behind transparent cloaks.

tillity. "I expect at no very distant day that there will be an appropriate occasion for further remarks on this question. I think the time is coming for action. When it comes the time for discussion will be here

comes the time for discussion approprintely and the problem may be approprintely discussed."

discussed." Mr. Thurston said be had voted to ac-cord belligerent rights to the Cuban in-surgents both times it had come before

consideration of the sundry civil appropria-tion bill. The Southern members, who have for years been fighting the appropriation for 'Informers' on illeft distilieries, suc-ceeded in killing the appropriation in com-mittee of the whole, but Chairman Cannon save notice that he would demand an aye and no vote in the open session. A resolution inquiring of the state de-mathemat was had been done in the Cuban filbustering question was passed. The sundry civil service section for amendment was taken up. An appropriation of the internal reveaue invest caused some debate. Mr. Kitchen (Dem.) and Mr. Linney (Rep. N. C.) were bitter in their denunciation of the information. The former moved to strike out the item, it placed a premium, they contended, upon raise prosecutions. alse prosecutions. Mr. Kitchen denounced the "dirty scoun-rele" who informed for pay, and declared that privolous presecutions would not cease as long as the government paid for estimony Chairman Cannon explained that the in crease in the appropriation for this fund to \$85,000 was due to the increase of the taxes on whisky to \$1.10 a gailon. A gallon of whisky cost less than 20 cents. The eva-sion of the tax showed the necessity for using other than ordinary means for secur-Mr. Evans (Rep., Ky.), who is an excommissioner 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 Mossra. Tate (Dem. Ga.) Swarson (Dem. Va.) After some further debate by Messra. Tate (Dem., Ga.). 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 sppropriation and was carried. Mr. Cannon gave notice that he would ask for in ayo and no vote when the bill was reported. At this juncture, Mr. Mahany (Rep., N. Y.) created something of a flurry by de-

At this juncture, Mr. Mahany (Rop., N. Y.) created something of a flurry by de-livering a five-minutes speech in denum-ciation f what he termed the revels of the "Four Hundred" of New York, while the Nation mourned the loss of the Maines While the mangled remains of the brave sallors who perished in that awful ex-plosion were being carried to their straves, the so-called and self-denominated "Four Hundred" of New York had a social revel which was termed a "vegetable party," How different the feeling manifested by these social leaders in the metropolitan city of the United States and the social leaders in the metropolitan come out tomorrow. Mr. Hawley did not atits of ton in London when the Camperdown sank the Victoria' On that occasion in London black badnes were everywhere Every social function was abandoned, while in New York City the leaders wearled high

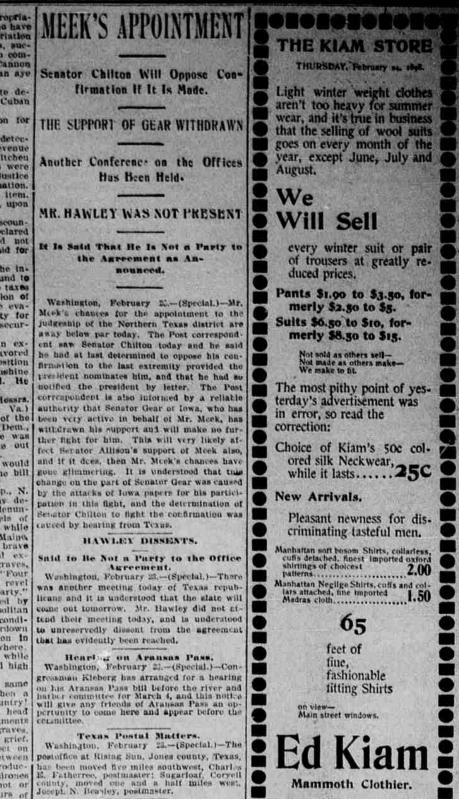
Every social function was abalanced, which in New York City the leaders wearied high heaven with their revels. Tet in the last commaign these same people prated of National honor when a financial question was before the country A few days aco when the Nation's head was bowed and the scattered to their graves, they seemed utterly oblivious to her grief. He had no desire, he said, to reflect on the rich. There was a distinction between those who employed capital in a produc-the sation's mourning with this insult to the dead. (Applause.) He would not hesitate, he said, so far as he was con-cerned, to endesvor to free the skirts or the republican party from association with there mere postersors and spendurs of the part of the republican party from association with there mere postersors and spendurs of these mere possessors and spenders of riches, who assumed to represent Nationa honor when they thought their bonds were threatened, but who had not a tear for those who went to their graves in its de-

fense. (Applause.) (Mr. Mahany referred to the "vegetable party" given by Abram S. Hewitt, on February 17.) Rebruary 17.) After further debate of no particular interest the house adjourned.

WAR IS IMMINENT.

Menragan Is Likely to Attack Costs Rica Colon. Colombia. February 23 .- Advices

Colon, Colombia.-The government has



Scoretary Algor has returned from Monroe greatly improved in health and to day called upon the president at the White House.

Senator Hanna denies a reputed interview with him in which he is said to have declared hostilities unavoidable and says: "I do not believe there is anything in the Maine inci-dent or our relations to Spain regarding Cuba that will lead to war. I am firmly of the optaion that the explosion of the Maine was due to ascident and I think the naval court of inquiry will reach the same conclusion."

Fourteen Stores Burned Terarkana, Ark., February 22.-Fouriesu hosiness houses at Dekalb, Texas, fifteen miles from here, were destroyed by fire to-day, loss \$50,000.

The Government's Domain.

Nearly all the day's session of the Daugh-ters of the American Revolution was takin up with business incidental to the report of the continental hall committee.

The postmaster general has ordered a re-ward of \$360 for the arrest and conviction of the persons who burned the postoffice at Lake City, S. C., and \$500 for the arrest and cenviction of the munderurs of Postmaster Baker at the same time.

Representative Berrett of Massachusetts ibtroduced a resolution allowing the naval af-fairs committee to incorporate in the naval appropriation bill a provision for an appro-priation not to exceed \$4,755,000 for new dry decks or extensions to existing ones at Bos-ton. New York, Norfolk, Port Royal, New Orleans and Mare Island.

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spect attitude and be calm and quiet." Mr. Thurston thought the court of in-quiry ought not in any manner to be ham-pered by any friction or trouble serve. "We ought to have patience." said he, "and walt as a great and powerful people, "and walt as a great and powerful people, that are a great and powerful people, and the fear, but in hope that some satus-factory conclusion of the present difficulty may be reached." Mr. Allon made an extended ready to Mr. Allen made an extended reply to the arguments advanced against his post-tion. He maintained this was the first first time the belligerency proposition had been presented to the senate when there was any chance of its being effective. The house would be brought fact to face with it and it would be brought to a vote in that body. It could not be buried in a committee. committee. Mr. Hoar (Mass.) discussed the situation

by the control the situation: hence I believe that no shot from a big American warship would be necessary."
be necessary."
These sentiments fairly represent those of the best informed Americans here Any moment, however, may chronicle discovieries at the wreck that would change all this.
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blards got excited, and suspect-the engineers of the Olivedene ticans, began to menace them, worth and Laiderow made known were Englishmen, and the Span-4. When the ferry boat came is that she had passed the Maine When the ferry boat came it

ING MAY HE FORGOTTEN.

addiy Relleving the Misery at Reconcentredes. tia Key West, February 23 .--- It that the excitement in the ion from the needs of the centrados. The condition of by and poor of the interior and to the ceaboard can hardly be cral Lee, in the course of a friendly talk From most function of the formation because denth is busy and the because denth is busy and the who are left are too weak to get rets. As an illustration, in the set Santa Clara seventeen persons for in an abandoned lime kiin. Presence was discovered by the thirteen were dead and the that is also sait Cuban ports at this time. ufni as a few months or weeks far sone to recover. The story roburated.

VICTION GROWING.

Verified That Divers Find at External Explosion. Pebruary 23.—A dispatch to

he harbor and about half a b A member of the court of inquiry who conversed with the correspondent today ferry slip, and the course it from the city lay past the the explo ion occurred a bodiers and salors in a res-head of the pirotenee of resentment on the part for their lives. There was biaze from the explosion, amoke and sparks. Mr. Teller did not accept Mr. Morgan s transform that the course of the court of in-transform the explosion, amoke and sparks. Mr. Teller did not accept Mr. Morgan s transform the course transform the course transform the explosion, biaze from the explosing from the explosion, biaze from the explosion from the e as a ferry slip, and the course strongly deprecated any premature expresboat from the city lay past the sion or evidence of resontment on the part the head of the pier cleared out a if for their lives. There was

SQUALLY AT HAVANA

Lee Said to Have Advised Americans to Leave, but Report Is Denied. At now what the writing in En-at and the cugineers, after look-papers, told them, by one of the spoke Spinish. The Spaniards and with glee at the fate of the rew, exclaiming: "Ah, Ameri-ey bring dynamite here to blow paniards and they got it them-

explosion was the result of treachery. They do not believe that Spanish officials were a party to the conspiracy. From evidence now in their possession they believe that the Spanish government, General Blanco the explosion and a Spanish and all his military subordinates were er aboard demanded the halting probat, headabout and go to the be ferry captain's hate of Amer-to great that he refused.

General Lee has advised Americans aot necessarily detained here to leave at once. Many families will sail by the Olivette tomorrow.

There is an indication that those on the ground realize the pagaibility of trouble s over the Maine disaster may arising soon, and their inability to protect women and children if an outbreak occurs.

> Denied at Washington. Washington, February 23 .- Consul Gen-

et From most trustworthy in Havana with antitat at present there are a ascertained that while the other places more desirable as resorts for as of famine and disease are presons who have no particular business in Havapa, but the state department au-

LEE NOT GOING TO KEY WEST.

Day Has Been the Quietest in Ha-vana since the Disaster. Havana, February 23.-Consul General

Lee, who has received a number of dispatches today asking as to the accuracy of from Havana says: The out- the report that he is arranging to zo to thes not grow more promis- Key West on the torpedo boat Cushing

discussions. "I have always," said Mr. Hoar, "favor-ed a resolution proposing mediation, I' that fails, I am in favor of supporting the executive department when the time shall come and when the case is so clear and flagrant that all the constitutional repre-sentatives of the American people subciven no weight to such an expression of cpinica and he (Teller) was convincid that the president now would follow the course of his predecessor. In the matter of intervention Mr. Teller said he never had gone beyond the point of saying that the United States had a right under interna-tional law to interfere to the extent of stantiall agree as to the facts." Mr. Stewart (Nev.) made a speech in

compelling Spain to treat her subjects on our border in a humane manner. Still, if the matter rested with him exclusively he favor of granting beiligerent rights to the

favor of granting beiligereni rights to the Cubans at once. Mr. Hale made the point of order against the amendment that it was general legis-lation and had under the rules, no place in the bill. The vice tresident sustained the point and Mr Allen took an appear from the ruling. Upon this Mr. Turple (Ind.) delivered an extended speech in support of the rul-ing of the chair, although he was person-ally in favor of the proposition contained in the amendment. Mr. Bacon (Ga.) spoke in support of the ruling of the chair, and drew enthusiastic applause, which was quickly suppressed the matter rested with him exclusively he would recognize the belligerency of the Cubans if he knew it would bring war tomorrow, for he was suby such intervention at such a time and in such a cause would secure for us in such a struggle the sympathies of all civilized nations. Mr. Foraker announced his intention to

vote against the amendment, explaining his reason to be the fact that it was sought

his reason to be the fact that it was sought to make it a rider on an appropriation bill. He said he had voted for the belligerency resolution couched is precisely the same terms as this, which was adopted a year ago, and he had always been glad that he had done so. He had always beelieved a mistake had been made in not recognizing the belligerent rights of the Cubans. This could not be construed as an act of hosapplause, which was quickly suppressed by the vice president. He said one of the greatest causes ever tried before the nu-tions of the world was now being tried in

Havana, "Let us do nothing," said he, "that will "Let us do nothing," said he, "that will in the least embarrass those who are con-ducting that investigation. The wreck of the Maine now lies in the bottom of the ducting that investigation. The wreck of the Maine now lies in the bottom of the Havina harbor. The facts relating to the explosion are being sought earnestly and intelligently by a competent court of in-quiry, and we ought to do nothing that will in the slightest manner interfere with the progress of that work. What we de-site is to know the facts. If it should be found that the explosion was due to an ar-cident, we must know that. If, however, it should be disclosed that it was due to treachery, the whole world will applaud the action of this country in holding to strict account the country in whose friend-by action on the part of the United States to interfere with the conduct of the investi-ation. He suggested that now was the time for congress and the people to re-main quiet and not to agitate an already critical situation by discussions offensive to a friendly nation. The table, and Mr. Allen demanded the yeas and mays. Mr. Hale's motion carried on the table, and Mr. Allen demanded the ing flesser. Allen, Cannon (Utab), Heit-tel. Mason (III.) and Teller. The sensite thes at 5:15 went into exce-tive sension, and ten minutes afterward adjourned. **THELHOLSE.**

THE HOUSE.

Mr. Mahony Scored the "Four un-dred" of New York. Washington, February 23-A veriety of

sent to the commander of the United States gunboat Newport an official mes-sage of condolence upon the loss of the Maine QUEBEC .- Four lives were lost by an

avalanche at South Quebee, which de-stroyed two houses which stood under the cliff opposite the Grand Trunk railway

shed. CITY OF MEXICO .-- The large excursion of Chicago people under the man-agement of the Mexican National railway is due to arrive in this city tomorrow.

No News of LaChampague. New York, February 23 .-- Up to midnight no news has been received of the French liner

LaChampagne, which has been due here since

Sunday from Havre.



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