

Lines will go on duty and stand by until 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, when the naval tugs will take up the same positions which they assumed this afternoon.

Upon receipt of a telegram stating that the Vizcaya had anchored off Tompkinsville, Senor Don Manuel de Suarez, secretary of the consulate of Spain in this city, accompanied by a representative of the Associated Press, proceeded to the wharf on the tug Lohman, to deliver mail and telegrams to the officers.

The Vizcaya was guarded by the navy tugs Nina and Narkota, and the police boat Patrol. The three were slowly circling around the ship when the latter was warned off. After a lengthy explanation, she was given permission to proceed.

An officer and guard of four marines received the salute from the consulate, and a cord to Capt. Eulate led to an invitation to proceed to his quarters, aft on the main deck. There a very friendly reception awaited Senor Don Manuel de Suarez and the Associated Press.

In an interview with the Associated Press representative, Capt. Eulate said that while his ship was in port his officers would accept the results of the investigation. The Spanish warship had come here on a visit of courtesy and friendship, and when the dreadful accident to the Maine was learned the flags were put at half-mast and there they would remain until the ship took her departure.

Referring to the catastrophe, he declared that he and his officers were greatly shocked, and that the sympathy of all went with the heroic actions of the crew. First Lieut. de Fuentes gave a graphic account of the Vizcaya's trip from her first anchorage, inside of Sandy Hook, to that off the coast of New York.

He said that the ship was under way, so foggy that they had to proceed with caution, and that the fog and the turbulent channel made matters interesting.

Capt. Eulate, when asked how long the ship would remain in port, said he had no orders from the command, but he expected to be here for some time. He was eloquent in his praise of his ship during the hurricane met between the two vessels.

The Vizcaya is a ship of engineers, marines and torpedo corps, and carries ten torpedoes, marine artillerymen, quartermasters and other officers and a diver, a total complement of 122.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Most of the Wounded Are Progressing Favorably. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 20.—A letter to the Times-Union and Citizen from Key West, says that the results are better in the Marine hospital here; G. J. Dressler of New York city, fractured jaw, knee cap, wound in breast.

George Fox, Grand Rapids, Mich., cut on head, right arm lacerated, foot and hand injured. Robert Hutchins (colored), New York, arms and face badly burned.

Frank G. Thompson, Austin, Ill., dislocated ankle, arm cut. Carl Christenson, Sweden, right arm and leg bruised and burned, arms and head bruised and badly lacerated.

Wm. H. Thompson, New York city, back hurt and both hands burned. George Worth, Brooklyn, bruised on leg and neck.

Patrick Foley, Mount Vernon, Ky., cut on nose, eyes and mouth. He is the most seriously injured and is in great pain. Martin Jensen, of Boston, is injured in the hospital when the explosion took place. He has had continued fever, but is now convalescing.

The marine hospital men are not in danger of dying. They are cheerful and keeping in good spirits. Many of the wounded at the United States hospital could not be seen, but the commanding officer stated that none were dangerously hurt.

Among those seen were Wm. McNair of Pittsburg, who is slightly injured; Geo. David, Island Matt, slightly injured in the back and hip.

Louis Mormmerman, Newtonville, Mass., uninjured; M. L. Brown, New York, injured; Thomas Melville, Brooklyn, injured. He was on watch on the quarter deck and was thrown eight feet in the air and fell from the ship into the water.

He swam back to the Maine and climbed aboard again. He then saved the lives of men floating in the water. Edward McKay of Boston, is injured. He was on duty on the main deck, only heard the explosion and was thrown from port to starboard side and saved his rifle and ammunition.

M. Mahan, injured. K. Kushida, Japan, uninjured. F. Awo, Japan, slight scar on head and hands. Westmore Harris, Charles City, Va., uninjured. Peter Larsen, New York, uninjured.

A. Willey, Keyport, New York, uninjured. John Turpin, Long Beach, injured. D. J. Toplin, New York city, injured. Harry McCann, Brooklyn, has a strained back. He was thrown overboard by the shock from the quarter deck and immediately swam back to the ship and attempted to get the whaleboat with the help of Melville, a comrade. Many of the men of the quarter deck were thrown overboard by McCann and Melville, who afterwards succeeded in manning the whaleboat, which sank from the section of the quarter deck.

They were then rescued by the gig and were afterwards complimented by the navigator and officers for bravery. Matta Hinton, a well known diver of Key West, who served on the Maine, was saved. He has been recalled to Havana by Consul General Lee and Capt. Sigbee to complete the investigation and dive under the ship to ascertain the true cause of the disaster.

M. Malville, Brooklyn, injured. Oscar Anderson, Sweden, slightly cut. The remainder of the men at the quarter deck and at the hospital could not be seen nor their condition ascertained. The hairbreadth escapes told of by the survivors are almost incredible. Men who were between decks fought for their lives like demons to reach the deck. The wounded who could not get out met their deaths bravely. As they were hurled into the water the cries of the wounded men could be heard calling for aid. In a few minutes their doom was sealed.

No searching was done on the terrible scene. It is not known if a gentleman in the city who was at Havana at the time says that fifteen minutes after the explosion he was looking toward the wreck and was looking for a soldier who he thought would be on the ship, but he did not see him.

Following is the condition of our wounded in Havana hospitals: Apprentice Koebler, slight improvement, condition still very grave; Holzer, same; Allen, slight improvement, condition very grave; Lieut. Dougherty, very favorable; Loftus, convalescent; Cahill, grave; Mack, Waters and Weber, favorable.

The report on the same subject from Capt. Forney's Key West says: "Maine survivors are in good condition this morning; surgeon reports wounded doing well."

The following telegram was received by Secretary of War from New York: "When I arrived at New York I heard of the Maine disaster. We feel very deep sorrow and send our condolences for the dead and the families bereaved." E. L. F. T. "Captain Spanish Cruiser Vizcaya."

AFFAIRS AT HAVANA

Wreck Speculations—Suffering of the Reconcenrados. HAVANA, Feb. 20.—Lieutenant Commander Baker of the survey boat Bache, said to a correspondent of the Associated Press today: "You want the facts. I can tell you there are ninety-five chances out of a hundred that the explosion was caused by a mine which was exploded by the forward magazine of the Maine."

He said that the forward magazine of the Maine did not blow up first, if it exploded at all, and that it was not the cause of the terrific consequences that followed. The condition of the wreck when first studied and a later careful scrutiny make this an almost absolute certainty.

The United States received considerable sums of money, with letters and other personal property, from the bodies taken from the wreck. In one case the initials can be seen on the coat lining and may serve to identify the body of the wearer, but the harbor water is so filthy that the marks are nearly illegible.

It is apparent that efficient work is not possible without the tools and apparatus at hand and the arrival of the experts from the United States is anxiously awaited.

Father Fox and the Jesuits arrived yesterday from Tampa and immediately visited the Maine's wounded in the hospital.

Some friction, it is reported, has occurred between Consul General Lee and the other United States consuls in the island over the distribution of funds and supplies sent from the United States for the reconcenrados. The complaint is made that though food and money have been coming for several weeks, nothing has been distributed outside of Havana province.

Consul Barker of Sagua la Grande has reported that the reconcenrados are here to learn the particulars of the Maine explosion, left, it is said, without calling on the consul general. The reason given was that they felt they had been treated fairly by the consul general. Each expected aid for his district from the American supplies, but received none. The statement is made that it is their intention to appeal directly to the American state department and to ask that food be consigned to them instead of the Havana consuls.

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Consul General Lee, when these matters were brought to his attention, replied that he had no authority to do more than to neglect the reconcenrados in the eastern provinces. He has deputed much of the work of distribution to Miss Clara Barton, a nurse, who is in charge of all the work, and who is almost constantly at work in conjunction with the special agent of the consul general.

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Neither Spanish nor Cuban divers will be employed. Senor Jose Conzosto, the secretary general, is said to have asserted in a private interview that the government expected to be able to "buy up" several members of the New York staff of the Maine, who are here to learn the particulars of the Maine explosion, left, it is said, without calling on the consul general.

Senora Isabella, Rubia, owner of many tobacco estates in the eastern part of the state, and an active insurgent, has been captured by the Spanish in the province of Pinar del Rio, and is now in the hospital. At the time of the Maceo junction she induced half the province to join the insurgent cause. She accompanied one of the original Maceo expeditions to Cuba, then left the island and after a time returned with an expedition from Key West.

Rumors have reached here of the landing of an important expedition near the river Mariano, this province, but as yet the name of the vessel and that of the leader of the party are undisclosed.

SICK SAILORS

Think the Government Is Very Slow to Act. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 20.—A special to the Times-Union and Citizen from Key West says:

"The condition of the battleship Maine, suffering from wounds in the Key West hospital, are smarting over the delay of the government in punishing what they term a Spanish officer in the case."

In their minds there is no doubt as to the cause of the explosion and they explain the delay in taking summary action by saying the president is morally certain that there was no accident, but that the Spanish officers were guilty of a crime.

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"We were warned not to go to Havana," one said today, "being told that disaster awaited us there. When we got there we were again told, and it was current rumor in the harbor bottom was honeycombed with mines and Spanish divers were at work and rested there for several hours, but the harbor master compelled us to weigh and proceed to a spot marked by a buoy."

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"The explosion itself is the best evidence that it was a mine torpedo. There were two sharp distinct reports. The first was like a peal of thunder, close at hand, a sound as of ripping parchment, a quick report, followed by a tremendous and awful roar, and then darkness and chaos, made more terrible by the sound of a hand being severed and the shouting of those fighting for breath, and the moans of those who were hurled to die by fire or by drowning."

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of twenty men, so far from being an effective fighting force, is barely sufficient to properly care for the property. There have been a number of these coast defense vessels completed recently, but under detailing men to care for them is merely a routine matter. In addition to detailing the men, a special board is now in session in Havana, and will probably meet in permanent quarters at the various new posts, and work will be begun on these as soon as practicable.

The men who are stationed at these new posts will be drilled in the use of the guns and will form the nucleus of a permanent heavy artillery force which will be augmented from time to time.

TORN TO PIECES

But Enough Remains to Tell the Story. NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Havana says: "The Maine is left in ribbons, but enough of the vessel remains to make possible a determination whether the explosion came from without or within. The officers of the Maine do not publicly discuss the theory of a submarine mine which may have been set off by explosion, but it evidently has weight with them. They are particularly anxious for points to be gathered from the examination of the plates of the hull. Their belief is that these will have to establish whether the explosive force came from without or not. The nature of the damage to the port side has not been fully stated, but the weight of opinion seems to be that the hole was made by an external explosion."

Capt. Sigbee thinks that the investigation to be made by him would be completed in three days and the result laid before the court of inquiry. Special pains seem to be taken to gather facts which would help to establish whether or not the destruction could have been caused by a submarine mine. The Spanish authorities have an advantage on this point, for they know whether the torpedo system in the harbor has actual existence and whether submarine mines were laid, but it could not be expected that they would disclose the secrets.

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service in honor of the Maine. A commemorative discourse was delivered by Rev. Mr. Dickie. Yesterday the queen regent of Spain gave a farewell audience to Senor P. y Bermejo, the new minister to the United States. Today she will receive Minister Woodford, who will present President McKinley's dispatch of thanks for Spain's expressions of sympathy for the United States in the misfortune that befell the Maine.

The Spanish government is now convinced that the Maine disaster is the result of an extraneous cause, and will tend to improve relations between Spain and the United States. The lighthouse tender Mangrove, carrying the members of the court of inquiry into the Maine disaster, left Key West for Havana yesterday afternoon. The Mangrove will stop at the Tortugas to refuel, and will then proceed to the Indiana. She carries also air pumps, electric lights for divers and other diving apparatus.

MORE LEGAL OPINION

As to Spain's Liability For Fanatics' Actions. CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—The question of responsibility which might attach to the government of Spain in case the Maine explosion was due to a mine in the harbor of Havana and was the work of a fanatic or an accident has become the subject of discussion among lawyers. International law is a matter largely of precedent, and a mine explosion in a fortified harbor in time of peace has no precedent. All unite in saying that if such an event was designed, it would be cause for war. No less an authority than Robert W. Lincoln, former minister to England, is positive that in case of accident or if the mine was exploded by a Spanish fanatic Spain would not be burdened with any legal responsibility.

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SPAIN'S LIABILITY

Torpedoing a Vessel Is Not a Casus Belli. NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—The Herald tomorrow will say:

Frederick R. Coudert, formerly counsel for the United States before the Herbering case, and a well-known expert on international law, was interviewed regarding the matter of an indemnity, if it can be shown that the Spanish at Havana had taken proper precautions to insure the safety of the American warship Maine.