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IN THE ORIENT Russia Takes a Lease of Territory in China

PEKIN, March 27.—M. Pauloff, the Russian charge d'affaires, signed today the agreement regarding the lease of Port Arthur and Talien Wan.

A Cycling Challenge SAN JOE, March 27.—Floyd McFarland, the well known racing cyclist, deposited today with a local paper and issued a challenge to any L. A. C. rider to meet him in a series of motor races, one, two and five miles, best two out of three to take the purse.

Came by Steamer NEW YORK, March 27.—The French steamer La Borgogne, which arrived today from Havre, brought 5,500 francs in specie.

A Dead Princess PARIS, March 27.—Princess Marie Anne d'Orleans, the princess de Joinville, daughter-in-law of the late Louis Philippe, king of the French, is dead.

NO VACANT SEATS

WHEN CONGRESS CONVENES THIS MORNING

INTEREST IS INTENSE

McKINLEY'S MESSAGE IS TO BE RECEIVED

EFFORTS OF ADMINISTRATION

Will Be Exerted to Avoid Action on Cuban Affairs Until a Policy Is Settled Upon

Associated Press Special Wire

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The largest crowd that has attended a session of congress in years...

The members of the house await the report with the same feverish anxiety the public manifests...

The report is made up of eight parts, as follows: First—The court finds that at the time of the explosion the battleship Maine was lying in five and one-half to six fathoms of water.

Second—The discipline aboard was excellent; everything stowed according to orders—ammunition, guns, stores, etc. The temperature of the magazine at 8 p. m. was normal, except in the after-ten-inch magazine, and that did not explode.

Third—The explosion occurred at 9:40 o'clock on the evening of February 15. There were two explosions, with a very short interval between them, and the ship was lifted on the first explosion.

Fourth—The court can form no definite opinion of the condition of the wreck from the divers' evidence.

Fifth—The technical details of the wreckage, from which the court deduces that a mine was exploded under the ship on the port side.

Sixth—The explosion was due to no fault of those on board.

Seventh—Opinion of the court, stating that the explosion of the mine caused the explosion of the two magazines.

Eighth—The court declares that it cannot find evidence to fix responsibility.

The report is unanimous and is signed by all the members of the court.

It does not refer to the existence or non-existence of mines in the harbor of Havana except in a specific finding that a mine was exploded under the ship, and the explosion of the two magazines was caused by the explosion of a mine.

The report as a whole is a formal, dispassionate recital of facts, and bears the stamp of that strict officialism which marks naval procedure.

It is brief, not exceeding eighteen hundred words, and among the eight points goes to the greatest length of detail under the second, which deals with the discipline on the ship.

The court explains with extreme minuteness the least detail, the satisfactory condition of everything on board being given. The normal temperature of the large forward magazine at 8 o'clock—only an hour and forty minutes before the explosion—disposes of the question of accidental combustion within the magazines.

While the court holds that these magazines did not explode from internal causes, they nevertheless are of the opinion that the explosion of the mine on the port side of the ship caused the explosion of the two magazines.

This will explain the remarkable destruction wrought, the explosion thus being shown to have combined the force of a mine without and the two magazines within.

The two explosions, which the court finds to have occurred with a very short interval between them, is an additional detail, showing that the two forces operated in causing the destruction.

The finding that the ship listed on the first explosion indicates an external source, and one of tremendous power to be able to lift a battleship of thousands of tons.

The character of the wreckage, technically described in the fifth part of the report, from which the court deduces that a mine was exploded under the ship on the port side, sustains the view taken by some experts shortly after the disaster, that the force of the explosion was exerted from port to starboard.

REPORT OF COURT OF INQUIRY WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO CONGRESS THIS MORNING

In Brief, the Court Is Unanimous in the Opinion That the Battleship Was Destroyed by a Mine Explosion Due to No Fault of Those on Board the Vessel

WASHINGTON, March 27.—(By the Associated Press.) The Associated Press presents herewith a complete abstract of the report of the court of inquiry which investigated the wrecking of the battleship Maine.

This abstract is made from the report itself, access to which was obtained today, despite official secrecy unparalleled in the handling of official papers.

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The feature of the report of deepest interest to the navy is the complete exoneration of Capt. Sigsbee and all on board, contained in the second finding, setting forth the perfect order and discipline prevailing on the ship, and more directly stated in the sixth finding, which declares the disaster to be due to no fault of those on board.

The inability of the court to find evidence to fix the responsibility, as stated in the eighth part, makes the report so guarded in expression to blame—that neither Spain nor the Spanish are mentioned throughout.

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THE SPANISH REPORT

LONDON, March 27.—The Madrid correspondent of the Times, noting that Spain at present is playing a relatively passive part in the Cuban situation and contrasting the warlike attitude of the United States with the subdued and apparent inactivity prevailing, at Madrid says: "The minister, however, is eager to draw President McKinley's attention at the earliest moment to the report of the Spanish commission as to the Maine disaster, and it is understood that a messenger is going post haste from Havana with the document, and will reach Washington probably Tuesday.

The government believes that the simultaneous presentation of the two reports to congress would avert, or at any rate mitigate, any tempestuous display of folly.

"Should, however, the Spanish report arrive at Washington too late, or otherwise be withheld from the immediate perusal of congress, it is suggested that Senor Polo Barnabe be directed to print it at the cost of the Spanish legation in Washington, and thus secure for it the ear of the American people.

"Although it is fully understood why, under such delicate circumstances, President McKinley should be in such haste to submit the American report and presumably other Cuban matters to congress, it is, broadly speaking, the collective American legislature which Spain distrusts, and not the presidential unit."

ONE VACANT SEAT

Stimpkins of Massachusetts Dies of Heart Failure

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Representative John Stimpkins of Massachusetts, died last night at his residence in this city, 177 K street, of heart failure, induced by gastric complications.

On Tuesday last he complained of having caught a cold and later of stomach trouble. He was quite ill for a time, but yesterday was much better. Later in the day he grew weaker, and at 9:35 died of heart failure.

Arrangements as to the funeral cannot be made until the arrival of members of his family, who have been notified. Mrs. Bacon is in New York, Mrs. Thayer in Boston, and Miss Mabel Stimpkins in Florida. They are all expected to be in the city by Tuesday morning.

Representative Stimpkins was a man of independent fortune. He was born in New Bedford, Mass., June 27, 1831; attended the public schools of Yarmouth, and after preparing for college at St. Mark's school at Southboro, graduated at Harvard in 1853.

SAILED FOR HOME

AMAZONAS, NOW NEW ORLEANS, HEADED WEST

THE CRUISER COLUMBIA

TO START AT NOON TODAY FOR HAMPTON ROADS

MONITOR, RAM AND CRUISERS

Loading Coal and Ammunition at League Island Navy Yard in Anticipation of War

Associated Press Special Wire

LONDON, March 27.—Lloyd's reports that the United States cruisers San Francisco and New Orleans (formerly the Amazonas), which sailed at 1:40 p. m. today, are bound for New York.

AT LEAGUE ISLAND

Cruisers, Monitors and Rams Loading With Ammunition

PHILADELPHIA, March 27.—The Columbia will leave League Island navy yard tomorrow about noon for Hampton Roads. She finished loading ammunition at 5 o'clock this afternoon, after which her pilots were taken aboard.

Notwithstanding rain fell for the greater part of the day there was no cessation in the activity at this station. Crews were busy putting the finishing touches to the decks of the Minneapolis, a few remaining stores were placed aboard, and the paint was scraped from the torpedo ports. The heads for the Whitehead torpedoes were greased and fitted in the tubes. Today's work was confined to the machinery and inside painting of floors.

The double-turreted monitor Miantonomah has all her ammunition on board, and as soon as her men have given her a coating of lead-colored paint she will be ready to sail. This was to have been done today, but rain prevented it.

The Minneapolis and the ram Katahdin will receive ammunition tomorrow morning, and the former will also get about 200 tons of coal. All the vessels are short a number of men. The Columbia will sail with her complement lacking about 100 men. The Minneapolis is also short about that number, and the ram is about 20 short. Forty men were assigned today, and were assigned to ships.

Both the Minneapolis and the Miantonomah will be ready to depart on Wednesday at the latest. Ship Captain Casey and another naval officer visited all the ships, and immediately after leaving increased activity was noticed on board. This was taken as an indication that additional orders had been received from Washington to push the work and have the Minneapolis and Miantonomah ready for sailing at an earlier time.

AT KEY WEST

Excitement Grows Less, but Naval Work Continues

KEY WEST, Fla., March 27.—The excitement among naval officers and residents abated somewhat today, but everywhere groups could be seen discussing the probability of war with Spain.

The work of painting the battleships unexpectedly stopped yesterday, will be resumed tomorrow. They will be painted a dull lead color instead of black.

It is learned that Captain Wyck of the New York sailed last night on the Backus for Havana. His mission there is said to confer with Lieutenant Commander Waftright, and to decide whether further wrecking work on the Maine will be of any use.

The Iowa left last night for the Dry Tortugas, where she will coal. She is expected shortly. The harbor presents a warlike appearance. The Marblehead, Montgomery, Detroit, Nashville, Cincinnati, Castine, Wilmington and six torpedo boats lie close in shore, while the Indiana and New York loom up six miles out. The Montgomery is expected to go north shortly.

Eight bodies from the Maine were laid to rest in the city cemetery this morning with the same simple ceremonies that have attended the interment of other bodies buried here.

GUARDS GETTING READY

New Jersey Militia Will Not Be Caught Unprepared

TRENTON, N. J., March 27.—The work of putting the New Jersey National guard on a war footing is being successfully pushed.

Major-General Plume, commanding the New Jersey division of the National guard; Adj. Gen. Stryker and Quartermaster Gen. Donnelly held a conference here last night to compare notes. They expressed much satisfaction at the work that had been done. Capt. Armstrong of the quartermaster general's office returned last night from Washington, where he had gone to hurry up the orders for ammunition and ordnance stores. These latter will be shipped to Trenton without delay.

Yesterday a large number of army hats and leggings and about 3000 rubber blankets were received at the state arsenal. Adj. Gen. Stryker said that no orders had yet been received from Washington for the calling out of the National guard or the militia, but it was not denied that preparations were being made in the belief that such a call might be made. There is talk of a special session of the legislature to place a fund of \$250,000 at the disposal of the governor for the better equipment of the National guard in the event of war.

EXAMINATION OF CADETS

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 27.—At dinner formation at the naval academy today an order was read, directing the first class of cadets to report at the medical department tomorrow for physical examination, preparatory, it is supposed, to sea orders. It is rumored here that Capt. P. H. Cooper, superintendent of the academy, will be de-

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TO TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

Colgate, I. T., is struck by a tornado; three families of farmers dashed to death.

The pitiful remnant of the Green-land's crew of sealers reach shore; the English herring fleet in danger.

The three baseball leagues playing on the Pacific coast opened the season yesterday in Northern California; towns; there was no brilliant playing anywhere and a disgraceful slugging match at San Francisco.

Cabinet members meet to discuss pressing questions, but hold no formal session; there is no semblance of Saboteur in state, army or navy departments, where preparations are pushed for the nation's defense.

Strikes on the hogback between Big and Little Skookum rivers cause a stampede from Dawson; a dozen other localities, one within an hour's walk of the Skaguay postoffice, promise to make every digger rich.

The cruisers San Francisco and New Orleans (formerly Amazonas) leave English waters for New York; the cruiser Columbia leaves at noon today for Hampton Roads; monitor, ram and cruisers at League Island loading stores in anticipation of early hostilities.

The Associated Press secures access to the report of the Maine court of inquiry and sends out a careful abstract of the findings; in brief, the court is unanimous of the opinion that the vessel was destroyed by no explosion of a mine, occasioned by no fault of those on board, which exonerates all on board from the responsibility for the disaster caused.

Intense anxiety felt regarding the proceedings in congress today; the Maine report and a message from the president will be received and referred to the committee on foreign relations without debate; every effort will be made by party leaders until avoid action in Spanish affairs until McKinley shall have formulated a policy and Spain has had an opportunity to reply to communications lately made; congress is growing restive under the policy of inaction and may insist on doing something.

Rosecrans' Successor

WASHINGTON, March 27.—By unanimous vote of the executive committee of the Society of the Army of the Cumberland, General David Stanley has been designated to act as president of the society, vice General Rosecrans, deceased, until the next general reunion.

Sunk in Collision

LIVERPOOL, March 27.—The British steamer Tynemouth Castle, from Carthagena, March 14, for Montevideo, has been sunk in the Mersey in collision with the steamer Giannny, bound for Cork.