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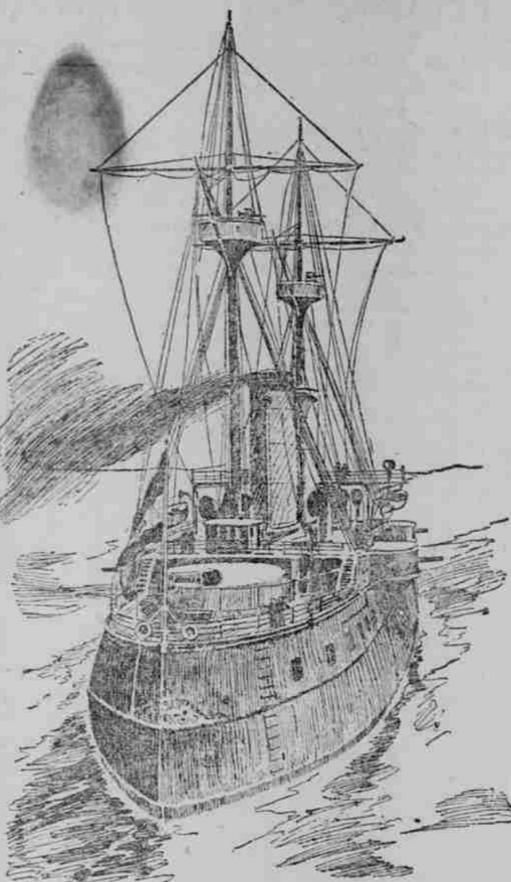
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JOINT INQUIRY INTO DISASTER

Madrid Opinion Urging Divers of a Third Nation to Arbitrate.

Feature of the Day at the Navy Department--Denials of Sensational Reports by Secretary Long--Well Pleased With Captain Sigbee--Events Transpiring in Havana--Grateful Concentrated--Appropriation For Salvage.

Washington, Feb. 18--The feature of the day at the navy department was the large number of rumors of a war-like tendency that came to the attention of the officials as requiring attention, and, in every case, contradiction.



THE SPANISH BATTLE SHIP VIZCAYA.

This Warship Arrived At New York Yesterday On a Friendly Visit.

WRECK IN THE HARBOR.

Spanish Precautions Against Interference From Americans.

Havana, Feb. 18--Lieutenant Pedro Foral, brother of the inventor of the submarine appliance bearing their name, the judge in the case of the Maine and the members of the technical committee, have requested the authorization of Consul General Lee to take depositions of officers of the Maine and to appoint a committee to inspect the wreck of the Maine and investigate the cause of the explosion.

WRECK AND ITS VICTIMS.

Appropriation For Salvage of Hull and Recovery of Bodies.

Washington, Feb. 18--Soon after the senate met today, Mr. Hale of Maine introduced the following joint resolution: "That the secretary of the navy be and he is hereby authorized to engage the services of a wrecking company or companies, having proper facilities for the prompt and efficient performance of submarine work, for the purpose of recovering the remains of the officers and men lost on the United States ship Maine, and of saving the vessel or such parts thereof, and such of her guns, arms, material, equipment, fittings and other articles as may be practicable; and for this purpose the sum of \$200,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, and made available therefor."

Madrid, Feb. 18--The newspapers here are urging the government to adopt great precautions when the American divers arrive and not to allow them to descend alone and examine the wreck so as to prevent any persons might be bribed to report at variance with the actual facts and might even do something to the hull which would serve as a confirmation of their report.

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Big Warship Enters New York Harbor This Morning.

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Which Include Measures to Avoid Hostile Demonstrations.

Every Policeman in New York On Duty--What Happened on Board the Spaniard When They Heard the News of the Maine--Indications That Visitors to the Ship Will Be Rather Exclusive.

New York, Feb. 18--The Spanish armored cruiser Vizcaya is in New York waters. She dropped her big anchors five miles south of Sandy Hook lightship at 5:30 p. m. after a 13 days' voyage from Canary Islands. When her officers and men learned the startling disaster to the American battleship Maine in Havana harbor, and of the downfall of former Minister De Lome, they broke into a wild uproar of grief and indignation.

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Extraordinary Precautions to Prevent Any Unpleasantness.

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Senators Inclined to Apply a Religious Test.

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Representative King said this afternoon that he had approved the president's course in not dispatching any other gunboats into Havana harbor. "Certainly no American vessel should be sent into that harbor," he said, "until it is determined whether the Maine was destroyed by accident or design."

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GOV. BRADY'S DESCRIPTION MEAT FOR A DISCUSSION AT THE CABINET.

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE DISPATCH OF ADDITIONAL MILITARY FORCES--DEPUTIES SINGLED OUT AS TARGETS BY THE RUSSIAN ELEMENT--TROUBLE AT BERNER'S BAY--KLONDIKE BRIEFS.

Washington, Feb. 18--Secretary Bliss is in receipt of a letter from Governor John G. Brady of Alaska, descriptive of the lawless condition of affairs at Skaguay and Dyea. It was referred to at a cabinet meeting today when Alaska affairs were under discussion, and was considered sufficient justification by the members for the dispatch of additional military forces already authorized to be sent to Alaskan territory. The following is a copy of the letter:

"News from Skaguay by the steamboat now in port is serious. The United States deputy marshal has been shot dead in discharge of his duty. Another deputy marshal was shot at the same place. Recently the steamers have been carrying great lists of passengers. Many of these are gamblers, thugs and lewd women from the worst quarters of the cities of the coast. They have taken in the situation at Skaguay and Dyea and appear to have combined to carry things with a high hand."

BEST PEOPLE POWERLESS.

"The best people at the places are powerless because they have no municipal form of government. The United States marshal is powerless because he can appoint only a few deputies, and when they undertake to act they are singled out as targets by this ruffian element. One of this class was tried in the United States district court last December for the killing of United States Deputy Marshal Watt in January, 1897, and was acquitted by the jury in the face of positive testimony. In fact, these influences seem to be joined hand in hand and will surely be unbroken by the government unless it takes immediate action and provides the necessary force at Skaguay, Dyea and other points. Congress has such means of locomotion as both naval and military officers can act when requested by the civil authority. The United States marshal should have a patrol vessel at his command and necessary accommodations for deputies and a proper attendant. I do not see how he can perform his duty as executive officer of the court unless he has such means of locomotion entirely at his own command."

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Utterances That Stabbed the Honor of Our American Navy.

Reply of Senator Wolcott, No Less Ardent in His Sympathy For Cuba Than the Illinois Senator, One That Will Meet the Approval of Self-respecting, Patriotic Citizens--Mason's Disclaimer--Allen On Investigations.

Washington, Feb. 18--The resolution offered yesterday by Mr. Allen (Neb.), directing the committee on naval affairs to make an immediate investigation of the disaster of the Maine, was then laid before the senate. It precipitated the most furious debate. Mr. Chandler (N. H.), thought that if the word "immediate" be stricken out and the matter be left within the discretion of the committee, there would be no objection to the resolution.

HALE'S MILD PROTEST.

Mr. Hale expressed the hope that Mr. Mason would not press his substitute. The director, he said, was even now being investigated by the executive department of the government and that as soon as tangible results were reached the facts would be commingled to congress. It seems to me that in the circumstances and in the light of the utmost facilities it is able to indulge in debate.

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