

MAINE IS TO BE INTERRED

Battleship's Remains Will Be Sunk in Gulf of Mexico, Near Cuba.

MARCH 1 IS THE DATE SET.

About a Third of the Vessel Has Already Been Sent to Its Watery Grave.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Gen. Bixby chief of engineers of the army, brings from Havana the report that unless unforeseen difficulties are experienced all that is left of the old battleship Maine will be floated out of Havana harbor by March 1 and sunk in the deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico, a few miles off the north coast of Cuba. In fact, Gen. Bixby says about a third of the ship—all of that part forward of the rent which severed the bow section—has been dumped into the sea without attracting attention. The metal was cut up by an oxy-acetylene jet into half-ton fragments, which were placed in scows and deposited about a mile off shore. This work is about completed and it is expected that within a week or ten days only the after part of the ship, which it is proposed to float away intact, will remain in the coffer-dam.

Some trouble may be experienced in floating the wreck. A water-tight bulkhead closes the great opening where the bow was cut off, but it is feared that the wreck may be held tenaciously in the grip of the hard clay bottom in which it has been imbedded for thirteen years. In that case, powerful water jets will be required to work under the hull and loosen it.

The after-turret of the ship has been raised from the decks and is ready for transfer to the shore. It has been given to the city of Havana and is to be erected as a monument in a public park. One of the masts now at Governor's Island and the other is aboard the collier Justin, awaiting transportation to the national cemetery at Arlington, where it will be placed over the graves of the victims of the Maine.

When the wreck is finally floated out to sea with ceremony and in the presence of a distinguished company, the great coffer-dam will be removed and nothing will be left visible in Havana to mark the scene of the great catastrophe. Deeply imbedded in the bottom of the harbor will lie the inverted forward turret of the ship, with its ten-inch guns, which is not thought worth while to raise.

APPROPRIATION FOR SCHOOLS

Senate Passes Bill to Increase Efficiency of Educational Department.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 2.—After lengthy discussion the Senate Wednesday afternoon passed Senate bill No. 55, which provides for the inspection of schools and school funds of the state and to increase the efficiency of the Department of Education. It provides for an increase in the school appropriation of \$10,000 and that the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall receive annually for the special duty the salary of \$2,500. The bill provides for two assistants at salaries of \$2,000 each and \$5,000 for additional clerk hire.

After various arguments the Senate went into Committee of the Whole to hear Superintendent of Instruction Hamlett explain the bill. Supt. Hamlett said the purpose of the bill was to economize the school funds of the state. He said the last inspection showed that \$100,000 was being wasted. If the bill passes Mr. Hamlett will go or send inspectors to each school, so it will be known just what is being done in every department of the schools.

An amendment of Senator Graham making the salary of each assistant clerk hire unrevoked, but all other amendments were voted down.

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HOBO CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN WORKHOUSE

That is the Only Place for it, Declares the Mayor of Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, O., Jan., 31.—Having the unsolicited "honor" of a national "hobo" convention thrust upon the city, the municipal authorities are making extensive preparations to receive their unbidden guests. Foremost in the receiving line when the delegates begin to drop from the brake beams of freight cars tomorrow will be Chief of Police William Jackson, assisted by very stalwart policemen, who have been instructed to see that the visitors are given automobile rides in patrol automobiles to the nearest police stations.

They are next scheduled to call upon Police Court Judge Arthur Fricke, who will extend the hospitality of the city workhouse to them for a more or less extended period.

The convention is under the personal direction of J. Eads How, the "millionaire hobo," of St. Louis, and is scheduled to last four days, with the opening session tomorrow. How is at present in the city and is endeavoring to find lodging for 300 delegates.

"If there is any hobo convention to be held in this city it will be in the city workhouse," declared Mayor Hunt on giving his orders for the reception of the vagrants to Chief of Police Jackson.

Mayor Weakens.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 1.—The "Hoboes" of the United States opened a four-days' convention here today, the order for the arrest of the delegates, should they assemble, having been withdrawn by Mayor Henry T. Hunt.

Mayor Hunt, in withdrawing the order, said he would allow the men to assemble, but that they must hold their meetings in an orderly manner. If there was any disturbance or bad behavior on the part of the delegates they would be arrested, and those who could not prove to have a means of livelihood would be taken to the workhouse.

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