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Notice for Publication
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Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Missoula, Montana, Oct. 9, 1911. Notice is hereby given that John Frank Seearce of Sloan, Montana, who on May 20, 1910, made Hd. No. 02170, for Unit A, E 1/2 NW Sec. 21, T. 20 N., R. 21 W. M. M., has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof to establish claim to the land above described, before Coker F. Rathbone, a U. S. Commissioner, at Ronan, Montana, on the 18th day of Nov. 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: William P. Stillman and Allen Sloan, of Sloan, Montana, and Stanley Seearce and Albert M. Thornburgh, of Ronan, Montana.
JOSIAH SHULL, Register.
oct 13-nov 10

Notice for Publication
(Non coal land)
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Missoula, Montana, Oct. 9, 1911. Notice is hereby given that William S. Spencer of Ronan, Montana, who on May 27, 1910, made Hd. No. 02511, for Unit B, NW NE section 17, township 21 N., range 20 W. M. meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Coker F. Rathbone, a U. S. Commissioner, at Ronan, Montana, on the 18th day of Nov. 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: Mrs. Belle Schooner, Miss Ethel Miller, Ara L. Miller and Ira E. Barnes, all of Ronan, Montana.
JOSIAH SHULL, Register.
oct 13-nov 10

Notice for Publication
(Non-coal land)
Department of the Interior, U.S. Land Office at Missoula, Montana, Oct. 9, 1911. Notice is hereby given that Harriette P. Geiger, of Dixon, Montana, who, on June 11, 1910, made Hd. number 02436, for Unit D, lot 4, Sec. 6, T. 19 N., R. 21 W. M. M., has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Coker F. Rathbone, a U. S. Commissioner, at Ronan, Montana, on the 18th day of Nov. 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: Albert McAenfy, Mrs. J. H. Pritchard and James H. Schooner, all of Ronan, Montana.
JOSIAH SHULL, Register.
Oct. 13-Nov. 10

Notice for Publication
(Non-coal land)
Department of the Interior, U.S. Land Office at Missoula, Montana, Oct. 9, 1911. Notice is hereby given that Eila M. McDonald, of Ronan, Mont. who, on May 26, 1910, made Hd. No. 02297, for Unit E, SE NE Sec. 9, Twp. 21 N., R. 20 west, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Coker F. Rathbone, a U. S. Commissioner, at Ronan, Montana, on the 18th day of November, 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: Miss Myrtle Irwin, Charis Vandenberg, J. D. Van Liew and William Engle, all of Ronan, Montana.
JOSIAH SHULL, Register.
oct 13-nov 10

Notice for Publication
(Non-coal land)
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Missoula, Montana, Sept. 25, 1911. Notice is hereby given that Frank H. Rogers, of Ronan, Montana, who, on May 12, 1910, made Hd. No. 02012, for Unit A, E 1/2 NE, sec. 21, T. 21 N., R. 20 W. M. M., has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Coker F. Rathbone, a U. S. Commissioner, at Ronan, Montana, on the 13th day of Nov. 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: W. V. Windus, B. D. Leibel, Philip Parcell and A. Burquist, all of Ronan, Montana.
JOSIAH SHULL, Register.
sept 29-oct 27

Notice for Publication
(Non-coal land)
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Missoula, Montana, Sept. 25, 1911. Notice is hereby given that Henry Roy, of Ronan, Montana, who on May 25, 1910, made Hd. No. 02277, for Unit F, E 1/2 SW, Sec. 9, T. 20 N., R. 21 W. M. M., has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Coker F. Rathbone, a U. S. Commissioner, at Ronan, Montana, on the 13th day of Nov. 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: W. H. Reichard, Clarence Reichard, B. D. Murray and Julius Rinke, all of Ronan, Montana.
JOSIAH SHULL, Register.
sept 29-oct 27

Notice for Publication
(Non-coal land)
Department of the Interior, U.S. Land Office at Missoula, Montana, Aug. 14, 1911. Notice is hereby given that Harry Boyd, of Ronan, Montana, who, on May 10, 1910, made Hd. No. 02049, for Unit C, E 1/2 NW sec. 21, township 21 N., range 20 W. M. M., has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Coker F. Rathbone, a U. S. Commissioner, at Ronan, Montana, on the 2nd day of Nov., 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: W. V. Windus, Henry Troendle, James Farrow and Andrew Eck, all of Ronan, Montana.
JOSIAH SHULL, Register.
sept 22-oct 27

Notice for Publication
(Non-coal land)
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Missoula, Montana, Sept. 18, 1911. Notice is hereby given that Peter Gritz, of Ronan, Montana, who, on May 21, 1910, made Hd. No. 02183, for Unit B, SE NW, Sec. 30, T. 20 N. R. 20 W. M. M., has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof to establish claim to the land above described, before Coker F. Rathbone, a U. S. Commissioner, at Ronan, Montana, on the 24th day of Nov., 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: L. B. Manning, H. Beiber, James McConnell and J. A. McGeorge, all of Ronan, Montana.
JOSIAH SHULL, Register.
sept 22-oct 20

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(Non-coal land)
Department of the Interior, U.S. Land Office at Missoula, Montana, Sept. 11, 1911. Notice is hereby given that Frazer Jenkins, of Ronan, Montana, who, on May 31, 1910, made Hd. number 02347, for E 1/2 SE section 11, Twp. 19 N., range 20 W. M. M., has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver, at Missoula, Montana, on the 30th day of Oct., 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: David Stirtz, Joseph Meingassner, Robert Bennett, Charles Hogan, Anton Sukovsky, all of Ronan, Montana.
JOSIAH SHULL, Register.
sept 15-oct 20

Notice for Publication
(Non-coal land)
Department of the Interior, U.S. Land Office at Missoula, Montana, Oct. 3, 1911. Notice is hereby given that John Petterson, of Ronan, Montana, who, on May 23, 1910, made Hd. No. 02208 for Unit B, lot 4, sec. 4, T. 19 N. R. 20 W. M. meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Coker F. Rathbone, a U. S. Commissioner, at Ronan, Montana, on the 20th day of November, 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: W. D. Harris, James T. McConnell, H. E. Wright, Frank Carrington, all of Ronan, Montana.
JOSIAH SHULL, Register.
oct 6 nov 3

Notice for Publication
(Non-coal land)
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Missoula, Montana, Oct. 4, 1911. Notice is hereby given that Ernest C. Badger, of Ronan, Montana, who on May 16, 1910, made Hd. No. 02068, for Unit B, nw ne, nw Sec. 18, T. 19 N. R. 20 W. M. M., has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof to establish claim to the land above described, before Coker F. Rathbone, a U. S. Commissioner, at Ronan, Montana, on the 6th day of November, 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: W. D. Harris, Henry Hill, of St. Ignatius, Montana, R. A. Calkins, Ben Webb, of Dixon, Montana.
JOSIAH SHULL, Register.
oct 6 nov 3

Notice for Publication
(Non-coal land)
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Missoula, Montana, Oct. 3, 1911. Notice is hereby given that William J. Collins, of St. Ignatius, Montana, who on Sept. 9, 1910, made Hd. No. 02514 for Unit A, SW SE, Sec. 33, T. 19 N., R. 20 W. M. M., has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof to establish claim to the land above described, before Coker F. Rathbone, a U. S. Commissioner, at Ronan, Montana, on the 20th day of November, 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: Thomas Payne, Robert Teahan, George H. Beckwith, William Courtois, all of St. Ignatius, Montana.
JOSIAH SHULL, Register.
oct 6 nov 3

Notice for Publication
(Non-coal land)
Department of the Interior, U.S. Land Office at Missoula, Montana, Oct. 16, 1911. Notice is hereby given that Charles H. Canright, of Dixon, Montana, who, on Sept. 16, 1910, made Hd. No. 02529, for Unit M, SW SW Sec. 32, T. 20 N., R. 21 W. M. M., has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before G. E. White-man, a U. S. commissioner, at Dixon, Montana, on the 27th day of November, 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: Albert McCauley, Royal C. Brown, James Pritchard, Edward W. Reinhart, all of Dixon, Montana.
JOSIAH SHULL, Register.
oct 20-nov 17

Notice for Publication
(Non-coal land)
Department of the Interior, U.S. Land Office at Missoula, Montana, Oct. 16, 1911. Notice is hereby given that Ole C. Lee, of Ronan, Montana, who, on June 5, 1910, made Hd. No. 02393, for Unit A, N 1/2 NW SW, Sec. 13, T. 20 N., R. 20 W. M. M. filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Coker F. Rathbone, a U. S. commissioner, at Ronan, Montana, on the 27th day of Nov. 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: Iver M. Brandford, George E. Broughton, George Williams, Fred T. Potvin all of Ronan, Montana.
JOSIAH SHULL, Register.
oct 20-nov 17

Notice for Publication
(Non-coal land)
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Missoula, Montana, Oct. 16, 1911. Notice is hereby given that Gottfried Walman, of Ronan, Montana, who on May 16, 1910, made Hd. No. 02058, for Unit C, W 1/2 NE, NE NW, lot 3, Sec. 35 T. 20 N., R. 20 W. M. M., has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Coker F. Rathbone, a U. S. Commissioner, at Ronan, Montana, on the 27th day of Nov. 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: George E. Griffin, Joseph E. Meingassner, John Dwight Tredway, Ben Jacobs, all of Ronan, Montana.
JOSIAH SHULL, Register.
oct 17-nov 20

Notice for Publication
(Non-coal land)
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Missoula, Montana, Oct. 16, 1911. Notice is hereby given that Walter V. Windus, of Ronan, Montana, who on May 13, 1910, made Hd. No. 02022, for Unit A, N 1/2 NE Sec. 28, T. 21 N., R. 20 W. M. M., has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof to establish claim to the land above described, before Coker F. Rathbone, a U. S. Commissioner, at Ronan, Montana, on the 27th day of Nov. 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: Joseph Houle, Benson Evans, Frank H. Rogers, Stanley Seearce, all of Ronan, Montana.
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Taking Sailors' Bones From Mud Incased Wreck Goes On.

WITH each new ton of mud pumped from the mystery laden wreck of the United States battleship Maine, down in the harbor of Havana, memories of the historic disaster are revived—memories of strange happenings that preceded and followed the explosion which precipitated the war with Spain in 1898. The public has never lost interest in this greatest puzzle of the half century. If General William H. Bixby, chief of engineers, is correct in his recent guess that the solution of the cause never would be forthcoming, it is safe to say that the unsatisfied curiosity of the generation will be reflected in scores of additional historic dissertations, more or less accurate, upon the dual explosion that sank the warship. General Bixby, by the way, has not said whether his opinion is changed because of more recent indications that a part of the Maine's keel was blown upward by an exterior explosion.

Among the queerest echoes from the naval board inquiry held on a light-house tender just after the disaster, none presents a better field for the inquisitive than the story of the nameless witness.

Every other person who testified at that investigation was required to give his name and station and answer detailed questions as to his capability. The nameless witness, who appeared at the fifth day's session on Feb. 23, was permitted by consent of the judges to remain incognito. This entry appears in the minutes of the proceedings: "A witness then appeared before the court, whose name and address are suppressed by agreement with the witness that his identity should not be revealed, and was sworn by the president, through the interpreter."

The Stranger Interrogated.

Questioning this witness, who apparently was a foreigner, presumably a Spaniard or Cuban, the judge advocate said:

"I have heard that on Tuesday morning you overheard a certain conversation on a ferryboat which referred to the possible sinking of the Maine."

Through the interpreter the witness said that on the morning of the 15th, or about fourteen hours before the explosion, he had been crossing from Havana to Reglas. He noticed a group of Spanish officers—two army men, one of the navy—talking to a stout civilian. One officer said, "That is nearly arranged." The citizen asked, "Will not making explosions in the bay run great risk to the city of Havana?" The officer replied in the negative, adding that the vessel "will sink immediately." Thereupon the citizen seemed overjoyed. "I will take plenty of beer on that occasion," said he.

The witness insisted upon the accuracy of his story, but did not know the names of the officers. One seemed to be a lieutenant; another was of rank at least as high as major and wore a belt indicating that he was on a general's staff. The citizen wore a big diamond ring. Portions of the stenographic minutes are as follows:

"What object did you have in informing the consul general of this conversation?"

How He Happened to Tell.

"He was talking with a friend in the Cafe St. Nicholas after this occurrence," replied the interpreter, summarizing the witness' answer, "and he told him all the conversation he had heard. The friend told him, 'Why don't you go and say something about this to the consul?' He said he was afraid to say anything about it; that he would get himself into trouble. The friend said, 'I will go and inquire from some of these newspapers and see if there is any danger in it.' The friend went and inquired and said there would be no danger whatever, and he then determined to tell the consul."

Many False Trails.

The testimony of the nameless witness was but one of many pointers toward the trails that yielded nothing definite. That the naval court decided the explosion to have been caused by a submarine mine was due to the testimony of experts regarding the vessel's condition prior to the blast, the excellent discipline on board, the careful inspection of the magazines and the safeguards against an internal ex-

losion in either magazines or coal bunkers.

It is generally believed that the outside explosion, if there was one, caused a magazine to burst inside, but prevailing opinion in this country has been consistently in favor of the outside mine theory, though it is admitted that such a mine might have been laid by Cubans as likely as by Spaniards. Perhaps, however, General Bixby is correct in prophesying that "the primary cause will never be learned." He has repeated his belief several times after noting the tangled state of the wreckage as it was gradually exposed inside the elliptical bowl of steel pilings. Yet even the general is not yet in a position to speak finally. The pumping is still incomplete, and the secret may be bared when more of the harbor mud is lifted away from the shattered bulk.

As the chief basis for the exterior mine theory is the opinion of officers who were attached to the Maine, their stories of conditions aboard are being recalled by old navy men, most of whom have read the testimony and reread it many times.

Captain Sigbee testified that he had never permitted any loose powder to be kept in the magazines and that it was all stowed, so far as he knew, in the usual air tight and water tight cylinders, each containing one charge. He asserted, too, that the coal bunkers adjoining the magazines were well ventilated, had been examined regularly and were connected electrically to the annunciator near his cabin door. His confidence in the safe conditions of the vessel was reflected by the other officers.

Present State of the Wreck.

The latest dispatches from the scene of the wreck seemed to uphold the original belief. In the mass of twisted metal was found recently a curved piece of steel. Engineers say it is probably a portion of the flat keel of the Maine, and Ferguson, the naval constructor in charge of the examination, says that adjacent plates and beams are undoubtedly from the vicinity of the keel.

Practically all the water has been pumped out of the cofferdam, so that the wreck incased only in mud, with dots of remaining water here and there. The bow structure is mostly exposed. Examination of the uncovered plates, beams and ribs has indicated that they belonged to the structure of the double bottom, which is elevated to a height of forty feet above the normal position, apparently adding confirmation to the theory of a tremendous exterior explosion. But General Bixby may yet be right in his forecast. So confused is the wreckage that the indications of a Spanish or Cuban crime are not to be accepted in haste.

The Search For Bodies.

Besides having the object of solving the puzzle of the explosion, the government is raising the Maine in the hope of recovering bodies of sailors who went down with the ship. A few skeletons and loose bones have been found thus far.

Prior to July 20 it was figured that the bones picked out of the wreckage represented four or more bodies. On that day more bones, all fire scorched, were found near the overturned conning tower. The men who died in that vicinity probably were sleeping at the time of the explosion in hammocks suspended from the ceiling of the forward berth deck. This deck was folded back by the blast until its ruins lay over the central superstructure, fifty feet aft of its original position.

On July 22 the bones of six or seven additional bodies were found beneath the wreckage on the central superstructure. They were heaped together, and not one was intact. There, too, are probably the remains of sailors who slept on deck that hot night. The forward part of the ship was heaved up and fell upon them as they lay. Later, when the searchers reach the deeper sections of the vessel, whole skeletons may be found and possibly clothing or trinkets which may give clues to names. Four skeletons were taken on July 24 and another on July 27 from the berth deck. On Aug. 1 were found the bones of Assistant Engineer Merritt, and they were identified by a portion of an officer's cap and uniform and a fountain pen. The other sets of bones were found at the same time. The total finds thus far have been sixteen. About fifty-five bodies are yet to be traced.

The raising has proceeded far enough to show that the Maine's after bulkhead is practically unimpaired. The question of building a bulkhead and floating out the stern section is still under discussion, but the engineers hesitate on account of the corroded condition of the deck beams and other structural members not protected by overlying mud. There is no doubt that the removal of the other portions of the ship is only possible by dissection. To finish the work congress will be asked soon to appropriate another \$250,000, making the total \$900,000. The task will not be completed for months, certainly not before late fall, possibly not until next spring.