

VIZCAYA IS AT HAVANA

AN ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME FOR THE SPANISH CRUISER

The Streets Gay With Bunting and Cheers From All the Boats—Divers Not Able to Recover Any Additional Bodies From the Wreck—Proctor Calls on Blanco.

HAVANA, March 1.—The Spanish cruiser Vizcaya arrived at Moro castle at 6 o'clock this evening, after a good voyage from New York. She was met by scores of steam launches and gaily decorated yachts with bands, and as she steamed to her moorings enthusiastic welcomes were shouted from all the quays, which were lined with thousands of people. The streets were gay with bunting, rockets were discharged, and there was a continuous cheering from all the boats.

The mayor of Havana, Marquis de Esteban, as director of the festivities, was the first to board the vessel, going out in Gen. Blanco's launch. The officers of the Vizcaya will call first upon Admiral Montenegro and then on the captain general.

The Almirante Oquendo is expected from the Canaries at an early day, and she also will be given a popular welcome.

The divers are much disappointed at not recovering any bodies today, but hope to be more fortunate tomorrow.

Explosion Is Still a Mystery.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The meeting of the cabinet today, at which all the members were present, disclosed the fact that the government is still without news regarding the cause of the disaster to the Maine.

Up to this time the court of inquiry has not indicated in any way the trend of the investigation. The President and members of the cabinet are as completely in the dark as to what the evidence so far adduced discloses as they were on the day after the explosion.

The truth of this statement is vouched for by authority not to be questioned.

ORDINARY STREET BRAWL

The Principal Incident of the Day at Havana.

HAVANA, March 1.—The divers on the night of the explosion got to work this morning in earnest. Capt. Everett, chief of the divers, was in charge, and the water being lower than usual, it was seen that the stowage hatch was particularly blocked to some extent by one of the smokestacks. The divers succeeded in entering the aft torpedo compartment, where they hoped to find the bodies of Lieut. Jenkinson and Merritt, as well as the remains of members of the crew of the battleship.

The two officers mentioned were last seen in the aft torpedo compartment, and up to this time the divers have feared to enter it, there being great danger that the life lines or air hoses might catch in the wreckage about the smokestack.

The Spanish officers directing the divers of the government of Spain called on Capt. Sigbee today on board the battleship, and they were given all the information they needed.

The steamer Bache has been ordered to leave for Dry Tortugas, with five American wounded, all that are now left here, and on the way.

It is reported here that the court of inquiry will return to Havana tomorrow, but the report had not been confirmed when this dispatch was sent. This morning a collision occurred between a party of guerrillas and several employes of the street cleaning department, near Trillo park. Five policemen interfered to prevent the meeting with resistance, using their revolvers. Four of the combatants were shot and three policemen wounded, one seriously. Three arrests were made. The affair, however, was only an ordinary street brawl.

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Ex-Gov. Merriam was a caller at the White house today. There is talk that he has been tendered the position of chairman of the interstate commerce commission. This afternoon Merriam visited Senator Hanna at the capitol.

Senator Nelson is not pleased with the vote of house members from Minnesota on the bankruptcy bill, but the fact that Senator Stewart is so vigorously championing the Nelson bill will not add to its strength. Messrs. Hoar and Lindsey will be the senate conferees. Senator Hoar says he will stand by Nelson for the principle provisions of the original bill. There is a good prospect for a dead lock.

Senator Davis today presented an amendment to sundry civil bill, extending the cost of St. Paul public building in the sum of \$400,000. If this is secured it will be enough to build an entrance on Sixth street.

Representative McClary is having no end of trouble in trying to square himself about his interview in a prominent Washington paper, on the Maine disaster. McClary has been taken to task in several Eastern papers.

Congressman Morris has received a number of inquiries with reference to the order recently issued by Secretary Bliss suspending entries of lands within the limits of the Northern Pacific grant east of Duluth. He called at the office of the department and was informed that the order applies only to

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Secretary of the Navy States as His Personal Opinion That the Disaster in Havana Harbor Was Not Due to Any Official Act of Treachery.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The main interest of the day, in connection with the Maine inquiry, centered in a statement by Secretary Long, following the cabinet meeting, that in his personal opinion any official participation by the Spanish government in the blowing up of the Maine was now practically eliminated from the situation. This statement was not of a formal or official character, and was made by Mr. Long as he walked away from the White house.

As usual the various cabinet officers were consulted with inquiries as to the questions before the meeting, and in response to these importunities the secretary, rather casually, summed up the situation in a few words, stating that most of the blame had been given to the outrages on colored postmasters in the South. Naturally the Cuban situation had been gone over, he said, and there were no actual developments and he felt that public excitement over the subject had materially abated.

Travel to the Klondike from this section has started out again at a lively rate. About 80 per cent of the people going are residents of Duluth, and the remainder are from the surrounding range towns. One party of twenty-two left today, and tomorrow three small parties, with a total of twenty-five, will leave. In one of the parties that leaves tomorrow will be Mrs. R. T. Lutes, whose husband was killed in the Yukon. She is now in Skagway, and she will join him there, as is his intention to push on to the Yukon as soon as they can get out.

HANGED HIM IN EFFIGY.

Once Minister de Lome Unpopular in New York.

TROY, N. Y., March 1.—Spain's former minister to the United States, Dupuy de Lome, was hanged in effigy in this city today, and the police had to be called upon to disperse a crowd of about 100 people who had assembled to hurl epithets at the object of their scorn.

Placards on the effigy were thus inscribed: "Hang de Lome, V. H. R." and "Sucker de Lome, V. H. R. Club."

READY TO ATTACK MANILLA.

American Squadron Concentrated for a Descent on the Capital.

LONDON, March 1.—A special dispatch from Shanghai says: The United States squadron is concentrated at Hong Kong, with a view of active operations against Manila, Philippine Islands, in the event of an outbreak of war between the United States and Spain.

The squadron, which is very powerful, including the battleships, Boston, Raleigh, Concord and Petrel.

HEAVY VOLUME OF TRADE.

IMMENSE BUSINESS INDICATED BY FEBRUARY BANK CLEARINGS

The Total Only a Trifle Below the Record-Breaking January Figures, in Spite of the Short Month and Two Holidays—Greater Than Any Corresponding Period.

NEW YORK, March 1.—Bradstreet's says: February bank clearings, as reported to Bradstreet's, point to an immense volume of business done in the country during the past month. The total clearing for the month of February, naturally enough, smaller than January's record-breaking totals, were evidently so only because of February being a short month, and because of holidays, but further curtailing the time available for business transactions. Comparatively the clearings were larger than those of January, and the monthly total was larger than for any previous February on record.

The total clearings of seventy-seven cities of the United States for the month aggregated \$5,533,000,000, smaller by 1 per cent than for January, but larger by 51 per cent from February last year; 73 per cent in excess of the low watermark of 1894, and 64 per cent larger than in 1892, the heaviest February on record.

For the two months of 1898 the total clearings aggregated \$11,527,000,000, a total larger by 32 per cent from the corresponding period of last year, and nearly 5 per cent larger than the first two months of 1893, a period of very heavy trade.

Only two cities of the country show decreases as compared with February of last year.

Canadian bank clearings were also very heavy, aggregating \$110,386,853, a decrease of 2.6 per cent from January, but a gain of 49 per cent over February last year.

WORK AT LEAGUE ISLAND.

War Vessels There Being Prepared to Go to Sea.

PHILADELPHIA, March 1.—The work of preparing for sea the war vessels now at League island, is progressing rapidly. A naval officer stated today that the work is going into commission immediately by the monitor Miantonomah, and a large number of men have been working on her hull.

The furnishing of the Miantonomah, which was completed today, was continued today, and will not be completed for a day or two. The cruiser Columbia, which has been lying in the Delaware river to the eastward, was docked today, but it was found that the tide was too low to permit her to enter safely.

The ship's hull was cleaned and painted, and some minor repairs will be made.

Money for Victims.

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For Torpedo Boats.

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Maine Monument.

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