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### Telegraphic News.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—Lieutenant-Commander Marix this morning delivered to Secretary Long the report of the "Maine" Court of Inquiry.

#### IN PRESIDENT'S HANDS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—Report of the "Maine" Court of Inquiry is in the hands of President McKinley. It was delivered this morning by Lieutenant-Commander Marix, Judge Advocate of the Court of Inquiry, to Secretary Long, and by the latter taken to the White House and handed to the president. Marix accompanied Long to the White House.

#### READ TO THE CABINET.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—The "Maine" report was carefully read in the presence of all the members of the cabinet. A general discussion followed. Lieutenant-Commander Marix, in answer to queries, explained some matters not fully covered by the report. No statement will be made by any cabinet officer as to the contents of the report until it is transmitted to congress next Monday.

#### BY A SUBMARINE MINE.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The Board of Inquiry into the loss of the "Maine" finds that the explosion which destroyed the "Maine" was from the outside and does not fix the responsibility for the disaster. It does not express an opinion as to the character of the explosive, but the testimony goes to show it was a powerful submarine mine, the exact character of which is not determined by the testimony, though the belief was expressed that it was what is known as a "floating submarine mine." There were two explosions, the board finds. The first was from the outside and set off one of the smaller magazines.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—By direction of President McKinley, Secretary Long has spent more than \$1,000,000 in the purchase of twelve speedy yachts and sea-going tugs, which will be at once converted into torpedo boat destroyers and picket boats. They will be sent to Key West.

NEW YORK, March 25.—A special to the *Herald* from Paris says the *Figaro* publishes an interview with M. Hanotaux, in which he said: "The Cuban question is not our business but that of Spain and the United States." He said France desired peace, however, everywhere.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—Commodore Winfield Scott Schley, at present connected with the lighthouse board, has been ordered to command the flying squadron, at Hampton Roads, with the "Brooklyn" as his flagship. His command at present comprises three vessels, the "Brooklyn," "Columbia," and "Mississippi," ocean greyhounds, but in a short time the squadron will probably be swelled to about a dozen ships. Schley refused to talk at all concerning the rumors that the flying squadron might be sent out to interrupt the Spanish torpedo boat flotilla.

The battleships "Texas" and "Massachusetts" are ordered to join the flying squadron.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The cruiser "Cincinnati" and gun boat "Wilmington" will probably be added to the flying squadron; also the "Bancroft," now on her way across the Atlantic. An official order was issued today detaching Captain Chester, commander of the "Cincinnati," from the South Atlantic squadron. The effect is to remove the "Cincinnati" from the South Atlantic service and make her available for the North Atlantic station squadron.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—Naval experts believe that under ordinary circumstances it will take the Spanish flotilla about ten days to make the journey across the ocean, but it is exceedingly likely it will actually require several days longer. It is understood some correspondence with Spain, through Minister Polo, concerning the movements of the torpedo flotilla, is not unlikely. What representations, if any, will be made cannot be ascertained.

KEY WEST, Fla., March 25.—It was not until today that news of the departure of the Spanish torpedo flotilla from the Canary Islands became known among naval officers here. It created an intense feeling, especially among officers of the torpedo boats in this harbor. The most prominent said today: "If the United States allows the Spanish boats to get to Porto Rico it will be the biggest mistake ever made. Only two torpedo boats in our navy would have any chance of getting away from the Spanish torpedo boat destroyers. The "Iowa," "New York" and "Indiana," lying out there, six miles off the land would practically be at the mercy of a dozen torpedo boats, which could run over from Porto Rico in a short time should war be declared. We have no protected harbors here and we have not a single torpedo boat destroyer, and unless a fleet powerful enough to be proof against these torpedo boats is quickly concentrated in these waters, or unless the Spanish flotilla is warned to keep farther away, I should judge it would be better to take every United States warship as far away as possible from this menacing force which Spain intends to concentrate within such convenient distance as Porto Rico."

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