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## WAS AN OUTSIDE EXPLOSION.

### The Blow That Destroyed the Battleship Maine in Havana Harbor.

### CAUSED BY FLOATING SUBMARINE MINE.

### Two Blasts Occurred, One of Which Set Off the Other, the Expressed Belief.

### The All-Important Document, Delivered to the President This Morning.

Washington, March 25.—Marix delivered the report of the Maine board of inquiry to Secretary Long, who at 9:40 presented the same to the president.

Washington, March 25.—One of the highest officials in the service of the government said definitely today that the report of the Maine court of inquiry shows the explosion was due to an external cause. It was impossible to get from him any additional exact information, though the impression was gathered that the board had not located the responsibility.

It has been at least accounts definitely ascertained that the board of inquiry finds that the explosion which destroyed the Maine came from the outside, but it 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 that it was a powerful submarine mine, the exact character of which is not determined by the testimony, though the belief is expressed that it was what is known as a floating submarine mine.

Two Explosions.  
The board finds there were two explosions. The first from the outside, which set off one of the smaller magazines.

Long and Marix remained till the members of the cabinet appeared, when the former went into the cabinet room, while Marix remained in the adjoining apartment, subject to call.

The report of the board was gone over carefully, and the general discussion of its leading features followed.

Marix was called in to answer questions and explain some matters not fully covered by the report. The meeting lasted till after 1 p. m. After adjournment the members decided that no further statement would be made until the contents of the report were transmitted to congress Monday.

The cabinet reassembled at 3 this afternoon.

The cruiser Cincinnati has been transferred from the South Atlantic squadron to the North Atlantic station, where she will join the flying squadron.

Commodore Schley has been ordered to the command of the flying squadron at Hampton Roads, with the Brooklyn as flagship.

Action of the House.

Washington, March 25.—The house closed the general debate on the naval appropriation bill, and began consideration under the 5-minute rule for amendments. A bill was introduced giving the president power and funds to protect the country's honor and prestige in the event of war with a foreign nation during the recess of congress.

Spain's Report.

Madrid, March 26.—The minister of marine spent last night deciphering the despatch containing the details of the findings of the Spanish

court of inquiry into the loss of the Maine. Parties cognizant of affairs unanimously declare that the Spaniards' report of the explosion claims internal origin.

### BUYS ANOTHER BOAT.

Quote Sam Purchases a First Class War Vessel From Germany.

London, March 25.—Commander Colwell, the United States naval attaché here, bought for the United States the first-class torpedo boat being built at Schiebel for Germany. She is ready to sail. The United States cruiser San Francisco and New Orleans will probably leave tomorrow for the United States.

Situation Worse.

London, March 25.—The Lloyds regard the situation as worse today and are asking 20 guineas per cent on war risks.

### FULFORD WINS THE CUP.

Who is 23 Straight K. It is the Long Branch Contest.

Long Branch, N. J., March 25.—In the shoot-off at Elkwood park today for the silver cup emblematic of the championship honors in the Grand American handicap contest on live pigeons, E. D. Fulford, of Utica, N. Y., won the trophy with 23 straight kills.

In the hundred bird match between Capt. J. L. Brewer, of New York, and Frank S. Parmlee, of Omaha, the latter won with 94 birds. Brewer killed 90.

### Flood Situation.

Pittsburg, March 25.—It is believed the flood loss in and about Pittsburg and Allegheny will reach \$1,000,000, including the loss of wages to employees.

Cincinnati, March 25.—The Ohio river continues rising an inch an hour. It seems certain more than fifty feet will be reached. The flood continues at Zanesville, where the Muskingum is still rising two inches an hour. Two persons are reported drowned. The city is without light or water supply. The loss in the county will reach into millions. Two thousand people are sheltered in the public halls and market house.

### Now Store In.

Waterford, March 25.—The Spanish torpedo boat destroyer Audaz arrived here with her bow stove in and stern twisted completely around from about 10 feet from the stern.

### Blackburn stricken.

Washington, March 25.—Ex-Senator J. C. S. Blackburn, of Kentucky, suffered a stroke of paralysis of the heart here this morning. It is feared it may cause death. The senator recovered consciousness this afternoon, and his friends thought that there was no doubt of his recovery. The cause of his illness is indigestion.

### FLOOD COSTS FIVE HUMAN LIVES.

Zanesville Also Loss \$1,000,000 in Property—At Other Ohio Points.

Zanesville, O., March 25.—Fifteen families are homeless, five lives have been lost and nearly \$1,000,000 worth of property has been destroyed by the floods. Mrs. James Brennan and child and John Leach were drowned by the overturning of a skiff; Mrs. Nancy Church was drowned in her home and Tim Jones fell from a bridge and was drowned. Property loss includes two Muskingum river bridges; three Licking river bridges and twenty smaller county bridges. Two thousand dollars was raised last night for the suffering. The light plant is drowned out and Battery C is doing police duty.

East Liverpool, O., March 25.—The water in the Ohio river here is subsiding at the rate of six inches an hour, after having reached within one foot of the stage of 1891. The city pumping station is submerged, and all factories in the city have been stopped. Twenty families were flooded out and made homeless, and nearly 100 in Wellsville.

At Bellaire last night the flood reached its highest mark, being 46 feet 2 inches and stationary. Yesterday houses, barns and stables are floating past the

city, and the destruction will be enormous. Last night terrible suffering was experienced by people living north and south of here. Over 250 houses in the city are flooded. Yesterday afternoon the police ordered all craft to stop running and a heavy and strict patrol of the river banks will be kept up to see that no robberies or depredations occur.

### BUCKEYE STATE FLOOD REPORTS.

Brief Statements of the Situation at the Towns That Are Inundated.

Cleveland, March 25.—The following from the flooded districts in Ohio were received last night:

Staubenville—The Ohio river reached 42 feet 3 inches at noon yesterday and at 7 p. m. had fallen only two inches. Fully 500 families living within fifteen miles up and down the river and in this city have been driven from their homes. All sewer pipe and fire brick plants are submerged and shut down.

Coshocton—The flood formed here by the Walhonding, Tuscarawas and Muskingum rivers is two feet higher than during the flood of 1884. All railroad traffic is blocked, and no mail has been received for two days. Two more washouts on the Panhandle are reported.

Gallipolis—The Ohio river has invaded the business streets of the villages of Point Pleasant, Henderson and Chehire, near here. In this city the Hocking Valley and K. and M. tracks are submerged and all trains have been annulled. The river is rising rapidly and people at Point Pleasant are vacating their homes.

Middletown—The water has fallen ten feet since Wednesday night. The canal bridge on Titus avenue and two bridges along the waterway went down yesterday afternoon. The Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton railroad tracks from the station for a distance of half a mile are washed away, and the station submerged. The Miami and Erie canal bank gave way in twenty places Wednesday night and 100 men are now at work trying to mend the breaks.

### HEAVY LOSSES IN INDIANA.

Indianapolis Railways Suffer—No Lives Lost in the Railway Wreck.

Indianapolis, March 25.—A conservative railroad man estimate that the loss to the Indianapolis lines alone because of the storm will not be less than \$800,000, including the loss of business, damage to tracks, damage to equipment and personal injuries. The Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton railroad got a train through to Cincinnati Wednesday evening and trains are again running regularly. The Big Four got a train to Cincinnati at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. Trains on that division of the Big Four are run from here to Griffiths, and then over the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern into Cincinnati. The Peoria and Eastern trains run as far as Arcanum, O., on the east end. The west end is all right. The Indianapolis division of the Pennsylvania is all right as far as Richmond, and by today it is hoped to get through to Columbus.

The official report of the wreck at Columbus received by Superintendent Darlington, of the Pennsylvania, shows that the crew belonged to a through freight that runs between Logansport and Louisville. The engine was No. 333, of the Louisville division, and the crew was pressed into service to haul the work train. The train ran into a washout, two and a half miles south of Columbus while on its way to fix a break in the track. Conductor Franklin was taken out of the wreck and carried to an embankment where he was left in charge of a brakeman. Fireman Cowgill was found in a tree several hundred yards down the stream and rescued by a boat. The report to Darlington is that no one was killed.

### Mighty Flood Seems Imminent.

Cumberland, Md., March 25.—An incessant rain has been falling here since Sunday, and a mighty flood seems imminent. There are numerous washouts on the Baltimore and Ohio between here and Wheeling, and traffic over the main line has been abandoned between those two points. The Potomac river is rising rapidly. The streams up along the Georges creek are raging torrents, and the bridges on the Cumberland and Pennsylvania and Georges Creek roads may be swept away at any hour. The West Virginia Central road is also liable to suffer, as the rains in the mountains above have been heavy.

### Pittsburg Has a Breathing Spell.

Pittsburg, March 25.—At midnight the waters had receded to an ordinarily high water mark (23.5 feet) and no further damage is looked for. While the loss will reach many thousands of dollars, the property damage will not be as heavy as at first expected because manufacturers and householders had taken extra and early precaution to remove their machinery and goods to safe ground. The principal loss will be to workmen who will be deprived of wages because of the shut-down of many mills and factories. It will be several days before the mills along the Allegheny will be in shape to resume operations.

### Our Total Stock of Rifles.

Springfield, Mass., March 25.—There are stored in the different arsenals in this city 162,000 Springfield rifles. These are of the old model. Besides these there are stored in other arsenals in the country, ready for issuance to troops, 200,000 of the same model of rifle. Added to these there are stored in the arsenals here 80,000 Krag-Jorgensen rifles, making a total available today of 362,000 stand of arms.

### Spain Raises Money at Home.

Madrid, March 25.—It was announced yesterday evening that the Bank of Spain is to lend the Spanish government 200,000,000 pesetas, guaranteed by the new treasury bonds.

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Diamond Dyes cost the manufacturer and dealer more, but the price to the user is the same, which is why some dealers occasionally try to sell cheap imitations for the sake of a little more profit. The result is a loss to their customers, for the Diamond are the only package dyes on the market that can be relied upon to always give fast and beautiful colors that are true to name. Use nothing but Diamond Dyes if you want success and satisfaction.

## ABBREVIATED TELEGRAMS.

In some parts of Africa slaves are still the basis of financial reckoning.

Two of the eight torpedoes carried by the Maine have been recovered. The Marquis of Salisbury, it is announced, is very much stronger and in better health, and starts for the Riviera tomorrow.

Hedding, Cal., reports the discovery of a \$20,000 pocket in the Washington mine at French gulch, twenty-two miles from that place.

A matinee benefit at Baltimore in aid of the monument fund for the men who were killed in the Maine disaster netted \$5,000 for the fund.

The executive council of the American Bankers' association has decided to hold the next annual convention at Denver near Sept. 1.

The City National bank, New York, has engaged \$200,000 gold, and Heidelberg, Ickleheimer & Co., same city, \$125,000 gold for import.

There have been gales, snow, hail and blizzards throughout Great Britain. At Birmingham a factory wall was blown down, killing four persons.

George T. Nicholson has been appointed general passenger traffic manager of the Atchafalaya, Topkapi and Santa Fe railway, to take effect May 1.

The Guarantors' Finance company, Philadelphia, has made an assignment to Clay Kemble and Henry Clay, liabilities, \$1,047,500; assets, \$582,567.

James M. Davis, a wealthy Quaker of St. Louis, has bought Garfield university at Wichita, Kan., and presented it to the Society of Friends for a national university.

Victoria, B. C., reports the arrival there of a reliable party from Nimpkish river with the news of large finds, both placer and quartz, along the banks of that stream.

The San Francisco officials of Wells, Fargo & Co. deny statements to the effect that the Goshen train robbers secured in the neighborhood of \$75,000 in gold and currency.

The president has appointed Judson W. Lyons, of Georgia, to be register of the treasury. Lyons is a negro citizen, and the position is the one made vacant by the death of Blanche K. Bruce.

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