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DEED OF SPANISH FIENDS

Maine Was Wrecked and Our Sailors Murdered By the Enemy at Havana.

FULL ABSTRACT OF THE OFFICIAL REPORT

Blown Up By a Mine, Which Lifted the Great Battleship and Exploded Two Magazines.

A Formal, Dispassionate Recital of the Facts - No Evidence to Fix Responsibility-Report Is Guarded In Expression and Neither Spain Nor the Spanish Are Mentioned-Complete Exoneration of Captain Sigsbee and All On Board-The Temperature In the Forward Magazine Was Normal and the Accident Theory Is Completely Demolished.

(The Associated Press abstract of the court of inquiry report. Copyright, 1898, by the Associated Press.)

Washington, March 27.-The Associated Press presents herewith a complete abstract of the report of the court of inquiry which investigated the wreckage of the battleship Maine. This abstract is made from the report itself, access to which was obtained today, despite official secrecy unparalleled in the handling of official papers.

The report is made up of eight parts, as follows:

First-The court finds that at the time of the explosion the battleship Maine was lying in five and one-half to six fathoms of water.

Second-The discipline aboard the ship was excellent; everything stored according to orders-ammunition, guns, stores, etc. The temperature of the magazine at 8 p. m. was normal except in the after ten-inch magazine and that did not explode.

Third-The explosion occurred at 9:40 o'clock on the evening of February 15. THERE WERE TWO EXPLOSIONS, WITH A VERY SHORT INTERVAL BETWEEN THEM, THE SHIP LIFTED ON THE FIRST EXPLOSION.

Fourth-The court can form no definite opinion of the condition of the wreck from the divers' evidence.

Fifth-The technical details of the wreckage, from which the court deduces THAT A MINE WAS EXPLODED UNDER THE SHIP ON THE PORT SIDE.

Sixth-The explosion was due to no fault of those on board.

Seventh-Opinion of the court, stating that the EXPLOSION OF THE MINE CAUSED THE EXPLOSION OF TWO MAGAZINES.

Eighth-The court declares that it CANNOT FIND EVIDENCE TO FIX RESPONSIBILITY.

REPORT IS UNANIMOUS.

The report is unanimous and is signed by all the members of the court. It does not refer to the existence of non-existence of the mine in the harbor of Havana, except in the specific finding that a mine was exploded under the ship, and the opinion that the explosion of the two magazines was caused by the explosion of a mine.

The report as a whole is a formal, dispassionate recital of facts, and hours the stambs of that stiffer officialism which marks naval procedure. It is brief, not exceeding 1,800 words, and among the eight points, goes to the greatest length under the second heading, which deals with the disciplines and order of the ship. This the court specifies with extreme minuteness, the least detail of the satisfactory condition of everything on board being given.

ACCIDENT THEORY EXPLODED.

The normal temperature of the large forward magazines at 8 o'clock-only an hour and 49 minutes before the explosion-disposes of the question of accidental combustion within these magazines. While the court holds that these magazines did not explode from internal causes, they nevertheless are of the opinion that the explosion of the mine under the port side of the ship caused the explosion of the two magazines. This will explain the remarkable destruction wrought, the explosion thus being shown to have combined the force of a mine without and the two magazines within.

The two explosions, which the court finds to have occurred with a very short interval between them, is an additional detail showing that two forces operated in causing the destruction. The finding that the ship lifted on the first explosion indicates an external source, and one of tremendous power, to be able to lift a battleship of thousands of tons. The character of the wreckage, as described in the fifth part of the report, from which the court deduces that a mine was exploded under the ship on the port side, sustains the view taken by some experts shortly after the disaster, that the force of the explosion was exerted from port to starboard.

THE NAVY EXONERATED.

The feature of the report of deepest interest to the navy is the complete exoneration of Captain Sigsbee and all on board, contained in the second finding, which declares the disaster to be due to no fault of those on board. The inability of the court to find evidence to fix responsibility, as stated in the eighth part, makes the report so guarded in expression of blame that neither Spain nor the Spanish are mentioned throughout.

SPANISH COURT'S REPORT.

Messenger On the Run With It From Havana to Washington.

London, March 27.-The Madrid correspondent of the Times writes that Spain at present is playing a relatively quiet game in the Cuban situation, and compares the "wreck" attributed to the United States with "subdued and apparently inactivity prevailing at Madrid."

The ministry, however, is eager to draw President McKinley's attention at the earliest moment to the report of the Spanish commission as to the Maine disaster and it is understood that a messenger is going post haste from Havana with the document and will reach Washington probably on Tuesday. The government believes that the simultaneous presentation of the two reports to congress would avert, or at any rate, mitigate any tempestuous display of feeling.

"Should, however, the Spanish report arrive at Washington too late, the immediate arrival of congress, it is suggested that Senator Polo's Remarks be directed to print it at the cost of the Spanish legation in Washington and thus secure for it the par of the American people.

"Although it is not fully understood why, under such delicate circumstances, President McKinley should be in such haste to submit the American report and presumably other Cuban matters to congress, it is expected, broadly speaking, that it is the collective American legislature which Spain mistrusts and not the presidential unit."

NEW PLAN OF AUTONOMY.

Proposition Which Spain Hopes Will Meet Our Approval.

London, March 28.-The Washington correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says:

"Spain has intimated to the government of the United States that it has a new plan of autonomy to propose, and trusts that the United States will induce the Cubans to accept it. The details of the scheme are as yet undivulged, but it is believed the project would give the Cubans virtual independence."

BRITISH PRESS OPINION.

Nothing But Emancipation of Cuba Will Satisfy Americans.

London, March 28.-The Times, in an editorial, quoting the statement of its

THE CARLISTS STOOD NO SHOW

Overwhelming Sagasta Victory For the Cortes.

THREATENING NOTE FROM WASHINGTON

Snor Gullon Says a Rupture Can Now Hardly Be Avoided.

Latest Intelligence From This Country Has Inspired a Great Patriotic Movement Throughout Spain-Wage-earners Will Give Up a Day's Pay to Establish a Fund For Warships-Elections In Havana Quiet-Spanish Comment.

THOUSANDS OF HOMES FLOODED

LARGE PART OF CINCINNATI UNDER WATER.

FAMILIES ARE LUCKY IN THE WESTERN

Porkopolis Who Live In A Two-story House-Cottages Deserted.

RUPTURE UNAVOIDABLE.

Foreigners are apprehended at Bilbao, where the polling caused great excitement. The military judge at Bilbao issued a warrant for the arrest of those Socialist municipal councilors. One of them escaped to the mountains, but the other two escaped.

FOREIGN MEDIATION.

Madrid, March 27.-The latest intelligence from the United States has occasioned a great patriotic movement throughout Spain. The newspaper persons have announced their intention to give up a day's pay for services in order to raise a fund to purchase a battleship for the Spanish navy.

WON'T DISCUSS IT.

El Liberal, referring to dispatches from Washington attributing to President McKinley a decision to propose that Spain should free Cuba for an indemnity, says:

"The government may answer what illogical McKinley has said, but a whole will not be expected, for the proposal, Spain will go to war in fulfilling her duty, not for ephemeral glories or the desire of conquest. We may emerge victorious, which is something doubtful, but we will never come out dishonored."

El Imparcial says: "It is indispensable to get ready all the elements we possess for a naval fight, and it is urgent that the fleet should go to Cuba."

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Report Expressing Emperor William's Opinion of Maine Explosion.

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with the railway companies for the prompt conveyance of troops to threatened points," etc., preparations which El Liberal characterized as "childish."

"All this looks much more as though America expected war to be declared against her than that she is about to declare it against Spain."

In political circles all sorts of rumors are afloat as to Spain having formed a powerful alliance. The truth as to this, if there be any truth in it at all, is at present known to that only, which maintains an impenetrable reserve.

WHAT SPAIN DECLINES TO DO.

Berlin, March 27.-The Madrid correspondent of the Berliner Tageblatt says: Spain will not only refuse to allow American interference in the case of the suffering Cubans, but will decline to pay indemnity unless it is shown unmistakably that the Spanish minister is responsible for the Maine explosion. If President demands these two things, war is unavoidable.

THE HERALD BULLETIN.

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MINER TERRIBLY INJURED.

Augustine Erlison of Halley Loses His Eye.

Halley, Ida., March 27.-Last night about 9 o'clock Augustine Erlison met with an accident from the effect of which he has lost the sight of both eyes and sustained a fracture of the left arm. He was working on the claim on East Fork, about 12 miles from Halley. He had put in three charges of powder and lighted the fuse of each, retiring to a safe distance. Mr. Erlison is deaf, and from the reports he

WHAT SPAIN HAS LOST IN LESS THAN A CENTURY.



OUTRAGE AT PARIS, IDAHO.

Vernon Bird Charged With Assaulting Charlotte Yates.

Paris, Idaho, March 27.-Charlotte Yates of this place, a young girl of 16 years, swore to a complaint yesterday before Probate Judge Osmond, charging Vernon Bird with criminal assault. Sheriff Rich left for Blackfoot last night to apprehend Bird, whose name is working on a ranch. The preliminary examination will take place on Monday.

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SPAIN'S AMERICAN POSSESSIONS IN 1800. ONLY CUBA AND PUERTO RICO HAVE BEEN HELD.

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