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**Proof of Foul Treachery** in Havana Harbor.

MINE UNDER THE MAINE

Verdict of Court of Inquiry Says the Fact Is Clear.

REPORT SENT TO CONGRESS.

Whole Matter Is Referred to Committee on Foreign Relations.

A MESSAGE FROM M'KINLEY.

Reviews the Maine Affair, but Makes No Recommendations.

Verdict of the Naval Court Shows that the United States Battleship Was Sent to the Bottom of Havana Harbor by the Explosion of a Mine-Board Does Not Definitely Fix Responsibility, but Suggests It-President McKinley Reviews the History of the Maine from the Time She Was Sent to Havana-Report as Sent to

Washington correspondence: At noon Monday the findings of the naval board of inquiry as to the cause of the explosions that wrecked the Maine were sent to Congress by President Mc-Kinley. In anticipation of the report being presented, the largest crowd which all cases of casualty or disaster to nationa has attended a session of Congress in years was at the capitol. Not one-tenth able to gain admission. The members of the House awaited the report with the same feverish anxiety manifested by the of the people who stormed the doors were same feverish anxiety manifested by the public, and there was scarcely a vacant seat on the floor.

The verdict of the court and the message from the White House accompanying is brief. The report as a whole is a formal, dispassionate recital of facts, and bears the stamp of that strict officialism which marks naval procedure. An ab-



PRESIDENT M'KINLEY.

stract of the eight parts of the report is 1. At the time of the explosion the battleship Maine was lying in five and one-half to six fathoms of

2. The discipline was excellent. Everything was stowed according to orders, including ammunition. guns, and stores. The temperature of the magazines at 8 p. m. was normal, except in the after 10-inch magazine, and that aid not explode. 3. The explosion occurred at 9:40 o'clock in the evening of Feb. 15. There were two explosions, with a very short interval between them. The ship lifted on the first explo-

4. The court can form no definite opinion of the condition of the wreck from the divers' evidence. 5. There are technical details of wreckage, from which the court deduces that a mine was exploded under the ship on the port side. 6. The explosion was due to no fault of those on board. 7. In the opinion of the court the

explosion of two magazines. 8. The court is unable to find evidence to fix the responsibility. The report is unanimous and is signed by all the members of the court. It does not refer to the existence or nonexistence exploded under the ship and the opinion that the explosion of the two magazines was caused by the explosion of a mine. This explains the remarkable destruction wrought. The explosion is thus shown to have combined the force of a mine without and two magazines within. The two

explosion of the mine caused the

veen them, is an additional detail show. that two forces operated in causing The finding that the ship lifted on the first explosion indicates an external source a mine was exploded under the ship on the port side, sustains the view taken by some experts shortly after the disaster that the

explosions which the court finds to have

occurred, with a very short interval be-

force of the explosion was exerted from ort to starboard. 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, setting forth the perfect order and discipine prevailing on the ship, and more directiz stated in the sixth finding, which leclares the disaster to be due to no fault

f those on board Message by McKinley. to Congress President McKinley accompanied it with a brief message. He reviewed the history of the Maine from the time she was sent to Hersen by the state of the maine from the time she was sent to Hersen by the state of the mean them.

Dolliver (Iowa)—Our duty to end the misery in Cuba by whatever means necessary is plain. I hope that there will be no hesitation and little delay. time she was sent to Havana, but made no recommendations to the assembled law-makers. In his message the President said:

Hesitation and ficte delay.

Foss (III.)—The report fails to fix the responsibility, but it will be difficult to make the American people believe that Spain did not have something to do with it.

"For some time prior to the visit of the Maine to Havana harbor, our consular representatives pointed out the advantages to flow from the visit of national ships to the Cuban waters in accustoming the people to the presence of our flag as the symbol of good will, and of our ships in the fulfillment of the mission of protection to American interests, even though no immediate need therefor might exist.

"Accordingly, on the 24th of January last, after conference with the Spanish minister,"

AS PRESENTED TO CONGRESS.

VIROQUA, WISCONSIN, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 1898.

Finding of Court of Inquiry Shows Conclu- STORM GATHERS AT CAPITOL. sively That the Warship Was Destroyed by the Explosion of a Mine.



COLLOWING is the full text of the report of the court of inquiry delegated to ascertain the cause of the Maine explosion: "United States Steamship Iowa, First Rate, Key West, Fla:, Monday, March 21, 1898 .- After full and mature consideration of all the testimony before it, the court finds as follows:

"1. That the United States battleship Maine arived in the harbor of Havana, Cuba, on the 25th day of January, 1898, and was taken to buoy No. 4, in from five and one-half to six fathoms of water, by the regular Government pilot.

"The United States consul general at Havana had notified the authorities at that place the previous evening of the intended arrival of the Maine.

"The state of discipline on board the Maine was excellent, and all orders and regulations in regard to the care and safety of the ship were strictly carried out. All ammunition was stowed away in accordance with instructions, and proper care was taken whenever amunition was handled. Nothing was stowed away in any one of the magazines or shellrooms which was not permitted to be stowed there. The magazines and shell-rooms were always locked after having been opened, and after the destruction of the Maine the keys were found in their proper place in the Captain's cabin, everything having been reported secure that evening at 8 o'clock.

"The temperature of the magazines and shell-rooms was taken daily and report-"The temperature of the magazines and shell-rooms was taken daily and reported. The only magazine which had an undue amount of heat was the after 10-inch magazine, and that did not explode at the time the Maine was destroyed. "The torpedo war heads were all stowed in the after part of the ship under the ward-room, and neither caused nor participated in the destruction of the Maine. "The dry gun cotton primers and detonators were stowed in the cabin aft and remote from the scene of the explosion.

"The waste was carefully looked after on board the Maine to obviate danger. Special orders in regard to this had been given by the commanding officer.

"Varnishers, dryers, alcohol and other combustibutes to do with the dependence of the main deck, and could not have had anything to do with the decomposition." on or above the main deck, and could not have had anything to do with the de struction of the Maine. "The medical stores were stowed aft under the wardroom and remote from the

scene of the explosion. No dangerous stores of any kind were stowed below any of the other storerooms. "The coal bunkers were inspected. Of these bunkers adjoining the forward magazines and shell-rooms, four were empty, namely, B 3, B 4, B 5 and B 6. A 15 had been in use that day, and A 16 was full of New River coal. This coal had been carefully inspected before receiving it on board. The bunker in which it was stowed was accessible on three sides at all times, and the fourth side at this times. on account of bunkers B 4 and B 6 being empty. This bunker, A 16, had been aspected that day by the engineer officer on duty.

"The fire alarms in the bunkers were in working order, and there had never peen a case of spontaneous combustion of coal on board the Maine "The two after boilers of the ship were in use at the time of the disaster, but for auxiliary purposes only, with a comparatively low pressure of steam, and being tended by a reliable watch. These boilers could not have caused the explosion of the ship. The four are in a fair condition. The four forward boilers have since been found by the divers, and "On the night of the destruction of the Maine everything had been reported secure for the night at 8 o'clock by reliable persons, through the proper authorities, to the commanding officer. At the time the Maine was destroyed the ship was quiet, and therefore least liable to accident caused by movements from those on board.

"3. The destruction of the Maine occurred at 9:40 p. m. on the 15th day of Feb-

ruary, 1898, in the harbor of Havana, Cuba, being at the time moored in the same buoy to which she had been taken upon her arrival.

"There were two explosions of a distinctly different character, with a very short but distinct interval between them, and the forward part of the ship was lift ed to a marked degree at the time of the first explosion "The first explosion was more in the nature of a report like that of a gun; while the second explosion was more open, prolonged and of greater volume. This second explosion was, in the opinion of the court, caused by the partial explosion of two or more of the forward magazines of the Maine. Condition of the Wreck.

"4. The evidence bearing on this, being principally obtained from divers, did not enable the court to form a definite conclusion as to the condition of the wreck, although it was established that the after part of the ship was practically intact, and sank in that condition a very few minutes after the destruction of the forward part.

"The following facts in regard to the forward part of the ship, are, however, established by the testimony: by the testimony:
"That portion of the port side of the protective deck, which extends from about frame "That portion of the port side of the protective deck, which extends from about frame 30 to about frame 41 was blown up aft and over to port. The main deck, from about frame 30 to about frame 41 was blown up aft and slightly over to starboard, folding the forward part of the middle superstructure over and on top of the after part.

"This was, in the opinion of the court, caused by the partial explosion of two or more of the forward magazines of the Maine.

"5. At frame 17, the outer shell of the ship, from a point eleven and one-half feet from the middle line of the ship, and six from the middle line of the ship, and six feet above the keel, when in its normal position, has been forced up so as to be now about four feet above the surface of the water; therefore, about thirty-four feet above where it would be hed the ship sunk uninjured. The outside bottom plating is bent into a re-

four feet above the surface of the water; therefore, about thirty-four feet above where it would be had the ship sunk uninjured. The outside bottom plating is bent into a reversed V shape, the after wing of which, about fifteen feet broad and thirty-two feet in length (from frame 17 to frame 25), is doubled back upon itself against the continuation of the same plating extending forward.

"At frame 18 the vertical keel is broken in two, and the flat keel bent into an angle similar to the angle formed by the outside bottom plating. This break is now about six feet below the εurface of the water, and about thirty feet above its normal position." Caused by Submarine Mine.

"In the opinion of the court, this effect could have been produced only by the explosion of a mine situated under the bottom of the ship at about frame 18, and somewhat on the port side of the ship.

"6. The court finds that the loss of the Maine, on the occasion named, was not ir any respect due to fault or negligence on the part of any of the officers or members of the marine mine, which caused the partial explosion of two or more of her forward magazines.

"8. The court has been unable to obtain evidence fixing the responsibility for the destruction of the Maine upon any person or persons.

"W. T. SAMPSON,

Captain U. S. N., President. "Lieutenant Commander U. S. N., Judge

"Rear-Admiral, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Naval Force on the North

Advocate.

Liberals Wir in Spanish Parliament- deprecates the sending of official relief ary Elections. The Spanish parliamentary elections elements that have retarded the progress that were held Sunday went by a large of the Spanish rule in the island. majority in favor of the Liberals, the par- "Spain reminds the United States of all ty now in power. Very little interest was the concessions she has made to preserve manifested in Madrid and the polling cordial relations and conciliate America. The consensus of opinion in the lower house of Congress is that Spain is under booths were almost deserted. Most all the last proof being her willingness to subthe candidates elected there are Liberals. mit the conflicting commission reports to greater or lesser degree, in the Maine disister. The report of the naval court of troubles being fomented by the socialists. reply shows that the Government believes nquiry and the President's message have This was especially the case in the provement believes that it has reached the extreme limit of evoked many public declarations in favor inces of Biscay, Navarre, Catalonia and concessions compatible with the honor and Valencia. At Durango, in the province dignity of Spain, and will not admit en Cuba, and the majority in the House of Biscay, one man was killed. It is estishows impatience for further steps by President McKinley. Neither Speaker Read Mr. Neither Speaker Read Mr. Neither Speaker Read Mr. Consequently that the Consequently Speaker Read Mr. Consequently in the House materials of the H Reed, Mr. Dingley, the floor leader of the It is reported that the Conservatives intend to propose that the troops in the in- contingencies are now fast approaching terior of Cuba withdraw to the coast un- for the action which was frequently and til the autonomists and separatists arrive clearly foreshadowed in presidential mesat an agreement, but it is not expected sages and diplomatic correspondence durthat the Chamber will entertain the pro- ing the last three years.

RESENT RELIEF PLANS Hopkins (Ill.)-I think the next step should | Spaniards Will Interpret Their Execution as Intervention. The Madrid Imparcial says that if the

sent a and ship with relief for the re- America's preparation for war, which concentrados next week proves true, most people believe to be imminent. Som Spain will interpret the act as one of in-Spain which would be intolerable. express sympathy for Spain, but none offers to help her, not even Austria, which tervention which would be intolerable. The Madrid correspondent of the Lon- has been the forcing ground of pro-Span don Standard says that the following is ish intervention. She is now displaying enough to warrant one in stating a final opin- the substance of Spain's reply to the note milder mood. A Vienna correspondent desperation

and one of tremendous power to be able that Spain negative all responsibility or negin fru language, stated that the Governty of 700,000,000 francs, with reimburse ment car not agree to the conclus The character of the wreckage, technically described in the fifth part of the refactory to them.

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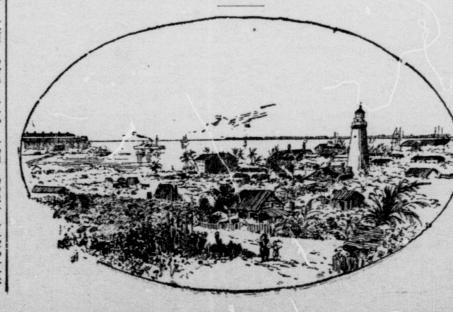
Lett (III.)—Intervention is wanted by the people, and nothing short of it will be satisfactory to them. Quigg (N. Y.)-War is hideens and should with the recent activity and progress of regarding the Maine. be resorted to only when no other course is military operations in Cuba, and the visipossible in justice and self-respect. ble popularity and progress of the new Landis (Ind.)—I am in favor of ordering Spain ont of the western hemisphere, and if she does not go I am in favor of putting her ally accepted and supported, by even old ally accepted and supported, by even old Whisky is always a fool: adversaries of home rule. Spain cannot, Whisky is always a fool; so is love.

SAGASTA RETAINS HIS POWER. | naturally, admit the interference which is foreshadowed in the American note, and

NONE WILL ASSIST HER. Spain Must Stand or Fall on Her Own Merits.

Dispatches from all the European cap tributed to the United States tals show that attention is centered Bell (Colo.)—The people should demand that Spain negative all responsibility or now clares that Austria will probably recom

Spain is said to have bought from Ital



KEY WEST, FLORIDA.

### effect that only one explosion occurred; that no column of water was thrown into the air; that no shock to the side of the nearest vesthat no shock to the side of the nearest vessel was felt, nor on land was any vibration noticed, and that no dead fish were found. The evidence of the senior pilot of the harbor states that there is abundance of fish in the harbor and this is corroborated by other witnesses. The assistant engineer of works states that after explosions made during the execution of works in the harbor he has always found dead fish. The divers were unable to exemine the Resolutions Introduced by Frye,

Foraker and Rawlins.

Two Senators Call for Belligerent Action

WANT CUBANS' WOES ENDED

Against Spain.

Upper House of Congress a Scene o Intense Excitement.

lawlins of Utah Offers Resolution Recognizing the Independence of Cuba and Declaring War Against Spain-Allen and Forsker Offer Resolutions Recognizing Cuban Inde-

Washington correspondence: The Senate plunged into the Cuban question Tuesday with a merciless disregard for the President's peace plan. Two Republican members of the Foreign Relations Committee, Senators Foraker and ing upon President McKinley's message Frye, took the lead. Four resolutions on to Congress on the Maine court's report: Cuba were introduced in rapid succession. Senator Frye of Maine, a conservative Chronicle. member of the Foreign Relations Committee, who by precedent of long service was facts. They have waited. They have the facts. What next?—Chicago Inter Ocean.

ways found dead fish.

The divers were unable to examine the bottom of the Maine, which was buried in the mud, but a careful examination of the sides of the vessel, the rents and breaks in which all point outward, shows without a doubt that the explosion was from the inside. A minute examination of the bottom of the harbor around the vessel shows abso-

SPANISH LEGATION, WASHINGTON.

can find no precedent for the explosion of the storage magazines of a vessel by a torolutions Recognizing Cuban Independence—Senator Mason Makes a
Red-Hot Speech in Favor of War—
Galleries Applaud Bellicose Sentiments. sel as would determine even the hypothesis of the internal origin of the accident.

AMERICAN EDITORIAL VIEWS.

How Metropolitan Newspapers Received the Message. Below are given extracts from editorials in various metropolitan papers, comment-The country expects Congress to act firmly, decisively and without delay.—Chicago

entitled to the chairmanship of foreign relations, but yielded to Senator Davis, offered a resolution calling upon the Pres-

THE CONGRESSIONAL BATTERY IN ACTION.



olution recognized the independence of the something satisfactory to us, or, at least, to Cuban republic. Rawlins (Utah) offered herself.—New York Journal. Spain and the United States. Allen (Neb.) offered one recognizing independence and Senator Foraker said he would insist up-on early consideration of his resolution. Mason (Ill.) followed the introduction of the resolutions in the Senate with a vigorous war speech. He described vividly the disaster to the Maine. He said that if ninety of the victims had been Senate with a sassassins who wrought this satante work were blazoned on the angry heavens.—Boston Journal.

In a little while we will know whether or to consideration. Mr. Mason said the ca- for another executive message of far different character and for Congressional action.— Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

From the Front. Merchants of Barcelona have offered the Spanish Government \$40,000,000 to be used n case of a war. Italy has decided to sell the armored cruiser

armored, to Spain. The remains of Lieut. F. W. Jenkins, of Secretary Long has detailed officers to comdd d to the naval service. All the shipyards on the lakes may be started in full blast in case the war with Spain lasts more than four months. The United States naval attaches at the lous European centers are endeavoring to purchase more torpedo boats. The Navy Department has issued instructions to transfer twenty cadets from Annapolis to the battleship Indiana. There are over 2,000 men at work in the without intermission day and night.

The steamship Utstein sailed from New Or-leans for Matanzas, loaded with 600 tons of provisions for the starving reconcentrados. Orders have been given to remove from all the war vessels in the Key West harbor all surplus baggage and unnecessary parapher-

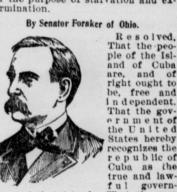
The life-saving crews of all Government

Many applications are being received at the rabid Weylerites are determined to kill





ted States of America to wage



right ought to be, free and

Spain is waging against Cuba is so testructive of the commercial and roperty interests of the United demand, and the government of the United States does hereby demand that she at once withdraw her land and naval forces from Cuba and Cu-ban waters. That the President of the United States be and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed and naval forces of the United States to carry these resolutions into effect.

Commonwood of the second EARTHQUAKE CAUSES PANIC. Residents of San Francisco Frightened by Seismic Shocks,

Residents of San Francisco and neighboring cities were much excited over the He could not speak for others, but for himself he was for war. This declaration trought out a vigorous outburst of appliance from the galleries.

The Illinois Senator declared there could be no peace so long as a European could be not peace so long as a European could be not peace so long as a European could be not peace so long as a European could be not peace so long as a European could be not peace so long as a European could be not peace so long as a European could be not peace so long as a European could be not peace so long What are we going to do about it? Is our and telephone wires were broken and was a torpedo or a mine it was a Spanish corpedo or a Spanish mine. Hence Spain must answer. He would oppose any promust answer. He would oppose any promust answer. He would oppose any provere shocks were felt at Sacramento, San Jose, Merced, Stockton and Santa Cruz. Capt. C. D. Sigsbee has been assigned to duty as aid to Secretary Long.

The shock was confined to northern California. Vallejo and Mare Island sufferifornia. Vallejo and Mare Island suffered much damage, the loss at the navy yard being estimated at not less than \$25,-Spanish military engineers are starting for | 000. The naval hospital was wrecked and the Canary Islands, and the Balearic Islands are being fortified.

the Government sawnill thrown down, are being fortified. In the town of Vallejo, just across the channel, the loss runs into the thousands. Stuseppe Garlbaid! of 6,840 tons, and well At the University of California in Berkeley the seismograph at the students' obthe Maine, were interred at Pittsburg with militury and civic honors.

W. Jenkins, of servatory in Berkeley showed that the shock lasted between thirty and forty seconds. The general direction of the vibraand all the auxiliary torpedo boats recently | tion was from east to west. The instrument showed that the shock was heavy

Yukonite Returns Dressed in Rags, but Loaded with Gold. After five weary years in the Yukon valley, during which he found and worked a quartz ledge of wonderful richness, as well as faced death by cold and startation a dozen times, Charles E. Baidwin of San Francisco has arrived in Vancouver, B. C. He was dressed in rags, At Harvard College Dean Hodges, the university preacher, read special prayers for the President of the United States and Congress.

Orders have been given to remove from the Congress. the world. It is a quartz ledge in the Tanana Hills, 280 miles north of Fort Selkirk. I have gone in on the ledge 85 Gov. Black, of New York, sent to the Leg- brought out with me \$17,000 in gold. If islature an emergency message advising an immediate appropriation of \$1,000,000 as a ounces a day. When Indians wanted pay ounces a day. When Indians wanted pay ation. He will return to his treasure after a rest.

Warned in Two Days of Five Distinct

Plots to Assassinate Him. to reach the consul was that he would be had been, a reasonable time within which to advise, it was exclusively the function of Congress to declare war, commence hostilities or take action of that character. The remarks made carried the view that The supply of searchlight mirrors in the world's markets. The search light offers the most to reach the consult was that he would be poisoned by a bribed employe of his hotel. To this Gen. Lee replied by asking the newspaper correspondents who sit near him at meal time, in case he is suddenly which are dangerous only when they cannot have a standard to reach the consult was that he would be poisoned by a bribed employe of his hotel. To this Gen. Lee replied by asking the newspaper correspondents who sit near him at meal time, in case he is suddenly which are dangerous only when they cannot

Marix Says It Was a Mine. Lieutenant Commander Marix, judge advocate of the board of inquiry into the Maine disaster, on being released from the oath of secrecy in relation to the blowing up of the battleship, had this to say: "We know that the Maine was blown up by a mine as surely as a

from the effects of poison." Montez Bozarth, a balloonist of Clinon. Mo., has written to the President of fering his services. He manufactures his

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ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK Very Early Americans. the find of a Colorado silver miner ade half a dozen years ago, be taken

to account, there is but little doubt that the human race existed on this ontinent as long ago as the time when the silver veins were in process of formation. In the Rocky Point mine, in Gillman, 400 feet below the surface a number of human bones were found imbedded in the silver-bearing ore. When taken out over \$100 worth of silver still clung to the bones. An arrowhead, made of tempered copper and four inches long, was also found with

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in which the renewal of visits of our war vessels to Spanish waters was discussed and accepted, the peninsular authorities at Madrid and Havana were advised of the purpose of this Government to resume friendly naval visits at Cuban ports, and that in that view the Maine would forthwith call at the port of Havana.

"This appearance of the state of the sta

Havana.

"This announcement was received by the Spanish Government with appreciation of the friendly character of the visit of the Maine and with notification of intention to return the courtesy by sending Spanish ships to the principal ports of the United States.

"The Maine continued in the harbor of Havana during the three weeks following her arrival. No appreciable excitement attended her stay; on the contrary, a feeling of relief and confidence followed the resumption of the long-interrupted friendly intercourse. So noticeable was this immediate effect of her visit that the consul general strongly urged that the presence of our ships in Cuban waters should be kept up by retaining the Maine at Havana, or, in the event of her recall, by sending another vesevent of her recall, by sending another ves-sel there to take her place."

The President referred to the disaster on the night of Feb. 15, the rescue of the sur-vivors and care of the wounded. Then he "The appalling calamity fell upon the pe "The appalling calamity fell upon the people of our country with crushing force and for a brief time an intense excitement prevailed, which in a community less just and self-controlled than ours might have led to heavy acts of blind resentment.

"This spirit, however, soon gave way to the calmer processes of reason, and to resolve to investigate the facts and await material proof before forming a judgment as to the cause, the responsibility, and, if the facts warranted, the remedy due. This course necessarily recommended itself from the outset to the Executive, for only in the light of a dispassionately ascertained certainty

THE KING OF SPAIN.

(From His Latest Photograph.) ould it determine the nature and measur of its full duty in the matter."
"The usual procedure was followed, as in vessels of any maritime state.
"A naval court of inquiry was at once of by rank and practical experience to disexact determination of the causes of the ex plosion. Its operations have been conducted with the utmost deliberation and judgment, and, while independently pursued, no source of information was neglected and the fullest opportunity was allowed for a simultaneous investigation by the Spanish authortities.

ous labor, on the 21st of March, instant, and having been approved on the 22d by the commander in chief of the United States naval mander in chief of the United States havail force on the North Atlantic station was transmitted to the executive. It is here-with laid before the Congress, together with the voluminous testimony taken before the The President then gave a brief synopsis of the board's report, with the conclusion reached, and concluded his message as fol lows:
"I have directed that the finding of the court of inquiry and the views of this Gov

reached after twenty-three days of continu

Government of her Majesty, the Queen Regent, and I do not permit myself to doubt that the sense of justice of the Spanish nawill dictate a course of action suggeste honor and the friendly relations of the "It will be the duty of the Executive to advise the Congress of the result and in the meantime consideration is invoked. When the reading of the document was completed the Senate agreed to the printing of the message, report and testimony

and the reference of the documents to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. Both houses then adjourned. WON'T PAY INDEMNITY.

Spain Will Refuse to Consider a Claim for Damages. A Madrid cablegram asserts that Spain has decided she will not accept a cash consideration to relinquish her claims or Cuba, nor will she permit the President of the United States to carry out his plan of so-called friendly intervention. This decision has been communicated to the representative of the United States, Minister Woodford was also informed that Spain would not consider any claim for inlemnity for the destruction of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor. Any demand for damages would be regarded as derogatory to Spanish honor and dignity. This practically closes the correspondence between the two governments. Nothing remains but for the United States to de-

cide whether she will take a step which will be resented by Spain.

THINK SPAIN GUILTY. Members of Congress Say the Verdict Is a Moral Indictment. The consensus of opinion in the lower moral indictment for responsibility, in of prompt and vigorous intervention in majority, nor Mr. Bailey, the Democratic leader of the House, would make any comment on the President's message. Other members, however, were not so reticent.

Warner (Ill.)-We should now act. Livingston (Ga.)-The message reads like armed intervention Hull (Iowa)-I favor immediate interven-Babcock (Wis.)-The President has been very conservative in his action. Dockery (Mo.)-I confess to a deep sense disappointment at its tenor. Cooper (Texas)-We cannot afford to acept blood money for dead patriotic sailors. McCleary (Minn.)-The report is not full

McMillin (Tenn.)—The message is thoroughly noncommittal, and does not acquaint Congress with the policy of the administra-

Sayers (Texas)-I will not vote for an ap

propriation to furnish food for the suffering Cubans unless it be accompanied by armed intervention. Cummings (N. Y.)-I have no comment t make. The American people will make their own comment, and make it so loud that even the deaf will hear them. Curtis (Kan.)-I think the time has con

ident to intervene at once by force to stop the war in Cuba. Senator Foraker's res-

ators or sons of Senators we would not | ton Journal. have been forty days declaring war. Yet the lives of all Americans were sacred alike under our law and equally entitled mand. If she does not, then will be the time astrophe should be replied to vigorously. He could not speak for others, but for

this hemisphere. He said it was not necessary for the Maine court to fix the research for the Maine court to fix the responsibility. The law did that. If it was a torpedo or a mine it was a Spanish must answer. He would oppose any proposition looking to indemnity, as he would ppose making a diplomati incident of the catastrophe. He would oppose any kind of autonomy or any plan to assist

Spain, but his demand was that the Span-



A SPANISH TORPEDO BOAT. ust wait on the Spanish elections, but if Spanish elections are as rotten as Span-

ish diplomacy we had better not wait,

Let us awake," said Mr. Mason, in copclu-

sion, "to glorious war, as did our fathers-

a war that shall insure the honor and respect of our flag all over the world," A storm has been gathering in Congress. Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning before the cabinet met the President was given to understand by leaders of New York.

In alia.

Foreign bankers are evidently becoming the feet, and I know the ore will run \$2,000 to the ton. With a common hand mortar to New York.

I have got out in four years \$35,000. gress. Monday afternoon and Tuesday Congress that unless he intervened soon would have the matter taken out of his ands by Congress, which body has the contingent war fund. pendence whether he wished to or not. ons. Representative Hopkins of Illinois, of Missouri was secretary. The meeting was called to take steps to secure immediate intervention in some form and the diate intervention in some form and the on a declaration of war on Spain being made by the United States a wholesale murder of ticed that he is more closely guarded than ecognition of Cuban independence.

Americans in Havana would take place and Consul General Lee would be the first to be ever by the Government. The latest story that the executive should be given, as he assassinated.

ould be considered. SPAIN SAYS ACCIDENT.

mere recognition of beiligerency was

of American Board. The conclusions reached by the Spanish nava! commission which investigated the estruction of the battleship Maine are irectly opposite to those in the report of he court of inquiry submitted to Congress. The synopsis is as follows: The evidence of witnesses comparatively where close to the Maine at the moment is to the boats.

right to declare war. The President has considered every conceivable plan looking toward peace, but Congress will hear nothis being prepared for sea at Cadiz.

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The Madrid Pais says that orders have been issued to mobilize all the Spanish warships and that a second torpedo squadron is being prepared for sea at Cadiz. ing but intervention for Cuban independence. A Senator who is conservative made the statement that the President possible means to furnish the Government would be compelled to intervene for inde- | with smokeless powder without delay. The revolt in the House against further postponement of action on the Cuban issue stations on the Atlantic coast have been notified to hold themselves in readiness to enter the naval service at a moment's notice. culminated in a conference of Republican members whose ideas are in accordance completion at the Washington navy yard is completed with all the best process of completion at the Washington navy yard is completed with all the best process of completion at the Washington navy yard is completed with all the best process of completion at the Washington navy yard is completed with all the best process of completion at the Washington navy yard is completed with all the best process of completion at the Washington navy yard is completed with all the best process of completion at the Washington navy yard is completed with a complete with the washington navy yard is completed with a complete with the washington navy yard is completed with a complete with the washington navy yard is completed with the with a positive course. About fifty representing all sec-sentatives attended, representing all sec-force. member of the Ways and Means Committee, presided, and Representative Joy
of Missouri was secretary. The meeting

Mar Department from small towns along the coast for the erection of some means of defense to withstand the assaults of foreign ships in the event of war.

War Department from small towns along the evolved to accomplish that purpose.

Gen. Lee professes to place but little

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