

TELEGRAPHIC.

SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER.

THE MAINE HORROR.

Cause Not Yet Determined.

250 Men in the Ship at the Bottom of Havana Bay.

REGRET OF THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT.

Theory of the Spanish Admiral.

A Halifax Man Among the Killed.

HAVANA, Feb. 17.—Captain Sigsbee, of the United States cruiser Maine, says that he cannot yet determine the cause of the explosion.

The shattered and torn hulk of the fine battleship lies at the bottom of the harbor, a tomb for at least 250 of the crew.

MADRID, Feb. 17.—The following official note has been issued: "News of the disaster of the Maine has caused a painful impression in Madrid. It was at first feared that there was some act of imprudence to which the catastrophe was attributable. Afterwards, as the details arrived, the fear was dispelled and took the form of feelings of sympathy and sorrow for the misfortune which has occurred."

The Government has expressed to Minister Woodford the regret it feels at the catastrophe, more especially as it occurred in waters within Spanish jurisdiction.

Admiral Chaceon, Commander-in-chief of the Spanish navy, in an interview, said that the Maine had on board a new explosive, based on gun-cotton, manufactured by a special process. Such explosives, he added, were very dangerous, the slightest friction causing an explosion. He believed that the disaster was due to such a cause.

HALIFAX, Feb. 17.—Among the crew of the Maine lost was a Halifax man named Lewis Barry.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—After a day of intense excitement at the Navy Department and elsewhere, growing out of the destruction of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor last night, the situation at sundown, after the exchange of a number of cablegrams between Washington and Havana, can be summed up in the words of Secretary Long, who, when asked, as he was about to depart for the day, whether he had reason to suspect that the disaster was the work of an enemy, replied: "I have not. In that I am influenced by the fact that Captain Sigsbee has not yet reported to the Navy Department on the cause; he is evidently waiting to write a full report. So long as he does not express himself, I certainly cannot. I should think from the indications, however, that there was an accident,—that the magazine exploded. How that came about I do not know, for the present at least. No other warship will be sent to Havana."

The appalling nature of the disaster and the gravity of the situation that would arise should an investigation give a bias for the undercurrent of suspicion of treachery and foul play that ran through all minds, has a sobering effect on public men of all shades of political opinion.

The fact stands forth, and is little less remarkable, that not a single resolution was introduced or a single speech made in either House of Congress bearing on the disaster save a resolution of condolence with the families of those killed, offered by Mr. Boutelle and adopted by the House.

Public men expressed their opinions with reserve when approached for interviews. But everywhere there was a demand for an investigation and full details in the light of which the horror may be justly viewed.

Secretary Long undoubtedly summarized the general opinion of the majority of the naval expert, in finding it impossible, just now, to state the cause of the destruction of the Maine.

There are a great number of theories. But most of them are of a character that makes it easy to prove or upset them by a simple investigation by a diver. Secretary Long has taken immediate steps to make this investigation. Late this afternoon he telegraphed to Admiral Sicard, at Key West, to appoint a Board of Naval officers to proceed at once to Havana, employ divers and make such enquiry as the regulations of the Navy demand shall be made in case of the loss of a ship.

It is expected that this work will take some time, and while there are officers who say that in their opinion it will be impossible, owing to the probably disrupted condition of the hull of the ship, to make out the cause of the explosion the opinion of the majority is that the question will be easily settled by the simple observation of the condition of the ship's hull plates in the neighborhood of the hole which sunk, whether or not they are bulged out as would be the case if the explosion came from the inside, or whether they were driven in as would result from the attack of a torpedo or the explosion of a mine beneath the ship.

The large majority of naval officers are inclined to the belief that the explosion

resulted from the spontaneous combustion of a coal bunker, the over heating of the partitions between the boiler and the magazine, or from the explosion of a boiler,—though the last theory finds little support.

The list of survivors that came to the navy department this afternoon in answer to telegrams was inaccurate and made out the loss of life eight more than the summary given by Capt. Sigsbee in an earlier telegram. So Sec'y Long telegraphed for a corrected list, and one that would show who the survivors were and who were not wounded.

It was found necessary to do this owing to the great number of pitiful appeals for information, as to the safety of unfortunate men on the Maine, that came from all parts of the country.

The disaster is remarkable in that only two officers lost their lives, and these were of junior grade. They were Lieut. F. W. Jenkins and Assistant Engineer Darwin A. Merriitt.

HAVANA, Feb. 17.—It was said ashore, last evening, that only 97 of the crew of the Maine had been saved.

Lieutenant-Commander Wainwright of the Maine was half undressed at 9.45 p. m. and smoking in his cabin next to that of Capt. Sigsbee when the explosion occurred and put out the electric lights.

Commander Wainwright then lit a match and went to Capt. Sigsbee's cabin. They both went on deck and ordered the men to flood 2,500 pounds of gun cotton which was on board. The order was carried out, but the men never returned, and Havana was saved from a still more terrible explosion.

HAVANA, Feb. 17.—Capt. Sigsbee when interviewed this evening said: "I cannot yet determine the cause, but competent investigation will decide whether the explosion was produced from an interior or exterior cause. I cannot say anything until after such an investigation has been made. I will not and cannot conscientiously anticipate the decision, nor do I wish to make any unjust estimate of the reason for the disaster."

A YUKON RAILWAY

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OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—The London Exploration Company has submitted to the Government an offer to build a railway over the Dalton trail to the Yukon, for a subsidy of five thousand acres of land per mile and to take alternate blocks along the line of the railway. The company has offered to build a railway by the Stricken route for the same subsidy, which is one-fifth that to be given to Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann.

SUPERANNUATION.

Cost of Making Positions for Liberal Office-seekers. Close Upon \$80,000 in One Year.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—A return of superannuation shows that the Government has in the past year placed on the retired list 183 officers, whose superannuation allowance is \$64,239. Retiring gratuities to the extent of \$12,856 were granted in addition.

A STRIKE FOR LIBERTY.

Probably Results in Death.

KINGSTON, Feb. 17.—While attempting to escape, yesterday, William Carrie, a convict, was shot by a keeper and will probably die.

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A NARROW ESCAPE.

The British Premier and His Son Have Their Carriage Cut in Two

BUT RECEIVE NO INJURIES.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The Marquis of Salisbury and his son, the Rev. William Gascoyne Cecil Salisbury, had a narrow escape from death yesterday. As they were entering the gates of Hatfield, the wind swung the heavy gates against the brougham in which they were driving, cutting the vehicle in two between the wheels. The horses proceeded with the front part of the brougham, leaving Lord Salisbury and his son entangled in the remaining debris. Fortunately they received no injuries.

PARLIAMENT OF CANADA.

Sift on the Yukon Deal.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—The Yukon railway fight was continued yesterday in the House of Commons.

Hon. Mr. Sifton, for four hours, defended the Government, and threatened the Opposition with dire consequences if the contract were blocked.

THE C. P. R.

Will Cut Rates to Maritime Provinces.

MONTREAL, Feb. 17.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has decided to cut rates to the Maritime Provinces. The cut will come into effect on the first of March.

Liberal Victory.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The bye-election in Pembrokeshire yesterday resulted in the election of a Liberal.

LATEST NEWS BY WIRE AND MAIL.

THE HAGUE, February 16.—There is some talk of the betrothal of Queen Wilhelmina to Prince Louis Napoleon, now of the Czarina's Lanciers, in the Russian army.

QUEBEC, Feb. 15.—Mayor Parent has publicly exposed an attempt to bribe the entire city council from the mayor down. Sometime ago the Great Northern Railroad asked a bonus for the city to make its terminus here. A few days ago some one approached the mayor with an offer of a retaining fee of ten thousand dollars a year if he, the mayor, would consent to act as attorney for the road. Members of the city council, it is said, were similarly approached.

ROME, February 16.—It is estimated that 5,000 persons were present at mass yesterday, of whom 2,000 were pilgrims. While the Pope was being borne through the church, amid the ringing tones of silver trumpets, the assembly was raised to a pitch of excitement almost reaching delirium. The ceremony was one of impressive magnificence and the Pope's appearance caused indescribable enthusiasm on all sides.

AMHERST, Feb. 15.—Captain Robert Kerr, of Greville, met with a very serious injury yesterday afternoon, and should complications set in, fears are entertained that he will not recover. He was crossing the street when he was struck by a sleigh. One of the shafts struck him on the temple, inflicting a severe wound, and the horse knocked him down, the sleigh passing over him. Two of his ribs were broken, one rib puncturing his lung.

The two year old son of James A. King, Oxford, got hold of a bottle containing carbolic acid. He swallowed some of the poison, and although medical aid was immediately given and the child seemed to be recovering, death ensued.

TACOMA, Feb. 14.—On December 15 last bench claims were discovered on a side hill above Eldorado in the Klondike country. The first three claims were located by Dr. Savage, Ben Olsen and Enoch Emmons of Tacoma. A stampede followed and many claims were taken up. News of the new discovery is contained in a letter from Olsen, received yesterday, by his wife. It was dated December 18, three days after the first claims were reported. Not far away, and two hundred feet higher up on Eldorado Creek, another bench has been staked out. It is said that one claim owner there has opened a rich pocket not over ten feet square, from which he has taken \$8,000.

ECONOMY in taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, because "100 doses one dollar" is peculiar to and true only of the One True BLOOD Purifier.

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Judge a dry goods store by its dress goods department. Judge a dress goods department by its black goods. At any time we stand both tests. Just now we are beyond any competition. Now, listen while we tell a bargain tale that'll bring crowds of bright buyers.

Cashmeres

One fabric that's always right—one that's pre-eminent—right to buy here. Study these special sale prices.

Fair grade of 36 inch black cashmere, all wool, fair finish, nice looking goods, regular price is 34c, sale price 29c

Nice line of black cashmeres, 41 inches wide, all wool, was 43c, sale price is 37c

Very fine, smoothly finished, 39 inch, all wool cashmere, jet black, regular 50c goods, sale price is 42c

Beautiful pure wool cashmere, 43 inches wide, good weight, splendid finish, 55c value, sale price is 47c

Jet black, all wool, cashmere, handsome finish, excellent weight, was 64c sale price is 55c

Here's a beauty, 45 inches wide, purest wool, honest high grade goods, regular 78c stock, sale price is 67c

Bright, deep, jet black, fine heavy cashmere, finished like satin, 46 inches wide, 93c stock, sale price is 79c

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Another lot, better grade of all wool French Serges, navy, cardinal, garnet, green, seal and golden brown, regular 28c goods, sale price 23c

Plain green serge, fine twill, 43 inches wide, regular price 32c, sale price 36c

Another in green, 43 inch, fine goods, regular price 44c

Firm, solid, fine twill, jet black serge, 46 inches wide, regular price 63c, special sale price 54c

Heavy, handsome, firmly finished, jet black serge, 45 inches wide, regular price, 82c, sale price 70c

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