

HAVANA SITUATION DOES NOT CHANGE

The Government Anxiously Awaiting the Finding of the Court of Inquiry—The Administration Will Take No Action Until Officially Informed of the Fact—War Preparations Are Meanwhile Being Made as Rapidly as Possible—History of Events of the Past in Which Insults to the American Flag Have Been Resented.

Washington, Feb. 25.—In spite of the stories that come from unofficial sources in Havana as to sensational developments in connection with the work of the divers in the Maine's hull, the administration remains firm in its statement that there is no credible evidence on any way or the other as to the cause of the disaster and holds to its purpose to await the conclusion of the investigation now making by the court of inquiry.

Secretary Long has been under a heavy and almost constant strain ever since he was awakened in the middle of the night a week ago last Tuesday by the news of the loss of the Maine, and now that matters are at least for the time being in a quieter state, he has withdrawn from the navy department and gone for a few days' rest, leaving Assistant Secretary Roosevelt to manage the department.

Castine, the second of the United States warships on the South Atlantic station, arrived to-day at Barbadoes, where she joined the Cincinnati. She may go to Martinique to be docked, as she is in need of cleaning after her tropical service.

AWAITING REPORTS FROM THE COURT.

Since so much depends upon the report of the court of inquiry it may be interesting to note that so far Secretary Long himself does not know when to expect this important document. He merely expects to be called to court when it is ready to be read.

There are a large number of precedents which will aid the authorities in shaping their action in this direction when the facts are fully established. While none of the cases show the fearful loss of life sustained by the Maine explosion, yet they include many instances in which the United States has adopted energetic measures to redress the killing of American citizens abroad.

CASE OF THE WATER WITCH. The case of the Water Witch is considered to be the most analogous to that of the Maine, should it be established that the Maine disaster was not the result of accident. The Water Witch was a United States ship engaged in 1855 in surveying the entrance to one of the rivers of Paraguay.

Personnel of the Court of Inquiry Now Sitting at Havana.



Washington, Feb. 25.—The court of inquiry which is now sitting on the investigation of the wrecked battleship Maine must be distinguished from the "board of investigation" of which Captain Sigbee is the head. It must be understood that the court of inquiry is above the board of investigation, and if in the finding of the former body it is decided that the Maine was blown up by accident, Captain Sigbee must face a court-martial and be subjected to a searching inquiry in which all the details of the discipline on board his ship will be brought out.

WARSHIP VISCAYA SAILS FOR HAVANA. The Spanish Cruiser's Departure from New York Harbor.

NO REGRETS ARE EXPRESSED. Dismantled All the Morning by the Work of Repairing Her Steering Gear—Stopped at the Last Moment by Orders—To Go Straight to Havana—Rescues on Shore.

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS. On reaching the side of the ship the vice-consul had considerable difficulty in getting on board, owing to the swell in the bay. At last he fulfilled his mission and was rowed back to the dock.

VERY LITTLE ACCOMPLISHED ABOUT THE HULL OF THE MAINE BY DIVERS. Havana, Feb. 25.—The wreck of the Maine is slowly but surely sinking into the mud.

THE WRECK SINKING. Very Little Accomplished About the Hull of the Maine by Divers.

CONSUL YZGA NERVOUS. He is Fearful of Spanish Riots at Trinidad.

FLIGHT OF SAFE ROBBERS. Philip Fagan Surrounded by Circumstantial Evidence.

DEATH OF WILSON GEARHART. Danville, Feb. 25.—Wilson M. Gearhart, chief clerk in the state department at Harrisburg, who has been ill at his home in this city for some weeks past, died this morning.

WAR PREPARATIONS. Troops Can Be Sent to Havana on Short Notice.

BURNED BY HOT STEEL. Five Men Badly Injured at Pittsburg Mills.

WORK OF SANITARY BOARD. Three Hundred Herds of Cattle Remain to Be Examined.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING. Weather Indications Today: Fair; Colder.

MR. QUAY AT PITTSBURG

The Senator Has a Long Conference with Chris. Magee.

THEY WALK ARM-IN-ARM. Street Parade That Is Shrouded in Deep Mystery.

TOBACCO WAREHOUSES DESTROYED BY FIRE. Conflagration at Louisville. Three Men Seriously Injured by the Flames.

BRITISH FLAG ON OUR SOIL. Prospects of Trouble on the Klondike Frontier—Eight Men Frozen.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS. Exciting Debate on the Question of River and Harbor Appropriations.

WAR PREPARATIONS. Troops Can Be Sent to Havana on Short Notice.

BURNED BY HOT STEEL. Five Men Badly Injured at Pittsburg Mills.

WORK OF SANITARY BOARD. Three Hundred Herds of Cattle Remain to Be Examined.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING. Weather Indications Today: Fair; Colder.

MR. QUAY AT PITTSBURG. The Senator Has a Long Conference with Chris. Magee.

THEY WALK ARM-IN-ARM. Street Parade That Is Shrouded in Deep Mystery.

TOBACCO WAREHOUSES DESTROYED BY FIRE. Conflagration at Louisville. Three Men Seriously Injured by the Flames.

BRITISH FLAG ON OUR SOIL. Prospects of Trouble on the Klondike Frontier—Eight Men Frozen.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS. Exciting Debate on the Question of River and Harbor Appropriations.

WAR PREPARATIONS. Troops Can Be Sent to Havana on Short Notice.

BURNED BY HOT STEEL. Five Men Badly Injured at Pittsburg Mills.

WORK OF SANITARY BOARD. Three Hundred Herds of Cattle Remain to Be Examined.

The Herald's Weather Forecast. New York, Feb. 25.—In the middle states and New England, today, fair and clear weather will prevail with slightly lower temperatures and fresh to light westerly winds, shifting to easterly by tonight in the western parts of this section.