

MESSAGE OF PRESIDENT

Review of the Report of the Maine Court of Inquiry.

GLANCE AT MAIN FEATURES

The Salient Points Are Clearly Presented.

Does Not Doubt That the Spanish Government Will Dictate a Course of Action Consistent with Friendly Relations of the Two Governments.

SENDING MAINE TO HAVANA.

THE MAINE INQUIRY

Full Text of the Report Submitted to Congress Yesterday—State of Discipline.

THE CARE OF AMMUNITION.

GUN COTTON AND DETONATORS.

CONDITION OF COAL BUNKERS.

THE COURT OF INQUIRY'S WORK.

The conclusion that excellent... prevailed and that no indication of any internal explosion existed in any quarter.

At 8 o'clock in the evening of February 15 everything had been reported secure and all quiet.

Upon the evidence of a concurrent external cause the finding of the court is as follows:

At frame 17 the outer shell of the ship, from a point eleven and one-half feet from the middle 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 had the ship sunk unharmed.

That the loss of the Maine was not in any respect due to fault or negligence on the part of any of the officers or members of her crew.

That the ship was destroyed by the explosion of a submarine mine, which caused the partial explosion of two or more of her forward magazines, and that no evidence has been obtainable fixing the responsibility for the destruction of the Maine upon any person or persons.

That 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 in accordance with prescribed instructions, and proper care was taken whenever ammunition was handled.

The dry gun cotton primers and detonators were stowed in the cabin aft, and remote from the scene of the explosion.

The coal bunkers were inspected daily. Of these bunkers adjacent to the forward magazine and shell room, four were empty; namely: "B 3, B 4, B 5, B 6."

The finding of the court of inquiry was reached after twenty-three days of continuous labor on the part of the court.

It is herewith laid before the congress, together with the voluminous testimony taken before the court.

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