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A WRECK PUZZLE.

Belief That the Forward Magazine Was Not Exploded.

IT MAY HAVE BEEN A PLOT

Of Which the High Spanish Officials Were Wholly Ignorant.

AMERICAN OFFICIAL'S OPINION.

If It is Proven That the Disaster Was Due to Outside Agency War Must Speedily Follow—Havana Would Surrender to Admiral Seward's Demand Without the Necessity of Firing a Shot, Though If Necessary the Forts Could be Demolished With a Six Pounder.

Havana, Feb. 24.—The situation, which may be changed at any moment by fresh discoveries, may be summed up, when this dispatch is sent, substantially as follows:

The divers have discovered cases of brown hexagonal powder for the 10-inch guns exploded, and believing also that others unexploded will be found in the 16-inch magazine on the starboard side forward, the conviction grows that this magazine did not blow up. If this be so, and many have insisted from the first that it is, the further conviction is forced that the explosion which wrecked the Maine came from the outside, on the port bow.

As previously wired, the main portion of the wreck, as seen from above and noted from below, was blown to starboard.

The highest American officials here are confident that General Blanco and the other high Spanish officials had no knowledge, direct or indirect, of the conception or execution of a plot to blow up the Maine, if such a plot existed, but they believe the junior Spanish officers, who, from the nature of things, are more conversant with modern explosives than their elders and superiors, were at the bottom of the disaster, if there were any outside agency. It is pointed out that it would not be impossible to plant a mine of wet and dry gun cotton near where a foreign war vessel was directed to anchor, such a mine communicating with an electric battery on the shore.

It is regarded as an interesting point that the Maine, for the first time during her stay in the harbor, lay at the particular spot where she was at the time of the catastrophe, and it is said, though not officially verified, that the Maine was the first foreign war vessel moored to this particular buoy since the troubles in Cuba grew acute.

All stories as to lax discipline on the Maine without a shadow of truth. On the contrary, Captain Sigsbee was complained of by some for the rigidity of his rules, and the strictness with which he enforced them. Moreover, the Maine has been in commission for years, and never had a serious accident until anchored in this quiet harbor.

In reply to a question put by this correspondent to a high American official as to what the outcome would be if it were proved that the disaster was due to an outside agency, the official in question said:

"Sir, the American people could not be restrained. I mean war. Still, I doubt whether it would be necessary to fire a shot. Admiral Seward could anchor the Iowa, the Indiana, the Massachusetts and the New York outside Havana harbor and prevent the ingress of the food supplies, without which the city could not exist a fortnight. Cuba is a waste of ashes and desolation. Even the hotels and cafes here in Havana live from hand to mouth, on supplies brought from the United States."

"If Admiral Seward demanded the surrender of Havana, giving 24 hours for the removal of the women and children, surrender would follow. The forts are old structures, and could be demolished by a six pounder. Such new guns as have been mounted are short of ammunition, and have never been tried. If General Blanco should decline to surrender the Spanish merchants here, who represent 80 per cent of the property and pay 75 per cent of the taxes of the island, would compel him to accept the conditions of the United States. At the volunteers, the men are for the most part the employees of these merchants and the volunteers' officers are largely their sons or their junior partners."

"It is well to look these things in the face. At the same time it is well for the Americans to restrain themselves until there is some proof of an outside agency of explosion. We can afford to wait a little longer, seeing that we have waited so long. We could not wait after it had once been proven that the Maine disaster was the result of a dastardly plot. Spanish officers from the old country hold to the unaccountable belief that their arms would overcome us in a few weeks, but the Cuban merchants have no such delusion, and they would control the situation. Hence, I believe that no shot from a big American gun will be necessary."

These sentiments fairly represent those of the best informed Americans here. Any moment, however, may chronicle discovery at the wreck that would change all this. A member of the court of inquiry who conversed with this correspondent yesterday strongly deprecated any premature expression or evidence of resentment on the part of the people of the United States until it was proven that the disaster resulted from some other cause than accident, carelessness or the visitation of Providence. Certainly the members of the court of inquiry, cool, experienced and judicial men, will not lose their heads. One thing seems certain, if the Maine was blown by a mine, and not a torpedo, as no torpedo known could have produced such serious results.

Assistant Engineer Merritt, have not been recovered. The divers reached the former's room, but the body was not there. Thus far the sharks have given no trouble, but the vultures have left scarcely anything but skeletons of the three men who were entangled in the debris very near the surface of the water. The bodies were not noticed by any one until the foul birds had completed their ghastly work. From the hand of one Chaplain Childwick removed a deeply chased ring for purposes of identification.

Chaplain Childwick has received a communication from Mrs. J. P. Keen, of Chicago, praying for news of Edward F. Keen, her son. It seems certain that he is among the victims. Chaplain Childwick says that the total number of missing is 83 or 86, and five have died in the hospital. Of the missing many doubtless were blown to atoms, no portions of their bodies being recoverable, and there is much doubt that any considerable number of those whose remains are now being removed will be identified.

A DISCREDITED REPORT. General Lee Did Not Advise Americans to Leave Havana.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The arrival of a mail in Washington from Key West yesterday afternoon bringing several private letters from naval officers lately attached to the Maine caused a wave of excitement to run over the departments and the Capitol, for there were all sorts of rumors as to the contents of these letters, very few of which rumors, in point of fact, had any sound basis. The only feature, so far as could be discovered, was that the rumors were throwing any light on the cause of the explosion contained in the letters was the statement that the two after boilers in the after boiler space were all of the eight boilers of the Maine that were under steam at the time of the wreck. This fact had a negative value, for it disposed of once of the theory that an exploding boiler had caused the wreck. The experts all say that by no possibility could the after boilers' explosion have wrecked the fore part almost unharmed.

Much interest was shown in a dispatch received shortly before 3 o'clock from Admiral Seward giving the recommendations of Captain Sampson, of the court of inquiry, as to the raising of the wreck. The view of naval officers was that Captain Sampson and his associates were giving this advice not as a court, but as officers in a position to speak as the best methods to be adopted. Various interpretations were put on the expression "forward half complete," which has been interpreted as a partial confirmation of the theory that the forward magazine had exploded, as that is one of the most important portions of the forward half of the ship. At the same time it was held by some naval authorities that the destruction of the forward half of the ship did not necessarily mean that the forward magazine had exploded, as this might be still intact, although a part of the general wreckage.

Captain Sampson's recommendation that a contract be made with the best equipped wrecking company to remove material and lift the ship without delay was in line with the action already taken in closing a contract with the two largest wrecking companies in the country, by which their combined facilities for the service of the government. A clause of the contract itemizes the amounts to be paid for each branch of wrecking work, viz: Wrecking tug Underwriter, \$150 per day; wrecking steamer Jones, \$200; lighter yawmover, \$75; derrick crane, \$75; barge Long Star, \$50; wrecking crane, Right Arm, \$200; wreck master, \$15; wreckers, \$45.00 each; divers, \$30 each.

Evidently the president of the court of inquiry is fearful of the effect on the public of ill judged attempts to account for the destruction of the Maine, for yesterday afternoon he telegraphed Secretary Long as follows: "Any report interview with divers untrue. Every precaution has been taken. Officer always present."

This brief statement disposes of all the questions that are rarely omitted, but are so essential to the blowing up of the forward magazine. The officers here are still thinking of Captain Sigsbee's request of Tuesday to be furnished with the plans of the Maine's section through the magazines and coal bunker pocket. The reference to the latter is particularly interesting, and leads to a desire to be informed on the exact quantity and quality of the coal supply at the time of the explosion. It is said that these pocket bunkers are rarely emptied, being designed as much for the protection of the ship against gunshots as for capacity to hold coal. One expert said that these bunkers, in his own experience, had not been emptied in months. All of this has to do with the spontaneous combustion theory, as the bunkers about of the magazines might have set off even the safe brown powder if the latter were exposed to a degree of heat above 600 degrees for some time. The request, besides, may show that Captain Sigsbee is not yet satisfied with the cause of the explosion, notwithstanding the expressions that have been attributed to him by unauthorized persons.

The report that Consul General Lee had advised Americans to quit Havana is discredited here. It is said that the consul general, in the course of friendly talk in Havana with Americans, may have expressed the view that there are at present other places more desirable as resorts for persons who have no particular business there than Havana, but the state department authorizes the announcement that it has not yet been advised that he has either officially or semi-officially delivered himself of any expression on the subject. The Spanish legation also discredits the reports that General Lee has given such warning to the Americans in Havana any such advice," said Secretary Day, "and I have not discussed the matter with any one."

FIRE BOSS THE VICTIM.

One Man Suffocated in the Mt. Carmel Fire.

HIS FATE WAS KEPT SECRET!

Efforts to Get the Body From the Burning Girard Colliery Have Failed—The Fire More Serious Than the Officials Admitted—Still Raging.

Mt. Carmel, Feb. 24.—The fire in the Girard colliery, which is located about half a mile from this town, has proved more serious than was reported yesterday. The officials of the colliery kept the grave features of the case from the public. They stated that no men were missing and that the fire would be extinguished before night.

The fire originated in the pump house at the bottom of the slope, on the west side, which was immediately set further than sixty feet from the slope and efforts made to get Griffiths' body were abandoned. All efforts were then turned to extinguish the fire and renew the timbering at the bottom of the slope.

Repeated attempts were made to get to the east side of the slope, but the smoke was so dense that it was impossible to get further than sixty feet from the slope and efforts made to get Griffiths' body were abandoned. All efforts were then turned to extinguish the fire and renew the timbering at the bottom of the slope.

There were seven men, including the fire boss, John Griffiths, and David Morris, the pumpman. At 4:30 yesterday morning all but the fire boss ascended the slope. Griffiths remained in the mine after the night shift as the day shift were all night for the day shift. Morris remained at the top of the slope only long enough to procure a few supplies and then started down the slope. When nearing the bottom he was obliged to retreat on account of the smoke.

The mine officials agree that Griffiths is still in the mine. The question is, is the fire making its customary early morning rounds and detected the smoke coming behind him with the air current. He was probably making his way through the breasts towards the slope. He may have made an attempt to get back, but that way would be cut off by the smoke and it is not probable that he did so. His next avenue of escape was to make his way to the gangway, westward, and then after traveling as far as he could he probably reached the smoke-filled main avenue, or gangway, and no man could survive there long. The current of air was drifting from 200 to 400 feet a minute and at that rate it would take about five minutes for the smoke to reach the extreme eastern limits of the colliery (3,200 feet distant) and the fire boss had very little time in which to escape. Griffiths was about 45 years of age and leaves a family.

Mt. Carmel, Feb. 24, 4 p. m.—The work of fighting the fire in the Girard colliery progressed to-day with much better results than anticipated. Mine Inspector William Stein, of Shenandoah, was in full charge this morning. Mine Inspector Brennan, of Shamokin, was unable to lend assistance until this afternoon on account of other important engagements.

The fire is almost out and will be completely extinguished within three or four hours. Some men succeeded in passing through the monkey about 80 yards above the bottom of the slope, on the east side, and made their way down to the gangway. They are now about 200 feet east of the pump house and the recovery of Griffiths' body by to-night is promised.

THE WEATHER.

The forecast for Friday: Generally fair and colder weather, probably snow.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Fourth Annual Session Being Held at Pottsville.

Pottsville, Feb. 23.—Over two hundred ministers and laymen are in attendance at the fourth annual session of the East Pennsylvania Conference of the United Evangelical Church, which convened here this morning. Delegates to the General Conference will be elected at this session.

The fourth anniversary of the missionary society was held last evening. Bishop W. M. Stanford gave a delightful and instructive talk on missions. The amount of contributions received were: For the home society, \$7,300.65, a gain of over \$400 over the preceding year, with five charges to bear from. The amount contributed for the General Conference fund is \$4,200.32, making a total for 1897 of \$11,500.97, a gain over 1896 of \$1,185.63.

The selection of delegates to the General Board of Missions of the church followed. This election resulted in the choice of Rev. A. M. Sampson, as delegate, and Rev. J. H. Hoover, as alternate.

The first session of the conference opened this morning at nine o'clock and was presided over by Bishop Dubs. His opening address was one that commanded strict attention. He gave a brief outline of the record of the church during the year just closed, and it was very gratifying to his hearers.

Rev. J. J. Rooker, of Shenandoah, is to attend and is taking an active part in the proceedings. The following candidates for the ministry were put through the first examination: A. E. Miller, Merchantville, Berks county; D. P. Longsdorf, Crosswell, Lancaster; S. Neltz, Disinger, Daughlin, Pa.; and F. S. Bockey.

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At Kephinski's Arcade Cafe. Purses of pea soup will be served, free, to all patrons to-night. Clean soup to-morrow morning.

Surprise Party. Miss Mary Dallis was tendered a surprise party at her home on East Centre street last evening and it was attended by Misses Minnie Barshel, Lottie Hornback, Lizzie Hess, Lizzie Ecker, Clara Hildebrand, Ida Dombach, Bertha King and Misses Susie Gilfert and Susie Major, of Ellangowan, and Messrs. Fred Ecker, John Walter, Martin Brennan, Martin Umbach, Fred Hess, Ralph and John Barshel, James Harry, John and Ervin Dallis and Mr. and Mrs. Dallis. There was music and refreshments were served.

Veterinary Convention. The Shenandoah Valley Veterinary Association will hold its next convention at Shenandoah on the third Wednesday in March. The state convention will be held at Philadelphia on March 24th and 25th.

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