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AN EXPLOSION UNDER HER BOWS TORE THE VESSEL APART.

The Less of Life Appalling-Mem Dend by Wounds, by Barning and by Drewning-Captain Asks Public to Suspend Judgment Until Cause of Explosion is Discovered-The News Causes a Tremendous Sensation Throughout the Country-Prempt Mens-

ures to Relieve the Wounded.

Havana, Feb. 15 .-- The United States ness. battleship Maine was blown up in plain sight of Havana at 9.45 o'clock to-night. Of the crew of 450 officers and men on the battleship only 83 are known to have been

Vague rumors are to the effect that the other high explosive against the battleship's Maine disaster was not accidental.

Newspapers and private corporations having Cuben interests have made every effort



TEB BATTLESHIP MAINE.

to get dispatches through in plausible cipher. From a complicated dispatch reecived this morning by a high official of one of the steamship companies it was gathered that the Maine's destruction was the result York, by shooting himself in the head. of a dynamite plot.

The directors of the Ward line of steamships have placed at the disposal of the Government its vessels at Havana. These include the City of Washington, which is now at Havana, and the Vigilancia, which Camden, N. J., where for six weeks she is due at that port.

General Blanco has cabled Senor Du Bosc, Spanish Charge d'Affaires, that ama boiler on the Maine exploded and that this was the cause of the disaster.

Washington, Feb. 16.—A special Cabinet meeting has been called, at which all the members except General Alger are to be present. Secretary Long is at the Navy ! Department looking very much worried, and the air of gloom that pervades the State Department is oppressive.

LATER. Havana, Feb. 17.—The destruction of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. the battleship Maine by an explosion in the died in the Hotel Empire, New York. harbor on Tuesday night proves to be the worst disaster in the naval history of the United States. The splendid warship was destroyed, and latest reports put the loss of ii**fe** at 258.

The cause of the explosion remains a of Georgia on a platform of his own. mystery, although naval officers generally believe that in some unexplained way one River Valley is being pushed once more of the ship's magazines exploded.

The news caused a tremendous sensation throughout the country. In Washington the loss of the battleship is regarded as in- United States into a trust. flicting an almost crippling blow on the naval efficiency of the country.

Prompt and energetic measures were taken by Secretary Long to send relief to the wounded. A telegram of condolence was sent by President Mckinley to Captain Sigsbee.

The news of the disaster was received first with incredulity and next with horror by the North Atlantic fleet assembled at Dry Tortugas. Admiral Sicard, with the flagship New York, proceeded to Key West at once to furnish necessary relief to the survivors, who were expected to reach that city last night by the steamer Olivette. trom Havana.

Expressions of regret and sympathy were officially made in Madrid and London to the United States representatives.

Cablegram from Sigsbee Suppressed. A special dispatch to the New York Journal says that Captain Sigbee's latest telegram reached the President shortly after midnight this morning. It was suppressed. It is reported that the dispatch finally informs the President that the agencies, and that the explosion in the tal needed. magazine was the work of a torpedo.

The greatest secrecy is being maintained about the dispatch, for the President is very anxious that nothing shall be made public until he has had time to consider the matter with his Cabinet.

DIVERS ENTER THE MAINE.

They Find the Keys of the Magazines in Their Proper Place.

Havana, Feb. 20.—The American divers began their work to-day. Early in the morning they descended into the Maine, but they were not able to make more than three trips. From the storeroom of Capt. Sizsbee they brought the drawer which sentained the official correspondence of the captain, and also the secret telegraphic and letter code of the American Navy.

The divers brought up other books, official accounts, and important documents that are needed by Capt. Sigsbee; and, to the great relief of the captain, they brought up the keys of all the powder magazines, which the captain declared had been duly delivered to him at 8 o'clock on the night of the explosion, two hours before the ntastrophe occurred.

### SUMMARY OF THE NEWS.

David A. Weeks, the accomplice of Chrs. A. Boiney, who is now under sentence of death for the murder of George Marous Wicholas, of Trumbull, pleaded guilty si Bridgeport, Com., to murder in the second degree, and was sentenced to impresonment for life.

The Western Union office fixtures and line at Oneida were sold for unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer for \$90.01 the amount of the unpaid tax. The company sefused to pay the tax on the ground that it was excessive, and will appeal to the

The Spanish Government was notified efficially that the United States will examine the wreck of the Maine independently. but will waive the right of extra territorialiby if the Spanish wish to make an examina tion at the same time.

Dr. Dwight Scott Chamberlain, aresident of the Lyons (N. Y.) National Bank, was indicted by the Wayne County Grand Jury on two counts—one for assault and battery and another for attempting to bribe a wit-

In a fierce easterly gale and with a for closing her in, the Spanish warship Vizcaya steamed into the harbor of New York from outside the bar, and dropped her anchor just off Tompkinsville, S. L.

The Havana newspapers ask the Government to proceed with great energy against Maine had been blown up by the bumping the correspondents who have informed the of a small boat filled with dynamite or some New York papers that the cause of the

While towing a schooner near the States The press censorship at Havana has sup- Island shore the little tugboat Frankis pressed all but the most meagre news, shipped a heavy sea and was sunk. Her captain and engineer were lost, but two others of the crew were saved. Orders were sent to all points of defense

along the Atlantic coast to put batteries in condition. An inspection has also been made by one of the most expert artillerists in the army. Senor Dupuy de Lome, former Spanish

Minister at Washington, sailed on the White Star liner Britannie, after expressing horror upon hearing of the loss of the battieship Maine. Carl Hanson, a deserter from the battle-

ship Maine, was arrested in New York, and confessed to stealing jewels worth \$2,500 from the residence of I. Townsend Burden. A man who registered as Dennis Harrison, Enduebo (or Euduebo), N. B., com mitted suicide in the Morton House, New

There seems to be no longer any doubt as to the creation by the present Legislature of a legal holiday for New York, to be known as Charter Day.

The wife of Harry Whiteroft is lying at her home, Seventh and Benson streets, has been unconscious.

The American Newspaper Publishers' Association began its twelfth annual con-Smallpox has been declared epidemic at

Middlesboro, Ky. There are twenty-nine cases. All saloons and the public schools are closed. Nat C Goodwin and Maxine Elliott,

leading lady of his company, were married at the Hotel Hollenden, Cleveland, Ohio. Miss Frances E. Willard, president of

A special cable dispatch from Port Said says the British battleship Victorious, which is aground there, is uninjured.

The Rev. Sam P. Jones annouced himself an independent candidate for Governor

The work on the ice crop in the Hudson The storehouses are now almost full.

Negotiations are now pending for the formation of the tinplate business of the

Orders to push the work on new torpedo boats have been received at the Columbia

Iron Works, at Baltimore. Importers have begun a suit to test the right of Secretary Gage to set up a standard

test for tess. The American Newspaper Association passed a resolution condemning the Ellsworth bill.

Lord William Nevill was sentenced to five years' penal servitude for fraud in London.

Rot the evidence and the attitude of the spectators favor M. Zola at his trial in Paris.

A big vessel is believed to have been lost at sea off the Delaware coast. Two more bodies of newly-born babies have been found in Harlem.

FROM ACROSS THE SEA.

London,-All the details have been set tled for the carrying out of Cecil Rhodes's scheme for the extension of the Bulawayo Railway to Lake Tanganyika (Central Africa). There is no difficulty apprehended Maine's destruction was due to outside in getting £3,000,000, the amount of capi-

London,-Owing to the refusal of the Liberal and Irish leaders to co-operate, the Government has abandoned its intention of appointing a new commission on the finanrial relations between Great Britain and Ireland.

Copenhagen.-A dispatch received here says that a tract of ice on the coast of the Gulf of Finland broke adrift in a snowstorm and was carried to sea, with two hundred fishermen and several horses.

Paris. - As the trial of Zola is nearing its end his advocates are redoubling their efforts to represent him as a man whose mind has been unbalanced by the mania alled the folly of greatness.

Madrid. - A special cable dispatch says that the De Lome incident is now closed by the publication of the official decree ac epting the Minister's resignation.

Madrid.-In the official acceptance of enor Dupuy de Lome's resignation the usual complimentary phrase appreciative of his services will be omitted.

London.-A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Vienna says the Emperor Francis Joseph has expressed a conviction that Dreyfus is innocent.

## ZOLA NEARLY LYNCHED.

Mab Rushes at His Carriage as Me Leaves the Court But & Meguland by Police.

Paris.-There were riotons proceedings after the adjournment of the Amisus Court. and M. Zola narrowly excepted lynching by the mob outside. The police were powerless to manage the immense crowds, and several Jews who were among the throng were the objects of insults and menaces, ending in a general fight. The mob threw itself upon the Israilites, yelling "Death to the Jews!" "Throw the Jews into the Seine?"

Finally, the Republican Guards were obliged to charge the rioters, and eventually the troops succeeded in clearing the square. When M. Zola's carriage reached St. Michael's Bridge the mob made a determined and murderous rush for it, but the police threw themselves between the vehicle and the mob, and a series of ministure battles ensued.

### Dying from a Pin Prick.

Millville, N. J.—Thomas Campbell, realding in the o. takirts of this city, is dying from blood poisoning, caused by a pin-Three weeks ago, while working in a pair of loose shoes, he wore a blister on his heel. At night he foolishly pricked the blister with a pin to let the water out. He complained of being ill and was told to seek medical assistance. His condition grew steadily worse until he was no longer able to work, and when a physician was called he pronounced it a case of blood poisoning.

Rev. C. M. Arthur Found Guilty. Bridgeport, Conn. -The report of the ministerial council held at the Norfield Congregational Church, in Weston, Conn., has just been made known. The council was composed of the pastors of Congregational churches of Fairfield county, before whom the Rev. C. M. Arthur, paster of the church, was tried for misconduct. Their finding is a severe rebuke of the clergyman, demanding his immediate resigmation.

May be a Filibuster. Atlantic City, N. J .- A report has reached this city that a tugboat and a large steamer had been seen acting very suspiciously in the vicinity of Ship Bottom and Beach Haven. Belief is general that a filibustering expedition has been successfully launched. A lineman says that he worked there for three days, and the tug appeared to be transferring goods

Fifty Thousand Miners May Go Out.

from Ship Bottom Beach to the steamer.

Altoona. Pa.-At the Pennsylvania Miners' State Convention the first official whot, announcing a bituminous coal miners' strike about April 1 in the Eastern competitive field, was fired. It came in the form of an appeal for the miners to organize and to secure funds for the big fight for a ten per cent advance on the present mining rate and an eight hour work day.

### Excelsior's Crew Perick.

Boston, Mass.-Four men, comprising the crew of the barge Excelsion, which foundered on Handkerchief Shoal, off Cape Cod. were lost. . It was thought that the men were taken off by the tug Carbonero. which had the barge in tow, but upon the arrival of the tug here it was announced that they had not been saved.

L. R. Welles, a Suicide. Plainfield, N. J.-The body of Leonard R. Welles, formerly Police Commissioner of Brooklyn, was found near the grounds of the Climax Gun Club, northwest of Plainfield. His throat was cut from ear to ear, and the penknife with which Mr. Welles killed himself was lying nearby.

Miss Willard's Estate Goes to W. C. T. U. Chicago, Ill.-Miss Frances Willard leaves her estate to the W. C. T. U. The estate is valued at \$20,000, \$3,000 of which is in cash and the remainder in real estate. The will was drawn about a year ago.

DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

The debate on the Bankruptcy bill was opened in the House, but it attracted little attention, the interest of the members being entirely absorbed by the disaster to Among the fourth-class postmasters ap-

pointed were the following: New York-Hague, Lee J. Palmer; Husteds. Charles D. Hamilton; Schultzville, Lafayette P. Budd: Wyandale, Winfield J. Ryther.

Senator Morrill, of Vermont, occupied the entire time of the executive session of the Senate with a speech opposing the rati-Scation of the Hawalian Annexation Treaty.

The President sent to the Senate the following nomination: Eugene L. Dorsey, of Indiana, to be Supervising Inspector of Steam Vessels for the Sixth District.

In the Senate's session there was a discussion of the Kansas Pacific Reilroad

tale, but no action was taken.

SPORTING NOTES

A syndicate of Western sporting men have determined to bring off a finish fight between Bob Fitzsimmons and James J Corbett, and to that end will guarantee a purse of \$50,000 to be divided between the fighters as they themselves may determine.

The bicycle has reached its very lowest price, and persons who intend purchasing '98 machines will be interested in the announcement that a well-known manufactrarer's agent has offered a lot of 500 bicycles with tires at \$13.50 each.

Peter Maher, of Philadelphia, squared accounts with C. C. (Thunderbolt) Smith of Buffalo. He made the darky quit in the third round.

Tim Hurst, who will manage the St. Louis Browns this season, has begun his search for players to strengthen his team. "Billy" Lush is mentioned as the prob-

able successor of Tom Burns as manager of the Springfield team in the Eastern League. James A. Ten Eyck, father of the Diamond Scalls holder, is confident that the

. W. G. Betts, formerly a National Leange ampire, will umpire in the Eastern League this spring.

youngster will again win the prize.

College rowing men think there is still a chance of a bout race between Yale and Comell.

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## MARTIN'S DEFENSE READY.

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Justin the Marder of Strikers, Wilkesburre, Pa.-The trial of Sheriff Martin and his depoting may close in two weeks, or it may be protected until the first of April. The length of the trial will depend upon the defense, who will per on 168 or 318 witnesses.

If counsel for the defence live up to their promises, the spening address by George S. Forris will be full of startling surprises. The battles of the coming week will probebly be the most interesting thus, far fought in the struggle to establish the right of workingmen to march pescefully on the highway and to use orderly means to better their condition.

The result of the trial is much in doubt of course, but the long record of evidence shows without contradiction the strikers were unarmed and that many of them were killed while fleeing for their lives. The unbiased opinion is that some of the deputies will be convicted of manalaughter.

War Rute to the Klondike. Chicago, Ill.—The Canadian Pacific rold exploded a bomb among its American competitors by announcing a wholesale reduction of rates. Transcontinental rates have been cut almost in two. The present rates from the Atlantic seaboard to the North Pacific coast are \$79.25 first class and \$67.40 second class. The Canadian Pacific will make the rates from all points in New \$30 mecond ciam.

Luncy and Smidde. Hempstead, L. I.-Mrs. John Bedell. thirty-two years old, of Bedell street, this village, committed spicide in the cellar of her house. She tied a clother line around ber neck, fastoned the rope to a beam, dropped upon her kness and died from strangulation. She was recently prenounced insane, and was to have been committed to an asylum within a few days.

## Vitriol Thrower Convicted.

Bridgeport, Conn. Owen Murphy, of Norwalk, was convicted by a jury of vitriol throwing, and Judge Elmer mentenced him to the State Prison in Wethersfield for life. When the verdict was announced, Mary McCoyne, Murphy's former sweetheart, for whom he intended the vitriol which fell upon Jennie Kinzella, burst out crying, and for a moment there was a trying scene.

A New Counterfelt \$10 Bank Note. Washington, D. C. Secret Service men have discovered a new counterfelt \$10 ne tional bank note. It is on the Hibernia National Bank of New Orleans, series 1882. check letter B. Rosecrans, Register, Nabeker. Treasurer. It is a photographic production of poor workmanship, printed on two pices of paper, period together.

Grassonie Flad of a Thirsty Man. road section hand, went to a small creek near the tracks to get a drink. He brokes hole through the jos, got down on his hands and knoss and saw that he had broken the los over the body of a man. At the morroe the man was recognised as Hugh Fits. Philadelphia, N. Y.

## " Marry Up the Projection."

Roading. Pa. Though the artmost wellconce is maintained, at the Carpenter Seed Works here, increased shipments of rarolectiles have been made during the pest low days. "Hurry up" is the word passed through the establishment, prompted by the advice from Washington.

# Insuiance Man Disappears.

Indianapolis, Ind. Joseph C. Heys. Indiana manager of the Bankers Life Income surance Company, of New York City, has disappeared, and, it is alleged, has taken with him a targe sum of money obtained on worthless checks cashed by various banks throughout the State.

His Boast Ends in Death. Wellston, Ohio. In a crowd of mixers where any of that went, near Glenroy a Spanisrd boasted that Spain would make short work of the United States in case of a naval war. He had driven into his brain, killing him instantly,

## THE MARKETS

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but little change. The gat market is stronger and prices have advanced. Wheat, 1031/201091/; Corn, 343361/4;

Oats, 811/@811/4.

CREAM AND MILE. The average daily receipts of the week were as follows: Fluid milk, 28, 159 cans: condensed milk, 163 cans; cream, 406 cans.

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# WASHINGTON NOTES.

THE CAPITAL SPEEDS DE LONE AND AWAITS HIS SUCCESSOR

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Washington,-The destruction of the Mains at Hayana, horrible and sensetional as it was has not suprimpted the De loune incident as the leading topic of operanation in the Congressions! and botel lobbles. Public men ere wetching with particular interest the expressions of the newspapers Dublishad away from the commercial centers for an inelast late the trend of public sentiment on this De Lone affair. The sampaign that was waged in both perties in 1865 taught the men who are here in Washington that the metropolitan papers are of, little value in this respect—that it is next to impossible to got from them evidence of the opin-

Ion of the country.
The president feels the insult very deeply. No one could have been more sourisons toward De Lone than the president has been over since he came into office. Only recently at the first white house reception Senor De Lome was in vited behind the presidential line England and New York \$40 first class and as a smark of special favor. While here Senora De Lome met the secretamy of minis and with the wit of women invested the agod statemen into escorting her through the rooms of the white house. How the Spanish minister and his wife must have smiled at each other on their return home, hoodwinding and blinding the executive with actentions while despising him in their keerls.

> Gen. Groevenor, who is reputed to be McKinley's favorite confident, regrets the indiscretion of Minister De Lone. because it will, he says, rid this country of a man in whom Spain had confidence. His idea is that Benor Bernsde. who will be sent here in De Lome's place, will not possess the same ability or have the same standing with Spain The Spaniards, be says, are a speciclous people, who will be perpetually menating the altuation by district of everything and everybody, including their own representative. It is a mather of doubt, he thinks, whether the altuation hereafter will be as conductve to perce at before the discontinuance of De Lome as minister.

A most important Comerces will be held in Washington the first week in March. The object for which it is called together is to discous similarations In food and drive preparations. The moone of this proposed sougrees will be mational in character, and every state and territory in the union has been naked to send delegates. In order to mounts proper representations the soyarnors of such state and territory will patrick, a cheese maker, who lived mear appoint ten delegates to the congress. divided up in the following manner: Four agriculturists, two pharmacists. one violette grocer, one retail grocer, one food manufacturer and one chamion or drur manufacturer.

The men who have been taking the De Longe side of everything during the Suban troubles are at a loss what to say about the disclosures in his letter. If there is shything in common report, some of these Spanish defenders, newspapers and men, are likely to lose a mood thing in the departure of De Liome. They have been very close to him. He is quoted as having said last summer that he was not spending \$20,000 a month in Washington to nothing," but of course your correcpondent does not presend to know

The consulates are all gone. The onis ones left are agencies that pay barely uttered the boast when a plok was from \$250 to \$500, and mobiley can be induced to take them except business. men residing at the places who have other sources of thooms and are willing to undertake the duties and responsi-Prices of wheat and corn have undergone bilities of the consulate for the social distinction and business advantages that so with the little. There is, therefore, no further use in trying to obtain

appointments of this kind. On the 5th of Merch the civil service commission will hold erasilisations throughout the United States for vielour positions, ranging all the way from experi accountant to a lady who can do Disin cooking for an Indian agency. The commission stipulates that the cook must be a single woman. No educational test is required, but if the applicants are not fancy free they will

elition which pays \$480 per annual.

As a result of the failure of Chief Hazen, of the Secret Service to make progress in finding the person of persons who executed the counterral \$160 silver certificate, Secretary (1997).

records of the department it has been impressed upon the bonds of the United Sistes to the value of \$10,297.534.

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It is responsed that it is the purpose of the House leaders to keep the approprietion bills to the front in order to obtain an early adjournment, or as used if the an alternative, throw the responsibili- sation to ty of delay on the Senate.

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eousidering the advisability of appoint ing his successor.

The old seal of the treasury which has just been discarded for a new one has survived a year. According to the