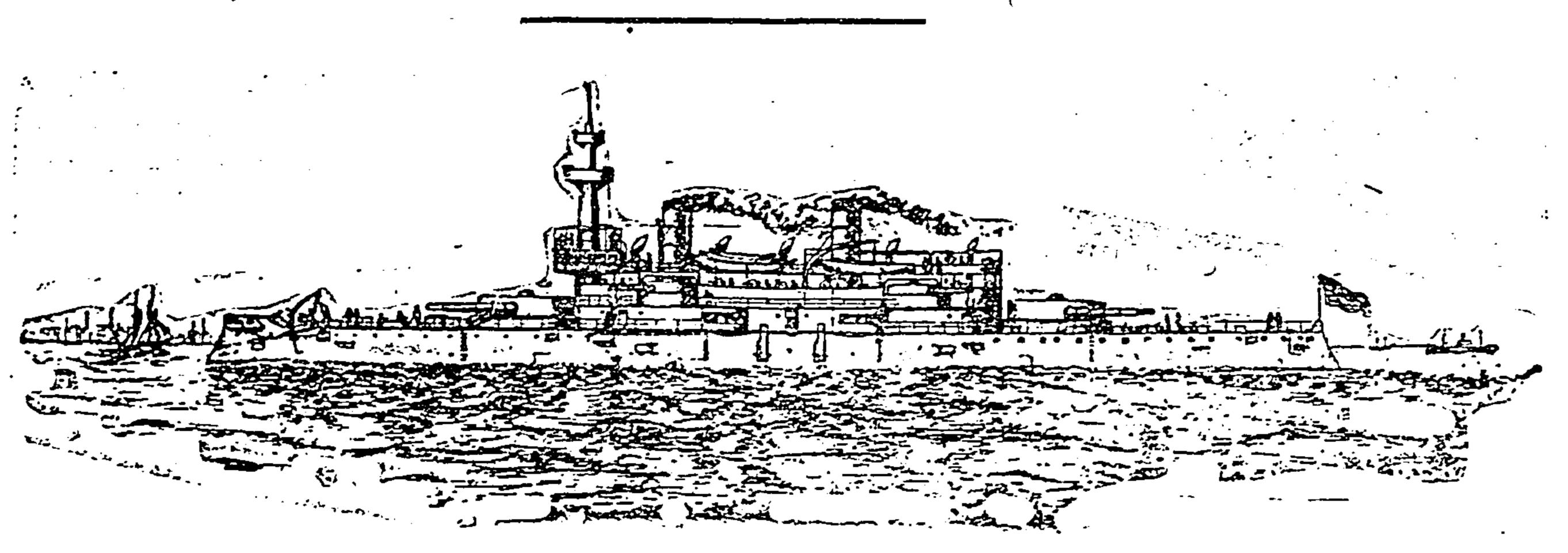
THE UNITED STATES BATTLESHIP

Further Particulars of the Destruction of the Battleship In Havana Harbor.

"PUBLIC OPINION SHOULD BE SUSPENDED."

Three Hundred Lives Lost. Intense Excitement in Madrid as Well as all Over the United States.



THE BATTLESHIP MAINE.

The following is a description of the Bettleship "Maine." Keel laid in 1888. Displacement 6,682 Fors. Speed 17.4 knots. Horse-power 7,293, Cost \$2,500,000. The main battery consists of four ten inch and six inch Breech Loading Rifles. The Secondary Battery consists of seven six nounders and eight one pounder rapid fire guns.

yet. The cause of the explosion is not iterwater explosion of magazines." yet investigated. cers escaped in a small boat to the Ward | fell in a shower on the decks of the is reported that two hundred of the crew | boats that when they were lowered they are missing, besides the two officers were useless Simultaneously with the named. It is thought that a number of cossation of falling fragments, searchthe crew wers saved by swimming to lights were thrown on the wreck and it: the bosts. Six of the wounded craw and load of agony. Spanish boats from shore one of the officers. have been taken to [joined those of the "Washington" slongthe Military Hapital by General side at once, but the regular ferryboats. Blanco's orders.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16-The following stop to offer aid." are officers twenty-four injured: crew explosion." eighteen wounded now on board Ward! KEY WEST, Feb. 16.—The light house line steamer; City Hospital and at hotels [tender "Mangrove" sailed for Havana at fifty-nine so far as known. All others 8 o'clock this morning, having went down on board, or near "Maine." on board several doctors. Total lost or missing 25%. Ward steamer | "Fern" also sailed for Havana and the leaves for Mexico this afternoon. Dam-| torpedo bost "Ericeson" left at midnigh age was in compartments of crost. Amigrith descatches for the fleet. preparing telegraph list of wounded and NEW York, Feb. 16 .- A special cable saved. "O"voite" leaves for Key West to the "Evening Telepram" from Ha-Ip.m. Will sond by her the officeral vara says: "Vice consul Springer has saved except myself. Wainwright Hol just assured me that the officers were man, Hanneberger, Ray and Holden, saved except Jankius and Merritt Havane."

Havana nays officers "Maine" state ex. A sentry stationed at the bow was plosion occurred in central magazine unburt. He had seen nothing suspicius,

Then orme a stupe idous shock. middle superstructure on deck. Only a possible effort was made to pick the fir, short circuit dynamo. very pitiable few of the three hundred but without avail. Flames spread rapidand fifty sailors ever got from balow. If and several explosions occurred. It is not likely more than forty hour it was apparent nothing could save sallors are saved. The efficers the abip."

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HAVANA. Feb. 18.—The details are to on deck narrowly escaped. In in lowering a boat and in trying learning that some of the wreckage that the effect in regard to the "Waint" the junior efficers' mess all had to rescue the men in the water. I felt on board the "City of Washington" disaster that she blew up about 9.40 p.m.; to clamber out through water and The Spanish craiser "Alfonso XIII" knocked two holes in her deck. the explosion occurring well forward wreckage wais. deep. One ladder from which was anchored close to the Chief of Police Plagliery was one or

unverified as he and most of his offi- | cable, says: "Brass pipe, angle from etc. I on fire and sinking. passing soon after the explosion did no-

detailed dispatch from Commander! WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The following Sigsbee was received by Secretary Long: | Alspatch was received at 11:49 a. m. "Advise sending wrecking vessel at Havana, Feb. 16.-To Assistan: once. Maine submerged, except dibris. [Secretary of State. All quist. Grea Mostly work for divers now. Jenkins | sorrow expressed by authorities. Sigsbee | and Merritt still missing. Little hops for I telegraphed details to Navy Department. I to the military hospitale." their safety. Those known to be saved Nothing really to report on cause of

Will soud all wounded to Haspital who are missing. Springers says at leas three hundred lives lost. Captain NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Special cory- Sigabee was on deck when the explosion right cable to "Evening World" from occurred. It was in the bow of the vessel

and that "Maine" raised up out of water I have talked with some of the rescued and then went partially to pieces. officers and scamen. One officer whose for. continues: "All but name I could not learn said "I was in my the surgeon were in the ward bunk. When I got on deck there was the time of the explosion. It is reported

HAVANA, Feb. 16 - On board the "Oity of Washington" at midnight, one of the offic was of the "Maine" said today: "A. 8 p. m. yesterday all the magazines on board the "Maine" were closed and the heys were handed to Captain Sigabes The explosion occurred at 9:45 p. m. The officers then rushed on deck and assisted

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assistance possible. The report that hundred yards from the Maine "bears deck and found she had been badly part in captain Signbee was wounded is out the foregoing statement. Continuing wrocked by the explosion, that she was assisted by boats from

> XIII and boats from the Ward liner"City of the officers being cared for at the eanof Washington" came alongside and litary headquarters, whose name cannot rendered assistance. Twenty-four men | be learned is said to have been the office?

> who were slightly wounded were of the guard at the time of the disaster. carried on board the "City of Wash- He is very young and is thought to be ergton" and the rest of the wounded I fatally injured. He called for a priest. from which place they were taken to Maine's wreck reached the Machina sistance from the navel hospitals, sent explosion occurred the navy fire brigade

midship section of the battleship. I mediately secured stretchers "Colon" and "Mexico" were taking and four marines whose names could not eight wounded men ashore after having be secured. saved them from the water. Up to two The smoke stacks of the "Maine" fell men of the United States warship Main master pay said that last Sunday there | place of safety. were 354 men on his list all told. Lieut.

"Lieutenant Blandin was on watch at 65y.

Water rusbed over them and many wers | Magazines wers burst open and explositer investigation. He expressed total Minister Woodford. stunned and drowned but not mangled. sives thrown overboard. In half an ignorance of the eause of the explosion.

A Spanish officer who witnessed the incident formed the principal topic of explosion says Captain Sigabee was the last man to abandon the sinking ship, remaining alongside the wreck as the way of rescae.

crew is said to be due to the fact that informal conference were to the effect most of them were asleep below at the that the occurance is one of very serious

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brother officers in the messroom when a though in great peril from her near The Captain Dispatch asys the account of the past beavy explosion occurred. It was so proximity to the "Maine" slackened Spanish sengers on Ward liner "City of heavy that we understood the ship her mooring tackles and, anchoring near every Washington" which was lying three would be lost, and we went to upper the the "Maine," lowered her boats and took other Spanish vessels. The chaplain All efforts, were then directed toward of the Mains, Ray, J. P. Chadwick, line steamer "olty of Washington," It "Olty of Washington" so injuring two lowering boats and saving lives. The boarded the "Alfonso XMI" soon after "Maine" settled quickly on the bottom of the explosion to administer to the the bathor, only her upper works re- | wounded. The latest reports are to the maining above the water. A number of leffect that only ninety-seven of the boats from the Spanish warship Alfonso ["Maine's" crew have been saved. One

> were taken aboard the "Alfonso XIII" | The first of the sailors from the ther quarters, and after receiving as- wharf by swimming. As soon as the were immediately ordered on duty, and This officer said the explosion oc- placed in positions where they could curred in the forward part of the assist in the work of rescue. They im- spite, Many of the crew who were below at carried the wounded, who were brought the time of the explosion were unable to the Machine wharf by carrying them to escape, and those who succesded in I to the head quarters of the Red Crosss reaching the upper decks, saved their reciety. Among these are Thomas Anlives with great difficulty. At 2 s. m, droaky burned about the arms. John Meir while the correspondent of the As-I seriously hurt about the arms and face. was another explosion. At the same time | in one foot, another named John Lunday, I the ship herself," boats from the Spanish steamers wounded on the head and badly burned.

Jenkins, and Assistant Engineer Merritt ment filed at 12.30 p. m. by Consul Gen- were thus saved. No one can tell how are among those who are not accounted eral Lee was carried by Vice Consulthe explosion took Springer to the palace as an act of court- wounded are being

Madrid Feb. 13.-The news of the disasroom at the moment of the explosion. a fire forward. There was a good that the the disaster was due to the ter to the "Maine" has canned a painful strong breeze. The call for all hands on explosion of the boiler of the dynamo impression in this city, and nothing but injured, was brought there. When asked to give a barquet in calebration of the strained and icritated. The government All the officers balow rushed on deck | deck was promptly obeyed and the men | machinery and Lieut. Commander | feelings of sympathy and sorrow for the how it happened, he said he didn't know; destruction of the An erican battle has no easy time. but ecu'd get ne farther forward than and officers were perfectly coo!. All Wainright believes it was due to the misfortune are expressed. A semi-of- he said he turned into his than mack ship. noisl note to this effect has been issued. and heard three bells strike, "and did not. These reports must however, betaken Osptain Sigabes refused to make any and the government has expressed the statement regarding the dissator until regret it feels over the catastrophe to

> on foreign relations today. The affair was not officially before the committee long as it was possible to do anything in but was nevertheless allowed to displace almost all other business: The opinion The large number of deaths among the generally expressed by Members in this time of the explosion, which was so import, and that it may result in grave complications, unless Spain can make very plain that no Spaniard was in any way responsible for it. A promingnt member of the committee after the close of the meeting, said that Spain would be expected to make an explanstion that would clear up the mystery. and that if she did not, this country would have a right to dom and such explanation. Most of the members of the committee refused to express any opinion concerning the occurrence. It has caused a decided sersation among the members attending the session of the porulist committee now in session here. Senator Butler, of North Carolina, cays the Spanish government cannot be four o'eleck in the morning by Comcharged with having any hand in the matter, and there is no danger of war re-

> > was the result of treachery. If

investigation shows that

Spanish officials are implicated

the act, although looked upon probably today sent the following message to Du HIGHLY sidered by the Spanish rabble.

friendly nature.

INDIAMAPOLIS, Ind., For. 16-Rest available. admiral George Brown, who was the tion, however, he said if a torpedo caused Clark only replied by saying "It from the shore, as torpedoes are not pen at such opportunities," leying around locse in Havana harbor where hundreds of ships are going in and cut.

purpose and for as long as desired.

curred for the disseter to the Maine. For occurred in the forward torpedo tube compartment. That would readily account for the sinking of the vessel. A public sentiment there is. torpedo fastened undernesth her bottom might have caused the same results and some enthusiastic Spaniard out of lastic robel, with an idea of United States, battleship Maine, cays: to the President of the United States. aggravating the relations between "It is impossible to refrain from a sug- | Against the injurious words to the America and Spain might have placed picton that the explosion may have been! President we protest.:

HAVANA, Feb. 16.—Of the crew of 450 a. m. fifty-seven men and twenty-four at 11,30 p. m. Three sailors were rescued only 56 are known to be saved. It is said international importance. officers had been accounted for. Pay- and fell senseless just as they reached a that Capt. Seigsbee and some few officers were visiting a merchantman in the har-The cable dispatch to the State depart- bor at the time of the explosion, and taken C 358 remember any more until I felt myself cum grano salis and, even if true, are no deck. Through a mass of smoke I got ignorant and degraded Spanjards, on deck. When I got there I found the WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 .- The "Maine" superstructure of same dipping under consideration by the senate commuttee picked up by a boat from a Spanish man-lical Agricultural company, in which helpsraons who visited the premises. So far as I can learn now, the explosion submerged and only part of her stern

the city from one end to the other. caused the wildest excitement. The electric lights wers put out by the shock and fire ergines rushed medly in every direction. No one Kaew, for certain, which direction the sound of the explesion came from. Some stated that it was the arsenal, and some stated that it was a shell. It was not until 11 Golook that the real cause was known. M'KINLEY BECEIVES THE NEWS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—President McKinley was awakened at quarter pas: mander Dickens, who read him the dispatch, and received instructions sent to Rear Admiral Liceard and Captain

BLANCO'S NOTIFICATION. Government would no doubt punish the guilty parties in a summary manner, as

would not be countenanced by the Gov- Win profound regret I inform you erument no matter how much of a Lero | that the American warship Maine blaw the author of the deed might be con- up in this herbor lest night, the result it

New York, Feb. 16 -S-fi ir De Lome is no country in the world that I love ar no I do America. It is with regret that I take my leave as the result of this responsibility today placing at their disposel the steamer "Oity of Washington," now in FAN FRANCISCY Feb. 16 -Irving M. Scott, Vice President and General

Manager of the Union Iron Works, flinsignificance, this city, which built the battle ship

## Another Account.

the same boat from the Spanish ship vessel lies with the whole of her bows CB; c, and M's. Miller, of Maxico:

sulting from it, even if the explosion the Sigebee. The president expressed deep any regret and sympathy, and seemed sathat! tiefled with the action taken.

is believed, of an accident the result of London, Feb. 16.—A report of the At- an explosion of the boller of the dynamo. War Talk Emanating From LONDON, Feb. 16.—A report of the At- | an explosion of the boller of the dynamo. societed Press containing the news of Insmediately following the accident, the the disaster to the Maine was shown to authorities of the capital hastened to the Count Deraccon, who was without in- spot to extend every aid possible. This formation on the subject. After ex- included the marines, the fire brigade pressing regret at the terrible occur- and all the commanding officers in the rance, the ambassador said, that the city, among them my chief-of-staff. I explesion must have been due to an un- bave also sent an aid-ic-eamp to offer accountable accident, as the visit of the every assistance to General Lee, the Maine to Havana was of an en'irely Urited States consul general, that he a:ay in any way require. I will forward further details as they become The Cuban War Slowly Bleed-

highest officer in the navy till his retire. Washington, Feb. 16.—Senator Dodge ment last year, was informed of the said "It is to a rious to talk about at Exists present of the present." I cannot see how the explosion admiral was exceedingly surprised to sion could have been the result of an achear of the disaster and from the mesgre cident and I think the time is rapidly news was looth to resture any explans- approaching when this country must do tion of the affair. In answer to a quest something" say Senator Cullom, Senator the explosion it must have been sent singular that such socidents only hap- feeling here against the United States is

THE LOSS OF THE "MAIRE,"

ex-President Harrison was asked by opinion in the United Sistes and Spain, nomists would side with Spain, fighting the Associated Press regarding the the tremendous nems of the destruction egainst the United States troops, and that disaster to the Maine he said. "The of the warship "Maine" in Hayana har- landing of American troops in the greating one. It is to be hoped that an bor comes to excite popular sentiment est number possible, now that the uninvestigation may leave ro doubt that it to the highest pitch. Ever since the highest pitch it is likelithy resson is coming on, it would wes an accident. If there should be any "Maine" reached Havans, the sentiment | kill them off like files. At the same time room for suspicion of foul play, it would of the populace has been growing more and more bitter, and it is quite of New York, are considered unprotectformer Spanish minister, said regarding conceivable that some plot, in d, the United States not having sufthe Maine disaster, "that if the Maine which officers of the army or nevy ficient war ships to protect them. at the bas blown up in Eavana harbor it is were concerted, was hatched, and an tamo time great calculations are made on the result of an accident. That is absolu- engine of destruction launched in the outhe business men in the United States tely cortain. There will be no war." Con-tinuing be said "The Spanish ministery darkness of night against the hated where as the bourse here would and people have been greatly migun- Yankes craft. Until an investigation accardely change, as is the case with the derstood in this country. They desire shall have established the real cause of United States. It would mersly be the peace with Americans not only the explosion, it will be wise to suspend question which is slowly bleeding the from motives of policy, but because they opinios; but it is evident that a crisis resources of the country to death. Such nearly all the prominent. Spaniards and has been reached. If it shall be shown is the representative idea of public men of influence in my country, they that an American hattleship has been Spanish feeling today. cove the country and the people. There wantonly blown up in Havana harbor, cent visit to the United States and Cuba matter how Spanish unfortunate letter incldent. Spain can thorities may be (and not for a government, and that during the under the man's quarters and this ac- the after torpado compartment was "Maine" after the not communicate counts for the reported less of life. It is jammed with mon struggling up for saved thirty-seven of the explosion accompanied with an Amera Bater, if only from motives of policy being guilty of so destardly an act), and sent now thought all the officers were saved life. All agree that a double explosion American warship." Another officer less correspondent to act as interpreter. they are determined not to have any but Jenkins and Merritt, who are missing occurred from natural result of un-said "I was sitting with two of my The Spanish cruiser, Alfonso XIII, al- war, such a thing is out of the question." nothing can hold back the American Sagasta, his personal friend NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—President H. pecple, who will demand war, and st This contained nothing in any way Booth of the Ward line telegraphed once! Publicopinion in the great cities mischievens. He went solely to learn President McKinley;and Sccretary Long of the United States was all day yesterday at fever beat, and men were waiting president in his official capacity. In the harbor of Havana and the "Vigil- anxiously for definite news. It would conclusion he considers Sr. de Lomes ance" now en route to Havans, for any almost seem that Werlerlam had reached letter private and confidential. The ac-

> 'O'egon" says, "there are several con-the Spanish people are in sympathy ditions, any of which might have oc- with men, who would commit so atroinstance fire in the coal bunkers where clous an act, so far outside of every rule Weyler. The Government feels relief they butted against the magazine might of warfare, for the Spanish people are now at having one of its own men, who have heated the partitions sufficiently to sound at core. Nor is the government explode the powder; then it might have of Spain, privy to this act, and our Madrid advices this morning show how!

its culminating point in this incident

## The London Globe.

Lordor, Feb. 10,-The Globe this af result, of the magazine.

That this terrible event should have ownred in the barbors of Havans, has i government has nothing to do with

## Rejocing ?

It was noticed that in some of the The Stanish re orts yesterday and last night. in there was considerable hilerity as of de rajaicing over the Maine catastrophe at Become, where surgeons are in at. Havans. It was even asserted that cortendance. The ship's cook, very slightly talk people of that nationality proposed

Mrs. H. J. Falkenback gave a box took place in the magazine used for the party at Orrin's feircus last night. Her storage of guncotton for torpedoes. The guests were makend make. Ditto, of Ohi- resterday morning at 8:30 for Cuerns-

# EXCITED.

the Sparish Capital.

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ing the Resources of the Country to Death.

#### (Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 16.—A special disis patch from Madrid says ."The public very highly strung. In the public mind the firm conviction is that the United. States means to force a war upon Spain and that the latter must absolutely stand Indianapolis Ind., Feb. 16.—When In the present tense state of public her ground and that if Cura the autothe ships of war could bombard the coast towns, which with the exception

from neither directly nor indirectly officially an or secretaly had any connection with the with ministers, foreign or colonial for himself privately the condition of affairs, and was not presented to the tion of the government did not popularize it at home. There are indicawhich dwarfs tre De Lome matter to tions that the Ministers are not displeased to get rid of a representative who could We do not believe that the messes of not sincerely reflect their feellings, for Sr. de Lome was a fervent member of the national party headed by Sr. Robledo and General truly represents the most liberal members of the cabinet, and who stand full of the idea of the importance of pushing the commercial treaty details, with which he is far more fitted to deal then senor Da Lome. The Government organ "El Correo" says of sen ir De Lome's letter. "It gives the Spanish or some equally enthus- termoor, referring to the disaster to the government offense far exceeding that

it there, but the very meagre reports so cresed by foul means. Although anchor. We deplore the imputation against the far received and the specific request of ed, the Maine would have steam up in Spanish government and we resent it her commander that judgement be su ... one of her bollers for her dynamos and exceedingly. "It is deplorable that a pended, indicate that the calamity was auxiliary machinery. If an infernal ma- | public functionary, invested with a disociated Press was going ashore, there a man named Gatrell, slightly wounded due to some unforesen accident on board obline was hidden in the cost and thrown i plomatic character, could write evan in into the furnace, obviously there would a private latter, ideas, which are so disbe an explosion of the boller, and, as a graceful as those from the pen of the I late minister to Washington."

> randered a solution of the mystery of the letter. It did not inspire a single prragraph and had no idea of its existence." "El Heraldo" refere to the almost continuous claims that the United States keeps bringing against Spain, and says that this the public opinion that the United States wishes by these constant claims to force s war upon Spain. This view is taken on "Change," where there is a general olice. Public fasling is much

"Ei Heraldo" says: The Spanish

## A Small Blaze,

Yesterday evening at about 7 an exturning over and falling heavily upon the .doubt the vaporings of a few of the more placion of gaseline took place at Hulls' printing office and a portion of the ceiling caught fire. The fire brigade was William EH. Dye of Indianspelia, scom on the spot and the flames were in water. I then jumped to keep from be- leaves tomorrow for the Isthmus of a short time got under control. Col. ing drawn down in the suction. I was Tehnantenec where the Mexican Trop. Villegas, chief of police, was among the of war. Four more were picked up by is interested, has considerable holdings, lingo crowd gathered in San Juan de Latran street outside the printing office.

The Raymond-Whitcomb tourists left

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