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THE MAINE DESTROYED.

Powerful United States War Ship Is Blown to Pieces.

Explosion from an Unknown Cause in Harbor of Havana-It Is Thought 100 Lives Were Lost-Cuban Capital in a Panie.

Havana, Feb. 16 .- At 9:45 Tuesday evening a terrible explosion took place on board the United States cruiser Maine in Havana harbor. Many were killed or wounded. All of the boats of Judge. the Spanish cruiser Alfonso XII. are as-

sisting. As yet the cause of the explosion is not apparent. The wounded sailors of the Maine are unable to explain it. It is believed that the cruiser is totally de-

stroyed. The explosion shook the whole city. The windows were broken in all the

A correspondent says he has conversed with several of the wounded sailors and understands from them that the explosion took place while they were asleep, so that they can give no particulars as to the cause.

The wildest demonstration prevails in Havana. The wharves are crowded with thousands of people. It is believed the explosion occurred in a small powder magazine. At midnight what remains of the Maine is still burning. Over 100 Killed.

Capt. Sigsbee and the other officers have been saved. It is estimated that over 100 of the crew were killed, but it is impossible as yet to give exact details. Admiral Manterola has ordered that

boats of all kinds should go to the assistance of the Maine and her wounded. The Havana firemen are giving aid, tending carefully to the wounded as they are brought on shore.

It is a terrible sight. Gen. Solano and the other generals have been ordered by Capt. Gen. Blanco to take steps to help the Maine's crew in every way possible. The correspondent of the Associated Press has been near the Maine in one of the boats of the cruiser Alfonso XII. and seen others of the wounded who corroborate the statement of those first interviewed that they were already asleep when the explosion occurred.

May Have Been Designed. No explanation of the explosion has been obtainable up to this time. It is assumed that one of the ship's magazines blew up or bombs were placed beside her and set off by Spaniards.

The excitement is so intense that the military authorities have ordered troops to quarters, and the streets are filled with crowds of excited citizens and soldiers jostling each other.

At this hour (two a. m.) the hull of the Maine is burning and the flames illuminate the entire harbor. Thousands have gathered at the water front to witness the unusual spectacle.

It is clear to those on shore that the vessel is sinking and will soon be at the bottom of the bay. The whole city seems on the verge of a panic.

Capt. Sigsbee says the explosion occurred in the bow of the vessel. He received a wound in the head. Orders were given to the other officers to save themselves as best they could. The latter, who were literally thrown from their bunks in their night clothing, gave the necessary orders with great self-possession and bravery.

Capt. Sigsbee's Report. Washington, Feb. 16 .- The secretary of the navy received the following tele-

"Maine blown up in Havana harbor 9:40 and destroyed. Many wounded and doubtless more killed and drowned. Wounded and others on board Spanish man-of-war and Ward line steamer. Send lighthouse tenders from Key West for crew and few pleces of equipment still above (water). No one had other clothes than those upon

gram from Capt. Sigsbee:

"Public opinion should be suspended until further report. All officers believed to be saved. Jenkins and Merritt not yes accounted for. Many Spanish officers, including representatives of Gen. Blance, now with me and express sympathy.

"SIGSBEE," The officers referred to in the above dispatch are: Lieut. Friend W. Jenkins and Assistant Engineer Darwin H. Merritt. From the wording of the dispatch the navy department thinks it is people to think of the same thing in one possible that they were on shore at the time of the accident. The secretary of the navy received

another dispatch from Key West at the same time with the above, but its contents were not made public. The orders for the lighthouse tenders

were at once sent to Key West in plain language.

The Maine and Her Commander. The Maine is a battle ship of the second class and is regarded as one o, the best ships in the new navy. She was built at the Brooklyn navy yard and is 318 feet long, 75 feet broad, 21.6 mean draught and 6.682 tons displacement. She carries four ten-inch and six six-inch breech-loading guns in her main battery and seven sixpounder and eight one-pounder rapid-fire guns and four Gatlings in her secondary

battery, and four Whitehead torpedoes. The commander of the Maine, Capt. Sigsbee, is a favorite in the navy department. For four years he was chief of the hydrographic office, and by his energy brought the office up to a high standard. He was lucky to get so important a ship as the Maine, considering his actual rank, which is that of a commander, but immediately he justified the department's judgment in the selection by running his ship straight into a dock in New York harbor to avoid running down a packed excursion boat. This was a display of quick judgment, nerve and pluck that pleased the department so highly that the captain was sent a complimentary letter.

On the Wrong Tack. He aimed to be a statesman When he started out to work; He thought he'd be a Webster, A Macaulay or a Burke.

For years he toiled obscurely In the interests of the state, But at last turned politician, So now he's rich and great. -Chicago Daily News. Perhaps That Is Why,

"When a doctor is ill be invariably calls in another physician to treat him, but one tailor never goes to another for a suit of clothes."

"Well, a doctor who treats a doctor never sends a bill for his services."-



"Pa, who was the old woman who lived in a shoe?"

"She was originally a New York girl who married a Chicago shoemaker, and was left a widow without & home."-Harlem Life.

Not a Sup. Her lover is her beau till they are wed. But after that he'll be her beau ho longer; Nor is she sorry—bow-knots, he it said.
Oft come untied, but marriage ties are stronger. -N. Y. Journal.

Changed Her Mind. Mildred-So you and Fred Burwick are engaged? I thought you said a few weeks ago that you would n't have him if he were the last man on earth. Jessie-I know I did, but they say that Frankie Jones and Gertrude Mills

News. It Sounds Nice. "I think," said Miss Elder, who had been reading the news from Wall street, "that if I were to go into stock trading

are both crazy for him.-Chicago Daily

would be a short." "Why?" asked Miss Kittish. "Oh, the shorts are squeezed so often." -Town Topics.

Given a Comprehensive Answer. "Does he know anything?"

"Know anything!" The tone was an answer in itself. "Know anything! Why, he's the kind of man who would hunt for a leak in a gas pipe with a candle."-Chicago Post.

Effect of Environment. "One of the tallest men I ever knew was a Rhode-Islander. He measured

nearly seven feet in height." "Perhaps he had to grow that way. There was no room for him to spread out."-Chicago Tribune.

Is Rather Circumscribed. "The supreme court of Delaware has forbidden women to practice law in that state."

"Well, any woman with the least bit of ambition would certainly want a wider field."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Trusting Soul. "Henry," said the anxious young wife, that you had 'lost five bones.' If you that 21/2 per cent. shall be used for educafeel that way, dear, why don't you go and see some good osteopathist?"-Chicago Tribune.

Fast Traveling. Miss Horty-Really, Mr. Drinkleigh, you ought to try ice yachting. Drinkleigh-Why?

Miss Horty (significantly)-They say it takes one's breath away .- N. Y. Jour-



Not Just as He Meant.

"Johnson wants to borrow some money on me. Do you know anything about him?"

wouldn't let him have a cent."-Indianapolis Journal. One of Life's Mysteries.

Though every man upon the earth Has troubles of his own, Few have enough to make them leave The other chap's alone. -Chicago Journal.

Psychology. "I don't believe it's possible for two

moment." "You wait until you owe your tailor a bill, and meet him in the street."-Pick-Me-Up.

He Owes Them to Her. May-They say a man always kisses his wife a great deal during the honey-

Belle-Well, he ought to-to make up for the other fellow's kisses she ha given up .- Town Topics.

Her Choice. "And you say that Winnifred Mere-

dith married a man of letters?" "Yes; her husband has his sign-painting establishment up over my store."-Chicago Daily News

Mrs. Grumpy-Why are the doctors bunting about and discovering so many new diseases? Grumpy-Trying to find something

Merely a Guess.

that they can cure. - Detroit Free Press. When It is Effective.

Blinks-Moral suasion is a great Winks-Provided of course you've got lots of physical force to back it up. -Town Topics.

Slightly Egotistical. She-Don't you think that you are

little in love with yourself? He-That's because I think so much of you. I am naturally fond of any-"I know him as well as I do you. I thing that you are fond of .- Boston Transcript.

> At 11:15 P. M. "Farewell! Farewell!" he cries in pain, His arms enfold her tight; His kisses fall like autumn rain Upon her forehead white; For he knows he'll see her not again Until to-morrow night! -Up-to-Date.

> > A MODERN WASHINGTON.



"No, mamma, I cannot tell a lie; sampled all the jam."

Bargain Counter. In silks, and furs, and feathers fine, With eagerness intense, Behold them stand all day in line, To save eleven cents. -Chicago Tribune.

ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE

Proceedings of the Special Session from Day to Day. Springfield, Ill., Feb. 18 .- In the senate

yesterday the house bill taxing foreign corporations in the same manner as domestic corporations was advanced to second reading. The house joint resolution favoring the annexation of Hawaii was concurred in and the revenue bill was passed and sent to the house,

Springfield, Ill., Feb. II .- In the senate yesterday a resolution was adopted asking the Illinois representatives in congress to work for the bill appropriating \$500,000 for the erection of a monument in Washington to the memory of Abraham Lincoln. The following nominations were made by the governor and confirmed: Members of the board of commissioners of labor, P. H. Donnelly, of Springfield, to succeed himself; Randolph Smith, of Flora, to succeed James Alex: L. W. Fribourg, of Decatur, to succeed Andrew Jaeger, deceased; ? D. Kelligar, of Pana, to succeed himself; S. M. Dalzell, of Spring Valley, to succeed himself.

Mr. Harshberger's primary election bil was reported from the house and referred to the committee on elections. The house joint resolution favoring postal savings banks was concurred in and the primary election bill was passed and signed by the governor.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 12.-In absence of Lieut, Gov. Northcott, President Pro Tem. Fisher presided over the senate yesterday. There was not a quorum present Senator Dwyer introduced a bill amending the park and boulevard act of 1895. It was referred to the committee on municipalities. Adjourned to 5:20 Monday afternoon.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 15 .- When the hour of 5:30 o'clock arrived yesterday afternoon there was not a single member of the senate present. There was no one to preside and no one to move adjournment, and Senator Littler was telephoned the situation. He came and called the senate to order and then adjourned it until to-day.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 16,-In the senate yesterday Senator Campbell offered a bill changing the ratio of percentage of school "I hear you muttering in your sleep taxes in Cook county. The bill provides tional purposes and 214 per cent. for building purposes. The present law provides young girl. He is 32 years old. for two and three per cent. respectively. The House.

> Springfield, Ill., Feb. 10.-By a vote of 88 to 10 the house yesterday passed the Harnsberger primary bill and the bill appropriating \$4,000 for the printing and binding of the journals of the present extra session. The senate revenue bill was not concurred in and a conference committee was appointed.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 11.-In the house yesterday the McGinnls telephone bill was again recalled to second reading on motion of Mr. Hall, of Cook, and then made a special order for next Tuesday.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 12.-In the absence of Speaker Curtis, Mr. Anderson presided over the house yesterday. Mr. Buckner introduced a bill for special assessments for parks in Chicago, and it was referred to the revenue committee. Adjourned to 5:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. Springfield, Ill., Feb. 15,-The house met at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, with Mr. Anderson in the chair. No quorum was present and an adjournment was immediately taken to ten o'clock this morning. Springfield, Ill., Feb. 16.-In the house

LOADING GRAIN FOR EUROPE. Big Rush at Philadelphia That Is Tax-

Chicago, was adopted.

ing the Capacity of the Elevators. Philadelphia, Feb. 14. - Fifteen steamships are now in port loading or waiting their turn to load the grain that is coming to the city from the west in great quantities. Their aggregate carrying capacity amounts to over 3,000,000 bushels, and all the grain elevators at Port Richmond, Washington avenue and Girard point rush upon them. This big grain fleet consists of the British steamships Anna Moore, Briardene, Cyril, Cyrus, Cape vin, Langham, Florence, Aurelia, Bare- years. ly and Victoria; the Italian steamers

During the past week 13 other vessels, not including regular lines, were chartered to load grain here, and the prospects for large shipments of corn, wheat and oats were never brighter. A number of the vessels recently ordered here came from Hampton Roads, their charters having been effected while they were at sen.

MINGLE IS HANGED. Goes on the Gallows Without a Tremor-Makes a Speech.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 12. - James Mingle, the murderer of the infant, Dellie Briscoe, and who at the time made a terrible attempt on the woman's life, expiated his crime on the gallows. Sheriff Baxter sprung the trap at 10:45 a. m. and at 10:54 Mingle was dead. The condemned man showed his iron nerve to the last moment. He was a game man and died that way, and now the people are inclined to look upon him as a hero. From the scaffold he said:

"My friends, I'm now on the scaffold I'm going to eternity. I'm only on a journey to meet my child in Heaven. Anyone having a message to send there I will take it. I forgive everyone that had anything to do with my trial and bear no ill feeling. I hope to meet you all in Heaven. I'm going to my baby, and my little woman will join me soon, for she has not long to live. She will meet me. She has forgiven me. I forgive all. I'm going to \$70,000. Heaven where I hope to meet you all." 'Mingle's neck was broken by the fall

and he did not make the slightest move after the drop fell.

Standard Oil Magnate Gone. Cleveland, O., Feb. 16. - Mr. George

H. Hopper, well known as a large stockholder in the Standard Oil company, died at his beautiful home, Elmwood, near Unionville, after an illness of over a year. Mr. Hopper was 60 years of age. state convention at Chicago May 17. He was noted for his liberality. He leaves, a wife and three children, Mr. found frozen to death in Chicago. Charles Hopper ,the actor; Mrs. Nicho-Ashtabula.

ILLINOIS STATE NEWS,

Asks Help for Cubs. Gov. Tanner has issued the following

proclamation; To the People of the State of Illinois: Inasmuch as the president of the United States has appealed for contributions in aid of the starving citizens of Cuba, and has authorized the National Business league to collect money and supplies to be sent to Consul-General Lee for distribu-

Therefore, I, John R. Tanner, governor of Illinois, do hereby recommend and request that all persons willing to aid in this work of international relief send such contributions to Elbridge G. Keith, of Chicago, who is the treasurer of the Cuban relief fund. While I approve and second the action of the president in this regard, it is deeply impressed upon my mind that measures of temporary relief are but pailiative in their nature, and that while their effect is partly good it is also partly injurious and deplorable What is demanded at our hands, in my

judgment; is prevention, which can be secured by using only all the influence and power of the government to put an end to the civil war in 'Cuba, for which the time now seems fully ripe, by recognizing the Cuban republic and insisting that the freedom and independence of the Cuban people shall be respected throughout the

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of state, on this, the 11th day of February, A. D. 1898, and of the independence of the United States 122d.

JOHN R. TANNER.

Charged with Bigamy,

Sheriff Felix Jackson arrested William Blythe in Rushville. It is charged that he has a wife and four children in McDonough county and a young bride in Rushville. For many years Blythe has resided with his family in Macomb, 30 miles north. A few weeks ago he came to Rushville and, it is alleged, married Loucina Howe, a

Death of D. C. Hagle, Assistant Attorney-General D. C. Hagle died at his home in Flora after an

illness of several weeks, of a complication of diseases. Mr. Hagle was 59 years of age, and was a native of Wayne county. He served in the army with honor. A widow and four children survive him. He was a brother-in-law of Gov. Tanner. Found Guilty.

Theodore H. Schintz, lawyer and banker, who failed last summer with debts of nearly \$800,000, was found guilty in Chicago of the embezzlement of \$3,844 from the Franz Ertel estate, and his punishment was fixed at imprisonment in the penitentiary,

Indicted for Murder. The grand jury in Decatur returned an indictment against Joe Mauzy, son

yesterday no business of importance was of ex-Sheriff Mauzy, for the murder of transacted. An amendment to the Rowe Mat McKinley on the night of July 3, revenue bill, making it applicable only to 1899. For this crime Ephraim (alias Jack) Faunce, is now serving a sentence in the Joliet penitentiary.

Luctgert Found Guilty.

Adolph Louis Luetgert, charged with murdering his wife May 1, 1897, in Chicago, was found guilty and his sentence fixed at life imprisonment. This was his second trial, the jury in the first failing to agree. Another trial will be asked for.

Told in a Few Lines. Joseph C. Hollman, a well-known are kept busy in meeting this heavy newspaper writer, died in Springfield,

aged 52 years. H. F. Dodd, one of the oldest and bestknown railroad men on the Burlington Comarin, Strathgarry, Vizoania, Bjarg- system, died in Galesburg, aged 62

An earthquake shock startled people Glenarchy, and the Swedish steamship in Edwardsville. The vibrations, while not severe, lasted several minutes and shook glassware perceptibly.

Five hundred teachers were present at the midwinter meeting of the La Salle County Teachers' association at Ottawa. J. D. Pratt, of St. Louis, Mo., said to represent a Chicago syndicate, has pur-

chased the Voge coal mine at Staunton. Decatur is to have the chief western factory of the newly-organized Consolidated American Match company, recently formed at Philadelphia, Pa., with a capital stock of \$3,000,000.

Richard Neill was gored to death by a bull at Carlyle. For violating the state medical act in

treating a child by Christian science methods at Batavia, Miss Willette Mc-Cracken was fined \$100. It will be made a test case in the higher courts. Benjamin Hokum, of Galva, was

struck by an engine and killed. The tabernacle of the Christian church was dedicated at Moweaqua.

Rev. Thomas F. Mangan, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church in Joliet, died at the age of 81 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin R. Thompson, of Raritan, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. Henry Harms, of Chicago, purchased

the Galesburg, Etherly & Eastern railroad at a master's sale at Galesburg for

Two thousand medical students in Chicago had a fight with the police over a snowball battle.

Burglars entered the post office at Harvey, opened the safe and took \$1,800 in money and stamps,

Freight trains collided near Peoria and Engineer Moore was killed and 15 cars destroyed.

Democrats of Illinois will hold their William Morgan, 60 years old, was

Rev. S. R. Lyons, of Bloomington, Ind., las, of Cleveland, and Mrs. Fitch, of has been elected president of Monmouth college.