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Misconstruction Placed on Words of Secretary Long.

He Publicly Explains That It Was Not an Official Utterance—Viscaya Reaches Havana—The Court of Inquiry.

Washington, March 2.—The main interest of the day in connection with the Maine inquiry centered in a statement by Secretary Long, following the cabinet meeting, that in his personal opinion any official participation by the Spanish government in the blowing up of the Maine was now practically eliminated from the situation. This statement was not of a formal or official character, and was made by Mr. Long as he walked away from the white house. As usual the various cabinet officers were besieged with inquiries as to the questions before the meeting, and in response to these importunities the secretary rather casually summed up the situation in a few words, stating that most of the time had been given to the outrages on colored postmasters

While activity continues in the navy yards, there is a display of war spirit in all sections of the country. Among others offering their services in case of a conflict with Spain are the coal miners of the Pittsburgh district.

Nothing New Is Known. Key West, Fla., March 2.—The second day's sessions of the court of inquiry are over, and nothing new is known regarding the fate of the Maine, at all events outside the members of the court. Some who confidently declared a week ago that the court had already found that the vessel was intentionally blown up have modified this conviction, and, for the most part, admit that such reports must have been based largely on speculation. Even naval officers are apparently as much in the dark as the civilians as to what the court's opinion is at the present moment. Excellent progress has been made in the examinations, and the court will probably finish its work here to-day, when its members will be taken back to Havana on the Mangrove.

Funeral Plans. Admiral Sicard has requested Dr. Malloney, the mayor of Key West, to prevent a local demonstration when the funeral of the Maine's dead occurs. He

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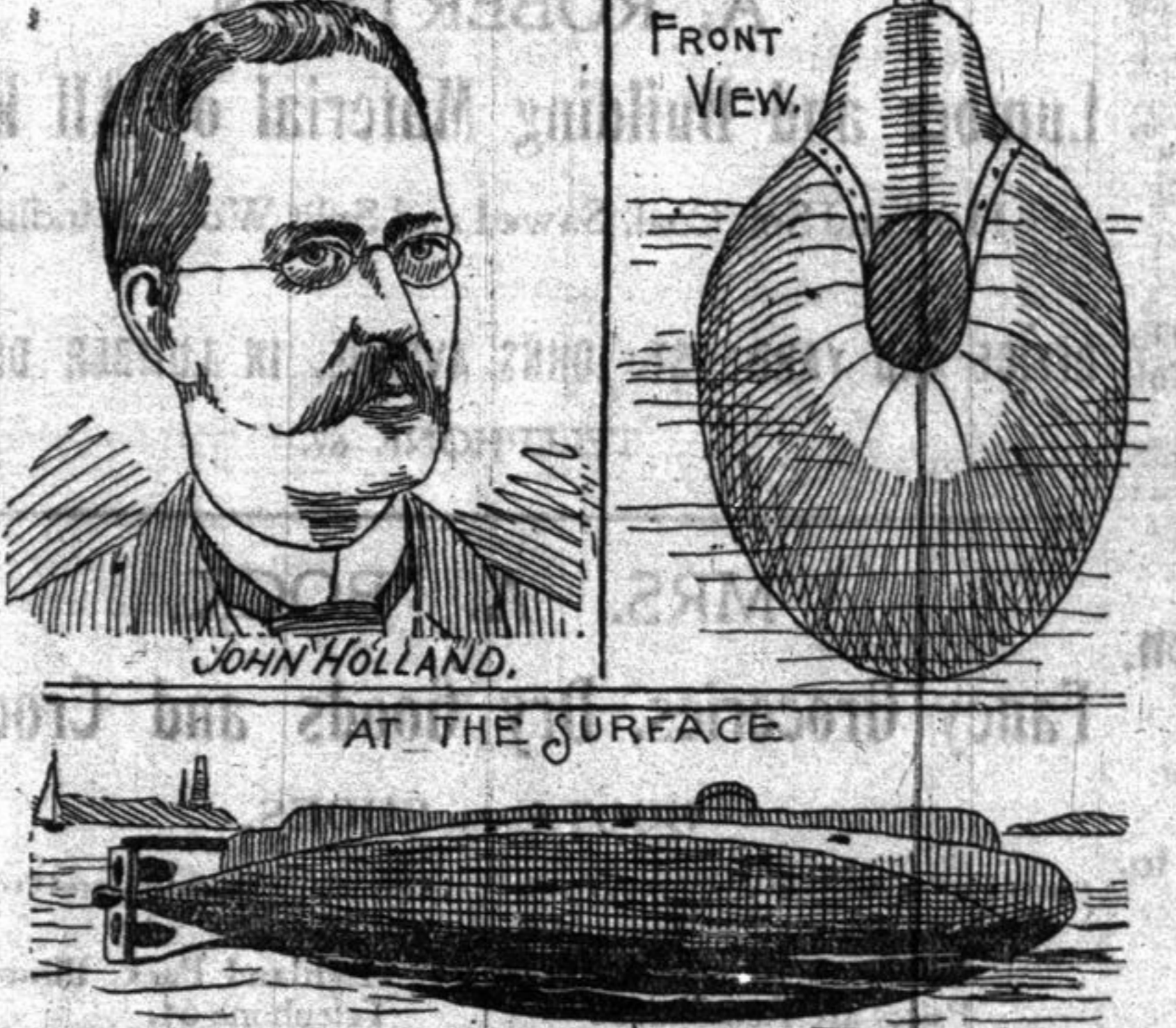
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in the south. Naturally the Cuban situation had been gone over, he said, but there were no actual developments and he felt that public excitement over the subject had materially abated. Then he added the statement, in the same passing way, that any participation by the Spanish government in the blowing up of the Maine was practically eliminated, in his judgment. This last remark was speedily given wide circulation apart from the quieting references which had accompanied it. It immediately started much comment and discussion, and when Mr. Long returned to the navy department after lunch he found that what he had intended to convey was being given the force of an official declaration that Spain's responsibility for the disaster had been eliminated. In order to make clear his meaning, as a personal expression of opinion, Mr. Long dictated the following statement:

"The main things we talked about in cabinet were the outrages on postmasters, one a white man in Georgia and one a colored man in South Carolina.

"In regard to the Cuban situation, I said I thought things were growing quieter every day and as far as my judgment went I was inclined to think that any official participation on the part of the Spanish government in the disaster was now practically eliminated.

Aside from this incident the day brought forth few developments of importance relating to the Maine. No dispatches of any character from Key West, where the court of inquiry is sitting, were given out during the day, and as the rule of publicity is still in force presumably nothing came from that quarter. The vessel movements announced during the day were devoid of significance.

has asked that in the event of a parade being formed by the residents only American flags shall be displayed. Mayor Malloney has promised to carry out Admiral Sicard's wishes as far as possible, but doubts whether the strong Cuban and anti-Spanish sentiment can be suppressed. All of the funeral arrangements will be under the direction of Commander McCall, of the Marblehead. As now planned, small details of marines will be landed from the vessels here and at the Tortugas, and the artillery at barracks will join in paying the last honors.

Viscaya Reaches Havana.

Havana, March 2.—The Spanish cruiser Viscaya arrived off Morro castle at six o'clock Tuesday evening, after a good voyage from New York. She was met by scores of steam launches and gayly decorated yachts with bands, and as she steamed to her moorings enthusiastic welcomes were shouted from all the quays, which were lined with thousands of people. The streets and plazas were gay with bunting, rockets were discharged and there was continuous cheering from all the boats.

Liberals Defeated.

Toronto, Ont., March 2.—General elections for the Ontario legislature took place throughout the province Tuesday, and resulted in a virtual, if not actual, defeat for the liberal government, which has held power for more than 25 years.

French Gunboat Sunk.

Sydney, N. S. W., March 2.—A terrible hurricane has devastated New Caledonia, doing great damage to shipping, the French gunboat Loyalty being sunk.

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