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CRISIS IS AT HAND 253 KNOWN TO BE LOST. CABINET IN SESSION; GROWING BELIEF IN DE LOUPE IN PANIC, FLEES. SPANISH TREACHERY.

Maine Destroyed by an Outside Attack, Naval Officers Believe.

Censored Dispatches from Havana Say a Shot Was Heard Before the Ship's Magazines Blew Up.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The President has called a special meeting of the Cabinet at 10 o'clock this morning. It is believed that the President has called the Cabinet to discuss the situation in Havana, and to consider the possibility of sending a fleet to the city.



Plan of Maine's Bow, Showing Position of Various Compartments.



Position of the Maine Today in Havana Harbor.

England Believes It Full Play. The British cabinet has decided to support the United States in its demand for the return of the Maine to Havana harbor.

These Saw the Tragedy. Passengers on the Maine saw the explosion and the ship's destruction.

Wonders if Dynamic. The explosion was so powerful that it was believed to be a dynamite explosion.

EXTRA NIGHT EXTRA.

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Scene in the Hospital.

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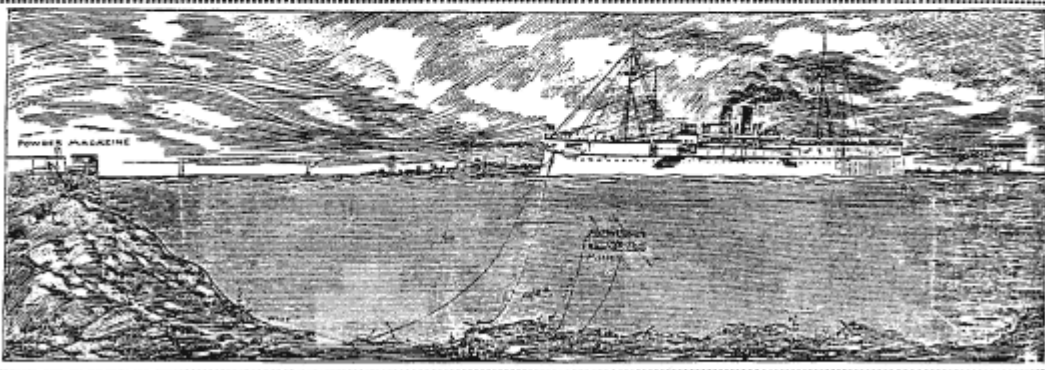
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The Journal Offers \$50,000 Reward for the Conviction of the Criminals Who Sent 258 American Sailors to Their Death. Naval Officers Unanimous That the Ship Was Destroyed on Purpose.

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NAVAL OFFICERS THINK THE MAINE WAS DESTROYED BY A SPANISH MINE.
George Easton Brown, the Journal's special correspondent at Havana, cables that it is the settled opinion of many commanders in the Cuban capital that the Maine was destroyed and sunk by means of a submarine mine or mines. This is the opinion of several American naval authorities. The Spaniards, it is believed, managed to lay the mine or mines under the Maine's bows, and it is thought the explosion was caused by sending an electric current through the wire. If this can be proved, the total number of the Spaniards will be shown for the fact that they managed to spring the mine and sink the Maine before the eyes of the world. The Spaniards' story is the picture shows where the mine may have been fired.

Hidden Mine or a Sunken Torpedo Believed to Have Been the Weapon Used Against the American Man-of-War—Officers and Men Tell Thrilling Stories of Being Blown Into the Air Amid a Mass of Shattered Steel and Exploding Shells—Survivors Brought to Key West Scout the Idea of Accident—Spanish Officials Protest Too Much—Our Cabinet Orders a Searching Inquiry—Journal Sends Divers to Havana to Report Upon the Condition of the Wreck.

MAINE EXPLOSION CAUSED BY BOMB OR TORPEDO

Capt. Sigsbee and Consul-General Lee Are in Doubt--The World Has Sent a Special Tug, With Submarine Divers, to Havana to Find Out--Lee Asks for an Immediate Court of Inquiry--260 Men Dead.

IN A SUPPRESSED DESPATCH TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT, THE CAPTAIN SAYS THE ACCIDENT WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY AN ENEMY.
 Dr. E. C. Pendleton, Just Arrived from Havana, Says He Overheard Talk There of a Plot to Blow Up the Ship--Capt. Zairski, the Dynamite Expert, and Other Experts Report to The World that the Wreck Was Not Accidental--Washington Officials Ready for Vigorous Action if Spanish Responsibility Can Be Shown--Divers to Be Sent Down to Make Careful Examinations.



THE WRECKAGE OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON WAS FOLLOWED BY A TIDE OF PUBLIC OPINION OF SUCH A NATURE AS TO HAVE CAUSED BY THE END OF FEBRUARY TO BE SENT TO HAVANA, CUBA, TO INVESTIGATE THE CAUSE OF THE EXPLOSION.

THE WRECK STORY OF THE MAINE TOLD IN A FEW WORDS.
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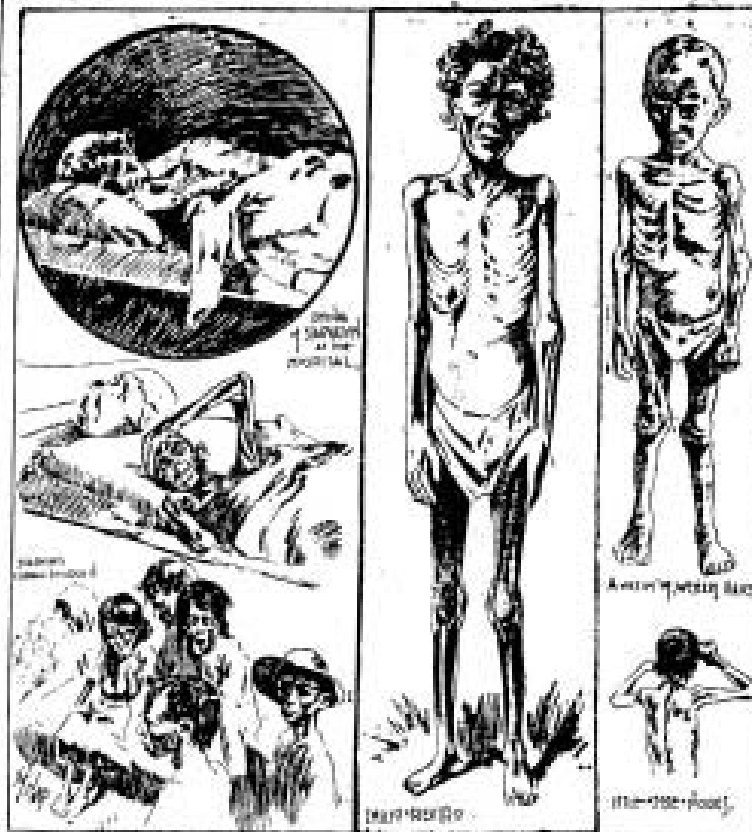
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THE SPIRIT OF WAR PERVADES THE BREASTS OF ALL AMERICANS.

Patriotic Citizens Advocate Recourse to Arms to Wreak
Vengeance Upon Spain for the Cruel and
Cowardly Destruction of the Maine.



WHAT SENATOR PRATOR SAW IN CUBA



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