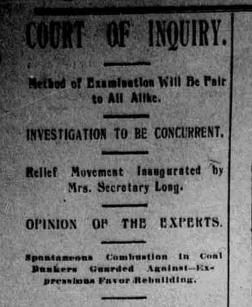
HOUSTON DAILY POST SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 20, 1898,



Washington, February 19 .- The interest. ing feature of the day's news at the navy department was the decision of the government to allow concurrent invastigations of the cause of the Maine disaster, for its own part an independent inquiry by the naval court of inquiry already appointed, while permitting the Spanish authorities to make such investigation as they desire. This arrangement commended itself to naval men as alike fair to all and at the same time as calculated to develop the facts in such a manuer as could not be questioned. There was a good deal of talk among the officials of the department for speedy measures for the benefit of the families of the victims of the explosion. It is not doubted that congress will do us it did in the case of the Samoan district-provide for a year's pay. However, such a measure ure can not be passed at once, and in the meantime some of the families of the dead sations will be in great distress.

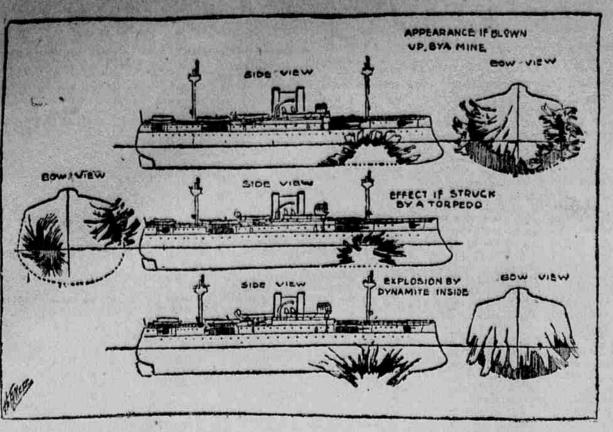
The subject has been taken up by Mrs. Long, who has called a meeting to meet on Monday to Infilute the move. It hap pens that by a rare chance of an unexpected change of poymasters recently, very peeted charge of paymasters recently, very inde of the servings of the Maine's allors went down in the versel. About two wrets ago Paymaster Dabrield of the Maine was relieved by Faymestor Ray. The former came to Washington and has settled the recounts of the ship up to the time he left. The record shows that Paymanter tay had on hand in the safe only about \$1000 in cash, probably gold, and a check for \$5000, which, of course, is safe enough which, of

cash, probably gold, and a check for 1000, which, of course, is safe enough without his indersement, against less. Since the spontaneous combession theory has come so prominently to the front as accounting for the disaster, the official a parallel case, as near as may be. The flagship New York was discovered to be on fire March 2, 1896. Smoke was leaded from her main magazine. This was cleared of powers aftely, and the woodwork had been charred deeply. The cause was not at first perceptible,

hut it was soon discovered that an edjoin-ing coal bunker was burning. When the bunker was opened the ceal of Log was not how, but as the men dur flower huie the mass it was found to be red hol findle. There was no manifestation of best on the top of the bunker, nor on any save the one adde next the magazine. This statist the maval officers, and the constructors made a considerable space between the hunkers and the magazine. In the designing of the new battleship now on the stocks the least for the defense of the country. They could be ready for action in forty-entity hours. and the magazine. In the designing of the new battleahlp now on the stocks the lea-son was kept in mind and everything preible done to insulate the coal bunkers

Secretary Long has given orders that there should be observed no longer the or-der to all ships and commands to display the National colors at half mast.

practical considerations. He that the ship lies in a land-



The Enemy's Blow or Accident? How the Discovery May Be Made.

(The government can without doubt learn whether the loss of the Maine was due to the treachery of the Spaniards or recident. An inspection of the sunken vessel will be made by divers. A blow delivered from the outside would bend the plates inward and if the explosion occurred in the powder magazine the plates will show it. The upper plature shows the Maine as she appears if a mine was exploded under her. If a torpedo, secretly launched by Spaniards, struck the big warship the second plature shows the condition she is in. An explosion inside the vessel would tear a big hole in her bottom, bending the pintes outward, as shown in the third picture .- New York Journal.)

be placed in a new Maine. It is to be reiembered that a great advance has been ade in ship building since the Maine was origned and a finer ship to bear her name ould be built today, but it would take thip is good, with a modernized battery and big improvements in rebuilding the in-fured persions, a magnificent vessel can be

quickly recured. Chief Engineer Meller has decided views in favor of the proposition to rebuild the Maine. "If, suppose she cost \$1,000,000." Maine. "It, sup said he, "a new said be. 's new ship equal to the Maine would cost nearly \$5,000,000. The rapid re-liairs could be mide and the ship put into service again in a year at the farthest. To build a new ship like her would take at least three years. With regard to the probability of regions the years is to be

for the defense of the country. They could be ready for action in forty-cight hours. They could .

TO PROCEED INDEPENDENTLY.

Investigation of the Maine Disaster to Be Inder Sigsbee's Directions. Washington, Fobruary 19 .-- Secretary There is no abatement of talk of the Long and Assistant Socretary Day of the expediency of relaing the Maine. Be points out from Consul General Lee at Havana trans- . this armament,

FORTIFICATIONS OF HAVANA.

Washington, February 15 -- Havana harbor is fortified as befits the eighth most important commercial harbor of the world. It is true that New York only of all American ports commands a greater shipping. The harbor is one naturally arranged for defense. Nature's plan was supplemented with gateway fordifications and guns as early as 1589. Lord Albemarie and a fleet of 200 English vessels and 14,000 men were withstood for twenty-five days of pattle in 1762, after which the fortifications of the harbor were mined and surrender followed. No sooner had the Spanish acquired possession of the harbor again, however, that the fortifications were rebuilt, enlarged and better equipped. Saveral times in the century following radical changes were made in the armaments of these fortifications by way of keeping up with the improved equipments of warefare.

Havana's defense equipments, however, were largely planned with a view to repelling buccaneers in the first place, and when the walls of stone and extensive curthwork embankments were built, which constitute the main fortitleations of the harbor, there was little thought of the penetrating powers to be possessed by modern rifles. As a fortified harbor under the conditions of warfare a generation ago, Havana was considered imprognable. It is still called the "impregnable port," but what sort of a stand it would make with a modern Leen chaired deeply. The cause was not at first perceptible. Int it was not bunker was burning. When the Orders have been baned for the control of poor defenses. A more secure harbor naturally can hardly be imagined. Approached by a narrow studit, three-numbers of the call of t fleet hombarding the city from the open sea is another question. It would then less than a quarter wide, the Bay of Havana spreads out much like an open hand, affording shipping an easy shelter in each of the ramifications. New York harbor and the Golden Gate are not more securely guarded by their natural gateways. Havana is upon the peniusula at the west approach, and is built away from the gulf shore in such a way as to line the harbor, thereby being mostly securely inland. This pennsula is held by Principe fortrees, which juts out into the water and has a commanding sweep of the water line in three directions. Further west, along the coast line, at the extreme end of the city, is planted the Reina battery, in position to protect the shore line down to the gateway held by Principe. Across the narrow entrance to the harbor-not more than 370 feet wide at the narrows-stands the famous Morro Castle upon a beetling bright surmounted by an imposing stone lighthouse. Behind El Morro and entending slong the cast side of the harbor entrance is Cabanas fortress, the real significant fortification of the harbor. The fortified hills of Cabanas show rows of bristling guns that produce a crozs fire with the guns of Principe. There are expediency of ridsing the Maine. Chief of Construction Hichborn is one of the president this morning, which lasted the president this morning, which lasted to rows of guins on the water line in from of the city. These parallel torics could prevent, it is thought, any fleet from passing into the harbor. Modern rifles of large caliber have become the sent morning the first sent produce a cross fire with the guins of Principe. They also rows of guins on the water line in from of the city. These parallel torics could prevent, it is thought, any fleet from passing into the harbor. also rows of guns on the water line in front of the city. These parallel bat-

Modern rifles of large caliber have become the real authoritative voice of These are so arranged at both Morro and Prin the sea. The Cabanas guns guard approaches by land, as well as the sea. Across the neck of the Hashna peninsula are the batteries of La Punta, which are able to protect the city and harbor from the southwest corner of the city, At the upper end of the bay is Atares fortress, which commands all the inner harbor and the bay shore line of the city. The navy yard and powder magazines

"VIZCAYA" AT NEW YORK. Kidney and Bladder Troubles Quickle

Her Officers and Crew Expect No You May Have a Sample Bottle of the Great "Accident."

AN AMERICAN WARSHIP IS IN SIGHT.

What Is Supposed to Be the Cruise Brooklyn Has Dropped Auchor Off Sandy Hook.

New York, February 19 .- A reporter of the Associated Press boarded the Spanish eruiser Vizeaya at \$:45 a. m. today in company with Commander Sobral, naval at tache of the Spanish legation at Washington, Vizcomte Mariano Fabregas Stetelo Don Manuel de Suarez, secretary of the Spanish consulate, and Chief of Police Mc-Cullough. As Commander Sobral was not in uniform, the marines were not lined up to receive the visitors and the formal welcome was replaced by the exchange of hospitable greetings in true Castillian style. Captain Antonio Eulate shook hands with his visitors.

Every one on board knew of the Maine's fate and from the youngest apprentice to the senior officer all the Spanlards were ager to express their sorrow. An officer long in the Spanish navy said; "The loss of so many brave men and so fine a ship is an appailing catastrophe. The American navy and people have our sympathy

news that the Maine was destroyed by treachery was scorned. Not an officer on board would for a moment entertain any solution of the diamter, except that it was caused through accident. "Such things have happened." they said.

"It is terrible, but it is part of the lot of haitleships. In peace her danger is often as great as in war." No one could be found on board who evinced the slightest anxiety as to the safety of the Viscoya while in New York. Expressions on the subject of the extraord-

inary precautions taken for their protection ware guarded.

The trip of the Vizcaya from Las Palmas to New York was not without Incident, B ween the Bermudas and Cape Hatterras which ended in a buricane. The captain, speaking of his boat said

"She is a magnificent scaboat and de-spite thirty four hours battering of heavy seas no accident occurred nor was a man injured.

This hurricane explains the tardiness of the Vizcaya's arrival here. The tifp across, however, was taken feisurely and no at-tempt was made to test the remarkable coal capacity of the cruises. Her bunkers hold coal enough to enable her to steam for wenty consecutive days at the rate

twenty-one miles an hour, an eccomplish-ment possessed by few warships. The Vizcava's lines are easy terminating forward in one of the most victous looking name ever seen in these waters. Her freeboard is low, leaving little as a target, uns in the fore and aft turrets have an ef ective range of ten miles. By the ar angement of the upper or main battery fore and two aft, a direct fore and aft fire is provided. The guns adjoining these have a midway range between fore and att There is the usual and broadside fire main deck broadside rapid-firing battery. The lower deck has a somewhat similar ar-rangement, including Nordenfeldts and the order which prevailed on board today was excellent. The solors are a hardy lot. More are due here on the Dia by the Manand marines, making a total of 443.

Supposed American Warship. New York, February 19 .- At 10:10 toalght the observer at Sandy Hook reported that a warship was passing there bound in and that it appeared to be an American

plosion

grove. I shall hold all at Key

erv. Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root Sent Free In <text>

ters, but he has given instructions for such precatitions as may seem to be justi-fied by the circumstances. These will be in the hands of the consul general and Mr. DuBose and his staff have no present intention of going to New York. The pre-cationary measures are merely those of maintailing an efficient patrol about the ship. Aside from the instructions going through Mr. DuBose, the Spanish nava authorities at New York are in communi-cation with the minister of marine at Madrid. In view of the feeling that there here a spanish autorities here that there will be no restrictions on visiting the Viz-caya beyond the necessary precautions of preventing indisoriminate crowding by the public at large.

Mr. DuBese called at the state depart ment at noon and officially notified the authorities of the presence of the Vizcaya in American waters.

OUIET AT WASHINGTON

ATTENTION NOW BEING GIVEN TO SMALLER DETAILS.

Bodies of the Men Recovered Will Have to Remain of Havana. More Condolences.

miral Sicard, from Key West last night,

speaking of the assembling of the court of

Secretary of the Navy: Bache salied from

Key West for Havana with the divers and

Key West on the 19th and the Sampson

court of inquiry on the Maine assembles

ing the court of inquiry. No one of the twenty-one apprentices that the Texas took

from New York City for the Maine were

as no opportunity had offered to

in board the Maine at the time of the ex-

TEMPER OF THE HOUSE.

If the Explosion Was Internal Will Vote Against Appropriations. Washington, Pebruary 19.—While the dis-aster to the Maine has created a temper in

inquiry. The message was as follows:

Washington, February 19 .-- The excite-

Isb divers, may proceed to make a status, Judging by the external appearance ship and the manner in which the main took place, it can be affirmed villant making a mistake of any sort that was caused either by a boiler explains, set fire to the magazine, or che by som cause, the pature of which can let b tively stated. The explosion was instantances the case of a double bottom weed in Maine a mine can not set fire to be in magazine without having first person ment of the past few days has mostly disappeared at the navy department and this appeared at the navy department and this morning the overworked officials, partic-ularly the officers of the navigation bureau, who have been working night and day almost since the Maine disaster, to meet the inquiries of anxious relatives of the victims, while keeping up the current work of the office, were able to turn their attention to tess pressing matters. The first dispatch that came to hand relative to the disaster was one from Ad-miral Sicard, from Key West last night. an accomplish- the victims, while keeping up the current

sonnel

CONGOSTO'S REPORT.

The Havann 'Secretary Gree dence that Cause Was later New York, February 19.-A dised

Secretary of State Congosta to the

says: Up to the present no impedent Maine's hull has been made by the The arrival of the American dives a

ed in order that they, accompanied is ish divers, may proceed to make an

that and tovered with informers means. A red hat bolt fell on the poop see the spanish warship Legarpl, whi a to the awning. Another bolt struct of a boat which had to be lifted he water to save it from sinking. The Alfonso XIII was anchored a two-thirds its length from the Main Legarpi was by the bow looking to Alfonso XIII. Refore attending to ha of these vessels, separating from the all the crows and officers in boat of themselves in the rescue of the Main sonnet. stores for the Maine. The Iowa comes to

Five More Deaths.

Key West, Fia., February 38-78 house steamer Mangrove arrived in morning from Havana with the wounded from the Maine disator. Mattson, B. R. Wilber, J. C. Whit. Cropan, John Coffee, J. H. Blosser, Harniss, J. A. Rowe, Charles Hiter William McGuire. Out of twenty-six in the hospilal in died. Eleven, seriously wounded, mail Havana.

ranster them from the Texas, where they till remain The Mangrove also bron The Mangrove also bron Marix, referred to by Admiral Sicard, is way from Washington to Key Wesj. and other effects from the wreck whu with Captain Sampson, Captain Chadwi-Queen Regent's Message-Washington, February 19.--Presser Kinley this evening forwarded to M and Lieutenant Commander Potter will constitute the court of inquiry. Lieutenant Commander Marix will be the judge ad-vocate of the court and lay down the ime reply of condolence to the quest of procedure, being somewhat of an experi says that she stands high out of the water and is well lighted up. She looks like a cruiser. The Sandy Hook observer says that the weather is so thick he can see for further investigation, through the taking of festimony of survivors now at Kpy A Spanish Fish Statesta Madrid, February 19.-A dispatch West, the board will proceed to Havana. At that place the work can be conducted rapidly to a finish with the appearance of Captain Sigsbee and compared to the statetoday from Rear Admiral Man naval commander at Havana. after the explosion that wrecked us after the explosion that wrecked us and that when the disaster occurs was not the slightest upheavel of a such as would inevitably follow a explosion. ment of the divers. Touching the question of examination of the wreck by divers the naval officials ba-lieve that there is no cause for apprehen-sion as to the fairness and completeness of

ments

for the wreckers to that if she can be rebuilt at a cost of a million dollars the government will save four millions the first cost of such a hat-tleship with all her equipment. Great Britain has never abundaned a shill

if there was the least chance to have her. and has not yet even abandoned the hope of raising the ill-fated Victoria, such in collision with the Camperdown of the coast of Alders several years acc Commander Francis W. Dickins, acting

case, if the hull is so wrecked as to be beyond repair, then such of the material as can be raised will be brought home and

SCHUFULA

It is Foul Blood's Advertise-

ment

Sarsaparilla.

the advertisement of foul blood. It is the

scourge of the world -offensive, painful,

debilitating, stubborn and well nigh

Outward applications do not cure, they only drive the difficulty to new quarters.

unendurable.

t from the blood.

mitting a request for the Spanish ities in Cuba that the Soanish officials be permitted to join with our people in making an investigation into the cause of the disaster to the Maine. The matter was disensued at considerable length and the con-

clusion was reached and General Lee will be so notified, that while this government is willing to afford the Spanish authorities

all reasonable facilities for conducting an fain Sigshee as the representative of the that it is unlikely they give any beed to chief of the bureau of navigation and Sec retary Long's right hand man in the pres investigation yet it is thought best the United States. first inquiry shall be made by our own According to the view taken by th ent emergency, said: "The Maine must be taken to an American port if there in enough of her bones holding together to commissioners. The request of the Spanish Spanish authorities there can be no trouble authorities, therefore, will be respectfully attending the work of the divers. Capwarrant removal, and in all likelihood that will be done. If the explosion was more destructive than is now thought to be the case, if the hull is so wrecked as to be declined. The request of the Spanish gov ernment for permission to examine the in direct operations and to send down the

wreck of the Maine resched the state de- government divers for such inspection as by the explosion which destroyed the ship partment last night through the following he may see proper to make. Mr. Duflose message from Consul General Lee: feels assured that Captain Sigsbee will ex-Assistant Secretary Day, Washington.

tend equal facilities to the Spanish divers to that investigation may proceed without friction. At the same time the feeling is "Sigshee begins tomorrow with divers sent him from the United States to recover friction. At the same time the feeling is all bodies still left in the wreck of the expressed that this discretion will lend to Maine as well as personal effects of officers the choice of authorized divers of the navy and men and whatever clase can be obtained department rather than those representing

in that way. When this is completed the newspapers. Spanish government would like to unite But It is Soon Cured by Hood's

with ours in having the bottom of the ship and harbor in vicinity jointly examined." Yes, Scrotula, if anything, may be called "Lee."

The following is the answer: Lee, Havana.

"Washington.-The government of the

United States has already begun an investigation as to the cause of the disaster to the Maine through officers of the navy specially appointed for that purpose, which

complete and harmonious understanding be-

ween Captain Sigsboe and the authoritie

at Havana as to the divers and Spanish of leers viewed the Maine as extra territory

that is, a part of the sovereignty territory

of the United States the same as an United

States legation altuated in foreign territory With the Maine holdings its slatus as extra

erritory, all doubt as to the work on th

The waters of Havana harbor are, o

ourse, Spanish territory and some con-

usion had been aroused by the idea that

his jurisdiction over the waters attached

iso to the wreck in its present helples

adition at the bottom of the bay. It an

wreck are removed.

ollients may pulliate, they cannot abolish the evil. There is but one sure will proceed independently. "This government will afford overy faway out, and that is to eliminate the cility it can to the Spanish authorities in whatever investigation they see fit to make

are is one remedy that can effect this d it is the only one that, so far as we on their part. ow, has almost invariably succeeded even where the system has been poisoned by long years of taint, and the ravages to be repaired are tremendous. That remedy is Hood's Barneparille. Read this: "My daughter was afflicted with im-

and blood. There were running sores all over her body and they caused her much suffering. We tried medicines that were recommended as blood purifiers, the recommended as blood purmers, becald not see that they did any good. Friend told me about Hood's Barsaps-is and I began giving the girithis med-ne. The result was that she was per-tily could after taking a few bottles. In has had no symptoms of scrotula a had no symptoms and so simply Many P. Mass. M.

Saresparille

this jurisdiction to the ship and that the Spanish authorities freely assent to the Maine's being regarded as extra territory and under the immediate direction of Capt

the bottom of the hull, buried as it is, deep

in mud. Spanish authorities there can be no trouble attending the work of the divers. Cap-tain Sigsbee will be recognized as the one to direct operations and to send down the the direct operations and to send down the The officials here intimate that the dis-

DIVERS ARE AT WORK.

today said to the Associated Press corre-

Spain Is Making a Concession Never Before Granted.

washington, February 19.--The view tax, of importance was found. A careful search ington, and from the authorities in Coba, information showing that most of the Maine's log book which will be of great importance to the States promises to establish an important precedent in international law. A careful search in international law. be able to recover from the wreck.

Maine is mentioned in Hall's internationalf Maine is mentioned in Hair's international law. In that case the United State frigate Constitution went ashore in 1879 at Swan-age, on the west coast, while bringing from the Paris exposition some exhibits of the Sigsbee this afternoon.

"Day." The apparent difficulty attending the and then libelled her for pay. The United ending down of the divers to the Maine was realized if not entirely removed by a States government insisted that the warship was extra territorial and not under the statement today by Senor DuBose, charge l'affaires of the Spanish legation, that a local jurisiliction. The judge sustained this

territory.

view.

WILL FORM A PRECEDENT.

The importance of this decision is felt, not only by the influence given Captain Sigsbee in control of all the wrecking oper-ations, but also in giving to the work the character of a transaction on American

territory Beerctary Long wired Admiral Steard teday, aiter his consultation with Prosi-dent McKinley, telling him briefly what answer had been returned to Consul Gen-eral Leo's application in behalt of the Spanish government for permission to ex-amine the Maine. He also instructed the admiral to press forward as rapidly as pos-sible, the work of the survey on the Maine's hull and to have the court of in-guiry to proceed to Havana as soon as pos-sible.

Cleveland, Ohio, February 19.-Senor De-Arango, head of the Cuban junta in this city, is in favor of stopping the agitation of the Cuban question. He says also that the junta in New York is in favor of the It is scarcely expected at the depart anthe policy, as all the Cubans are satisfied that President McKinley is pursuing a policy which will eventually bring about the freedom of Cuba. Senor DeArabigo bas received no recent communication from the New York justa, but he says he was ad-vised some time since to abandon the agi-tation.

Ten minutes later he reported that the warship had anchored in the bay.

The warship is auchored about half a mile off shore between the point of the hook and government dock. The observer

very little, but from her general appear-

ance he thinks it to be the Brookivn.

NOT THE BROOKLYN.

New York, February 20,-2:30 a. m. The cable steamer Mackay Bennett is anchored in the bay off Sandy Hook. It is probable that she is the vessel which was believed to have been an American cruiser.

ANOTHER SHIP COMING.

With the Vizcaya She Will shortly Leave for Havana.

there is no reason to interfere with the officials in the discharge of their duty. New York, February 19 .- A dispatch to United States for burial, and as the matter Most of the day was spent in getting the suring semi-official statement that the forbas figured in congress, it may be well to note that Captain Sigsboe, for at least a eign office and Premier Sagasta continue to divers accustomed to the work and nothing receive from the Spanish legation in Washthird time, has, in answer to questions, ex. pressed the opinion that the bodies can not tressed the opinion that the bodies can not be removed from Havara. He has pointed out that their condition is not such as to permit removal that embaiming is only imperfectly done in Havana and that iden-tification of the bodies in many cases is not even possible. This florning he tele-grathed that the bodies of the two officers —Merritt and Jenkins—could not be found. tion. The precautions taken on the arrival of the Vizcaya at New York gave satisfacstarthed that the bodies of the two officers —Merriti and Jenkins—could not be found, and again repeated that it would be im-practicable to remove the bodies. Some of the surgical officers here say that they know by experience that Captain Sigsber's conclusion is sound and they say that thecessful embalming is not possible where the system of the body has been destroyed, as in the case of the Maine's victims. Expression of confidence still continue to flow in at the state dopartment from sympathetic foreign mations. Notable among them was one that came to hand last evening from the queen regent of

to Cuban waters.

Spain's new minister to Washington, Se Spain's new minister to washington, So-nor Polo y Bervabe, will start early next week for America, going by way of Eng-land, with a view of meeting Senor De Lome to confer with him on questions pending between the United States and South Scoor Bernals daily discussed at Spain. Schor Bernabe daily discusses at length with the minister of foreign affairs nd of the colonies all the aspects of the and of the colonies all the aspects of the Cuban question, the relations with the United States and the commercial treaty. His instructions are to devote a special care and attention to the treaty.

DU BOSC NOT ALARMED.

Only Ordinary Precautions for the Spanish Warship. Washington, February 19.-The Spanish legation has been advised of the arrival of the Spanish cruiser Vizcaya at New York, and Senor DuBose, the charge, has been in communication with the Spanish consul general at New York and Lieutenant Sobral, the naval attache of the legasee has tion, who is now at New York attending to the movements of the ship.

Mr. DuBose has no apprehension over the presence of the ship in American wathe investigation. Captain Sigsbee has tele-graphed that he has made an arrangement Stirred 1p at Troy, Troy, Texas, February 18.-Th graphed that he has made an arrangement with the Spanish officials for the prosecu-tion of this inquiry and that there is no friction, so that the officials believe that here are very much stirred us Maine disaster. Some of the old crates would be willing to wind



Remember we have cured and Chronic Diseases that he cured at the hands of some of ists and physicians in the Proof of this statement at BLOOD AND SKIN Discas ples, Scrofula, Blood Tainis arising from an impure stat completely eradicated from last evening from the queen regent of Spain, as follows: "President McKinley, Washington: "Madrid, February 18.—Her majesty, the uucen, has just sent que of the gentlemen of the royal household to express through me to your excellency her profound sor-row and sympathy in the sad accident which has befallen the United States bat-theading Maine at Hayana. Woodford." evening from the queen regent of

KIDNEY AND Wenk Back, Pain in Side, H in Urine, Brickdust, or W urinsting, frequency of: Brig all diseases of the bladder d

VATE D which has befallen the United States bat-lieship Maine at Havana. Woodford." The contract for the work of raising the Maine, and If possible saving her, was not closed today, although representatives of the wrecking companies were in conference at the may department throughout the day. Captain Lemley, who will frame the contract, said that progress had been made toward an understanding of the general plan of action, but a final agreement had not been reached. PictvATE Diseases, Bic aricocele, Tenderness, 1 Organs, and Piles. F LATIES, if you are suffer ould call on Dr. Hathawa

il persons who may he sult us at once, as our rantee to every one ess intent.

Moil treatment given by

diseases, No. 4 fo dress or call to yo DR. HATHAWAY

An Improvement Noted in Condition of Seven of the Men. Havana, February 19 .-- Dr. Maas said at

the hospital today that all of the eight

The nonpital today that all of the eight patients from the Maine under his care are doing very well and that in the seven worst cases he is sure there has been some improvement. Frank Fisher, who was saved by the Spanish steamer Colon, died on that ves-sel vesterday. Five bodies were recorred in the harbor today near the wreck, but only one of them, that of "Tennis," was recognized.

Says Agitution Should Be Abandoned

Washington, February 19.--The view tak- of importance was found. A careful search ington, and from the authorities in Cuba,

about the Maine are expert divers, but the world from Madrid says: Less anx-about the Maine are expert divers, but the newspapers to publish the reasspondent that the men at work under water