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FOR TENDERFEETDawsonites Said To Be Staking Out  
All Sorts of Claims for Sale  
in the Spring.Price of Meals in the Yukon City Has  
Fallen From Five Dollars to  
Half That Figure.

(Joaquin Miller in the San Francisco Examiner.)

The Examiner Cabin, Klondike Mines,  
February 5, 1898.—The wildest excitement prevails here, and has prevailed for the past ten days. The Bonanza has been staked for quartz, which is only three feet from the surface, and is nearly three miles above this cabin, to nearly the head of the creek, about 20 miles away.

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by Kreling from the wall back of the gold mine.

CUT RATE BILL OF FARE.

Coffee or tea, per cup, 50 cents; fruit, per dish, 75 cents; hot cakes, 1.25; Boston baked beans, 1.00; Hot waffles, 2.00; Mush and milk, 1.50; Boston baked beans, 1.00; Try our soup, 1.25; Beefsteak and onions, with bread and butter, 2.50; Coffee or tea, with plate, 50 cents.

Now, this means lot to us in here, whatever it may mean to you outside. It means that the climax of all dread diseases is behind us. The Rubicon is crossed and there is no going back. A pulse of cheer and hope and health in this "out rate."

The panic about short rates is done with.

I have nothing to record against Dawson's moral or Dawson's well meaning. In truth, Dawson is the best behaved mining town I ever saw. If we except the mob who wanted to sack the place last fall, a mob that passed on and away as suddenly as it came, and for which he has always been as quiet and orderly as any old town to be found anywhere in the world.

Just think of it. A mining town of California, Idaho, Montana—not a fight, not a single person shot or cut or hurt in any way, except by accident. A thing never heard of in a mining camp before, and Dawson is more than a year old. But Dawson is a town that is a model of order and is going to be the sickest place in the spring you ever heard of.

If you are sure you to learn that I have now that we have about altered over the threatened terrors of starvation for this winter, that thoughtful mind at the head of affairs are looking ahead with concern to the next. But it will clearly indicate how serious is the question of food supplies at this time in the history of the world.

From the general tone of his remarks it might be inferred that the court's findings had definitely solved the mystery of the explosion. This is further borne out by the admiral's statement that even after the report had been sent to Washington, the department may require further investigation.

The general impression continues to prevail that the court has found that the Maine was intentionally blown up, but no new reasons were adduced for this conclusion.

The British ship India has arrived here from Tortugas Islands and is anchored near the battleship Iowa, and the cruiser New York, six miles from shore.

The Report Signed.

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The report of the Maine court of inquiry in possession of Lieutenant Muller is being quoted by the press, and is clearly pronounced the word shibboleth. In other words, the man who has not his sufficient of supplies in his bag, with him will be turned back. Now, I have not this from the lips of any officer, and I know how impatient is Captain Constantine in being quoted or even anticipated in his utterances. But I take the responsibility of saying here once for all, he is absolutely certain, or as certain as any man could be, that the Maine was blown up.

And this is not a mere guess, or a negation, that nothing at all has been found outside of the very rich pans of rotten quartz, found in the creek, and the fact that the Maine was blown up.

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## ITS LABOR FINISHED

Maine Court of Inquiry Report Submitted—Speculation as to Its Decision.

Admiral Sigsbee Says the Explosion Was the Most Peculiar That Ever Occurred.

Key West, March 22.—The United States court of inquiry into the loss of the Maine has at last finished its laborious work of investigation and submitted its report to Admiral Sigsbee, who has pointed out some alterations which he considers necessary and which will probably be taken to Washington to-day by Lieutenant Commander Marx, judge advocate of the court.

It is possible, however, that its arrival in Washington may be delayed several days longer, as Sigsbee said last night.

"I could scarcely say the report will prevail that the court has found that the Maine was intentionally blown up, but no new reasons were adduced for this conclusion."

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Saturday last. The Army carried a crew of 17 and 24 passengers, none of whom have yet been heard from.

CUBAN RELIEF SUPPLIES.

Thousands of Tons of Provisions Ready for Shipment.

New York, March 22.—The central Cuban relief gives notice that no shipment of Cuban relief supplies should be made to Cuba. The plan system of ships sailing from Savannah, Ga., and Tampa, Fla., will furnish free transportation, but these vessels can carry only supplies originating on the line of the plant system of railroads. All other shipments from any other part of the United States should be consigned to the Cuban Central Relief Company, at New York.

The committee requests all shippers to give notice before shipments are made of a mental breakdown, I do not believe a vessel of not less than 2,000 tons to take 2,000 tons of cornmeal and 200 tons of bacon. Also within 10 days from Saturday last. The supplies have been purchased in that city during the week.

The receipts for the week are now so large that the committee has opened a warehouse at No. 48 Ferry street, and here the goods are carefully examined, repacked in shipping cases, and then forwarded to the various American consuls.

Cortez writes from Tampa, Fla., asking for aid for the 15,000 refugees, 3,000 of whom, he says, have no means of making a living. They must be fed, and he asks for help in this regard. Mr. Barton, president of the committee, explained that no supplies would be sent to Tampa which have been expressed to the committee. He said that the committee was perfectly willing to forward such supplies as are marked for Tampa.

The committee is now in the charge of Lieut. Col. William Ludlow, who is in Tampa. "Of course we will do what we can for them."

Is the Cause Sufficient.

New York, March 22.—In his address at the meeting of the Methodist preachers, while the Methodist Book Concern building last night, Bishop J. M. Walden touched upon the Cuban question. He said: "I do not think that the Latin race with its present ability, can govern itself. I don't want Cuba. We want Hawaii, but we don't want Cuba."

"Suppose we discover that the Maine was blown up? The question still remains, 'What is the cause?' Is it the ball? 'Yes, it is.'"

"Autonomy for Cuba I think would answer every purpose. It would not be a war. Spain responsible. Meanwhile Cuba would learn how to govern herself."

WAIT UNTIL MONDAY.

Maine Report Will Then Be Made Public—President to Consider it.

Washington, March 22.—Monday afternoon next, very shortly after 12 o'clock, congress and the whole country will know the president's plan for stopping the war in Cuba. The report of the Maine court of inquiry will be made public at the same time. That is the plan as at present outlined.

The president is expected to-day the following statement was given out from an official source.

"I was understood at the cabinet meeting to-day that the report of the court of inquiry would probably be here Thursday or Friday. That it is a very short report, and that it will not be given to the press and congress before Monday, as the president will require that much time for its consideration."

In the meantime congress is to be as quiet as it had nothing more serious to consider than the appointment of the ordinary character. The senate is to adjourn from Thursday until Monday at the president's request.

The cabinet members were called to the White House, among them Allison, Olcott and Hale, and they agreed that the cabinet members should have been called to accept invitations to witness the launching of the Kentucky and the Kearsarge at Newport News, on Thursday, and a number of them have already accepted invitations to go there.

Summary of Report Received.

Washington, March 22.—Late last evening Secretary Lodge admitted that telegraphic summary of the report of the court of inquiry had been received, and he also admitted that Admiral Sigsbee had received the report last evening.

No other news of the report was received, but the assumption is the board will say it was an outside explosion without further delay.

On Its Way to Washington.

Key West, Fla., March 22.—Commander Marx left Key West this afternoon on his way to Washington, by way of the steamer City of Key West, which is the court of inquiry in the Maine disaster.

President in Conference.

Washington, March 22.—Senators Allison and Olcott, and the president, today by appointment. The president desired to consult him with regard to the Cuban situation, as he had been consulting others. The president also desired to consult with the cabinet members concerning the nature of the conference, but it is known that the president desired the views of the cabinet members on this time on the subject, which is considered very critical.

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The Hebeles in Good Condition.

Key West, March 22.—Colonel Sallado, of the Cuban insurgent army, who has arrived here after a severe experience in an open boat, said:

"The Cuban army is in excellent condition. They have been in the mountains for 16,500 men in the eastern part of the island, between Santiago de Cuba and Camaguey. These forces have 12 field guns, two dynamite guns and 2,000 rounds of rifle ammunition."

Peace Negotiations Fail.

Havana (via Key West), March 22.—It is known positively that the negotiations for peace between the Cuban insurgents and the Spanish government have failed.

The Re-Recognition of Cuba.

Washington, March 22.—Representative Kinz, of Utah, has introduced the following resolution, recognizing the independence of Cuba:

Resolved, By the senate and house of representatives, that the Republic of Cuba, having established and maintained an independent government, capable of performing the duties, foreign and domestic, which appertain to independent governments, and it appearing that there is no longer any reasonable prospect of the Cuban people being able to govern themselves, it is expedient and proper in conformity with the laws and customs of the United States, to acknowledge the independence of Cuba.

Defence of Puget Sound.

Watertown, Mass., March 22.—The United States arsenal was run under a night force last night for the first time since the recent orders. This morning two 12-inch guns, and 10-inch barbette carriages, making 10 carriages, were shipped to Puget Sound. The 12-inch dispatch carriage will go at once to San Francisco.

Blanco Threatens to Resign.

New York, March 22.—A dispatch from Havana to-day alleges that Captain General Blanco and General Manter, who have asked the Madrid government that they will resign their offices if the Spanish torpedo fleet is to be detained at Key West.

Cannibal in obedience to the demand of McKinley. Captain Eulalia, of the Victoria, is also alleged to have sent a similar message to the Spanish authorities.

Considered War Inevitable.

Chippie Creek, Colo., March 22.—In an interview here Hon. D. L. Sloper, speaker of the lower house of the Ohio legislature and a personal friend of President McKinley, said:

"I consider war with Spain inevitable. The matter has come to the point where it cannot avert a combat. The struggle will probably be very short. Cuba will be freed, the United States will be indemnified she has demanded and that will end the matter."

As to the president being on the verge of a mental breakdown, I do not believe it. I was in Washington and had a long talk with Mr. McKinley less than two weeks ago, and there was no sign of any weakness on his part. He will not break down."

RUSHING DEFENCES.

Work on New York Fortifications Progressing Rapidly.

New York, March 22.—The importance of adequate defence for the great commercial and manufacturing interests of this city should be declared has been pointed out emphatically at the decision to use a portion of the \$50,000,000 appropriated by congress to add to the coast defences, by continuing work on the fortifications of New York.

The construction of additional works of defence at Fort Hudson and Hancock, upon which depends the reception of a hostile fleet, that might attempt to force its way up the Hudson river, is in the charge of Lieut. Col. William Ludlow.

Colonel Ludlow said:

"We are glad, indeed, that a portion of the \$50,000,000 is to be used to go on with constructing coast defences. Instead of waiting for the regular appropriation, we will have the benefit of the emergency fund. While we are waiting for it, it is not large, we are glad to be able to go on with our work at Forts Hamilton and Hancock now, just as we are at Fort Mifflin. It enables us to do the work more satisfactorily and keep our hands busy."

The future work will be a continuance of the plans long ago prepared for defending this harbor with modern ordnance