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CRISIS IS AT HAND 253 KNOWN TO BE LOST. CABINET IN SESSION; GROWING BELIEF IN DE LOUVE, 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.

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Plan of the Maine, Showing the Position of the Magazines, Gun, and Deck.



Position of the Maine Today in Havana Harbor.

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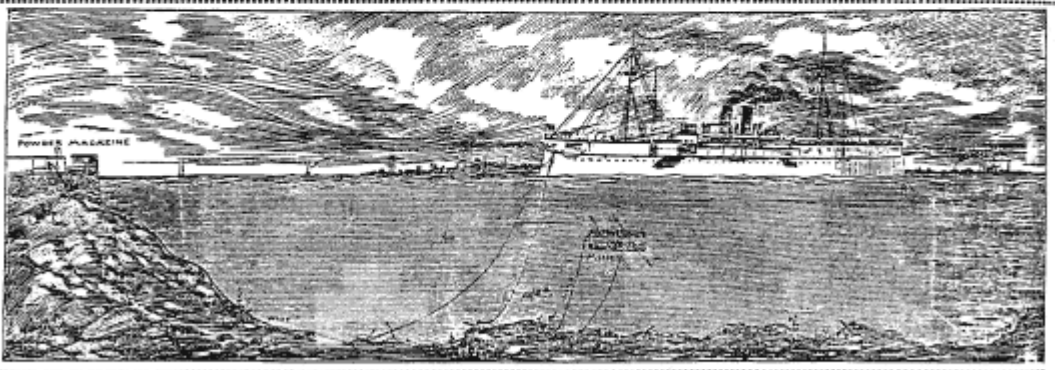
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The Journal Offers \$50,000 Reward for the Conviction of the Criminals Who Sent 258 American Sailors to Their Death. Naval Officers Unanimous That the Ship Was Destroyed on Purpose.

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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 land torpedo. This is the opinion of several American naval authorities. The Spaniards, it is believed, managed to lay the mine and attach the mine with a powder magazine, 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 ship.

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 MAINE EXPLOSION AT SEA--RECORDED BY THE STEAMSHIP CITY OF WASHINGTON WHICH WAS THE ONLY ONE TO SURVIVE--POLLARD BY A VISUAL OF THE EXPLOSION OF MAINE, WHICH WAS SHOT BY THE SPANISH BATTERY IN THE BAY OF HAVANA, FEBRUARY 15, 1898.

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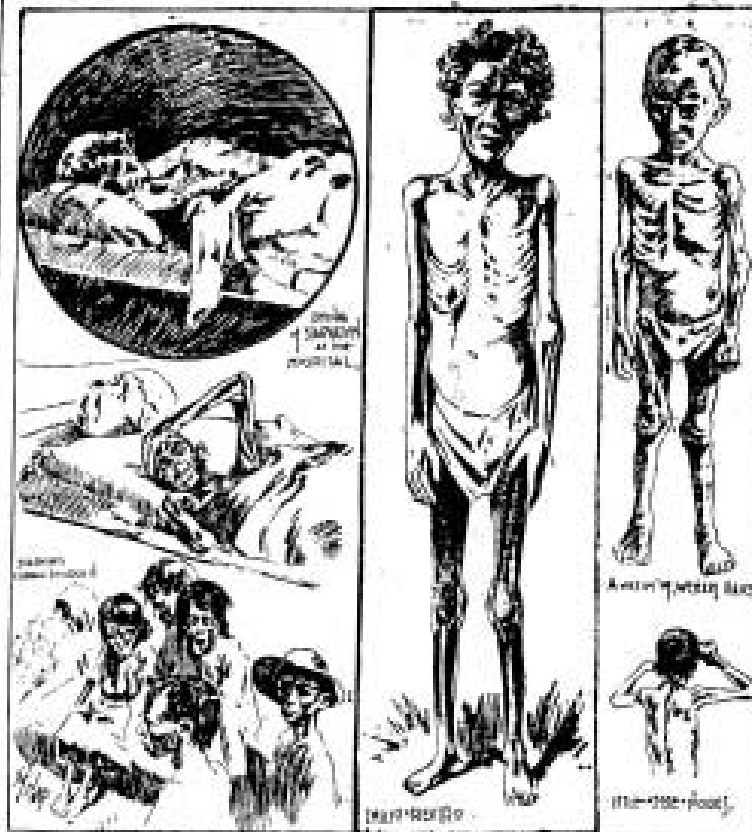
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# THE SPIRIT OF WAR PERVADES THE BREASTS OF ALL AMERICANS.

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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