EXONERATING SHAFTER

Court of Condition on Board the Maine Were Very Unjust.

GEN. LUDLOW DEFENDS GEN. SHAFTER.

Some Were Blatantly Suspected and Cartoons Published by the Board of Officers.

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[illegible] Aug. 21.—Gen. [illegible] said yesterday that the military commission appointed to investigate Gen. Shafter's conduct in the Santiago campaign would be ready to report in a few days. The report will be largely in his favor. The evidence is exhaustively prepared and very complete in the details of the campaign, including explanations by [illegible]

[illegible] Aug. 21.—Although there are a few officers who have suffered from the report of the board of inquiry on the loss of the Maine, who are blatantly suspicious of Gen. Shafter, the general feeling is that the commission has been very unjust to Gen. Shafter. The report is regarded as a most damaging document, and it is believed that the commission, in its eagerness to find something to criticise, has been