

OUTLOOK IN CUBA.

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NEW COMPLICATIONS FEARED.

Discoveries on the Maissu Seam to Indicate No Internal Explosion.

NOTHING YET DEFINITE ABOUT A MINE

**Spanish Officials Surprised at the Firmness
of the United States in Declining
a Joint Investigation.**

The outlook in Cuba does not grow more promising. The exact statement is that the government officials were never so much disturbed as today. This

is partly due to information from Washington and Madrid. News from those places which is permitted to reach the public is so meager that better judgment can be formed in the

limited rather than here as to whether their fears are exaggerated. Local developments justify the serious view General Blanco and his associates are said to take of the probability of fresh complications.

The statement that divers have penetrated the forward part of the Maine and found nothing in the magazines there to indicate an explosion seems to be verified.

regarding vibration under water before the Maine went to pieces. Evidence as to this fact is emphatic. How far it justifies the belief that the explosion came from underneath the ship experts

The point has not yet been reached where a definite opinion can be formed regarding submarine mines. Outside evidence has been brought forward regarding the construction of such a mine

The representatives of foreign nations are following the naval investigation as well as other phases of the situation closely and are understood to be making daily reports to their governments.

Spanish officials were surprised at the firmness with which the Washington administration declined to admit them to a share in the investiga-

STANDARDS HANDED IN GLEET.
The Occasion Was the Blowing Up of the
Haines—Anti-American Feeling.
New York, Feb. 22.—(Pittsburgh A1.)

port Huddesworth and Assistant Engineer J. Laidlaw of the British ship involved, which has just arrived from Havana, say that on the night of the explosion they, with some others, were ashore. They were sitting at the end

When the explosion occurred a lot of Spanish soldiers and sailors in a ves-

Two or three minutes passed before the flames could be seen. While they

ward, watching some breathless Spaniards hurried down the pier hoisting fragments of the Maine's payrolls. They said they had picked them up on a full buck authenticity from where the Maine lay. The Spaniards wanted to know what the writing in English

The Spaniards fairly danced in glee at the fate of the Maine. The engineers said, exultantly: "An Americanos, Americanos. They bring dynamite bags in their tin boats and they

The Standardists got excited then, and suspecting that the engineers of the Circulone were Americans began to menace them, but Holdsworth and Laidlaw made it known that they were Englishmen and the Standardists cooled.

When the ferry came it was found that she had passed the Maine just before the explosion and a Spanish army officer aboard demanded that the captain of the ferry boat should head about and go to the rescue. The ferry captain's hatred of Americans was so

Condolence from Colombia.
Colum, Colombia, Feb. 22.—The government has sent to the commanding of

The Newport's commander has officially acknowledged, through the press, the message in behalf of the U. S. government. Flags on the shipmen.

A Lesson for a Highway.
Cincinnati, O., Feb. 22.—A special to the Commercial Tribune from Charleston, W. Va., says:

A deed of trust has been admitted to record in the Register's office in favor of the Central Trust company of New York to secure a loan of \$50,000 to the Illinois, New River and Western Railroad company. It is agreed that the work

of building the road will begin at once. It is to run from Petersburg, Va., down the new river to Hinton, when a branch will run to the headwaters of Coal river and down that stream to St. Albans and to Charleston.

The sailing of the Spanish cruiser Vizcaya was resumed early today and if this week can be finished in time she may sail for Havana this evening. The cruiser's flag is at half mast again today in honor of the memory of the

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