

Joseph Pulitzer's *The New York World* (shown below) and William Randolph Hearst's *New York Morning Journal* are considered to be the leaders in so-called yellow journalism, at the time. The USS *Maine* exploded in Havana Harbor on February 15, 1898. Read through the coverage of the event by *The World*. Then read coverage in the local Poughkeepsie and Pine Plains newspapers. You will be asked to answer five questions at the end.


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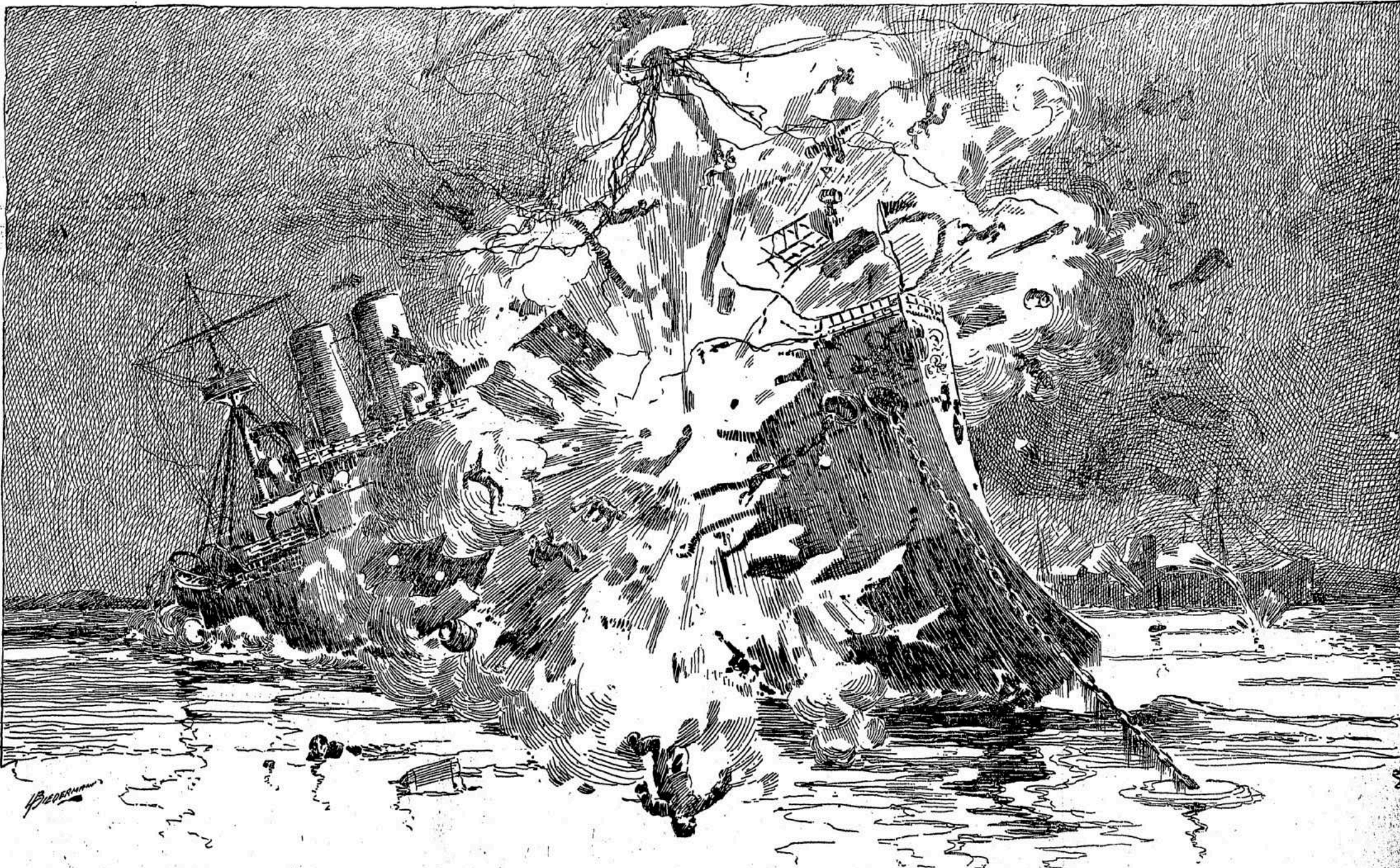
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## MAIN EXPLOSION CAUSED BY BOMB OR TORPEDO?

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---Capt. Sigsbee's Suspicions.

CAPT. SIGSBEE, IN A SUPPRESSED DESPATCH TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT, 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. Zalinski, 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.



DRAWN FROM A DESCRIPTION BY EYE-WITNESSES ON THE STEAMSHIP CITY OF WASHINGTON WHO SAW THE EXPLOSION, FOLLOWED BY "A VOLCANO OF FIRE AND SHOWERS OF BOATS, BODIES, IRON AND GUNS," CABLED TO THE WORLD BY ITS OWN CORRESPONDENT IN HAVANA, SYLVESTER SCOVILL.

**THE WHOLE STORY OF THE DISASTER TOLD IN A FEW WORDS.**

Growing Belief that It Was Not Accidental—Visitor from Havana Reports that He Overheard a Plot—Sigsbee and Lee Suspicious.

At the hour of going to press for this edition of *The World* it is not known whether the explosion which caused the destruction of the battleship *Maine* in the Harbor of Havana was an accident or the result

of a bomb or torpedo placed with an intent to blow up the vessel.

The consensus of opinion of the naval officers and experts in this country is that the disaster was not accidental. It is believed that the vessel was blown up.

This view appears to be borne out by Consul-General Lee and Capt. Sigsbee, commander of the *Maine*.

In an official cable to the State Department Lee makes the significant request that a court of inquiry be held to ascertain the cause of the explosion.

Capt. Sigsbee officially cabled Assistant Secretary Long his conclusion, after a hasty examination, that the disaster was not caused by an accident.

He expressed a belief that whether the explosion originated without or within, it was made possible by an enemy.

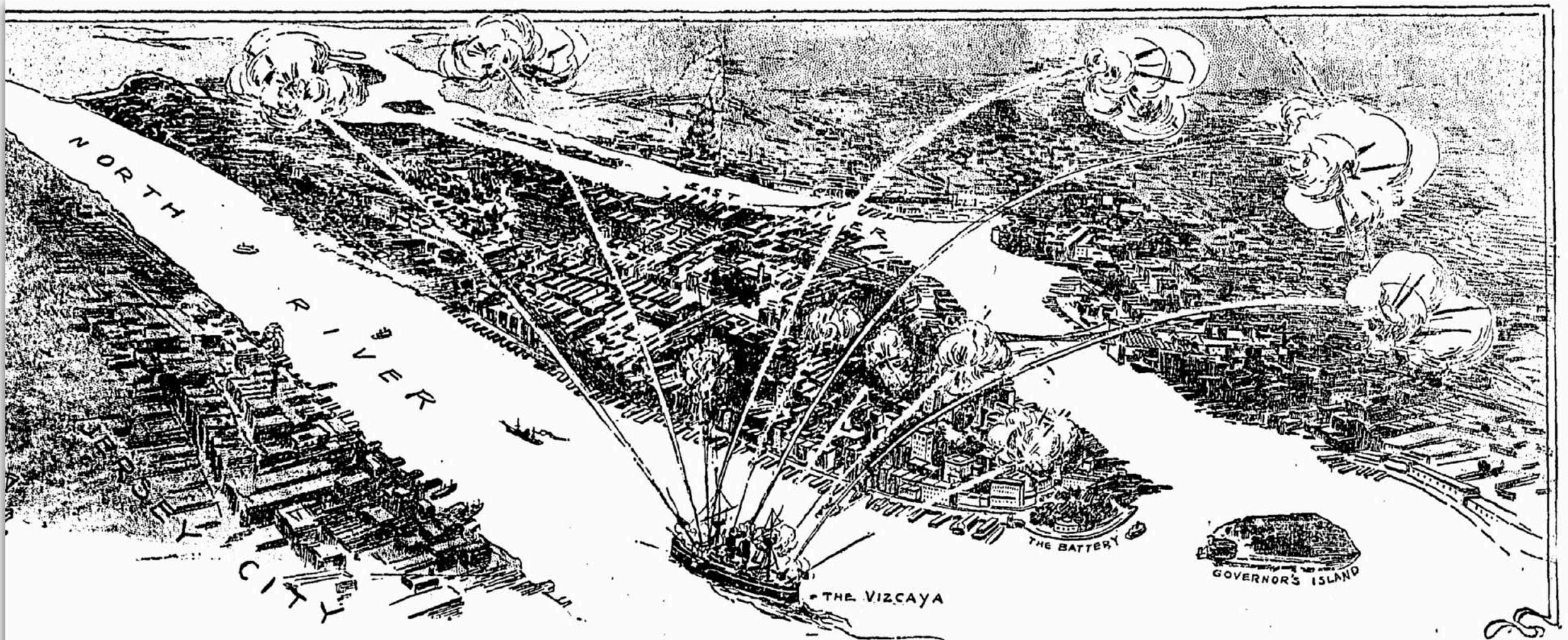
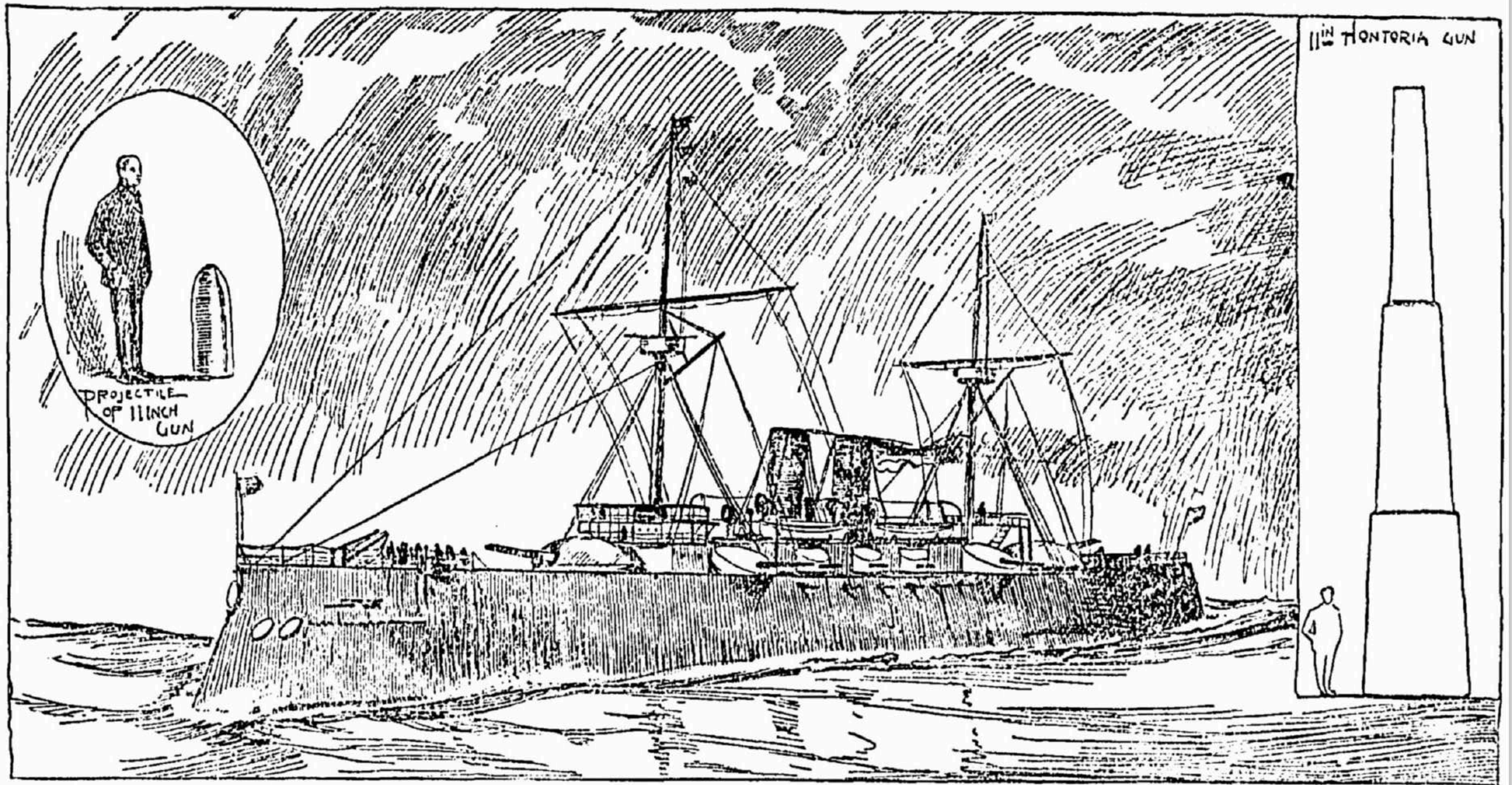
Dr. C. E. Pendleton, who has just arrived from Havana, says that he overheard there a conversation in which it was declared that there would shortly come a great sensation; that there were wires all around the *Maine* and that she could be blown to pieces at a moment's notice.

Lieut. Zalinski, perhaps the foremost living expert upon explosions in warfare, declares that he is almost sure that the *Maine* was destroyed by a dynamite torpedo or bomb.

A despatch from Washington says that Secretary Long and Assistant Secretary Roosevelt called all the chiefs in the Navy Department in consultation yesterday morning to secure expert opinion as to the cause of the *Maine's* loss and its effect on the Navy.

Another Washington despatch says that the United States Government will maintain a firm and determined attitude. It is expected that

# THE VIZCAYA COULD EASILY BOMBARD OUR CITY, EVERY AMERICAN WARSHIP BEING FAR AWAY.



RANGE OF THE GUNS OF SPANISH BATTLE-SHIP VIZCAYA, WHOSE ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK HARBOR IS EXPECTED TO-DAY.