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PRESCOTT (Ariz.), April 2.—There was a terrific explosion of 100 pounds of giant powder in the Ohio mine of the Mescal Mining and Milling Company late this afternoon. The mine is located nine miles from Prescott, and the particulars are very meager, as the courier left immediately after the explosion to secure medical aid for the five men who were working in the drift where the powder was stored. Three men had been rescued seriously injured, James Newlin, the foreman of the mine, being the most seriously injured.

The explosion caused a cave of 100 or more tons of rock, and whether the other two men were killed or buried beneath the debris or drifted into the cave of rock could not be determined when the messenger left. The miners set at work immediately to remove the rock from the drift to reach the imprisoned or buried men.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

The Question Raising Considerable Agitation in the Utah Convention.

SALT LAKE, April 2.—The excitement over the woman suffrage question has been steadily on the increase for a week. An hour before the time of calling the Constitutional Convention to order this morning the session corridors around the hall were filled with a surging mass of humanity. Tardy delegates found the entrances to the hall so blocked as to make entrance impossible. When the doors were opened the ladies forced their way in, and the enthusiastic took possession of the delegates' seats. Police officers had to be called in to take charge of the excited crowd. At the time for the convention to be called to order, the members had not gained admission, and President Smith had to request the ladies to vacate until delegates were seated.

SANTA ROSA'S CARNIVAL.

Great Rivalry Over Who is to be the Queen.

SANTA ROSA, April 2.—There is great rivalry here over who is to be the queen of the rose carnival. The directors have decided that the queen shall be elected by popular vote, each vote to cost 10 cents, and the one receiving the highest number of votes to be the queen. The ballot-boxes were opened to-day and some lively voting is going on in the city. At the close of his speech he was the recipient of the most enthusiastic demonstrations of applause. The first vote was on the substitute providing for separate submission of the suffrage clause. Only twenty-eight delegates cast their votes in favor of the substitute. Every substitute and the majority report was finally ordered to a third reading.

MET FORCIBLE RESISTANCE.

Mayor Suro's Men Felled in an Attempt to Grab a Street.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2.—Mayor Suro attempted a small-sized street grab this morning, but his men met with armed opposition and were compelled to quit work long enough to get warrants for arrest. The Mayor's franchise permits him to lay tracks on Central avenue north to California, and west on that street. This morning his men, under Foreman Charles Finney, commenced tearing up the street at the southwest corner of Central avenue and California street. It happens that the California Street Cable and Railway company also has a franchise over that portion of California street, and has tracks laid there. It was evident that the Mayor intended to rip up the tracks of the cable company and lay his own rails, and Superintendent Harris of the cable road determined to stop it. He appeared with a revolver and drove the workers away. The Mayor sent his men after warrants for the arrest of Harris and the other men in the charge of exhibiting a deadly weapon in a rude and threatening manner.

FIRE AT SOQUEL.

For a Time the Town Was Threatened With a Conflagration.

SANTA CRUZ, April 2.—Soquel was threatened with a destructive blaze at 3:20 this morning. Fire broke out in N. Beauregard's blacksmith shop and got the building under control and confined to the building owned by Mrs. J. F. J. Bennett and occupied as a saloon. Chief Engineer Ely of this city was notified, and with his firemen, Haysworth, who is believed to be the building, was ordered to the scene. The fire was extinguished in a few minutes, and the loss was estimated at \$4,000.

DEATH OF A RESPECTED LADY.

Her Husband the First Alcald of San Francisco.

SANTA ROSA, April 2.—Mrs. Leavenworth, widow of the late Dr. T. M. Leavenworth, died at her home here to-day. She was 81 years old, and was one of the historic characters of the county. Her husband, Dr. T. M. Leavenworth, who died here two years ago, was the first Alcald of San Francisco, and was very prominent in the affairs of that city in its pioneer days. Leavenworth street there was named after him. Mrs. Leavenworth lost considerable money by the failure of the Pacific Bank. She had possession of her husband's estate, and one of her greatest delights was in seeing the reminiscences of her experiences here in the early days.

THE VALLEY RAILROAD.

All Remaining Contracts for Materials Signed.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2.—A general meeting of the shareholders of the San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley Railroad will be held on Friday afternoon. A long list of new subscribers will then be announced. The pending plan will be submitted for a vote, with the names of the proposed trustees. All of the remaining contracts for the supply of material were signed by President Spreckels and the successful bidders with Miller, Sloss & Scott, for 4,800 kegs of spikes, with the Dunham, Carrigan & Hayden Company for 150,000 railroad track bolts and nuts, and with F. F. Merrill, who has the contract for 10,000

MAY CAUSE TROUBLE.

Concession to Americans by the Venezuelan Government.

COMPLICATIONS WITH ENGLAND LIKELY TO RESULT.

Republicans Score an Almost Complete Victory in the Municipal Election at Chicago—Cold Wave in Tennessee—Probability that the Missouri Legislature Will be Called Together in Extra Session.

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FARIBAUT (Minn.), April 2.—Donald Grant, wealthy contractor of this city, W. H. Fisher, Manager of the Duluth and Winnipeg Railroad, and J. A. Bowman, a Grand Rapids (Minn.) banker, have just returned from Venezuela, where they obtained a concession of land at the mouth of the Orinoco, running 125 miles east and from fifteen to fifty miles south and west. It is rich in minerals, mahogany, rosewood and dye woods. They also have the right to mine asphalt on a small island near Trinidad. The syndicate will invest a good deal of capital in working the concessions, and Mr. Fisher is to be the Manager.

MAY BRING ABOUT INTERNATIONAL COMPLICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—There is a great deal more in the news from Faribaut of the concession by Venezuela at the mouth of the Orinoco than is indicated in the dispatch. This concession may become more or less famous in the history of the diplomacy of Great Britain, and Ambassador Bayard for some time has vainly striven, in accordance with a resolution recently adopted by Congress, to persuade Great Britain to submit the whole dispute to arbitration. Great Britain being willing only to arbitrate beyond what is known as the Schomburgk line, the British intimations that the Administration in the event of a physical conflict over the disputed lands, might deem it necessary to follow up the moral aid by a military assistance.

THE NEW NAVY.

Senator Squire Wants a Slip Built on Puget Sound.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Senator Squire of Washington is interesting himself to secure, if possible, the contract for some of the new naval vessels provided for in the last session of Congress for his State. The law provides that one of the two battleships and one of the torpedo boats to be ordered by the Pacific Coast in case of war should be built at the Puget Sound. It should not appear that the Senator makes no such specification as to any of the six composite rainboats provided for in the law.

CHICAGO ELECTION.

Indications Point to a Complete Republican Victory.

CHICAGO, April 2.—At 10 o'clock the returns from the municipal election indicate that the Republicans have obtained a complete victory, electing George B. Swift, their candidate for Mayor, by a plurality close to 40,000. Eight hundred and twenty precincts out of a total of 988 give Swift 126,165 and Waters 82,094. In addition to the Mayor, the Republicans have, as indicated by the returns, elected their candidates for Assessor, Collector, Supervisors and City Clerk, making a clean sweep of all the city offices.

Missouri's Legislature.

Jefferson City (Mo.), April 2.—Governor Stone has authorized the statement that he will issue a proclamation tomorrow convening the Legislature in extra session about the 22d inst. for the enactment of legislation to suppress corrupt politics.

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SECRETARY GRESHAM.

Denial of the Report That He is to Retire from the Cabinet.

WILL VISIT HIS INDIANA HOME TO RECOVERATE HIS HEALTH.

President and Mrs. Cleveland Depart from Washington for their Summer Home at Woodley—Bill to Raise Duties on American Goods Imported into Jamaica Defeated by the Island Legislative Council.

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WASHINGTON, April 2.—A vigorous denial is made in Administration circles of the story that Secretary Gresham is about to resign. The Secretary himself will not be interviewed, not caring to dignify the report by a denial. It is a fact that the Secretary has been in ill health for some time, and the recent attack of neuralgia of the stomach led him much debilitated. He has been unable to secure rest in Washington, owing to the frequency with which delicate and embarrassing diplomatic questions have been forced upon him, and it is probable he will yield to the solicitation of his friends and friends so far as to take some leave of absence and go to his home in Indiana, and perhaps stop for a short time in Chicago.

NEW YORK POLITICS.

Address Issued by Republicans of the Empire State.

NEW YORK, April 2.—An address from prominent Republicans to Republican voters in this State was issued to-day, which is causing much stir and interest among politicians of all classes. The address is signed by Cornelius N. Bliss, Joseph H. Choate, Horace Porter, L. B. Cannon, Samuel Thomas, William Brookfield, Horace Russell, Edward Mitchell, Joel B. Ehrhart, C. H. T. Colles, George W. Lusk, John B. Wood, Henry H. Howland, Henry W. Cannon, M. C. Borden and John Chaillon. The ground taken is that the vote for Governor New York City at the recent election was an index for the number of votes that had come into the Republican party at that time on both State and local issues.

FUNDS OF THE NATION.

Treasury Statement for the Month Ending March 31st.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The monthly Treasury statement shows that on March 31st, the public debt, less cash in Treasury, amounted to \$1,800,000,000. The amount for the month of \$18,317,105. The amount of new 4 per cent bonds issued during the month was \$28,907,000. The following is the recapitulation of the debt: Interest-bearing debt, \$718,561,000; increase during month, \$28,888,100; debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, \$1,770,259; decrease during month, \$6,000; debt bearing no interest, \$821,759; decrease during month, \$762,270. Total debt, \$1,998,818,100. Of which \$67,944,442 are certificates and Treasury notes, and the balance of \$1,930,873,658 is cash in Treasury. The Treasury cash is classified as follows: Gold, \$18,488,496; silver, \$30,259,879; paper, \$181,227,047; and United States deposits, \$1,762,908,236. Against which there are demand liabilities amounting to \$699,330,328, leaving a cash balance of \$1,231,543,330, of which \$90,643,367 is gold reserve.

ISLAND OF JAMAICA.

Bill to Raise Import Duties on American Goods Defeated.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—O. O. Eckford, United States Consul at Kingston, Jamaica, has notified the State Department that he is unable to collect the duties on the island of Jamaica. The bill to increase materially the customs duties on many articles imported from the United States, a message to the Legislative Council that the Governor had suggested that the withdrawal of the United States from the reciprocity treaty made in pursuance of the McKinley law left the island free to restore to its tariff some of the sources of revenue abandoned under that arrangement. The Colonial Secretary then intimated on March 12th a bill in line with the Governor's message, and it is probable that a like measure will be brought up again this session.

A Watchman Fatally Shot by a Drunken Man.

St. Louis, April 2.—In the saloon of Louis Colla, a candidate for the House of Delegates, at Twenty-first and Washington avenue, about noon to-day George W. Thorn, a watchman employed at the Madison racetrack, was fatally shot by a C. A. Day.

Thorn was in Colla's saloon with friends when Day entered. Immediately afterward the shooting began. Day and Thorn each fired several shots. Two bullets from Day's pistol entered Thorn's left breast and shoulder and he fell to the floor. Day ran out of the front door and was followed by a crowd of men to the place where the watchman lay. The wound was fatal.

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