

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION

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The Disastrous Result of a Fire at Havana.

The Object of King Leopold's Mission to England—He Fears Another Great War is Imminent.

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HAVANA, May 18.—A hardware store, in which was stored a quantity of powder, was destroyed by fire here last night. While the fire was raging the firemen endeavored to subdue it, when a tremendous explosion occurred, bringing down the walls, which caused a frightful crash, scattering burning brands for several blocks. Over fifty persons were killed or wounded, among the number being five chiefs of the fire departments, several other firemen, a number of policemen and the resident Consul General Atkinson. The calamity, one of the most disastrous that has occurred in this city for many years. The financial loss is unestimated.

Many human limbs have been taken from the ruins. The proprietor of the hardware store has been arrested. Thirty-four mutilated dead bodies have been recovered.

RUSSIAN CIRCULAR.

Gladstone's Scraps About Denouncing the Kaiser in the Commons.

LONDON, May 18.—Gladstone, speaking at Lowestoft yesterday, said the English public conscience was greatly shocked by reports of Russian atrocities in Poland, and without the form of a trial, and by the fact that these outrages passed without reprobation from the Russian Government. He had heard of the execution of a Russian nobleman by a firing squad, and he said he had never before seen such a scene. He said he had never before seen such a scene. He said he had never before seen such a scene.

TANNING BY ELECTRICITY.

Successful Experiment for the Conversion of Hides Into Leather.

LONDON, May 18.—An interesting trial of electricity for the conversion of hides into leather took place in Bunnessy Wednesday. The tanning was accomplished in a revolving drum twelve feet in diameter and eight feet long, rotating at eight revolutions a minute. Turpentine and tannic acid were used to saturate the hides. A strong current of electricity was caused to flow from a metal band which runs around the interior of one end of the drum to a corresponding band on the other end. The drum, after revolving for some time, was opened, and the leather appeared to be of excellent quality. The system is now being used for the tanning of hides in various parts of the world.

THE COPPER SYNDICATE.

Evidence That Dishonest Means Were Used to Buy the Market.

PARIS, May 18.—At the trial of the chiefs of the copper syndicate it was proved that Secretan, the Director of the Societe des Mines de France, had used dishonest means to buy the market. He had used a large quantity of money to buy up the market, and had used a large quantity of money to buy up the market.

STANLEY'S PROSPECTS.

His Marriage to Be Followed by an Appreciable Appointment.

LONDON, May 18.—Stanley is reported that Stanley, after his marriage, will be appointed by King Leopold Governor-General of the Congo Free State. The wedding ceremony will be held in London on Saturday. Stanley is a member of the House of Commons, and has been a member of the House of Commons for many years.

A SWIMMING FEAT.

How Davis Tatten Made the Trip From Putney to London Bridge with His Clothes on.

LONDON, May 18.—The American swimmer Davis Tatten swam on his back from Putney to London Bridge with his clothes on. He swam for sixteen hours, and covered a distance of about twenty miles. He was accompanied by a large number of spectators, and his feat was a great success.

LEOPOLD'S MISSION.

England's Support Promised in Case of a Franco-Russian War.

LONDON, May 18.—King Leopold's visit is not entirely for pleasure. It is a conference between the King, Salisbury and Gladstone. Salisbury promised England's support to maintain Belgium's neutral position in case of war. Leopold fears that another Franco-Russian war is imminent.

BOULANGER'S LETTER.

He Denies That It Meant the Renouncing of His Claims.

PARIS, May 18.—Boulangier has informed a friend that the letter by which he dissolved the Boulanger National Committee does not mean that he is renouncing his claims, but that he desires the absence of any medium between universal suffrage and himself.

STEAMER FOUNDERED.

Six Lives Lost in a Disaster Off the Irish Coast.

LONDON, May 18.—The steamer Harold, from Bilbao for Glasgow, has foundered off the Irish coast. Six persons were drowned. The ship was carrying a large quantity of goods, and the loss is a great one.

STAGE GOSSIP.

Accident to a Premier.

SYDNEY, May 18.—The Premier, while out driving, was struck by his carriage and had a leg broken.

CAUSE OF THE GILBERT & SULLIVAN RAPTURE.

A Popular American Actress.

LONDON, May 18.—The row that finally ruptured the firm of Gilbert & Sullivan is said to have all been on account of a carpet. Their business was always done on a sharing system, expenses of all kinds being divided against the receipts, and the profits shared between Gilbert, Sullivan and the other members of the firm.

BLAINE'S OPINION.

His Views on the Next National Campaign.

The Maine Statesman Says He Will Not Be a Candidate.

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WASHINGTON, May 18.—A local paper has announced that Secretary Blaine has announced most positively to a friend that he will not be a candidate for nomination in 1892. At the same time he does not hesitate to declare that if his health had been as good two years ago as it is now he would not have written either the cablegram from Florence or the one sent after from St. Louis at the Chicago Convention. It is apparent from the general tone of Blaine's remarks that he does not expect either Cleveland or Harrison to be nominated. He regards Governor Hill as the prospective Democratic candidate and does not hesitate to say that he will be a hard man to beat.

ALASKAN MEASURES.

Status of the Bill Establishing a Military Post.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Taylor's bill establishing a military post in Alaska, and for exploring the valley of the Yukon River, is now in the hands of the Senate. The bill provides for the establishment of a military post near the mouth of the Tanana River, and for the establishment of a military post near the mouth of the Kuskokwim River. The bill also provides for the establishment of a military post near the mouth of the Kuskokwim River.

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COAST ITEMS.

Brief Notes From Pacific States and Territories.

B. F. Howe, a fruit-dealer of Tacoma, has been arrested for selling adulterated fruit. The Indians of Nevada are getting rich by catching trout in Pyramid Lake. A woman named Downer was killed by his own horse in California. A man named Smith was killed by his own horse in California.

FATAL DISTRESS.

A Quack Tooth-Carpenter Kills His Patients.

LIMA (Ohio), May 18.—A traveling dentist came here some days ago with a new system of extracting teeth. All of his patients were taken with blood-poisoning, and he was arrested. He was found to be a quack, and his patients were all dead.

ANOTHER GAS WELL.

The Subtle Fluid Found in South Dakota.

CHAMBERLAIN (S. Dak.), May 18.—In Buffalo county, while sinking a well on the farm of Eugene Gibbard, the drillers struck a strong flow of natural gas, which is being used for fuel. The gas is being used for fuel.

TRAIN IN NEW YORK.

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GAMING ORDINANCE VIOLATED.

Officers Madden and Leonard were detailed by the Chief of Police yesterday to watch the gambling operations which have recently been carried on the Sunday excursion boats. The officers boarded the T. C. Walker on its excursion to Astoria and during the day witnessed several games of chance being conducted. They arrested the gamblers, and seized the money and the gaming tables.

DR. PHILBROCK AND MR. TAYLOR, OF PASADENA, HAVE STARTED A MACKEREL-PACKING BUSINESS.

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IN NAPA COUNTY.

Nine Hours a Day—Patriotism and Dancin' House Burned.

ST. HELENA, May 18.—Several days ago a prominent painter of this place prepared an agreement for the signatures of painters, builders, carpenters, plumbers and all other tradesmen, pledging themselves to declare nine hours a day's work on the Pacific coast. The agreement was signed by a large number of tradesmen, and it is now in force.

GRAVEYARD FOLLOWING.

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