

ARE BLOWN TO ATOMS

DISASTROUS EXPLOSION OF A DYNAMITE MAGAZINE.

Pennsylvania Torpedo Company's Magazine at Shamokin, Pa., Destroys Life and Property—Priests in the Power of Philipine Rebels.

Report Heard Thirty Miles.

The magazine of the Columbia Dynamite Company, a branch of the Pennsylvania Torpedo Company, limited, at Shamokin, Pa., eighteen miles from Pittsburgh, exploded Tuesday morning and four people were blown to death. Two men and two women were killed and one man injured. The explosion took place about 10 o'clock and completely demolished the building and tore a large hole in the ground. Nothing is left of the victims. The concussion was felt several miles away and buildings in the immediate vicinity were badly shattered. At Shouestown the public school building was partly demolished and a panic among the pupils ensued, but fortunately no one was hurt. At Economy, Coraopolis and other towns the shock was so heavy that windows were broken. The cause of the explosion is not known and particulars are meager. The building, which was a two-story frame structure, was blown to atoms and the report was heard thirty miles away.

PRIESTS ARE IN PERIL.

Eighteen Carried Away or Slain by Philippine Rebels.

The papal delegate at Washington, Archbishop Martinielli, has received discrediting news from his vicar general, Rodriguez, in Rome, regarding the rebellion in the Philippines Islands. In the interview Mgr. Martinielli discussed the situation in both the Philippine Islands and in Cuba with considerable freedom. "Our order is very strong here," said the Archbishop, "as we have several bishops and 330 priests scattered all through the provinces. It was too much to expect that all of them had escaped, and the news I received is bad. I have no letters from my vicar general, and the information that eighteen Dominican priests in parishes about Manila have been carried off by the rebels, and no news whatever has been received from them. In the absence of information we believe that they are dead. Thirteen Dominican priests were also either carried away or slain by the rebels and those who were taken off were afterward killed, so we suppose the same fate has befallen the members of our order. The rebellion in the Philippines is likely to prove a most horrible affair, as the natives are only semi-civilized. Spain, too, is handicapped to some extent by the fact that she maintains on the island only a scattered army of about four thousand men. Spain will have a difficult task to subdue the half-barbarous people of the Philippines."

COLORADO'S MINERALS.

Total Value of Last Year's Production Was \$36,253,674.

The total value of the mineral production of Colorado for the year 1893 is represented by the following figures:

Gold ..... \$17,512,385

Silver (commercial value) ..... 14,787,180

Lead ..... 2,887,109

Copper ..... 1,067,900

Total ..... \$36,253,674

The output of gold during this period fell \$2,000,000 short of expectations, but, notwithstanding this disappointment, the State stands at the head of the list of producers of both gold and silver. California comes second with a gold record of \$16,500,000 and silver \$148,000, and Montana third, with \$4,500,000 in gold and \$10,000,000 in silver.

GOOD YEAR ON 'CHANGE.

Lady Scott Sentenced to Eight Months' Imprisonment.

Lady Selina Scott, mother-in-law of Earl Russell, who pleaded guilty in the central criminal court, London, of criminally libeling his lordship in connection with John Cockerton, an engineer, and William Aylott, a valet, was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment without hard labor. Cockerton and Aylott, who also pleaded guilty, received similar sentences.

Confidential Clerk Accused.

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Mrs. Lease's House Sold.

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Rich Vein of Silver Is Struck.

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MARKET QUOTATIONS.

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Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, good to choice, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 87c to 94c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 22c to 23c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 18c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 35c to 37c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 91c to 92c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 22c to 23c; oats, No. 2 white, 19c to 21c; rye, 37c to 39c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 90c to 92c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 20c to 21c; oats, No. 2 white, 16c to 18c; rye, No. 2, 24c to 26c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 91c to 92c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 22c to 23c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 18c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 35c to 37c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 92c to 94c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 21c to 23c; oats, No. 2 white, 17c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 39c; clover seed, \$5.25 to \$5.35.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2, 87c to 94c; corn, No. 3, 10c to 21c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 20c; barley, No. 2, 25c to 28c; rye, No. 1, 38c to 40c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 24c to 26c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 23c.

New York—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 88c to 90c; corn, No. 2 white, 20c to 23c; oats, No. 2 white, 19c to 21c; rye, 35c to 38c.

Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 92c to 94c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 24c to 26c; oats, No. 2 white, 19c to 21c.

Gold Coin Arrives from Haiti.

The first gold landed from a foreign port in several weeks was received Wednesday at New York from Port-au-Prince, Hayti—\$100,000 in American gold.

Unsound Ventures Burst.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: "The year 1893 begins with

TOO MANY BANKS.

Strained Condition in Financial Circles in Kansas.

State Bank Commissioner John W. Bridenthal predicts the number of Kansas banking institutions will decrease materially within the next two years, if not be cut in two. He says there are too many banks in Kansas now for the amount of business transacted, and he is advising consolidation in every place where it is feasible. "It is simply a question of time whether many of these institutions shall go into voluntary liquidation or be forced to suspend," said the Commissioner, "and in order to prevent the latter I have advised a general consolidation all over the State, especially in the smaller towns." The oversupply of banks came into existence during booms, and while capital has since diminished, there has been no perceptible decrease in the number of institutions. The deputy commissioners who have just returned from a tour of the State, examining all banks, report that in nearly every town or city the bankers are figuring with each other on a plan of consolidation in accordance with the advice of the Commissioner.

WHEAT SCARCE IN 'FRISCO.

Coast Shippers Will Willing Pay \$1.60 for Good No. 1.

Wheat in San Francisco has become a source article, and is daily advancing. Shippers would willingly pay \$1.60 per cental for good No. 1 shipping wheat, and it is known among a few that they have paid as high as \$1.62½ for something extra choice within the last three days.

Owing to the growing scarcity of wheat in California, the San Francisco market possesses a firmness independent of the other leading markets. It is said that there is not more than 250,000 tons of wheat remaining in the entire State, excepted the export demand, and home requirements, before another crop is harvested. There has been a decrease of 74,715 tons within one year. Freight rates are in oversupply and wheat, Vessels are not quoted over 17s 6d, United Kingdom. This is believed to favor a rise in wheat. The bulls believe that wheat will reach close on to \$2 per cental before July 1. The daily receipts of wheat at Port Costa and other tidal points of delivery are very small.

DISPOSING OF SURPLUS CORN.

Iowa Man's Scheme Which Is Indorsed by Railroad Men.

Henry Wallace appeared before the Iowa Board of Railroad Commissioners to present a plan for disposing of the surplus corn of Iowa. Prominent railroad men were present. Mr. Wallace simply said that the railroad grant feeding-train rates, so that stock cattle can be brought into Iowa at lower rates from the West and Southeast, and that the cheap corn, and sent on when fattened to their destination. He shows that the State is short of all kinds of stock; half its hogs died of cholera; the number of cattle is lower than in many years, and there is a larger amount of corn than ever known before, with no market in sight. The plan was promptly indorsed by the railroad men and commissioners. The former agreed to lay it before their companies, and the latter will use their influence to have the plan put in. Mr. Wallace and a number of Iowa railroad men will go to Chicago soon to present the matter to the general officers.

BREAD STANDARD NEEDED.

Report Shows the Necessity for Regulating the Size of the Loaf.

An Agricultural Department report on the composition and cost of bakers' bread in New Jersey cities, based on recent investigations, indicates the necessity of the adoption of a bread standard less variable than the loaf, so that a definite number of ounces may be found in each loaf. The increased cost of nutriment due to the transformations taking place before, with no market in sight. The plan was promptly indorsed by the railroad men and commissioners. The former agreed to lay it before their companies, and the latter will use their influence to have the plan put in. Mr. Wallace and a number of Iowa railroad men will go to Chicago soon to present the matter to the general officers.

GOES Through the House.

The Loud bill to amend the law relating to second-class mail matter was passed by the national House after two days of debate by a vote of 14 to 105. The opposition to the bill made a strong fight against it. The statements made on the floor as to its effect on certain particulars were very conflicting. The most important provision of the bill depletes to serial publications admission to the mails at 1 cent a pound rates. It is as follows:

"That nothing herein contained shall be construed as to admit to the second-class rate publications purporting to be issued periodically, and to subscribers, but which are merely books or reprints of books, whether they be issued complete or in parts, whether they be sold by subscription or otherwise, or whether they purport to be premiums or supplements or parts of regular newspapers or periodicals." The bill also depletes to newspapers the "sample copy" privilege, and the privilege enjoyed by newsmen of returning unsold publications at the second-class rate.

FOUNDED a Water Grave.

News has been received of the drowning of five children as a result of the floods in Texas County, Missouri. Thos. Wilson, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Kinney, and her five children, attempted to ford Prairie Creek, which was very high as a result of recent rains. The horses became unmanageable, and soon lost their foothold. The wagon, weighted with its human freight, sank, and the sideboards floated away, throwing the entire party into the water.

MARRIED to Turk.

The wedding of Miss Edith Lyman Collins and Reschid Bey, Count Czaykowski, councilor of state of the Turkish embassy at Rome, Italy, was celebrated in Paris Thursday. Miss Collins inherited the bulk of her wealth, related to be something like \$7,000,000, from her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Robert Nixon, who died last June in Paris. She was a daughter of Commodore Vanderbilt.

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