

Miscellaneous News.

The Contract Comes to Pennsylvania.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Secretary Whitney to-day awarded to the Bethlehem iron works company, of Pennsylvania, the contracts for furnishing about 1,400 tons of steel girders and 4,500 tons of steel armor plates, the total cost of which will be \$4,512,988.29.

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A Female Banker Skips.

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BOSTON, April 14.—The Herald states that Mrs. Sarah E. Howe, of Woman's bank fame, has absconded with \$50,000 of the depositors' money. Ever since her release from confinement on the charge of swindling depositors in her bank, she has continued business, receiving deposits of money from women, paying or promising to pay an exceedingly high rate of interest thereon. A lady from Augusta, Me., called at Mrs. Howe's house last evening for the purpose of collecting the interest on a sum of money deposited with her. She was told by a man who came to the door that Mrs. Howe had skipped and had taken \$50,000 with her. A warrant has been issued for Mrs. Howe's arrest, and the police are searching for her.

THE HUNTED MONARCH

Nihilists in New York Gloating Over the Attempts to Kill the Czar.

New York, April 14.—An indignation meeting of about five hundred Russian Jews was held here in Florence hall last night to protest against the ratification of the Russian-American extradition treaty. Ex-Naval Officer Rosenthal presided, and beside him sat Madame Luich, who escaped from Russia at the time of the czar's assassination. Several speakers gloated over the attempts upon the czar's life and delighted the audience to such an extent as to make them applaud enthusiastically. Loe Hartman, a deep-dyed nihilist, spoke. He said the two significant features of the government in Russia were the large number of persons ready to sacrifice their lives to kill the czar, and the spread of revolutionary ideas among the nihilists. He predicted that the czar would soon follow his father. The crowd cheered madly. He approved of sending money over to Russia to help along the same as the Irish people do, and asserted that the sympathies of Americans have been enlisted.

Miles of Timber Land in Berks and Schuylkill Counties Laid Waste.

READING, Pa., April 14.—Owing to the fact that no rain has fallen in the last two weeks, the forest fires that have prevailed in Berks and Schuylkill counties have spread over vast extent of territory, and done incalculable damage to the young and growing timber. Between Staunstown, this county, and Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, a stretch of forest several miles in width, extending across the Blue Mountain, has been devastated. On the Irish Mountain, six miles north of Reading, an extensive fire prevailed, and the employees of the Temple and Mount Laurel furnaces were compelled to turn out and fight the flames. Along the line of the Wilmington and Northern railroad, nearly all the fields from Isabella to Joanna station burned over by sparks from locomotives. The farmers say it takes nearly all their time to fight the fire, much to their detriment, as it interferes with their spring work. They have had great difficulty to keep the fire from the Welsh Mountains. The forest fire between Hamburg and Shortlesville has been extinguished, after destroying property representing in value thousands of dollars.

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