Confirms Report of His Candidacy For President.

Announcement Surprises Politicians at Washington.

Mrs. Dewey's Ambition to Have Her Husband Chief Executive of the Nation.

WASHINGTON, April 4 .- Admiral leorge Dewey today confirmed the inerview published in the New York World to the effect that he will accept presidency of the United States should the American people desire him to fill that office. He refused to make

any further statement. The following is what Admiral Dewey said in answer to questions of The World's correspondent:

"I realize that the time has arrived when I must definitely define my posi-tion. When I arrived in this country last September, I said then that nothing would induce me to be a candidate for the presidency. Since then, however, I have had the leisure and inclination to study the matter and have reached a different conclusion, inasmuch as so many assur-



MRS. ADMIRAL DEWEY.

ances have come to me from my countrymen that I would be acceptable as a candidate for this great office. If the American people want me for this high office, I shall be only too willing to serve them. It is the highest honor in the gift of this nation. What citizen would refuse it? Since studying this subject I am convinced that the office of the president is not such a very difficult one to fill, his duties being mainly to execute laws of congress. Should I be chosen for this exalted position I would execute the laws of congress as faithfully as I have always executed the orders of my superiors.

When asked upon what platform he would stand, the admiral replied; time and possibly too much."

"If George Dewey is elected president of the United States, he may thank his wife for it." That is what female Washington is saying today, and female Washington certainly knows.

It is an open secret that for several months the admiral's charming wife has been urging her husband to take an active part in public affairs. Mrs. Dowey one of the most ambitious women in this city of ambitious women. She be-Heves in her famous husband and thinks that no position is too great for him.

At a dinner party given one night last winter at the residence of John R. Mc-Lean a guest proposed this toast:

To the admiral; may his title be changed to the president." The admiral laughed and blushed and shook his head. Mrs. Dewey clapped her

hands and cried out: "I'll drink that teast!" Mrs. Dewey will bring to her husband's

aid, if he decides to become an active candidate, both wealth and power. She is a rich woman in her own name, and Her brother, John R. McLean, is the

dominant factor in Ohio politics. would, it is believed, be a powerful ally in the fight. In addition Mrs. Dewey has been for years a most hospitable hostess Washington and has made innumerable friends, many of them politicians of national fame and influence.

Departure of Commissioners.

WASHINGTON, April 4 .- Judge Taft. president of the Philippine commission, spent some time yesterday in consultation with Secretary Root. He expects to leave Washington this afternoon, going to California by way of Chicago. He will pay a brief visit to his sister at San Diego, but will be in San Francisco by the 13th inst. to meet the remainder of the commission and to sail on the 15th

Died In His Carriage.

READING, Pa., April 4.-Colonel David Campbell, superintendent of the Empire Iron and Steel company's furnaces here and one of the most prominent iron masters in the country, died suddenly in his carringe as he was returning from an inspection of the Wheatfield mines, of which he was manager.

Going After More Gold.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., April 4.-Alva Ketcham of this city, from whom burglars recently stole a quantity of gold dust which he had secured in the Klon-dike, is preparing to leave for Cape Nome to make another try for gold.

Movement of Cotton.

NEW ORLEANS, April 4.- Secretary Hester's New Orleans Cotton Exchange statement shows that the movement of cotton for March was 580,568 bales against 639,457 last year and 701,491 year before last.

Attempted Assassination of the Prince at Brussels-Shot at, but Missed.

LONDON, April 4. - Intense excitement is caused here by the report of an attempt to assassinate the Prince of Wales at Brussels.

The Prince and Princess of Water started from this city this morning for



PRINCE OF WALES.

Copenhagen for the purpose of attendng the celebration of King Christian's

birthday, which occurs April 8.

The dispatch from Brussels says: "The Prince of Wales was shot at while leaving the railroad station here

He was not hurt, 'As the train was leaving the Northern station for the Southern Railroad station an Individual fired a revolver at the Prince of Wales, but missed his royal highness."

To Improve Pearl Harbor.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The naval board, of which Admiral Barker is chairman, appointed to prepare plans for the establishment of a naval and coaling station at Pearl Hather, Hawaii, has com-pleted its labors. The board was deterred by the absence of data respecting the character of the coral formations in the harbor from sabraitting close estimates of the cost of making the hurbor accessible for large ships. This data can be had only by a series of borings, which will be made while the work of improving the channel across the entrance bar is in progress. The \$100,000 recently appropriated will be utilized for this purpose as soon as the money can be transferred to the navy department.

Old Mexican Claim Paid.

NEW YORK, April 4.-An interesting Item in the payments of the subtreasury was a check for \$400,000 payable to the republic of Mexico. This was to refund the amount paid by Mexico more than 20 years ago upon an award against that country on the Weil and La Arbra claim. claim was afterward found to be based on worthless representations. Mexico made the first payment under the award, but at the same time protested against the claim. The money was for this reason never paid over to the claimants, but remained in the treasury of the United States pending investigation, which was completed about a year ago.

To Try Riotous Miners.

DUBOIS, Pa., April 4.- Twenty of the men who participated in the rioting at Horatio mines a few days ago were held for trial at court. Five of them furnishould stand, the admiral replied:
"I think I have said enough at this Brookville jail. The 13 women and the rest of the men who were arrested were discharged. The situation at the workings of the Berwind-White company is the same, none of the men returning to work. At Dubois there was a break in the ranks of the strikers, 54 of them resuming work.

Big Contract For Coal.

PITTSBURG, Pa., April 4.—The Pittsburg Coal company has just received one of the largest contracts for coal ever awarded a single company. The National Steel company. American Tin Plate company and the American Steel coal concern a joint contract for supplying most of the conl used in the various mills for a year. While the exact figures on the deal are withheld, it is said the contract is worth in the neighborhood of \$10,000,000.



"I had female trouble for eight years," writes Mrs. L. J. Dennis, of 828 East College St., Jacksonville, Ills. "Words cannot express what I suffered. I sought relief among the medical profession and found none. Friends urged me to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. When I com-Favorite Prescription. When I commenced taking this medicine I weighted ninety-five pounds. Now I weightone hundred and fifty-six poundsmore than I ever weighed before. I was so bad I would lie from day to day and long for death to come and relies my suffering. I had internal relieve my suffering. I had internal inflammation, a disagreeable drain, bearing down pain, and such distress every month but now I never have a pain-do all my own work and am a strong and healthy woman."

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DEWEY IS WILLING. TRIED TO KILL WALES. PORTORICOSTATUS

Decision of Solicitor General Regarding the Island.

Says Constitution Is Not Yet Operative There.

Foraker Complimented on His Work In Securing Passage of Porto Rican Tariff Bill.

WASHINGTON, April 4.-Solicitor General Richards of the department of justice has filed a brief in the supreme court which fixes the attitude of this government on the question of whether the constitution extends to the new possessions of the United States. The department of justice says it does not with-

Out act of congress.

The case is that of Ramon Bacz, a native born inhabitant of P to Rico, who applies for leave to file a petition for writs of habeas corpus and certiorari to secure his release from further imprisonment under a judgment of the United States provisional court of Porto Rico sentencing him to two months' imprison ment for illegal voting at a municipal election held under the military order. The prayer is that the writ of habeas corpus be directed to Samuel C. Bothwell, marshal of the provisional court at Humacoa, Porto Rico, commanding him to produce Bacz before the supreme court, and that the writ of certiorari saue to the provisional court of Porto Rico, commanding it to forward to the court a transcript of its proceedings in

After reviewing the case the solicitor general makes the following argument:

"Is this military court and its trooper marshal within the territorial jurisdic-tion of this court? Both are in Porto Ri-While that island has been ceded to the United States, congress has as yet taken no action toward organizing the territory or applying to it the constitu-tion and the laws of the United States, The island has been acquired under the power conferred by the constitution on the government of the Union making war and making treaties (Marshall, C. J., in Insurance company versus Canter, 1 Peters, 511, 541). The ultimate disposition and government of territory thus acquired rest with congress under the power granted it -- to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations respecting the territory or other property belonging to the United States (article 4,

"Congress has not yet acted. The president is therefore still in control, acting through the war department. The occupation is a military occupation. The so called courts are the mere agencies of the military power. Everything is provisional and temporary. The department of justice of the United States is in operation in Porto Rico. The court has no jurisdiction of the case presented."

FLOWERS FOR FORAKER.

Senator Complimented on Securing Passage of Porto Rican Bill. WASHINGTON, April 4 .- A bunch of

beautiful flowers adorned the desk of Mr. Foraker (O.) when the senate convened today. It was sent to him by friends in recognition of his handling of passed the senate by a vote of 40 to 31.

Mr. Stewart presented a petition from citizens of Cuba, representing \$150,000,-000 of capital, "praying congress to enact a law prohibiting the use of the United States military power to prevent the landing of a competing cable from the United States."

Mr. Morgan called attention to a rule of the senate which provided that no petition should be received from citizens of a foreign country except through the state department. He did not object to the petition, because he believed that Cuba held such a relation to the United States as could be dissolved only by con-

Mr. Spooner said the rule was founded Hoop company have awarded to the local in good sense, and he believed the petition ought to come through the state department.

The chair held that the petition could not be received if objection were made.

Mr. Stewart urged that the petition did not come within the rule. The Cubans, having no other alternative, appealed to congress.

The petition finally was received and ordered printed. At the conclusion of morning business the chair haid before the senate the reso-

lution declaring that Hon. M. S. Quay was not entitled to a seat in the senate from Pennsylvania; but the matter was laid over until tomorrow.

Without preliminary business the house

today resumed the consideration of the bill to establish a territorial government in Hawaii. Mr. McDowell (O.), a member of the committee on territories, was the first speaker.

While Mr. McDowell was speaking the clerk of the senate appeared and announced the passage of the Porto Rican tariff bill "with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the house is requested." There was no demonstration when the announcement was made. The bill was immediately referred under the rules to the committee on ways and

Mr. McDowell, as one of the original opponents of the annexation of Hawaii, inveighed against the labor conditions in the islands and the influence of corporations there.

Porto Rico's Finances.

WASHINGTON, April 4.- The division of customs and insular affairs of the war department gave out a statement of the condition of the Porto Rican treasury for the month of February, 1900. The most important item is that the deficit for the month is \$24,191. The total receipts for February, 1900, were \$100,016, while the disbursements for the month were \$124,207. The balance in the hands of the treasurer of the island Feb. 1, 1900, was \$447,880.98, which by Feb. 28, 1900, had decreased to \$423,608. The receipts of the island for the month of Februnry, 1900, are divided as follows: Customs, \$60,932; postal, \$7,963; internal revenue, \$27,182; miscellaneous, \$3,937.

Weather Indications. Fair; colder; northwest winds.

Accused of Stenling Stamps, WASHINGTON, April 4.—William E. Slaughter of Louisiana, a \$000 clerk in the office of the paymaster general of the navy, has been arrested by postoffice in-spectors for alleged fraud upon the government. Slaughter had charge of the mailing business of the naval pay bureau and is reported to be responsible for the loss of between \$600 and \$700 worth of postage stamps.

Gold Strike In Artsona,

JEROME, A. T., April 4,-There is much excitement here over a strike of gold bearing quarts eight miles from this city on United Verde and Pacific road, where a big vein of free gold was discovered by section hands. A hole four feet deep has been made, and a sample assay is said to show \$22,000

Another Big Seal Catch.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., April 4.—The scaling steamer Iceland has arrived here with 20,500 seals. She is the most heavily laden of all the ships that have yet She had a narrow escape from foundering last Friday during a fierce gale owing to the fact that she was carrying 2,000 seals on deck.

Movement of Warships.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The Brook-lyn has arrived at Yokohama. The Monocacy has sailed from Shanghai for target practice. The Dixie is at Naples. The north Atlantic squadron is due at Hampton Roads on April 21.

Damage by Snow Avalanche, BERLIN, April 4,-During the heavy snowstorms with which the month opened an avalanche did great damage in the Sudetian mountains near Hirschberg. killing several persons

Cronje Goes to St. Helenn. CAPE TOWN, April 4.—General Cronje, Colonel Schiel and 1,000 Boer prisoners sailed for St. Helena last

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