## AWFUL WORK OF POWDER

## Terrible Explosions Completely Wreck the Atlantic Mills.

### SIX WORKMEN ARE KILLED | Uncertainty to Keeping Back Trade

### Four Others Are Seriously if Not Fatally Injured.

THE PLANT A MASS OF RUINS AND ALARGE AMOUNT OF AMMUNITION READY FOR SHIPMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLY STATIONS IS DESTROYED-BODIES OF THE VICTIMS TERRIBLY MANGLED THE EXPLOSION THE RESULT OF CARELESSNESS OF A SMOKER IN ONE OF THE PACKING ROOMS.

Easton, ran April 28.-The town of Dover, in Morris county, N. J., and the country within a radius of 20 miles was startled this afternoon by a series of terrific explosions, the first of which occurred at 2.10 o'clock. explosions occurred in the Atlantic Powder company's works and the plant is now a complete mass of ruins. Six workmen were killed and four others were seriously injured, some probably fatally. Their remains have

not yet been recovered.

The works were situated in an iso lated spot seven miles out in a rough country from Dover. There were ten buildings in the group and all have been destroyed. The first explosion occurred in one of the packing houses caused, it is thought, by a spark from the pipe of a careless smoker. The concussion set off the explosives in another packing house nearby. Debris and burning timbers of the wrecked buildings were carried high into the air and fell in a shower over the remaining buildings, setting fire to the main factory and the other five packhis houses and the two shell houses. In a be'ef time the explosives in these buildings were set off and left death and destruction in their wake. The works have been running night and day turning out rush orders for the United States government and a large amount of ammunition ready for shipment was stored in the packing house. This with all other explosives was completely destroyed

### TERRIBLE SCENES.

The scene presented at the place was most terrible. People who felt the shocks and saw the flames of the burning structures flocked to the place from miles around but could render no aid to the injured. The people were terrified and held back in constant fear of other explosions. A few men who were in the buildings managed to escape and they ran about the country bewildered. They could give no intelligent account of the cause of the explosion. When the wives and relaapproached the burning buildings the scene was most heartrending. The women tore their hair and ran about in a pitiable manner.

vas near 5 o'clock before the ruins had cooled off sufficiently to be approached and before the onlookers could be induced to go near the spot The bodies of the dead were horri-

bly mangled. The head was missing from some, while here and there lay legiess and armiess trunks. Many of the injured were cut and maimed so badly that some of them cannot recov-The loss cannot be learned at this writing. The dead are:

ALFRED PARRICK, WILLIAM STUMPS. CASPER RAY

DAVID SCHEER. WILLIAM HAYCOCK,

ELIAS ABERS

All the killed were married and have

## AS SPANIARDS VIEW IT.

#### Translation of a Disputch Sent to Madrid by a Correspondent

Washington, April 28.-Following is a translation of a cable dispatch sent by Senior Julio Gonzales y Alba, correspondent at Washington of the Madrid

"The United States hesitates to fight: 'its waiting policy' is due to timidity. Its fleet hovers around the shores of Cuba and moves up and down the American coast, doing no greater damage than here and there the capture of a defenceless merchantman. The reason for this is that the American government is not prepared to fight. It was not thought that Spain would offer any real resistance. The press of this republic has misled the populace as to the power, re-sources and military virtues of the Span-

The only powder mill on the American roa only powder mill on the American continent capable of producing smokeless powder has been destroyed. Thus the Americans have no way of reloading their heavy ordnance, as black or brown powder cannot be used effectively.

"Then the States which were counted on to furnish the men for the war are themselves handleanned by theselves handleanned by the services."

themselves handicapped by threatened In-dianuprisings. The regular army has been withdrawn and the savages have already taken the warpath. In the states of Ohio, Illinois and Iowa the citizens have already been called out to protect their wostern frontiers from the raids of the

"In the District of Columbia the militia guard has refused to serve. The guard was ordered out by the president, and when it discovered that it was to go into camp and drill for war purposes it disobeyed the officers and returned to the

The fifty millions of dollars voted for the war have not been collected, and a bill is now before the congress providing means to borrow money with which to

## SHAW MURDER TRIAL.

## Character and Other Defense Wit-

nesses Are Catled. Camden, N. J., April 28 .- The defense in the Shaw murder trial continued calling witnesses today. Foster Zane, an uncle of the defendant, testified that he urged Shaw and threatened to use force to prevent him from going to the hospital where his mother was dy-

Dr. C. G. Hall saw Shaw on the night he made a statement to the prosecutor and said the prisoner was in such a nervous state as to be irresponsible for anything he might say.

the murdered woman, said Shaw fell in a half faint over his mother's form and was led away by the police before he had an opportunity to kiss her, as he had already done his grand-

Howard Ross, a railroad flagman, saw two suspicious looking characters hanging about the Shaw house the night of the murder. Frank McCor-

mick corroborated Ross. The afternoon was largely taken up with the testimony of acquaintances of shaw, who testified to his good character. Argument by counsel will be heard tomorrow when the case will go to the jury.

### IRON AND STREL MARKET.

## Operations in the East.

Pittsburg, April 28,-The iron and steel market remains about as it was last week, but those conditions are more pronounced. War preparations have overshadowed everything in the way of business, and the latter has been practically left to take care of itself, while all attention is given to . one topic of the day. In all lines of the market there is more hesitation shown. Consumers provide only for present wants, as the uncertainty of the effect of a conflict is holding back both sides of the market. Locally, the most important development of the week was the agreement of the valley plg iron producers to close down all furnaces for 30 days during the coming three months. This agreement is backed by a stiff forfeit and it is the general impression that this move will before long have a decided effect on the mar-ket. At all other points the situation appears to be about the same.

In the east the uncertainty is keep-ing back trade operations. Buyers, vever, have the best end of the market, but big orders are expected soon. Present business is disappointing. At New York and Philadelphia the pig iron market is quiet. There are good prospects in Bessemer billets. Manufactured lines are quite slow and Philadelphia bars are so low that the smaller mills are being crowded out. Sheet iron makers are again busy, and the tin plate mills are rushed. Chicago reports trade conditions unchanged, with consumption large, but great hesitation in orders. Pig iron is hardly as dull as it was, but bars are not so active. The plate mills are kept busy and the demand for structural is fair. A fairly good business in pig iron is being done at Cincinnati, with prices of finished material wen sustained. The western sheet mills are well employed. At Cleveland all branches of the market are quiet, and in the Wheeling market the purchases being made are for immediate use.

### SPANIARDS TIRED OF WAR.

#### Remarkable Indifference Discovered by Poul ney Higelow.

Southbampton, April 28.-Poultney igelow, the American writer and journalist, left for New York on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse today to enlist in the cavalry. He has just returned from Spain and said:

"The demonstrations are limited to a few large cities-Madrid. Barcelona and Cadiz-and are little more than a popular explosion of the minority, the constituted government officials and others being afraid of having their loyalty

"While crossing the peninsula I was in constant intercourse with every class of Spaniard, including soldiers bound for Cuba. Throughout my three-weeks' trip I was daily struck by the absence of interest in the question of the hour. The poor people are sick of the Cuban war, and do not care a rap for Cuba. There is no evidence of public excite ment which animated Germany on the

eve of the war with France "From conversation with Senor Castelar I gathered that the republicans will soon again come to the front and re-elect him president."

## PORTO RICO AWAITS INVASION.

#### Spanish Islanders Are Auxious as to Uncle Samts Navy.

St. Thomas, Danish West Indies, April 28.-Advices from Porto Rico show that the Spanish colony is awaiting inva-

Having called here for war news, the Spanish steamer Paulina, from Parces lonn, for San Juan de Porto Rico,loaded with a general cargo, will remain. Madrid, April 28.—Today's dispatches from the governor general of Porte Rico say the war enthusiasm there is increasing. Two volunteer battalions have been formed for the defense of the colony.

## WHITE CAPS WHIP A WOMAN.

#### Pursuit of a Cowardly Gang, Who May Be Lyached.

Sylvia, Ky., April 28,-A band of white caps visited the house of Mrs. Mary Brumitt early yesterday morning, drawged her from her home, and, after tearing off her clothing, beat her so brutally that she will die. The gang is believed to be composed of moonshiners, against whom Mrs. Brumitt is said to have lodged information

A posse has been formed, and, if her assailants are caught, a lynching will

## FIRES RAGING NEAR HAVANA.

#### Great Forests Ablaze Along the Coast of Caba.

Key West, Fla., April 28.-Four great fires-evidently burning forests-extending all the way from a point near Matanzas City to within four or five miles of Havana, were raging along the line of the Cuban coast yesterday.

The largest of these, as seen from the American blockading fleet, was evidently very close to the town of Gunabe, which is situated about four miles back from the sea on a little river, or about twelve miles from Havana.

## May Be a Spanish Spy.

New Orleans, La., April 28.-The gov ernment engineer officer at Fort Eads has arrested a man believed to be a Spanish spy. He gave his name as John Walsh and his home New Orleans. Several undeveloped films and maps descriptive of the river and government works at Bort Eads works at Bort Eads works. works at Port Eade were found on him. The man has been held pending the action of the army authorities.

## Eastern League.

Wilkes-Barre, April 28.-The opening of the Eastern league base ball season in this city between Wilkes-Barro and Ro-chester was postponed on account of rain and cold weather,



### THE SAD PLIGHT OF PORTO RICO

#### Martial Law is Enforced in a Tyrannical Manner.

THE CAPITAL ALMOST DESERTED BY CIVILIANS-ACTIVITY IN PRE-PARNG DEFENSES-AN AMERICAN SUGAR ESTATE PLUNDERED-THE BRITISH CONSUL ASKS HIS GOV-ERNMENT FOR A WARSHIP-DAN-GER APPREHENDED FROM INCOM-PETENT VOLUNTEERS.

St. Thomas, West Indies, April 28.— Porto Rican advices received here today say that four Spanish gunboats are at San Juan de Porto Rico. They ere being painted black, or possibly

Martial law has been proclaimed in Porto Rico, and it is being enforced in a tyrannical manner. Crowds of people are leaving for the interior, the apital is almost deserted by the civilian population, and the roads leading from San Juan de Porto Rico are now presenting a remarkable appearance. Household goods, in carts, wagons or other such means of conveyance, are to be seen everywhere, the people dreading the rigors of a siege and the dangers of a bembardment of the capital by a United States fleet.

The military authorities are most ctively engaged in preparing for the defense of the island. Thirty-four orpedoes have been planted in the nain channel. In addition, an old steamship has been sunk across the harbor entrance, the buoys in the channel have been altered, and, from Monday last, after the news of the blockade of Havana reached there, accompanied by a report that the Cuban capital had been bombarded, all the ghts were ordered to be extinguished t night.

The French residents, when these advices left San Juan de Porto Rico, were seeking refuge on board the French cruiser Admiral Rigault de Ge-

AMERICAN ESTATE PLUNDERED An American sugar estate, it is ancounced, was plundered after the rewar between Spain and the United States. The British consul at San Juan de Porto Rico, who has charge of American interests, has cabled to his government requesting a British warship to be sent to that port.

Danger is apprehended from the inempetent and youthful volunteers of Porto Rico. They are armed with Mauser rifles and are displaying coniderable war enthusiasm.

Arecibo Bay, on the west coast of he island, has been planted with torpedoes from the signal station to a point about one mile west of it. There are many Spanish volunteers here and n their way to Porto Rico.

Spanish steamers landed at Mayag-ez, seventy miles from San Juan de orto Rico, on Wednesday, a quantity of arms and ammunition, and there was a similar landing of supplies at Fan Juan de Porto Rico on Tuesday, Besides this, about 5,000 tons of provisions were landed at San Juan de Porto Rico on Sunday last.

The warehouses of Porto Rico are renounced to be full of provisions, and the Spanish authorities say they can stand a slege of two months. All the coast lights have now been

stered to be extinguished. No United States warships are known o be in the vicinity of Porto Rico.

## COMMISSION FOR WOODFORD.

#### Will Be Appointed Unjor-General in Volunteer Army.

Washington, April 28.-Senator Platt caw the president today in behalf of Stewart L. Woodford and Coionel Fred D. Grant, both of whom desire commissions in the volunteer army. The president is understood to have practically promised to give General Woodford a commission as major general and Colonel Grant a commission as brigadier.

Hon. Melvin Gigsby, attorney general of South Dakota, will be appointed to command one of the cowboy regiments authorized by the volunteer army bill. He had large experience as a cavalry officer during the Civil war.

## SHENANDOAH SAFE.

## The American Ship Arrives at Liver-

Liverpool, April 28 .- The four masted American ship Shenandoah, Captain Murphy, from San Francisco, reported

to have been captured by the Spanish, arrived here safely this afternoon The tug Pathlin met the Shenandoah off the south coast of Ireland and towed her to Point Lynas for \$1,590, as the commander of the Shenandoah was unwilling to risk her being intercented. Her cargo owing to ...e advance in the price of wheat is worth \$250,000.

## FIRST VOLUNTEER COMPANY.

#### Honor Belongs to Heavy Artiflery of bussachusetts.

Boston, April 28 .- The First Regiment, M. V., heavy artillery, compris-ing twelve, batteries, Colonel Charles Pfaff, of Hoston, commanuing, is the first regiment in the country ordered into service since hostilities between Spain and the United States began.

Pennsylvania Pensions. Wasnington, April 28.-The following Pennsylvania pensions have been issued. Increase—James B. Hurst, Mount Pleas ant, \$12 to \$14. Reissue-Special April 19 Charles T. Knight, Trout Run, Lycoming 16. Supplemental-Sobra J. Ganger, Lee raysville, Bradford, \$2.

## BASE BALL.

National League. CHAMPIONSHIP RECORD.

Cincinnati	7	2	.7
Bultimore	5	22	. 7
Chicago	5	3	.6
Pittsburg	6	4	.0
Brooklyn	4	25	.fi
Boston	5	4	.75
Cleveland	5	15	-,5
Philadelphia	4	4	- 5
	8	5	-31
Washington	2	5	- 4
Louisville	3	- 35	
St. Louis	1	7	1
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At Cleveland-	REFE		

Neveland .......000200000 3 8 4 Batteries—Wilson and O'Connor: Breit-enstein and Peitz. Umpires—McDonald and O'Day,

All other National league games postoned on account of rain All Atlantic league ball games sched-

for today were postponed on account

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from at range of prices that ex-

tend from \$2.00 to \$16.00, all of

them very fine examples of mil-linery skill.

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rimmed Straw Hats that we

bought at such a great sacrifice,

hats that are actually worth

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few more of that lot of \$1.00

hats of which we had such

10c

Other Things

ished prints, special .....

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## India Linen

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8c grade, white cordded dimity, special ..... New and Desirable

## Silks and Dress Goods At a Reduction On account of the inclement

weather we have had in the early part of the week we shall repeat the offer made last Monday in our dress goods department. The following items | eral attention. are all at very special prices and cannot be duplicated anywhere else for the same money:

50c Wash Silks, extra quality, exclusive designs, 39c 75c All-Silk Rhadame, special .....

69c black brocaded Gros Grain Silks, special Fancy Silks, suitable for waists, special ..... 35c Black Figured

Mohair, special ..... Goods, special ...... 39c

Cloth, special ...... 31c 10c a quantity, to close 29c 18e plain and fancy Dress Goods, special...

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