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THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

John Cook, aged 98 years, for whom Cook county, Texas, was named, died at Gainsville.

Senator Tillman of South Carolina, has received a flattering offer to go on the lecture platform.

Speaker Henderson said: "All good people will profoundly regret the death of ex-President Harrison. He will rank in history as one of the ablest of presidents."

The Arkansas house has passed an anti-trust bill which bars from the state any corporation which is a member of a pool or trust in any part of the world.

New York City must put on the brakes. It is within \$16,000,000 of the constitutional debt limit, and half of that is in honor pledged for a tunnel to Brooklyn.

The Cincinnati papers tell of plans being completed for a flat in that city which will be the largest in the world. It will be 1,000 feet long, and will house a small city.

Enough candy is being sent to the Philippines, reports the commissary department of the army, to give every one of the 60,000 men there three-quarters of a pound a month.

A hulk in the harbor at Lisbon is being fitted out for the reception of the Boer families expected to arrive in those waters shortly on board Portuguese warships, from Lourenco Marquez, Delagoa bay.

The London Times says it believes that in addition to the sugar tax and reimposition of the registration duty of a shilling on corn, the income tax will be increased by two pence or four pence in the pound.

The imperial chancellor, Count von Buelow, in a speech in the Reichstag today admitted that differences of opinion had arisen between the powers in regard to Chinese affairs, but he hoped they would be overcome.

The claim of the United States to the Isle of Pines is considered valid enough to justify a company of American capitalists in purchasing 22,000 acres of land there, which is to be thrown on the market in small farms of from ten to forty acres each.

The Count von Zeppelin, whose experiments in aerial navigation on Lake Constance last year attracted a great deal of attention, has spent about \$300,000 of his own money on an airship and the trials, and the corporation which backed him supplied fully \$90,000 more.

Dan W. Ringer, who is feeding sheep and lambs at Nora Springs, Iowa, has just been over in Michigan on a visit to friends and relatives. He says the lambs that shippers contracted at \$5 there on the strength of last spring's market have been losing them lots of money on the eastern market.

Colonel Cornelius Gardiner, who is to be governor of the Province of Tayabas, in southern Luzon, is a native of Michigan and was graduated from West Point in 1873. As a lieutenant he fought the Arapahoes and the Northern Cheyennes in Nebraska and Kansas before the battle of Republican river, at which Colonel Lewis was killed.

The president has approved the sentence of the court martial in the case of Captain Samuel K. Schwenk, U. S. A., retired, and he has been dismissed from the military service on the charge of duplicating his pay accounts. He was a veteran of the civil war and was ret'd in 1876. He was appointed from Pennsylvania.

The official statement of the gross postal receipts for February, 1901, compared with February, 1900, at the fifty largest postoffices, show for New York an increase of 12.2 per cent and Chicago 20 per cent increase.

J. B. Penn, aged 82 years, was found dead in bed at Plattville, Wis. His wife died ten days ago.

Samuel R. Moulton, one of the publishers of the Daily Courier, died at Lincoln, Ill., of typhoid fever, aged 32 years.

Chairman E. E. McLeod, of the Western Passenger association, said that no action was taken at the recent meeting on rates to the G. A. R. encampment, as the veterans have not yet been assured that Cleveland will put up the required guarantee fund.

A fire at Callaway, Neb., destroyed an entire block.

The Watertown, S. D., roller mills were destroyed by fire. The plant was the largest in the state. The loss is estimated at \$100,000; insurance \$52,000.

May 1 the International Machinists' Association of America will enforce a demand for a shorter work day.

Major W. H. Martin, 60 years of age, a clerk in the state treasurer's office at Raleigh, N. C., was arrested charged with the embezzlement of \$4,000.

THE AMERICAN TRADE

Boxer Outbreaks Prove Expensive to United States Shippers.

NO OTHER NATION AS HARD HIT

Consuls Fowler and Ragdale Make Special Report of Both Injury to Export and Import Business—A Matter That Needs Remedy.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The State department has received from United States Consuls Fowler at Chee Foo and Ragdale at Tien Tsin reports intended to show the effect of the Boxer troubles in north China upon United States trade, with particular regard to what Americans lost in America through the outbreak, rather than China.

A resume of the returns in north China entire, comparing the quarter ended June 30 last with that ended September 30, shows an almost complete annihilation of the American import trade, and, in Consul Fowler's language, "gives a good idea of what a mob in China can do in interfering with trade." The greatest interest was felt in cotton piece goods, and the cessation of this class of imports, says the consul, must have been most keenly felt in the southern states.

Probably no country in the world suffered as much as did the United States, for the scene of strife covered practically the entire American field of trade. In compiling the statistics the amounts are indicated by gallons, pieces, or set out in Chinese money, so that an estimate of the actual value of the losses is not easily available, but the comparative tables indicating the greatest in our trade with China ever known at the beginning of 1900, and setting forth the most serious losses to it at the end of the year, are sufficiently impressive to serve the purpose.

At Chee Foo, which, compared with the immediate northern ports, was peaceful, there were more riots and tumults than ever were known before, and the various American mission losses probably will total \$150,000 in gold. After June 15 the imports at Chee Foo ceased, all commercial transactions being absolutely null.

The effect of the Boxer movement is shown to have been felt much earlier and more seriously in Tien Tsin than at Chee Foo. Ships loaded with Oregon lumber reached Taku and were unable to land their cargoes, thus entailing an enormous loss upon the American lumber trade. One American firm paid over \$5,000 in gold on demurrages alone from this account, beside losing the sale of the lumber destined for Tien Tsin.

At Niuchwang, which saw less fighting than Tien Tsin, the trade was wiped out almost completely. The only foreign power that interfered there, it is stated, was Russia, that government seizing the port as early as August 4. On August 12 it had control of the custom house.

The total collection of duties for all China during the quarter ended September 30 last showed a loss of 2,459,591 taikwan taels, as compared with the same period of 1899. The figures submitted, Consul Fowler points out, do not fully show American losses, for immense quantities of merchandise were held up in the various ports and must be checked off before importations can begin. The losses to the cotton trade alone are estimated at over \$3,000,000.

THOMPSON FOR SHORT TERM.

Nominated by Republican "Short" Caucus on the Eighth Ballot.

LINCOLN, March 20.—David E. Thompson was nominated for the short senatorial term, occasioned by the death of Senator Hayward, on the ninth ballot taken in the caucus held under the Wilkinson call last night.

At 2:30 this morning the caucus had adjourned for luncheon. The vote for the long-term senatorial nomination at that time was as follows: Rosewater, 30; Meiklejohn, 15; Currie, 8. There was no sign of breaking the deadlock, although the members expressed themselves as willing to stay until the finish.

Capture a Tagal Leader.

MANILA, March 20.—Captain Shanks of the Eighteenth United States Infantry has captured Diocno, the noted Tagal leader, in Captz province, island of Panay. Two rebels were killed and three men wounded.

Inspecting Dairy Products.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Secretary Wilson will take steps shortly to carry out the portion of the agricultural appropriation act empowering the Department of Agriculture to inspect exports of dairy products and furnish certificates to accompany them. Rules and regulations will be framed and issued whereby first-class products will be properly identified abroad. An agricultural expert will be stationed at New York.

NO LOWER RATES TO BUFFALO.

Committee on Trunk Line Association Says May Cut is the Limit.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The passenger committee of the Trunk Line association met today and agreed on certain rates to the Panamerican exposition. Special rates so far made by the association for this event were intended to be good for May only. This announcement created the impression among people at large that later still cheaper rates would be made.

The idea is erroneous, according to Commissioner Farmer of the association, who said today that the rates for May were made as low as possible because the passenger committee believed the exposition would "not be as showable" during that month as later. Confirming this statement, the passenger committee today slightly increased the rate on the ten-day excursion ticket after June 1. During May this ticket will be sold on Tuesdays and Thursdays, good for ten days, at a rate of one fare and one-half.

STATUS OF THE TRANSVAAL.

United States Has Not Recognized the Absorption of South Africa.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The implication, drawn from the review of the world's commerce for 1900, that the United States has officially recognized the annexation of the Transvaal and Orange Free State, describing them as British colonies, is contradicted by the State department register for 1901, says a special from Washington to the Times.

The register describes the Transvaal and the Orange Free State as independent republics. The State department register conveys the official position of the government on the question. It is a publication of the State department and is prepared under the supervision of the chiefs of the department. The review of the world's commerce is prepared in one of the bureaus of the department. Of course, neither publication could officially determine the attitude of this government, but if either has any weight the balance is in favor of the register.

TALK ABOUT A SETTLEMENT.

One Report Has It that England and Russia Have Come to Agreement.

LONDON, March 20.—Some of the afternoon papers say the Tien Tsin difficulty has been arranged. The misunderstanding was due to the Chinese authorities granting the same concession to two nations. The arrangement enables Great Britain to proceed with the construction of the railroad siding, but if Russia's concession proves to be earlier than that of Great Britain the latter is to acknowledge the claims of Russia.

The foreign office, however, has no information tending to confirm the announcement of an arrangement having been made and the officials are rather inclined to doubt that such an arrangement has been arrived at. They say the original concession was given up by Russia.

BOTHA REJECTS THE TERMS.

Secretary Chamberlain Makes Announcement in the Commons.

LONDON, March 20.—Joseph Chamberlain, the colonial secretary has just informed the House of Commons that General Botha has rejected the peace terms offered him.

General Botha, Mr. Chamberlain said, had conveyed the information in a letter to General Kitchener, in which he announced that he was not disposed to recommend the terms of peace General Kitchener was instructed to offer him, to the earnest consideration of his government. General Botha added that his government and its chief officers entirely agreed with his view. Mr. Chamberlain added: "I propose to lay the papers connected with the negotiations on the table tonight."

Porto Ricans Have Choice.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—An order issued by the War department is that the volunteer Porto Rican regiment be mustered out on or before June 30.

This action is taken in accordance with the law, which provided that all volunteer enlistments shall expire by July 1. This does not mean that either the officers or men shall be discontinued, as the reorganization law authorizes a regiment of Porto Ricans to be organized.

Million More for Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 20.—Mrs. Emmons Blaine according to an announcement by President William R. Harper at the University of Chicago convocation this afternoon has given \$1,000,000 to the University of Chicago School of Education, lately organized by the affiliation of the Chicago Institute and the university. This sum is given through the trustees of the Chicago institute, funded by Mrs. Blaine.

THE LATE DAVID BROWN

Mr. Cain's Eulogy of His Colleague From Otoe County.

DEEP APPRECIATION OF THE LOSS

A Brave, True, Good and Generous Man—A Man of Many Virtues and Exalted Character—Miscellaneous Matters Here and There in Nebraska.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 18.—Resolutions on the death of Representative Brown of Otoe county formed a special order of business in the house of representatives a part of one day. Speeches in eulogy of the late representative were made by Messrs. Evans, Cain, Hanks, Sprecher and Loomis. The principal address was by Cain, who said in part:

I had never met the late David Brown until the opening of this session of the legislature, when he appeared here to represent the people who had reposed their confidence in him some year ago, and who last fall, after an interval of thirty years, again called him from private life to represent them in this branch of the legislature.

His was a fearless heart and his a brave soul. He never forgot a friend nor did he ever hold malice toward an enemy. In the short time I have been intimately acquainted with him I have never known a purer heart, a more generous nature or a firmer friend.

But now our friend, our neighbor, our fellow legislator is seen no more among men. His work is done. His labors are ended; his task is finished; his chair is vacant. He has no more part or lot in the deliberations of this body and his ears are deaf to the sound of the speaker's gavel.

No more for him the honors of the state; no more for him the endearments of family; no more for him the load of care or the sigh of sorrow; no more for him the beauty of spring, the splendor of summer, the glory of autumn or the majesty of winter. Flowers will bloom upon his grave, storms will beat upon it, morning will greet it with her earliest light, night will cover it with her stars, but all by him will be heeded not while he sleeps that last long sleep that knows no awakening, and time will commingle his dust with Mother Earth from which he sprang; but his soul—the immortal part—has taken its flight to the Celestial Home above, "to that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

As it has ever been our pleasure while he lived to bear testimony to his many virtues, his exalted character, his unswerving fidelity to friends and principles and the faithful performance of the many trusts confided to his care, so now that he has been called to everlastingness in that higher and better life, it is still our pleasure to speak in praise of his virtues and in honor of his memory. So well did he discharge the various duties assigned him, so exemplary was his conduct, that those who knew him best, always delighted to honor him, and now that he is gone and we will meet him on earth no more, we, his colleagues in the house of representatives of the Twenty-seventh session of the Nebraska legislature, enshrine his memory in our hearts and render this tribute as a memorial of our affection and esteem.

What David Brown was here in the legislature he was elsewhere—a brave, true, good, guileless, kindly, generous man—who brought cheerfulness to his daily work; whose greeting was always a smile and who was ever active, quick and alert, and who had everlasting convictions that "God looks to pure hands, not full ones."

HORSES MEET DEATH IN FIRE.

Ten Head Burned in Whitmore Brothers' Barn at Valley.

VALLEY, Neb., March 18.—The large barn and granaries of Whitmore Bros. at this place were burned to the ground. Ten head of horses confined in the basement of the barn, a large amount of grain and numerous wagons and buggies were consumed, involving a loss of \$10,000, partly covered by insurance.

The fire started from the explosion of a lantern in the hands of Arthur Dunham, an employe of the firm. He was in the hay loft at the time and can ascribe no reason for the explosion of the lantern, for it came without any warning. Dunham escaped without injury. From the hay, which burned rapidly, the fire quickly spread to the entire barn, destroying all the farm implements, buggies, wagons and grain.

Plattsmouth Shopman Drops Dead.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., March 18.—Antone Choutka, a young man employed in the Burlington blacksmith shop, dropped dead while on his way to work. He left home apparently as well as usual, and his lifeless body was found soon after by some of the friends at the corner of Eleventh and Main streets. Heart disease is supposed to have been the cause of the young man's sudden death.

John Hare, the English Actor Now Playing in Chicago, Announced that at the conclusion of his present tour, five weeks hence, he will permanently retire from the stage.

Pearson Arrested at Tacoma.

TACOMA, Wash., March 18.—Loran Pearson, who is charged in Tecumseh, Neb., on the charge of attempted assault upon Blanche Helst, was arrested in Olympia. Sheriff Mills received word from Nebraska about two weeks ago that it was believed Pearson was in Olympia, where he has friends. An active search was begun which resulted in his arrest after a short struggle with officers. Pearson admits that he is the man wanted.

COUNTRY TO PROTECT BAIZ.

United States Will Stand Behind Venezuelan Consular Agent.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The state department, through Minister Loomis, recently lodged a most vigorous protest to the Venezuelan government against further interference with Mr. Baiz, the United States consular agent at Barcelona, Venezuela. It knows nothing of the last reported infringement of his liberty, but it is presumed that the affair is connected directly with the troubles which led to the first protest.

Ignacio M. Baiz is not a citizen of the United States, a fact that may add to the difficulty which our government will experience in protecting him, as it is determined to do. He was born in St. Thomas and is a Danish citizen so far as is known here, but having an exequatur issued by the Venezuelan government recognizing him as a United States consular agent, the state department has decided that he is entitled to the protection of the United States government. It appears that he is engaged in business and became involved in trouble with Venezuelan military by resisting an attempt to collect a forced loan from him. More than a month ago the state department forwarded its instruction to Minister Loomis to represent to the Venezuelan government that these annoying interferences with our official must cease, but so far no results have appeared.

COLD SHOULDER TO GERMANY.

Czar Does Not Open His Arms to Personal Embassy of William.

BERLIN, March 19.—Parliamentary circles relate that General von Werder, who was recently sent on a special mission to St. Petersburg, this time met with a cool reception at the Russian capital and that the private mission with which Emperor William entrusted him, and which was intended to explain away all misunderstandings that have arisen lately, practically failed. It is understood that Count Lamsdorf, Russian minister of foreign affairs, also keenly questioned General von Werder regarding the German agitation in favor of the annexation of Austria's German-speaking provinces.

SAIL FOR MANILA AT ONCE.

Part of Sixth Cavalry and Seventh Infantry Have Orders to Start.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19.—Troops F and G, Sixth cavalry, stationed at the Presidio, and Company H, Seventh infantry, stationed at Alcatraz, have been ordered to sail for Manila by the first transport available. They are expected to embark on the Hancock, which is scheduled to sail March 25. One squadron of the Sixth cavalry is in the Philippines and the other is in China. The two troops which are now ordered to the front formed the home squadron.

Digest of Postal Information.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The postoffice department will issue about next autumn a complete digest of postal information, under the terms of the last postal appropriation act. There is already a large demand and numerous inquiries are reaching the department. It is announced, however, that the contracts cannot be advertised for until after July 1 next and it will be a considerable time after that before the pamphlets will be available.

Alarming Fire in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, March 19.—Perhaps the most disastrous fire in the history of the South since this afternoon burned the ice storage plant of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing company, the repair shop of the American Car Foundry company, together with a number of box cars; the factory of Stule & Co., pickle manufacturers; five rooming houses and a number of small sheds. The total damage is estimated at \$100,000, the greater part of which is covered by insurance.

Bou's Victim Feverish.

PARIS, March 19.—The condition of M. Fenard de Rodays, who was wounded in the thigh Saturday in a duel with Count Boni de Castellane, continues slightly feverish, but there is no special anxiety concerning them.

Minister Conger Sets Sail.

LONDON, March 19.—A dispatch from Shanghai announces the sailing today of United States Minister Conger. The condition of Li Hung Chang has improved.

Turks Torture Prisoners.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 19.—At the first day of the trial of the eighteen Bulgarians accused of belonging to the revolutionary committee at Sofia and of fomenting disorder in Salonica, Monastir and Kossovo, recently begun at Salonica, a sensation was occasioned by a declaration by two of the accused that the confessions previously made by them were extorted by the use of the bastinado and by other ill-treatment while in prison.

THE RUSSIAN DEMANDS

Pekin Correspondent Furnishes Details of Manchurian Agreement.

OTHER FOREIGNERS ARE SHUT OUT

Czar's People to Have Monopoly on Civil Offices and Military Honors—Coreans Catch the Fever—Foreign News in a General Way.

VICTORIA, March 19.—The steamer Kinshu Maru arrived today from Yokohama and the Orient. Jiji prints the following details of the provisions regarding Manchuria gleaned from the Chinese agreement provides for the most reliable sources, it says, by its Peking correspondent: "This Russo-Chinese agreement provides for the nominal restoration of Manchuria to the Chinese when peace is declared, but Russia intends to station troops there to protect her railways.

"Should a disturbance arise in China these troops are to be dispatched to assist the Chinese government. In the event of China wishing to station her own troops in Manchuria she must first refer the matter to Russia. The importation of arms and ammunition into Manchuria by China is prohibited. Local officials are to be appointed by Russia and no other foreigners than Russians are to be appointed to the positions.

"The Chinese forces, army and navy, in northern China are to be drilled by no other foreigners than Russians. A system of self-government shall be proclaimed at Kin Chow. No concessions for mines and railways shall be granted to other nations than Russia, who alone shall collect taxes north of Hai Chow. The expenses in the recent campaign incurred on the railway and elsewhere shall be borne by the Chinese. China shall also cede other privileges to Russia as compensation for these damages and shall permit Russia to construct a branch railway to the great wall."

In Corea the Russians seem to be installing themselves well, according to news from Kin Shu. A late copy of the Corea Review says that of late all Corea army officials have adopted Russian military uniforms.

The Koreans were much agitated when the last mail left over reports that the former leader of the "righteous army," Chi Yu Sui In, was bringing a Chinese army across the Yalu, intent on asking the death of the Korean queen.

TO OPEN HARRISON'S WILL.

Will Be Read Before Members of the Family at Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 19.—Before the members of the immediate family of General Harrison leave the city a meeting will be held at which the general's last will and testament will be read before it is probated. Arrangements for this family meeting were being made today.

The will of the ex-president now lies in a safety deposit box at the Fletcher National bank, along with other private papers and securities belonging to the estate. W. H. H. Miller, the legal adviser of the family, will probably file the will within the next few days. General Harrison wrote the will in his own writing shortly before he left for Paris in the spring of 1899. No one knows the provisions of the last instrument.

ROCK ISLAND WRECK.

Many Passengers Are Badly Hurt Near Grand Junction Iowa.

GRAND JUNCTION, Ia., March 19.—A north bound passenger train on the Keokuk, Des Moines and Ruthven branch, Fort Dodge division, of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad was derailed two miles north of Grand Junction while running forty miles an hour. All the cars were overturned. The coaches were filled with passengers, hardly one of whom escaped.

MILLIONS TO OMAHA SON.

Mrs. Lottie Orr, Wealthiest Woman in Iowa, Dies in Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 19.—Mrs. Lottie Orr, known as the wealthiest woman in Iowa, died at the Chicago hospital in Chicago of anemia. Most of her large fortune, estimated at several million dollars, will go to her son, William Orr, of Omaha, Neb. Mrs. Orr, whose home was in Sioux City, came to Chicago for medical treatment.

Mexican War Veterans Dead.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 19.—Geo. W. D. Wade of Eddyville, a veteran of the Mexican war, is dead and his funeral was held at the Iowa soldiers' home at Marshalltown. Wade was a native of Kentucky, 86 years old, but at the time of his enlistment in the Mexican war lived at Quincy, Ill., where he entered the First Illinois infantry as a private in Company A. He served a year in the Mexican war.