

Brief Telegrams

Henry R. Crothers, cashier of the San Francisco Evening Bulletin, died after an operation for appendicitis.

Reuben S. Lovingsgood was born in a log cabin and is now president of Sam Houston college at Austin, Tex.

Glenn Brown has been elected an honorary corresponding member of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

Clark H. Sampson, one of the most prominent citizens of St. Louis, died after a year's illness from complications of rheumatism and Bright's disease.

The latest reports from St. Johns, N. F., say the seals captured up to the present number 250,000, which will probably be increased to 300,000 during April.

William N. Armstrong, a member of the cabinet of Kalakaua, the last king of Hawaii, has written an account of a journey around the world with his royal master.

A special from Miles City, Mont., says: Fully two-thirds of the residences and business portion of Miles City are submerged by the flood waters of Tongue river.

Sir William Vernon Harcourt, who has just announced his intention to retire from public life, is one of the few men to whom King Edward vainly offered a peerage.

The war department has refused the application of Colonel Charles H. Heyl of the inspector general's department to be transferred to the retired list after thirty years' service.

Owing to a refusal of the bosses to the demand for an eight-hour workday instead of nine hours, and 30 cents per hour, 300 carpenters went on strike at Dubuque, Iowa.

A circular is out announcing the appointment of John E. Utt as general agent of the Rock Island at Omaha. Mr. Utt is in Chicago conferring with the high officials of the road.

At Evansville, Ind., Philip Veatch, charged with having taken part in the July riot in this city, was fined \$50 and costs in the circuit court. Veatch is one of the best known young men in the city.

At Greenville, S. C., in the state circuit court, Mrs. Susan L. Franklin of Newberry, S. C., obtained a verdict for \$25,000 damages in a suit against the Southern railway, half of the amount sued for.

Walter Westlake, who with his young wife had been living for several days at a hotel in Indianapolis, Ind., was arrested on a charge of having passed worthless checks drawn on a Salt Lake City bank.

Secretary Taft has made an adverse report on the bill which provides for the promotion to a major generality on the retired list of Brigadier General George M. Sternberg, retired, formerly surgeon general of the army.

There were 12,749 deaths in the state of New York in the month of February, an average of 440 deaths per day. One thousand eight hundred and twenty of this number died of pneumonia, an unprecedented number.

The name of J. Clark Sprunt, a former editor of the now defunct Grand Rapids (Mich.) Democrat, charged with conspiracy in the Lake Michigan water deal, has been added to the information against the other respondents.

A favorable report was authorized on the bill granting statehood to Oklahoma and Indian Territory under the name of Oklahoma, and Arizona and New Mexico under the name of Arizona, by the house committee on territories.

At Trenton, N. J., the United States Steel corporation, through its counsel, filed in the court of chancery a demurrer to the bill of Alfred Stevens of Newark, who sued the corporation because of its passing of dividends on the common stock.

At the Union Pacific railway office in New York it was said that the report received from the west to the effect that A. L. Mohler had been made president of the Union Pacific was incorrect. E. H. Harriman is president of the Union Pacific.

A report received at the navy department from the New York navy yard announces that about eighty days will be required in the repairs to be made on the Illinois, which was injured in the collision between that vessel and the Missouri.

Rev. John Gordon, formerly president of Tabor college, Iowa, on April 1st was formally inaugurated president of Howard university, of Washington. The principal feature was a public meeting at night at the First Congregational church, when the keys of the university and the charter of the institution were formally turned over to Dr. Gordon.

Lieutenant Commander Edgar Townsend Warburton, chief engineer of the battleship Maine, now in Pensacola harbor, committed suicide in his cabin on board that vessel. A bullet from a revolver was sent crashing through the brain and death resulted within forty minutes afterward.

Traffic officials of the western roads have decided to refuse the request of the live stock associations for the resumption of passes to live stock shippers. It was held that no state has the right to pass a law requiring a railroad to give something for nothing.

THE CANAL BILL

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WASHINGTON—The early part of the present week will be devoted to the postoffice appropriation bill and when that measure is disposed of the Panama canal bill will be taken up. The canal bill will be among the few measures other than appropriation bills which will receive attention before the final adjournment session. It is expected that the measure will be debated at some length, and it is expected that amendments to it will be offered by senators on both sides of the chamber. It is expected that by the time the canal bill shall be disposed of the sundry civil bill will have been reported from the committee, whereupon it will be considered.

During the week there will be discussion of various other bills, including the bill for the protection of the president, on which Mr. Hoar will speak on Monday; the pure food bill, on which Mr. Heyburn will speak Tuesday, and the Chinese exclusion bill, which will be discussed on Wednesday by Mr. Patterson. Thursday will be devoted to eulogies on the late Senator Hanna.

The Swayne impeachment resolution will be the feature of the proceedings in the house. Legislation for the District of Columbia will have the right of way part of Monday and the balance of the day will be utilized for the passage of bills under suspension of the rules. Tuesday and Wednesday the conference report on the District of Columbia appropriation bill, to which the senate has made amendments, will take precedence, and the military academy bill will be disposed of during this time, as will conference reports on several minor house bills.

Thursday the Swayne impeachment case will be called up, and present indications are that debate on this subject will consume the balance of the week.

The report of the McCall investigation committee is looked for the latter part of the week.

OPPOSE ARBITRATION TREATY.

Irish Protest Against Any Alliance with England.

CLEVELAND, O.—The Irish nationalists of this city have adopted strong resolutions protesting against an arbitration treaty between the United States of America and Great Britain. The views of George Washington relative to the danger of alliances with foreign powers is cited and the opinion is expressed that such a treaty between the United States and Great Britain would be an undesirable condition to the other European powers and would tend to disrupt and destroy the friendly relations that now exist between the United States and those countries. A copy of the protest will be sent to Senators Foraker and Dick.

CHLOROFORMED PASSENGERS.

Pickpocket Arrested on a Rock Island Train.

DES MOINES, Ia.—One of the most original pickpockets ever to operate in the west was captured on a Rock Island passenger train near Centerville. With a rag and cotton wound around his forefinger, as though it were injured, he saturated it with chloroform and sat down by the side of a drowsy passenger. Opening a paper he became interested in a story and soon worked his finger near enough his victim to cause an unnatural snore. He had victimized several passengers when arrested by detectives. In his grip was found knock-out drops and other professional material.

Sugar Factory Moves West.

BINGHAMPTON, N. Y.—The work of dismantling the Binghamton beet sugar factory, which is to be removed to Blackfoot, Blingham county, Idaho, will be begun within a few days. The change is made because it has been difficult to persuade the farmers in this locality to raise enough beets to successfully operate the plant. The Idaho soil and climate are well adapted to beet culture and farmers there are eager to make contracts to raise enough to supply the factory.

Orders Cannon from England.

PARIS.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Figaro says that Russia has ordered 250 cannon in England for the Manchurian army. He adds that the Tenth and Seventeenth army corps will not start for the seat of war before the end of the month.

Pink Fish for Yellow Men.

SEATTLE, Wash.—The Seattle Trade Register says that orders have been placed with local dealers in the last few days for 225,000 cases of Alaska pink salmon for shipment to Japan for use by the army. The immense purchase will go forward by the Shawmut, sailing Saturday, while each following ship will take some. The Trade Register also says that 75,000 cases have been purchased by Japan in San Francisco and that large purchases have also been made in Vancouver, B. C.

RIOTS ARE FEARED.

Russia is Taking Every Precaution to Avoid Trouble Easter Week. ST. PETERSBURG.—Reports received by the ministry of the interior indicate that the precautionary measures taken to prevent anti-Jewish disturbances during Easter week, when the ignorant are easily aroused to a sort of religious frenzy against the Jews by the dissemination of false stories regarding "blood atonement," will result in the avoidance of trouble. In spite of the precautions it is feared there may be riotings, but the authorities may be relied upon to suppress these with a strong hand. The following telegram was received today from Odessa:

"Reports of anti-Jewish disturbances, which are always common at Easter time, cause more uneasiness this year than usual because of occurrences of last year. The authorities have confidence in Governor Elhardt, who is in charge of the city and who is an energetic and humane man, as well as in Baron Kaubers, commander of the troops in southern Russia. Under the circumstances any serious disturbances are considered impossible.

The newspapers have printed warnings and the city is placarded with warnings that all who disturb the peace will be severely punished.

RUSSIANS SAY IT WAS A VICTORY.

Claim that Japanese Suffered Heavy Loss in Latest Fight.

ST. PETERSBURG.—The following semi-official dispatch has been received from Liao Yang:

In the first encounter with the Japanese in northern Corea, which was crowned with victory for the Russian arms, the enemy's losses were ten times those of the Russians. According to Korean reports the Japanese buried fifty men, while 120 wounded were removed with the help of 500 Koreans to the headquarters of the Japanese main force. The confusion of the Japanese was so great that they raised two Red Cross flags in token of surrender. Throughout their war with China the Japanese never showed themselves so distracted. The people here are in high spirits over the news of the first brilliant fight in Corea.

PROMISE JAPS WARM RECEPTION

Preparations to Circumvent Attempt to Bottle Up Port Arthur.

PORT ARTHUR.—Preparations have been made to give the Japanese a warm reception in case they again attempt to block the harbor. Vice Admiral Togo was right in surmising that Vice Admiral Makaroff is responsible for the change in Russian tactics and the inspiration of Russian seamen.

A Signalman named Aronkono, who, during the bombardment of Vladivostok, remained at a small signal station on Askold island near the enemy's ships and wired information of the movements of the enemy to the fortress has been decorated with the cross of St. George.

FOOD SUPPLY OF PORT ARTHUR.

Japanese Refugee Says There is Enough for One Month.

NEW YORK.—A Japanese merchant who left Port Arthur in one of the many Chinese junks which are now driving a profitable trade supplying Port Arthur with foodstuffs, estimates that the food supply is sufficient for one month, says a Wei Hai Wei dispatch to the Times. He asserts that the garrison does not exceed 10,000, excluding the naval strength.

Work on damaged vessels is progressing diligently. In the bombardment of March 10, 90 per cent of the Japanese projectiles burst. There were three small fires as a result, but no serious conflagrations.

Casualties in a Skirmish.

SEOUL.—A report has reached here that 50 Japanese and 100 Cossacks were killed and wounded in a skirmish that occurred between Anju and Chong Ju. Marquis Ito, upon taking his departure yesterday, submitted to the government some suggestions for Korean reform. The emperor has appointed Yi Chi Ying, a former minister of foreign affairs, as a special ambassador to bear presents to the Japanese emperor and return the compliment of Marquis Ito's visit to Corea.

Holds Societies Unlawful.

DETROIT, Mich.—In a sweeping decision, handed down on Monday by Judge Brooke of the Wayne circuit court, the Riverside club and Plumbing exchange of this city, an organization of plumbers against which proceedings were brought by Prosecutor Hunt on the ground that they were organized to fix prices and stifle competition, were restrained from continuing business, which the court holds to be "an unlawful enterprise inimical to the public welfare."

Princess Edward Passes Away.

BERLIN.—Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar died here Sunday of acute pneumonia.

Turkey Will Exhibit.

WASHINGTON.—According to dispatch received here it is learned that the Council of ministers for Turkey has unanimously approved the proposition for an exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition. A great number of natives are permitted to partake in the exhibit. Religious services of the Islamic faith will be held at the Mosque of Omar, which is an exact representation of the most celebrated mosque of Constantinople. The export of the water from the Jordan has been authorized.

EXPRESS HELD UP

CAR BLOWN OPEN AND THE MESSENGER KILLED.

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Engineer Compelled to Carry Them Away—Dynamite Used in the Destruction—Contents of the Car Are Taken.

SACRAMENTO, Cal.—Three masked men held up the Oregon express, south bound on the Southern Pacific railroad at Copley, near Keswick, killed W. J. O'Neill, the express messenger, and carried off the contents of the express box. The train is known as No. 15, and stopped at Copley, a small station, for water. As the train came to a standstill three men jumped on and cut the train in two, taking the engine and express car down the track a short distance. They stopped the engine and demanded that Messenger O'Neill open the express car. He refused, whereupon they blew up the express car with dynamite and deliberately killed O'Neill by shooting him through the head. The bandits then robbed the car of its contents, but it is not known how much they obtained.

After robbing the express car the men cut the car loose and, getting on the engine, compelled Engineer Jeslank to go ahead. When near Keswick the men dropped off the engine and disappeared in the night with their plunder.

REDDING, Cal.—It is evident that the three armed men who held up the Oregon express and attempted to rob it at Copley were novices. They took human life without provocation and the methods they employed to open the safes were so crude that they gained but little plunder.

The particulars of the robbery were obtained when the train, minus the express car, reached Redding. When the train pulled into Copley the highwaymen emerged from the brush. They first encountered a tramp, who was attempting to steal a ride. He was jabbed in the ribs with a rifle muzzle and made to enter the smoker. Meanwhile one of the robbers knocked on the door of the express car. W. J. O'Neill, the Wells-Fargo messenger, asked him some question. The reply was evidently satisfactory, because O'Neill slid the door back about eighteen inches, when a rifle bullet was sent through his body. It passed near his heart and the messenger fell back dead. O'Neill was not armed. He evidently believed from what he was told that the knock came from a member of the train crew.

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FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

President Decides Upon the Appointment of Judge Baxter.

WASHINGTON.—The long fight over the displacement of United States Attorney W. S. Summers of Nebraska is ended. The President will appoint Judge Irving W. Baxter of Omaha to the position. The appointment is expected to go to the Senate Friday. The appointment of Judge Baxter was settled on at the White House in a conference between the president and Senators Millard and Dietrich, and D. E. Thompson. The two senators and Mr. Thompson agreed upon Judge Baxter, and so assured the president.

The term of District Attorney Summers has been out for two years, but he has held on, regardless of this.

Situation is Appalling.

PETERSBURG, Ind.—The flood situation in this country is appalling. White river, above here, is thirteen miles wide in places and twenty feet deep in the channel. Patoka river, which flows through the country's center, is three miles wide for nearly forty miles. Farms are under water, bridges and fences are gone, the soil washed away and much stock drowned. The loss now reaches \$250,000. The wheat is ruined. It is feared there will be two more feet of water.

Delegates From Philippines.

MANILA.—The Republicans and Democrats here are organizing to elect delegates to the national convention. They will urge the adoption of legislation favorable to the Philippine islands.

Bubonic Plague in India.

BOMBAY.—The latest available bubonic plague returns for the whole of India for the week ending March 1, show the appalling mortality of 40,527, an increase over those of the preceding week.

MATTERS AT NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Miscellaneous News and Notes from Seat of Government.

WASHINGTON.—Representative Deamond on Wednesday introduced a resolution providing "that the speaker appoint five members of the house to fully investigate the post office department and report to the house as early a date as may be practicable; that said committee shall be authorized to sit during the sessions of the house and if necessary during the vacation when congress is not in session; that the committee shall have full power to send for persons and papers and the investigation hereby ordered shall be directed especially to clearing the innocent from a shadow of unmerited suspicion, to uncovering the inefficient, careless and offending, to make recommendations for the correction of abuses, to the end that justice may be done to individuals and that the service may be improved for the benefit of the public."

President Roosevelt and Representative Hull, chairman of the military affairs committee of the house, discussed the bill which provides a higher rank for the army chaplain. It is urged that sufficient provision is not made in the present law for awarding army chaplains for meritorious service. During the Spanish-American war several chaplains were recommended for gallant services but it was impossible to give them the reward. The war department favors legislation to increase the rank and pay of chaplains.

Senator Hoar proposed an amendment to the rules of the senate concerning impeachment so far as they require all proceedings to be before the senate itself. The purpose is to shorten the proceedings and make them more convenient to the senate. All cases shall be referred to a committee of nine senators to be appointed by the speaker, who shall proceed to take the testimony on both sides and report the same to the senate.

Representative Dayton of West Virginia introduced a bill amending the laws regulating the personnel of the navy. The bill requires all officers of the navy, except those of the medical corps and chaplains, to be graduates of Annapolis.

Senator Dillingham introduced a bill to amend the immigration act of 1903. It permits aliens to pass in continuous transit from one point in foreign contiguous territory to another point in foreign contiguous territory through the United States without payment of head tax. Aliens having once paid the head tax may pass through foreign contiguous territory in continuous transit.

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GOVERNMENT MAKING HEADWAY.

Revolutionary Contest in San Domingo is Losing Ground.

WASHINGTON.—Information received at the Navy department from Admiral Wise at Guantanamo indicates that the Morales government is making headway in the revolutionary contest in San Domingo, the admiral reporting that it is now in possession of all the ports of the island except the small one of Monte Cristi. This news was brought to Guantanamo by the commanding officers of the Hartford and the Yankee, which have returned to that place from San Domingo.

Wood Concedes Victory.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—Returns have been received from seventy-one out of seventy-five counties and they show that Governor Jefferson Davis carried fifty-three and Judge Wood eighteen counties in the democratic state primaries last Saturday. The counties carried by Governor Davis are entitled to 202 delegates in the state convention. The number necessary to nominate is 222. Judge Wood has conceded that on the face of the returns he has not enough counties to win the nomination, but will contest.

Boer Leader Wants Peace.

KRUGERSDORP.—General Delarey the former Boer commander, addressing a congress of farmers on Wednesday, said that he regretted the forthcoming representation of scenes of the Boer war at the St. Louis Exposition, which he said would be a shameful production. General Delarey said that he wished to bring to the notice of the world the fact that the Boers had abandoned all thoughts of vindictiveness towards Great Britain and that now it was their privilege to work in peace.

Free to Twenty-five Ladies.

The Defiance Starch Co. will give 25 ladies a round trip ticket to the St. Louis Exposition, to five ladies in each of the following states: Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri who will send in the largest number of trade marks cut from a ten cent, 16-ounce package of Defiance cold water laundry starch. This means from your own home, anywhere in the above named states. These trade marks must be mailed to and received by the Defiance Starch Co., Omaha, Nebr., before September 1st, 1904. October and November will be the best months to visit the Exposition. Remember that Defiance is the only starch put up 16 oz. (a full pound) to the package. You get one-third more starch for the same money than of any other kind, and Defiance never sticks to the iron. The tickets to the Exposition will be sent by registered mail September 5th. Starch for sale by all dealers.

Women of the world never use harsh expressions when condemning their rivals. Like the savage, they hurl elegant arrows, ornamented with feathers of purple and azure, but with poisoned points.—Chamfort.

It's funny how much more extravagant it seems to take your own sister to a 25-cent lecture than an old school chum to a champagne dinner.—New York Press.

A year of matrimony often gives poor little Cupid a bad case of painter's colic. But even poor Matrimony may not be as bad as painted.

Women who wish they could swear wonder why men laugh at them.

The frontispiece of the April St. Nicholas is a half-tone reproduction from a Copley print of "Dorothy," as winsome a little lass as ever sat for her picture. The original portrait was by Lydia Field Emmett. Temple Bailey's stories always please young readers, and "The General's Easter Box" is seasons and cheery, well worth the second reading it is sure to have. Anne McQueen's "A Work of Art" is a quaint story of a quaint little maiden of long ago, a tale good enough to be true. Every girl and boy, of whatever age, will be intensely interested in the two Robinson Crusoe articles, "The Author of 'Robinson Crusoe,'" by W. B. Northrop, and "Robinson Crusoe's Island Two Hundred Years Later," by Francis Arnold Collins.

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The brilliant manner in which the publishers of Everybody's Magazine have handled the subject of the St. Louis exposition affords a clue to the success of the publication. The April number opens with an article on "The Greatest World's Fair," and the two men most able to do the subject justice have treated it. David R. Francis president of the exposition company, furnishes the text, and Vernon Howe, Bailey, the distinguished young artist, has done the illustrations. One is told and shown in the most interesting way just what to expect at St. Louis in May, and the prospect is amazing.

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