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THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The statement that Gen. Lee's services as consul-general at Havana would be dispensed with after April 15 is denied by the state department at Washington.

The issue between Peru and the United States with respect to the imprisonment of Ramsay, the American sailor, is becoming a serious matter, the Peruvian government refusing to accede to the demand of the United States minister to set Ramsay at liberty immediately.

An enthusiastic gathering of ex-union soldiers was held at Washington the other night to form a soldiers' and sailors' national monument association. The object of the meeting was the erection of a monument at Washington in memory of the officers and enlisted men of the army and navy of the United States who fell in the war of the rebellion.

The report that congress had decreed an increased tariff on tobacco, to take effect April 1, caused great consternation among cigar manufacturers at Tampa, Fla., and they began to draw their tobacco from bond on the 31st. Word was sent from Washington afterwards that it applied only to tobacco imported after April 1. One man paid \$117,000 duty.

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR BLISS gave a hearing to a large congressional delegation who desired to protest against the forestry reservation order issued by President Cleveland setting aside large tracts in various states. The general proposition urged was that the proclamation be either revoked in toto or its operations suspended until an investigation could be made as to the character of the lands embraced in the reserve tracts.

SENATOR MOHILL gave it as his opinion that the tariff bill would not be finally acted upon in the senate before September 1, but this view is not shared by other senators on his side, many of whom predict that an adjournment will be reached by July 15.

SECRETARY LONG has issued an order to stop some of the wasteful leaks in the navy, especially in the case of ships in course of construction. It was said that all the maroon leather upholstered furniture of the battleship Indiana was ripped out and dark green leather substituted to suit the taste of her expectant captain for which the government had to pay.

The monthly statement of the public debt of the United States showed that at the close of business on March 31 the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$1,003,962,200, a decrease for the month of \$8,638,254.

A NEW farmers' bulletin, which is likely to prove of great interest to chicken fanciers, is being sent out by the department of agriculture. It is devoted to a careful and thorough description of standard varieties of chickens. The bulletin is practical throughout, and gives a plain description of each variety of chickens, so that it will prove a trustworthy guide in the selection of stock for the farm or the village lot.

The president and his cabinet considered on the 2d the question of rescinding Mr. Cleveland's order setting apart 21 forest reservations in the west. The president announced his intention to act on conservative lines and wanted more information on the matter.

REAR ADMIRAL F. M. RAMSAY, chief of the bureau of navigation, was retired on account of age on the 4th.

The six-day bicycle race ended at Washington at 10 p. m. on the 3d, all the men being in an exhausted condition. Five of them made over 1,500 miles and will get part of the prize money, the score standing as follows: Shock, 1,670; Albert, 1,615; Golden, 1,610; Lawson, 1,583; Cassidy, 1,554.

GENERAL NEWS.

FROM reports sent to Cheyenne, Wyo., on the 4th it appeared that cattlemen had lost from five to 25 per cent. of their herds through the recent severe storms.

The German newspapers continue to print articles urging the government to adopt retaliatory measures in the event of the new American tariff bill being passed.

A HURRICANE struck Peoria, Ill., on the 3d and did considerable damage to buildings. The roof of Ward's overall factory was ripped off, taking along two smokestacks and a section of stone wall. Over 250 girls were at work and many of them fainted.

ANOTHER disastrous break in the Mississippi levee occurred at Fowler lake, near Tunica, Miss., which will inundate, the dispatch said, the counties of Cohoma, Laflore, Quitman and Tallahatchie and lay waste the newly-planted corn crops. The levee near Helena, Ark., had also broken, for which the people had made such a desperate fight to save.

THE forest fires in the mountains near Bellefont, Pa., were spreading at an alarming rate on the 4th and many thousands of acres of valuable timber land were going up in smoke.

A FIRE in George F. Otte's carpet store in Cincinnati did damage to the amount of over \$300,000.

THE steamer Fuerst Bismarck brought nearly 1,000 Italian immigrants to New York on the 4th.

THE Jim river in South Dakota had overflowed its banks on the 4th and a steamer was sent from Yankton to rescue the sufferers. Thousands of acres of farm lands were under about six feet of water.

JOHANNES BRAHMS, the well-known musical composer, died at Vienna recently, aged 67.

A FAREWELL banquet to ex-Ambassador Bayard is to be given at London on May 7, when a gold loving cup, worth \$2,500, will be presented to him by the American colony in London and elsewhere in Great Britain.

MILLARD SPENCER, a farmer living in Chautauque county, N. Y., fatally assaulted a stepdaughter and a young lady who was visiting her, set fire to his barn and burned 13 head of stock and then cut his own throat.

THE steamer R. T. Cole, loaded with merchandise, sank near Clarksville, Tenn., the other day. Three roustabouts were drowned and one man was reported missing. The boat was a total loss.

A DISPATCH from San Antonio, Tex., said that the cattle grazing season had opened and a rush of shipments to the Indian territory began on the 1st from many different points in southwest Texas. It was estimated that no less than 3,000 car loads of cattle would be shipped from the section around San Antonio to the Indian territory grazing lands by April 15.

THE Texas house passed the senate bill appropriating \$25,000 to buy the San Jacinto battlefield and improve it for a state park. It was understood the governor would approve the bill.

CATTLE men in Oklahoma and the Indian territory have commenced shipping cattle to Europe. The first shipment went via Galveston, Tex.

NEARLY \$12,000 had been raised in St. Louis up to the 2d to aid the flood sufferers in the south.

AT Kansas City, Mo., the other night Dr. Jefferson D. Goddard shot and killed Frank J. Jackson, a laundryman. There was bad blood between the two men, Jackson being jealous of Goddard on account of the latter's many visits to Mrs. Jackson. Dr. Goddard ran a drug store for Mrs. Jackson and his visits were said to be on business. Jackson was fond of morphine and whisky and did not live with his wife, but managed her laundry on a salary.

FIVE hundred employes of clothing manufacturers in St. Louis struck on the 2d. Last fall the price paid for making a coat was reduced from 65 to 50 cents. It was promised that the old rate would be restored in the spring, but as this has not been done the workers struck.

A TEST case to decide the right of the order of Modern Woodmen to exclude liquor sellers from membership was decided at Lacrosse, Wis., recently, the judge sustaining the order's right to exclude any individuals and to be at all times the sole judge of the qualifications of its members.

THE steamer City of Columbia, one of the largest boats on the Chattahoochee river line, sank in 30 feet of water at Smith's Point, near Columbia, Ala. The pilot accidentally steered the boat upon a rock. The steamer and cargo, consisting chiefly of flour, are a loss.

HENCEFORTH the headquarters of the National American Woman's Suffrage association will be in New York instead of Philadelphia, the transfer having been made on the 1st. The work will be in charge of Mrs. Carrie Chapman-Catt, chairman of the committee on organization and campaign.

AT the Fifth Avenue Athletic club at New York on the 1st Oscar Gardner, of Kansas City, knocked out Jack Grant, of New York, in the ninth round.

A SPECIAL from Toledo, O., said that a gigantic farmers' trust was being organized in this country. Several branches were secretly organized, and the order is strictly oath-bound. It originated at Lancaster, Pa., and was incorporated under the laws of New Jersey as the Agriculturists' National Protective association. It is patterned somewhat after the anthracite coal combine.

NINE prisoners at the county jail at Greencastle, Ind., recently effected their escape. They were at work upon the rock pile when one of the prisoners seized the overseer and his legs were pinioned to a post by irons and the prisoners then scaled the inclosure.

A SPECIAL from Monmouth, Ill., said that the bank at Biggsville was burglarized. Three explosions broke the outer vault, but the iron safe was not touched and the robbers only got \$400. The bank at Oneida, the dispatch said, was also robbed and \$3,000 was secured by the burglars.

A DRAWN bout of 20 rounds between Jack Everhardt, of New Orleans, and "Kid" McPartland, of New York, took place at New York on the 30th.

THE Richardson building, the largest in Chattanooga, Tenn., was totally destroyed by fire on the 3d, and Boyd Ewing, one of the wealthiest men in that section, and S. M. Patton, a leading architect, lost their lives. The total loss was about \$400,000.

A MADRID dispatch stated that Gen. Ruis Rivera, the Cuban insurgent commander, would be taken to Havana for trial before an ordinary court-martial, the Spanish government so directing. It was said that it was not likely that the death penalty would be imposed upon him.

ALL records for long distance horseback riding were broken on the 3d by Harrison K. Caner and Tristain Colket, of Philadelphia, who rode about 100 miles on relays of horses from New York to Philadelphia in 6 hours and 53 minutes.

THE 54th annual boat race was rowed by the Oxford and Cambridge universities on the 3d over the course from Putney to Mortlake, 4 1/4 miles, the Oxford crew winning by barely two lengths in 19 minutes and 12 seconds.

A CHINESE Equal Rights league has been formed at Chicago to Americanize Chinamen in the United States and get them the rights of citizenship.

A BATCH of 11 convicts was working in a field at Waynesboro, Ga., when a storm came up and the keeper strung the convicts on a chain and secured them to a tree. Lightning struck the tree and shocked the convicts, killing one named Dent, who was the 11th and end man.

COUNT RADENI, prime minister of Austria, tendered to the emperor on the 2d the resignation of himself and the entire cabinet. The reason was that Count Radeni found it impossible to maintain a liberal majority in the recently-elected reichsrath.

THE four members of the "Button gang," named Francisco Gonzales y Borrego, Antonio Gonzales y Borrego, Sauriano Alarid and Patrio Talencia, condemned to death for the murder of ex-Sheriff Frank Chavez, were hanged together on one scaffold at Santa Fe, N. M., on the 2d.

IT was stated at New York that all the kinetoscope pictures of the Carson fight were practically ruined. They were developed at the Edison works and were so defective as to be useless.

THE steamer Griggs struck an obstruction on the Chattahoochee river near Columbia, Ala., on the night of the 1st and soon sank. The engineer and four deck hands were drowned. There was a panic among the passengers and some jumped overboard before the boats could be lowered.

THE oldest veteran of the G. A. R., William Harding, celebrated his 100th birthday recently at his farm near Waseka, Minn. He is also a veteran of both the war of 1812 and of the Mexican war, and in 1862, when over 65 years of age, he enlisted in the Fifth Minnesota.

AT Houston, Tex., A. J. Holman and his wife, Bertha Holman, who were married two weeks ago, committed suicide by taking morphine. They left letters in which they asked to be buried in the same coffin, but gave no reason for the tragic ending of their honeymoon.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

A FIRE broke out the other morning in the Phillips house, a hotel in Dayton, O., and the west wing was completely gutted and the other sections badly damaged by water and smoke. There were many narrow and thrilling escapes of the guests and several persons were seriously injured. There was a strike among the chambermaids and it was said that one of them started the fire in a spirit of revenge.

THE Globe savings bank at Chicago suspended on the 5th.

HENRY LEE was shot and killed by Bob Cheatham over a game of marbles at Rockport, Ind. Both are colored.

MISS MINNIE LUTH was probably fatally injured and her five-year-old niece, Anna Schniedermeier, was seriously hurt by a train at St. Louis. They were walking on the railroad tracks viewing the flood when the accident occurred.

A FREIGHT train, consisting of an engine and 15 cars loaded with coal and iron, broke through a trestle in lower Allegheny City, Pa., and fell to the street below. The fireman was taken out dead and the engineer was fatally hurt. About 150 feet of the trestle was destroyed.

THE National Mining bureau has issued a call for an International Gold Miners' convention, to be held in Denver, Col., on the 15th and 16th of June. The exhibits will consist of refined gold and gold ores and a general mining display. Miners' organizations are invited to co-operate in the exhibit and movement. Each county in the mining states is asked to hold a mass convention not later than May 30, and elect delegates to the gathering.

A SPECIAL to the New York World from Washington on the 5th said that A. E. Buck, of Georgia, had been offered and had accepted the position of minister to Japan.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., issued an appeal for aid on the 5th for the refugees from the flooded districts.

THE senate on the 5th passed the resolution protesting against the drum-head court-martial of Ruis Rivera, the Cuban commander. Mr. Elkins spoke in favor of an American marine and Mr. Lindsay advocated the Torrey bankruptcy bill. A resolution was also passed to assist the flood sufferers. Mr. Chandler introduced a bill to abolish competition in trade.

FOUR desperate prisoners confined in the Greer county jail in Oklahoma made their escape the other night by overpowering the guards.

A FARMERS' TRUST.

Gigantic Combine Said to Be Forming to Control Products of the Soil.

CINCINNATI, April 2.—A special from Toledo, O., says: A gigantic farmers' trust is now being organized in this country. The order is strictly oath-bound. It originated at Lancaster, Pa., and was incorporated under the laws of New Jersey as the Agriculturists' National Protective association. The supreme body is made up of one representative from each state, whose duties are similar to those of a board of directors of an ordinary corporation. Each county is under the immediate control of a board, ranging from five to 11 in number, who direct the movements of the township organizations. It is the purpose to do nothing this year in the way of controlling the markets, because the organization is not yet complete. Next year, however, the crops will be limited to the actual living needs of the members of the organization. If the plan is carried out, not a dollar's worth of farm produce of any kind will be sold for general consumption. After 1898 there will be erected or rented in each county, in such numbers and so located as may seem best and most convenient, storehouses in which all products for the market will be placed. These will be in control of the county board of directors. From these warehouses the products will be shipped as the state and national directors may order, and the quantities of goods sold in the immediate neighborhood will be regulated somewhat after the plan of the anthracite coal combine.

IMPORTANT PLACES FILLED.

Andrew D. White for Ambassador to Germany and William F. Draper to Italy.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The president yesterday sent to the senate the following nominations:

Andrew D. White, of New York, ambassador to Germany; William F. Draper, of Massachusetts, ambassador to Italy; Chandler Hale, of Maine, secretary of the embassy at Rome; Benjamin Butterworth, of Ohio, commissioner of patents; Oliver L. Spaulding, of Michigan, and William B. Howell, of New Jersey, to be assistant secretaries of the treasury.

IN NO DANGER.

Senators and Representatives Attack the Civil Service System Merely for Effect.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—In spite of the assaults upon the civil service system made recently in the senate and house, the mass of senators and representatives would hesitate long before voting to break down the merit system and return to the old method of appointment upon partisan recommendations. Not a few of those who openly denounce civil service reform on the floors of congress endorse the system in private as a relief to them, which can only be appreciated by those who were harassed and badgered by the office seeking brigade before the great mass of public offices were placed under the protection of the civil service rules.

SEVENTEEN DEAD.

Fatalities from the Chandler Cyclone Not So Bad as at First Reported.

GUTHRIE, Ok., April 2.—It develops that the fatality of the Chandler tornado was considerably less than has been reported. In the confusion and difficulty of telephoning, the names became mixed and the list of dead was made greater than it really was. Only 14 persons are known to have met death in the town, and three in the country south of here. Fully 200 people were more or less severely injured, 50 or 60 seriously, and four or five more will surely die.

MODERN WOODMEN WIN.

A Test Case Decided as to Their Right to Exclude Liquor Sellers.

LACROSSE, Wis., April 2.—A test case to decide the right of the order of Modern Woodmen to exclude liquor sellers from membership has been on trial in the circuit court for four days. Last night Judge Wyman decided in favor of the order, fully sustaining its right to exclude at any time individuals or classes and to be at all times the sole judge of qualifications of the members.

Hetty Green Wants Her Money.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Mrs. Hetty Green, the richest woman in America, has gone to Chicago to foreclose \$2,000,000 worth of mortgages she holds here. She says the owners are in such bad shape financially that she has got to do something for her own protection. Her action will probably shake the Chicago real estate market.

Notable Guests Were There.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—A unique dinner was given at the white house last night. Around the board were gathered the wives of ex-presidents Grant and Garfield, President and Mrs. McKinley and Messrs. Hanna, Foraker and Fairbanks. It was a notable soiree and has been much commented on here to-day.

Oscar Gardner Won.

NEW YORK, April 2.—At the Fifth Avenue Athletic club last night Oscar Gardner, of Kansas City, knocked out Jack Grant, of New York, in the ninth round. Grant was weak in the ninth round, and after 55 seconds of fighting Gardner swung his right on the jaw. Grant went down and was counted out.

TRADE REPORT.

Business Showing Improvement—Higher Prices for Wool, Corn and Oats.

NEW YORK, April 3.—Bradstreet's report says:

The course of general trade shows some improvement, notwithstanding an almost complete stoppage of business in the south Mississippi valley by washouts, overflows, and floods. The condition of country roadways throughout the central west states and the northwest is such as to still further delay collections and check demand from interior merchants. Another drop is recorded in prices of Bessemer pig iron and steel billets, and in wheat, flour, coal, coffee and lard, which is partly offset by increasing activity and higher prices for wool and for woolsens, for corn, oats, sugar and petroleum. A heavy movement of fertilizers is reported in the south Atlantic states; interest in lumber and shingles has increased on the northwest Pacific coast. Most favorable trade reports are from the northwest spring wheat states.

There are 4,962 business failures in the United States reported by Bradstreet's during the past quarter, compared with 4,512 in the first quarter of 1896, a falling off of about 11 per cent. The decrease is reported from all sections except New England and the territories. The larger number of eastern state failures are small ones. The total liabilities of those failing in the New England states are about 22 per cent. smaller during the past quarter than a year ago. Liabilities of all individuals, firms and corporations which failed amount to \$62,513,000, a falling off of 16 per cent. from the corresponding total last year.

Special reports to Bradstreet's from 50 cities, with reference to revival in activity in industrial lines, indicate there are at work at those centers probably not to exceed 100,000 in excess of the number employed in November last. The increase is largely among employes of manufacturers of woolen goods, shoes, clothing, machinery, engines, agricultural implements, bicycles, carriages, furniture, iron, steel, glass and ship building. Depression still exists among some branches of the woolen goods industry, in coal mining and cotton goods manufactures.

Bank clearings for March at 82 cities throughout the United States show an increase of 1.8 per cent., compared with March one year ago, the first monthly increase over a corresponding total one year ago since April, 1895.

FOUR MEN HANGED.

The Leaders of the "Button Gang" Executed for Killing Sheriff Chavez.

SANTA FE, N. M., April 3.—Francisco Gonzales y Borrego, Antonio Gonzales y Borrego, Sauriano Alarid and Patrio Talencia, condemned to death for the murder of ex-Sheriff Frank Chavez, who was killed from ambush on the night of May 29, 1895, were hanged together on one scaffold at 9:10 o'clock yesterday morning. The four men were perfectly stolid at the close. There was no sign of disturbance, the authorities having taken extra precautions and militia being stationed about the jail. The four men were members of the executive committee of what is known as the "Button Gang," a league organized to combat the political influence of Chavez, who was a democratic leader in Santa Fe.

Department Bulletin on Chickens.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—A new farmers' bulletin, which is likely to prove of great interest to chicken fanciers, is being sent out by the department of agriculture. It is devoted to a careful and thorough description of standard varieties of chickens, and is the work of George E. Howard, secretary of the National Poultry and Pigeon association. The description is given in detail of 87 standard varieties of fowls and several promiscuous varieties which are raised in this country. All the leading breeds are illustrated excellently from drawings by Howard.

Tariff Bill Will Be Modified.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The republican members of the senate committee on finance are continuing their work day and night on the tariff bill, with the intention of reporting it to the senate at the earliest possible day. They are not yet prepared to give out any of the results of their investigations. There is, however, a well defined impression about the senate that the bill will be generally remodeled, and the rates considerably reduced in many of the schedules.

A Church Two Hundred Years Old.

NEW YORK, April 3.—Trinity church, full of years of ecclesiastical honors, will soon celebrate with great ceremony the bi-centenary of its existence. The Trinity's 200th birthday, the anniversary of the issuance of its charter by William III. of England in 1697, falls upon May 6. It will be dignified by an eight days' festival, beginning on Sunday, May 2, and ending on Sunday, May 9.

Murder Over a Woman.

HAYDEN, Ky., April 3.—Tom Oglethorpe, a prosperous farmer, accused his wife of having been intimate with Henry Schneider, a farm hand. They quarreled and Oglethorpe's wife left him. Oglethorpe then went to Schneider and shot him through the heart with a Winchester, after which he turned the weapon to his own head and killed himself. He was about 23 years old and had no children.

Trumped-Up Charges Not Sufficient.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The president has caused the announcement to be made with renewed emphasis that removals of postmasters will not be made upon trumped-up charges, and that where "pernicious partisanship" is alleged as a cause for removal, the partisanship must be shown to have been detrimental to the performance of public duties.

Congress May Take a Recess.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—There is talk that the house and senate may take a recess of four weeks to allow the senate committee to work on the Dingley bill. The house cannot take a recess longer than three days without the senate's consent, but the adoption of a joint resolution making a four weeks' recess possible will probably be carried.