Weekly News Summary

King Christian of Denmark celebrated his 81st birthday on April 8.

On April 8 President Roosevelt and party visited the exposition at Charleston, S. C.

Eugene F. Ware of Kansas has been selected by the president to succeed H. Clay Evans as commissioner of pensions.

Hon. Erastus Snow of Newton, Iowa, one of the pioneers in reform and cooperative enterprises, died at his home recently.

On April 6 during the international football match between England and Scotland, a spectator's stand collapsed, killing 21 persons and injuring 250.

It is rumored that if suitable arrangements can be secured, a colony of several thousand Boer refugees will go to Colorado and settle on farms.

General Hampton, the great Confederate soldier and one of the best known men of the south, died at Columbia, S. C., April 11, at the age of 84 years.

Colonel E. H. Crowder, judge-advocate of the army, has been detailed to investigate the British camp located at Chalmette, near New Orleans.

A recent dispatch from Pretoria is to the effect that Mr. Steyn, the former president of the Free State, is suffering from opthalmia, and is threatened with total blindness.

A great hardware trust, capitalized at \$120,000,000 and embracing jobbing interests in all sections of the country, has been incorporated under the laws of New Jersey.

Robert J. Wynne, the Washington correspondent of the New York Press, has accepted the office of first assistant postmaster general, and will take charge about May 1.

In view of the recent controversy betwen Mr. Balfour, the government leader of England, and General Buller, all the papers relating to the battle of Spion Kop will be published.

A recent dispatch from Laredo, Texas, is to the effect that because of the drouth there, 1,200 people in that section are in great destitution and relief is asked for immediately.

Serious socialist riots are reported to have taken place at Brussels, Belgium. Several conflicts between them and the police of the city have resulted and many on both sides have been in-

Diplomatic relations between Switzerland and Italy have been broken off on account of the former's refusal to give satisfaction regarding an article published in Geneva, insulting the memory of the late King Hubert.

According to the Daily News of Chicago, the government of Germany has recently purchased an automatic switch board which will replace a telephone system of 40,000 instruments. The purchase was made in Chicago.

William H. Redmond, member of parliament, and Colonel John Finerty of Chicago, on the night of April 9 addressed a monster mass meeting in the city of Omaha, assembled for the purpose of showing interest in the cause of Ireland.

It is rumored that the Gould and Clark interests will unite in securing railroad facilities from the Atlantic to the Pacific, the Gould faction completing the line from Pittsburg eastward, and the Clark party from Salt Lake City westward.

William Thomas, Jr., United States minister at Stockholm, Sweden, has sent \$500 to this country as a contribution of parties in Sweden and Nor-

way toward the erection at Canton, Ohio, of a suitable monument to the late President McKinley.

On April 7 twelve envoys from the British army in India arrived at Philadelphia on their way to Kansas City, where they will be superintend the shipment of 700 mules for the British army in India. The mules are to be sent to Calcutta and Bombay via Philadelphia.

A recent report from Panama announces the failure of the insurgents to suceed in their attempt to bombard the town, owing to the attitude of a French cruiser. The insurgent steamer Padilla and two small consorts were preparing to attack the city, but were prevented by the French ship.

A cablegram from Pekin under date of April 8, says that the Manchurian convention was signed that day and the ratification is to take place three months from date. This agreement between Russia and England whereby both make certain concessions in their control of the railways of the province.

Hartford, Conn., following the example of Bridgeport, elected to the office of mayor a representative of organized labor. The new mayor of Hartford is I. A. Sullivan, by trade a paper maker. Mr. Sullivan defeated the republican candidate who was a wholesale merchant. Laboring men are very happy over the victory.

The Boer relief fund committee appointed by Governor Yates has issued an appeal to the people to contribute \$500,000 for the benefit of women and children in the Boer reconcentration camps. Every one that can do so is asked to send a postoffice order for the sum of \$1 to Peter Van Vlissingen, 172 E. Washington street, Chicago

An Associated Press dispatch from Manila under date of April 11, relating to the arrest of certain editors at Manila on the charge of sedition, says: "The press committee has had an interview with Acting Governor Wright with reference to the sedition law. Mr. Wright replied that the editor of Freedom, a local publication, who was recently arrested on the charge of sedition, had in the columns of that paper made persistent attacks on the United States commission, and said that he would have to prove his assertions. The editor of Freedom, it was announced in a dispatch from Manilla to the Associated Press yesterday, was charged with sedition, in publishing a short time ago an article from an American periodical, to which he agreed, and added remarks of his own, censuring the United States commission's rule, and saying when it started in July last, every paper in Manila upheld it, since which time they had all dropped by the wayside, as they would not support arbitrary government, "especially when evidence of carpetbagging and rumors of 'graft' were too thick to be pleasant."

THE WEEK AT WASHINGTON.

The conference report on the War Revenue Repeal bill was adopted and the bill sent to the White House.

Secretary Root has ordered that all export duty on Philippine goods intended for the United States is to be removed.

Reports received at Washington do not appear to justify the optimistic accounts relative to peace negotiations in the South African war sent out from London.

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