

Weekly News Summary

The state land board of Colorado has declined to allow the beef trust to get control of 50,000 acres of grazing land in that state.

London cablegrams of April 14 announce that the British ministry has placed a tax on breadstuffs in order to help in its South African war.

Dispatches of April 19 announce that J. Pierpont Morgan has organized a trust in which he combined all the leading Trans-Atlantic steamship lines.

It is reported from Hong Kong, China, that an army of 2,000 was destroyed by the rebels, being ambushed in a narrow defile and all being killed or captured.

The revolutionary disturbances in Hayti still continue. The interior of the country seems to be most effected, as the various towns on the coast are held by the government.

On April 13 the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, announced in the English house of commons that an appropriation of \$873,000,000 for the coming year, is required.

On April 15 the Russian minister of interior was assassinated by a student as an outcome of a recent bitter controversy in that country, between the police and the government and the students.

The socialist disturbances in Brussels still continue. Frequent conflicts have taken place in the city, and almost the entire country is more or less effected. A general revolution is feared.

On April 12 Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, the best known of American preachers, died at his home in Washington, D. C., at the age of seventy years. For many years he has been very prominent in church work, and was perhaps one of the most popular preachers in this country.

A dispatch from San Juan, Porto Rico, under date of April 15, says that the supreme court has reversed the decision of the lower court against the labor leader, Iglesias, sentenced to imprisonment on the charge of "conspiring to raise the price of labor in Porto Rico." The supreme court acquitted Iglesias of all the charges against him.

Colonel Crowder, the government representative sent to investigate the British camp at Port Chalmette, La., has completed his task and the opinion prevails that the recent testimony has been largely in support of Governor's Heard's charges and some of it has gone beyond his allegations.

Late reports from Venezuela are to the effect that President Castro is dissatisfied with his military officers, and is replacing them with others to whom he looks for better success against the revolutionists.

A dispatch from Havana under date of April 12 asserts that Neely, Rathbone and Reeves, recently convicted and sentenced because of their connection with the postal frauds in that city, have appealed from the decision, contending that all the evidence in the case was not presented. A later report is to the effect that a fidelity company has filed a bond for \$100,000 with the Cuban court as bail for E. P. Rathbone. It is claimed that Senator Hanna guaranteed this bond.

Major Waller of the marine corps, recently on trial at Manila on the charge of killing natives of the island of Samar without trial, was acquitted by a vote of 11 to 2.

A dispatch from Chicago under date of April 14 says that United States

Attorney S. H. Bethea, following instructions given by President Roosevelt and Attorney General Knox, will make an "inquiry" into the workings of the beef trust in Chicago with relation to the Sherman anti-trust law. A general hope is expressed that something may be done to check the evil and congress is expected to frame suitable legislation against the violations of the anti-trust law. Major William Warner, United States district attorney at Kansas City, Mo., has also been instructed to immediately take steps against the trust.

Many conflicting rumors as to the near approach of peace in the South African controversy have been circulated during the week. Nothing of an official nature, however, has as yet been reported, although some of the most prominent London newspapers announce that the end of the war is in sight. One report said that the peace proposals included the right of Great Britain to the veto power, the appointment of Lord Commissioner, Johannesburg, and an indemnity of 10,000,000 pounds. The Boers to get an executive, preservation of language, no war tax, no expense for garrisons, and their principle leaders to be retained in office. Notwithstanding all these reports, the war in South Africa seems to be going on, one battle being reported recently, where the casualties on each side were quite heavy.

THE WEEK AT WASHINGTON.

James S. Clarkson of Iowa has been appointed by the president as surveyor of customs for the district of New York.

A communication from the American Federation of Labor has been sent to the house favoring the passage of a stringent Chinese exclusion law.

On April 12 the house passed the senate bill granting a pension of \$5,000 per annum to the widow of the late President McKinley, and the measure was sent to the White House.

A Washington rumor is to the effect that the president has decided that General Miles' retirement is compulsory, and he has already selected his successor.

The senate committee on privileges and elections voted to amend the house resolution providing for the election of senators by direct vote of the people in line with the amendment offered by Senator Depew.

The Nicaraguan canal question again came up in the senate on April 17, when Mr. Morgan of Alabama, chairman of the isthmian canal committee, addressed the senate for four hours in favor of the Nicaraguan route.

A sub-committee of the house judiciary committee has decided to report to the full committee the proposition to change the date of the presidential inauguration from March 4 to the last Thursday in April, being unable to agree to the question.

The senate committee on pensions ordered a favorable report on the bill granting increase of pensions to soldiers who have lost limbs. The increase will be \$15 per month each, and will increase the annual pension appropriation \$17,300,000.

Representative Burleson of Texas recently introduced in the house a resolution calling upon the administration for a full account of the proceedings in the court martial of Major Waller, recently acquitted on the charge of executing Filipino guides.

A special report from Jefferson City, Mo., to Washington, states that during the past year 772,000 horses and

mules were shipped to South Africa from Lathrop, Mo., by British agents. The matter has been brought to the attention of the government.

According to a White House official statement, the president, after most careful investigation, has come to the conclusion that Governor Dole's course in Hawaii has been satisfactory, and entitles him to the hearty support of the administration, and therefore the governor will retain his post in that island.

A bill was recently introduced in the house authorizing the division of Nebraska into two judicial districts. Four of the representatives of the state addressed Attorney General Knox, asking for an official opinion as to the necessity of this step and his answer is to the effect that the present court is capable of transacting all of the state's business.

The senate has rejected the Chinese exclusion bill as presented by the house, and adopted the substitute offered by Senator Platt. This substitute is much less drastic in its character, and extends the provisions of the present law and applies it to all insular territory of the United States. During the debate on this measure, Minister Wu was sharply criticized because of his attitude on the measure.

A cablegram from General Chaffee at Manila is to the effect that some of the Moros have risen in revolt against the American troops, and fears are entertained of a general war with them. An expedition of 1,200 soldiers has been sent to subdue the tribe. General Chaffee also announces the capture of Malvar, an active Filipino general, and says that with his surrender "all organized resistance" in North Philippines is ended.

On April 14 during the discussion in the house of the Cuban reciprocity bill, Messrs. McCall of Mississippi and Bradley of Georgia spoke for the measure and Robertson of Louisiana and Stevens of Minneapolis against it. Mr. Stevens declared that those who are most active support of the bill are men who have gone to the island in the hope of amassing fortunes, and they were "sugar barons" not Cubans. The friends of the measure, however, won a victory on April 16 by carrying a motion to close general debate Friday, April 18 at 3 o'clock. During the discussion of the bill on April 17 Representative De Armond, one of the leading democrats in the house, delivered a forcible speech in favor of reduction of tariff on trust articles. His speech was listened to with close attention and was vigorously applauded.

BIG FIGHT IN THE HOUSE.

The house held an exciting session April 18, when the Cuban reciprocity bill came up for consideration. The democratic caucus had decided to vote solidly for the removal of the differential on refined sugar, thus placing raw and refined sugars on an equal tariff footing. Mr. Richardson of Tennessee opened the debate. He said he intended to vote for the Cuban reciprocity bill providing for a 20 per cent reduction although he doubted whether the measure would do much to bring about the reciprocal trade relations between Cuba and the United States. It could at least reduce by 20 per cent the outrageously high rate of the Dingley law so far as Cuba was concerned. "These high rates," Mr. Richardson said, "could not stand," and he cited Mr. Grosvenor's speech of a few days ago as a warning of a coming storm. He thought that the time for revision of the tariff was at hand and that the pending bill began this work in a modest way. Mr. Richardson also called attention to the fact that in two counties in the district of Mr. Babcock of Wisconsin, his constituents had endorsed the Babcock bill to remove the duty from steel, and said that the democrats in-

TEN DAYS FREE TRIAL
 allowed on our bicycles. We ship on approval without a cent deposit.
1902 MODELS, \$9 to \$15
 1900 & 1901 Models, best makes, \$7 to \$11
500 Second-Hand Wheels
 all makes and models, good as new \$3 to \$5.
 Great Factory Clearing Sale.
RIDER AGENTS WANTED to ride & exhibit sample. Earn a bicycle & make money distributing catalog. Write at once for prices & special offer.
MEAD CYCLE CO. Dept. 157-A
 OLLIBON, ILL.

DO YOU WANT GOVERNMENT POSITION
 to Enlarge Your SALARY? Places are NOW open paying good salaries. Learn how to get one from the new **Civil Service Manual.** Complete, Vest Pocket Size, 128 pages, indexed. How to prepare for examinations. Requirements, Rules, Questions, etc., for men and women; by PROF. C. M. STEVENS, Ph. D., Postpaid, Cloth 25c., Morocco 50c. Stamps taken. **ES Bonanza for Agents.** Schulte & Co., 501 Lakeside Bldg., Chicago.

Excello Stock Farm
 OFFERS
EXCELLENT ANGUS BULLS
 AT
EXCEEDINGLY LOW PRICES
 ALSO
GLYDE and SADDLE STALLIONS
 All stock registered. send for Catalogue. Farm 1/2 mile south of town on Wabash R. R. Have pedigrees of your herd tabulated—Angus, Clydesdales or Saddlers. We will do it cheaply.
JNO. F. COULTER,
 Excello, Macon Co., Mo.

THE OLD LINE
Bankers Life
INSURANCE CO.
 HOME OFFICE, LINCOLN, NEB.
 Every Policy Secured by a Deposit with the State of Nebraska.

GET THE BOOK
 which tells all about me and how I save work and make money for the farmer. I'm the **Empire** Easy-Running Cream Separator—the lightest, simplest, and surest made. The book tells why. If you think you've wasted your time in reading it, we'll pay you for your trouble.
U. S. BUTTER EXTRACTOR CO.
 Bloomfield, N. J.

\$5 INCUBATORS FREE 50 EGGS
 Self regulating. Guaranteed for 2 years. Hatches every good egg. Send for catalogue No. 29. Sell six and get one free.
INVINCIBLE HATCHER CO., - SPRINGFIELD, OHIO.

STARK best by Test—77 YEARS. We **PAY CASH** WANT MORE SALESMEN Weekly \$100.00
Stark Nursery, Louisiana, Mo.; Danville, N. Y.

"THOMAS"
HAY MACHINERY
HARROWS
GRAIN DRILLS
SIMPLE—STRONG—SUCCESSFUL
 MADE ONLY BY
THE THOMAS MFG. CO.,
 SPRINGFIELD, OHIO.

Ask for Free Catalog. "THOMAS" MACHINES in stock with Lincoln Transfer Co., Lincoln, and Omaha Implement & Transfer Co., Omaha, Nebraska.

Phonographs
 AT REDUCED PRICES.

Why not become an agent in your part of country and buy them at agent's prices and make the profit yourself. We sell all kinds: EDISON PHONOGRAPHS, COLUMBIA GRAPHOPHONES, VICTOR and COLUMBIA DISK MACHINES, and all records. Write to either of our stores for further information at once.

THE WITTMAN CO.
 LINCOLN, NEB., 202 So. 11th St. KANSAS CITY, MO., 921 Main St.