

It has been discovered that the "blues" are only a form of splanchnic neurasthenia, due to intra-abdominal venous congestion. Cheer up—it may not be true!

When Santos-Dumont arrived in this country he found that his sweetheart's mother had taken her to Europe to avoid him. So his dream of flying with her is rudely shattered.

The calamitous news comes that peanuts are advancing in price—and just when the circus are starting out, too. But perhaps the lemonade will be as red and cheap and warm as ever.

The navy department has abolished pockets from the trousers of the marines. It is to be hoped that a chateleine bag will be added to the uniform; Jack must have some place to carry his chewing tobacco and his powder rag.

Now that January and February have broken their records for cold, and March its record for precipitation, it seems as if it were pretty near coming to us to have April break the record for fine spring weather.

Maybe that story about Paderewski being kicked out of Russia is not true, after all. Perhaps it is merely the song of a blithesome press agent, cautiously feeling his way toward another American tour. Stranger things have been.

When it is recollected that Russia is only at war with a little island country of 45,000,000 or 50,000,000 people, it does seem a little queer why she should be aroused to such a sudden anxiety to form a triple alliance with France and England.

Col. Ingalls, U. S. A., retired, says of the six-inch, wire-wound gun now under construction at Reading, Pa., that it will have a range of 30 miles, and that a similar ten-inch gun could throw a shell 59 miles. So some day, you see, nations will be able to go to war without leaving home at all.

Acting Postmaster General Wynne has issued an order allowing ten days' leave of absence to all postmasters of second and third class post offices who to attend the convention of the National Association of Postmasters of the second and third class post offices to be held in St. Louis May 18 next.

Gen. Ma, of China, is giving the Russians great uneasiness, as they fear he and his army mean mischief. The czar is regarded as the father of the Russian people, who are ruled by a paternal government. But with Dowager Empress Tsi An and Gen. Ma the Chinese seem to prefer material form of authority.

The United States supreme court has decided that persons traveling on railroad passes cannot recover damages for personal injuries in case of accident when the usual contract is printed on the back of the passes. It is not thought, however, that this restriction will lessen the demand for this cheap and enjoyable means of transportation.

Capt. Hobson, of Merrimack fame, is trying to get into congress from the Sixth Alabama district, in order to do which it is necessary to defeat the present incumbent, Col. Bankhead, who is a candidate for renomination. Both men are democrats and the district is overwhelmingly democratic, so of course a nomination is equivalent to an election.

The American apple is to have a day at the St. Louis world's fair, when its virtues will be emphasized by special attendance and exercises appropriate to the occasion. And all quite proper. There is no fruit that has sturdier or more praiseworthy qualities than the American apple, and all that can be said or done in its honor will be well deserved.

One result of the better feeling between France and England, which accompanied the exchange of visits between King Edward and President Loubet, has developed in the settlement of the long existing controversy over the Newfoundland fisheries. The report, which seems to be authoritative, is that the question has been settled by the relinquishment by France of any claim to territorial rights on Newfoundland soil, but the retention of the offshore fishing.

It is announced that the manuscript of "Miltons' Paradise Lost," which was offered for sale at public auction in London, but was withdrawn because the price of \$25,000 was not offered, has been sold to an American collector, whose name and the amount paid are not disclosed. A London paper expresses regret that the heirloom was not preserved for the British nation and says: "Let us be thankful that Westminster abbey and St. Paul's cathedral are not portable for other wise they would be purchased by an American millionaire."

Every indication that race prejudice is less than it has been supposed to be is welcome. In this line comes the announcement that Columbus (Ga.) has erected a monument to a negro who lost his life while attempting to rescue the city engineer from an excavation into which that official had fallen. The negro sacrificed himself in a deed as heroic as was ever accredited to any individual. He exemplified the great principle set forth by the Master: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

A prominent statesman of Europe is quoted as saying that American diplomacy puzzles and astonishes the world, as nobody in high authority knows just what to expect. But that is not really what troubles the European diplomats. What confounds them is the habit of the United States of saying exactly what it wants and what it means in plain language which though wholly courteous cannot be misunderstood. And as its diplomacy is directed to the maintenance of justice and international fair play there is no reason why it should not "speak out in meetin'."

A WEEK'S HISTORY

The Important Happenings of a Week Briefly Told.

IN ALL PARTS OF THE UNION

All the Latest News of Interest from Washington, From the East, the West and the South.

THE LATEST FOREIGN DISPATCHES FIFTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS.

Summary of Daily Proceedings in the Senate and House.

In the senate on the 29th the bill authorizing the erection of an additional executive department building in Washington was again the subject of spirited debate. The post office appropriation bill was reported. In the house general debate on the sundry civil bill occupied the time.

While considering the post office appropriation bill on the 30th the senate indulged in a discussion over alleged frauds and the demand for an investigation of the department. In the house substantial progress was made in the consideration of the sundry civil bill, 51 pages being disposed of, leaving only 21 to be read. The negro question was debated.

The bill for the repeal of the desert land, the timber and stone, and the homes of the community laws was discussed in the senate on the 31st ult. and the post office bill was also debated. In the house consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill was concluded and the bill was about to be passed when it was found that no quorum was present.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The death of Gen. W. H. Payne, who was commander of the famous Confederate Black Horse cavalry at the first battle of Bull Run, occurred in Washington, aged 73 years.

A senate committee restored to the post office appropriation bill the clause allowing rural mail carriers to engage in private business on their routes.

Congress has been informed by the secretary of the interior that the new pension order will result in increasing expenditures \$5,400,000 each year.

THE EAST.

The democratic primaries in New York assure Judge Parker's control of the state convention and presentation at St. Louis as choice for president.

Agents in New York declare advance bookings for transatlantic travel lighter than for several years.

Italy's most famous physician, Dr. Maragliano, informed a Philadelphia doctors' convention that he had discovered vaccination cures consumption.

The 429-pound "fat girl," Mrs. Chauncey Monard, died in a New York museum.

Members of an alleged malpractice syndicate were held in Philadelphia in connection with the deaths of two women. Doctors testified that the syndicate had disposed of hundreds of babies by burning them.

The court at New Haven, Conn., ruled out the sealed letter in the Bryan-Bennett will case, defeating William J. Bryan in his suit for \$50,000.

In Boston the Union Trust company closed its doors, with liabilities of \$1,600,000, and nominal assets of about the same amount.

The Mutual Life has issued the largest insurance policy ever taken out by an individual, \$1,500,000, to James C. Colgate, a New York banker.

An explosion in a factory at Priceburg, Pa., seven girls were killed and four fatally injured.

WEST AND SOUTH.

At Butte, F. A. Heinze, the Montana copper magnate, was fined \$20,000 in the federal court for contempt.

Upwards of \$5,000,000 worth of damage to property has been done and five lives have been lost by the flood which has devastated many parts of Michigan during the past five days.

The Iowa members of the United Mine Workers, 15,000 strong, refuse to accept the new wage scale and voted to strike.

One of the best known lawyers in Chicago, D. Harry Hammer, aged 62, died as the result of an apoplectic stroke.

Democrats of the Seventh Missouri district have renominated C. W. Hamlin for congress.

The Indiana democrats will hold their state convention at Indianapolis May 12 to select delegates to St. Louis.

At East St. Louis, Ill., W. T. Scott (colored) announced that "the national civil liberty party" will hold a convention at St. Louis July 6 to nominate a new presidential candidate.

While delirious Frank A. Cady, a prominent attorney at Marshfield, Wis., jumped from a hotel window at Hot Springs, Ark., and was killed.

Owing to a flood at Mill Springs, Mo., many of the inhabitants were living on their rooftops and others succeeded in escaping to the hills.

At the age of 90 years James E. Reeves, president of the First national bank at Richmond, Ind., for 40 years, passed away.

At Dundee, Ill., Frank B. Wright, formerly cashier of the First national bank, was sentenced to five years' imprisonment for embezzling \$54,200.

The Colorado democrats will meet in Denver June 7 to elect delegates to the national convention.

Coal miners in Illinois will stay at work, having come to terms on the wage scale. In Iowa 13,000 miners quit.

In the Tenth Ohio district Henry T. Bannon, of Portsmouth, O., has been nominated for congress by the republicans.

The alleged shortage of \$18,000 of George F. Clewell, treasurer, caused the Federal Trust company at Cleveland, O., to make an assignment, with liabilities of about \$1,000,000 and assets about the same.

At Fenton, Ia., Glenn Davidson, cashier of the Farmers' savings bank, committed suicide in the bank. His accounts are said to be straight.

Flood conditions all over Michigan were steadily improving.

All records for fraternal order initiations were broken in Chicago when the fair play there is no reason why it should not "speak out in meetin'."

In car accidents during March in Cook county, Ill., 38 persons were killed. Rains have increased the flood danger in the southwestern part of Indiana, Vincennes, Mount Carmel, New Harmony, Grayville, Princeton and Evansville being inundated.

Samuel Graham, Miss Marie Willis and an unidentified man were plunged to death in a boat over the Shoshone falls at Boise, Idaho.

High water destroyed the great Hazleton (Ind.) mill of the Evansville & Terre Haute railroad, which cost \$600,000.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

A dispatch says that the Japanese have decided that the bottling up of Port Arthur is absolutely essential, and had 26 ships ready to send, six at a time, until accomplished. The Russians restored United States flags to building occupied by Americans in New-Chwang and disavowed any intention to show disrespect. The Russian commander issued a warning that all ships not displaying signals in the war zone would be sunk.

Fighting between the outposts of the Russian and Japanese armies was reported between Pingyang and Wiju. The latest attempt of the Japanese to block Port Arthur by sinking merchant vessels at the entrance is declared to have been nearly successful, only a narrow channel being left open.

Transfer of the Panama canal to the United States is expected within 30 days, a decision of the French courts paying the way for early control and occupation.

A British expedition into Tibet had a fight with 1,500 natives near Guru, and 400 of the latter were killed.

LATER NEWS.

The session of the senate on the 1st was devoted to an almost continuous discussion of political questions. The latter half of the day was devoted to the post office appropriation bill. In the house the sundry civil appropriation bill was passed and the conference report on the army appropriation bill was discussed.

Weekly reports show that business for the season throughout the country has been below that of a year ago.

The public debt statement issued on the 1st shows that the debt decreased \$2,612,533 during the month of March. Cash in the treasury \$374,699,995. Total debt, less cash in the treasury, \$915,422,101.

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Plans are being perfected for the great automobile hill-climbing contest this summer up Mount Washington in the White mountains.

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IN THE PATHS OF PEACE.



Panama, March 25.—By recent decrees the troops on the isthmus are disbanded, leaving only one battalion under the colors, and the vessels forming the Panama navy are offered for sale.

ARE DRIVEN BACK BY THE JAPANESE

Russians Retire Toward Wiju—Flank Attack by Japs Expected—Rumor of Another Attack on Port Arthur.

London, April 2.—If reports which came from Tokio Friday night are correct the Japanese army last Tuesday was only 15 miles from Wiju. A telegram from Tokio says: "Information has been received here from a private source that the Japanese troops, after dislodging the Russians at Chongju, about fifty miles northwest of Pingyang, on March 28, rested for one day and then advanced to Yongchun, about forty-five miles west of Chongju. After a brief engagement here they drove the enemy farther north, the Russians retreating toward Unsan, a town 80 miles northeast of Yongchun."

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THREATENED WITH DELUGE

HUGE RESERVOIR IN OHIO IN DANGER OF OVERFLOW.

Enormous Losses by Floods in Indiana—Several Persons Have Been Drowned.

Celina, O., April 2.—Much apprehension is felt around the Grand reservoir in which the water has been rising rapidly during the night. Most apprehension is at the other end of the reservoir near St. Mary's. This is the largest artificial body of water in the world, being ten miles long and from two to four miles in width, and covering about 20,000 acres. Its banks are from 10 to 25 feet high, and it was constructed on the summit between the Ohio river and the lakes so as to feed the canals both ways. Having outlets into the Maumee and the Wabash rivers, its waters take opposite directions, and in the event of a serious break the damages would be beyond description. The state was engaged from 1837 to 1845 in constructing this great lake and it has been the scene of many troubles. All sorts of craft ply its waters and it is a great resort for fishermen.

Water in Lake Mercer rose ten inches Thursday night and is still rising. The west end of the country is flooded. Farmers are forced to swim stock out and vacate homes in the lowlands. The lake is the highest it has been in 20 years. It is feared that an east wind will break the west bank. Men are repairing the bank. Railroad service has been cut off.

Ottawa, Ohio, April 2.—The flood situation here is serious, the Blanchard river being out of its banks. The people in the lower sections of the town have left their homes. A. C. McAdow, a liverman, of Ottawa, and Frank Warnecke, of Ottaville, were drowned at Kalea, nine miles south of here, Friday evening, while trying to drive across a fill to a bridge. The bodies have not been recovered.

Canton, Ohio, April 2.—Train service into this city has been practically suspended all day. There has been no mail service since early Friday morning. There are washouts on all sides of the city. Ralph Edelman, 13 years old, was drowned in East creek Friday afternoon and his body was carried away by the swift current.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 1.—Heavy rains have increased the flood danger in the southwestern part of Indiana. Vincennes, Mt. Carmel, New Harmony, Grayville, Princeton, Evansville, West Port and all of Lawrence county, Illinois, are suffering from the high water. West Port has been completely abandoned. Hundreds of refugees are living in schoolhouses and barns. Live-stock is quartered in haylofts and railroad traffic is at a standstill. It is believed that Mary Fessler was drowned near Vincennes. The Belgrade levee broke in another place Thursday. The great fill at Hazleton, which was constructed at a cost of \$600,000, was swept away.

Eight lives have been lost in the Indiana flood in two days, and the total property loss in the state has been estimated at from \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000. Bridges and trestles have been swept away by the dozens. Others that have not gone out are dangerous. Railroad schedules are still wild.

Evansville, Ind., April 1.—The losses to farmers by floods between this city and Cairo will be enormous. It is estimated the loss on the wheat crop alone will reach a quarter of a million dollars, as hundreds of thousands of acres along the Ohio river are under water, and the crop will be entirely killed. Lumbermen will also lose heavily, as many logs have been swept away. The Wabash river is 30 miles wide where it empties into the Ohio, several miles below here, and many people are homeless. Evansville itself is flood-proof, being above the high water mark.

FOUR HUNDRED SLAIN.

British Expedition Victorious in Two Combats with the Tibetans.

Tuna, British India, April 2.—News has been received here of severe fighting, the Tibetans having engaged the British mission under Col. Younghusband. There were two engagements and the Tibetans were repulsed with a loss of 400 dead and wounded. Early Thursday morning a flying column started to reconnoiter the Tibetan camp, at Guru and was warned back. Soon the attitude of the Tibetans convinced Col. Younghusband of the necessity of disarming them. The Tibetans numbered about 1,500, and their resistance to the effort to disarm them led to a smart engagement.

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Ovaritis or inflammation of the ovaries or fallopian tubes which adjoin the ovaries may result from sudden stopping of the monthly flow, from inflammation of the womb, and many other causes. The slightest indication of trouble with the ovaries, indicated by dull throbbing pain in the side, accompanied by heat and shooting pains, should claim your instant attention. It will not cure itself, and a hospital operation, with all its terrors, may easily result from neglect.

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