

## 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.

The navy department has abolished pockets from the trousers of the marines.

It is to be hoped that a chateaubriand bag will be added to the uniform; Jack must have some place to carry his chewing tobacco and his powder bag.

Now that January and February have broken their records for cold, and March its record for precipitation, it seems as if we were pretty near coming 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 bilious press agent, cautiously feeling his way toward another American tour. Stranger things have been.

When it is recollect 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 55 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 want 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.

#### 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.

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.

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 on April 22.

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 Merrimac 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 democrat for renomination. Both are democrats and the district is overwhelmingly democratic, so of course the 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.

#### 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.

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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 negro as a presidential candidate.

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

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At Dunlap, Ill., Frank B. Wright, 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 Dunlap, 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 by the sword or noose, and the powers may interfere in the wholesale slaughter which the government has adopted to clear its prisons.

At Fenton, Ia., Glenn Davison, cashier of the Farmers' savings bank, committed suicide in the bank. His account is said to be straight.

Food conditions all over Michigan were steadily improving.

All records for fraternal order initiations were broken in Chicago when the Royal Arcanum received 3,100 candidates into its ranks.

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, Graville, 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.) fill 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 paving the way for early control and occupation.

A British expedition into Thibet 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 \$2,612,532 during the month of March. Cash in the treasury \$374,699,995. Total debt, less cash in the treasury, \$915,422,101.

The government receipts during March were \$44,761,499; expenditures, \$41,704,398, leaving a surplus of \$3,057,101.

Sidney J. Hayden committed suicide by jumping from the top of a 21-story skyscraper in New York, his body being mashed into bits.

There were 212 business failures in the United States during the seven days ended on the 1st, against 215 the same week in 1903.

Col. Andres de la Torre, secretary of the interior in the first Cuban republic and a prominent officer in the last revolution, died at Hayana.

Dr. W. A. Harroun, of Denver, Colo., refused to accept \$1,800,000 left him in Ireland, because he thought his sister, Mrs. J. M. Lewis, needed it more.

Gustav Marx, Peter Nidermeier and Harvey Van Dine were formally retained in Chicago by Judge Kertson to be hanged on April 22.

Des Moines and the entire state of Iowa are confronted with a coal famine as a result of the lockout and strike which closes every mine.

The Ottawa river was higher than ever known and one-fourth of the city of Lima, O., was under water. At Ottawa three persons were drowned.

President Diaz, in his message opening the Mexican congress, said the financial condition of the nation was satisfactory.

On March 31 the total circulation of national bank notes was \$434,909,942, an increase for the year of \$52,390,684.

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## IN THE PATHS OF PEACE.



Panama, March 25.—By recent decree 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.—Reports which came from Gen. Mishchenko, dated at ten p. m. March 28, which says that an important engagement took place near the town of Chong-Ju, in which the Russians were defeated, retiring in perfect order, having with them three killed and 16 wounded. The Japanese suffered heavily. Cavalry and infantry on both sides were engaged. The Russians occupied a commanding position. The Japanese fought gallantly, but owing to their heavy losses were unable to occupy the position abandoned by the Russians.

#### Kuroptakin's Report.

Gen. Kuroptakin's report is as follows: "I have the honor to respectfully communicate to your majesty the report of Gen. Mishchenko, dated March 28, at ten p. m., which says:

"For three consecutive days our small outposts attempted to draw the Japanese cavalry into action, but their patrols, after contact was established, were not look for an immediate frontal attack on Wiju, although they admit that such an attack is within the possibilities. They believe, however, that the mikado's generals will attempt to turn the Russian flank by forcing a passage of the Yalu northward from Unsan.

#### Getting Close to Wiju.

Yongchun is within 20 miles of Wiju, the base of the Russian army of the Yalu, and the point at which the first severe land engagement must be fought for the control of the mouth of the river and the capture of Antung.

The Japanese front, from unofficial reports, extends from Kasan, on the coast west of Anju, in a semicircle to Pakchung and Unsan. Military experts here do not look for an immediate frontal attack on Wiju, although they admit that such an attack is within the possibilities. They believe, however, that the mikado's generals will attempt to turn the Russian flank by forcing a passage of the Yalu northward from Unsan.

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#### Killed by Falling Rocks.

Calumet, Mich., March 30.—August Keskitala and Sali Lantala, both Finns, were killed in the Quincy mine. Keskitala was caught beneath falling rocks, and Lantala fell 150 feet to a large pile of debris.

#### Raise Price of Coal.

New York, March 30.—Prices of coal here during the year beginning April 1 have been fixed at a meeting of the Retail Dealers' association on a basis practically ten cents higher than for the current two months.

#### Fund Is Raised.

St. Louis, March 30.—It is announced by the local committee in charge of the arrangement for the national democratic convention, which will be held here beginning July 6, that the \$40,000 pledged to the national committee has been subscribed by business men.

#### Fire in Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, Pa., March 30.—The machine shops of the Pittsburgh Valve Foundry & Construction company, at Twenty-sixth street, were destroyed by fire Tuesday night. The loss will probably reach two hundred thousand dollars.

#### Record Wheat Crop.

Sydney, N. S. W., April 1.—The work of harvesting this year's wheat crop is nearly completed, and the government estimates place the yield at 11,000,000 bushels above the best previous record. Seventeen million bushels are now available for export.

#### Victim of Appoplexy.

Washington, March 28.—Brevet Major Thomas G. Osborns, of Chicago, for many years United States minister to the Argentine republic, who came to Washington a few days ago with his niece, Mrs. C. I. Haskins, of Des Moines, Ia., for a visit, died here of appoplexy Sunday afternoon.