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FROM THE CAPITAL.

Appropriations for the Postoffice Department.

GOVERNMENT PAPER MILL BURNED

The Pacific Cable—Vessels for Patrol Duty in the Pacific—Indian Citizenship.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—The postoffice appropriation bill was completed today and will be reported to the House shortly. The appropriation aggregates in the neighborhood of \$60,000,000. For the current fiscal year it was \$77,907,222, the estimate being \$80,323,400. The committee did not strike at the present subsidy law by withholding the appropriations for its execution. Action regarding the subsidies will be taken in the general bill. The committee appropriated \$291,839 for foreign mails, besides the unexpended balance. The appropriation of the last congress for this purpose was \$1,250,000 and there is yet \$400,000 unexpended in the treasury. The committee appropriated \$196,614 for special railroad facilities to defray the expense of a fast mail to connect with the West Indian ships at Tampa, Fla. The amount of compensation allowed to all the land grant and subsidized railroads is fixed at 50 per cent of the usual contract price.

The New Cable Line.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—The Thetis will sail from San Francisco about Saturday next on the work of surveying a line for the cable between the Pacific coast and the Sandwich islands. The Thetis goes out to complete the survey begun by the Albatross, which was taken off for duty in Behring sea. She will lay down the two lines, and is expected to return to this country in the course of the next two months. The transfer from the Albatross to the Thetis has caused some delay, and those in charge of the work expect that the completion of the survey will be further delayed by the substitution of the Thetis, which is a much slower ship than the Albatross.

Steamers for Patrol Duty.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The United States steamer Bangei will be put in commission at San Francisco on the 25th inst., and will be assigned to patrol duty in Behring sea. Other naval vessels selected for the purpose are: Yorktown, Mohican, and Adams. They will be reinforced by the vessels Corwin, Rush, and Albatross. Seven vessels will comprise the American fleet to guard the waters of Behring sea during the coming season. They will be assisted in the service by several British war ships on the Pacific station. The revenue steamer Border will carry supplies to the refuge station at Point Barrow, Alaska.

Paper Mill Burned.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The secretary of the treasury has been notified that the paper mill at Pittsfield, Mass., at which the distinctive paper used by the government in printing paper currency has been manufactured, was burned last night, with nearly all the stock on hand. The stock of paper now in the hands of the government is limited, and A. P. Huntington, chief of the division of loans and currency, has gone to see about starting another mill and to prevent any of the unburned paper getting into unauthorized hands.

Pretext by Indians.

TACOMA, April 15.—All but one of Puvallup Indians have signed a protest against the Dawes bill, which was today forwarded to congress, demanding that congress ratify the legislative act removing restrictions from reservation lands. The Indians oppose any measure taking control of the best land out of their hands, and object to the presence of an Indian agent. The one who will not sign the protest says he has asked congress to open the reservation, and if it thinks it knows better than the Indians what is wanted, let it try and fail.

One Thousand Men Idle

BUTTE, Mont., April 16.—An order was received from headquarters at New York tonight to close down the upper works of the Anaconda smelting plant. This was at once put into effect, throwing 1000 men out of employment. No reason was given, but it was understood to mean that the copper producers have reached an agreement to limit the production.

The Silver Question.

PITTSBURG, April 17.—Colonel A. J. Warner, of Ohio, representative on the executive committee of the National Silver Association, who was in the city today, says it is the intent to put the silver question thoroughly before the national conventions and compel the parties to define their positions thereon.

Baron Fava to Return.

ROME, April 16.—Baron Fava has received orders to return to his post at the Italian legation in Washington.

THREATENED INVASION OF CHINA.

Many Waiting Across the Border for the Exclusion Act to Expire.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The treasury department is alarmed at the impending danger of an overwhelming invasion of Chinese coolies into the Pacific coast states from British Columbia. The Chinese exclusion act expires by limitation three weeks from today, and unless some restrictive legislation is enacted in the meantime there will be nothing to prevent Chinaman from entering the United States. It is true there is a division of sentiment as to the time of the expiration of the exclusion act, but at the treasury department it is said the department will hold the law to expire May 6, and, of course, will instruct its agents at the border in accordance with this decision; consequently every bar will be let down and they will swarm over the line. Chinese inspectors on the border and in British Columbia have notified the department that thousands of Chinaman, who are congregating on the border, are aware of their coming opportunity, and will hasten to avail themselves of it. The inspector of customs at Ottawa has discovered a plot by which an organization in China is smuggling Chinese into Canada on bogus certificates. A large number of fraudulent certificates have been captured, and are in the customs department there. It is believed a large number of Chinese have been run into the United States in the same way.

ASTORIA CRIMPERS.

As English Sea Captain Tells His Opinions of Them in London.

LONDON, April 6.—Captain Donovan, of the British ship Dumbarton Rock, at Dunkirk, from Portland, Oregon, has told for publication his experience with "crimpers" while at Astoria, November 3. The Standard, commenting upon the captain's story, points out the urgent necessity of the government's inducing the United States to abolish crimping by the suppression of desertion, which always ceased when shipmasters were permitted to arrest men who quit on their ships without leave. The Standard adds: "The gang of roughs and 'crimpers' which at present infest and disgrace the ports of the United States, would be compelled to other pursuits if such permission were given captains of vessels in American ports."

The Passes Have Expired.

CHICAGO, April 17.—Today was the last day on which passes issued by the chief of construction would be honored at the world's fair ground. From today until the close of the big show it will cost money to enter the grounds. The rate fixed at present is 25 cents for each person, and no visitor will be exempted from its payment. The crowd which looked upon the splendid structures in Jackson Park today was estimated at from 10,000 to 100,000 persons. It is estimated that the number of people who, from now until May 1, 1893, will visit the grounds will average 10,000 daily. In the 379 days before the opening day this would give the exposition company a revenue of \$947,500.

Claggett Will Drop Both Parties.

BOISE, Idaho, April 16.—W. H. Claggett, late contestant for the seat of Senator Dubois in the United States senate, returned from Washington this afternoon. In a speech made this evening he declared the principal of protection was now being carried too far; that the doctrine, as announced, was in the interests of monopolists and opposed to the interests of the people. He denounced the action of both political parties on the silver question, and declared that while he hoped the republican party would prove true to its traditions, yet he reserved for himself the right to champion the cause of the people in case it failed.

About the New Cruisers.

PITTSBURG, April 16.—A. C. Buel, of the Cramp shipbuilding firm, is in the city looking after armour plate contracts for the war vessels now under course of construction. He said cruisers No. 12 and 13 were the most advanced. No. 12 will be launched in July. The cruisers are known as commerce destroyers and form a class by themselves. They are longer and narrower than the other cruisers, being 416 feet in length, 56-foot beam and 21-foot water depth. They are of 7500 tons displacement. Each has three screws, or propellers, and must make twenty one knots an hour.

Indian Citizenship.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—A bill was reported favorable to the house today to declare all Indians citizens who have attended school ten years at government expense, provided they are twenty-one years of age.

The Hon. Alex Mackenzie Dead.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 17.—The Hon. Alex Mackenzie died at 12:40 o'clock this morning.

IN SOUTH AMERICA.

Venezuela Again in a State of Anarchy.

MAY INVOLVE THE UNITED STATES

Russia Seems to be Inaugurating War Measures—News of the World.

New York, April 17.—The steamship Philadelphia arrived from Guaymas today and brought information of a battle between the government and the revolutionists at Trujillo, Venezuela. Carlos R. Brunn, who was a passenger, said that business was almost at a standstill. At the Caracas battle it is reported that 150 were killed and a large number wounded. The government forces were under command of General Ciprara Coarzi, and the revolutionists under General Arango. The rebels were superior in number, but deficient in discipline, and fought from behind trees and rocks. The government troops charged and drove the revolutionists from shelter but they again rallied and made a stubborn resistance. The government troops were repulsed, but rallied, and owing to superior discipline scattered the rebels. The government troops were victorious. There is no constitutional government in Venezuela, as Palacio's term expired February 20th, and no election has been held since, so the affairs of the country are in a state of anarchy.

May Involve the United States.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—The civil war in Venezuela may involve the United States at no great distant day in a controversy with Great Britain. The difficulty between the United States and Great Britain, if it arises, will be caused by the mother country's forcible encroachments upon the land which Venezuela claims is her own property. The dispute is over the boundary line between the eastern border of Venezuela and the western border of British Guiana. Venezuela asked the United States, through the bureau of American republics to induce Great Britain to consent to arbitration. This President Harrison and Secretary Blaine have already done, through Minister Lincoln, but the progress made is not satisfactory. It is quite possible this government in support of the Monroe doctrine, may find it necessary to do more than act as a medium of a diplomatic intercourse between Venezuela and Great Britain, and take an active part in the dispute, in order to prevent the spoliation of the South American republic while in the throes of civil war.

Kansas Mortgage Law.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 17.—The Capitol tomorrow will publish its monthly mortgage statement. It shows a decrease in about half the counties. The net reduction of mortgage indebtedness for the month throughout the state is estimated at \$993,000. The Capitol will also publish reports from the banks in the state showing that the farmers own 15 per cent of the stock of such banks. The aggregate deposits are nearly \$11,500,000 of which the farmers own \$8,000,000. All the banks report the deposits of farmers during the year as greatly increased.

Some War Measures.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 15.—The council of the empire has adopted a series of drastic measures that indicate that preparations are being made for war. All private railways and steamers will be taken by the government in case troops are ordered to be mobilized. The severest penalties are provided against information of the plans of the government abroad.

Flower the only Available Man.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 17.—The Telegraph says Hill is not likely to be a candidate, but if the Chicago convention cannot agree on any other person, Hill's name will be presented. It is further stated, if Harrison is renominated neither Hill nor Cleveland could carry New York, and Governor Flower is the only available man.

Refused Their Consent.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 17.—The ministers of war and the interior have refused their consent to the rescinding of the decree which prohibits the exportation of grain. Many failures are expected to result from their decision. London firms will probably lose heavily on advances made by them to Russian dealers.

For Willamette Beacon Lights.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Mr. Herman, of Oregon, presented in the house today a bill appropriating \$5000 for establishing and maintaining beacon lights on buoys at twenty-five different points on the Willamette river, between the cities of Salem and Portland, Or.

Losing His Eyesight.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Sherman Evarts son of ex-Senator William M. Evarts, announced tonight that his father's eyesight was failing and an oculist had said he would become totally blind in time.