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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

A Cape Town dispatch, April 3, says: Gen. Cronje, Col. Schiel and 1,000 Boer prisoners sailed for St. Helena last night.

At Keyser, W. Va., Tuesday, James L. Dorris, aged 25, a West Virginia Central & Pittsburgh railway brakeman, was cut in two by falling from his train while it was in motion.

Bob Fitzsimmons and Gus Ruhlin were matched Tuesday to fight 25 rounds on a date to be selected later. Both men deposited \$1,000 as forfeit, and a stakeholder and referee were selected.

In the municipal elections in Chicago Tuesday the Republicans gained several aldermen. City elections were held in several other western states. The Democrats were generally victorious in Wisconsin towns.

The Democrats of Kansas City, Mo., Tuesday elected James A. Reed, mayor, by a majority of at least 1,900. The entire Democratic ticket, except a few members of the lower house of the city council was successful. The present city government is Republican.

The belief of Democrats that they will defeat McKinley and the trusts is growing. The claims for Bryan now include the solid south, Nebraska, Kansas, the mining states, New York, Illinois, Indiana and others. The question of platform is an all-important one, so far as the convention is concerned.

The lynching of Brant O'Grady and Walter Cotton at Emporia, Va., will remain unpublished. The grand jury, after spending two days in examining the witnesses, on Tuesday reported that no indictments could be found. It is known that positive testimony incriminating certain citizens was given, but the sentiment in the county was too strongly favorable to the lynchers for indictments to be found.

Now that the Paris exposition buildings are practically completed, it is found that the tower of the Turkish pavilion will so obstruct the view of the adjoining American national pavilion that Commissioner Peck has deemed it imperative to make another strong effort to secure its removal. He has, therefore, written a vigorously worded protest to the director general of the exposition, in which he says the Turkish pavilion will seriously impair "not only our own building, in which we take great pride, but the effect of the whole embankment of the Seine, on which are erected the pavilions of other nations." Mr. Peck added: "I am satisfied you have been led by pressure of matters upon you to hastily sign an agreement which permits so comparatively an unimportant nation to seriously injure the building of such a great nation as the United States."

CONVENTION HALL BURNED.

The National Democratic Convention Hall in Kansas City in Ashes. To Be Rebuilt.

Kansas City, Mo., April 4.—Convention Hall, where the Democratic National convention was to have been held on July 4th, was laid in ruins in less than thirty minutes this afternoon, by fire. The structure was doomed from the start and the firemen early turned their efforts to saving adjoining property. A stiff breeze was blowing and before the fire was subdued the Second Presbyterian church, one of the finest edifices in the city, the church parsonage, the Lathrop Public School, a two-story, 10-room building, all situated across the way on Central street, and a half block of three-story flat buildings on Twelfth street, were totally destroyed.

The aggregate loss is \$400,000, apportioned as follows: Convention Hall, \$235,000; insurance, \$155,000. Church, \$50,000; insured. Parsonage, \$15,000; insured. School, \$35,000; insurance \$20,400. Williamson Block, Twelfth street, \$60,000; insurance, \$45,000.

Plans are on foot to rebuild Convention Hall immediately and have it ready for the Democratic convention in July.

Prince of Wales Shot at Twice.

Brussels, Belgium, April 4.—A sensational attempt to assassinate the Prince of Wales was made at a railroad station here today by Sipido, a young anarchist, who fired two shots, but the prince escaped unharmed. The would-be assassin was immediately arrested. The train bearing the prince was just pulling out of the Northern Railway station at 3:25 when Sipido jumped upon the footboard of the prince's saloon car, aimed his revolver at his royal highness and fired twice. Hearing the shots the station master rushed to the scene and knocked down Sipido's arm as the latter prepared to fire a third shot, while bystanders rushed up and threw themselves on the prince's assailant. In the confusion, another man, who was innocent, was seized, roughly handled and beaten.

Intense excitement prevailed for the moment, as it was feared the prince had been hit, the shots having been fired almost point blank. The railway carriage door was hastily thrown open, and great relief was felt when the prince himself appeared at the window unhurt.

When examined by the station officials, Sipido declared he intended to kill the Prince of Wales, that he did not regret his action, and that he was ready to do it again if given a chance to do so. Subsequently, he declared he wanted to kill the prince "because he caused thousands of men to be slaughtered in South Africa."

London Irritated.

London, April 4.—Gens. Colville and French have given up the movement against the Boers east of Bloemfontein and have rejoined the main army. Lord Roberts doubtless deemed it vain to send from ten to twelve thousand of his best troops into the wilderness with a field transport in the direction at a right angle with his chosen line of advance.

The Boers have moved elsewhere and if to the southwest, Gen. Colville could as easily strike them from Bloemfontein as by following them up across the plains.

These inferences still leave the situation bewildering for the time being. The enormously superior British forces appear inactive in every part of the warfield, waiting yet probably for the accumulation of material for a swift advance for the Transvaal frontier.

The local military commentators and the public to some extent are irritated and confused by the situation.

Roberts' Line Threatened.

Springfontein, Orange Free State, Tuesday, April 3.—Owing to information that the Boers are hovering in the neighborhood of the railroad running from this place to Bloemfontein, Gen. Gatacre is preparing to take vigorous measures to cope with any attempt to cut off Lord Roberts' line of communication at that point.

Policeman Captured by Robbers.

Cleveland, Ohio, April 3.—While shadowing a suspected robber late last night, Patrolman Fitzgerald was taken captive by seven men in a house in an alley near the corner of Ontario and Summit streets. Fitzgerald had followed the suspect into the house. He was immediately overpowered and bound and gagged. After taking his money, watch, revolver and a pair of handcuffs, the men left the officer to get free the best he could. Fitzgerald succeeded in severing his bonds with his teeth and went to the central police station.

DEWEY AND THE PRESIDENCY.

He Announces a Change of Mind Since His Return Home, in Response "to the Earnest Entreaties From All Parts of the Country."

New York, April 4.—A special to The World from Washington says:

"Admiral Dewey authorizes The World to announce to the American people that, after mature reflection and in response to the earnest entreaties from all parts of the country, his former decision not to run for the presidency is rescinded."

"A World correspondent saw the Admiral at his home at 6 o'clock last evening."

"Admiral Dewey said: 'I realize that the time has arrived when I must definitely define my position.'"

"When I arrived in this country last September, I said then that nothing would induce me to be a candidate for the presidency. Since then, however, I have had the leisure and inclination to study the matter, and have reached a different conclusion, inasmuch as so many assurances have come to me from my countrymen that I would be acceptable as a candidate for this great office. If the American people want me for this high office, I shall be only too willing to serve them."

"It is the highest honor in the gift of this nation; what citizen would refuse it? Since studying this subject I am convinced that the office of president is not such a very difficult one to fill, his duties being mainly to execute the laws of congress."

"Should I be chosen for this exalted position I would execute the laws of congress as faithfully as I have always executed the orders of my superiors."

HAVEMEYER MAY RESIGN.

Standard Oil Company Said to Have Acquired Large Interests in American Sugar.

New York, April 3.—The Sun tomorrow, in its financial article, will say: "There is some reason for saying that there will be a great change in the sugar trade within 30 days. H. O. Havemeyer, president of the American Sugar Refining company, commonly known as the sugar trust, is most autocratic in his management of the affairs of the company. There are indications that the control of the trust has changed and that Havemeyer will be asked to resign."

"The Standard Oil interests are said to have at this time a majority of the stock. The annual meeting does not occur until January, but if Havemeyer is confronted with proof of a large change in holdings, he will probably be willing to step down and out. This scheme has been working about two weeks."

"In the sugar trade the notion is that the Arbuckles will take the coffee business of the American Sugar Refining Co., and will be allowed to continue their own individual sugar business."

State Board of Elections.

Raleigh, N. C., April 3.—The State board of elections had only a few minutes session today and then adjourned until the 12th instant. It was not fully prepared to select the county boards. Not all the lists of recommendations from Democratic county chairmen had been received. Time is wanted to investigate all lists and particularly the one submitted by Franks, the Republican, and Johnson, the Populist, members of the board. These are co-operating and handed in one name for each county. These lists will be carefully scrutinized. The policy may be to have only Democrats on the boards. Johnson and Franks had conferences with the Populist State chairman, who is recently becoming more active, after a long period of quiescence. The board will have complete lists on the 12th for county boards. The law says the latter must be composed of "three discreet persons."

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WAVE OF STRIKES.

Many Thousand Coal Miners Are Now Out in Three States. Building Trades Affected.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 3.—Few mines are in operation and fully 20,000 miners are idle. If the strike continues a week it is likely that every mill in the district depending on the two coal combinations for their supply of coal will have to shut down.

Grove City, Pa., April 3.—Four thousand coal miners in the Mercer district are on a strike for an increase of 9½ cents per ton in the mining rate.

Henderson, Ky., April 3.—More than 2,000 coal miners are now out in the Western Kentucky fields over the wage scale.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 3.—Nearly all the building trades in Indianapolis are now affected by strikes. Carpenters, plumbers, hod carriers and bricklayers were out to-day. Their total number cannot be estimated. The trouble was precipitated by the going into effect of the 1900 wage scale. An early settlement is expected.

Linton, Ind., April 3.—All the coal mines here have been closed and 1,100 miners are idle. The failure of the operators and miners to reach an agreement on the weekly pay and powder questions caused the tie up.

Cleveland, Ohio, April 3.—Fully 3,000 men, including the machinists, are now idle in this city as a result of the various strikes in progress.

St. Louis, Mo., April 3.—An understanding for higher wages has been reached between some of the bosses and journeymen, by which about one-third of the carpenters and about one-sixth of the painters returned to work to-day.

Work on all buildings in East St. Louis has been suspended. About 800 men are out for higher wages.

THE END IN SIGHT.

Ex-Gov. Bradley Signs for a Close of the Kentucky Contest.

Frankfort, Ky., April 4.—It seems a settled fact tonight that the court of appeals will render its decision tomorrow in the governorship contest and the case will be at an end so far as the state court is concerned. Former Gov. Bradley evidently anticipates an affirmation of the lower court in holding that the action of the legislature in passing on the contest. As he said today:

"I will move for a writ of error to the supreme court when the case has been passed upon by the Kentucky court of appeals and there the case will come to an end. I shall be glad to see the end of the wearisome and long drawn out fight."

The action of Gov. Mount has been the subject of considerable speculation in connection with the absent Republican officials, and there is belief among some that the officials are remaining absent from Frankfort with a view of going to Indiana in the event that indictments are returned against them charging complicity in the Goebel murder.

There seems no probability that an effort to take possession of the buildings will be made when the decision of the court of appeals has been rendered. The militia under Taylor and Collier have prepared as if they expected an attack to be made.

TOO SHARP TO BE CAUGHT.

Governor of Indiana Declines to Make Promises to Beckham.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 3.—Several days ago Gov. Mount issued a requisition for the arrest of a man who is about to be released from the Kentucky penitentiary, and, knowing the complications in that state, he addressed the papers "To the Governor of Kentucky." Today he received a dispatch from J. C. Beckham saying that he would gladly honor the requisition if Gov. Mount would honor requisitions issued by him. The governor replied that he would not make any promises, "as this would be an unwarranted departure from executive practice and the law," and he would reserve the right to decide each case upon its merits. The governor has been expecting a requisition from Beckham for ex-Secretary of State Finley, who has sought refuge here, and he regards Beckham as seeking to secure a pledge in order to get hold of Finley.

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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

The water company at Greensboro has been placed in the hands of a receiver.

Alexander S. McCaskill has been commissioned postmaster at Fayetteville.

George Thompson, colored, was killed Tuesday by an explosion of dynamite at the Alamance rock quarry, near Graham.

Caswell county Democratic convention met Wednesday and instructed for Aycock and Cuninghame for governor and lieutenant governor.

Greenville Reflector: There is now living in this township, near House station, a woman who is known to be 100 or more years of age. She is Mrs. Martha Teel, widow of Mr. George Teel.

The coroner's jury in the case of J. D. Farrior for the killing of A. J. Hunt last Friday night at Wilson brought in a verdict of manslaughter, and Mr. Farrior was bound over to the criminal court in a \$2,500 bond.

The Charlotte Observer has enlarged from a 48-column to a 56 column newspaper. This enlargement was made necessary by the increased advertising patronage. We are glad of the Observer's success. It deserves all it gets.

Tarboro Southerner: Efforts are being made to secure \$100,000 stock in a cotton factory at Greenville. The esteemed and excellent Reflector has been laboring zealously to bring this about and is to be congratulated upon the bright prospects for success.

The Monroe Enquirer reports that a number of former Populists took part in the recent Union county Democratic convention. The Rockingham Anglo-Saxon reports that numbers of Populists in Richmond and Scotland county have already allied themselves with the Democrats.

The convention of the Undertakers and Funeral Directors of North Carolina was held in Raleigh this week. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: J. M. Harry, of Charlotte, president; H. W. Simpson, of Newbern, 1st vice-president; W. L. Bell, of Concord, secretary; E. G. Flannagan, of Greenville, treasurer.

Greensboro Record: Phillip Kivett, living four miles from Ramsen, was killed at that place the other day very suddenly. He was in a buggy and had started home. In his buggy was a shot gun. As he started to get in the buggy, the gun was knocked out and in falling the hammer hit a wheel, when it was discharged, the shot taking effect in his heart, killing him almost instantly.

Charlotte News: The negro congressman from this State, George H. White, who attempted to eat at the same table with white people in a restaurant at Pittsburg, and then sued the proprietor because he was put out, has been awarded a verdict of 6½ cents damages. He sued for \$5,000. That is about the difference between White's estimate of himself and other people's estimate of him.

Hot Springs, N. C., special to Asheville Citizen: Hart Smelzer, the man who was shot in the head while attempting to arrest Guy Turner, died here this morning a few minutes after 11. The coroner's verdict is as follows: "The jury found that the deceased, C. H. Smelzer, came to his death by a pistol shot wound from the hands of Guy Turner on the 27th day of March, 1900, being aided and assisted at the time by J. W. Floyd and Duke Lamb."

Warrenton Record: The strange, ridiculous sight of a town man selling home raised forage to farmers was witnessed on our streets this week. Mr. H. T. Macon has a small piece of land near town, and this week he sold to farmers some 5,000 lbs. of hay that he raised. Why in the name of common sense don't these farmers raise their own forage. If Mr. Macon can do it, they can too. No prosperity can ever come to farmers who farm that way.

Goldsboro Argus, 4th: In January, 1895, Isalah Yelverton, a negro working at the mill of Mr. F. M. Musgrave at Sauls' X Roads, deliberately killed the miller, a white man named John Davis, and immediately fled the country. The State offered \$100 reward for his capture. Sheriff Scott has been quietly at work on the case, and today received a telegram from Washington, D. C., notifying him of Yelverton's arrest. The sheriff will leave for Washington tonight and will bring Yelverton here for trial.

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