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Eastern States.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The Senate Military Commission this morning considered Wilson's bill for the reduction of the Army and will probably substitute it for house bill of same title. Wilson's bill provides a saving of five millions yearly, while Logan's would increase expenses for army purposes, three millions. In the Senate the following bills were presented and refused incorporation: Southern Pacific R. R. Co. and granting right of way from Rio Grande to San Diego. Wilson from Commission on Military Affairs reported adversely to the bill granting Presidio reservation to San Francisco for public park; indefinitely postponed. In the House bills were presented and referred extending the swamp land act to Minnesota and Oregon and making the day of election for representatives and delegates to Congress in all territories uniform—first Monday in Nov. Resolutions adopted instructing the Post Office Committee to inquire into the expediency of extending free delivery system to all cities with a population not less than 20,000, and state Capital of 10,000. Julian presented a joint resolution to amend the Constitution of the United States adding article 16, providing that right of citizens to vote shall not be abridged by the United States nor by any state on account of sex.

NEW YORK, April 4.—There is a more cheerful feeling in financial circles to-day by the announcement that Ways and Means Committee stood sight to one for the funding bill in its present shape. The trial of McFarland for murder of Richardson has begun; a whole day was occupied in attempting to procure a jury, out of 168 persons examined six were obtained. The Court room was thronged, among these present were Richardson's brother and wife—Mrs. McFarland.

Gen. Canby has not yet furnished troops for ejection of Ellison from the City Hall. The U. S. Marshal is now summoning a large civil posse to demand his surrender. If the posse fail to obtain possession, Gen. Canby will furnish him troops.

NEW YORK, April 5.—The work of emancipating slaves in the case of McFarland was continued this morning and promises to occupy the entire day. The excitement was intense and great throngs outside were unable to gain admission, and police were stationed inside and outside to preserve order.

It is raining, snowing, and hailing at the same time. The telegraphic communication with the south-west is completely cut off by the storm.

ALBANY, April 5.—The Senate has taken up election laws under agreement that they shall be disposed of prior to the New York charter. Joint resolutions passed the assembly that the legislature attend obsequies of General Thomas at Troy in a body, and that the usual testimonials of respect be observed.

NEW YORK, April 6.—A snow storm set in yesterday afternoon continuing all night and changing to rain this morning. The streets are filled with slush rendering travel difficult.

The Times Hartford, Connecticut, special says enough is known to show that English is elected Governor by 1500 majority and the Democrats have probably carried the Senate, although the Republicans retain hope that they will have control of that body by a reduced majority. So far as heard from the Democrats have gained in all parts of the State.

TOLEDO, April 5.—The Commercial places Peck's majority for Congress in this district at over 2,000, largest ever given to any Republican candidate.

MILWAUKEE, April 5.—The city election to-day resulted in the election of the Democratic ticket.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Senate this P.M. confirmed the nomination of Wm. Governor Morris as Marshal of District of California. The Senate and House joint resolution directing inquiry into the loss of the *Orbicular* passed.

A Bill was introduced to appropriate proceeds of sales of public lands in the United States for educational purposes.

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Rumors that the proposed constitutional changes in France are to be submitted to a vote of the people, have been gaining strength, and are now generally credited here.

MADRID, April 6.—Enforcement of the Conscription was commenced yesterday throughout Spain. Proceedings were generally quiet, but disturbances were reported in some places; in Barcelona there was much agitation; the people threw up barricades and the troops charged and took them; at the town of Sang near Barcelona, others made some resistance; ten men were killed. It is reported to-day that order is restored. Senor J. R. Segardy, Minister of agriculture, remains in the Cabinet and the Ministerial crisis is ended.

BERLIN, April 6.—North German Gazette says in view of the threats and demands of Denmark with respect to North Schleswig, the restoration of friendship with Prussia is impossible.

DUBLIN, April 6.—Watford Mail announces passage of the Irish force bill and appears in mourning for the death of Liberty.

LONDON, April 6.—The Cambridge crew won the race by length.

LONDON, April 7.—The team in an editorial on the boat race says pluck and perseverance gave Cambridge the victory.

MARSHAL, April 7.—News from Barcelona is highly important; it advises just received state that trouble has been thrown up. The Government had notified the Government that he is not strong enough to meet the situation and is awaiting reinforcements. Gen. Prim has sent Gen. Baldry to take command of the national troops.

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The Woman's Suffrage meeting last evening was very thinly attended. There was a general wrangle and confusion highly annoying to outsiders. An appeal was made for new members, but none joined, and after some further discussion, the meeting adjourned for a week.

The trouble about the Yerba Buena Park work is increasing this morning. On Donohue going on the ground, about a thousand men gathered around him greatly excited. They demanded that they be set to work at once. Donohue attempted to make a speech, he said the work had all been taken out of his hands by the Commissioners. He would therefore knock off all the men and throw up all connection with the master. Then got out of the crowd, and ran towards Mission Dolores. He was pursued by the men with shovels, some of whom called for a rope to hang him with. All work is stopped, and the crowd is now awaiting the action of the Mayor and City Council. Many are threatening violence, and the most moderate are greatly exasperated. Many have come in from the country, on learning of this work, and mingled with the crowd, doubling its original numbers. So far as the city is concerned, the money thus expended might as well have been thrown into the bay, as no practical good is accomplished, and expectations were raised which cannot be fulfilled. The men charge that contractors paying men \$30 per month had sent the employees to draw tickets and that Donohue gave all his personal friends number one tickets privately, and that the contractors, carts were employed, etc. They will assuredly hang Donohue if they catch him again. It is doubtful if the whole proceedings are not illegal, as the City Hall Bill was passed subsequent to the fifty thousand dollars appropriation bill, and provides that the park shall be graded by contract. The Commissioners have decided to pay off all the men for work thus far done on Yerba Buena Park to-morrow, and have sent out men to get the names of all who have worked, and will swear each man as to the amount of labor done.

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