



The convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution assembled at Washington, D. C., adopted resolutions denouncing polygamy and demanding the expulsion from the senate of Reed Smoot.

The seal-fishing season, which closed April 30, was one of the poorest in years. Last year the catch numbered 384,000, while this year there are only 170,000.

Five members of a charivari party, which was serenading a newly married couple named Vendenbroeck at Lowell, Mass., were seriously wounded by being fired upon by the groom.

Captain R. G. S. Hinkle, one of the best known river men in the country, and president of the Pilots' association, is dead at Bellevue, Ky., of cancer of the throat. He was a prominent democrat.

Hedwig Niemann Raaba, the noted actress, died in Berlin, April 21, of some mental disease. She was 60 years old.

The central committee of the journalists' organization, composed of many of the most celebrated Russian writers, has adopted resolutions of sympathy with the mother of Ivan Kalleff, condemned to death for the murder of Grand Duke Sergius. The resolutions express the hope that the time will soon come when Russian mothers will not need to sacrifice their sons for liberty. The Kalleffs are an old and respected family.

A train was buried in a tunnel by the caving of a mountain at Edson, Wyo., April 23. The engineer, the fireman and the head brakeman are buried with the engine and it is supposed that they are dead.

On Easter Monday, the white house grounds were given over to the children of the city of Washington and thousands of the little tots, including the Roosevelt children, participated in the annual Easter egg-rolling.

Ion Perdicaris, the American who was held in captivity by Raisull, the Moroccan bandit, at Tangier, Morocco, arrived in New York April 22. He will immediately go to his home in Trenton, N. J.

Admiral Dewey is said to have expressed the opinion that the body of John Paul Jones should be buried at Arlington National cemetery instead of at Annapolis.

United States Senator Chauncey Depew celebrated his seventy-first birthday April 22. He is said to have intimated that he is "still alive; very much alive."

On Easter Sunday, the pope celebrated mass in the hall of the consistory in the presence of thirty-five persons, among them several Americans, to whom he gave communion. He afterward confirmed two sons of Senor Ivancig, the consul general of Portugal.

The Illinois house of representatives has concurred in the senate joint resolution petitioning the national congress to appropriate \$3,000,000 for the erection of a Lincoln memorial monument at Washington.

The funeral of the late Senator Platt was held Tuesday, April 25.

President Roosevelt sent Mrs. Platt a message of condolence, expressing his sorrow at not being able to attend the funeral.

An earthquake lasting several seconds was felt throughout Derbyshire and Yorkshire, England, April 23. Although no serious damage is reported there was great apprehension for a time.

Sergeant Robinsky of the Russian army, has been sentenced to three years at hard labor for torturing prisoners with fire.

One man was killed, two women badly hurt, and several others slightly injured in an automobile accident in New York. The machine was struck by a trolley car, skidded along the track, and refused to yield to the brakes, and crashed into a billboard. The man who was killed and one of the women who was so badly injured were to have been married within a week.

The investigations of the grand jury into the beef trust continued until April 29, when the matter was dropped until May 2, in order that other things may be looked after.

Amos Madden Thayer, United States circuit judge of the Eighth judicial district, is dead at St. Louis after an illness of four months. Judge Thayer gained national reputation by writing the opinion in the famous Northern Securities case.

The Chicago teamsters have called off their strike, owing to the refusal of the garment workers to aid them in their struggle against one company, when their grievances were against several companies.

Augusta Victoria, the empress of Germany, has presented fifty-one nurses at North Brothers Island hospital, with diplomas, in recognition of their services at the Slocum disaster. To the head nurse, Miss Edith Smith, the empress presented a beautiful brooch. The diplomas bear the picture of the empress.

Among the stories in financial circles in New York, was one that General Nelson A. Miles will be suggested by the New England policy holders for president of the Equitable.

Notwithstanding the fact that they have been served with summonses to appear in court in a suit for an injunction to restrain them from forming a pool, hop growers met in secret session at Portland, Ore., arranging plans for the completion of the pool.

Frank Fuille has been appointed attorney general of Porto Rico, vice Stewart resigned. He is from Texas, and has been in Porto Rico since the American occupation and was at one time assistant attorney general there.

New York aldermen passed a resolution eulogizing John Paul Jones and recommending that he be buried in that city.

Governor Vardaman of Mississippi has formally announced that he would be a candidate for the United States senate in the event of Senator's Monoy's retirement.

The lower house of the Michigan legislature passed unanimously the Bland anti-trust bill.

James R. Curl, secretary of the state of Texas, is dead at his home in Austin after a long illness.

An Associated Press dispatch dated Berlin, April 26, says: "The imperial government, preparatory to excluding the United States from the privileges of the new reciprocity treaties signed recently with seven European states, has formally notified the American government that the tariff agreement between Germany and the United States of July 19, 1900, will terminate March 1, 1906, the day the new treaties go into effect, but that Germany stands ready to negotiate a reciprocity treaty with the United States. This notification, made by Foreign Secretary von Richthoff on March 14, after the decision of the cabinet, said that the treaties concluded with Russia, Italy, Belgium, Switzerland, Austria-Hungary, Roumania and Servia "form a new basis," so reads the text, "for the commercial relations of Germany and the imperial government holds itself prepared to enter into negotiations for the conclusion of a new commercial treaty with the United States."

Ten men were killed by the breaking of a rope attached to the cage in which they were being lowered into a tunnel of the Conygham mine at Wilkesbarre, Pa.

The auction of Mrs. Cassie Chadwick's belongings was held at New York, beginning April 26. It was attended by relic hunters principally, and many of the costly articles were sold for a mere fraction of their worth.

A report from San Francisco, dated April 26, says. "Mayor Schmitz is authority for the statement that Tax Collector Edward J. Smith is a defaulter to the city in the sum of \$39,112. The mayor was notified of the peculations by the brother of the official, John Smith, cashier in the law collector's office. On last Thursday Smith disappeared from the city, ostensibly going on a vacation to Los Angeles. It has been learned that he took with him \$39,112, the taxes of the Southern Pacific Railroad company. The defalcation was discovered when it was found that the Southern Pacific company was in arrears with its taxes, a condition beyond precedent.

J. D. Cameron of Joplin, Mo., has secured an option on a tract of land, comprising 250,000 acres near Mexico City, for the colonizing of farmers from Texas.

The sharp tone of the French press relative to Germany's position in the Moroccan affair was commented upon on the bourse today and was the chief factor in causing a break in prices.

The funeral of Joseph Jefferson was held at "Crows Nest," his home at Buzzard's Bay, Mass., April 30.

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