



Szabalowicz, the police commissioner of Lodz, Russian Poland, had his feet blown off by a bomb thrown by an assassin, while on his way to the office of the chief of police. He was followed by a policeman and when turning a certain corner a poorly-clad man approached carrying a basket. As the official neared him the man suddenly hurled a bomb, which exploded with terrible force. The policeman wounded him almost fatally with his sword and it is feared that Szabalowicz will die.

General Sherman W. Bell, who has been in charge of the military at Telluride while martial law was in force under Governor Peabody's administration, was superseded by Captain Bulkeley Wells, adjutant of the Colorado National guard.

Paul Morton, who was to have accompanied President Roosevelt on his hunting expedition, has been forced to abandon the trip, on account of a serious malady of the ear, with which he has been suffering for more than a year.

The supreme court of Hamburg has rendered a decision in the case of the pearl valued at \$750 found in her mouth by a woman who ordered an oyster stew in a restaurant. The proprietor of the eating place claimed the pearl on the ground that shells, like chicken bones, were by tradition left by customers and were a source of profit to the proprietor. The court decided that neither of the claimants was entitled to the stone but that if the ownership of the pearl were to repose in the restaurant proprietor instead of the person who paid for the oysters, then its ownership might as well be carried back to the oyster dealer who supplied the restaurant proprietor with the oysters and thence to the fisherman who took the pearl oyster from its bed.

The main building of the Odd Fellows' Widows' and Orphans' Home, together with its contents, valued at \$100,000 was destroyed at Dallas, Texas, by fire, April 3. Fortunately, no one was hurt.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Denver, April 3, says: "Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, filed a complaint today in the United States circuit court against James H. Peabody, former governor of Colorado; Sherman M. Bell, former adjutant general, and Captain Bulkeley Wells, now adjutant general, who was military commander in Telluride, when that city was under martial law. The complaint states that the plaintiff was subjected to hardships, humiliations and disgrace by the defendants without probable cause, and also without legal process. He was also deprived, he alleges, of having a public and speedy trial by an impartial jury in the district in which the offense is alleged to have been committed. The confinement, it is alleged, greatly impaired the plaintiff's health by the reason of the extreme dampness and unwholesomeness of the

jail. The complaint asserts that the defendants were guilty of malice and that they should be imprisoned according to law. Moyer was held as a military prisoner. Damages in the sum of \$100,000 are demanded from each of the defendants."

A terrible accident occurred at the Leiter mine in Zeigler, Ill., when fifty men were entombed by a terrific explosion of gas. The shock was felt at Benton, twelve miles away. It is improbable that any of the men will be brought out alive.

President Roosevelt has appointed a new canal commission, as follows: Theodore P. Shonts, chairman; Charles E. Magoon, governor of canal zone; John F. Wallace, chief engineer; Rear Admiral M. T. Endicott, U. S. N.; Brigadier General Peter C. Haines, U. S. A., retired; Colonel Oswald M. Ernst, corps engineers, U. S. A.; Benjamin M. Harrod.

Referring to the president's order with respect to remuneration, the Associated Press report says: "The president has made an order allowing a salary of \$7,500, with traveling expenses, to each member of the commission and to the chairman of the committee the additional compensation of \$22,500, to the chief engineer and addition compensation of \$17,500 and to the governor of the zone the additional compensation of \$10,000. The head of each department is allowed the use of a furnished house on the isthmus and his traveling expenses when traveling on the business of the commission. The total is \$102,500. The salaries and allowances under the former commission amounts to \$120,000. The total compensation of the governor of the zone and chief engineer are in effect unchanged."

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Norfolk, Va., April 2, says: "A crab mine has been discovered in Chesapeake bay by the canners of crab meat in this vicinity and the mine is yielding about 2,000 barrels, or more than 250,000 crabs, each day. It is located between Lynnhave Inlet, near Cape Henry, and the Tail of the Horseshoe in the bay. The crabs disappear from the inland waters here, including Hampton Roads, at the close of summer and it has not been customary to pack crab meat in winter. The factories here have been running steadily all this winter, one using 1,000 barrels of crabs daily. An investigation revealed the fact that the canners discovered the crabs buried in the mud in the bay under water thirty feet deep, where they remain during the winter."

The Simplon tunnel, the longest in the world, was opened for traffic April 2. This tunnel, connecting Italy and Switzerland, is twelve miles long and runs under the mountains. The opening of the tunnel is described as follows: "The weather at the entrance of the tunnel was springlike, though the surrounding mountains were covered with snow, but once inside the temperature became very high. Engineer Brandau, who had directed the work on the tunnel, conducted the Italian train, which part of the way was lighted with miners' lanterns. The train from the Italian end was the first to reach the iron door, but a little later the train from the Swiss end was heard on the other side of the door. There was a brief time spent in communicating through the door by means of hammering and finally the door was

knocked down amidst frantic applause and cries of "Long live Switzerland" and "Long live Italy;" bands played the Italian royal march and the Swiss anthem and the two parties embraced and kissed each other. Engineer Brandau shook hands with Engineer Rosemund, the director of the work on the Swiss side, and the Italian Bishop Noveara embraced the Swiss Bishop Sien. The latter then preached a short sermon, in the course of which he said: "The church blesses progress." In the name of God he then blessed the tunnel."

President William R. Potter of the Long Island railroad, died at New York April 2, of spinal meningitis.

While taking a flashlight picture of a building at Omaha, Neb., Albert Butler, a young man, was blown to pieces by the explosion of the powder with which he was making the picture. The building was wrecked and several bystanders were badly injured. At the inquest over the young man, the locket which contained the picture of his sweetheart was found imbedded in his heart. Later on the picture of the building was found in perfect condition among the ruins.

Five men lost their lives and seven others were badly injured in a mine explosion at Jerome, Ariz. The mine was owned by Senator Clarke.

President Roosevelt started on his two months' outing trip April 3. On April 4, the president was the guest of Louisville, Ky., where he received a great ovation.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Cleveland, O., April 3, says: "Mayor Johnson tonight refused to comply with the city council resolution of last Monday night that he either apologize to the members of that body, whom he accused of accepting bribes directly or indirectly, or take the charges into court. The mayor said that he would not do either, and asserted that he still believed 'that certain interests' had more influence with the votes of certain members of the council than the interests of 40,000 voters."

Commissioner James A. Garfield, the author of the famous whitewash of the beef trust, will commence the inquiry into the Standard Oil trust's operations in a few days. He will be at Topeka, Kan., while engaged in this work. He has made it emphatic that he will make his investigation as thorough and comprehensive as possible, so that an exact estimate of the time required can not be given.

The house in which President Roosevelt was born, at New York, is about to be sold. Leo P. Glosel, president of the Roosevelt Home club, said that he had undertaken to organize a protective association to purchase the property and maintain the house permanently. An appeal will be made within a few days for funds.

A movement has been started at Colorado Springs, Colo., through the local chamber of commerce to have the remains of Lieutenant Zebulon Montgomery Pike, the discoverer, removed to Colorado and either reinterred in that city or on the summit of the great eminence which bears his name. The body of Lieutenant Pike is buried at Lawrenceburg, Ind., where it lies in a practically neglected grave.

A mob twice attempted to force the jail at Fulton, Ky., in an effort to lynch three negroes who are charged with shooting Officer Eaker. Mayor Wall and prominent citizens defended the prisoners and defeated the mob. The negroes will be taken to Hickman for safekeeping.

A mystery developed at Holland,

Mich., with the arrival from Las Vegas, N. M., of the body of Charles De Feyter. Relatives of the young man understood that he had been killed in a railroad wreck. When the body arrived the words, "Died of gunshot wound," were found pencilled on the rough box inclosing the casket. An investigation has been started.

Efforts to check the forest fire raging on South mountain, east of Hagerstown, Md., have been futile and the mountain people are praying for rain to stop the ravages of the flames. The fire has covered a district of five miles on the west side of the mountain.

The trial of the murderer of Grand Duke Sergius will take place in a few days. So far all efforts to establish the identity of the assassin have failed.

Thomas W. Lawson of Boston will address the Chautauqua at Ottawa, Kan., this summer, taking as his theme "The Standard Oil company."

An unusual auction sale occurred at the Chatham dock yards, England

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