



At St. Louis before the League of Electrical Interests, Henry L. Daugherty bitterly attacked Gifford Pinchot as the man who has done more to prevent the development of water power than any other. Daugherty is the president of nineteen public service corporations, notably electric light and power companies.

Before the Montauk club, celebrating his seventy-sixth birthday, Senator Chauncey M. Depew said: "For a long life, abounding in good things, in a capacity for enjoying everything, in reciprocal attachments and contributions with multitudes of men and women is more than my share of health and happiness, I reverently thank God both that I am alive and that I have lived."

In a fire which destroyed the Hotel Thoma, at Cincinnati, six lives were lost.

"Hard work and right living" was the theme of Theodore Roosevelt's address before the French Academy at Paris. The ex-president's reception in Paris was marked by great enthusiasm and handsome entertainment.

Abbott Lawrence Jessens, secretary of the congregation of religious affairs, at Rome, has retired. It is declared that his resignation was demanded by Cardinal Merry Del Val as a result of the abbot's visit to Theodore Roosevelt following the latter's decision not to visit the pope.

That some of the men implicated in the councilmanic scandal in Pittsburg have raised a large fund to defeat the ends of justice and that the present panel from which will be chosen jurors to hear the cases, is being tampered with, were allegations made to the Pennsylvania supreme court by District Attorney William A. Blakely of Allegheny county. Mr. Blakely made his charges in filing an answer to the petition of Max G. Leslie, delinquent tax collector of Allegheny county, indicted in the scandal, who wants a change of venue.

Seven hundred operatives were thrown out of work by the closing down of textile mills at New Orleans.

Fire at Lake Charles, La., sweeping over twenty blocks, destroyed \$3,000,000 worth of property.

The remains of Samuel L. Clemens were laid to rest in the Clemens plot at Elmira, N. Y., on Monday of last week. The ceremonies at the grave were brief and simple. The services at the old brick Presbyterian church in New York were conducted by Rev. Henry Van Dyke.

The Chicago Tribune estimates the losses caused by the cold weather in April to be upwards of \$30,000,000 in the middle west.

A London cablegram under date of April 27 says: "The Frenchman, Louis Paulhan, whose efforts have frequently been crowned with victory, today won the greatest race in the history of mankind and \$50,000, when he flew into Manchester at 5:30 o'clock this morning, having traveled by aeroplane from London, a distance by railway of more than 180 miles with only a single overnight stop at Litchfield. His competitor, Graham White, the English

aviator, for some unexplained reason, after making a successful new start, at Reade, where he made his first landing, descended at Polesworth, and no advices have yet reached London of his having resumed his flight. White was doubly unfortunate in thus having victory snatched from his grasp inasmuch as the wrecking of his machine, after his previous attempt, delayed his flight, and yesterday believing that Paulhan would not start until Thursday morning he went to sleep, thus allowing his opponent to gain a great advantage. A prize of \$50,000 was donated by Lord Northcliffe for the first aeroplane flight from London to Manchester, a distance of 186 miles."

The proposed south polar expedition, under the joint auspices of the Peary Arctic club and the national geographic society, has been abandoned for this year.

The annual convention of the United Confederate Veterans was held at Mobile, Ala., and 50,000 visitors watched the parade.

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington under date of April 27 says: "Theodore Roosevelt for the United States senate as successor to Chauncey M. Depew. This is the way the political prophets and wiseacres in Washington have the situation in New York state figured out today. They arrive at this conclusion from many different viewpoints, but there is apparently a consensus of opinion that this suggestion offers a solution to a multiple of problems confronting the republican party, not only in the Empire state, but in the nation at large. In the general discussion of the situation growing out of the appointment of Governor Hughes to the supreme court bench it already has been agreed that his retirement from politics leaves Colonel Roosevelt as the probable dictator of the party in New York state. The party leaders in Washington realize, and they believe Mr. Roosevelt will come to realize the same thing, that the exigencies in New York demand a strong factor in the race this fall if the republicans are to gain success at the polls."

An Associated Press dispatch from Pittsburg, dated April 26, says: "In seven wards of the city today, special elections of select and common councilmen were held to fill the places of the city fathers who resigned after being indicted in connection with the graft prosecutions. In the Twentieth ward, George H. Riley, 'one of the immaculate six,' in common council in 1908, when the alleged bribing was going on, was defeated for common council. Riley, it was testified in the early part of the graft prosecution, was one of the six men 'who could not be reached.' A unique feature was also presented in the law requiring saloons to be closed on election day. In the present instance saloons on one side of a street would be closed, and large signs hung outside announced the reason therefor. Across the street in another ward, where no election was being held, saloons did a flourishing business, and displayed large placards reading, 'Bar open.'"

A Liverpool cablegram under date of April 27 says: "The directors of the cotton association today said that if bills of lading frauds are stopped and there are no further shortages

in shipments now enroute, Liverpool firms will be able to weather the \$2,000,000 loss from the Knight-Yancey failure in Decatur, Ala. The cotton association is urging Liverpool banks to pay no further drafts from shippers who are charged with frauds. The frauds have revived the cotton association's complaint that the American system of bills of lading for cotton invites fraud. The association will make a formal demand for the same system as used in the grain trade."

After puzzling over his case for a week or ten days the physicians in attendance upon Sultan Mehemed V., of Turkey, have decided that he is suffering from an attack of the measles.

Supposed earthquake shocks were felt in the region of Atlantic City, N. Jersey., recently.

The Merriam commission, investigating charges of graft in the management of the Chicago schools, has discovered a theft of \$55,000 in the single item of coal during the last twenty months.

Fire at Salem, Neb., inflicted damages amounting to upwards of \$200,000.

A move is on foot to effect a merger of the Postal Telegraph lines and the lines of independent telephone companies. Recently the Western Union Telegraph company and the Bell Telephone company were merged.

Fire in the bottling house of a St. Louis brewery inflicted a loss of \$250,000. Half a million bottles of beer were destroyed, and several valuable paintings owned by Edward A.

Faust and stored in the burned building were included in the loss.

Rev. J. H. Booth, pastor of the Central Church of Christ, at Centerville, Ia., has filed papers as a candidate for congress in the Eighth Iowa district on the democratic ticket.

A reduction of twenty-five files in rank and confinement to the limits of his station for six months is the sentence imposed upon Captain C. N. Murphy, 138th infantry by court martial. His sentence was received at Fort Leavenworth. The loss of twenty-five files is considered severe. Captain Murphy was tried two weeks ago on two charges—embezzlement of \$28, and making false entries in his company fund, and council book. He was tried on similar charges in 1908.

F. D. Coburn, secretary of the Kansas state board of agriculture, reports the condition of the growing wheat crop of that state as 71 per cent. The report says that 35 per cent of the wheat acreage has been winter killed. W. M. Maupin, deputy commissioner of the Nebraska bureau of labor and industrial statistics, says the condition of the wheat crop in Nebraska is better than the reported condition in Kansas. While considerable wheat was winter killed in Nebraska, the increased acreage sown last fall will leave the acreage harvested this season almost as great as last year. The yield will doubtless be somewhat curtailed. Much of the wheat acreage in both Kansas and Nebraska will be plowed up and either sowed to oats or planted in corn.

The trial of F. Augustus Heinze, charged with misappropriating the

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