



All the boiler-makers of the Santa Fe railroad have struck for higher wages. Inexperienced men are taking their places, but no violence has been reported.

Miss Anna Johnson of Mt. Sterling, Ky., was chosen maid of honor for the entire south at the Confederate reunion to be held in June.

J. Pierpont Morgan will be presented with a medal to commemorate the returning of the coat, which was stolen and sold to him, to the Italian government.

Insanity experts from Germany are reported to be on their way to examine the mind of the czar of Russia, who, it is believed is lightly deranged. It is said that if approached by friends or talked to by advisers he flies into a fearful rage. Only a few days ago he is reported to have interrupted M. Witte while the latter was urging the necessity for peace, with the command: "Stop your noise, it hurts my head," to which M. Witte is said to have replied: "Under these circumstances it will be very hard for your majesty's ministers to discharge their duties."

Judge Stephen Neal, author of the fourteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States, is critically ill at Lebanon, Pa. Judge Neal is over 80 years old.

The Mexican mints have now been definitely closed to the free coinage of silver.

Mayor Dunne of Chicago, who has been diligently at work on the strike of the teamsters in that city, has given up hope of being able to arbitrate the difficulty.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Logansport, Ind., April 17, says: "In broad daylight C. D. Billman, a sculptor, today removed from its pedestal in City park a heroic statue of William McKinley, which had been erected by citizens as a memorial to the martyred president. Billman alleges that the statue had not been paid for. Taking advantage of the absence of all city officials at a municipal league meeting this afternoon, Billman backed a wagon against the base of the monument and with a block and tackle transferred the monument to the back yard of his home. The monument was arranged for by a committee of citizens shortly after McKinley's assassination. Subscription papers were circulated to raise funds, but through some mistake, Billman alleges, he was never compensated."

By the end of May 200 French priests who had to leave France are expected to arrive at Mexico City, among them being many Jesuit fathers. They expect to remain there permanently.

Four newsboys were crushed to death at Indianapolis, Ind., April 17. The little fellows, with a number of others were standing waiting for tick-

ets which were being given for a theater show, when someone cried "Fire." In the rush that followed and in which the boys were killed, there were several others badly injured.

The supreme court of the United States affirmed the decision of the United States circuit court April 17, in the case of the city of Covington vs. the National Bank of Covington, holding to be invalid the Kentucky law requiring national banks of Kentucky to make return of all shares for taxation purposes. The opinion, which was delivered by Justice Day, was based on the ground of discrimination against national banks.

Kalieff, the Russian who assassinated Grand Duke Sergius, has been tried, found guilty and condemned to death.

It is reported that the once mighty Winnebago tribe of Indians, is slowly but surely succumbing to consumption, with which disease these Indians are afflicted. This tribe has a fund of \$900,000 held in trust by the national government.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Norfolk, Va., April 17, says: "Thomas Yandaw, a conspicuous figure in Norfolk for over fifty years, claimed up to the time of his death that he was entitled to a large fortune in California. Five years ago he was adjudged a lunatic and sent to the Eastern Virginia asylum at Williamsburg. Two years ago he died and was buried in a pauper's grave at the asylum. A letter has just been received here by a local attorney from the Pacific coast stating that Yandaw was entitled to a large portion of an estate in California worth upwards of \$1,500,000. Yandaw's wife is dead and he left no heirs."

Lord Kitchener, the famous Englishman, who distinguished himself in the Boer war, has threatened to resign his position, owing to objections on his part to certain powers vested in another English officer.

Joseph Jefferson, the famous actor, died Sunday, April 23.

With full military honors, the funeral of Augusta Graeber, was held at Hirschberg, Silesia. This woman, whose courage, tenderness and devotion made her respected by all Germany, served through the wars of 1863, 1864, 1870-71, where she ministered to the soldiers.

On account of the shortage of appropriations, Commissioner Richards of the general land office at Washington, has been compelled to dispense temporarily with the services of seventeen of the eighty special agents of the bureau.

T. H. Tibbles, former editor of the Nebraska Independent, will shortly become associated with Tom Watson's Magazine.

D. W. Emmons, founder of the city of Huntington, W. V., was stricken with apoplexy while taking breakfast and died within a few minutes. He was 78 years old.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Washington, D. C., April 19, says: "In pursuance of a special executive order signed by President Roosevelt, S.

F. Scott, jr., has been tendered his old place as a clerk in the registry division of the Kansas City postoffice. Scott, whose father was postmaster at Kansas City, was removed in 1901 on charges that he was guilty of the loss of a registered package containing \$8,000. The theft of the money was never traced to Scott, but the suspicions of the inspectors were such as to cause his removal. After four years of work the inspectors have secured the conviction of John A. Fagg, a registry clerk in the same office, for the embezzlement."

The jury in the case of Nan Patterson, the Floradora show girl, has been completed. In accordance with Miss Patterson's wishes, nearly all of the jurymen are married men.

Arthur Philip Stanhope, better known as the Earl of Stanhope, one of the prominent British peers, is dead. He was nearly 70 years old.

Secretary Loeb has started for President Roosevelt's camp with a load of documents which require the president's signature.

A note signed by Parson Thomas A. Uzzell of the Tabernacle of Denver, Colo., and "most heartily" endorsed by Adjutant General Sherman M. Bell of martial law fame, has been sent to President Roosevelt requesting that the carcasses of the bears killed during the president's hunt be sent for distribution among the poor of Denver.

Five miners are dead and three others fatally injured as the result of an explosion in the mines of the Cabin Creek Mining company at Kayford, W. Va.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Chicago, Ill., April 20, says: "Judge Grosscup today made permanent a temporary injunction restraining the city of Chicago from enforcing the so-called interchangeable transfer ordinance. The decision is expected to materially enhance the value of railway property in negotiations looking toward municipal ownership. Judge Grosscup held that the ordinance is illegal as affecting contract rights and that enforcement of the ordinance would practically result in reducing the rate of fare to 2-1-2 cents. Notice was immediately given that the city would appeal to the United States circuit court of appeals."

Secretary Hitchcock has planted an oak sapling near the east gate of the white house grounds. The sapling grew from an acorn picked up in St. Petersburg. The oak which produced the acorn was planted in St. Petersburg many years ago by a prominent Russian who took it from an immense oak near the door of the Washington home at Mount Vernon, Va.

In accordance with his usual custom, Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, fed twelve of the oldest poor men in his kingdom, afterward washing their feet with his own hands, on Maunday Thursday, April 20. Before their departure, he presented each with a gift.

Senator O. H. Platt of Connecticut died at his home in Washington, Conn., after a long siege of pneumonia. The immediate cause of his death was the breaking of an abscess in his lung, which produced strangulation. He has been senator since 1879. He was 78 years old.

The affairs of the Equitable Life Insurance company continue to attract public attention. At a meeting of the general agents of that company held recently, James H. Hyde, vice president of the company, was requested to resign. An investigating committee, with H. C. Flick as chairman, is now at work and startling revelations have

been made, showing that certain officers of the company have made large sums of money by purchasing various bonds and selling them to the company for investment purposes at a liberal profit. It seems likely that a wholesale investigation by public officials will follow and there is also a disposition to extend this investigation to other insurance companies.

Falling plaster in a factory at Kansas City, caused a panic in which five girls were badly injured.

The main building of Vanderbilt university at Nashville, Tenn., was destroyed by fire April 20. The loss is total, only a few fixtures being saved.

Augustus Heinze has won the famous Minnie Healey Mining suit, the Montana supreme court affirming the decision of the lower courts. This involves the title to a mine that is worth millions of dollars. The plaintiff was Miles Finlen.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Washington, D. C., April 21, says: "Diplomats in close touch with European chancelleries held that Morocco, more than the menace to French neutrality in the far east, is responsible for the threatened retirement of M. Delcasse, the French minister of foreign affairs. It is learned that France has informed Germany that nothing could have been further from her intentions than to injure German interests in Morocco and even has gone so far as to say that the French position there not only furnishes a protection to the commerce of other nations, but insures rather than threatens the integrity of Morocco, and thereby the maintenance of the status quo, which was the especial cause of concern to the Berlin government. So satisfied is Germany, it is stated, with the attitude of France, and so different is that attitude from what Germany believed, that it is believed here Berlin and Paris are approaching complete accord on the subject. European advices indicate that Germany's suspicions were aroused by the apparent unwillingness in the past of the French government to discuss Morocco, even when the subject was directly brought up. It is thought here that this change in conditions may account for the fact that M. Delcasse has gone so far as to contemplate retirement. In the diplomatic corps here M. Delcasse long has been regarded as one of the few world diplomats of today."

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