



The trial of Dr. Hyde at Kansas City, charged with the murder of Col. Thomas Swope, is developing startling incidents and attracting more than the average attention.

Governor Hughes granted a requisition for the return to Pittsburg of Frank N. Hoffstat, president of the Pressed Steel Car company, who is under indictment for bribery. Hoffstat's company is the one that had what is known as the McKees Rocks strike several months ago, in which rioting was followed by the loss of several lives.

Art lovers are much interested in the charge made against the Count de Catigny and his wife, of Paris, who are charged with selling bogus paintings and "antique" furniture. Henri Rochefort, editor of *Patrie*, says that hundreds of "old masters" have been sold to American millionaires.

Mr. Bryan reached his home in Lincoln on April 21. He was met at the depot by a number of friends, prominent among whom were members of the Lincoln Commercial club.

Believing he has all the evidence needed to begin proceedings against the meat packing companies, Attorney General Major of Missouri has brought his investigations to a close. He promises to bring ouster proceedings within thirty days.

Edward M. Field, son of Cyrus W. Field of Atlantic cable fame, was admitted to Bellevue hospital, New York, friendless and destitute.

Councilman M. L. Swift, Jr., the first of the victims of the Pittsburg graft scandal to be put on trial, was found guilty of bribery. The jury was out five hours. Six other councilmen are under indictment for the same offense.

Emil Seidel, socialist, was inaugurated mayor of Milwaukee on April 18.

In New York on April 19 Anthony Drexel, Jr., of Philadelphia, was married to Marjorie Gwynne, daughter of George J. Gould.

An exploding boiler in a match factory in Szegedin, Budapest, killed ten girls and one man, and dangerously wounded eighteen girls.

Congressman Frank O. Lowden of the Thirteenth Illinois district announces that he will not be a candidate for re-election. Physician's orders are given as the cause for his retirement. He is a son-in-law of the late George M. Pullman.

An official call for the fifth reunion of the Roosevelt Rough Riders at New York from June 16 to 20 has been issued. The chief object of the reunion is welcome home to Col. Roosevelt.

An Associated Press dispatch from Omaha says: "After two weeks of almost continuous labor, during which time 150 witnesses were examined the federal grand jury this afternoon returned indictments

against John M. Commons, former Indian agent for the Omaha agency, removed last October and now a resident of New Mexico; Frank Coddington of Decatur, Neb., Common's clerk; Harry L. Keefe, merchant; Walter Dillock, attorney; E. W. Rosstler, Will Estelle, James Orr and Ernest Kelley, all of Walthill. The indictments charge conspiracy by inducing the Omaha Indians to enter into fraudulent contracts to deed their lands and secure title after the twenty-five years of trusteeship upon the part of the government which expired last July. The indictments also charge that in many instances the Indians were induced to sign deeds which they supposed were leases. As soon as these deeds were secured, they were placed on record and the property at once transferred to third parties."

A sudden drop in the temperature throughout the central west during the week of April 17 is believed to have seriously injured the entire fruit crop. Only high winds and cloudy skies prevented a total loss.

Chicago butter dealers declare an investigation of conditions under which the Elgin butter board fixes prices had been started with a view to presenting the evidence to the United States district attorney. At a meeting in Elgin it was declared by Chicago commission men the Elgin board fixed the weekly price at 32 cents, outvoting the Chicagoans by "packing" the meeting with clerks and other employees. T. E. Purcell, a Chicago dealer who was in Elgin, said: "The Elgin committee, as a rule, makes the price without a single sale and we have to suffer from it for the rest of the week."

A Paris cablegram says: "Fourteen of the twenty women candidates for the chamber of deputies have withdrawn from the race, declaring they were no longer able to stand the jeers of the men whom they addressed. They say few women attended the meetings and the men ignored their presence and publicly insulted them."

Colonel William F. Cody, "Buffalo Bill," has been granted a pension of \$12 a month.

A cablegram from Belgrade reports the death of Col. Maschin who, with a band of officers, forced his way into the palace on the night of June 10, 1903, and massacred King Alexander and Queen Draga and those who sought to defend their majesties. Maschin was the husband of the queen's sister and the promoter of the tragedy.

In the supreme court of Oklahoma Attorney General Charles West, on behalf of Charles A. Taylor, state examiner and inspector, began mandamus proceedings in the supreme court against Bank Commissioner Young to compel him to permit an examination of the books and records of his office by the state examiner with particular reference to the defunct Columbian Bank and Trust company.

The China-Japan mail train on the Southern Pacific was held up at Sprig, Calif., by two masked men and robbed of nine pouches of registered mail. Four of the pouches were recovered but the oth-

ers were rifled by the robbers, who escaped into the hills. After getting the mail sacks the robbers cut the engine loose and sent it wild down the road. But for the presence of mind of a telegraph operator at Suisun it would have collided with a heavily loaded passenger train at that station. The operator threw a switch and ditched the wild engine in the nick of time.

The wage controversy between the trainmen and yardmen of the Pittsburg and Lake Erie road and their employers has been placed in the hands of P. H. Morrissey, former president of the brotherhood of railway trainmen, as sole arbiter.

While enjoying a "joy ride" on an engine on the Baltimore and Ohio narrow gauge line between Shippenville and Clarion, Pa., four men were killed by the engine leaving the rails and rolling down a steep embankment.

Forty miners were killed in a mine explosion at Birmingham, Ala., on April 20.

The announcement is made that the referendum vote of the telegraphers of the Delaware and Hudson company shows a large majority for a strike unless the demands for an increase in wages are granted.

Details of the proposed merger of the Dominion Steel and Iron company and the Dominion Coal company of Montreal have been announced. The combined capital, including bonds, amounts to sixty million dollars.

A New Haven, Conn., dispatch under date of April 20 says: "A confession of faith which drops the apostles creed and requires no formal expression as to the divinity of Christ has been adopted by the deacons and will be presented for adoption by the Center church (Congregational) of this city. The significance of this action is that the church has strictly held to Puritan orthodoxy for more than two and a half centuries.

S. G. French, the oldest living confederate general, died at Florala, Ala., April 20, aged 94. He was the oldest living graduate of West Point in the confederate service. The body was buried at Pensacola, Fla.

A Berea, Ky., dispatch says: "Walking into his drug store, and taking his place at the cigar counter, Sam Welch, president of the Berea National bank, was assassinated, five shots being fired into his body. The assassin has not been apprehended. A clerk in the drug store, the only witness of the tragedy, declared that Welch came down the street with his son-in-law, Grover Fish. The clerk said that as Welch entered the store, Fish stood in a doorway and fired five shots at Welch, one of them after Welch had fallen lifeless. Fish has disappeared, and posses are organizing to take up pursuit of him. Welch was one of the wealthiest men in this section of the state."

By the narrow margin of two votes the Murray resolution, providing for the ratification by the legislature of New York of the proposed income tax amendment to the United States constitution was defeated in the assembly. The vote was 74 to 66. Immediately the introducer of the resolution moved that the vote be reconsidered and that the motion lie on the table. This passed by a decisive majority, so that the resolution may be called up again, and the fact that at least half of the absentees are known to be in favor of the measure, indicates that it may pass the assem-

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