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ROOSEVELT'S TRIBUTE TO MARK TWAIN

Comments Him as Finest Citizens and Best Beloved Author

TOMB OF NAPOLEAN

Former President Visits the Tomb of Napoleon the Great—One of First of Parisian Sights to Attract Him.

(By Cable to The Times.) Paris, April 22—Theodore Roosevelt, in the midst of gayety, paused today in his whirlwind visits to Paris to pay tribute to Mark Twain.

Characteristically, Mr. Roosevelt put his estimate of the man before that of the writer. "Mark Twain was one of the finest men America has produced," he said.

An incident no less impressive to admirers of the former president than his visit to the Pyramids of Egypt marked his program today.

At the Hotel Des Invalides, about the historic building, which dates from 1670, the inmates, decrepit and crippled veterans, formed an escort of honor through which Mr. Roosevelt was conducted to the sombre chamber in which lies the tomb of the conqueror of Europe.

Before the sarcophagus Mr. Roosevelt stood silent, with bowed head. Then, with few words, he passed out into the open.

TAFT WILL AGAIN BE A CANDIDATE

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, April 22—Recent speculation in regard to President Taft's intention as to another term in the white house led several of his friends today to declare there was no truth in the reports that he was inclined to shrink from further service in the position of chief executive.

Republican leaders who have talked with him recently, say that if at the end of his first term the republican party feels like calling upon him again, even if it is apparent that he is to go down to defeat, he will accept; and if it doesn't he will retire, with the satisfaction of knowing that he has done what he believes to be best.

MARK TWAIN DEAD

Best Beloved Literary Man Is Gone

Great Humorist Died Last Evening—Tribute From All Over the World. Left His Literary Affairs in Good Order—Will be Buried at Elmira.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Danbury, Conn., April 22—Mark Twain will lie in death in the Clemens family plot at Elmira, N. Y. beside the body of his favorite daughter, Jean, whose tragic death a few months ago broke her father's heart and brought on the end.

Tributes from all over the world began to arrive today at the home where the best known and most beloved writer of his day lived for many years. Although when Samuel L. Clemens dropped into the coma, from which he never awoke, the end was not believed to be close, though it was by no means unexpected.

Samuel L. Clemens might have died a rich man, had he not assumed an obligation which he considered morally binding, though there was no legal claim upon him.

Still in bad health, he took to the lecture platform and, with a fine demonstration of determination, labored for five years, all thought of self abandoned, till the last cent was cleared.

Albert Bigelow Paine said today, discussing Mark Twain's literary work published: "There are a great many manuscripts which Mr. Clemens never finished. Some he began recently; others were started years ago.

One of the causes contributing to Mr. Clemens' breakdown was the recent death of Henry H. Rogers, the Standard Oil millionaire. Although their friendship was formed late in life, it was remarkably close and staunch.

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Senator Nelson W. Aldrich, of Rhode Island, (above) and Senator Eugene Hale, of Maine, the two veteran statesmen of the United States Senate, whose coming retirement from active politics has just been officially announced at Washington.

ARREST IN CUSTOM HOUSE FRAUD CASES

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, April 22—George E. Bedell, formerly chief clerk in the weighing division of the custom house, was arrested today by United States Marshal Henckel when he got here from his home in Bloomfield, N. J.

Bedell was taken before Judge Hazel in the United States circuit court and held in \$5,000 bail on charges of conspiracy to defraud and "the grossest misconduct in office."

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Shown the gunny sack that encased the body, and examined by Attorney W. D. Scott, for the defense, the witness said that on Thursday, the day of the murder, it was on the floor in the hall, filled with wood.

"Did you see anything on the fire escape when you looked out Saturday?" "No."

"While you were in the kitchen Thursday did you hear any noise?" "No."

Miss Gille testified that she saw the fire escape was clear when looking from the window by the clothes-line. Prosecutor Moss showed her a diagram that the fire escape was twelve feet away from where she said it was.

Wolter betrayed no sign of nervousness as he took his set today but shifted uneasily as his gaze met those of Ruth Wheeler's two sisters, Miss Adelaide and Miss Pearl Wheeler, and he examined the jurors' expressions anxiously.

A hum of expectancy went through the court room when Wolter was called to the stand. It was just 11 o'clock when the defendant, apparently perfect self-possessed, walked to the witness post.

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As soon as Mrs. Swope concluded, scientific testimony was to be received to show the existence of a subtle poison whereby the physician sought to poison the entire Swope family for his own enrichment.

Her answers were made with deliberation and before answering the questions she glanced at James Reed, special states attorney.

"I was present when Moss Hunton was taken with convulsions," she testified. "Dr. Twyman arrived 20 minutes before Dr. Hyde did."

"Did you hear anything said by Dr. Twyman about bleeding Moss Hunton?" she was asked.

"Not until after Dr. Hyde arrived." Attorney Reed then asked Miss Kellar if she was certain that the capsule given Colonel Swope before his death was of a five grain or three grain size.

He also brought out that following Hunton's death, Dr. Hyde asked Miss Kellar to intercede with Colonel Swope to have him appointed executor in the dead man's place.

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COTTON FIRM DID FRAUDULENT TRADE

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Mobile, Ala., April 22—That the failure of the cotton firm of Knight Yancey & Company, of Decatur, Ala., with liabilities at more than \$4,000,000 and assets of less than a million, is due to the manipulation of forged foreign bills of lading by J. H. Knight and that the whole thing is a colossal fraud is admitted by local bank officials who hold warehouse receipts of the company.

Several days ago, when suspicion was cast in the direction of the company, investigation of the genuineness of cotton warehouse receipts held against cotton owned by the company and stored here were made. All receipts were found perfect. Knight was injured in an automobile accident several weeks ago. Absence, through injuries thus sustained, from the office, resulted in his method of manipulation becoming clogged and the fraud was exposed.

It is not expected that there will be any hearing until next week.

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FLOODS IN NASH

Heavy Downpour of Rains Causes Rivers to Leave Their Banks. (Special to The Times.) Spring Hope, N. C., April 22—The heavy downpour of rain here Sunday and Sunday night has proven very expensive to Nash county. Hundreds of dollars will have to be expended to make repairs to bridges that have either been washed away or damaged.

THE POLICE COMMISSION STATEMENT

Eight Policemen Tried During Last Year For Various Offenses While on Duty

1582 ARRESTS MADE

The Annual Report of the Police Commission Makes Interesting Reading—There Were 380 Arrests For Drunkenness During the Last Year, Against 268 For the Year Before—\$2,411 in Fines Collected. Sixty-four Arrests For Selling Whiskey—Investigating Mutilated Books Cost About \$500—Police Department Expenses Amounts to \$16,640.87.

The annual report of the Police Commission is one of the most interesting reports to the citizens of Raleigh that has been made in many years, for the benefit of those who desire information about the condition of the police department, we publish the following:

To His Honor Mayor J. S. Wynne and the Board of Aldermen of the City of Raleigh: Gentlemen—

The board of police commissioners of the city of Raleigh have the honor to submit their annual report for the year ending February 28, 1910. Your honor and the board of aldermen will remember that on the night of Friday, March 25, 1909, the police justice's office was entered by a party or parties unknown and the records of the police justice and chief of police were badly mutilated.

On Monday morning the board held a meeting and suspended the chief of police, pending an investigation of the charges as printed in The News and Observer, a daily newspaper published in this city. Captain Beasley was appointed acting chief of police at the same meeting and served with credit to the department until July 1, 1909.

After the suspension of the chief of police on March 29, 1909, the board met and consulted with Mayor Johnson and with his consent a Pinkerton detective, an expert accountant and a disinterested firm of lawyers were employed, in order that the mutilation of the records might be fully investigated and that no stone might be left unturned in trying to discover the guilty party or parties. Every effort was made, but we were never able to obtain sufficient evidence to convict the ones who committed this act of vandalism and they will probably never be known.

On August 29, 1909, J. A. Briggs, whose term of office as police commissioner was to expire on that date, was elected by the board of aldermen to the position of chief of police. He was sworn in on September 1, 1909, and has since that time been discharging the duties of his office with credit to the city and the satisfaction of the board.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Mulga, Ala., April 22—Twenty-six bodies had been recovered from Mulga mine which had been recovered from Mulga mine work was being pushed as rapidly as possible. It was said the men in charge expect to have everyone of the 43 victims of the Wednesday night's disaster out of the mine by midnight.

Water is rapidly rising in both shafts but arrangements were quickly made to pump the water out as fast as it rushes in. It was said that the overflow of water usually follows such explosions and that the rescuers could cope with the situation. The bodies of the dead are being turned over to Ensley undertakers as soon as taken out and identified.