

Joseph Pulitzer



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Joseph Pulitzer Joseph Pulitzer was born April 10, 1847 he died October 29, 1911 Joseph was from Mako, Hungary he immigrated to the U. S. in 1864 then he moved to St. Louis . After Joseph's father died his business went bankrupt and his family became poor. When he was seventeen years old he attempted to join the Austrian army, the British Army, and the Napoleon's Foreign Legion but had gotten denied because of his bad eyesight and poor health. Pulitzer came to serve in the American Civil War in the Lincoln Cavalry from 1864-1865.

Then he worked his way up to St. Louis, Missouri he only went there because of the German population, since he spoke perfect German and French but had a hard time with English. Joseph Pulitzer was really energetic, wild about seeking fame he was brilliant and independent. Since Joseph was really rich he was able to go to private schools and be tutored by private tutors. While Joseph was in chess he caught attention of the editor of a local German language newspaper after they had a conversation Pulitzer then ended up having a journalism job for the Westliche Post.

Four years later he had been a hard working reporter with the owners that were having a problems with not selling a lot of newspapers he was also offered a big interest. In the newspaper which he sold about 30, 00 dollars profit and gave the owners there profit. Before he was a journalist he worked as a Mule tender, waiter, and hack driver and for several lawyers. Later in that year he became the owner of a newspaper at St. Louis Post-Dispatch he gained a big success under his leadership but also he earned himself a fortune in the years later.

Pulitzer increased the subscription of the world by a rate of 15, 000 to over 600, 000 making it the largest newspaper read in the country. Pulitzer was nominated for the state legislature by the Republicans in 1869, and won. Now he was an American Citizen, a speaker, writer, and editor and mastered English extremely well. Yellow Journalism - came from a popular New York World comic calls " Hogan' s Alley" which featured a yellow-dressed character. Some dramatic event happened during the 1890s United States went war with Spain led by the newspaper owners William Randolph Hearst and Joseph Pulitzer.

They used romance and hyperbole to sell millions of newspapers as they say called yellow journalism. This battle went from 1895 to about 1898 Joseph went crazy on making the New York World newspaper he made it filled with pictures, games and contests and new readers got interested but most of all crime stories were filled with many pages since he was trying to get a lot of readers he only sold the newspapers for two cents , but he sometimes gave the readers eight to twelve pages of information.

In 1872 Joseph created his first newspaper he had made a profit of about 3 million dollars. In 1883 when Joseph was thirty six years old and won over New York World newspaper and was qualified the principles that led to success also with his St. Louis paper. By 1898 was selling 15 million copies a day Pulitzer created the modern newspaper he caught the democrat's eye. Pulitzer changed the way Americans saw the newspaper he created a certain way that other newspapers didn't . Pulitzer paid his reporters high salaries but expected and demanded hard work from them.

He used illustrations and cartoons to attract the readers he began to start including a lot of drawings for the children a lot of pages that give color and something for the kids to look at it he called it " Sunday Funnies". Pulitzer was the master of detailing stories about crime, sex, and disaster. He always had his reporters using bold headlines, illustrations and diagrams for the murder scenes Pulitzer was one of those people that a successful newspaper had to entertain as well telling the truth and listing the facts.

Joseph had gotten married in 1878 to Katie Davis at the Protestant Episcopal Church. Joseph and Katie have seven kids Joseph was a difficult husband and living with him was hard because he had emotional problems. He was known as a distant parent never was a really good father and wasn't there for his children. Joseph spent most of his time away from his family traveling a lot of places then he lived close to his yacht called the Liberty. Pulitzer had a lot of medical issues with him like asthma, diabetes, insomnia, chronic exhaustion, and manicdepression.

In 1889 he had become blind then October 29, 1911 at age 64 Joseph Pulitzer died because of a heart attack while he was aboard on his yacht in New York Harbor. My opinion about Joseph Pulitzer is a really hard worker and he tried hard in life to be successful never really took brakes. He was really obsessed with his work didn't really know a lot about how to be a father or husband he had a lot of problems but never tried to fix them because he cared about the money.

He did so much to get to where he is today never really cared about family didn't have anybody else but family. He wasn't close to people nor did he have a lot of friends but where he was before and now really successful and

brilliant the best journalist that has ever lived with the work he did amazingly creative. He knew how to get people's attention in a way other newspapers didn't seeing everything from America's point of view Pulitzer had a marvelous talent nothing let him give up or quite.

After Pulitzer was getting old and tired his focus was on creating a journalism school give some money to build it, in 1912 Columbia University accepted its first class in the school of Journalism but also the money he gave 2million dollars that was given was used for annual prizes to journalist and writers. The first one was given in 1917 but Pulitzer being dead he couldn't see how the university he created was helpful and successful. The Pulitzer Prize is given every year to honor achievements in journalism, literature, andmusicPulitzer also gave traveling scholarships.