

LIKE AN EARTHQUAKE

Rome Shaken to Its Foundations by a Gunpowder Explosion. THE FAMOUS VATICAN DAMAGED. Many Buildings Completely Demolished With Loss of Life.

FRANTIC PEOPLE PRAY IN THE STREET

ROME, April 23.—This city was shaken to its foundations about 7 o'clock this morning by a terrific explosion. The people rushed from their homes into the streets, houses rocked, pictures fell from the walls, thousands of panes of glass were broken, crockery was shattered, furniture overturned, chimneys crashed down on the roofs, and in some instances toppled over into the streets. The cupola of the House of Parliament, immediately after the explosion, shook violently and then collapsed with a crash, which added still further to the feeling of horror.

Mistaken for an Earthquake. The general opinion that prevailed was that Rome had been visited by an earthquake shock, and that a second shock might reduce the city to ruins. Many fell upon their knees and prayed aloud. Finally it was discovered that the immense powder magazine at Ponte Fontanello, four kilometers from here, had exploded, and that it had caused enormous damage to the neighboring fort, which was filled with soldiers. The reports of the affair which were reached here said that, happily, the officer in command of the fort, heard a rumbling sound previous to the final explosion, and hastily ordered the soldiers to leave the fort, he succeeded in averting a terrific disaster. It was five peasants, who were in the vicinity of the scene of the explosion, were killed outright, and a number of others were more or less injured. King Humbert and his military staff, accompanied by the Marquis of Rudini and all the members of the Italian Cabinet, have left the city for the scene of the disaster.

LETHARGY IN OILDOM: A NOBLESTOWN WILD CAT VENTURE TURNS OUT WELL

Wildwood Disappointed by a Dry Hole—The Standard's Powerful Rival in Ohio—McCurdy's New Gusher Decreasing—The Old Butler Field Now in the Shade.

The field situation is marked to-day by a state of lethargy. The festive operator is beginning to hunt for available territory to drill, and it now looks as if they will be a good while finding it. Reports from Wildwood to-night are not very encouraging for an extension on the southwest line, while the same may be said of almost every section. There is, however, a ripple of excitement and some interest manifested in a wildcat venture three-quarters of a mile west of Noddstown, Allegheny county, and two miles northeast from McDonald station, and five days or six miles from the McCurdy field. The well belongs to Gailley & Guffy, and is on the Joseph Mathew farm. Wednesday they tapped the gordon sand and the well filled up 1,700 feet with oil. The well is still drilling, and the result is awaited with little interest.

THE STANDARD'S BIGGEST RIVAL

FINDLAY—An interesting contest is being waged between the Standard and Manhattan Oil Companies for the control of the Ohio oil field. The Manhattan is the most powerful independent company operating in the field, and what makes the fight more interesting is the fact that the Manhattan is composed of the same men who a year ago sold to the Standard the Lima Oil Company for \$2,000,000, and then immediately invested the money in new oil territory. The Standard has commenced selling Ohio oil for use as fuel at 20 cents a barrel, and it is believed that they have some hopes of making a small producer out of the venture. The Lima Oil Company has declined to sell three inches, which is only one-half what the well did when first struck.

FIGURES OF BAKERSTOWN'S PRODUCTION

BAKERSTOWN—The well on the W. J. Canine farm, owned by the Natural Gas Company, and finished and reported dry some time last January, has recently been shut and cleaned out, and is now making 12 barrels a day. In this position it has been connected with six wells and one dry hole the present month, with a daily production of 180 barrels. At present there are four wells being drilled and two more rigs up.

THE WORK AT LITTLE CREEK

LITTLE CREEK—On the Cable farm, Word & Young have a well 20 feet in the 100 feet, but it is thought there are not deep enough in the sand to find the pay. Two wells on the John Danbach farm were shut yesterday. One belongs to the Forest Oil Company, and the other is owned by Schlegel, N. C. Cable, Patterson & Co., it makes 25 barrels a day.

McCURDY'S NEW GUSHER DECLINING

McCURDY—Patterson & Jones' No. 4, McCurdy farm, has declined from 75 barrels an hour yesterday to 45 barrels an hour to-night, and in the next 24 hours it will unquestionably show a still further decline. The Fisher Oil Company's well on the Biddle has dropped to 80 barrels a day.

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