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VOLCANOES IN ERUPTION Etna, Stromboli and Vesuvius Active. TERROR IN CITIES. Survivors Clamor to Be Taken to North.

ABOUT 80,000 BODIES DUG OUT

Work of Burial is Not Yet Half Completed, as Thousands of Bodies Lie in Ruins Which are Inaccessible to Relief and Rescue Parties—Many Hundreds of Living Persons Also Said to Be in the Wrecked Buildings in Messina—Praise for the Work of Russian Sailors—Many of the Wounded Taken Care of at the Vatican.

Rome, Jan. 5.—The worst fears are aroused by the outbreak of the volcanoes Etna, Stromboli and Vesuvius in fresh eruption.

Terror has seized upon thousands of survivors in stricken cities and towns, and they clamor for transport to the north.

Renewed shocks of earthquake occurred today in Messina and the surrounding district. The motion from them seemed to be vertical.

People at Messina are in terror now of a new shock, which they fear will come and complete the work of that of a week ago.

The shocks that have continued at brief intervals since the first and most destructive are now increasing again in violence. A severe quake, central in southwestern Sicily, drove the inhabitants out from their shelters.

Prime Minister Gioiello has issued a statement that about 80,000 bodies have been buried by relief parties in Messina and Reggio, but the work of burial is not half completed. Thousands caught in the ruins are still inaccessible.

There are still hundreds of living people under the ruins of Messina. A few were taken out today, but they cannot survive. The crews of the Russian squadron have labored without rest, and not a few of the sailors have been killed or injured in the performance of heroic services.

The brunt of the work of rescue has fallen upon the sailors, foreigners as well as Italian, and all have done their duty nobly. Praises of the Russians are on every lip. They hesitate before no danger, digging under tottering walls or entering the unsafe shells when asked to do so by some frantic woman who had not lost all hope that husband or child was still alive.

The streets of the wrecked city are piled twenty or thirty feet high with debris. It is a wilderness of ruin a mile wide and two miles long. Beautiful churches, splendid villas in the foothills, hospitals, barracks and the university all shared the common lot. Two-thirds of the magnificent Norman cathedrals, the pride of Messina, is in ruins, and little or nothing remains of the relics of Phoenician, Greek, Roman and Saracen architecture.

Here and there salvage parties are at work digging at the instance of some distracted wife or mother who imagined she heard a voice, but usually there is no echo to the pathetic calling. One party was trying to dig out a girl whose crying could be heard plainly, but there was a sudden cave-in and thereafter silence.

In many places bloated and decomposing arms and legs protrude from heaps of masonry and plaster.

Curious freaks of the earthquake are everywhere to be observed. Standing walls have fallen out, exposing one tier of rooms above another, in which nothing seems to have been disturbed. Pictures hang straight on the walls, lamps were on tables and vases and flowers on mantelpieces.

The buildings that best resisted the shock were the old royal palace, now the prefecture, and the archbishop's palace, where ten of the inmates lost their lives.

Although the air in Messina is heavy with the stench of putrifying bodies, several groups of Sicilians have camped out in the cleared spaces of the city and obstinately refuse the invitation of the authorities to move away.

The universal brotherhood spoken of by Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul was further emphasized in Rome today when upon the arrival of 1,500 wounded from Messina and Reggio Mayor

Nathan telephoned the Vatican, asking whether these unfortunates could be taken in there. The Vatican replied in the affirmative, and the wounded were received with open arms.

To realize fully what this incident signifies it must be explained that Signor Nathan is not a Catholic and that he was at one time grand master of the Free Masons, an organization that has carried on a persistent struggle against the Vatican.

The first 120 of the wounded sent to the Vatican were received at the railroad station by Mgr. Mis-lately, sent especially by the pope. Some of them were taken to the Vatican in public conveyances, but the more grievously injured were carried on stretchers by the Red Cross. They were received in the Vatican precincts by the nursing sisters.

The pope could not restrain his desire to bring them consolation and sought them out. He passed through the basilica of St. Peter's over the arch connecting the basilica with the hospital. Although he did not actually set foot on Italian territory, he in reality went outside that area which under the law is guaranteed and enjoys the right of extraterritoriality. The hospital, although belonging to the pope, stands on Italian ground.

The pope's entrance into the hospital was the sign for an outburst of emotion not only on the part of the patients, but even from the pope himself and the members of his suit. Many of those who were not gravely wounded insisted in jumping out of bed to kneel and kiss the pontiff's hand. The pope spoke consolingly to each unfortunate. He said that since the earthquake he had lived only to think of them and study the best means of helping them. All his prayers to the Almighty had implored mercy, clemency and power to undergo the terrible strain, rising up again through the comfort of religion.

QUAKE RELIEF BILL SIGNED.

President Puts His Signature to Bill Appropriating \$900,000.

Washington, Jan. 5.—President Roosevelt today signed the bill passed by congress appropriating \$900,000 to the relief of the earthquake sufferers in Italy and approving his action in sending provisions and stores to Messina on the supply ships Ceic and Culgoa.

The law follows the text of that passed after the Mont Pelee disaster in 1902.

JOHN D. JR., ACCUSED.

Young Rockefeller in Danger of Arrest for Alleged Perjury.

New York, Jan. 5.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is charged by S. S. Carvalho, president of the Star Publishing company, with perjury and may be arrested.

Mr. Rockefeller, Jr., had Carvalho arrested on a charge of criminal libel for an article that appeared in the American in connection with peonage cases. He denied every line of the story.

Mr. Shearn asked young Mr. Rockefeller if he knew his own personal knowledge that the three defendants, Carvalho, Merrill and Clarke, were connected with the American, as he swore in the complaint.

Mr. Rockefeller, Jr., said that he did not know this to be a fact from his own personal knowledge.

Mr. Shearn then, on behalf of Mr. Carvalho, asked for a warrant charging Mr. Rockefeller, Jr., with perjury. Magistrate Moss, while the lawyers were arguing the question, took the papers and said that he would consider the matter next week.

BASEBALL FIGHT ON TODAY.

Question of American Association and Eastern League Debated.

Cincinnati, Jan. 5.—The question whether the American association and the Eastern league will be put into a special classification among the baseball clubs of the country came up again today before the National baseball commission.

The commission transacted other business before it took up the case of the alleged "bolters." The most prominent case that was decided was the reinstatement of Player William Sebring. He is fined \$200 outright, and the club that purchases him must pay \$600 to the Cincinnati baseball club.

The application of Joseph Ward of the Tristate league was granted, and Ward was fined \$200.

Players Freeman, Johnson, Jesse Tannehill and Keeley, all of the Washington club of the American league, were reinstated.

NIGHT RIDERS MANGLE MAN.

Despite His Many Wounds, He May Recover, but Won't Talk.

Thomasville, Ga., Jan. 5.—B. F. Akridge, a planter, was seized by Night Riders, bound to a tree, shamefully maltreated and his throat cut.

Akridge was found apparently dead, but was revived and despite the cuts may recover. Akridge says he knows his assailants, but will not tell their names.

MRS. ERB CLEVER.

She Baffles All Attempts to Break Her Story.

SWEARS THAT SHE IS INNOCENT

"I Did Not Kill Captain Erb," She Exclaims, "but He Threatened My Life as Well as My Sister's."

Media, Pa., Jan. 5.—Mrs. M. Florence Erb's cross examination was concluded in court here, and every one agreed that she acquitted herself most cleverly.

District Attorney McDade's attempt to break her story that Captain J. Clayton Erb was killed in self defense by Mrs. Catherine Beisel, her sister, were futile.

Mrs. Erb stood the ordeal with surprising fortitude and at the end walked with a smile from the witness stand and took her seat beside her sister. Every resort of Mr. McDade to trap the young widow into a contradiction or retraction failed.

"I did not kill Captain Erb," she said, "but he threatened my life as well as my sister's."

By a ruling of the court Mrs. Erb was saved from being compelled to bare that part of her life prior to her acquaintance with Captain Erb.

Centering his attack upon the young woman's account of the events of the night of the tragedy, the district attorney did his best to discredit her declaration that she and her sister did not plot Erb's death. The most achieved, however, was the bringing out of a few discrepancies in minor details.

"I was excited and overwrought," was Mrs. Erb's reply to the question why she had told the deputy coroner that Erb had first appeared at his bathroom door with a revolver and had testified Saturday that it was his bedroom door. "I hardly know what I did or said that awful night."

"Mrs. Erb, you are charged here with the murder of your husband," said Mr. McDade solemnly. "Do you fully realize that?"

"I fully realize it," she replied, repeating his words.

"Will you tell this jury that you participated in no way in that crime?"

"I participated in no way in the crime."

"Will you say that you in no way aided your sister in shooting down your husband?"

"I aided her in no way."

"Will you say that in no way did you have a hand in that murder?"

"I had no hand in it."

"How could those bruises on his head, the bruises on his forearm, the bruises on his body, how did they get there?"

"I don't know."

"Can you tell us, Mrs. Erb, why you permitted your sister to battle single handed with your husband and why you fled to the bathroom?"

"I was a coward from abuse. My nerves were all gone."

"You lost your nerve, you, a skilled horsewoman and fox hunter, you lost your nerve for once?"

Mr. McDade's tone was withering in its sarcasm, but Mrs. Erb looked him straight in the eye and calmly replied, "I did."

\$80,000 FINE SUSTAINED.

Government Wins Rebate Case Against the Chicago and Alton.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The rebate case of the government against the Chicago and Alton Railroad company in the United States circuit court for the northern district of Illinois the company and its officers were fined \$80,000 on the charge of making a refund to Kansas City packers as terminal charges has been decided by the supreme court of the United States.

The decision is against the company and sustains the \$80,000 fine.

MINING MAN IS MISSING.

Wife Fears Foul Play While on Long Railroad Journey.

Tucson, Ariz., Jan. 5.—T. A. Cox, a prominent mining man of Santa Cruz county, has been missing since Dec. 20, when he left San Francisco for Pittsburg.

No evidence of his having arrived has been found, and his wife, who lives here, fears foul play.

GROWS THORNLESS CACTUS.

Experiment Proves Success For Its Use as Cattle Food.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Closing Stock Quotations.

Table with columns for various stock markets including New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and others, listing prices for different stocks.

Market Reports.

WHEAT—Quiet, but steady; contract grade, January, \$1.04 1/4. CORN—Steady, but quiet; January, 64 1/2 cts.

BUTTER—Steady to firm; receipts, 5,900 packages; creamery, specials, 33 1/2 cts.

CHEESE—Firm; receipts, 822 boxes; state, full cream, specials, 14 1/2 cts.

EGGS—Easter; receipts, 6,316 cases; state, Pennsylvania and nearby, fancy, selected, white, 38 1/2 cts.

LIVE POULTRY—Firm; better trade; no prices established.

DRESSED POULTRY—Turkeys weaker; fowls firmer; western, fancy, 22 1/2 cts.

HAY AND STRAW—Quiet; timothy, per hundred, 70 1/2 cts; shopping, 60 1/2 cts.

WIRELESS PLANT FOR NAVY.

Bids in Today For Equipment of Vessels and Shore Stations.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Today marks the expiration of the time set by the navy department for the receipt of bids for the equipment of the vessels and shore stations of the United States navy with new wireless telegraph apparatus.

When the contract for the construction of the apparatus is satisfactorily fulfilled the wireless equipment of our navy will have no peer on earth and sea. The department will be able to communicate quickly with any ship of the navy, no matter where it may be stationed.

The contract calls for the building and equipment of a high powered wireless telegraph station, the first of a number of similar stations, one of which is to be at San Francisco, with a radius of 3,000 miles; the installation aboard each ship of two sets of instruments capable of sending messages a distance of 1,000 miles and receiving messages from a distance of 3,000 miles, with a wireless telephone having a radius of 100 miles.

The contractor will be allowed to use any system of wireless telegraphy he wishes.

TWO STATES SHAKEN.

Pennsylvania and New Jersey Feel Effect of Dynamite Explosion.

Philadelphia, Jan. 5.—Residents of Pennsylvania and New Jersey felt two well defined earth tremors caused by an explosion of fifty cases of dynamite in the magazine of the Keystone Quarry company, near Norristown.

Nearly 10,000 pounds of the explosive went up at once, tearing a great hole in the ground and shaking the earth for miles around.

Windows in buildings five and ten miles away were shattered by the explosion, chimneys were shaken down, and in the immediate vicinity walls of buildings were cracked.

Reports from points in New Jersey, including Bordentown and Moorestown, indicate that the explosion caused shakings of the earth.

RIVAL FOR THE BEEF TRUST.

Stockyards on Hackensack Meadows to Compete For World's Trade.

New York, Jan. 5.—Immense stockyards, with modern slaughter houses, designed to do business with the whole world, are projected on the Hackensack meadows.

The plant will have connection with leading railroads and steamships to foreign ports. The capital is said to be \$10,000,000.

Chance For Invention. The wind it shakes the treetops, it shakes the shutters new. I wish that I could make it Shake my furnace too.

Beyond Recall. She—Do you recall the night you proposed to me? He—I wish to gracious I could—Yonkers Statesman.

MUST REFUND \$9,828,770.

New York City Gas Companies Hard Hit by Court Decision.

New York, Jan. 5.—As a result of the United States supreme court's action upholding the constitutionality of the eighty cent gas law the gas companies of New York city must refund to consumers \$9,828,770, or one-fifth of the total amount of all bills for gas supplied since May 1, 1906.

The legal price of gas in this city since May 1, 1906, has been 80 cents per thousand feet, but the companies have been charging \$1.

The Consolidated and other gas companies must refund the 20 per cent excess they have been collecting and must render their bills hereafter at the eighty cent rate.

But the Consolidated company is granted the right to go into court and prove—if such proof be possible of production—that 80 cents per thousand feet is a confiscatory rate for gas in this city.

In other words, the burden of proof is shifted from the people to the gas monopoly. The Consolidated and its associates must prove by actual tests that 80 cents per thousand feet is not a rate to allow a fair return upon the investment.

BOYS' MURDER TRIAL.

Three Youths Accused of Killing Aged Man For Money.

Bridgeton, N. J., Jan. 5.—The trial of Walter Zeller, one of the three Vineland (N. J.) youths accused of the murder of William A. R. Read, Zeller's grandfather, on the night of Nov. 13 last, was begun here. The trials of Cline Wheeler and Herbert Grigg, Zeller's alleged accessories, will begin when the present case is concluded. All three boys are eighteen years of age.

The charge against the trio is that Read, who was over seventy years old, was killed by the youths for his money.

Zeller and Wheeler confessed. Grigg maintains that he was with the other boys earlier on the night Read was killed, but that he did not enter the house with them.

The commonwealth asks verdicts of murder in the first degree in all three cases.

NO BIG OIL TRUST FINE.

\$29,000,000 Sentence Quashed by the United States Supreme Court.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The supreme court of the United States has denied the petition of the government for a review of the \$29,240,000 fine imposed upon the Standard Oil company, which was set aside by the United States circuit court of appeals.

In declining to review the case the justices of the supreme court upheld practically every point raised by the circuit court of appeals. The final ruling means that the Standard Oil company will not have to pay the fine as imposed in the present case.

A new trial is ordered. In the new hearing the case will be begun all over again and the \$29,400,000 fine will play no part in it.

PRIZE OF \$2,500 UNCLAIMED.

No One Can Prevent Pulp Mill Pollution of Streams.

Washington, Jan. 5.—In spite of the fact that in 1894 a prize of \$2,500 was offered in Germany for the best method of preventing pollution of streams by sulphite liquor from paper pulp mills, no one has come forward with a solution.

The money still awaits a rightful claimant.

BATTLE WITH VIGILANTES.

Two Mexicans, an Indian and a White Man Shot Dead.

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 5.—Advices from Mesa Grande, forty miles from here, tell of a pitched battle thirty miles from there between a gang of cattle rustlers and members of a vigilance committee.

Two Mexicans, an Indian and a white man, all members of the band, were shot and killed and one vigilante was seriously wounded.

KELSEY'S PLACE FILLED.

Governor Hughes Makes George W. Schurman Insurance Commissioner.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 5.—Governor Hughes has tendered the state insurance superintendency to George W. Schurman of New York city, a brother of Jacob Gould Schurman, president of Cornell university, who has accepted.

The appointment takes effect on the resignation of Superintendent Otto Kelsey.

Mr. Schurman is the junior member of the law firm of Hughes, Founds & Schurman and was an assistant district attorney under District Attorney Jerome.

Weather Probabilities. Snow; colder; fresh south winds.

HAINS UNDER FIRE

Captain's Brother Undergoes Severe Ordeal Today.

HURT BY CROSS EXAMINATION

He Falters in Explaining How He Came to Interfere With Those Who Would Have Saved Annie.

Flushing, N. Y., Jan. 5.—Thornton Jenkins Hains lost his confident smile today when District Attorney Darrin began to cross examine him as to his story of the killing of William E. Annis by Captain Peter C. Hains at the Bayside Yacht club.

The prosecutor's questioning was very severe, and Hains seemed upset and dazed when asked to explain why he thrust his pistol in the faces of members of the Bayside Yacht club who sought to save Annie.

He told the jury first that all the shots had been fired by Captain Hains before he rushed to the boat to protect his brother from John Tonning, the boatman, and the club members, who, he said, he thought would harm the captain.

Later he contradicted himself in this. He denied that he pointed a revolver at Mrs. Annis. He stated that he had no idea how many shots Captain Hains had fired, and when Charles Roberts, a club member, picked the revolver up and the muzzle of the weapon pointed at him he drew his own gun and told Roberts not to shoot.

Before he went on the stand today Hains said: "Within the next few days my case will be in the hands of the jury, and what their verdict will be I have not the slightest doubt. There is no question in my mind that the scales will weigh heavily in my favor. That I should never have been arrested I always have been convinced."

"The court and jury, hearing from my own lips the story of the many weary, sleepless hours that I spent watching Peter, from the day shortly after his arrival from the Philippines until that eventful Saturday in August when the wreck of his home met his doom, must at least give me the benefit of any doubt that may lurk in their minds."

HARRIMAN CASE REOPENED.

Government Continues Dissolution Suit Against Union Pacific Today.

New York, Jan. 5.—Hearings of the government's dissolution suit against the Union Pacific railroad were reopened in this city today before Examiner Sylvester G. Williams.

One of the points which the government is using in the suit against the railroad is the arrangement whereby the Southern Pacific became a half owner of the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Santa Fe and a traffic agreement was made whereby each side agreed not to change its rates without the consent of the other for ninety-nine years.

The issuance of stock and bonds in 1901 to finance the purchases of Northern Pacific stock, the subsequent negotiations and the Chicago and Alton deal also figure in the suit.

BRIBE FUND \$380,000.

Seven Pittsburg Councilmen Indicted For Alleged Conspiracy.

Pittsburg, Jan. 5.—Seven councilmen accused of accepting bribes and conspiring to secure bribes and two former bankers accused of giving bribes were indicted by the grand jury after witnesses had testified that the bribery fund aggregated \$380,000.

Those indicted are: T. O. Atkinson, select councilman; William Brand, president of common council; John F. Klein, Joseph C. Wasson, Jacob Soffel, W. H. Melaney and Hugh Ferguson, common councilmen; W. W. Ramsey, former president, and A. A. Vilsack, former cashier of the German National bank.

AMAZON ARMY IS DRILLING.

Montenegrin Women Ready to Battle With Austria.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—An army of amazons trained to wage war on the Austrian empire is the newest body to take up the profession of arms, according to Dr. Spiro Sargentich, commissioner of health of Tacoma, Wash., en route from Montenegro. He says: "In our little country, where the designs of Austria become more galling, our women are preparing for a fray. Daily they drill and practice with their rifles and revolvers to fight side by side with the 70,000 men in our fighting force."