



EARTHQUAKE SHOCK AT UMBRAI SAID TO HAVE DONE DAMAGE

Rome Dispatch Said to Indicate Severe Loss of Property and of Life

MANY ARE KILLED AT MONTERCHI BY QUAKE

The Province Damaged is Directly North of Devastated Abruzzi Region, Which Lost Heavily in the Earthquake of January 13, 1915.

London, April 27.—A violent earthquake in Tuscany and Umbria is reported in a Rome dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company to have occurred on Thursday morning.

The province of Umbria is directly north of the province of Abruzzi which was devastated by the tremendous earthquake of January 13, 1915.

CITIZENS CAMP AT FORT OGLETHORPE

Raleigh, N. C., April 27.—During the next ten days recruiting for applicants for admission to the Officer's Training Camp at Fort Oglethorpe will be carried on briskly in an effort to recruit 25,000 men from North and South Carolina and Tennessee.

It is the hope of the committee that at least one hundred men will go from Raleigh to Fort Oglethorpe. The government plans to have 25,000 men in camp there by May 8th and one-third of this number is expected from North Carolina.

Local men desirous of filling applications may apply to Mr. J. W. Jones at 501 1/2 Citizens National Bank Building and those outside the city should address or apply to Mr. Glenn, N. C. division secretary for the military training camp association, whose headquarters are at Greensboro.

BARACA-PHILATHEAS TO MEET IN WILSON

Wilson, April 27.—The Wilson county Baraca-Philathea convention will be held at Marsh Swamp Baptist church, near Rock Bridge, Saturday and Sunday next.

COTTON MARKET

New York, April 27.—Cotton opened steady. May 1988; July 19.40; October 18.58; December 18.00; January 18.05.

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THE COTTON MARKET CLOSED

New York, April 27.—The cotton market closed: May, 20.10; July, 19.90; October, 18.91; December, 18.01; January, 19.01.

STOCK MARKET

New York, April 27.—A firm undertone prevailed at the beginning of today's operations. Important stocks showing a disposition to rally from yesterday's late selling movement.

TEST VALIDITY OF SEGREGATION LAW

The Supreme Court Today Receives For Argument the Ward Segregation Act Regulating Negro Abode in Cities.

Washington, April 27.—Validity of many city negro segregation ordinances was argued today before the Supreme court.

The test case heard was that upon the constitutionality of a Louisville, Ky., ordinance establishing residence zones for white and negroes.

KENTUCKY FARMERS TO BE AIDED BY BANKERS

Louisville, Ky., April 27.—Approximately 500 bankers from all sections of Kentucky were in Louisville today to attend a conference called by Governor Stanley to formulate a program for extending financial assistance to farmers in enlarging the production of food crops in this state.

PLAN TO IMPROVE MILK SUPPLY

With the object of improving the milk supply of the small-dairyman the Health Officer Dr. Braswell has made arrangements with the dairy division of the United States Department of Agriculture to demonstrate a simple home-made farm steam sterilizer for dairy utensils.

Experiments conducted by the Department of Agriculture and the city health department show that unsterilized milk, cream, milk, cream, and separator parts contaminate clean milk and tend to make it sour quickly.

The device which has been loaned the health department is that described in the Farmers Bulletin, 748. The outfit can be made by the physician at a cost not to exceed \$10.

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HON. J. C. BUXTON PASSES AWAY

Winston-Salem, April 27.—Hon. John Cameron Buxton, one of the leading lawyers of North Carolina, passed away quietly at his home in this city yesterday morning at 8:10 o'clock, aged 64 years, after an illness lasting since October, when he represented North Carolina at the general convention of the Episcopal church at St. Louis.

COMMERCE MASS MEETING MAY 4

Rocky Mount leads the way every day.

Just how this is to be accomplished is to be the chief topic for discussion at the big mass meeting of the members of the Chamber of Commerce to be held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms on Friday night, May 4th, at 8 p. m.

CHRISTY'S WIFE PLEADS FOR PARDON

Raleigh, N. C., April 27.—Governor Bickett has received an urgent appeal from Mrs. Cattie Christy of Houston, Texas, in the interest of executive clemency for Sam P. Christy, now serving a life sentence in the state prison for the murder of the husband of Ida Ball Warren, who with Christy, barely escaped the electric chair.

NEW CORPORATION FOR DURHAM

Raleigh, N. C., April 27.—The Hester Coal Manufacturing Co., of Durham, capitalized at \$500,000 of which \$50,000 has been paid in was chartered today by the secretary of state.

BALFOUR SENDS HIS FIRST REPORT OF RECEPTION IN U. S.

Note To Be Made Public First in London But Is Cause Rejoicing

WANTS ALL PEOPLE IN NATION TO KNOW

He Talks Enough to Let Is Be Known That Report Will Be Enthusiastically Received in Great Britain. Expect Note to Be Published Soon.

Washington, April 27.—Arthur J. Balfour, head of Great Britain's expedition here, sent today his first report of the reception accorded the commission and the progress of negotiations which it was started by the committee of the British committee.

This, Mr. Balfour's first report, will be made public through the London official press bureau.

IMPROVEMENTS FOR NORFOLK SOUTHERN

Norfolk, Va., April 27.—Stockholders of the Norfolk Southern Railroad have been called to meet at 11 o'clock Monday morning to authorize a note issue of \$1,000,000.

RECRUITS WANTED FOR CITIZENS CAMP

Raleigh, April 27.—Information has been sent out by R. W. Glenn, formerly division secretary for the Plattsburg movement, now division secretary for the officers reserve camps, that camps will not be held this summer at Plattsburg as was planned; there will be no volunteer citizens training camps.

TERRY MUST GO TO ELECTRIC CHAIR

Raleigh, April 27.—J. A. Terry loses his appeal from a death sentence and the days Supreme court decisions and the Guilford slayer of John R. Stewart July 15, last year must go to the electric chair.

JOSEPH ZEMAR FOUND GUILTY

Greenville, N. C., April 27.—Joe Zemar, the Hungarian, who murdered his wife at Pataches about three months ago, was found guilty of murder in the second degree by the Superior court jury Wednesday night.

GREAT RAISE IN DEMURRAGE RATE

Washington, April 27.—The railroads of the country and the chief shippers represent to the National Industrial Conference have agreed upon a 100 per cent increase in demurrage charge over the rate in effect prior to December 1st, last, when emergency rates were prescribed by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

HAS MANIA FOR BORING HOLES

Charlottesville, Va., April 27.—Residents of the Profit neighborhood in this county, are aroused over the actions of a stranger who is traveling on a bicycle through that section with a hole through the wall. Later he spent two hours at a Hill Baptist Church where he chiseled and bored a hole through an eighteen inch wall.

GERMANS FAIL TO REGAIN LOST POSITION; ECONOMIC SITUATION IN GERMANY SERIOUS

WASHINGTON TURNS OUT EN MASSE TO GREET BALFOUR



Balfour and Lansing, in limousine at right, leaving Washington Union station; Balfour and Lansing snapped outside the station on the former's arrival.

Thousands of people crowded around the Union station in Washington to witness the arrival of Arthur J. Balfour, British foreign minister, and his party. Secretary of State Lansing met the party and was photographed with Mr. Balfour.

RAMSGATE RAIDED BY GERMAN BOATS

London, April 27.—German destroyers attacked Ramsgate last night, according to official announcement issued by the war office.

NEGRO BEING HELD IN MURDER CASE

Wilmington, N. C., April 27.—Oscar Johnson, the negro convict at Tracy, who was arrested last Tuesday afternoon on suspicion of being the slayer of Neal Walton, is still held in the county jail, although no warrant has as yet been issued formally charging him with the crime.

THE TEUTON DESTROYERS FIRE NUMBER OF SHELL ON ENGLISH COAST TOWN. DRIVEN OFF BY LAND BATTERIES.

London, April 27.—German destroyers fired a number of shells on the English coast town of Ramsgate, driven off by land batteries.

TWO KILLED IN BOMBARDMENT

London, April 27.—One man and one woman were killed during the bombardment of Ramsgate last night, and two women were injured. Damage was done to 21 dwelling houses.

THE RAILROADS ARE EXPECTED TO PRESENT THEIR CASE ON MAY 7TH. HEARINGS ARE TO BE CONTINUED LATER IN THE MONTH.

Washington, April 27.—Hearings on the general increase in freight rates will be held before the Interstate Commerce commission, beginning May 7th, during that week it is expected the railroads will put in their case. Hearings will be resumed May 27.

BOTH LABOR ON MILITARY NEEDS

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GERMANS FAIL TO OUST ALLIES FROM CAPTURED HEIGHTS

Increased Nervousness Over Political Troubles in Germany Reported

WATON LINE DOOMED BY ALLIED FORCES

Economic Situation in Germany Becoming Serious. Labor Trouble Expected on May Day. World's Greatest Battle in France Still Undecided.

The desperate efforts of the Germans to drive the British from the captured heights on the Arras front have failed after four days of the bitterest fighting that the world has seen since the bloody days of Verdun.

Military critics expect that the attack will be renewed again if the German command can stand the awful strain. They face this expectation on the great strategic point of the blood-soaked heights which the British have wrested from their foes.

The seriousness of the economic situation in Germany is indicated by the statement of Chancellor Von Brüning-Holloway who has appealed to the various German government officials to punish strikers with greatest severity.

Interest has been quickened in the situation in Spain by a statement by the new Premier by asserting that neutrality was impossible where the honor and interest of the country were at stake.

Germany's answer to Spain's latest note is expected within a few days. The Spanish note stated plainly that if Germany persisted in her present course she must not be surprised if Spain acted to defend her national interest.

Having withstood all the violent attempts of the Germans to drive them from the commanding positions they have taken in the Arras battlefield the British again have begun to forge ahead.

General Haig's report today showed advances for his troops in two of the most important sectors on the front, of two and one half mile line between Reuux and Gavrelle important positions have been captured driving still further the wedge into the German lines towards Douai.

Likewise in the Monchy-Gueappe region near the Arras-Sambre road similar tellings ironed have been made in the German defense system.

The French armies along the Aisne front are also employing their infantry to good effect. Gains of ground in the region where German possession of Craonne is being menaced is being reported today by Paris.

The British campaign in Mesopotamia continues to score marked progress. General Maude has followed the Turks northwestern from Samarra from which they have retired several miles and now reports the British in touch with them along the foot hills in the range between Dials and the Tigris where they are entrenching.