

EARTH SHOCKS DURING NIGHT

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Avellino, Italy, June 8.—King Victor Emanuel and Queen Helena spent today amid the desolation of Caliri, ministering to their afflicted subjects. The town is in ruins. Following the destructive earth shocks yesterday, 8000 inhabitants bivouacked last night in the country districts. There was much suffering.

Estimates of Loss of Life. Washington, June 8.—Ambassador Leshman at Rome in a telegram to the state department reports that the earthquake caused serious damage to property through southern Italy. The loss of life is estimated at 20 to 50, with a large number of injured.

Naples, June 8.—During last night a series of slight earth shocks were recorded by seismographs in southern Italy. Today people throughout the region that was severely shaken yesterday are calmer, in the hope that the worst is over.

The number of casualties resulting from the earthquake has not yet been definitely ascertained, some of the reports estimating the dead at 50 and the injured at several hundred.

It is feared that there are many buried in the ruins of the houses which were thrown down in Caliri, other places with doubtless a considerable loss of life. The government has taken hold of the situation with promptitude and although the earthquake occurred during the night it was not long before the military and civil authorities were hard at work rendering aid to the injured, preparing places of shelter for the homeless and bending their energies to the re-establishment of order.

The King and Queen at the Scene. Premier Luzzatti received word of the disaster at 5 o'clock in the morning, less than two hours after the occurrence of the quake, and he at once communicated the news to the king. The latter decided to leave immediately for the district. He intended to go alone, but Queen Helena insisted upon joining him.

The king thought that this was not necessary, as the situation at Avellino was not to be compared with that at Messina, where their majesties spent several days in alleviating the distress of the people. In reply to the king's protests, Queen Helena said: "As my presence is necessary at all festivals, it must not lack where the people die and weep. In the south, Italians suffer, therefore I must go. It is my place as a woman and a mother."

A Terrible Cyclone. The king and queen were cheered in the crowds at the station and they carefully inspected the medical and other supplies.

Misfortune seems to have chosen Italy as a target. While the south has been afflicted by an earthquake, the vast region of Sardinia, the largest island in the Mediterranean and Sicily, was ravaged by a violent cyclone. The districts of Lanus, Tortol, Ilibona, Elini and Jerzua have been devastated and the crops, vineyards and cattle destroyed. It is thought that many shepherds have suffered the fate of their flocks. The damage in Sardinia is estimated at \$2,000,000.

WILL HAVE FAIR PLAY.

Governor Brown Assures State Department Arrested Italian Miners Will Be Treated Right.

Washington, June 8.—Strike riots among Italian laborers at Lookout coal mines, Durham, Ga., were brought to the state department's attention by the Italian ambassador here.

Secretary Knox immediately communicated with Governor Brown, who in his reply assured the department that the Italians under arrest would be given every protection and fair treatment. Twenty-two Italians were taken in charge and turned over to the civil authorities.

Gen. Carter Relieves Gen. Bliss.

Washington, June 8.—Major General William H. Carter today assumed the duties of acting chief of staff of the army, relieving General Tasker H. Bliss, who assumes command of the department Pacific.

American Girl Weds Viscount.

London, June 8.—The marriage of Viscount Maitland and Miss Margaret Armstrong Drexel, daughter of Anthony Drexel, the first of three Anglo-American weddings to take place in London this spring, was celebrated this afternoon at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

Threat of Gen. Rivas Is Answered by Hines

A Few Plain Words—Nicaraguan Situation Becomes More Serious—Maariz Sends Assurances That Pittman Will Be Given Every Right.



WILLIAM P. PITTMAN.

Washington, June 8.—Dr. Madriz, head of the de facto government of Nicaragua, will see to it that William P. Pittman, the American captured while aiding the Estrada forces at Bluefields, gets protection and every right to which he is entitled. There will be no repetition of the summary justice dealt by General Zelaya on the two Americans, Leonard Grace and LeRoy Cannon. The Managua authorities realize they will be held strictly accountable for their treatment of the American prisoner.

This is the net outcome of Secretary Knox's prompt action when it was reported that Pittman had fallen captive.

The authorities at Managua have informed the state department through the American consulate there that a court martial has not been ordered or thought of. Following receipt of this message the state department informed Edwin F. Pittman, of Cambridge, Mass., a relative of the American soldier of fortune, of its contents.

Takes the Bull by the Horns. Bluefields, Nicaragua, June 8.—"At the first shot fired against the American flag or an American vessel I will level the bluff." This was the reply made by Commander Harold K. Hines, commanding the American gunboat Dubuque, to a threat made by General Rivas of the Madriz force holding Bluefields Bluff to stop by force any vessel of whatever nationality entering the harbor.

General Rivas has practically defied the United States, declaring that he will disregard the proclamation issued from Washington on May 31, to the effect that the United States government will deny the right of either faction to seize American vessels or property without consent of and recompense to the owners. He has warned Commander Hines that he will prevent by force, regardless of flag, any further vessels from entering the harbor. In response to this the American commander immediately sent him the above message which would mean the annihilation of the handful of Madriz troops now remaining in this neighborhood.

A critical situation has thus arisen which may involve the United States and the American officers here are of the opinion that General Rivas will not attempt to make his threat good in an effort to collect customs duties. There are constant rumors of threats against the life of Thomas H. Moffatt, the American consul here, and the whole situation at Bluefields, instead of quieting, has assumed a more serious aspect.

COOK HAS SUED PEARY FOR \$10,000 DAMAGES

Alleges That Sum Is Due for Bear Skins and Other Polar Products, Berlin Paper Says.

Berlin, June 8.—According to the Lokal Anzeiger, Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the arctic explorer, has instituted suit in the Berlin courts against Commander Robert E. Peary. The paper says Dr. Cook seeks to recover \$10,000 which he alleges to be due him for bear skins and other polar products.

FLORIDA SENATE PRIMARY PROBABLY CHOSE BROWARD

Tallafiero Lost Heavily in the Cities—The Second Primary Returns, However, Are Not Complete.

Jacksonville, June 8.—Early this morning returns from the second primary in the senatorial race were still incomplete. Former Governor Napoleon B. Broward's friends claim his election over United States Senator James P. Tallafiero, by 1500.

Steamer Sunk; Navigation Blocked.

Pittsburg, June 8.—Crashing into the steamer Rover, the steamer Henry L. Cook, sank the Rover and blocked navigation on the Ohio river by piling 14,000 bushels of coal in the channel at half a mile from Neville Island today. Fourteen men on the Rover narrowly escaped death when the steamer turned upside down.

BEER BUSINESS STILL PROSPERS

Brewers, in Annual Convention, Appear to Take Complacent View of Prohibition Movement.

THEY ARE GREAT PROMOTERS OF REAL, TRUE TEMPERANCE

So They Are Told by Reports of Their Officers and Committees—A Puzzling Problem.

Washington, June 8.—Predicting the time when the brewer will be found working with the real and practical reformers in the interest of true temperance, President Carl J. Hoster opened the fiftieth convention of the United States Brewers association here today.

President Hoster declared that far from apologizing for being a brewer, he recognized in every one a logical promoter of true temperance. He predicted a speedy return to license of those states which had adopted prohibition of local option.

"The pendulum is slowly but surely swinging the other way," declared President Hoster, "and it is becoming more clearly and generally recognized that the license system, which simply spells regulation, can be made to bring about better results than anything else that has been tried.

"The police power of the state is being carried to such lengths that our democratic government has assumed a character of benevolent paternalism. The brewing industry is simply one of the many concerns which has been investigated by the jury of public opinion. On the whole the trend is a wholesome one.

"From the sanitary standpoint the brewer leads. If the beer pump were compared with the average soda fountain it would be seen that the beer pump is in a hygienic class by itself. The beer business is bound to increase and develop year by year. The sales will undoubtedly reach 60,000,000 barrels before our next convention and by the 1920 census I should not be surprised to see it at 100,000,000 barrels a year.

"The reaction of the last year against prohibition indicates that the American people have taken a second look at the matter. While we hope that the worst stages of the distemper is past, we must continue our organized efforts to prevent such evils in the future and show our readiness to cooperate with the real leaders of republican government in the betterment of our business."

Beer and Prohibition. While the prohibition movement has ridden at high tide, the sale of beer has increased 90,000,000 and the sale of spirits has bounded upward 11,000,000 gallons. In these ninety million gallons of beer were nearly 4,000,000 gallons of pure alcohol.

Such was the report of the board of trustees to the United States Brewers' association in convention here today. The volume of business of the year just ended, the trustees believe, will exceed 1908, which was the banner year for the brewing industry in this country.

A Conspiracy. The poor prohibitionist is up against a hopeless fight on the natural law of fermentation, the board of trustees believe. To quote the report: "The whole vegetable world is in a conspiracy against the prohibitionist. The bees become intoxicated with the distillation of the honey suckle; the wasps grow dizzy in the drowsy clover patch and even the ants wobble in their walk after they have feasted upon the over ripe fruit fallen from the tree, which has started a natural fermentation."

And all the increases in the volume of the brewing industry have been made in the face of the fact that 42,000,000 inhabitants of the United States are said to live in dry territory. In these gains the brewers see signs of hope that the prohibition movement has touched its highest spot and is now on the wane.

"One cannot study the drunk question without being puzzled by its paradoxes," says the report. "It is an intelligent fact that the people of the United States are steadily becoming more temperate and yet the consumption of alcohol increases just as steadily as the growth of temperance. Not only is the volume of the sale of alcoholic beverages becoming larger but the per capita consumption is increasing.

"What does this mean? Does it not indicate that while such beverages are coming into more common use the people are learning to use them more intelligently? The old idea that total abstinence is the only road to safety is being replaced by the new idea of moderation both in eating and in drinking, by that of self control."

Vigilance Committee Reports. The vigilance committee of the United States Brewers association, in annual convention here, believes that the year just ended marked the height and the beginning of the recession of the way of prohibition, and so reported today.

In Alabama's repudiation of a prohibition amendment to the state's constitution the brewers see great hope of the license principle being applied in territories now totally dry and the committee views with satisfaction the districts which have swung out of the dry column.

A resume of conditions through the states, presented to the convention by the committee, charges it effect that (Continued on page 4)

Gen. Bragg Very Ill.

Fond du Lac, Wis., June 8.—General Edward S. Bragg, the noted civil war soldier, is critically ill of general debility, aged 84.

Kelner Inquest Begun.

Louisville, June 8.—Coroner Dugan today began the inquest into the death of Alma Kelner.

Some Central Figures In Republican Strife



SENATOR J.P. DOOLIVER (Photo by Willis) SENATOR A.C. BEVERIDGE REPRESENTATIVE WALTER I. SMITH REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES E. TOWNSEND (Photo by The Public Studio)

EDITORS PROPOSE MONUMENT TO NYE

Movement for Fitting Memorial Launched at the Press Convention Today.

Wrightsville Beach, June 8.—One of the features of the opening session of the annual convention of the North Carolina Press association, which convened at the Hotel Tarrymore this morning, was the launching of a movement to erect a substantial memorial to the late "Bill" Nye, the humorist, whose death occurred at his home in this state in 1896, and whose unmarked grave, in Henderson county, is the necra for many tourists. The movement, which was introduced in the course of an essay on journalistic problems by R. W. Vincent of the Charlotte Observer, was enthusiastically seconded by James H. Cain, of the Asheville Citizen in an enthusiastic speech.

Mr. Vincent's Address. In proposing the memorial project Mr. Vincent said in part: "Up yonder in the mountain fastnesses of Henderson, in a lone grave unmarked save by a rough stone boulder, unscrubbed, which by his wish is the only monument he desired, lies all that is mortal of an adopted son whose memory this state has neglected to honor—one we are proud to claim as our craft—the lamented 'Bill' Nye. It was his misfortune not to have been born in North Carolina—Maine claims that distinction—but the best years of his life were spent at beautiful Buck Shoals and the best work of his career done there. It was in the Carolina foothills that he gave up the unequal struggle, and it is there that he is buried.

"We cannot more ornately mark his last resting place if we respect his wishes, but we can erect, in Hendersonville, or Asheville, or, if you will, in the shadow of the capitol at Raleigh, a suitable and substantial memorial to show to the world that we knew our duty and have performed it. Who among us has not delighted his soul with the Boomerang stories or dropped a tear over the pathos of 'The Pass that Came Too Late?' The (Continued on page 4)

IOWA PRIMARY RETURNS ARE NOT YET COMPLETED

Indications Are That Carroll (Rep.) and Porter (Dem.) Have Been Nominated For Governor.

Des Moines, June 8.—While the returns from yesterday's primaries are still incomplete, the nomination of Carroll (rep.) and Porter (dem.) for governor seems certain. Eight progressives and three stand-patters were nominated for congress.

To Fly from Berlin to Vienna.

Berlin, June 8.—Count Zeppelin's voyage to Vienna on board the Zeppelin V. for a special visit to Emperor Francis Joseph is fixed to begin tomorrow night. He will return by way of Breslau, Chemnitz and Nuremberg, the total distance being about 1500 miles.

President Refuses to Remove Negro Troops

Washington, June 8.—The president has flatly refused to accede to the demand from Seattle, Washington, citizens, transmitted through Senator Jones, for the removal of the Twenty-fifth infantry, colored, because a soldier is accused of assaulting a white woman.

Louisiana Member Would Suppress Bridge Playing

Baton Rouge, La., June 8.—Representative Derouin has given notice of a bill in the lower house for the "Absolute suppression of bridge whist." "I am introducing this measure," declared Derouin, "for the benefit of the children of my state, who rarely have the opportunity to know their bridge-playing mothers. It is also for the benefit of husbands, who hardly have a speaking acquaintance with their bridge-playing wives."

FIFTY BANKERS ANSWER CALL

American Tobacco Company, by Taking \$1,000,000 in Bonds, Has Probably Averted an Extra Session.

STATE BANKERS PROBABLY WILL TAKE THE REMAINDER

These Gentlemen Are Expected to Take Remainder of the Refunding Bonds This Afternoon Before Conference Ends.

Special to The Gazette-News.

Raleigh, June 8.—There are fifty or more leading bankers from Charlotte, Wilmington, Asheville, Greensboro, and other points of the state here today in response to the call of Governor Kitchin for the purpose of devising means of aiding the state in disposing of the balance of the bond issue. The American Tobacco company subscribed for one million in bonds this morning. With certain other bids expected from outsiders and what the state bankers will do this afternoon, Treasurer Lacy is very hopeful that the entire issue will be subscribed for by Friday, and the call for the extra session revoked. The bankers meet at 1 o'clock, and will doubtless take action before night. The reception of a bid for \$1,000,000 of North Carolina's 40-year four per cent. refunding bonds received from the American Tobacco company saves the state from the necessity of assembling the legislature in extra session. This is the view that is taken here in official business circles, there being no doubt that the conference of the bankers of the state with the governor and council of state along with the other outside bids that will be in hand for the final sale Friday will easily take up all remaining bonds of the \$2,430,000 issue that has given so much trouble. The American Tobacco company's bid leaves only \$1,111,000 to be taken care of by the conference of bankers and through other bids that are coming in to be opened Friday.

State Treasurer R. B. Lacy gave out a statement in which indications were that the state bonds offered for sale would be taken on June 10 and that he did not expect an extra session of the legislature. If the legislature meets he says it will only authorize him to borrow money to meet the bonds not sold and that there will be no increase in the rate from four to five per cent. The people generally now are subscribing to the issue.

Wheat, Oats, Barley Acreage, Conditions Over a Million More Acres in Spring Wheat Than Last Year—Condition Is Fair.

Washington, June 8.—The government crop report shows the area sown to spring wheat about 19,742,000 acres or 1,349,000 acres (7.3 per cent) more than sown last year; the condition of the crop June 1, 1909, and 92.1 June 1, the ten years average. The area sown to oats is 34,280,000 acres, or 1,176,000 acres more than last year. The condition of the crop June 1, was 91.0. The area sown to barley is 7,057,000 acres, or 46,000 acres more than last year. The condition is 89.6.

Dr. Few Trinity's President.

Durham, June 8.—Trustees of Trinity college have elected Dean W. P. Few of the chair of English, president of Trinity college to succeed Dr. J. C. Kilgo, recently made Bishop. Dr. Few, who has been at Trinity for 12 years, is a native of South Carolina.

Dr. W. I. Cranford, who holds the chair of philosophy, was chosen dean of the college to succeed Dr. Few. S. B. Underwood of the class of '05, for some time superintendent of schools at Hertford, was elected headmaster of Trinity high school, to succeed Headmaster North, who recently resigned.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast until 8 p. m. Thursday for Asheville and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; with moderate temperature.

For North Carolina: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday.

Favorable Report on Crum.

Washington, June 8.—The senate foreign relations committee has decided to report favorably the nomination of W. D. Crum of Charleston as minister to Liberia. Talley's appointment of Crum was announced at the White House yesterday.