

TRIPLE CYCLONE AND CLOUDBURST, TIDAL WAVE, DOUBLE VOLCANIC ERUPTION, AT THE SAME TIME

Bay of Naples, Islands of Ischia and Procida Devastated by Peculiar Combination of the Elements.

A HUNDRED LIVES LOST LATEST REPORTS SAY Long Extinct Crater Erupts, and Vesuvius Also Joins in Terrible Game—Rivers of Mud and Ashes.

NAPLES, Oct. 25.—The beautiful coast of the Bay of Naples and gulf of Salerno and the Islands of Ischia and Procida are devastated by a peculiar combination of elements. The number of victims is not learned; but 250 are said to have been killed. The monetary loss is great. The disaster appears to have been in the form of a cyclone having three centers. Accompanying the cyclone were a cloudburst, a tidal wave and violent eruptions from Mt. Vesuvius, and from a crater on the summit of the long extinct volcano, Mount Epomeo. Ischia and adjacent islands suffered most. The coasts of the mainland were overrun with rivers of mud and ashes from Mount Vesuvius.

Later reports reduce the estimate of fatalities to 100. The greater number of deaths was at Cetera.

Every section of the city bears the marks of the gale and the suburbs were even more seriously affected, several persons being killed. The surrounding country has been devastated great quantities of grapes, vines, trees, walls and parts of houses being scattered about in all directions.

Score of Victims Engulfed. An avalanche of stones and mud rushed down Mount Vesuvius about the lava line of the eruption of 1906. It swept all before it as far as the town of Portici. It wrecked the tram line and engulfed nearly a score of victims.

There is much anxiety here, however, as many residents of Naples went to Ischia to escape the cholera. Signor Sacchi, minister of public works and Admiral Leonardi, minister of marine, have already arrived at Naples. They will make an inspection of the district, and direct the work of rescue.

Naval Vessels Sent. Rome, Oct. 25.—The ministry of the interior last evening received word of a tidal wave at Casamicciola on the island of Ischia, that drowned 200 persons. Communication with the island has been interrupted and verification of the report is impossible.

The minister of the interior has ordered four men of war to hurry to the scene with men and supplies. Casamicciola is 12 miles southwest of Pozzuoli at the foot of Mount Epomeo. It was nearly destroyed by an earthquake in July, 1883 when about 1700 lives were lost. It has since been rebuilt and has a population of about 4000.

Naples suffered from a furious storm of wind and rain, the damage amounting to millions.

ORAL ARGUMENT HEARD IN PANAMA LIBEL CASE The Government's Suit Against New York World for Alleged Libel of Roosevelt and Others.

Washington, Oct. 25.—The final attempt of the federal government to uphold the validity of the indictment in the New York Federal courts of the Press Publishing company on a charge of libel, growing out of the publication of an article in the New York World on the purchase of the Panama canal, was made yesterday afternoon in oral argument before the Supreme court of the United States.

The proceedings were attended with unusual interest and peculiar impressiveness. Sweeping principles of law were said to be involved. Libelous sentiments, it was alleged, had been published concerning the highest officials of the land.

The article in question was printed in the heat of the presidential campaign of 1908. It charged that Chas. P. Taft, Douglas Robinson and William Nelson Cromwell, with J. Pierpont Morgan and others obtained control of the Panama canal route for \$2,000,000, and through their intimacy with Theodore Roosevelt, then president of the United States, and William Howard Taft, then secretary of war, had sold the property to the United States at a profit of \$36,000,000.

James G. McReynolds, special assistant to the attorney general, in his opening statement said that the lower court had erred in quashing the indictment against the Press Publishing company on the charge of circulating a libelous article at the West Point military reservation. He argued that libel was a misdemeanor under the New York laws and that congress, under its duty of protecting the inhabitants of West Point, had made the code applicable to this federal jurisdiction. This it had done under the law enacted in 1898.

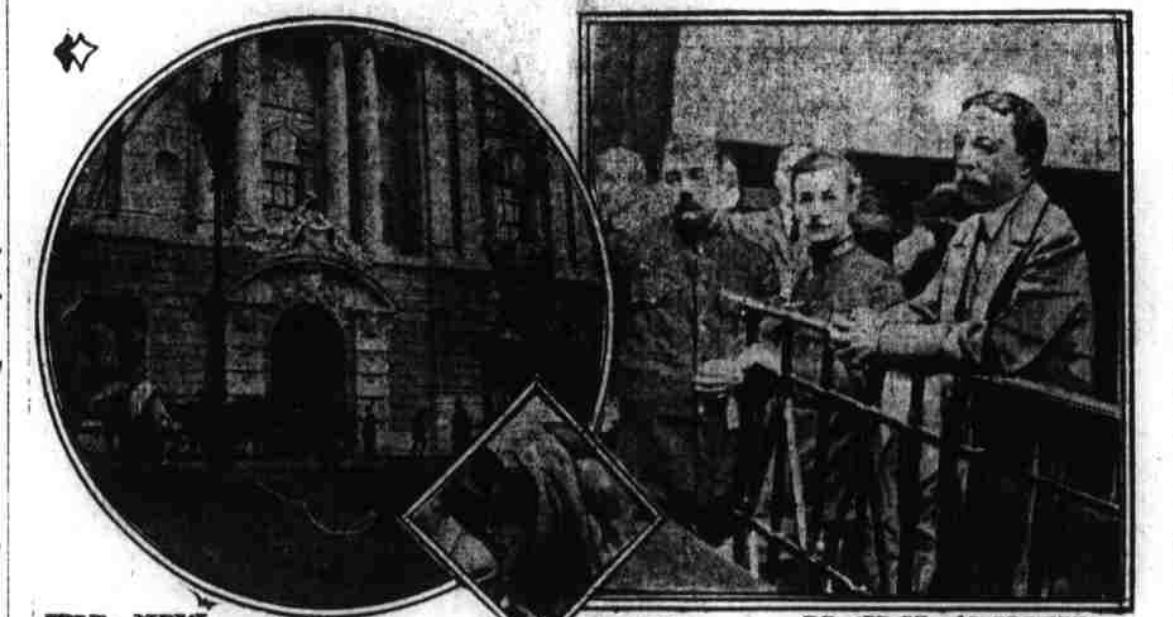
DeLancey Driscoll of New York, counsel for the Press Publishing company, spoke of the case as a "legal curiosity." He said, as he turned to Attorney General Wickersham, that it was not his (Wickersham's) illustrious intellect which had made the discovery of the power of congress to punish libel committed within a state but that of his predecessor, Attorney General Bonaparte. It was the latter, said the attorney, who had made the revelation that in 1908, congress without intending it, really had re-enacted the sedition laws of 1798.

In closing Mr. Driscoll said: "As a matter of fact the prosecution was premature, born before its time, belonging to a new dispensation when the federal government had taken to itself all power and authority, and the states had been reduced to mere geographical districts; when the federal tribunals shall no longer decide cases in accordance with precedence and the law, but according to the needs of the time as interpreted to them by some great steward of the public welfare."

The court then took the case under advisement. An opinion in the case may not be rendered for several weeks.

Testimony in Suit Against Bath Tub Trust. Washington, Oct. 25.—The department of justice will begin taking testimony in the government's suit against the so-called "bath tub trust" in Pittsburgh, October 21.

LE NEVE GIRL IS ACQUITTED OF COMPLICITY IN MURDER



Her Trial Lasts Only a Few Hours—Crown Insisted That Her Behavior After Disappearance of Murdered Woman Was Such as to Betray Guilty Knowledge of the Murder—Noticeable Sentiment of Sympathy for Her.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—After a trial lasting only a few hours in the new bailey criminal court here today Ethel Clara Le Neve was found not guilty by a jury as accessory after the fact in the murder of Cora Belle Crippen, for whose death Dr. H. H. Crippen will hang November 8. From the first she maintained innocence of knowledge of the crime, but the crown alleged that her behavior after the disappearance of Mrs. Crippen such as to betray a guilty knowledge of the murder.

Her counsel asked the jury to remember that she had been under the influence of Crippen, one of the most dangerous criminals of recent years, since she was sixteen. Lord Chief Justice Alverstone in summing up said he saw no reason why Crippen should have told her a story different from what he told the others.

When Miss Le-Neve's case was called the court room was crowded with members of the legal professions and others. There was a noticeable sentiment of sympathy for the girl who for Crippen deserted her home and friends and remained true, even when their association made her liable as accessory to a brutal murder. She was capably represented by counsel.

Did He Say That Judge A. B. Anderson Was a "Damned Jackass and a Crook?"

One Friend of the Colonel Quoted as Confirming the Reports, and 100 Indianapolis Men, Names Not Given, Will So Testify, It Is Reported—Colonel Roosevelt Himself Refuses to Confirm or Deny the Story—It Creates a Stir, All Right.

New York, Oct. 25.—Upon his return from his New England tour Theodore Roosevelt was unwilling to deny despatches from Indianapolis which credited him with having referred to Judge A. B. Anderson, of the United States District Court of Indiana, as a "damned jackass and a crook." He did not seem to be in the least worried because the "story" leaked out.

"I am responsible only for what appears over my own signature," Mr. Roosevelt said, "or for what I say in my public addresses. I will neither affirm nor deny any stories coming through second, third or fourth hands."

Witnesses in Indiana. An Indianapolis special received here says that no other incident of the present campaign in this State has aroused such a storm of criticism and disapproval as Col. Theodore Roosevelt's statement to Capt. Harry S. New in the Columbia Club that United States Judge A. B. Anderson of the Circuit Court of the Indiana district is a "damned jackass and a crook."

The publication of the story by a number of papers has caused the matter to be discussed from one end of the State to the other. It seems from statements made by members of the Columbia club, which gave a reception to Col. Roosevelt during his visit here Oct. 13, that several persons witnessed Col. Roosevelt's excited gestures when he was making his declaration to Capt. New regarding Judge Anderson.

Former Mayor Charles A. Book-walter of Indianapolis said if any one had any doubt about the story that at least 100 members of the Columbia club were ready to confirm it.

"I did not hear him use the word 'crook,' and I was not near enough in time to catch the name of the man to whom the term 'damned jackass' was applied."

"WHITE SLAVE" TRAFFIC CAMPAIGN IS PLANNED

District Attorney Sims of Chicago in Washington for Conference With Attorney General. Chicago, Oct. 25.—A national wide federal campaign against the "white slave" traffickers will be started if the plans of United States District Attorney Sims materialize. He is now in Washington conferring with Attorney General Wickersham, regarding conditions disclosed by the department of justice investigators.

Funeral of Late Gen. Eckert.

New York, Oct. 25.—Impressive funeral services were held yesterday at St. Patrick's cathedral for the late General Thomas T. Eckert, former president of the Western Union Telegraph company. Many large floral pieces were received, one from Miss Helen Gould, one from Howard Gould, another from Mr. and Mrs. George Gould. Among the honorary pall-bearers was Andrew Carnegie.

ORINOCO CLAIMS CASE SETTLED AT THE HAGUE

New Jersey Corporation Awarded \$36,876 With Interest Since 1903, Against Venezuela. The Hague, Oct. 25.—The international court of arbitration today rendered a decision in the Orinoco claims case, awarding the American company \$36,877 with interest at three per cent since 1903, and \$7000 costs, to be paid by Venezuela within two months.

STILL NO NEWS OF AMERICA II.

Nothing Heard of Balloon's Pilot, Allan Hawley, and Aide, Augustus Post, Since They Left St. Louis. WORK OF SYSTEMATIZING SEARCH WELL UNDER WAY Edmond Stratton Opens Headquarters in Ottawa, Where Reports from the Search Will Be Received.

OTTAWA, Oct. 25.—The work of systematizing the search for Allan H. Hawley and Augustus Post, the missing aeronauts, and their balloon, the America II, is well under way. Edmond F. Stratton, representing Aero Club of America, arrived late yesterday. He already has made his headquarters a focal point where reports from Ontario and Quebec will be received.

Balloon Search Planned. St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 25.—If Allan Hawley and Augustus Post and their balloon America II are not reported by tomorrow morning, Louis von Phul, as the representative of the Aero club of St. Louis, will attempt to find them with the balloon St. Louis II. This plan was decided upon at a meeting of the board of the governors of the Aero club. Von Phul will take with him J. M. O'Reilly, his aid in the international race, which started from St. Louis a week ago, and go to Saint Ste Marie, where the balloon will be inflated and sent north into that part of Canada where Hawley and Post are now supposed to be. The rescue party will take along a month's provisions and a light, collapsible canoe.

COTTON GINNED TO OCTOBER 18

Census Bureau Reports 5,410,960 Bales, Compared With 5,530,967 Ginned to Same Date Last Year. PRICE OF STAPLE RISES ON ISSUANCE OF REPORT A Panic of Buying in New Orleans, Where It Was Expected Report Would Show Six Million Bales Ginned.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The census bureau today reports 5,410,960 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned to October 18 from this year's growth, compared with 5,530,967 at the same date last year.

By States. The number of bales ginned in the various states is as follows: Texas, 2,055,743; Georgia, 914,655; Alabama, 523,951; South Carolina, 513,512; Oklahoma, 419,983; Mississippi, 354,361; North Carolina, 249,942; Arkansas, 161,111; Louisiana, 113,202; Tennessee, 57,668; Florida, 26,537; Other states, 7,996; Sea Island; Georgia, 14,256; Florida, 9,861; South Carolina, 1,207.

PANIC OF BUYING ORDERS ON THE NEW ORLEANS EXCHANGE

New Orleans, Oct. 25.—The cotton market was thrown into a panic of buying on the opening this morning by the census bureau figures. Prices rose 14 to 20 points on the first call; the advance widened to 21 to 25 points in early trading. The market expected a report of six million bales ginned.

A FRESH BUYING MOVEMENT IS STARTED IN NEW YORK

New York, Oct. 25.—The census report started a fresh buying movement in the cotton market and prices shot up in sensational manner on revival of bull support and heavy outside demand. The market opened and advanced 5 to 24 points and before midday was selling 47 to 51 points above the closing figures of yesterday.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY CASE BEFORE COURT

Temporary Injunction Against Participation of Three Men in Meetings of Board. Nashville, Oct. 25.—Chancellor John Allison today granted a temporary injunction restraining Judge Claude Waller, Robert F. Jackson and J. A. Robinson from participating in meetings of the board of trustees of Vanderbilt university.

JUNALUSKA MONUMENT UNVEILING NOVEMBER 5

Memorial to Great Cherokee Chief Erected by Daughters of Revolution. Arrangements have been completed for the unveiling of a monument at Robbinsville, Graham county, November 5 at 1 o'clock in the afternoon to the brave Chief Junaluska, whose remains are buried in Robbinsville. Chief Junaluska was a Cherokee Indian and greatly aided Gen. Andrew Jackson at the battle of Horse Shoe Bend. A tract of nearly 200 acres of land in Graham county was given Chief Junaluska by the state of North Carolina as a reward for his services to Gen. Jackson.

FUNERAL OF D. B. HILL IS HELD IN ALBANY

An Immense Crowd Attended—The Remains Laid to Rest at Mortuary Falls Today. Albany, Oct. 25.—The funeral of David Bennett Hill took place yesterday in St. Peter's church. There was no eulogy, just the impressive burial service of the Episcopal church. The surplised choir sang "Lead, Kindly Light," and "Now the Laborer's Rest is O'er," concluding with the recessional hymn, "Peace, Perfect Peace," as the casket was borne from the church.

THE WEATHER.

For Asheville and vicinity—Fair weather tonight and Wednesday. For North Carolina—Fair tonight and Wednesday not much change in temperatures.