

MESSINA IS AGAIN SHOCKED

Two Terrific Quakes Felt Thursday--The 25,000 Inhabitants in Panic--Mother Dashes For Her Babe And Dies With It In Her Arms.

Messina, By Cable.—Messina experienced two terrific earthquakes at about 7:30 o'clock Thursday morning, which were accompanied by roaring sounds and are said to have had a stronger and more undulatory movement than the earthquake of last December which destroyed Messina, Reggio and other cities, laid waste to many villages in Calabria and killed 200,000 people.

Although the shocks Thursday had no such terrible consequences the 25,000 residents of this city were thrown into a state of terror. They ran into the streets panic stricken and Thursday night nearly the entire population was encamped in the open.

The broken walls of the old ruins were thrown to the ground and Messina was for a few minutes smothered in a cloud of dust.

The casualties were few and the only persons killed, so far as is known, were a young woman and her infant. The woman had come here only a few days ago and had settled in rooms, which the great earthquake had left relatively undamaged. She was standing at the

door when the shock occurred and rushed inside to save her child. Before she could escape from the room the second shock threw down the walls, burying both mother and child under the debris. Soldiers and engineers who rushed to the rescue heard the voice of the mother calling for help and they worked heroically for several hours, when they found the dead bodies, the mother with her child in her arms.

The first shock was followed quickly by a second and the people fled pell mell to the American quarter, which they seemed to feel was the safest place of refuge. So great was the rush to the American huts that the authorities were unable to check the invasion and as a consequence these structures, which were designed for the most needy of the populace, were taken possession of by the first comers. The soldiers, however, soon drew a cordon around this quarter and a guard was mounted at the bridge leading to it. Many of the panic stricken people were driven off and orders were issued that no one be permitted to occupy the American quarter pending further instructions.

ORVILLE WRIGHT MAKES THREE SUCCESSFUL FLIGHTS

Washington, Special.—Calm, confident and nerveless, Orville Wright late Thursday encircled the Ft. Meyer drill grounds time after time in his aeroplane in three successful flights while a crowd of thousands cheered him for the success that attended his persistency and pluck. While the machine oscillated at certain points in its flights and dipped and rose suddenly at other points, it was evident from the regularity with which these things happened that they were due to the condition of the atmosphere and not to any fault of the machine.

For the first flight the machine got away with a fine start. Down the field the aeroplane sailed, curved gracefully and came back up the east side of the field along the edge of Arlington Cemetery. The machine seemed to be behaving beautifully. The first round was made in fifty seconds. Five times the machines skirted the field, attaining a height which varied from 15 to 30 feet.

On the sixth round Mr. Wright came to earth within a few hundred feet of the starting point, completing the flight in exactly five minutes. The landing was perfect, the machine swooping down in successive glides until Orville pulled the string which stops his motor and the aeroplane glided smoothly over the grass on its skids until it came to a stop. The machine was returned to the starting apparatus and again was placed in position, and another flight was essayed.

COMMISSION DECIDES ADVERSELY IN BISHOPS' CASE

Washington, Special.—The Interstate Commerce Commission has decided adversely in the matter of the complaints filed before them by five bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, who claimed that they had been the victims of discrimination while passengers on Southern railroads. The complaints were directed against the Pullman Company and the Richmond, Fredericksburg

and Potomac, the Southern and the Central Railway of Georgia.

The complainants were Bishops Wesley J. Gaines, H. M. Turner, Evans Tyree, C. S. Smith and E. W. Brampton.

The principle involved in the complaint was the old one of the "Jim-Crow" car, it being alleged that the coaches furnished for the negroes are not as good as those for white passengers and that the negroes were refused sleeping accommodations and food on trains.

STRANGE FREAK OF LIGHTNING IN MARYLAND TOWN

Cumberland, Md., Special.—Lightning struck the house of Johnson Collins, last Wednesday, four miles east of Flintstone, while Mr. and Mrs. Collins, their six children and Mrs. Johnson, a neighbor, were in the kitchen. Mrs. Collins was putting pies in the bake oven. When Mr. Collins recovered from the shock he found his wife and the youngest

child in her arms standing under a tree in the yard. She could not tell how she got there. One of her shoes had been torn from her foot and the flesh was scraped from her ankle downward almost to the bone. The roof was torn from the house, one side of the building demolished, the stone chimney shattered in pieces and dishes in the cupboard broken.

MAY BE THE BODY OF ELSIE SIGEL'S MURDERER

New York, Special.—Although complete identification was impossible as yet, there appears to be a strong probability that the body of a Chinaman, which was found floating in the Hudson river in the upper part of the city Thursday evening, was that of Leon Ling or William L. Leon, the murderer of Elsie Sigel. The man's height, weight and general appearance tallies with that of Leon Ling, but as the body was nude, except for a silk undershirt, and had been in the water for more than a week, a thorough examination will be necessary. Coroner McDonald, who was the first

to inspect the body, believes that it is Leon's as do a number of policemen, but until measurements and facial characteristics are carefully gone over the identification will remain in doubt.

If it is Leon the cause of his death will be another mystery although one theory, that of suicide, would appear reasonable. In salient features the body bore a marked resemblance to Leon Ling. The teeth were good, as were Leon's, the height about 5 feet 4 inches, which was Leon's height, and the weight 125 pounds, which was about Leon's.

POLITICAL PRISONERS MAKE DASH FOR FREEDOM

Seattle, Wash.—A cable dispatch from Nome, Alaska, describes a bloody outbreak of Russian political prisoners in the Yakutsk District, Siberia and the flight of the mutineers across the wilderness toward Bering Straits in an effort to reach Alaska. The dispatch says:

Advices from Vladmir Station of the Northern Siberia Company, across Behring Strait, are to the effect that a band of prisoners in the

Yakutsk district revolted and killed the guards and started on a retreat of 2,000 miles for East Cape, where they planned to take small boats and make the mainland of Alaska, thirty-six miles away.

Captain Kalinikof, acting governor of the district, ordered Cossacks to overtake the prisoners. The fugitives in ambush killed four Cossacks and wounded twelve others, forcing them to retreat.

ARE GRANTED NEW TRIAL

Supreme Court Reverses Verdict in the Cases Against the Murderers of Captain Quentin Rankin on Technical Grounds.

Jackson, Tenn., Special.—The cases of the eight night riders, 6 of whom were under the death sentence charged with the murder of Captain Quentin Rankin, at Walnut Log, on Reel Foot late, October 19 last, were reversed by the State Supreme Court Saturday and were remanded for new trials.

The six men, who were under the death sentence are Garret Johnson, alleged leader of the night riders' organization in Obion county; Arthur Clear, Fred Pinion, Sam Applewhite, Tid Burton and Roy Ransom. The other two, Bud Morris and Bob Huffman, were convicted of murder in the second degree.

The opinion in the case was delivered by Special Justice Henry Craft, of Memphis, appointed in the stead of Justice M. M. Neil.

In reversing the case, he assigned two principal reasons. The first was that the grand jury which found the indictments against the alleged night riders, was not selected in a proper manner. The grand jury was selected out of a panel named by Judge J. E. Jones, the trial judge, whereas the law provides the panel must be chosen by at least three members of the county court. The second error on which the reversal was based is that the State did not allow the defendants a sufficient number of challenges. The eight were tried on one indictment and trial court upheld the State's contention that the eight defendants were only entitled to the legal number of challenges, twenty-four, which would apply if one man was on trial.

When Justice Craft concluded his opinion a storm of applause broke out in the court room, but was quickly stopped by the marshal and his deputies. The prisoners will be taken back to Union City and an effort will be made to secure their release on bail pending a second trial on their cases.

Those most active in the prosecution of the alleged riders of Reel Foot lake consider the situation now such as may again assume a serious phase. That it will be difficult to secure a jury to again hear the cases is conceded and as yet no decision has been reached by the representatives of the State as to their future plans. An immediate trial of other pending cases of a similar nature, however, is not looked for.

Killed Whole Family.

Aberdeen, S. D., Special.—J. W. Christie, a farmer living near here, his wife, his daughter Mildred, aged 18 years, and a boy named Royzaine, were murdered Saturday. Mr. Christie was milking a cow in his barnyard when the unknown person or persons shot him dead.

The murderers hurried to the house and firing Mrs. Christie and her daughter and the Royzaine boy, who was visiting at the house, they began firing upon them. The first shots took effect and the two women and the boy fell dead.

It is supposed the men who committed the crime were acquainted to some extent with the Christie family and their habits, for few people knew that Christie kept large sums of money in his house. It is believed he had several thousand dollars in his home at the time of the murder. The entire countryside is wrought up. Bands of farmers were immediately organized and search for the murderers was begun. The farmers threaten the murderers with lynching if they are caught.

Mr. Christie was one of the most prosperous farmers in the Northwest.

Continued Earth Shocks Keep Messina Alarmed.

Messina, By Cable.—Seven earth shocks of Saturday and Sunday which have kept the populace in a state of alarm. A fire broke out in the wreckage, and while the troops were trying to extinguish the flames another fire started at Milazzo, a short distance away.

A Woman's Heroism.

Mobile, Ala., Special.—W. L. Samson, bridge-keeper for the Louisville & Nashville at Bayou Sara, Ala., early Thursday night was in his loft near the bridge when lightning killed him and threw his body into the water in front of his wife and little child. Mrs. Samson remained at the bridge all Thursday night and the greater part of Friday alone with her child, seeing that trains could safely pass the structure. As it was not a stopping point she could not get assistance until Saturday when she succeeded in flagging a train.

Boll Weevil Reaches Mississippi.

New Orleans, Special.—A report that the boll weevil in its flight eastward has reached Pike county, Mississippi, and that several specimens were found near Magnolia, that State, is contained in The Picayune's weekly summary of cotton crop conditions in Mississippi and Louisiana. The pest appears to have gained an early start this season in the infested territory and planters are abandoning weevil ridden cotton.

WASHINGTON NOTES

The Senate concluded its discussion of the schedules of the tariff bill Monday and is now ready for the corporation and income tax questions. Senator Aldrich introduced a resolution proposing an amendment to collect the taxes on incomes from whatever source derived and without apportionment among the several States.

An increase in the duty on structural iron and steel valued at more than 9-10 of a cent per pound was made by the Senate, the increase being from 3-10 to 4-10 of a cent per pound. Cotton bagging was placed on the free list.

Ineffectual efforts were made to place cotton ties, school books, binding twine and salt on the free list and Egyptian cotton on the dutiable list.

"What is whiskey?" was discussed in the Cabinet room of the White House. President Taft listening to attorneys for rectifying distilleries and blenders, who oppose the recent decision of Solicitor General Bowers as to what should be labeled "imitation whiskey." The hearing will be continued.

After defeating Senator Tillman's amendment for a tax of 10 cents a pound on tea by a vote of 18 to 53, thus concluding the schedules of the tariff bill, the Senate took up the income and corporation tax questions. Senator Aldrich said he would support the corporation tax amendment as a means of defeating the income tax, expressing the opinion that the tax would be repealed after two years or the rate materially lowered. The Democrats held that this position was a subterfuge on Mr. Aldrich's part to destroy the income tax. Senator Flint, who will have charge of the corporation tax amendment, spoke in favor of it. Senator Cummins in favor of the income tax; and Senator Dixon in favor of an inheritance tax, although the latter said he would vote for the corporation tax Senator Flint said the corporation tax would yield, in his opinion, a revenue of \$45,000,000 to \$50,000,000 a year.

Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh made a call on national bank depositors for a return to Treasury of government funds approximating \$25,000,000.

Income and corporation tax questions were discussed Thursday in the Senate. Among those who spoke were Senator Root, of New York, who advocated the corporation and opposed the income tax; Senator Borah, of Idaho, who took opposite sides with Mr. Root; and Senators Owen and Clegg, who favored the income tax.

But for the objection of one Senator, Mr. Bulkeley, of Connecticut, next Tuesday would have been fixed as the date for a vote by the Senate on the income tax amendment to the tariff bill.

Orville Wright made three successful flights in his new aeroplane at Fort Myer late Thursday afternoon, remaining in the air about 22 minutes all told and raising to a height of 40 feet.

For the fiscal year ended Wednesday, government disbursements exceeded government receipts by \$89,811,156, according to the Treasury statement.

Rear Admiral Potter became chief of the bureau of navigation succeeding Rear Admiral Pillsbury, retired.

A five-hour flight of oratory in the United States Senate by Senator Cummins, of Iowa, and a thirty-second flight of the Wright brothers' aeroplane were the principal happenings of interest in the national capital Wednesday.

A mishap to Orville Wright's machine put an end to his flights for the day less than a minute after he started for his first flight. The damage to the aeroplane, however, was slight.

Petitions for rehearing on the charge against them for contempt of the United States Supreme Court were received by the clerk of the court from Sheriff Joseph F. Shipp Jailer Jeremiah Gibson and Luther Williams, three Tennesseans accused of having failed in their duty to prevent a lynching.

Protest against the effort to prevent the use of coupons to stimulate the tobacco trade was made by representatives of the so-called "tobacco trust" before a sub-committee of the Senate finance committee.

The Senate Saturday adopted the maximum and minimum provisions of the tariff bill by a vote of 36 to 16. The provisions of the measure go into effect March 31, 1910, and 20 days must elapse before the President's proclamation applying the maximum duty of 25 per cent ad valorem, in addition to other duties, provided in the bill, will be operative. The Senate agreed on the submission of an income tax amendment to the constitution to the several States for ratification.

President and Mrs. Taft left Washington Saturday afternoon for Beverly, Mass., where Mrs. Taft and children will spend the summer. The President, after speaking at the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of Norwich, Conn., on Monday, and participating in the centenary celebration of the discovery of Lake Champlain, will

turn to Washington to await the adjournment of Congress.

Orville Wright left Saturday for Dayton, O., to get cloth for repairing the lower plane of his machine which was badly ripped in striking a tree Friday while the aviator was gliding to earth.

President Taft Saturday was the principal speaker at the unveiling of granite monument erected in this city, as a memorial to the founder of the Grand Army of the Republic Major Benjamin Franklin Stephenson, of Illinois. The monument is the first of its kind.

WILL CATCH LEON LING

Chief McCaffery Feels Reasonably Certain That Elsie Sigel's Murderer Will Be Apprehended.

New York, Special.—Inspector McCaffery, chief of the New York detective bureau, has given out the first authentic statement on the murder of Elsie Sigel that has been made by the police since the discovery of the girl's body on June 18 in a trunk in the bedroom of Leon Ling, an Americanized Chinaman, in an Eighth avenue chop suey restaurant.

"We shall catch the murderer," the inspector said. "Delay does not altar that although it chafes us. The whole country is one vast rat-trap with every exit guarded."

"The girl was killed between 10 o'clock in the morning and noon of June 9 and we believe Leon Ling is the man who did it with Chung Sing, his intimate, and possibly others, as possible accomplices. We have Chung Sing. From his room in Eighth avenue, Leon Ling was thought to have gone straight to Washington and there sent the 'Don't worry' telegram signed 'Elsie' received on the night of the murder by the Sigel family."

It is definitely and clearly established that the trunk was carted from the Eighth avenue house in which the body was found to a Chinese laundry at No. 370 West 124 street and thence to Newark, N. J., whence it was returned to the room of Leon Ling, where it was discovered. It has been shown, too, that Ling was personally busied in moving the trunk about.

It seems clear that to have been at the various places mentioned Ling could not have spared the time for a trip to Washington. Those receiving him and the trunk all showed suspicious foreknowledge of his coming.

"No other murder that I can remember has attracted such wide interest or such enthusiastic co-operation on the part of police of other cities. All the forces of the country are working as one great machine. We have fifty men of our own in the cities of the East."

The only possible ship on which Leon could have left the country is due to arrive in Yokohama July 3. She will be watched.

All the Chinese laundries in the city, which are operated by four companies in the name of individual managers, received notices in Chinese warning employees that they must have nothing to do with white women beyond business over the counter, on pain of dismissal.

Brandenburg Out and In.

New York, Special.—Although Broughton Brandenburg was acquitted here Tuesday of the charge of grand larceny in connection with the sale of an alleged spurious letter of Grover Cleveland to The New York Times he had only a few minutes of freedom. Before leaving the court room, he was re-arrested and will be taken to St. Louis next week for trial on a charge of fraudulently enticing from the child's parents his stepson. The minimum penalty for this offense in Missouri is 20 years' imprisonment. The author was taken back to the toms in default of \$5,000 bail, to await the arrival of the Missouri officers.

After Train Robbers.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Special.—Detective Draper, of Spokane, with a pack of bloodhounds, has traced the Canadian-Pacific train bandits that held up an express train last week at Kamloops into an old mining tunnel at Red Guleh, 6 miles east of Ashcroft, British Columbia. Detective Draper has sent for help, as the two men trapped are heavily armed and show fight.

One of the robbers was killed by Constable Rucker Tuesday. He wore clothes bought in Spokane.

C. H. Hix Appointed General Manager of Seaboard Air Line.

Baltimore, Special.—C. H. Hix has been appointed general manager, and C. R. Capps, freight traffic manager of the Seaboard Air Line with headquarters in Portsmouth, Va. These important changes in the organization, as announced officially, follow the recent resignations of W. A. Garrett, and L. Sevier, both of their offices having been abolished.

Judge Overrules Motion.

Asheville, N. C., Special.—"I do not find anything wrong whatever in the manner in which this grand jury was drawn, summoned and empaneled," spoke Judge Newman from the bench in United States District Court Tuesday morning in referring to the motion of defendants in the First National Bank of Asheville conspiracy and embezzlement cases to quash the bill of indictment.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

Items of Interest Gathered By Wire and Cable

GLEANINGS FROM DAY TO DAY

Live Items Covering Events of More or Less Interest at Home and Abroad.

The first bale of cotton for the season was sold at Houston, Texas, on Monday. It brought \$425.

Georgia's new governor, Joseph Brown, has installed a long handled gourd in the capitol out of which to drink his ice water.

Little Lucretia Norris was born six years ago in Omaha, Neb., with a deformed jaw. Some days ago the surgeons took away the bad part of her jaw bone and inserted a chicken bone in its place. The operation is said to be a complete success.

Joseph M. Brown was inaugurated governor of Georgia last Saturday and governor Hoke Smith retired apparently not in happy frame of mind. "Wheatland," the home of President James Buchanan at Lancaster, Pa., was destroyed by lightning last week.

The steamship Cartigo was 150 miles from New Orleans and by wireless called to the surgeons on shore for a prescription for a case of blood poison. It was promptly dispatched and when the ship arrived Friday the patient was improving.

Bernard J. Dobbins, while setting a trawl got lost from his fishing vessel by a dense fog and drifted for eight days with a half pint of water and a little raw fish, when picked up almost famished and brought into Rockland, Maine, Monday. His mates searched for him 24 hours and he rowed his strength away trying to reach them. He saw a number of vessels pass but could not attract attention.

A singular test was made in the Chicago Appellate court last week, where a physician claims that he was to give patient treatment for life and receive \$100,000 at the death of the patient. The courts declared the contract void in that such contracts are fraught with the temptation for a physician to hasten the death of the patient.

At the mortar gun practice last week at Fort Monroe, two companies made 50 per cent of hits while firing so rapidly that each gun kept two shots in the air at once all the time.

The Virginia Passenger and Power Company will effect a complete physical reorganization of its railway lines in Richmond.

There is a strange phenomenon in New York in the case of one Mary Moldon, a cook. She is known as "Typhoid Mary." She is, immune herself, but is infested with the germs and conveys them to those with whom she comes in contact. She has to be quarantined.

Evidence has been found that Leon Ling tried to bury Elsie Sigel's body under the floor of the Harlem laundry.

A dray was driven down Market street in San Francisco, Monday morning, hauling \$10,000,000 in gold.

Mrs. Louis La Bartia, in New York on Monday fired four pistol bullets into the man that killed her husband a year ago.

Nine deaths in Philadelphia and ten in Chicago were recorded last Monday as heat fatalities.

Washington News Notes.

Marines have been restored to all the battleships and cruisers.

Ex-Gov. W. M. O. Dawson, of West Virginia, has been appointed a United States commercial agent in China.

Fifty babies and six adults have succumbed to the heat in Washington the past week.

New restrictions are imposed on the Civil Service law by the bill providing for the Thirteenth Census, which was sent to the President for his signature.

The income tax resolution was reported to the Senate from the Finance Committee by Senator Aldrich Monday.

At the very last moment cotton bagging and ammonia which enters into the Southern fertilizer business was voted into the senate tariff bill.

The Senate put cotton bagging and binding twine on the free list Monday, and closed the discussion on the Payne-Aldrich bill schedules.

Extensive experiments in wireless telegraphy will be made by the Atlantic fleet during its war maneuvers off the New England coast in July.

The Aldrich committee and the Senate have made a thousand changes in the House Tariff bill.

Foreign Affairs.

The thirteenth vain attempt of the militant suffragettes to obtain access to Premier Asquith by deputation resulted in exciting scenes in Parliament Square Wednesday night, and in the arrest of more than 100 women in London.

ister of Great Britain and Lord umbia, is in London for his health and it is rumored that he will not return to his South American State but he asserts to the contrary.