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NEWS FROM VOLCANO IS SOMEWHAT REASSURING BUT ASHES STILL FALL

King Rebukes Priest for Cowardice in Fleeing From Doomed City.

HIS MAJESTY HAD TO LEAVE HIS CAR

Matteucci Sticks to Post in Observatory Seemingly Without Fear.

(By Associated Press.)

NAPLES, April 12.—While the news from Mount Vesuvius today is reassuring, the conditions here in Naples are such as make it difficult to realize that conditions are actually better. The wind is blowing from the volcano toward Naples, carrying the ashes in this direction. Toward evening the fall of ashes and cinders here was worse than at any time since the eruption began.

The scenic effects vary from hour to hour. Now in the north the sky is chocolate colored, lowering and heavy, under which men and women with their hair and clothing covered with ashes, move about like gray ghosts. Fort San Martino, as it towers above the town, can only just be seen, while Castel Dell' Ovo is boldly marked in light, seeming like silver against the brown sky. To the south beyond the smoke zone lies smiling, sunny Posillipo and its peninsula, while far away alludes the sea, a deep blue on which the islands seem to float in the glow of the setting sun. Adding to the strange picture one of the French men-of-war which arrived in the bay of Naples today, is so placed as to be half in the glow and half obscured by the belt of falling ashes.

Observatory Surrounded.

At the observatory of Mount Vesuvius, where Director Matteucci is continuing his work in behalf of science and humanity, the scene is one of great impressiveness. To reach the observatory one must walk for miles over hardened, but hot, lava, covered with sand, until he comes to a point where nothing can be seen but vast gray reaches, sometimes flat and sometimes gathered into huge mounds, which take on semblances of human faces. Above, the heavens are gray like the earth beneath, and seem just as hard and immovable. In all this lonely waste there is no sign of life or vegetation, and no sound is heard except the low muttering of the volcano. One seems almost impelled to scream aloud to break the horrible stillness of a land seemingly forgotten both by God and man.

New Evidence.

Every day that passes gives new evidence of the magnitude of the catastrophe. Today's visit of King Emmanuel to Ottajano revealed new tragedies. At a certain point his majesty was obliged to abandon his motor car and went forward on horseback amid constant danger, his horse bounding through four feet of ashes, stumbling into holes, blinded by the fall of large cinders and the target for falling ballistic masses. In the presence of the king 129 more bodies were extricated from the ruins, the white ashes and red sands falling as though they were determined not to relinquish the victims. The dead at Ottajano are said to number 559. The king was deathly pale. To a priest who came to him, he said: "How did you escape?" "I put myself in safety," replied the priest. "What do you mean?" asked the king.

"Realizing the danger," was the answer, "I had left for Nola." King Emmanuel rebuked the priest. The king flushed with anger. "What!" he cried. "You, a minister of God, were not here to share the danger of your people and administer the last sacraments? You did very wrong." The last reports show that 243 houses have been damaged at Portici, 195 at San Giovanni and Teduccio; 452 at Resina and 1,699 at Torre del Greco.

SOUTHERN MOTORISTS' ASSOCIATION IS FORMED AND VANDERBILT MADE TRUSTEE

(By Associated Press.)

ATLANTIC BEACH, Fla., April 12.—Three interested in the building of good roads throughout the south, especially main trunk line from Richmond to Jacksonville, met in an enthusiastic session here today and perfected the organization of the Southern Motorists Association. The meeting was largely attended and every one present took part in the discussion of the different questions raised. Little beyond perfecting the organization was accomplished, but by doing this and with the energetic Hon. Ben L. Jones, of Macon, Ga., at the head, much has been accomplished. The following officers and directors were elected:

It is impossible to determine the exact number of buildings demolished at Torre Annunziata. It is estimated that about 5,000 houses in all have been partly or entirely destroyed. In the villages on the Ottajano side of the mountain all the houses are damaged. At Nola devastation reigns, the place having been almost entirely abandoned.

A committee has been formed to collect funds and organize assistance for the relief of the sufferers. It is presided over by the Duke of Aosta. The government headed the subscription list with \$100,000. The amount collected up to the present time is \$200,000.

GOSPEL MINISTER HANGS HIMSELF

(By Associated Press.)

HILLSBORO, Tex., April 12.—Rev. B. A. Badgett, for many years prominent in the Methodist ministry of this state, was taken into custody here yesterday apparently suffering from a mental derangement and this morning his dead body was found hanging from a bar of the cell window, a blanket having been used as a rope.

SLOSSON MAKES SPLENDID SPURT

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 12.—Jacob Schaefer of Chicago, gave a fine exhibition of billiards tonight, defeating Albert G. Cutler of Boston, by a score of 500 to 298, in the seventh game of the world's championship 18-2 tournament, in the Madison Square Garden concert hall. He ran out the game in 16 innings with the high average of 31.4-16, his most fruitful inning being the fourteenth, in which he made a run of 124.

In the slowest game played so far in the world's championship 15-2 billiard tournament, George Slosson defeated Ora Stormingstar today by a score of 500 to 388. Slosson made a splendid spurt in the twelfth inning, with a run of 153, the highest run of the tournament up to date and followed up with 108 in the thirteenth inning.

THOMASVILLE IS FIRE SUFFERER

(By Associated Press.)

THOMASVILLE, Ga., April 12.—The worst fire in the history of the city visited Thomasville tonight when the famous resort hotel, the Piney Woods, was burned to the ground. Incendiaries or flying sparks fired the south portion of the town known as Sandy Bottom, just as the Piney Woods fire was under control. Three blocks of small stores were swept away.

The hotel loss is estimated at \$50,000. Other losses, estimated at \$25,000. It is stated that only \$12,000 insurance was carried on the hotel.

ALPHONSO AND ENA TO WED ON JUNE 1

(By Associated Press.)

MADRID, April 12.—The marriage of King Alfonso and Princess Ena, of Battenberg, has been definitely fixed for June 1. The foreign ambassadors who are to attend the ceremony will arrive here May 28.

SEN. FORAKER HOLDS FLOOR ALL THE DAY

Ohlson Urges Favorable Consideration of His Own Amendments.

LODGE WOULD LIMIT POWER OF THE COURT

Tillman Says as a Peach Grower He is Willing to Take Chances.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—After a brief speech by Mr. Lattimer in support of the House railroad rate bill, Mr. Foraker today took the floor on that measure and consumed some time in the discussion of the amendments he has suggested to the bill and then entered upon the consideration of the entire question of railroad rate regulation, urging again the unconstitutionality of the pending bill from various points of view. He was frequently interrupted by other senators.

Mr. Lodge spoke briefly in support of the practice of granting lower rates on goods intended for export than on those used in domestic consumption. Summarizing what he believed to be the legislative situation of the pending measure, Mr. Lattimer said: "I am inclined to believe, however, from the discussions that have taken place here and in the House, that we will be unable to pass the pending bill without providing for a review by the courts. This being true we should pass the bill in such form as will as nearly as possible accomplish the desired end. It is of the highest importance that we should enact a law at this session of Congress. The people are demanding immediate relief, and not being able to secure what I believe the conditions demand I shall vote for the pending bill with such amendments as tend to throw safeguards around the work of the commission. "If the courts are to have the power to review the findings of the commission," said Mr. Lattimer, "I am in favor of limiting that power by denying them the right to issue interlocutory orders."

While Mr. Foraker was speaking Mr. Tillman said there were still several speeches to be made on the bill. He thought the last of these would be delivered some time next week and that a day for voting could be agreed upon. He said that he would ask some time in advance of the final vote to be given to the consideration of the bill section by section.

Will Take Chances.

Mr. Tillman declared that although

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DOWIE IS NOT TO GIVE UP HIS HOLDINGS

Will Not Return to Mexico but Wage Vigorous Battle for Control.

DEFAMERS MUST TAKE ALL BACK

First Apostle Denies That He Would Turn Zion Over to Mormon Church.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, April 12.—John Alexander Dowie will not give up his leadership of the Christian Catholic church, and return to Mexico. He will wage a vigorous legal warfare to regain control of Zion City, and later will go to Zion City and proclaim himself the only "First Apostle."

This statement was authorized today by Dowie himself and by the lawyers who represent him.

Attorney P. C. Haley, of Eddy, Haley & Wetten, who represent Dowie and his counselors, tonight said: "We have advanced, and will advance, only one condition: Complete restoration of power, temporal as well as ecclesiastical, and a demand for an absolute retraction of the slanderous statements made by General Overseer W. Glenn Voliva, and his followers against the moral character of Dowie. "We are preparing a bill in chancery, petitioning the courts to set aside the transfer of the property at Zion City, made between General Overseer Voliva and Deacon Alexander Granger, because the instrument was absolutely void. Dowie revoked Voliva's power of attorney two days before the illegal transfer was made."

Dowie has secured an order from the postal department directing that all mail addressed to Dowie be delivered to him in Chicago. This, it is said, will checkmate the general order sent out by Voliva ordering that no notices be remitted to Dowie hereafter.

To a representative of the Associated Press, Dowie today emphatically denied the truth of a report to the effect that he had agreed secretly with a commission of Mormon missionaries to turn over to the Mormon church Zion, and all of its vast holdings. The only possible basis for this story, he explained, was that, some months ago a coterie of Mormon missionaries appeared in the streets of Zion and distributed pamphlets expounding the doctrines of Mormonism. According to the statement of Dowie and his counselors, these men were ejected from the city.

REP. COCHRAN TALKS BEFORE FULL GALLERY

Wins Applause With Roasts On Constitutional Lawyers and Law.

RAILROAD NEED NOT OBEY COMMISSION

Cockran Criticizes Failure of Members to Attend the House Debates.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The features of today's proceedings in the House of Representatives was the speech made by Mr. Cockran (N. Y.), who under an agreement made on a previous day, was given an hour to elucidate the subject of "general debate" on appropriation bills. In view of the announcement that Mr. Cockran would speak, the galleries were crowded and a very large proportion of the members of the House were in attendance.

Mr. Cockran, after a short discussion of the fiction of "general debate" and the failure of members to attend the sittings of the House while subjects covering the widest possible latitude were being illuminated, launched out into a defense of the Hepburn tariff bill and the high position taken by the House not only in the exceptional character of the legislation, but in the dignified way in which the bill passed the lower branch of Congress. In this connection he ridiculed the constitutional debates in the Senate.

"A constitutional lawyer, how are we able to distinguish him? Not by the number of decisions of courts proving his contentions; but by the wonder and awe of his associates—at the multiplicity of his quotations; the strangeness of his phrases; the awfulness of his mein and the mystery of his meaning."

These constitutional lawyers, he said, had spread their wings and taken flight far beyond the view of ordinary citizens. If a railroad did not like the action of the commission all it need do was to ignore the order.

"All it need do is to stand pat," he exclaimed. Progress was made on the postoffice appropriation bill, 18 of the 29 pages having been completed, but few amendments being made to the measure and these not changing the amount of the appropriations to any considerable extent. The House adjourned until tomorrow.

GREENE AND GAYNOR ARE FOUND GUILTY AND AWAIT JUDGMENT FOR EVIL DOING

EMPLOYES OFFER TWO PROPOSITIONS

Operators Intimate That They Cannot Accept Either of the Wage Workers' Offers.

Maximum Sentence is Seventeen Years in Jail and a Fine of \$576,000.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 12.—At the meeting of the sub-committees of the anthracite mine workers and operators here today the representatives of the employees offered to the mine workers the choice of two propositions in their endeavor to come to an amicable agreement and the employers made an informal reply in which they intimated that they are not likely to accept either of the wage workers' offers and said that they could not modify their propositions.

The operators will make an official answer to the miners' latter proposition by letter and there will be no further meetings until something develops.

While there is still hope that a peaceable solution of the controversy will be found the meeting today did not bring the contending parties closer together, in fact they appear to have almost reached the limit of their negotiations. If the operators should decline to accept either of the propositions submitted by the miners today, it is probable that the delegates will declare that a strike exists.

Briefly stated the offer made by President Mitchell today was a re-submission of the miners' original demands with two amendments and in case they are not accepted he proposes that the whole controversy be placed before the strike committee. In one of the amendments to the original demands, President Mitchell drops the request for the recognition of the union and provides that the proposed agreement be made between the operators and the anthracite mine workers of America. The other amendment provides that only employees who are willing shall be assessed a certain sum each month to defray the expenses of carrying out the proposed check-off agreement, instead of union and non-union men being called upon to contribute.

Before adjournment until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, when sentence will be pronounced, Judge Speer said: "I have no disposition towards these unfortunate men, except to be just as merciful as my duty under the law will permit."

The minimum sentence permissible under the law is two years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$1,000. The defense's counsel will not discuss the next steps to be taken in the case, nor will District Attorney Marston Erwin say what will be done regarding the indictments against Oberlin M. Carter, Michael A. Connelly, William T. and Edward F. Gaynor, who were jointly indicted with the defendants convicted today. Mr. Erwin this afternoon received a telegram from Attorney General Moody expressing his congratulations of the president and the attorney general upon the outcome of the case, upon which Mr. Erwin has been engaged for seven years.

GLEMENSON DEFEATS TRINITY PLAYERS

(Special to The Citizen.)
GREENVILLE, S. C., April 12.—In a slow and listless game, Trinity was defeated by Clemenson today score 13 to 4. The features were the batting of Robertson for Clemenson and fast work of Smith and Webb for Trinity at short and second, and the beautiful hitting of Justus, getting four hits out of five times up.

Trinity had not recovered from a very long and hard tour through several states and therefore played in somewhat listless manner.

Score by innings:
R H E.
Trinity . . . 0 0 0 0 0 1 3 - 4 9 7
Clemenson . . . 1 2 3 2 0 0 2 - 13 10 5
Earned runs—Clemenson 3; Trinity 2; two-baggers; Justus 1, Lee 1, Webb 1. Home runs—Clemenson 1, Robertson 1, Waldrop 1.
Batteries: Trinity—Webb, Gant, Ogburn and Wrenn.
Clemenson—Waldrop and Bissell.

STALLINGS AFTER TOGA.

(By Associated Press.)
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 12.—Congressman Jesse F. Stallings tonight announced his candidacy for the United States senate from Alabama under the plan recently outlined by the state executive committee.

TEXAS CITY SWEEP BY TORNADO--TWO ARE KILLED AND THIRTY ARE INJURED

(By Associated Press.)
AUSTIN, Tex., April 12.—A special to the Statesman from Bertram, Texas, says:

The town of Briggs, about 18 miles north of this place in this county, was swept by a tornado about 5 o'clock this evening and almost completely destroyed. Two persons are reported killed and thirty injured. The fatally injured are: Hickman, and daughter, Vernet Taylor and wife; R. A. Patterson and wife. Seriously injured: J. T. Hall, post-

master; Professor L. L. Pierce; Young DeWorf.

Other names cannot be obtained. All the telephone wires out of Briggs are down for a distance of three miles.

The school building was completely demolished and every business house in town was either badly damaged or destroyed. The tornado was preceded and followed by a heavy rain and hail storm, and crops were considerably damaged. The path of the storm of the southwest to the northeast. The town contained about 250 inhabitants. The names of the dead cannot be learned.

NASHVILLE WOMAN CAN MARRY COUNT

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, April 12.—The civil tribunal of the Seine, has annulled the opposition of the mother of Count Roger de Martimpray, who tried to prevent her son from marrying Miss Florence Drouillard, of Nashville, Tenn., the divorced wife of Count Bernard de Pourtales, whom she married in 1896.

Three years ago it became known that a duel had been fought between Count Roger de Martimpray and Count Bernard de Pourtales. Immediately afterward the Countess de Pourtales came to America and Count Bernard obtained a divorce. Since then Count Roger de Martimpray announced his intention of marrying Countess de Pourtales, but met with the strong opposition of his mother, which finally forced him to bring the matter before the courts.



The Autoist—if this machine's thirst increases, the world's supply of gasoline is liable to be used up before long.