

Weather.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30—Forecast for North Carolina for tonight and Thursday: Rain tonight and possibly in south portion Thursday.

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APPALLING LIST OF DEAD GROWS LONGER EVERY DAY AND IT MAY REACH TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND

People of Rome More and More Appalled at Breadth of Disaster

THE BUSINESS AND COMMERCE ARE DEAD

Never in the History of Italy Has Such a Calamity Descended Upon the People—Every Hour Brings Fresh News of Devastation—Thousands of Tourists Are Believed to Have Been Killed—Believed Today That Not More Than a Half Dozen People Survived in Reggio, a City of 45,000 People.

TODAY'S ESTIMATE OF EARTHQUAKE CASUALTIES: Messina 147,000, Reggio (Calabria) 34,617, Palmi 10,433, Gioja 7,000, Scilla 5,420, Cantillo 5,000, Volpasi (Sicily) 9,734, Baguara (Calabria) 7,500, Cassano 6,842, Cosenza 5,500. Loss of life and damage are reported in the following cities and towns...

Italian Community in New York City Aids Sufferers

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Dec. 30—The Italian community in this city was in terror when the full extent of the disaster in Italy became known. Up to the last moment hope was expressed by representative Italian merchants that the first reports of death and destruction would be found to be exaggerated.

MISS ELENA EALDERON.



Miss Elena Calderon, wife of the Bolivian Minister at Washington, who recently created a sensation in Washington by wearing a full set of jewelry, consisting of beads. They were not of the Boston variety, however, but came from the Bolivian forest and are known as brain beads.

of national development upon which that empire is turning. Dr. Tang has been informed plainly that any form of alliance is out of the question. The repeated declarations of this government concerning the preservation of territorial integrity and the independence and the administrative entity of China had led some of the Chinese authorities to hope that the United States would take a more positive stand in the matter than had been done heretofore.

PENNER IN BY FLAMES.

Motormen and Conductors Have Narrow Escape from Flames. Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 29—Penne in on the third floor of the Stevenson building by sheets of flame and choking smoke and across by the fire-escape made impossible by an awning, three score street car motormen and conductors fled from windows early today, many sustaining painful injuries.

MAJOR HAINS TAKES STAND

Tells of Captain Hains Nervous Actions After His Wife's Confession

M'INTYRE EXHAUSTED

McIntyre Appeals to the Court to Adjourn, as He Was Exhausted—Justice Crane Orders a Recess at McIntyre Before He Leaves Court Room—'A Simple Case of Brain Being Overworked,' Says Dr. Foster—May Be Able to Continue This Afternoon.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 30—Mrs. Virginia Hains, mother of Thornton Hains, suffered a collapse today as the result of her two days' attendance at the trial and was unable to leave the room at the Hotel Astor. The defense began the day by calling Minnie Rhone, the negro servant in Captain Hains' household, to continue her narrative of the ill-fated relations existing between Annis and Mrs. Claudia Hains.

NEWS FROM OXFORD.

Many Marriages During Christmas Week—No Fatalities or Accidents. (Special to The Times.) Oxford, N. C., Dec. 30—At the Christmas of 1908 is plodding rapidly along into the past, it is remarkably true to note that up to the present time that Oxford and Granville county have been so fortunate as to evade the necessity of recording any fatalities resulting from huntsmen, the laceration of the flesh from the handling of explosive fireworks, or mishaps, or serious accidents, that are of so common occurrence everywhere during the holiday festivities.

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Corean Murderer of Durham W. Stevens Closely Guarded. (By Leased Wire to The Times) San Francisco, Dec. 30—Sheriff Dolan has given orders that I. W. Chang, the Corean convicted of manslaughter for killing Durham W. Stevens, should never be left alone until he shall have been transferred to the state prison. Since his conviction the Corean has grown despondent, repeatedly expressing a wish that his punishment might be death rather than imprisonment.

BITTER CONTEST OVER THE SPRECKLES WILL

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HOSPITAL MYSTERY.

Wounded Man Can't Tell, or Won't Tell, How He Was Shot. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, Dec. 30—The Michael Rees Hospital contains a mystery. A little before noon Monday Nahum Hexter, a well known stock yards broker, was brought to the hospital with a bullet wound in the head. No information as to how the wound was inflicted could be obtained. No mention of it was made on the records of the hospital and for nearly thirty-six hours the police were in ignorance of the fact that Hexter had been shot.

SECOND DAY OF ERB MURDER CASE

Servant of Erb Family Gives Some Important Testimony

TELLS OF THE KILLING

According to Testimony of Beatrice Matzul Erb Was Not Drunk When Killed—Mrs. Beisel Shot Him—Heard Four Shots at About 10 O'clock—Mrs. Erb Announced Killing to Servant in Cool Manner—Asked Aid of Servant in Reviving Sister, Who Had Fainted After the Shooting.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Media, Pa., Dec. 30—When the second day of the Erb Murder trial opened with Beatrice Matzul, the servant, called by the commonwealth, on the stand, there seemed to be some doubt as to what District Attorney McDade will try to prove as to the actual shooting. He insinuated in his speech last night that Mrs. Erb might have shot Erb instead of Mrs. Beisel.

This was a direct reversal of the theory he developed at the habeas corpus proceedings and is laughed at by the defendant's lawyers today. Miss Matzul, said to be the wife of a Japanese butler, told again what she had recounted at the habeas corpus proceedings as to how Erb had come home sober at 6:10 o'clock the evening of October 6. She served him with dinner.

"Mrs. Erb could hardly have got upstairs and I was in the kitchen when I heard an awful noise up-stairs, banging on a door, a crash of glass and an awful scream. "There I heard some one go from the second floor to the front hall like someone going down easily but their heels knocked. I looked over the banister and saw Mrs. Erb in the main hall. I got part way down. She mentioned with her head for me to come down the backway and I did, coming through the dining room. I found Mrs. Erb in a closet beneath the stairs."

Miss Matzul told Mrs. Erb saying she was waiting for her sister. The witness went to the kitchen and as the convent bells pealed out 10 o'clock she heard four shots in quick succession then two more. Then she told graphically of Mrs. Erb's announcement of the killing.

"She came down and said the captain was killed. 'Not dead,' said I, 'Yes,' said she. 'He's dead, my sister shot him.' Her manner was cool. It was about 10:25, five minutes after the foot-falls upon the stairs Mrs. Erb said 'He's up-stairs, and she led me to the front stairs by the hand. 'There he is,' said she, and there lay the captain dead on the rug. 'Oh, come on, help me,' said Mrs. Erb to me. I refused. She went into the bathroom and got a sponge and laid it to her sister's head as Mrs. Beisel had fainted. Mrs. Beisel came to Mrs. Erb and said to her, 'My poor sister, this will kill you.' Mrs. Beisel said, 'Close the door, don't let Captain Erb in. Pretty soon they both came down and sat on her get away,' meaning Mrs. Beisel, her get away,' meaning Mrs. Beisel, Mrs. Erb said, 'Send for the doctor and the police.'

"Mrs. Beisel asked, 'What will they do to me?' Mrs. Erb said, 'We'll leave it to God.' "Mrs. Beisel was carrying a pillow around, getting up and lying down and Mrs. Erb told her she made her sick. "Well, Florence," said Mrs. Beisel, "he won't hurt you any more." "I wish he were here instead of where he is," said Mrs. Erb to her sister."

Consul Cheney Dead.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Dec. 30—The state department received a dispatch from Consul Gayle, at Malta, saying that the consulate at Messina has been totally destroyed and Consul Cheney and his wife and official family all lost their lives. Their bodies are still in the ruins of the consulate.

Rome, Dec. 30—Two hundred thousand human beings met death in the Italian earthquake.

The toll of death from the destroying forces which swept Sicily and southern Italy on Monday is the heaviest from any calamity in the history of the nation. Every effort is being made by the American ambassador and other influential foreign residents here to determine the safety of Consul Cheney and his assistants. The Continental and American press associations have given orders that this shall come first in the work of their correspondents.

NEW PRESIDENT OF N. Y. CENTRAL

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Dec. 30—General Manager Yoho, of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie Railroad, it is reported, has been selected as successor to W. H. Newman, who recently resigned as president of the New York Central. Mr. Newman's resignation takes effect February 1. In the Pittsburg Dispatch Vice-President Schoenmaker was quoted as confirming the report.

HARRIMAN BUYS MEXICAN ROAD

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Mexico City, Dec. 30—E. H. Harriman and associates have just closed a deal for the purchase of the Torres and Prieta Railway which runs through rich mineral sections of the state of Sonora, connecting with the Sonora Railway at Torres. The Sonora line belongs to the Harriman interests. The Torres and Prieta will be extended east from Prieta to a connection with the Cananea, Yaqui River, and Pacific at Ures. The acquired road was built and owned by J. P. Seymour and associates.

Engineers to Go With Taft. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Dec. 30—Judge Taft has been advised by Secretary Loeb today that President Roosevelt had selected the six engineers who are to accompany him to Panama on the inspection tour that is to determine the future of the isthmian canal.

WOOD PULP TO GO ON FREE LIST

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Dec. 30—Wood pulp placed on the free list and the reduction of the duty on steel 30 per cent, constitute the principal points in the new tariff law to be enacted at the special session of congress, to be called soon after the inauguration of William H. Taft as president.

DR. TANG'S MISSION ALMOST A FAILURE

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Dec. 30—A Washington dispatch to The Times says: It is learned that the real diplomatic mission of Dr. Tang Shao Yi, the special ambassador of the Chinese government, is practically a failure. He is aiming at something which would have practically the effect of an alliance between China and this country. An alliance in form, he knew, of course, when he came here, was impossible.

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