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Stromboli Is In Eruption

EARTHQUAKES AT OUTBURST

The Beginning of the Eruption is Attended by a Violent Shock, Lasting Three Seconds, During Which the Houses on Stromboli Island Are Badly Damaged—The Inhabitants, Panic-Stricken Flee to the Streets but Not One is Injured—The Phenomenon is Accompanied by Prolonged Dull Rumbles—Big Volcano Begins Business During the Prevalence of the Quake.

Rome, Jan. 3.—A violent earth shock running north, south-west and east-northeast, lasting three seconds, and during which the Stromboli volcano began eruption, occurred in Stromboli Island today.

The phenomenon was accompanied by prolonged dull rumbles. The houses on the island were badly damaged and the populace fled to the streets in panic, but no one was hurt.

The weather is intensely cold on Stromboli Island.

Catania, Jan. 3.—The system of rescue work in Messina has been greatly augmented by the arrival of troops, who are to be seen all over the ruined city in squads of twenty and thirty patrolling day and night. Bodies of them also are working in the ruins by day and until well into the night.

The movement of refugees from the villages is daily increasing in volume. Of the victims buried under the ruins few have been rescued alive.

It is now clear that the enormous number of casualties in Messina was due to the suddenness with which the first shock came, giving but little time to the people to escape from their homes. The tidal wave was not so high as was at first reported, and would have done little damage had it not been preceded by the earthquake. The damage done by fire was comparatively insignificant.

The first earth shock last Monday morning literally threw down the city and almost every street was completely buried under the walls that had fallen, furniture and other debris, practically cutting off every avenue of escape. Then came the tidal wave to inundate the city, and the living and dying were caught like rats and drowned or had their brains dashed out by being thrown by the rushing waters against piles of masonry and rubbish.

Court Convened.

Durham, N. C., Jan. 4.—Superior court convened here this morning with Judge B. F. Long, of Statesville, on the bench. The big cases are W. H. Tilly and Wesley Bates for murder—Tilly for the slaying of his wife and Bates for the killing of Night Watchman Jack Robertson. There is no doubt of Tilly's causing his wife's death, the only thing entering into it is the matter of intention. The case is set for Wednesday. Aiding the solicitor are Messrs. Wilson & Bryant. Ex-Solicitor A. L. Brooks, Messrs. Graham & Graham and Manning & Foushee are employed by Tilly.

Mothers' Joy is made of pure ingredients. Mothers you cannot afford to be without a box of Mothers' Joy.

TWO DEATHS.

Death of Little James Wallace Miller, Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Miller, and Mrs. Minnie Dickson, Wife of the Late James Dickson

The grim reaper visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Miller, on West Front street at 8:30 Saturday night, and took their only child, James Wallace Miller.

The funeral services were conducted from the house yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. J. H. Pressly, assisted by Revs. Harold Turner, W. A. Lutz and J. B. Branch and the interment was at Oakwood cemetery.

Little Wallace was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Miller. He was stricken with scarlet fever about one month ago, and it was thought he had recovered, when he had a relapse, which proved fatal.

He was only five years of age, and was an exceptionally bright child. His friends were not only numbered among his children playmates, but also among the older people, who were attracted by his brightness and loving ways.

He was the joy of his parents' household, and the loss is indeed heavy on them, as he was their only child.

He was a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Connelly of this city.

The bereaved family have the sincere sympathy of their large host of friends in the loss of their only son and child.

"The Rockingham" Leased to Mr. J. C. Gray

His friends in this will be interested to read the following concerning Mr. J. C. Gray, a former Statesville man:

Rockingham, N. C., Jan. 2.—The board of directors of The Rockingham, at a meeting held in the office of Mr. W. C. Leak, Friday, January 1st, after considering numerous applications of the best hotel men in the country for "The Rockingham," leased "The Rockingham," which is nearing completion, and which, when completed, will be one of the handsomest and most modernly equipped and delightful hotels in North Carolina, to Mr. J. C. Gray, now of Congress Hall, Washington, D. C.

"Near Beer" License Raised to \$20,000.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 2.—News of the method adopted by Milledgeville, Ga., to remain dry reached here today. The town council has imposed a license of \$20,000 upon the sale of "near beer." The town experimented with a \$10,000 license on locker clubs, and its unqualified success led to the "near beer" regulation.

Mr. Redman's New Position.

Mr. T. H. Redman, who has for a number of years been the secretary of the Statesville Hardware and Harness Co., has sold his interest in that concern to Bradford Brothers.

Mr. D. S. Thomas, who has for some time been connected with the North State Veneer Co., of this city, has bought stock in the concern and it is possible that he will assume the management of the company when the firm is reorganized.

Mr. Redman has accepted a position with the Piedmont Hardware Company, of Danville, Va., and will travel Western North Carolina and a portion of South Carolina in the interest of that concern.

Mr. Redman was on the road for eight years before taking stock in the Statesville Hardware and Harness Co.

Grafter Has Swell Rooms

SANDERSON IS CONVICTED.

Says He is Ill but Not Seriously and That he is Not Suffering From "Yellow Dogism"—Sanderson and His Associate Were Convicted and Sentenced to Two Years in the Penitentiary but Are Out on Bail.

New York, Jan. 2.—John H. Sanderson, a contractor of Philadelphia, when with James M. Schumaker, William P. Snyder and William L. Mathues was sentenced to two years imprisonment each for defrauding the state of Pennsylvania out of thousands of dollars in connection with the decorating and furnishing of the new \$13,000,000 capitol building at Harrisburg, but who were released on bail pending their application for a new trial, is occupying apartments at Sherrys, where he has been under the care of a physician for several days.

Mathues, formerly state treasurer, died several days ago as a result of the humiliation following his arrest. Immediately after being granted bail pending their appeal Sanderson came to this city and engaged apartments at Sherrys.

Over the telephone Sanderson denied he was seriously ill, saying that he had been laid up for several days with a slight cold.

"I feel much better today," replied Sanderson in answer to a question.

When asked as to the nature of his reported illness Sanderson replied: "Well, if you care to do so, you can state most emphatically that I am not suffering from 'yellow dogism.'"

He said he did not know when he would leave the city.

Was She to Blame.

Jed Carlton's "Was She to Blame" was presented to a large house Saturday night.

The play is one that is never to be forgotten and was full of bright and sparkling comedy.

The company, each and every one played their parts to perfection.

The simplicity and purity of "Was She to Blame," gives a picture of every day life. Not a fulsome or spectacular show, nor a tale of falsehood and fiction, but a true picture taken from the beauties of nature.

Mr. Blackwell Sells Out

Mr. Clyde Blackwell who for some time has been running a bowling alley and managing Mr. C. S. Holland's pool table under J. P. Phifer's old stand has sold his alley to Mr. R. K. Gregory, who will continue to run them.

Mr. Blackwell will go to Elkin today, where he will assist his mother, Mrs. Bettie Holland to run a hotel which she has leased in that town.

Mr. Gregory has also bought the pool tables which were in the above mentioned stand and will continue to run them.

Mr. Mills Better

Mr. Lawrence Mills who went to Baltimore some days ago, for an operation for a cancer on his jaw, and was operated on at the University of Maryland, is now able to be up.

Mr. Mills' case is very hopeful now, and the chances are he will be well again.

Lady Admits Her Guilt

WAS GUILTY OF PERJURY.

Morris Swore That he Was With Band Night Captain Rankin was Killed, but Wife Swore he Did Not Leave Home That Night—Now She Says Her First Testimony was False and That Her Husband's Confession was True One—Was Under Threats

Union City, Tenn., Jan. 2.—A sensation was sprung in the trial of the eight alleged night riders today when Attorney-General Caldwell recalled Mrs. Wad Morris, the wife of Wad Morris, a self-confessed night-rider, who turned sworn he was a member of the night-riders and that he was with the band on the night Captain Rankin was killed, but his wife swore he had not left home that night and that he was not a member of the organization. Today Mrs. Morris admitted that she was guilty of perjury and that her husband's confession, was true. She declared that unknown parties threatened to hang her husband and herself unless she swore on the stand that Wad Morris had not left home the night of the raid. The woman's confession created great excitement in the courtroom and apparently threw the defense into a panic.

Sheriff Deaton Busy.

Sheriff Deaton this morning arrested Ed. Robinson, alias Paul Cornwell, colored, at Mooresville. He is wanted in Gastonia for gambling and resisting an arrest, by shooting at one of the Gastonia policemen.

Sheriff Deaton stated that he had just finished his breakfast at his home in Mooresville this morning, and had walked out on his porch.

Just as he walked out, Cornwell came along the street. Mr. Deaton noticed that he looked suspicious and asked his name.

He replied to Mr. Deaton that his name was Ed. Robinson and that he had been employed at Charlotte by the Henkle Live Stock Company.

Mr. Deaton knew this to be a misstatement of the facts, and held the negro, phoning to the chief of police at Gastonia, asking if they wanted Ed. Robinson.

Mr. Deaton was informed by the authorities that they wanted Paul Cornwell instead of Ed. Robinson.

Mr. Deaton asked the negro if he did not have an alias, and the negro admitted that he had, and it was Paul Cornwell.

Mr. Deaton immediately had him locked up at Mooresville, and notified the Gastonia authorities who will come for him.

Examination of Teachers.

Mr. L. O. White, the superintendent of public instruction asks the Mascot to state that the usual mid-winter examinations for public school certificates will be held in the court house on the 22nd and 23rd of this month.

The colored teachers will be examined on the same day but in different rooms.

Mrs. Goldman to Baltimore.

Mrs. L. A. Goldman went to Baltimore Saturday, where she will consult a specialist.

She has been in very poor health for some time, and she was advised to go there and consult a specialist.

FINALLY GOT HOME.

Manager of the Famous "Night Rider" Troops That Stranded Here, Reaches Home After Some Thrilling Adventures.

Lynchburg Va., dispatch, Jan. —After an experience of one month at the head of a company of players in "The Night-Riders of Tennessee," Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Reynolds have returned to their home in Lynchburg. Mrs. Reynolds having pawned her diamonds and jewelry to secure bail for herself and husband for their appearance in Tennessee to answer certain charges against them. The other members of the company are scattered in various towns between Tennessee and Virginia, notably Charlotte and Greensboro, N.C., where they were endeavoring to secure sufficient funds to complete their homeward trip.

Reynolds states that the play was founded upon investigations made by himself at Reelfoot Lake, Tenn., and that the production was so realistic that the managers of the company was arrested five times in that state, charged with inciting riots. These arrests were at Johnson City, Greenville and Newport. He claims that the company received "rough house" treatment at each of its Tennessee engagements. At one of the places the feeling was so intense that a charge of highway robbery was trumped up against a member of the company.

Mrs. Dickson Dead.

Mrs. Minnie Dickson, wife of the late James Dickson died early yesterday morning, after an illness of about three months with tuberculosis. She was about 32 years old.

Mrs. Dickson is survived by four small children, one daughter and three sons.

The remains were laid to rest beside her husband in Oakwood cemetery this morning, Rev. Kennedy of the South Side Associate Reformed church conducting the ceremony.

Mrs. Dickson's husband, Mr. Jas. Dickson, died only about three months ago from an attack of typhoid fever. Immediately after his death Mrs. Dickson was stricken with the dread disease from which she died.

Mrs. Dickson was born and raised in North Iredell, near Harmony, her maiden being Morefield. She was married about fifteen years ago to Mr. Dickson.

At present it is not known what will be done with the four small children, but it is likely they will be placed in some orphanage.

Terrible Accident Near Durham.

Durham, Jan. 2.—Arthur Clement still lives this morning after enduring for 50 hours a toy gun barrel blown through his head two days ago. The physicians have removed the instrument, taking much of his brain with it.

The little fellow slipped away with his rudely constructed firearm six miles in the country. Its discharge tore through his head with the six inch projectile. He still has chances of life. The doctors pronounce it a most remarkable case.

Presidential Electors to Meet January 11th.

Raleigh, Jan. 2.—A proclamation has been issued by the governor for the presidential electors of this state to assemble at Raleigh on January, eleventh to cast the vote for the president and vice president and elect from their number of messenger to convey the vote to Washington.

Democrats Oppose Judge Adams

TO HOLD UP CONFIRMATION.

President Roosevelt is Informed That if Spencer B. Adams is Appointed to Succeed Judge Purnell, Democrats in the Senate Will Fight Against Confirmation—Two Non-Political Reasons Why His Appointment Should not be Made—95 Per Cent of State Are Said to be Against Him for Judge.

Washington, Jan. 2.—President Roosevelt has been told, I am informed, that if he appoints Judge Spencer B. Adams to succeed the late Judge Thomas B. Purnell his confirmation will be held up in the senate. I believe that my information is accurate.

"If you will take the trouble to investigate," writes a leading Democratic lawyer east of Raleigh, "you will find that 95 per cent of the bar of the state would be opposed to the appointment of Judge Adams on two entirely non-political grounds; first, a lack of respect for his legal attainments, and, second, lack of faith in his judicial fitness."

Continuing the writer says: "If Adams should be named I should regard it the imperative duty of our senators to fight his confirmation to the very last. In saying this I am, I think, voicing the sentiment of the disinterested lawyers of the state."

The author of the letter quoted here is a man who has a say in shaping the politics of his party and is considered one of the very ablest attorneys in the eastern section of the state.

Another Democratic lawyer, who resides in the eastern district district, declares: "Adams ought not to be appointed judge, and the lawyers know it. I believe many of them would urge Overman and Simmons to fight the appointment."

"Judge Adams is not the kind of man we would like to have for a judge. He is a bitter partisan and has been so all of his political life! He has not been a busy practitioner and knows little about the practice of the courts."

"I would like for the best feeling to obtain between the people and the Federal courts but this cannot be when judges are appointed when they could not get the support of 5 per cent of the disinterested bar of the state," writes a third.

There is no doubt that the appointment of Adams would raise a storm in the east, and it is absolutely certain now that Senator Simmons and Overman would be asked to fight his confirmation.

It is no secret that Judge Adams' ancient and persistent foe, former Senator Marion Butler, with all the influence he can bring to bear, will not let him become judge if he can prevent it.—H. F. C. Bryant in Charlotte Observer.

Mr. Albertson Gives Bond.

Mr. Lee Albertson was before Judge W. W. Turner on charges of drawing a pistol on Chas. Miller, in the former's store some days ago, was put under \$50 bond for his appearance at the next term of court.

The Mascot published an account of the trial in Saturday's paper, but went to press before the case was finished, hence we were unable then to give the result.