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DISASTER GROWS IN HORROR

Dead Estimated at Seventy-Five Thousand

Gunboat Brought Official News From Messina Today—American Consul Thought to Have Perished—Mount Aetna Now in Eruption—King Emmanuel Goes to the Scene.

Rome, Dec. 29.—An authoritative compilation was commenced this morning to ascertain the extent of the devastation by the earthquake and tidal wave of yesterday. The catastrophe is the worst in years, and it is impossible as yet to give any exact figures as to the deaths. Estimates vary from ten thousand to twenty thousand. Whole towns and villages were swept away by the quake or tidal wave. The first official news was received from Messina this morning, when a gunboat arrived. The worst reports from there were confirmed. The Minister of War issued orders today that soldiers be used to prevent disorder and carry through the civic work. The scenes in Messina are described as terrible in gruesome details. The tidal wave left the streets covered in mud. Then fire broke out and made a pyre of the beautiful city. Warships are carrying supplies and nurses to the stricken districts.

Fully 75,000 Dead.

Rome, Dec. 29.—The latest statistics up to twelve o'clock today estimate the number of dead at seventy-five thousand and to add to the terror of the people Mount Aetna is in violent eruption today. King Victor Emmanuel has gone to the devastated districts. It is feared the American consul at Messina has perished.

MUST ROLL ALONG

Chapel Blown Up and Leader Wright Ordered Away.

Jefferson, N. H., Dec. 29.—One hundred men, armed with axes and dynamite, blew up the chapel of the "Holy Rollers" here and ordered Joel D. Wright, the leader of the sect, to leave town.

SUICIDE OR WHAT?

Young Woman Shot Today in Chicago Cafe.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Miss Carmezzo Vanderveer, who says she is connected with the Turkish Embassy at Washington, was shot or attempted suicide early today in Tuckhorns Cafe. She is dying. According to a waiter in the cafe she shot herself. She was accompanied by a woman and two men. The woman is being held, but the men disappeared. The police don't accept the suicide story, and the Embassy at Washington says the woman is unknown there.

HELLO GIRL GETS DIVORCE.

And Gets Seven Hundred Dollars Per Month Alimony.

Poughkeepsie, Dec. 29.—The final decree in the divorce suit brought by Mrs. Mary B. Tower, the former telephone girl, against the millionaire husband, Edward Tower, was made today by Justice Kouss. She was given \$700 per month alimony. The girl was formerly Mary Bogardus, and Tower was attracted by her musical voice.

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FACES MRS. ANNIS.

But Witness Sticks to His Story That She Was Not Present.

Flushing, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Annis was in the court-room today for a few minutes for the first time since she gave her testimony. Hains realizes that a hard day is before him. The General and Mrs. Hains, parents of the defendant, will probably both be called to the stand. John Tierny, who began his testimony yesterday, was cross-examined this morning. Tierny said yesterday Mrs. Annis was not on the boat when her husband was shot. On cross-examination Mrs. Annis was called in to face the witness, but he stuck to his story. The widow was then excused and she left the court-room.

Samuel Chester Reid, of the Construction Department of the Navy, was also called to the stand. He told of a conversation with the Hains brothers shortly after Peter Hains returned home and in which he was told about the troubles of Captain Hains and that Thornton was taking care of Peter. He said Peter was highly wrought up and nervous.

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A GAME FOR THIS CITY

New York American League Team Schedules a Game for Wilmington During April—Americans to Play on Tar Heel Soil During Wind-up of Training.

The news will be received with joy by Wilmington fans that the New York Americans have scheduled a game for here on the wind-up of their training season. This will be received with especial pleasure by the Wilmington faithful who are looking forward to seeing some more fine ball next season and which is fast approaching.

A wire sent out from New York conveys the above intelligence, being as follows:

"George Stallings, the new commander of the Yankees, has formulated plans for the training of the American League in the South next spring, as well as perfecting a schedule of exhibition games.

"Manager Stallings expects that all of the thirty-five men whom he has under contract will report to him at the training rendezvous in Macon, Ga., soon after he leaves New York with a party of players on March 1st. The first ten days will be devoted to light practice, and then will follow the serious work of developing a winning team.

"No regular exhibition games will be played until the first week in April, when the players will be divided into two teams, the first going to Augusta and the second to Savannah, each team playing on the same day. Quite an interesting schedule has been adopted for the Yankees, and under favorable conditions they should be in excellent shape for the opening of the championship season. This is the schedule:

"First Team—April 4th, Augusta, Ga.; 5th, Columbia, S. C.; 7th, Charlotte, N. C.; 8th, Lynchburg, Va.; 9th, Richmond, Va.; 10th, Jersey City; 11th, Newark; 12th, Trenton; 15th, Wilmington, Del.

"Second Team—April 5, Savannah, Ga.; 6th, Charleston, S. C.; 7th, Wilmington, N. C.; 8th, Danville, Va.; 9th, Norfolk, Va.; 10th-12th, Richmond, Va.; 13th, Baltimore, Md."

TRIBUTE TO DR. HALE.

Wilmington, Dec. 28, 1908.

Editor Dispatch: It was our privilege to attend the First Baptist Church of this city last evening, and hear a stirring address, delivered by its pastor on the "Outgoing of the Licensed Saloon, and the Incoming of the 'Blind Tiger'."

Dr. Hale was the pioneer of the recent temperance movement in our community, and through his influence, won the co-operation of his own congregation and a large outside following. Having survived the "hot shot" of the enemy, he is ready to aid the Law Enforcement League, and executive officers in carrying out the new law.

To secure the moral sentiment necessary to make the way of the transgressor hard, an earnest, eloquent appeal was made to our conscience, vigilance and "back-bone."

"This useless to storm a fort unless we intend to hold it, and a steady, courageous purpose will drive 'blind tigers' to other lairs."

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NOVEL PLAN

By Which It is Hoped to Accumulate Funds for Immanuel Presbyterian Church.

Through the kindness of the C. W. Polvogt Co. the Ladies' Aid Society of Immanuel Presbyterian Church are able to facilitate their efforts to raise funds to purchase a new carpet for the neat little church that has been the means of doing so much good in the southern section of the city. The church was recently painted on the interior by Mr. J. E. Hatch. The Ladies' Aid Society is using a legitimate plan for raising the funds for a new carpet, based on every subscription to the Ladies' Home Journal, or renewal, through the Ladies' Aid Society or to Rev. and Mrs. Crowley, No. 411 South Front street, or subscriptions or renewals left with the C. W. Polvogt Co. If it is not convenient to call, or to send the amount of subscription, or renewal, and you are a customer of the C. W. Polvogt Co., one may phone and the amount of the subscription will be charged to one's account, and collected in connection with the regular bill. It is hoped that many people will take advantage of this kindness and help Immanuel church. Friends who wish to contribute to this cause may phone Rev. J. S. Crowley and he will call.

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FIGHT AGAINST "BLIND TIGERS"

An Important Conference Was Held Today

Between Representatives From the Recently Organized Law Enforcement League and Mayor William E. Springer—Purpose of the League is to Create a Strong Public Sentiment Against Violators of the Prohibition Law.

A delegation from the Law Enforcement League, recently organized for the purpose of assisting the city administration and the officers of the law in suppressing every possible form of violation of the prohibition law which becomes effective Friday, January 1st, held a most important conference today at 1 o'clock with Mayor William E. Springer. The members of the delegation assured the chief executive of the city that their purpose in seeking the conference was merely to assure the mayor he would have the organized support of a strong band of representative citizenship, determined to aid in the effort to carry out the law to the very letter.

The delegation was composed of Mr. H. G. Fennell, Judge J. A. Erwin, pastor of the Christian Church, Messrs. J. A. Taylor, G. E. Leftwich, T. W. Wood, B. C. Moore, J. B. Fales and J. O. Carr, Esq.

Mr. Fennell stated that the committee had called on the mayor to confer with regard to the enforcement of the prohibition law and he requested Mr. J. A. Taylor to state the object in more complete detail.

Mr. Taylor stated that the Law Enforcement League has been organized to develop a spirit of loyalty to the majesty of the law, and to create a sentiment within the city which would do everything possible to assist in waging determined warfare against all violators of the law. He stated that this community, especially favored temperance but for several reasons, among which he cited the fact that Wilmington is the largest city in the State, that it is a seaport, that the State's eyes would be on Wilmington in its enforcement of the law, and because of the many methods by which the law may either be evaded or broken, it had been deemed wise to form the league so that citizens could aid in the campaign of law enforcement. Mr. Taylor stated that the league had been created to act as a supplementary body to the city government and that it was hoped, by the creation of a strong public sentiment, to do much toward rendering valuable assistance to officers of the law in the discharge of their duties. In concluding his remarks Mr. Taylor extended to the mayor the hearty support of the league and assured him of its encouragement and support in the fight against possible "blind tigers."

Mayor Springer then responded and he defined his position with regard to the prohibition question in unequivocal and outspoken manner. He stated that he was a strict prohibitionist and said that the law would be rigidly enforced, promising his own best efforts, and that of the police department from the chief of police to private, in the effort to apprehend and to bring to speedy and deserved justice every one who attempts to violate the law. He said he deemed it a duty he owed himself and citizens to see that the law is carried out and stated if any possible future situation developed which might show that he was not doing everything to have the law enforced his resignation would be forthcoming. He stated that a fine public sentiment against the violation of the prohibition law had already started and predicted that the Law Enforcement League would be a material factor in developing and extending such a spirit. In concluding Mayor Springer stated he would always be open to suggestions from the league and thanked the delegation for their presence.

The question of proper support in the higher court for prosecutions was then discussed by Mr. Taylor, Mr. Carr and Mr. Fennell, and the latter stated it was the intention of the league, however, if necessary, to secure attorneys, to assist the solicitor in the Superior Court in conducting prosecutions against persons charged with violating the law. Mr. Taylor remarked that the creation of a determined public sentiment against the violators of the law would be reflected in the jury box, and that the juries would be compelled to support citizens by punishing severely every person against whom sufficient evidence to convict was secured.

The conference will result in a great amount of good as it will bring the league and the city authorities in close harmony with each other.

The Law Enforcement League,

MORE PIPE TESTED

Four-inch Pipe Was Examined Today and Found to be All Right—Committee Will Likely Report its Findings and Recommendations to Monday Night's Regular Aldermanic Session.

Another test of the pipe of the Clarendon Waterworks Company was made today and again it was shown that the pipe is in good condition. This time an examination was made of 4-inch pipe that had been underground for twenty-seven years and located on Sixth street, between Princess and Chestnut. As the 6-inch pipe, this pipe was found to be in good condition; if anything in better condition, it is said, on account of there being much water circulation at that point. This will complete the examination of pipe and the Waterworks Committee will report its findings to the aldermen, the report likely being made at the regular monthly session of the city fathers to be held next Monday night.

Sentiment among a majority of the aldermen at present seems to be for buying the Clarendon plant at \$140,000. Whether the company will accept such or not remains to be seen, but it is thought that this price will prove acceptable in the end.

At the Bijou.

The feature films at the popular Bijou theatre today are called "The Mysterious Knight," and "A Sicilian History." Both are of an entertaining nature and will please the patrons of the theatre.

MARRIED LAST NIGHT

Miss Ellen Byrd the Bride of Mr. Warren B. Stephens.

Friends of Mr. Warren B. Stephens and Miss Ellen Byrd will be interested in the announcement of their marriage, which ceremony was celebrated last night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Spooner, No. 307 Brunswick St. The wedding vows were taken in accordance with the beautiful and impressive ceremony of the Presbyterian church and the officiating minister was Rev. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's church.

The wedding was witnessed by a number of friends and relatives of the contracting couple, and these extended hearty and sincere felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. Stephens, coupled with the best wishes for a long and happy wedded life.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephens will make their home at Delgado, where the groom holds a responsible position.

THE NEW YEAR

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This Bank is conveniently located at Front and Princess streets, and they accept deposits in any amounts from twenty-five cents up. January 1st is the beginning of their regular interest period, so if you open an account on or before January 2nd, your money will bear interest from the 1st, and the interest due will be credited to your account on April 1st.

New Year's Eve Service.

There will be a special New Year's service at the Church of the Good Shepherd, corner Sixth and Queen streets, Rev. Thomas P. Noe, rector. The service will consist of special music, with suitable prayers and address from 11:30 to 12 p. m. At midnight an opportunity will be given for those who wish to retire to leave the church; and a communion service will then be celebrated, as the first service of the New Year. The service will begin at 11:30 p. m.

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which starts with a membership of 300, has the following officers:

President, H. G. Fennell; Vice President, Judge J. A. Erwin; Secretary, O. L. Browne; Treasurer, G. E. Leftwich. The executive committee is composed of a member from each city ward as follows: First Ward, B. C. Moore; Second Ward, T. W. Wood; Third Ward, J. A. Taylor; Fourth Ward, J. O. Carr; Fifth Ward, J. B. Fales.

An active canvass for additional members for the Law Enforcement League will be started this afternoon and it is expected that fully a thousand names will be enrolled within the next few days.

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