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ANOTHER SHOCK THIS MORNING

Uncle Sam to Send Supplies to Italy

Today Another Earthquake Shook Down Crumbling Walls and, No Doubt, Added to the Death List—Search for Missing Americans—United States Ship to Leave This Afternoon With Supplies.

Rome, Dec. 31.—Details of the earthquake bear out yesterday's dispatches of the dead list of two hundred thousand. Minister of Marine estimates the number of dead at one hundred and fifteen thousand. This is regarded as a conservative. Fresh horror was added this morning by another earthquake, strong enough to shake down crumbling walls and it is believed that thousands more were killed. Lloyd Griscom, the American Ambassador, has dispatched a special agent to the South to investigate how many Americans were killed, report names and aid those suffering. The bodies of three hundred soldiers were washed ashore at Palmi today, which leads to the belief that an entire regiment perished in the tidal wave.

Uncle Sam Sends Help.

New York, Dec. 31.—President Roosevelt today directed that the steamer which had loaded with supplies for the battleship fleet be sent at once with the supplies to the Italian sufferers. Hasty orders were issued and every available man in the Brooklyn Navy yard was put to work to complete the loading. She will probably sail during the afternoon.

BROTHER ON THE STAND

Major Hains Tells of Capt. Hains' State of Mind.

Pushing, Dec. 31.—Before court opened today Attorney Shay appeared to Justice Crane to continue the adjournment to Monday, but Chief Counsel McIntyre informed the court he felt well enough to proceed and the trial went on. Major Hains, brother of the defendant, was recalled. The witness told of the Captain's return from the Philippines and his interviews with his wife regarding the gossip connecting her name with Annis. He did not vary in any important particular from the versions of the previous witnesses. The Captain was highly wrought-up when he told his brother of his wife's unfaithfulness. The witness showed in graphic manner the way the story was told him. He said the Captain was in tears when told him the story.

Mrs. Hains, the mother of the defendant, was the second witness called. While waiting for her Justice Crane excused the jury, and informed District Attorney Darrin that as the new District Attorney, Dewitt, was unfamiliar with the case that his (Darrin) services were indispensable and the court refused to permit him to withdraw from the case. Mrs. Hains told of the Captain's appearance at her home last June, described his actions and said he was "crazy." Her testimony was as to what the Captain told her and was about the same as the others.

An important point in Mrs. Hains' testimony was that she asked Thornton to look after his brother, as she didn't think it safe for him to go around alone. General Hains, father of the defendant, was the next witness. He said in answer to a question that his father died of insanity. Court adjourned this afternoon until Monday.

PARIS IN FROZEN GRIP.

Coldest in Half Century and Many Deaths.

Paris, Dec. 31.—Paris is blocked with frozen snow, and the weather is the coldest in half a century. Nineteen deaths are reported. The Countess De Santa Lucia fell while entering her home, and expired soon afterwards. Most of the dead dropped in the streets. Automobiles are the only vehicles that the snow hasn't put out of commission.

NEW YEAR AT BEACH.

Half Hour Schedule Will be Operated on Suburban Line.

The Tidewater Power Company will give folks ample opportunity to enjoy New Year's at delightful Wrightsville Beach. The suburban line will operate a half-hour schedule tomorrow afternoon, commencing at 2 o'clock. The regular schedule will apply in the morning.

THE NEW YEAR

Is the beginning of a regular interest period at The Peoples Savings Bank, deposit now and you will get your interest in Three Months.

GOES DRY TONIGHT

In a Few Hours North Carolina Will Be Prohibition—Fifty Odd Saloons Close in Wilmington, and Their Tax Revenue—Work of Closing Out, Today—State Supreme Court's Decision As to a United States License.

As well known to about every one in Wilmington capable of realization the Old North State passes from wet to dry, on the stroke of twelve tonight. To the great majority of the towns of the State this will mean nothing new, because they have been under prohibition rule for years, but with Salisbury, Winston-Salem, Rocky Mount, Wilmington and a few other towns it means a radical change. Especially so with this city, which has been wet far beyond the memory of man of this time. There will probably be put out of business in Wilmington almost as many saloons as in all the other North Carolina places combined. As noted in The Dispatch several days ago fifty-five saloons, four brewery agencies and one distillery will be closed in Wilmington, and which gave a revenue in taxes to the city during the last six months of \$17,270. To this the county will add four saloons, three located at Wrightsville Beach and one at Carolina Beach and which came under the law allowing bars at resorts. To the State and county the revenue from these during the last six months was \$14,166, or \$7,050 for county and \$7,116 for the State.

Today finds a general breaking-up of the saloons in this city, and many drays and wagons have been hurrying to and fro this morning. Several of the saloons closed yesterday—one several days ago—but the big majority will likely remain open until the midnight hour tonight.

The Bear wine factory will remain, using the native product and being allowed by law.

Many of the saloon keepers are to utilize their old places for other businesses and they heartily express the wish that the prohibition law be enforced. Some few stores will be made vacant, and some few saloon keepers will go to Virginia and Florida to engage in the whiskey business.

Some of the Wilmington clubs will operate the locker to come within the meaning of the law, but others will not tolerate even that.

The present week has witnessed the selling of a great quantity of whiskey and wines in Wilmington, while much has been shipped away. It is not a secret that many people have purchased a large supply and, of course, got "good likker" cheap.

That the city and county authorities are going to make strenuous efforts for the enforcement of the prohibition law is already manifest and the Law Enforcement League, a timely and splendid organization, will give them strong moral and financial backing.

At several of the watch-night services tonight reference will be made in impressive manner to the passing out of the saloon, but especially will this apply to the First Baptist church.

At five minutes to the midnight hour tonight the First Baptist church bell will begin to toll the knell of the dying saloon. From then till the new year begins the people at the "Watch Meeting" will be on their knees in prayer; and as the clock at the Court House strikes twelve "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" will be sung. The meeting will be of a social nature from 8 till 10 o'clock, at which hour the regular literary and musical program will begin. Interspersed throughout the program will be short addresses from four of the Baptist ministers of the city, Revs. Martin, Whitlock, Smith and Hale.

The Supreme Court of the State has already held that the holding of a Government liquor license is evidence that the holder is engaged in the liquor business and it will be an easy matter to obtain the names of those who hold such licenses. They are always made public in Raleigh and The Dispatch will publish the list always as soon as obtainable. On this matter the following decision in full of the North Carolina Supreme Court in the case of State vs. Dowdy, can be read with both interest and profit and is timely to observe:

1. Intoxicating Liquors, Criminal Prosecution, Indictment, Sufficiency: An indictment, charging an unlawful sale of spirituous liquor to a person or persons to the jurors unknown, is not subject to the objection that it does not give the name of the person or persons to whom the sale was made.—(Ed. note, for case in point, see Cent. Dig. Vol. 29, Intoxicating Liquors, 239.)

2. Criminal Law, Appeal, Presumptions, General Verdict, Good and Bad Counts: Where two counts in an indictment are good, and there is evidence tending to sustain them, on a general verdict of guilty, the conviction should be upheld, though a third count may be defective.

3. Intoxicating Liquors, Criminal Prosecutions, Evidence, Admissibility: A writing, under the hand and seal of a collector of internal revenue, "Current list of special tax payers in County—L. & D. retail malt liquors dealers" is admissible in evidence.

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ARRESTED FOR FALSE PRETENCE

Stranger Tries to Fleece Masonic Order

Joseph Fitzgerald, a White Man, Arrested Here Today Upon Complaint of the Masons at Rocky Mount—The Stranger Has Been Working a Bold Game With a Stolen Receipt of the Order—Attempted to Secure Local Masonic Aid.

Representing himself to be a member of a Baltimore lodge of Masons, temporarily financially embarrassed and in immediate need of assistance, Joseph Fitzgerald, a well dressed stranger, yesterday afternoon made application for assistance to the local members of the Masonic Fraternity, but before aid was given him letters and telegrams received from a Rocky Mount lodge pronounced the stranger a fraudulent impostor, and upon complaint from the latter place Fitzgerald was placed under arrest this morning on the charge of obtaining money under false pretence. The stranger was apprehended in front of the Masonic Temple about 8:30 o'clock this morning by Officer J. T. Smith, following the receipt of a telegram from J. S. Davis, chief of police of Rocky Mount, and he will be held at the police station to await officers from that place where he will be carried for trial.

From the details of the scheme as carried out by Fitzgerald it appears as if he is a sharper of accomplished ability and the Masons are congratulating themselves that they have succeeded in stopping his fraudulent work.

Some days ago Fitzgerald made an appeal for assistance to Corinthian Lodge No. 230, A. F. and A. M., at Rocky Mount, stating that he wished to go to Florence, S. C., and the organization there advanced a sum of money to defray his expenses for the trip. While in Rocky Mount Fitzgerald presented a signed receipt from a Baltimore lodge of the Masons which apparently demonstrated that he was a member in good standing and which certificate stated he had paid in advance his dues for one year. It was upon this receipt that the Masons of Rocky Mount based their faith in the man when they assisted him. Following his departure from that town, the Masons grew a little suspicious, however, and communicated with the Baltimore lodge by which the receipt was alleged to have been issued. This inquiry was followed with the rather startling information that Fitzgerald was neither a member of the lodge nor of that jurisdiction, that he was unknown in Baltimore, and the request was made that every effort be made to recover the receipt, which he, presumably, had stolen and filled in himself.

As soon as this information was received by the Rocky Mount Lodge the Masons there hastened to write other lodges in this territory about the impostor, and a letter containing full information concerning Fitzgerald was forwarded yesterday by Mr. A. S. Holden, secretary of St. John's Lodge. This letter arrived on the same train yesterday morning as did Fitzgerald.

The stranger made appeals for assistance as soon as he reached this city and he was referred to the General Relief Committee of the Masons. Fitzgerald had a conversation late yesterday afternoon with Mr. R. C. DeRosset, a member of the Relief Committee, during which he stated he wished to get to Norfolk, concluding with a strong appeal for immediate assistance. He claimed he represented a paper manufacturing concern of Cincinnati and that his mail had been forwarded to Norfolk, leaving him temporarily without funds. He affirmed his intention to return any money advanced as soon as he reached Norfolk. Mr. DeRosset stated to the man that the Masons always rendered assistance to worthy brothers of the order in distress and told him the General Relief Committee would be called together early this morning so that money could be given him in time for the departure of the northbound train.

Last evening the information concerning Fitzgerald's movements at Rocky Mount was ascertained by the members of the committee, and this was supplemented by a telegram from Chief of Police Davis at Rocky Mount requesting that Fitzgerald be arrested immediately and held for the authorities there.

Naturally the Baltimore lodge has been very anxious to recover the spurious receipt which Fitzgerald has been submitting to Masons as genuine and requests had been made to locate the receipts if possible.

This morning when Fitzgerald was placed under arrest by Officer Smith he submitted willingly and walked to the station house with the officer. A Mr. Walker noticed the officer with his prisoner and saw Fitzgerald slip a paper out of his pocket and drop it to the ground. This gentleman recovered the paper, handed it to the policeman, and an examination revealed that it was the spurious receipt from the Baltimore lodge. The receipt is now in the hands of the authorities and will be used as evidence against Fitzgerald when he is tried on the charge of obtaining money under false pretence from Corinthian Lodge at Rocky Mount.

Fitzgerald has been particularly bold in his attempts to fleece the order and it has not yet been ascertained whether he is really a Mason or not. When arrested he had in his pockets a manual published under the auspices of the Masons, but he could easily have secured this from the Baltimore lodge at the time he obtained possession of the receipt blank.

THE C. C. & O. ROAD

Expression Obtained From General Manager Caples About the Work of This Road—Will Likely Enter Wilmington Over the Seaboard Tracks—No Decision Yet as to Definite Dates.

One of the most important things for Wilmington of late is the coming of the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio railroad to Wilmington.

Just how the entrance is to be made and when has been the subject of much speculation and some discussion of late. The Charlotte Chronicle, which has kept in close touch with the situation, has gotten word from the General Manager of the road about it, and yesterday afternoon's Chronicle has this to say:

"For some time past rumor has been busy with the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio road and its plans and to get at the straight of the matter, the Chronicle made direct application to Mr. M. J. Caples, the general manager, at Johnson City. It asked him for enlightenment on three points, the character of which is indicated by his replies. In a letter under date of the 28th to the editor of The Chronicle, Mr. Caples says:

"We expect to begin doing business with the Seaboard Air Line at Bostic early in February, 1909. C. C. and O. freight trains will not run beyond Bostic, but will deliver freight to the Seaboard Air Line at that point.

"It is expected that passenger service will be in operation to Bostic not later than February 1, 1909. It has not yet been determined whether or not C. C. and O. trains will go beyond Bostic or will merely connect at that point with the Seaboard Air Line.

"No decision has been made as yet as to Pullman service, but Pullman service will undoubtedly be installed shortly after the opening of the road for through business, but definite dates have not been decided upon in this connection.

"This makes it all clear enough. The passenger service of the C. C. and O. will be extended to Bostic by February 1st, as was stated in The Chronicle a few days ago. At that time the C. C. and O. train may connect with the Seaboard, or may be run through to Charlotte and Wilmington, but that will be done later on when the through Pullman car service to Cincinnati will be put on, which will be early in the spring. The Clinchfield coal fields will be opened up to Charlotte and all points on the Seaboard next month. This official information will be received with much satisfaction by the people interested and they inhabit a large portion of North Carolina."

At the Bijou.

The feature film at the popular Bijou theatre today reveals a pretty love story of Bohemian life in which the central figure is a beautiful Gypsy girl. The film develops a pretty romance and it will entertain everyone who sees it.

WORK OF SNEAK THIEVES.

They Are Particularly Purloining Flowers From the Front Piazza.

Sneak thieves have been getting in their work of late and have paid especial attention to purloining flowers from the front porch. A resident on Nun street, between Fourth and Fifth reports a depredation of this kind. A handsome fern was stolen from the piazza of the home and, no doubt, was sold.

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New Year Resolutions of a Thrifty Man.

1. Resolved, To save more and spend less.
2. Resolved, To place my savings in a good Strong Savings Bank.
3. Resolved, To increase my principal by the addition of 4 per cent. Compound Interest.
4. Resolved, That after due consideration I have selected THE PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK as my depository, and I invite my friends to do likewise. It (Signed) THE THRIFTY MAN.

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