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TELLS MESSINA'S FALL

First a Shock, Then Fires, Then More Earthquakes.

TYPICAL STORY OF DISASTER.

Steamship man at Sicilian Metropolis Describes His Experiences of Terrible Hour—Saved His Family and Some Relatives, but Others Were Never Found in City's Ruin—Refuge Under Arch.

London, Jan. 1.—In a dispatch from Syracuse, Sicily, to the London Daily Mail Achille Carrara, the general agent of the Steam Navigation Company in Messina, gives an account of new light on the circumstances of his experiences, which throws some new light on the circumstances of the disaster at Messina.

A most important statement is that the first heavy shock on Monday morning was followed by others throughout the day, and that on Monday night two fresh and terrible shocks razed to the ground what was left of the town after the first upheaval. This is a point that has not been brought out by the previous despatches. He also says that great fires raged all day and all Monday night in the city.

"I was thrown out of bed by the earthquake," he says. "Frantic with terror, I shouted to my wife, my children, and my servants, assembling them under the arch of the window. The house rocked, but remained erect.

Was a Scene of Horror.

"We dressed in darkness and blinding dust, while everything heaved about us. We staggered down the reeling staircase to the street. It was choked with the ruins of the surrounding buildings. Masonry was falling on all sides. The injured were shrieking from their tombs beneath the wreck.

"The ground was split up everywhere. Horror was piled upon horror. The inky blackness pressed upon us, with here and there a flame shooting out from the wreckage.

"At daylight we found our way to the harbor, where the tidal wave had thrown the water 14 feet above the quay, and had broken every vessel adrift. The harbor was full of wreckage; capsized skiffs were floating about.

"Four steamers had been flung on the quay, but had floated as the great wave drew back, and were tugging on their anchors. They were the Elbro, the Drake, the Varese, and Ahoer. We halted Drake, and were taken aboard and well tended.

"Later the captain of the Drake sent a party with me to rescue my relatives living at the north end of Messina. The houses of the British consul and chaplain were found to be mere dust heaps. I located what had been my brother's house, and after digging for hours with our hands and breaking our way through the fallen masonry, beams, rafters, and broken furniture we rescued my brother, his wife and child, and eighteen other persons.

"We found no trace of my father, mother, grandmother, sister, or aunt. All had been crushed under the ruins of the three houses."

TO OBLITERATE MESSINA.

Work of Rescue in Stricken City Practically Abandoned.

Naples, Jan. 3.—A correspondent who has just returned from Messina says it is a heap of ruins and a city of the dead. Nothing can be done with it but burn its corpses and obliterate its ruins.

Dead bodies lie in the streets, and occasional heaps of them remain where they have been gathered by the rescue parties. The work of rescue is now practically abandoned, as it is dangerous and useless.

The authorities are refusing to allow anybody to enter Messina, which, as soon as possible, will be covered with quicklime.

Don't Get a Divorce.

A western judge granted a divorce on account of ill-temper and bad breath. Dr. King's New Life Pills would have prevented it. They cure constipation, causing bad breath and Liver Trouble the ill-temper, dizziness, banish headaches, conquer chills. 25c at Hood Bros.

GEO. B. JUSTICE SELECTED.

Mr. Shipman Names Him as Assistant Commissioner of Labor and Printing.

Mr. M. L. Shipman, Commissioner of Labor and Printing, has selected Mr. George B. Justice, of Charlotte, as Assistant Commissioner. Mr. Justice held this position during a part of the year 1904, being succeeded by Mr. Shipman on December 1, of that year. He is an experienced printer and has been president of the Charlotte Typographical Union. He is a son of Rev. T. B. Justice, pastor of the First Baptist church of Franklinton, and a nephew of Superior Court Judge Michael Hoke Justice. His supporters in the recent contest claimed for him a thorough knowledge of every feature of the printing business, calling attention to the fact that he has done service in a number of the largest publishing houses in North Carolina, among them being; foreman of the Greensboro Telegram, foreman of job department The News publishing Co., Charlotte, foreman Presbyterian Standard, foreman book room Ray Printing Co., Charlotte, manager The Mutual Printing Co., and has held positions in the offices of Messrs Edwards and Broughton and E. M. Uzzell, Raleigh, and with the Observer Printing Co., Charlotte.—News and Observer.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET

JURORS FOR MARCH COURT.

All the Board Present to Transact the County's Business—School Election for Oneals District Ordered—Bridge and Stock Law Commissioners Appointed.

The Board of County Commissioners met here Monday in regular session with the following present: W. T. Bailey, chairman, J. C. Keen, R. L. Ogburn, John W. Wood and D. B. Oliver.

The usual routine business was transacted and the regular accounts allowed.

An election was ordered held in District No. 5, white race, Oneals township, on February 16, to decide whether a tax of 30 cents on \$100 and 90 cents on poll should be levied for the purpose of supplementing the school fund for said district. Register—C. L. Narron. Pollholders—J. S. Talton and Oscar Hocutt.

The following Bridge Commissioner were appointed for the ensuing year:

Wilson's Mills—C. M. Wilson. Clayton—M. M. Gully. Cleveland—W. G. Renn. Pleasant Grove—J. W. Massengill. Elevation—J. S. Johnson. Banner—B. D. Creech. Meadow—L. P. Johnson. Bentonsville—N. W. Smith. Ingrams—C. D. Smith. Boon Hill—J. W. Baker. Oneals—W. T. Parker. Wilders—J. R. Barnes. Beulah—J. B. Pearce. Selma—C. F. Kirby. Pine Level—E. T. Futrell. Smithfield—D. J. Wellons.

Stock Law Commissioners. Pleasant Grove—Ed. S. Coats. Elevation—W. S. Smith. Ingrams and Smithfield—C. D. Smith.

Oneals—R. H. Godwin. Wilders—J. B. Oneal. Selma and Pine Level—Ike Ingram.

Jurors for March Term.

First week—J. E. Parrish, E. L. Smith, C. P. Ellis, J. E. Adstin, Eli Batten, S. W. Booker, W. B. Godwin, W. H. Grimes, H. H. Penny, M. C. Barber, W. C. Benson, Henry Morgan, Wilson Allen, A. Hood, H. Blackman, Walter Blackman, Lewis Stevens, J. W. Keen, J. G. Coats, T. R. Massengill, D. A. Overby, J. W. Johnson, A. H. Hardison, J. W. Rowe, J. H. Aycock, S. W. Creech, J. S. Talton, J. P. Glover, W. T. Hinton, T. H. Whitley, Thomas Brown, G. Fitzgerald, W. G. Britt, Daniel Coats, C. E. Creech and J. H. Brady.

Second week—Ed. R. Youngblood, E. R. Gully, J. L. Talton, W. T. Johnson, L. Y. Stephenson, Alonzo Barbour, J. T. Lee, J. P. Jernigan, J. H. Atkinson, J. R. Holmes, C. R. Daugherty, F. C. Edgerton, Jesse Narvon, J. I. Murphy, J. P. Eason, Dan U. Oliver, C. H. Johnson and Walter Lee.

Cotter-Underwood Co. have a fine lot of young males they will sell cheap.

ASSEMBLY CONVENES

Session of North Carolina Legislature Met Wednesday

WORK OF ORGANIZATION.

Democratic Caucus Nominees Chosen. Governor's Message Today—Relief for Earthquake Sufferers—Committees on Rules.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 6.—The North Carolina General Assembly organized today with A. W. Graham, of Granville, speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor Francis D. Winston, presiding in the Senate until the new Lieutenant Governor, Hon. W. C. Newland, is inducted into office as presiding officer on January 12th.

Whitehead Klutz, of Salisbury, was made president pro tem. for the session. All the other officers in both branches of the Assembly were elected in accordance with the selections made at the Democratic caucus last night. Cobb, of Morganton was nominated for principal clerk of the House by Morton, of New Hanover. The vote for Speaker in the House was Graham 90, Harshaw 27. Hayes, of Chatham, nominated, and Dowd, of Mecklenburg, both defeated candidates in the Democratic caucus, seconded the nomination of Graham for the speakership. Hayes later introduced the speaker to members when he assumed the chair.

In the Senate Klutz was nominate by Long, of Iredell, for President pro tem, and J. J. Britt, Republican, was nominated by Starbuck, of Forsyth. The vote was Klutz 31, Britt 9.

The Senate passed a resolution preparatory for the inauguration of the Governor and State officers of Tuesday, January 12th, at 1 o'clock.

A joint resolution was offered in the House by Perry, of Vance, extending profound sympathy to the King and Queen, of Italy, and their subjects, and appropriating \$5,000 for the relief of the sufferers from the earthquake. This was referred to the committee on finance and must await the appointment of this committee.

The House and Senate passed resolutions notifying Governor Glenn of their readiness to receive his message and a recess was taken until 11 o'clock tomorrow when the Governor will appear before the joint session in person and read the message as he did two years ago. The oath of office was administered to members of the House for organization by Chief Justice Clark and Lieutenant Governor Winston performed this duty in the Senate.

A motion by Morton in the House makes the rules of the last session apply until the committee on rules reports a new code. This committee consists of Dowd, Currie, Doughton, Kitchin, Lee, of Haywood and Harshaw. The committee on rules in the Senate is Bassett, Barringer Hawkins.

The Senate reassembled at 3 o'clock. A message was received from the House to the effect that organization had been perfected and a special committee was appointed to wait on the Governor along with the Senate Committee, and inform him the Assembly was ready to receive any communication from him. The Senate appointed Senators Manning, Klutz and Britt to wait on the Governor with the House Committee.—Wilmington Star.

ORDERS 41 EXECUTIONS.

Russian Military Court Sentences Men for 1905 Riot Crimes.

Yekaterinoslav, Russia, Jan. 1.—The military court today pronounced 41 death sentences. Thirty-two were in connection with the railroad troubles of October, 1905. Twelve strikers were condemned to penal servitude for life, 48 to lesser terms of exile, and 39 were acquitted.

These sentences grow out of the fatal riot of 1905, when strikers, numbering hundreds of thousands through out Russia, attempted to tie up the whole railway system, telegraphic lines, and gas and electric light plants, many persons being killed and injured.

The majority of the strikers, until lately, enjoyed full liberty, some of them being in the employ of the municipality.

THREE STATES NOW DRY

North Carolina, Mississippi, and Alabama Close Saloons.

REMARKABLE PROGRESS MADE.

Prohibitionists, Gaining These Big Victories, Are Greatly Encouraged and Intend to Carry Campaign Further.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 1.—State-wide prohibition laws went into effect today in three Southern States, North Carolina, Mississippi, and Alabama. Georgia is the only other state where in statutory prohibition exists the law having been in operation one year.

A new law which seeks to regulate the liquor traffic in Louisiana becomes effective today, and although the law is not so sweeping in its terms as a State-wide law, prohibitionists contend that it is strictly enforced it will drive the saloons out of the remaining saloon strongholds.

Having won their State-wide fights in four States, the antisaloon forces have greatly enlarged the South's 'dry' area, and they are now lining up for yearly campaigns in several other States where prohibition has assumed the magnitude of a political issue.

In these States now listed as 'wet,' the antisaloon forces, by persistent work at the polls, have restricted the sale of liquor to a small territory, mainly in the larger cities, and in these it is expected a vigorous attack will be made.

The prohibitionists contend they will be able to pass a State-wide bill before the Tennessee legislature, which meets this month. In other States, notably Texas and Arkansas, the voters probably will be called upon this summer to decide a constitutional amendment for prohibition.

Senate Will Miss Foraker.

When Joseph B. Foraker retires from public life, on March 4 of this year, the United States Senate will lose one of its readiest and most brilliant debaters. In fact, it may be said the Ohioan is without a peer in this respect.

Senator Joe Bailey, of Texas, sometimes is placed in his class, but Bailey does not possess in the versatility and breadth of knowledge, although he is one of the stars of the body. Foraker is an orator, and is well grounded in the intellectual requisites which distinguish oratory from mere eloquence; but he is eloquent besides.

No senator holds an audience more easily, and he is always sure of close attention whenever he speaks. Among Republicans who have been in the senate in recent years, John C. Spooner, of Wisconsin, was the only other man who possessed this attribute in a similar degree, and even he was not quite so resourceful and magnetic as Foraker.—Washington Post.

EUROPE IS RAISING FUNDS.

President Fallieres Gives \$5,000 and King Edward \$2,500.

Paris, Jan. 1.—The Bank of France has subscribed \$10,000 for the relief of the earthquake victims. Baron de Rothschild has sent the Italian ambassador \$20,000.

The directors of the Paris newspapers are agitating a lottery in aid of the victims of the disaster. The cabinet today voted to open a national fund, and has requested the newspapers to start subscription lists. President Fallieres has subscribed \$5,000 for the relief and the cabinet \$2,400.

London, Dec. 31.—King Edward has contributed \$2,500 and Queen Alexandra and the Prince of Wales each \$1,250 for the earthquake sufferers.

The lord mayor's fund now totals \$75,000, which has been raised almost entirely through the contributions of large business houses. Sir Ernest Cassell has contributed \$5,000, Brown Shipley & Co. \$2,625, and the Bank of England \$2,500. Special collections which are being taken up on the stock exchange and by many public bodies will greatly increase the fund.

I WILL Continue to sell my stock at reduced prices until closed out. N. B. Grantham.

DANCES AT 103 YEARS.

Aged Russian Entertains Other Centenarians in New York Home With a Dance.

New York, Jan. 3.—Had a visitor dropped into the dining room of 302 East Broadway at the right moment this afternoon he would have seen one of the very oldest in New York dancing a measure he learned in Russia a very long time ago. Since Mendel Diamondstein completed his one hundredth year, he has danced the Russian kozotsky infrequently, and now that he is 106, it must indeed be an extraordinary occasion that persuades him.

That dance of today was by way of honoring the sixtieth wedding anniversary of Aaron Boas, who is 90 years old, and his wife, Yetta, who is 85. They were married in Covo, Russia. All of the 200 old friends who live at the Home of the Daughters of Jacob.

At this anniversary of today were Esther Davis, 108 years old, the oldest inmate of the home; Rosie Aaronwald, 107 years old; Michele Schlehtzky, 107; Herman Krevulian, 100; Pauline Kalmanson, 97, and Isaac Kaplan, 98. There was present one youth, Provishe Gusikov, who is 67. Besides dancing, Mendel Diamondstein made a speech and toasted Aaron and Yetta Boas in undiluted schnapps.

HORRIBLE MURDER NEAR SELMA

J. CHARLES BROWN THE VICTIM.

Murderer Lay in Wait and Killed Him Instantly—Coroner's Jury Charges A. Batten With Crime Batten Arrested Tuesday and Lodged in Jail.

Last Monday the sad news of the murder of Mr. J. Charles Brown, of Selma township spread over the eastern section of the county. Everybody heard of it with the deepest regret, for he was well known and had many friends.

The horrible deed was committed Sunday night about seven o'clock. He had started home from the home of a tenant of his who lived about three hundred yards from his residence. When about fifty yards from where he had started he was shot by some one in hiding behind a tree. The lead entered the left side of his breast and caused almost instant death. Mr. John Deans and his wife who lived at the tenant house heard the report of the gun, rushed to the door, saw the smoke from the powder saw a man run from the tree, saw Mr. Brown stagger and fall over on the fence and heard him exclaim: "Lord have mercy." They reached him in a very short time and saw him move his head just a little one time before he expired.

Dr. A. H. Rose, the County Coroner, summoned a jury composed of L. D. Debnam, J. I. Blackman, R. E. Richardson, W. T. Bailey, Gibson Fitzgerald and J. H. Griffin and held an inquest over his body Monday and the jury's verdict was that he came to his death at the hands of A. Batten who used a gun. Batten was a former tenant of Mr. Brown and, it is said, they had disputed over some business matters. If reports are true it is probable that a certain woman had more to do with causing the killing than the dispute over business affairs. Sunday evening he went to the home of his brother, Mr. Henry Batten, and carried his gun, which was a single barrel shotgun, with him. It is reported that he had said something about killing Mr. Brown and had bought some loaded shells from a store in Selma last Saturday. He was arrested at the home of his brother Tuesday morning and lodged in jail here to await trial at the next term of court in March. The arrest was made by Deputy Sheriff Claude Sanders.

VICTIM DRAWN FOR JURY.

Prisoner in New York Murder Case Gets Shock at Trial.

Middletown, N. Y., Jan. 1.—A peculiar incident occurred in Chenango county in the drawing of Eldridge Davis to serve on the jury which is to try Earl Hill for murder this month.

The fact is regarded by the superstitious as an omen, owing to the fact that Davis was the farmer who was shot dead near his home, near Bainbridge, by Hill in August last.

It is said that the alleged murderer was greatly shocked when he learned that the name of the man whom he is supposed to have murdered should have been one of the first drawn to serve on the jury.

Senator Knox as Printer's Devil.

While attending college Senator Knox, who will be Taft's secretary of state, got ahead of his class and entered a printing office for a year.

"I worked on the Brownsville Clipper," said he recently, "and I learned to set type, write the views of the town as well as rural editorials and to pull the old Washington hand press. I did everything from keeping books to sweeping the floor and washing the rollers. That was a great and useful experience."