

MESSINA IS AGAIN SHOCKED

Two Terrific Quakes Felt Thursday--The 25,000 Inhabitants in Panic--Mother Dashes For Her Babe And Dies With It In Her Arms.

Messina, By Cable.--Messina experienced two terrific earthquakes at about 7:30 o'clock Thursday morning, which were accompanied by roaring sounds and are said to have had a stronger and more undulatory movement than the earthquake of last December which destroyed Messina, Reggio and other cities, laid waste to many villages in Calabria and killed 200,000 people.

Although the shocks Thursday had no such terrible consequences the 25,000 residents of this city were thrown into a state of terror. They ran into the streets panic stricken and Thursday night nearly the entire population was encamped in the open.

The broken walls of the old ruins were thrown to the ground and Messina was for a few minutes smothered in a cloud of dust.

The casualties were few and the only persons killed, so far as is known, were a young woman and her infant. The woman had come here only a few days ago and had settled in rooms, which the great earthquake had left relatively undamaged. She was standing at the

door when the shock occurred and rushed inside to save her child. Before she could escape from the room the second shock threw down the walls, burying both mother and child under the debris. Soldiers and engineers who rushed to the rescue heard the voice of the mother calling for help and they worked heroically for several hours, when they found the dead bodies, the mother with her child in her arms.

The first shock was followed quickly by a second and the people fell pell mell to the American quarter, which they seemed to feel was the safest place of refuge. So great was the rush to the American huts that the authorities were unable to check the invasion and as a consequence these structures, which were designed for the most needy of the populace, were taken possession of by the first comers. The soldiers, however, soon drew a cordon around this quarter and a guard was mounted at the bridge leading to it. Many of the panic stricken people were driven off and orders were issued that no one be permitted to occupy the American quarter pending further instructions.

ORVILLE WRIGHT MAKES THREE SUCCESSFUL FLIGHTS

Washington, Special.--Calm, confident and nerveless, Orville Wright late Thursday encircled the Ft. Meyer drill grounds time after time in his aeroplane in three successful flights while a crowd of thousands cheered him for the success that attended his persistency and pluck. While the machine oscillated at certain points in its flights and dipped and rose suddenly at other points, it was evident from the regularity with which these things happened that they were due to the condition of the atmosphere and not to any fault of the machine.

For the first flight the machine got away with a fine start. Down the field the aeroplane sailed, curved gracefully and came back up the east side of the field along the edge of Arlington Cemetery. The machine seemed to be behaving beautifully. The first round was made in fifty seconds. Five times the machine skirted the field, attaining a height which varied from 15 to 30 feet.

On the sixth round Mr. Wright came to earth within a few hundred feet of the starting point, completing the flight in exactly five minutes. The landing was perfect, the machine swooping down in successive glides until Orville pulled the string which stops his motor and the aeroplane glided smoothly over the grass on its skids until it came to a stop. The machine was returned to the starting apparatus and again was placed in position, and another flight was ceased.

COMMISSION DECIDES ADVERSELY IN BISHOPS' CASE

Washington, Special.--The Interstate Commerce Commission has decided adversely in the matter of the complaints filed before them by five bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, who claimed that they had been the victims of discrimination while passengers on Southern railroads. The complaints were directed against the Pullman Company and the Richmond, Fredericksburg

and Potomac, the Southern and the Central Railway of Georgia. The complainants were Bishops Wesley J. Gaines, H. M. Turner, Evans Tyree, C. S. Smith and E. W. Brampton.

The principle involved in the complaint was the old one of the "Jim-Crow" car, it being alleged that the coaches furnished for the negroes are not as good as those for white passengers and that the negroes were refused sleeping accommodations and food on trains.

STRANGE FREAK OF LIGHTNING IN MARYLAND TOWN

Cumberland, Md., Special.--Lightning struck the house of Johnson Collins, last Wednesday, four miles east of Flintstone, while Mr. and Mrs. Collins, their six children and Mrs. Johnson, a neighbor, were in the kitchen. Mrs. Collins was putting pie in the bake oven. When Mr. Collins recovered from the shock he found his wife and the youngest

child in her arms standing under a tree in the yard. She could not tell how she got there. One of her shoes had been torn from her foot and the flesh was scraped from her ankle downward almost to the bone. The roof was torn from the house, one side of the building demolished, the stone chimney shattered, in pieces and dishes in the cupboard broken.

MAY BE THE BODY OF ELSIE SIGEL'S MURDERER

New York, Special.--Although complete identification was impossible as yet, there appears to be a strong probability that the body of a Chinaman, which was found floating in the Hudson river in the upper part of the city Thursday evening, was that of Leon Ling or William L. Leon, the murderer of Elsie Sigel. The man's height, weight and general appearance tallies with that of Leon Ling, but as the body was nude, except for a silk undershirt, and had been in the water for more than a week, a thorough examination will be necessary. Coroner McDonald, who was the first

to inspect the body, believes that it is Leon's as do a number of policemen, but until measurements and facial characteristics are carefully gone over the identification will remain in doubt.

If it is Leon the cause of his death will be another mystery although one theory, that of suicide, would appear reasonable. In salient features the body bore a marked resemblance to Leon Ling. The teeth were good, as were Leon's, the height about 5 feet 4 inches, which was Leon's height, and the weight 135 pounds, which was about Leon's.

TREASURY CONDITION

Officials Pleased at the Showing of the Governments Finances.

Washington, Special.--Treasury officials are pleased at the present showing of the government finances. Ordinarily a deficit in the government revenues of \$89,811,156, as shown by statement on July 1st, would not be a matter for congratulation. Nevertheless at the close of the fiscal year 1909 the treasury officials express much gratification that the official estimate of a deficit of \$114,000,000 made last December has not been verified, and are hopeful for a continuance of the improvement, which has been especially noted during the last four months.

The customs receipts for the year aggregated \$301,209,863, which is an increase as compared with last year of \$15,000,000. The internal revenue produced \$246,329,063, a decrease of about \$5,000,000. Miscellaneous receipts aggregated \$56,893,919, which is a falling off of about \$6,500,000. The receipts from all sources during the year aggregated \$604,432,846, which is an increase over last year of \$3,250,000.

On the side of expenditures the total for the year was \$694,244,002, which is an increase over 1908 of about \$37,000,000. The civil and miscellaneous expenditures amounted to \$164,288,538, an increase of \$5,000,000 over last year. The War Department expenditures aggregated \$164,100,242, an increase of \$40,000,000. The navy account is the only item in the list to show a decrease, the figures for the year being \$115,988,869 as against \$118,780,233 for the year 1908.

Pension payments for the year amounted to \$167,689,423, an increase of over \$8,000,000.

Interchange of Students.

London, Special.--A scheme for the interchange of university students between the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom, rivaling in importance that established under the will of the late Cecil Rhodes, is in process of formation, with every prospect of success. The idea, which is supported by an influential committee, headed by the Hon. H. H. Asquith, Prime Minister of Great Britain and Lord Strathearn, High Commissioner of Canada, and which includes the heads of the chief universities in the United Kingdom, and has also the indorsement of the presidents of the American and Canadian universities, aims at providing opportunities to students of the three countries to obtain some real insight into the life, progress and customs of other nations, with a minimum of inconvenience to their academic work, and at the possible expense. The promoters suggest the provision of certain traveling scholarships, the selection of which should be along the lines of the Rhodes scholarships, the selected candidate, in addition to his academic qualifications, to be what is popularly known as an all-round man.

Twenty-eight of these scholarships are proposed, fourteen to be available for universities in the United Kingdom, ten for America and four for Canada; the American and Canadian students securing them to have a week's tour in Great Britain under the guidance of a university man, the British students, on the other hand, to have a similar tour of America and Canada, always during their respective long vacations. Before efforts are made to obtain permanent endowment for the scheme, it is proposed that funds shall be asked for its maintenance for an experimental period of three years. The total cost is estimated at \$68,500 for the three years, of which sum it is proposed that the United Kingdom shall contribute \$36,000, the United States \$22,500 and Canada \$9,000.

Kaiser's Yacht Wins Race.

Kiel, Special.--Emperor William's Meteor, steered part of the time by His Majesty himself, won the 51-one mile race of Eckernforde Wednesday, covering the distance in 5 hours and 10 minutes. Germania was second, in 5 hours and 30 minutes, and Iduna, owned by the Empress, was third.

Fire in Messina Ruins.

Rome, By Cable.--Fire started in the ruins of Messina Monday evening. Owing to the high wind and a lack of water, the flames extended over a large area. The coal depot was destroyed, as were stacks of furniture and wood recovered from the ruins, and several encampments were threatened. Soldiers and blue-jackets, after two hours' work, succeeded in establishing a water supply and in diminishing but not extinguishing the fire, which is burning itself out. The survivors of the earthquake were thrown into a panic and spent the night in the open.

OUTLAW CHIEF KILLED

Jikiri, the Moro Outlaw Chief and His Entire Band Exterminated.

Manila, By Cable.--In a desperate fight near Patian, on Jolo island, Monday, Jikiri, the famous Moro outlaw chief, was killed and his entire band exterminated by detachments of regulars and constabulary under Capt. George L. Bryam, of the Sixth United States Cavalry, operating in conjunction with a naval flotilla of the mosquito fleet under Lieutenant Commander Signor.

The American loss was one private killed and three officers and 20 enlisted men and one sailor wounded.

Private O'Connell, of Troop A, Sixth Cavalry, was the one man killed among the Americans. The officers wounded are Lieutenants Kennedy, Miller and Arthur H. Wilson, of the Sixth.

Captain Byram's cavalry with a few scouts and constabulary and a detachment of sailors under Lieutenant Commander Signor discovered and attacked the outlaws in the mountains not far from the coast. The Moros fled and took refuge in a large cave. The column of troops and sailors surrounded the place, but Jikiri refused to surrender. A concerted attack was made, the Moros fighting desperately from the mouth of the cave until the last member of the band was dead.

Fatalities in New York.

New York, Special.--Four deaths, 337 injured, nine of them dangerously, and one so seriously that death seems certain, was the Fourth of July record in New York and Brooklyn up to midnight Monday.

The list of dead up to 10 o'clock Monday night follows: Edith Brown, 6 years old, died from fractured skull caused by explosion of toy cannon.

Dorothy Di Martin, 5 years old, died from burns caused by ignition of box of matches. George Malfredonia, a 10-year-old boy, died of tetanus after wounding his hand with a toy pistol.

Giuseppe Pagano, 40 years old, killed by random bullets supposedly fired by a celebrator, though relatives maintain that he was murdered.

Fire in city and suburbs were numerous by the score, but none in New York proper did any great damage.

Senator Overman Scores.

Washington, Special.--Senator Overman scored in the Senate Monday when he secured the adoption of his amendment providing for a drawback on cotton-ties. The Tar Heel Senator introduced this amendment last week in the hope that the finance committee would accept it. This the committee was disinclined to do, and so the amendment came up in the Senate Monday. It was opposed by Senator Burton, but Senator Overman rallied his friends, along with the Southern Senators who were unanimously for it, and the amendment was adopted. This drawback on ties is of very large importance to the cotton planters. They will be able as the result of its provisions to get back 99 per cent of the duties on cotton-ties shipped abroad.

Begins Great Work.

New York, Special.--Work has begun on the Cape Cod Canal, which is to connect Buzzards bay with Cape Cod bay and thus furnish an important link in an inshore coast route from Massachusetts to the Carolinas. The immediate purpose of the canal is to shorten the distance by water from Boston to New York and to other Atlantic ports to the South by about 150 miles. The cut-off will also greatly reduce the perils of navigation through Vineyard sound and around Cape Cod--one of the most dangerous stretches on the Atlantic coast.

Early Responds to Skin Treatment.

New York, Special.--John S. Early, the North Carolina leper, is at last in a New York hospital, but the superintendent of hospitals says he has already responded to Dr. Bulkley's treatment, who said he did not have leprosy, but a skin disease and that he is entirely well. Early will be turned loose in about two weeks.

Right Hand Shattered.

Louisville, Ky., Special.--The undeniable distinction of having made the most notable sacrifice to patriotism by reason of Independence Day celebration this year will probably fall to Louisville through the death of Seymour, Ind., early Monday of Arthur Granville Langham, former president of the Provident Life Assurance Society. Mr. Langham had his right hand shattered by the explosion of a cannon cracker late Sunday night and soon died from the effects.

Mr. Langham assumed national financial prominence in 1908 by gaining control of the President.

ARE GRANTED NEW TRIAL

Supreme Court Reverses Verdict in the Cases Against the Murderers of Captain Quentin Rankin on Technical Grounds.

Jackson, Tenn., Special.--The cases of the eight night riders, 6 of whom were under the death sentence charged with the murder of Captain Quentin Rankin, at Walnut Log, on Reel Foot late, October 19 last, were reversed by the State Supreme Court Saturday and were remanded for new trials.

The six men, who were under the death sentence are Garret Johnson, alleged leader of the night riders' organization in Obion county; Arthur Clear, Fred Pinion, Sam Applewhite, Tid Burton and Roy Ransom. The other two, Bud Morris and Bob Huffman, were convicted of murder in the second degree.

The opinion in the case was delivered by Special Justice Henry Craft, of Memphis, appointed in the stead of Justice M. M. Neil.

In reversing the case, he assigned two principal reasons. The first, was that the grand jury which found the indictments against the alleged night riders, was not selected in a proper manner. The grand jury was selected out of a panel named by Judge J. E. Jones, the trial judge, whereas the law provides the panel must be chosen by at least three members of the county court. The second error on which the reversal was based is that the State did not allow the defendants a sufficient number of challenges. The eight were tried on one indictment and trial court upheld the State's contention that the eight defendants were only entitled to the legal number of challenges, twenty-four, which would apply if one man was on trial.

When Justice Craft concluded his opinion a storm of applause broke out in the court room, but was quickly stopped by the marshal and his deputies. The prisoners will be taken back to Union City and an effort will be made to secure their release on bail pending a second trial on their cases.

Those most active in the prosecution of the alleged riders of Reel Foot lake consider the situation now such as may again assume a serious phase. That it will be difficult to secure a jury to again hear the cases is conceded and as yet no decision has been reached by the representatives of the State as to their future plans. An immediate trial of other pending cases of a similar nature, however, is not looked for.

Killed Whole Family.

Aberdeen, S. D., Special.--J. W. Christie, a farmer living near here, his wife, his daughter Mildred, aged 18 years, and a boy named Roymaine, were murdered Saturday. Mr. Christie was milking a cow in his barnyard when the unknown person or persons shot him dead.

The murderers hurried to the house and firing Mrs. Christie and her daughter and the Roymaine boy, who was visiting at the house, they began firing upon them. The first shots took effect and the two women and the boy fell dead.

It is supposed the men who committed the crime were acquainted to some extent with the Christie family and their habits, for few people knew that Christie kept large sums of money in his house. It is believed he had several thousand dollars in his home at the time of the murder. The entire countryside is wrought up. Bands of farmers were immediately organized and search for the murderers was begun. The farmers threaten the murderers with lynching if they are caught.

Mr. Christie was one of the most prosperous farmers in the Northwest.

Continued Earth Shocks Keep Messina Alarmed.

Messina, By Cable.--Seven earth shocks of Saturday and Sunday which have kept the populace in a state of alarm. A fire broke out in the wreckage, and while the troops were trying to extinguish the flames another fire started at Milazzo, a short distance away.

A Woman's Heroism.

Mobile, Ala., Special.--W. L. Samson, bridge-keeper for the Louisville & Nashville at Bayou Sara, Ala., early Thursday night was in his loft near the bridge when lightning killed him and threw his body into the water in front of his wife and little child. Mrs. Samson remained at the bridge all Thursday night and the greater part of Friday along with her child, seeing that trains could safely pass the structure. As it was not a stopping point she could not get assistance until Saturday when she succeeded in flagging a train.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

Items of Interest Gathered By Wire and Cable

GLEANINGS FROM DAY TO DAY

Live Items Covering Events of More or Less Interest at Home and Abroad.

The first bale of cotton for the season was sold at Houston, Texas, on Monday. It brought \$425.

Georgia's new governor, Joseph Brown, has installed a long handled gourd in the capitol out of which to drink his ice water.

Little Lucretia Norris was born six years ago in Omaha, Neb., with a deformed jaw. Some days ago the surgeons took away the bad part of her jaw bone and inserted a chicken bone in its place. The operation is said to be a complete success.

Joseph M. Brown was inaugurated governor of Georgia last Saturday and governor Hoke Smith retired apparently not in happy frame of mind.

"Wheatland," the home of President James Buchanan at Lancaster, Pa., was destroyed by lightning last week.

The steamship Carfigo was 150 miles from New Orleans and by wireless called to the surgeons on shore for a prescription for a case of blood poison. It was promptly dispatched and when the ship arrived Friday the patient was improving.

Bernard J. Dobbin, while setting a trawl got lost from his fishing vessel by a dense fog and drifted for eight days with a half pint of water and a little raw fish, when picked up almost famished and brought into Rockland, Maine, Monday. His mates searched for him 24 hours and he rowed his strength away trying to reach them. He saw a number of vessels pass but could not attract attention.

A singular test was made in the Chicago Appellate court last week, where a physician claims that he was to give patient treatment for life and receive \$100,000 at the death of the patient. The courts declared the contract void in that such contracts are fraught with the temptation for a physician to hasten the death of the patient.

At the mortar gun practice last week at Fort Monroe, two companies made 50 per cent of hits while firing so rapidly that each gun kept two shots in the air at once all the time. The Virginia Passenger and Power Company will effect a complete physical reorganization of its railway lines in Richmond.

There is a strange phenomenon in New York in the case of one Mary Moldon, a cook. She is known as "Typhoid Mary." She is, immune herself, but is infested with the germs and conveys them to those with whom she comes in contact. She has to be quarantined.

Evidence has been found that Leon Ling tried to bury Elsie Sigel's body under the floor of the Harlem laundry.

A dray was driven down Market street in San Francisco, Monday morning, hauling \$10,000,000 in gold.

Mrs. Louis La Bartia, in New York on Monday fired four pistol bullets into the man that killed her husband a year ago.

Nine deaths in Philadelphia and ten in Chicago were recorded last Monday as heat fatalities.

Washington News Notes.

Marines have been restored to all the battleships and cruisers.

Ex-Gov. W. M. O. Dawson, of West Virginia, has been appointed a United States commercial agent in China.

Fifty babies and six adults have succumbed to the heat in Washington the past week.

New restrictions are imposed on the Civil Service law by the bill providing for the Thirteenth Census, which was sent to the President for his signature.

The income tax resolution was reported to the Senate from the Finance Committee by Senator Aldrich Monday.

At the very last moment cotton bagging and ammonia which enters into the Southern fertilizer business was voted into the senate tariff bill.

The Senate put cotton bagging and binding twine on the free list Monday, and closed the discussion on the Payne-Aldrich bill schedules.

Extensive experiments in wireless telegraphy will be made by the Atlantic fleet during its war maneuvers off the New England coast in July.

The Aldrich committee and the Senate have made a thousand changes in the House Tariff bill.