

AWFUL EARTHQUAKE

EIGHTEEN VILLAGES DESTROYED IN ITALY.

Scenes of Greatest Terror—People Rush Half Clothed into Streets—Nearly 400 Were Killed—Number Injured and Property Loss Great

A dispatch from Rome says: All Italy is suffering from terrible depression because of the news from the south, where one of the worst earthquakes ever experienced occurred Friday. Although the earthquake was felt all over Calabria, and to a certain extent in Sicily, the worst news comes from Pizzo and Monteleone and from eighteen villages which are said to have been completely destroyed. It is as yet impossible even to estimate the property loss.

The shock was felt at 2:55 o'clock Friday morning. It lasted for eighteen seconds at Calanzano, and thereafter was felt at Messina, Stefamini, Pisciotta, Tripani, Zammaro, Cossaniti, Naida, Olivadi and other points.

Scenes of indescribable terror ensued. Women aroused from their sleep rushed half clothed into the streets, screaming with horror, carrying their babies and children and calling for their men escaped into their favorite saints for protection. The cafes were taken by assault by the strangely garbed crowd, but as daylight broke without a repetition of the earthquake the crowd gradually melted away, until by 8 o'clock the streets had almost assumed their normal appearance, except in the ruined villages, where the inhabitants had no homes to go to. The general confusion was added to by dreadful cries from the jails, where the prisoners were beside themselves with fright and in cases mutilated, but fortunately all the prisoners were kept within bounds.

Troops, engineers and doctors have been hurried to the scenes of disturbance to assist in the work of rescue and salvage. The ministry of the interior sent \$4,000 for the relief of the destitute, and Minister of Public Works Ferraris left for Calabria Friday evening.

ROB ON WHOLESALE SCALE

Burglars Believed to Have Disposed of Goods in Chicago.

Three thousand dollars' worth of silks, stolen in a burglary at Quincy, Ill., are believed to be concealed in Chicago. The Chicago police have been asked by the Quincy authorities to aid in the work of recovering the property and arresting the thieves.

During the last month stores in at least twelve towns in Illinois and Iowa have been pillaged by burglars, who carried off great quantities of valuable goods. It is believed the same gang of burglars operated in all the towns. One of the most recent crimes was in Sigourney, Ia., where many hundreds of dollars' worth of silk was stolen.

Some clew to their identity has been secured, and detectives in Chicago are on the trail.

TANNER HEAD OF G. A. R.

Brooklyn Man Chosen Commander by Veterans.

Corporal James Tanner, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was Friday elected commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic at Denver.

The vote for commander was as follows: James Tanner, 447; Robert E. Brown, 187; Charles G. Burton, 42; George Stone, 15.

A great demonstration followed the announcement of Corporal Tanner's election.

Silas H. Towler, of Minnesota, was elected junior vice commander in chief.

Col. George W. Cook, of Denver, was unanimously elected senior vice commander in chief.

Minneapolis was chosen as the G. A. R. national encampment city next year.

Building Collapsed.

At New York two persons were killed, one of them a girl 16 years old, when a building at Grand and Mott Streets collapsed Friday. The building is said to have been condemned two years ago, but had been permitted to be occupied since.

Thomas McGovern, a foreman in the building, is under arrest in connection with the collapse, on a charge of criminal negligence.

Mail Wagons are Stoned.

Under a guard of policemen and occasionally showered with stones United States mail delivery wagons, whose operation is threatened by 300 striking drivers, carried mails without delay Friday in New York. During the night four non-union drivers were hurt on wagons passing through east side streets, which were showered with missiles from the upper floors of tenement houses.

Sioux City Stock Market.

Friday's quotations on the Sioux City stock market follow: Best steers, \$5.65; Top hogs, \$5.50.

Asks Rossa to Return.

The county council at Cork, Ireland, elected O'Donovan Rossa to a clerical position at a salary of \$500 per annum and decided to cable immediately, asking him to return to Ireland and take up his duties.

One Killed and Two Hurt.

Engineer Peter Nansen, of Holland, Mich., was killed, and Brakeman Herman Hans and Trout fatally injured in a Pere Marquette freight wreck near Zealand early Friday.

NEGRO IS CREMATED.

He Confessed to an Outrage in Texas.

A special dispatch from Waxahachie, Texas, tells of the burning Thursday night of Steve Davis, a young negro, who confessed to outraging Mrs. S. P. Norris, aged 20, last Saturday night.

A mob consisting of 3,500 persons tied the negro to a piece of gas pipe that had been set in the ground, piled fagots around him and set the mass on fire. The sufferings of the negro were of short duration owing to the fierceness of the fire, which was fanned by a gale of wind which blew across the prairie. The husband of the woman is said to have set the match to the tinder and started the blaze that consumed the negro.

Davis was arrested last Tuesday and taken before the woman, who failed to identify him. Afterwards she identified him and his fate was sealed. The negro finally confessed, detailing the crime.

This is the third negro that has been burned in that section of Texas in a short time.

MOSQUITOES CAUSE PANIC.

Millions of Insects Descend on City of New Orleans.

The yellow fever situation showed no material change in New Orleans Thursday, a steady improvement being shown in the city. The country situation is disconcerting as to some sections, the disease apparently having got a strong hold at Tallulah and Lake Providence, and being still severe in points in Jefferson, St. Charles and St. John parishes.

Millions of marsh mosquitoes, which descended upon New Orleans Wednesday night and made life miserable for several hours, disappeared Thursday. They left a large representation behind them, but it is expected they, too, will soon leave. Having striped legs, the public promptly concluded the insect was stegomyia, and its appearance caused something of a panic for a time.

TWO TRAINS MEET.

Bad Wreck on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Engineer Maskray and Fireman Cannon were killed Thursday and thirty persons injured, several seriously, when an excursion train on the Pennsylvania road, bound from Newcastle to Stonecroft, collided, head-on, with a regular southbound passenger train, north of Newcastle, Pa.

The excursion train was running wild, and it is said the Wilmington Junction operator had no orders to hold the regular train.

Nearly all the killed and wounded were residents of Newcastle or towns in that vicinity.

FELL FROM A "FERRIS" WHEEL.

Woman Instantly Killed and Husband Soon Died in St. Paul.

In the presence of thousands of visitors at the state fair at St. Paul, Minn., Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Seventhal, of Eau Claire, Wis., fell from the upper car of a Ferris wheel to the ground, a distance of nearly 100 feet. Mrs. Seventhal was instantly killed and her husband was so badly injured that he died shortly afterward.

The accident created a scene bordering on a panic. The car was descending and the seat in which they were seated broke, precipitating them to the ground.

Spanish War Veterans.

The second annual reunion of the United States Spanish War Veterans and the Ladies' Auxiliary opened at Milwaukee Thursday with an attendance greatly exceeding expectations. Commander in Chief William E. English delivered his annual address, reviewing the organization's work of the past year and speaking in congratulatory tones of the progress made.

Peanut Roaster Exploded.

Mrs. Robert E. McGuire was killed and three others injured at Wagoner, I. T., Thursday as a result of the explosion of the gasoline tank of a peanut roaster. The roaster was stationed in front of McGuire's book store. The tank shot through a screen door, striking Mrs. McGuire in the stomach and killing her instantly.

Judge Parker Gets a Job.

A New York special says: Former Judge Alton B. Parker will succeed Prof. Collins as chief counsel for the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company at an annual salary of \$20,000. Prof. Collins has retired, and the firm of Collins & Sheehan, which has acted for years in an advisory capacity to the company, will be known as Sheehan & Parker.

German Meat Famine.

A convention of 2,000 butchers from all parts of Germany, held in Berlin Thursday, adopted resolutions declaring that a great and increasing scarcity of live animals exists in the German empire and petitioning the imperial government to speedily abolish the meat famine by opening the frontiers for the admission of animals from other countries.

Wedding Fee of \$25,000.

Marshall Field, the Chicago millionaire, who married Mrs. Arthur J. Caton in London, paid Canon Herbert Hensley-Henson, the rector who performed the wedding ceremony, \$25,000. The fee was a \$5,000 Bank of England note. It is the largest wedding fee, so far as known, ever received by a rector.

Spread of Cholera.

An official bulletin issued in Berlin announces fifteen new cases of cholera and six deaths were reported during the twenty-four hours ending at noon Thursday, making a total of 165 cases and 32 deaths.

One Killed and Several Hurt.

A head-end collision between two freight trains occurred early Thursday twenty-five miles below Paducah, in Tennessee. One man was killed and three others are missing.

RUSSIA'S TROUBLES.

News From Baku of the Gloomiest Character.

Private advices from Baku received in St. Petersburg Wednesday say "the Black town" district of that city is still burning; also the works at Balakhan, Bibicak, Noman and Gabunto. The losses amount to millions of roubles.

There was only desultory fighting up to Tuesday evening, but the disturbances were marked by immense property losses which fall with crushing weight on the Russian oil industry centered at Baku. The torch was resorted to, as the result of which hundreds of tanks of oil and naphtha and a number of important refineries in Baku and its vicinity were burned.

The news from Baku is of the gloomiest character. The Armenians and Tartar warring factions now appear to be entirely beyond control. The streets of Baku seem to be unsafe for the inhabitants, and the force of troops to be inadequate to restrain the anarchical tendencies of the combatants in the surrounding region. According to reliable reports the troops have been forced to withdraw from the suburb of Balakhan, where on Tuesday the rioters set fire to the oil works, and that place is now in the hands of the Tartars, who have completed the work of destruction, and who it is said massacred the inhabitants who did not accompany the troops in their retirement. Telephonic and railroad communication between Baku and the suburban oil centers is cut.

The viceroys of the Caucasus had dispatched reinforcements of troops from Tiflis, but owing to the conditions throughout the whole southern part of the Caucasus with these reinforcements the troops will be inadequate to cope with the situation. In the suburban region the fight is desperate and the soldiers are using artillery.

PLAGUE IS GAINING.

The Infected Area in Germany is Widening.

An official bulletin issued at Berlin says thirteen new cases of cholera and two deaths were reported during the twenty-four hours ending at noon Wednesday, making a total of ninety cases and twenty-five deaths.

The infected area has sensibly widened. The River Oder has become tainted. Three cases have been reported from the administrative district of Frankfort-on-the-Oder in three small places along the stream among lumbermen. Sharp sanitary precautions have been taken throughout the district.

A case of cholera, the third up to date, was found Wednesday in the heart of the business and hotel districts at Hamburg.

The correspondent of the Associated Press at Hamburg visited the quarantine station conducted by the Hamburg-American Steamship Company under the direction of the government authorities and was given every opportunity to investigate conditions there and to ascertain what precautions were being taken to prevent the transshipment of infected emigrants to the United States.

WARRIORS IN LINE.

Grizzled Veterans March in Streets of Denver.

The main event of the Grand Army encampment at Denver was the grand parade Wednesday. Many who marched two miles were exhausted when the end was reached, and others, weakened by age, fell out of line long before the journey was completed.

The ovation given the marchers was unstinted. The streets were packed with people and the windows and roofs of buildings on the line of march swarmed with humanity. The cheering was continuous, and the grizzled old warriors were kept busy bowing acknowledgments and raising their hats in courteous salute.

Rioting at Tokio.

At Tokio rioting broke out Tuesday night in connection with the dissatisfaction over the results of the peace settlement. There were several clashes with the police, and it is estimated that two were killed and 500 wounded. The rioting ceased at midnight. Police stations were the only property destroyed.

Another Official Resigns.

A Washington dispatch says: Dr. David E. Salmon, chief of the bureau of animal industry of the agricultural department, has tendered his resignation. It has been accepted to take effect Oct. 1.

Alfonso's Fiancee.

A dispatch from Madrid to a Paris paper maintains that despite the denial it is probable that King Alfonso will marry Princess Eugenie of Battenburg, niece of King Edward.

American to Die.

The criminal court at Stamboul on Wednesday condemned to death Ghirgis Vartanian, a naturalized American citizen, for the murder of an American merchant Aug. 26.

Massacred by Tartars.

A dispatch from Elizabethpol says all the inhabitants of the Armenian village of Manekend, district of Zangousursk, have been massacred by Tartar nomads. Other villages are surrounded by Tartars.

Murder Over 10 Cents.

In a dispute between Henry C. Link, a saloonkeeper, and John Trappe over 10 cents, Link was shot in the head and killed, at Belleville, Ill., Wednesday.

Eva Booth to Tour Feud District.

Col. Holz, of the Salvation Army, announced his return to Cleveland, O., Thursday, from a visit to New York that Commander Eva Booth would make a tour of the feud district of Kentucky in company with other Salvation Army officials next spring.

Forest Fires in Idaho.

Flames catching from a forest fire three miles from Mullin, Idaho, completely destroyed a boarding house, bunks, tents, at the Suwestorm mines Wednesday.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Nebraska State Fair Promises to be a Success—County and Educational Exhibits of Great Interest—All Available Space Taken.

The busiest place in Nebraska Sunday was the Nebraska state fair grounds at Lincoln. It was a whirlwind rush to get everything in shape for the formal opening Monday morning. The machinery and implement exhibit this year will be one-third larger than ever before in the history of the state. This is particularly gratifying to the fair board, for the reason that several months ago implement dealers entered into an agreement not to make exhibits at state fairs.

J. W. Gilbert brought in his herd of elk and Angora goats from Friend, and this will prove a most attractive feature of the fair.

The displays this year seem much more artistic than ever before in agricultural hall.

The model school house and the work of the various Nebraska school districts will attract much attention. The industrial schools at Geneva and Kearney, the former for the girls and the latter for the boys, have good exhibits, including views of the schools, dormitories, work rooms, grounds and such like.

The swine barns, the cattle barns and the horse barns are full of Nebraska's best stock and compares favorably with the previous stock exhibits.

The new stock pavilion was formally dedicated Tuesday. It is a nice building, but it will not fill a long felt want as anticipated by the people. It is too small, and only a small per cent of the people will be able to get seats to see the fine stock on exhibition. Probably it will seat 1,500 persons.

Among the exhibits that are well worth seeing is the fish exhibit in charge of Fish Commissioner O'Brien. This year he has discovered a large number of fish that never before traveled further west than Chicago.

Another exhibit that will appeal to the people is a large wagon. It is about sixteen feet to the top of the seat and will be used exclusively for gathering the Nebraska corn crop.

An Omaha firm has an automobile wheel which its inventor hopes will succeed rubber tires. The wheel consists of springs in a wheel, which is encircled by another wheel. He claims that it makes riding easier than rubber tires.

ALBION MAN ELECTROCUTED

No One Appears to Know Just How Accident Happened.

A young man by the name of Jay Lumpkin was electrocuted at Albion. He was at work in the cellar under the W. O. Torrey restaurant and in some way came in contact with a live wire or with some apparatus that killed him instantly. James Haire was also at work there at the same time, but is unable to tell very much about what happened. He says when he first noticed Lumpkin he was lying on the floor gasping, when he notified others, who carried him out of the cellar and physicians were called, but the young man was dead before the physicians arrived.

The deceased is about 21 years of age and was married only two months.

Found Wandering in Chicago.

Joseph Holdobler and his wife, who were found wandering in the streets of Chicago Thursday, left Wakefield two months ago. They were living on a good farm, had a large growing crop and barns well filled with live stock and implements. Holdobler told friends he was going to Chicago to receive an inheritance of \$100,000, which he said had been left him. Neighbors believed at that time that Holdobler was insane.

Settled With the Great Northern.

The adjourned meeting of the Great Northern right-of-way condemnation board was held in Dakota City, and the lots in that place through which the line runs, and which are now graded, were appraised, thus completing the board's work. The village of Dakota City, which was allowed \$850 damages by the board, made settlement with the company for \$1,000 and the case in the courts was dismissed.

Incendiaries Burn Thresher.

A threshing machine valued at \$2,500 was totally destroyed by fire in Pierce County at an early hour Wednesday as the result of an incendiary fire. The machine was on the farm of Fred Hilbert, Straw that had been placed under the thresher was found afterwards. The machine belonged to Iowa men and was touring Pierce County in its work.

New Railroad is Projected.

There is a movement on foot to organize a railroad company in Falls City, which will be a great thing for that part of the country. The arrangements have gone so far now that it may be almost said that a company is organized to build a road from Falls City to Subetha, Kan., and probably from there to Topeka.

New Piano Smashed.

A new piano fell off a derrick at Wood River and was badly smashed. The derrick team had been left alone and suddenly started up.

Meat Market Burned.

At Beatrice the meat market of B. E. Miller was damaged to the extent of \$400 by fire. Loss covered by insurance. Origin unknown.

Editor Resigns.

A. H. Kidd, for the last eighteen months editor of the Beatrice Daily Express, severed his connection with the paper.

Found Drowned.

A Chadron special says: The lifeless body of Harry Jensen, the 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Jensen, was found in White River within about half a mile from his home. He left home Monday morning to go to a neighbor's.

Two Sentences Commuted.

Gov. Mickey granted two commutations of sentences of murderers. The recipients of gubernatorial favors are Case Broken, sentenced for twenty-three years in the penitentiary, and Hubbard Savary for life.

PAT CROWE IS TO BLAME.

Omaha Police Again Chase the Phantom.

During a running fight between police officers and a man believed to be Pat Crowe, the alleged kidnapper of Eddie Cudaly, and a companion just before midnight Wednesday night, Patrolman Albert Jackson was shot through the leg, and the two men made their escape. None of the other officers was injured. A large detail of police officers was immediately sent to the spot to try to locate the fugitives.

The fight occurred on lower Sixteenth Street, where the men were discovered by Officer Jackson in a saloon.

Half the police force was sent to the district in which the shooting occurred and were put to work to locate the pair. This they had not been successful in doing up to midnight Wednesday.

While the police have no positive knowledge that one of the men was Crowe, they do not hesitate to believe that it was. Officer Jackson, who was acquainted with Crowe, says that there can be no doubt of the identity of the man.

ATTEMPTED DYNA MITING.

Stick of Explosive Found in Coal Bin of Canning Factory.

A Blair special says: A mysterious fire alarm was turned in Sunday night by telephone that the Martin & Nurrie canning factory was on fire. The origin of the telephone alarm could not be located, but from the fact that a large stick of dynamite six inches in length and an inch in diameter, and wrapped in a clean white paper, was found in the pile of coal which was being shoveled into the furnace, it is thought that some one was planning mischief against the factory.

The coal being used has been shoveled over three times since its arrival in Blair. No cause can be given for any evil designs against the factory or its owners, as the best of feeling has prevailed between the firm and its employees at all times since the present firm bought the plant.

MAY GET A FORTUNE.

Plattsmouth Man May Come Into \$50,000.

Some time ago a letter was received at Plattsmouth from an Ohio attorney in which inquiries were made for James C. Vernatten, who had fallen heir to considerable real estate in the east. R. H. Vanatta, of Plattsmouth, became interested in the matter from the fact that the initials and name were somewhat similar to those of his father, James C. Vanatta, who died some five years ago.

Mr. Vanatta accordingly wrote to the Ohio attorney, giving such information about his deceased relative as he possessed. He has just received a reply which leads him to believe that his father was the heir for whom the search is being made. The estate is said to be valued at \$50,000.

WOMAN FILES LIEN ON BOY.

Propose to Hold Him Until Mother Pays Board.

A most peculiar case, and one wherein a person files a lien upon a boy for a board bill, occurred at Beatrice. Recently Mrs. Mary Miller arrived in town from Hollenberg, Kan., with her grandson, Russell Thrapp, to visit with the latter's mother. She attempted to return home with the boy when Mrs. Thrapp objected to her son accompanying his grandmother.

Mrs. Miller claimed she had a lien upon the boy for board and refused to give him up until the bill was paid. Mrs. Thrapp secured a writ of habeas corpus and her son was placed in charge of the sheriff.

Passed Forged Check.

An unidentified man, who gave his name as Henry Bowman, passed a forged check of \$14.50 on Hausensack & Ostergard at Fremont. Hausensack & Ostergard gave him \$2 worth of meat and \$12.50 cash. The check purported to be signed by Tom Donahue, a contractor on the Sioux City and Western Railroad. The forgery was not discovered until Tuesday evening, and there is no clue to the forger's whereabouts.

Raises Rough House.

Charley Green reported to the York police that young men came to his place, southeast and nearly adjoining that city, and demanded that he give them beer. On being refused one of the young men commenced to break the doors and windows and soon had Green on the run for help. Arrests were made.

Potato Growers Unite.

The farmers of Brown County met in the court house at Alnsworth Saturday afternoon and organized a Brown County Potato Association. This county is well supplied with a very fine quality of potatoes and the association will soon have a carload sent east for distribution as a sample of Nebraska potatoes.

Bread and Water Diet to Cruel.

Oscar Erickson, who was sentenced to twenty days in the Lancaster County jail on bread and water, has secured from the supreme court a writ of habeas corpus, on the ground the punishment was cruel and unusual.

Cattle Ate Too Much.

John Peters, who lives near Beatrice, turned seven head of cattle into a field of sweet corn after he had gathered the crop. Two have since died from overeating and it is thought he will lose the balance of the herd.

Man Loses His Hand.

Warren Snively, a section man in the employ of the Burlington in Falls City, fell under a freight train Saturday afternoon and had his left hand cut off just above the wrist.

Denies Being Short.

D. A. Kelso, deputy sheriff of Thurston County, denies that he is short any sum as guardian of Indian heirs, and asserts that he is ready to make a settlement in full at any time.

Omaha Pioneer Dead.

Bernard Koesters, one of the oldest residents of Omaha, died at 10 o'clock Thursday morning at the family residence, old age being the chief cause of death. Mr. Koesters was 83 years of age and came to Omaha on June 24, 1853, by steamboat.

Light Frost in Nebraska.

A light frost visited the valley portions of northern Nebraska Sunday night. The uplands were not nipped by the frost. The damage done was practically nothing because of the lightness of the frost.



Members of the Farmers' Grain Dealers' Association are going to assist in looking up evidence to show the existence of a lumber trust, so a grain dealer intimated in Lincoln the other night.

"Before these trust suits are over," said this man, "it will be discovered that the lumber business has been done along the same lines as the grain business. The members in the lumber association may not make any profit out of being members of the organization and may not even know how much profits others make because of the association. As a matter of fact the members of the association are being worked by an inside ring that gets the big profits while the small dealer member is safeguarded against competition. I see where the Omaha dealers take exceptions to the charge that they have something to do with the scalpers. Wait till the evidence is all in in the case which Mr. Godfrey has started in Lancaster County and then see what the big dealers have to say. The end of