

A Severe Earthquake Shock

BELOGRADE, April 12.—An earthquake shocked most districts in Serbia early yesterday morning. In Western Serbia the shock was especially severe. Near Pozarevatz and along the Moravia river, villages were devastated and the people sprang from their beds to run half clothed to the fields. Around Chupria and Svilainatz in eastern Serbia, great fissures were torn in the earth. From Lavatica similar phenomena are reported. Large streams of warm water and yellow mud still flow from the fissures. Thousands of houses and many churches have been wrecked. The public buildings have been rendered too dangerous for occupancy. In the districts where the heaviest shocks were felt the people were afraid to return to the villages and are living in the fields.

Final Distribution

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—A decree of final distribution of the estate of Mrs. Hopkins Searles was signed by Probate Judge Coffey. Under the decree Timothy Hopking receives all the property in the state belonging to the deceased. It is valued at \$1,000,000 and is a portion of the \$2,800,000 allotted to him under the terms of compromise of the will contest.

Chinese Registration

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Commissioner Mason issued a supplementary circular regarding Chinese registration concerning the changes made by Secretary Carlisle on Saturday. The changes as made omit the filing of photographs when registering and require only one witness instead of two as to the right to register. The treasury department as far as advised has not been informed that the Chinese intend to register. The removal of the photograph feature to accompany a registration is intended to relieve the prejudice of the Chinese, but an official of the treasury department who is intimately associated with the execution of the law, says that the Chinese are against the law and do not intend to register.

The Indian Appropriation Act

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Secretary Smith expects the delegation recently appointed by the Cherokee council to represent that nation in the matter of carrying into effect the provisions of the Indian appropriation act, to arrive in Washington within the next few days. The delegation, it is understood consists of Chief Harris, Treasurer Starr and two other leading men. The appropriation act, which confirms with some modification, the treaty recently concluded with the Indians, authorizes them to negotiate a loan for \$3,000,000, less the amount that may be retained by the government to satisfy such claims as shall be found by the court of claims to be due the Shawnee, Delaware and colored people who hold membership in the tribe. It is probable that about \$2,000,000 will be retained for this purpose leaving \$1,000,000 which the Cherokees may borrow on the authority and credit of the government. The bonds which they are authorized to issue will represent in the aggregate about \$6,000,000. The amount is to be divided into four equal annual payments of \$1,575,000, the bonds to run three, four, five and six years, the first bond maturing in 1896. The question of the issue of the bonds, however, is one which the Indians are permitted to settle for themselves, the government in case of the issue guaranteeing their payment, with 4 per cent interest.

Municipal Complications

CLEVELAND, O., April 12.—Queer municipal complications were precipitated here, when Robert Blee, the democratic mayor-elect, sent to the republican council his official bond and the names of the members of his cabinet for confirmation. The council refused, however, to confirm the bond or the names of his cabinet nominees. The democrats claim Blee is mayor. If they are right the city departments are without heads, because the terms of the members of the cabinet expire with that of the mayor. The republicans insist that Mayor Ross is still the executive of the city and that the departments should be in control of his cabinet until Blee shall legally qualify. It is said that Blee will attempt to assume the duties of mayor soon.

Self-Confessed Murderer

SEDALLIA, Mo., April 12.—The trial of Dick Robinson, the self-confessed murderer of Johanna Schellman, was concluded yesterday. The jury was out fifty minutes, when it brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree. The state conclusively proved that Robinson first assaulted the young German girl and then killed her in cold blood.

The Insurance Companies

LONDON, April 12.—A dispatch to the Britannia Gazette says the insurance in the Rio Grande do Sul is being suspended, that the rebels everywhere are being pursued by government troops and have been driven close to the Uruguaian frontier.

A republican candidate is announced by a long in Ohio, Oregon. His former office and that it seemed to cut its own back of itself at each point. When the long was killed, it was found to possess two qualities, namely, it was completely self-sufficient.

A Terrible Cyclone

INDEPENDENCE, Kas., April 12.—Southeastern Kansas, and particularly Montgomery county, was visited by a terrible cyclone Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, which left a path of death and destruction behind it. This city was on the extreme edge of the storm and suffered little damage, but reports from the surrounding country and small towns near here show great destruction of property and loss of life, but particulars of which it is impossible to get for the reason the wires are all down. The little town of Parker, ten miles south of here, seems to have got the worst of the storm. From the most reliable information obtainable the people of that town were alarmed by ominous clouds, which gathered just about dusk. They hardly had time to realize what was coming before the storm burst upon them in all its fury. Coming from a westerly direction, from Oklahoma, the furious wind, which was more like a hurricane than a genuine cyclone, struck the town with irresistible force. The frightened people were given not a moment to flee to places of safety. The work of the wind was awful.

TWO HOUSES LEFT STANDING. Of the business houses situated around the public square but two were left standing, the others being completely wrecked. Even brick houses were swept away the same as the light frames. Every residence in the town was damaged more or less and half of them were completely destroyed. It is known that several people were killed and a large number injured, but it is impossible to learn the details and names of the dead and injured.

Leaving Parker a scene of wreck and ruin, the deadly wind swept on to the northeast leveling farm houses, barns and fences in the eastern portion of this country are known to have been wrecked and it is certain that this represents but a small portion of the damage done.

THREE TOWNS IN RUINS. HIAWATHA, Kas., April 13.—Meagre dispatches received here from the southern part of Kansas state that a cyclone passed over that part of the state, and three towns, Willis, Everest and Powhattan were laid in ruins. As communication with those points is slow it is almost impossible to estimate the loss of life or property. It seems almost certain that some lives were lost and it is feared that but few in the villages named escaped injury. The hail broke hundreds of windows and it is feared, spoiled the prospect of a fruit crop this year.

Near Robinson the fourteen-year-old son of E. P. Polton, a wealthy merchant, was struck by lightning and instantly killed.

Another Strike Fails

HULL, England, April 13.—It looks very much as if the dock laborers' strike was about to prove a failure. More non-union men were put to work under the protection of the police. The whole number of non-union men who have taken the places of the strikers is 2,000. The strikers now show signs of weakening, as members of them have applied for work. The firms in the lumber carrying trade, whose vessels have laid idle since the strike began, have notified their men that unless they return to work at once their places will be filled by non-union men.

LONDON, April 13.—James Wilson, president of the sailors' and firemen's union, is taking an active part in behalf of the strikers at Hull. He has gone to Cardiff to enlist dock laborers and sailors' and firemen's unions in their behalf. He has great influence with the men and there is every evidence that the shipping trade of Cardiff is about to become involved in a struggle with the sailors' and firemen's union.

The dock laborers at Liverpool, Shields and elsewhere are organizing to assist the strikers here. The shipowners' federation is organizing to support the masters. It looks as if there would be a general strike of all the union hands in the shipping trade.

Trials to Start Here

VIENNA, April 13.—Conflicting reports are circulated regarding the attempt to assassinate Cardinal Vassary, primate of Hungary. From the best informed sources it is learned an attack was made upon the cardinal in his palace in Pesth, and that his assailant was a man named Cholice, who had been employed in the palace as a cellerman, but who was discharged. Cholice, it appears was desirous of being reinstated, and to gain the end he prepared a petition, which he presented to the cardinal. The latter informed Cholice that he must consult the household officials. Cholice became insanely enraged, drew a carving knife and made a desperate lunge at the cardinal, who evaded the blow by springing around the corner of a desk. Rev. Dr. Kobi, the cardinal's secretary, rushed toward the infuriated man just as Cholice started toward the cardinal again. In the struggle Dr. Kobi received five severe wounds on the shoulders and breast. The would-be assassin was then grasped by servants and overpowered.

Crop Prospects in Iowa

DES MOINES, Ia., April 13.—The Iowa weather service filed the first weather crop bulletin of the season. The soil was never in better condition and the bulk of the small grain is sown. The oats average is larger and spring wheat less than usual. Fall wheat was not injured by the winter, but the plant is generally better. The condition is variable. The season opens two weeks earlier than last year.

About Having Sen

PARRA, April 14.—Upon the opening of the Baring sea court of arbitration the president, Baron de Courcelles, announced that the court had decided not to admit the British supplementary report for the present. The president added that this decision was without prejudice to the right of counsel to introduce the report in their pleadings by word of mouth. The president further announced that the tribunal had decided to adjourn the demand of the United States for the rejection of portions of the British counter case.

J. C. Carter then proceeded to address the court. He reviewed the history of the sealing industry and mentioned that Russia had prohibited the slaughter of female seals. He contended that the seals were bestowed by Providence on all mankind. It was the duty of the American government to prevent their extermination and therefore the United States re-enacted the Russian regulation for the protection of seals and arrested Canadian poachers, because it was impossible to allow any nation to destroy indiscriminately a gift of Providence. Carter read diplomatic communications which followed the seizures made of vessels accused of poaching. His address will probably last for a fortnight.

United States Agent Foster said in an interview that the decision of the court of arbitration, refusing for the present to admit the British supplementary report, substantially sustains the American interpretation of the treaty of arbitration in the contention that additional evidence cannot properly be laid before the tribunal. The decision, Foster adds, determined that the report can rank as an argument of criticism, but is not pertinent as evidence or the printed argument provided for in the treaty.

Russian Anarchists

PITTSBURG, April 14.—A group of 108 Russian anarchists has been arrested in this city by the police, after a search of several weeks. Immediately after the attempt of the French anarchists to blow up the police headquarters at Paris, the police authorities at New York and Chicago notified the local police organization of a gang of bomb throwers recently organized at Pittsburg, and whose purpose was to make war on the police. The gang was organized by Bauer and Noid, who were recently sent to the penitentiary as accomplices of Berkman. Meetings have been held nightly, and circulars were recently distributed calling on the workingmen to prepare for war, as termed "an approaching crisis." The meetings were stopped and the leaders have promised to leave the city.

College League Meeting

NEW YORK, April 14.—The president of the national republican college league issued a call for the league meet in Louisville, Ky., on May 10, to discuss the republican national league meets in that city. The league is a protective tariff league which meet at the same time.

A Big Failure

LONDON, April 14.—The English and Australian chambers of commerce failed with liabilities amounting to \$2,000,000, or \$4,000,000. No estimate of the assets has been made, but they are supposed to be large. The bank was incorporated by royal charter in 1852 and claimed to have paid up capital of £900,000, and reserve fund of £310,000. The suspended bank has main branches at Sidney, Adelaide Brisbane and Melbourne, and at various lesser points in the colonies of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. It transacted a banking and exchange business between Great Britain and the Australian colonies and had large deposits.

An Ill-fated Distillery Fraud

NEW YORK, April 14.—In an old ramshackle building in Brooklyn, tenanted since the last occupant committed suicide several years ago, internal revenue officers captured one of the largest and best equipped illicit distilleries that has fallen into the hands of the government for years. Suspicion was aroused by the neighbors observing smoke issuing from a chimney, and also that half a dozen or more of swarthy-visaged men were observed to enter and leave the building at given hours. The talk of the neighbors eventually found its way to the internal revenue headquarters and officers descended upon the mysterious house. The doors were forced open by one, but this gave the moonshiners time to escape. The apparatus was left in full operation. About three thousand gallons of highwines in casks a still of modern make, with a capacity of 150 gallons, a copper worm thirty empty casks, 2,000 gallons of mash, steeping in a high tub, and some minor paraphernalia were seized.

Securance Company Loses a Large Sum by a Court Decision

TOPEKA, Kas., April 14.—The Travelers Insurance company loses \$78,000 by a decision of Judge Rintz yesterday, and an important constitutional question is also decided by him. It is the case of the insurance company against Oswego township. Loretto county, to recover \$78,000 for bonds purchased by the company. In his decision Judge Rintz said that the bonds were null and void, even though held by innocent purchasers.



CHAPTER I

"Hoot, man! wake up, Minister! Can't you wake for once in your life, Minister? Mr. Malcolm! ye're spoiled from frae Dunmonaigh!" Mr. Malcolm Farquhar was in bed, and, wearied by two long sermons—for it was the evening of Sunday—he slept soundly.

The wind roared round the bleak little manse, and the rain deluged the windows, sweeping down the valley with a hissing sound; but the noise had no power to wake the weary minister. Kerenhappuch, the honest servant, who formed the whole domestic household of the manse, was fast asleep on the shoulders, and gave him such a shake as could not fail to rouse him.

"There," she said, stopping to get back her breath, as she saw the gleam of returning consciousness in Master Malcolm's blue eyes. "Ye're ill to waken, Minister!"

"What's the matter now, Huppie?" he said, rousing himself, and sitting up.

"Matter? there's nae matter enooh! Here's Willie come down frae Dunmonaigh—my Lady Grisel's springing for ye, and she says ye maun come awa' down as fast as ye can win."

"But what can it be? are they ill? can you not tell me?"

"Ye'll just pit on your bit duds, Meenister; I'll no be telling ye till ye're right upon road."

Knowing that to argue with his house-keeper was but waste of time, the minister rose from his bed, and began to dress himself in haste, in great anxiety. He would willingly have continued the conversation through the closed door, but to his imploring repetition of "What will it be, Huppie? has anything terrible happened?" Huppie vouchsafed no response whatever, and he could only hasten the more.

When fully dressed he emerged from his room, a strong, hale man of 50, with a kind but rugged countenance, his gray hair brushed back under a glengarry bonnet, and a stout stick in his hand.

Huppie stood waiting, holding a lantern over her head.

"Ye'll not be coming with me, Huppie," said Master Malcolm; "it's a wild, rough night."

Huppie tossed her head and led the way out into the darkness. The first blast of wind, as they left the shelter of the house, made both stagger back, and it was not until they reached a place where the path was sheltered by trees, that Kerenhappuch found her tongue.

later and the doctor, but neither moved. Assunta had laid her child on the pillow she leaned over the dying man, and her cry rose louder than ever—

"Ewan! Once more—once word—you never saw me, nay—look at me—speak to me—only one word! God! Oh, God, have pity!"

"Take her away," repeated Lady Grisel hoarsely, then suddenly started back, for Ewan Macmonach's eyes opened wide; his broken arms were useless, but by the mighty strength which had made him famous on the country-side, he raised himself in bed and said loudly—

"Mother! Assunta, my— No more; the false strength left him and he fell back. Huppie, who had crept in, caught her breast. Lady Grisel knelt down till the death-struggle ceased.

"Lord, help now thy servant, as he passeth through the valley of the shadow of death." Even as the words of the Minister ceased, they saw it was over.

CHAPTER II

One by one they withdrew, drawing back as those draw back who feel that their work is finished. The unfortunate Assunta remained kneeling by the bed, clinging frantically to the clothes, to the hand they would have removed from her grasp.

"Take her away," whispered Lady Grisel again, and this time Master Malcolm obeyed. The child, still an infant, began to wail; Lady Grisel started at the sound, but the mother gave it no heed; Kerenhappuch took it from the bed.

The doctor and the Minister raised Assunta to her feet, her eyes still fixed; they undid one by one the clinging fingers; they carried rather than led her to the door, where sense forsook her, and she fell insensible to the ground.

The two men laid her on a settle in the hall, and the doctor knelt down beside her and chafed her cold hands.

Lady Grisel sat down by the fire. The wind was howling, and the rain beating outside. Angus came and stood by his mother; he was deathly pale. There was a profound silence, the clock ticking heavily, and the doctor's movements sounded loud and distinct.

At last Lady Grisel rose; she put her hand on the Minister's arm and drew him aside. "Alas!" she said, "disgrace as well as grief has fallen on Dunmonaigh."

"Lady Grisel," said Master Malcolm, solemnly, "I believe her to be his wife."

"You know not what you say, Master Malcolm," she answered. "Ewan Macmonach was never married."

"Ewan never was a villain," said the Minister, firmly. "Man and boy save I know the lad, and his heart was as true as steel, and he was the soul of honor."

"That girl his wife!" cried Lady Grisel—"the daughter of an Italian adventurer, a stranger to us and not of our creed—would you—"