

MESSINA SHAKEN UP

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE FELT IN THE STRICKEN CITY.

Walls of Old Ruins Razed—Village for a Few Moments is Encased in a Cloud of Dust—So Far as Known Only Two Persons Meet Death.

Messina experienced two terrific earthquakes at about 7 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 many villages in Calabria and killed 200,000 people.

The walls of the old ruins were thrown to the ground and Messina was for a few minutes obscured 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 gone to Messina only a few days ago and had settled in rooms which the great earthquake had left comparatively 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.

LIGHT ON BOMB MYSTERY.

Chicago Suspect Makes a Confession Wednesday.

Felix Sharkey, former convict, once a terror to the police, but now crippled and gray, Wednesday divulged all he knew of the long series of bomb outrages which have mystified the police of Chicago. State's Attorney Wayman, to whom Sharkey told his story, laid a strict embargo of silence upon the narrator and the police officials who were present at the interview.

Tuesday Sharkey refused to talk, but a night in the jail conquered his stubbornness. "Sharkey has changed his story," was the statement made by Mr. Wayman. "He has told all he knew."

Nothing further could be gained by reporters. Arrests are expected. Sharkey was taken before State's Attorney Wayman Wednesday by Chief of Detectives O'Brien. Two detectives and R. Michaelson, a policeman of Morgan Park, where Sharkey holds the office of constable, were present.

"Sharkey has changed his story," taining of information that twenty-five pounds of dynamite had been shipped to him at Morgan Park. Tuesday night Capt. O'Brien repeatedly asked him what he did with the explosive, to which the prisoner as often answered, at last breaking into tears, that he could not tell.

PREVENTS DISASTROUS WRECK. Woman Flags Train in Time to Enable Engineer to Slacken Speed. But for the presence of mind of Mrs. Jennie Lewellyn, an aged woman living nearby in a tent, who ran onto the tracks, flagging the westbound Excelsior Springs train on the Wabash railroad near Missouri City, Mo., the head-on collision of a freight and passenger train at that point Tuesday night probably would have resulted in many fatalities. As it was one man was killed, one woman badly injured and ten slightly injured.

BOMB IN BASKET OF CHERRIES.

Female Spy of Police at Tiflis is Victim of Revolutionists.

Marie Bakhtadze, who had been prominent as an agent of the political police at Tiflis, was killed Tuesday by a bomb that had been sent to her by an unknown person in a basket of cherries. Madam Bakhtadze was a widow of a man who formerly was prominent among the revolutionists. He turned traitor, however, betrayed many of the revolutionary leaders, entered the police service and was killed last autumn. Out of revenge his wife became a spy and devoted herself to hunting down every one responsible for her husband's death. For several weeks past she had not ventured outside the police station.

Execution is Delayed.

Forty-five minutes before he was to have been hanged for the murder of Sidney Herndon, a well to do real estate owner, formerly of Tyler, Tex., Claude Brooks, a negro, was Wednesday granted a thirty-day reprieve by Gov. Hadley, of Missouri.

Eight Hurt in Storm.

The latest report from Niles, N. D., where a tornado late Tuesday was supposed to have killed eight persons and injured many, is that only eight persons were slightly injured, and that no one was killed.

Bolt Kills Mother; Spares Child.

Mrs. Charles Newman, of Mt. Vernon, Ill., was killed by lightning while carrying her child, the latter escaping injury.

Ten Per Cent Wage Increase.

Wages of 3,000 men and boys employed in the plant of the Maryland Steel company at Sparrows Point were increased 10 per cent today.

BRITISH SHIP IS HELD.

Customs Officers Stop Sailing of Ethelwold.

The British steamer Ethelwold, a small and harmless looking little steamer lying at the outer edge of the forest of shipping which skirts the south Brooklyn water front, was held up by United States customs officers Wednesday night on suspicion that the vessel was about to engage in a filibustering expedition against the little West Indian republic of San Domingo.

The order to detain the steamer was received from Assistant Secretary McHarg, of the department of commerce and labor at Washington, and was promptly executed by William Loeb, collector of the port of New York. The Washington advices that the minister from Hayti has complained to the state department that the Ethelwold was believed to have been engaged by Jose St. Pierre Giorjani and Gen. Juan Jimenez, San Dominicans, to aid in a filibustering expedition.

Within an hour after receipt of the order Collector Loeb had two customs officers on the ship. They were placed aboard with orders not to let her sail. Capt. Brown and all others in authority were found to be ashore when the vessel was visited Wednesday night.

Customs Inspector Wm. E. Dodge explained that he and Inspector R. W. Reuberger had come aboard scarcely an hour before to see that the vessel did not sail. He said no inspection had been made of the cargo and none would be undertaken that night, and that, although he knew nothing definitely of any filibuster, he did know that something of the sort was suspected. A search of the cargo, he said, would probably be made Thursday.

The "unwritten law" was sustained Tuesday by a jury in Judge Kernstein's court in Chicago, which freed Michael Pacellano, charged with the murder of Frank Sereno as a result, it is alleged, of the latter's betrayal of Pacellano's sister. The defendant's sister, Mrs. Josephine Fresso, was a bride of only a week, when it is charged Sereno persuaded her to leave her husband. According to Pacellano's defense, Sereno took her to New York and placed her amid questionable surroundings. The brother followed and brought both back to Chicago, Sereno having promised, it is said, to marry Mrs. Fresso after a divorce had been secured. When the party left the train it is charged that Sereno declared he would have nothing more to do with the girl. The shooting followed.

INTERCHANGE OF STUDENTS.

A scheme for the interchange of the 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 progress of formation, with every prospect of success.

Scheme Affecting America in Process of Formation in London.

The idea, which is supported by an influential committee headed by the Hon. P. H. Asquith, prime minister of Great Britain, and Lord Strathcona, high commissioner of Canada, and includes the heads of the chief universities in the United Kingdom, and has also the endorsement of the president 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 inconveniences to their academic work and at the least possible expense.

To Fly Across English Channel.

Herbert Latham, Count de Lambert and Henri Farman are at present on the coast at Calais, France, awaiting favorable weather conditions to attempt an aeroplane flight across the English channel for a prize of \$5,000 offered by a London paper. French torpedo boats are being held in readiness to guide the aviators in their flight and rescue them in case of need.

Well Known Baseball Man Dead.

Charles Cushman, aged 52 years, well known in baseball circles as manager of various clubs, died Tuesday in a Milwaukee hospital following an illness extending over several months which is said to have resulted from an accident. Mr. Cushman at different times managed teams in Milwaukee, Toronto and Rochester, N. Y.

Explode Bombs in Theaters.

Bombs were exploded at midnight Monday night in two of the theaters at Barcelona, Spain. One of the play houses fortunately was empty, but the other was crowded and the audience was thrown into a panic. One man was fatally wounded.

Deaths from Plague at Amoy.

According to official reports there have been 177 deaths from bubonic plague in Amoy in the fortnight ended Monday. Native reports show improved health conditions in the larger interior towns, but the populations of some villages have been decimated during the month.

Wichita Trades Watt.

The Wichita Western league baseball club has traded Pitcher Watt to the Omaha team, of the Western league, for Pitcher Johns, a southpaw, who was with Dayton, O., last year.

Woman Lawyer Dead.

Mrs. Carrie E. Burnham Kilgore, aged 71, the first woman admitted to the bar in Pennsylvania, died Tuesday at her home in Swarthmore, Pa.

CRIME OF A MADMAN.

Two People Are Killed at Valley Junction, Ia.

Calvin Littlepage, a farmer living near Valley Junction, Ia., a suburb of Des Moines, Tuesday night shot and killed Elmer Jamison and Mrs. Jamison, both parents of his divorced wife, and then forced her and her infant baby to enter a buggy which was waiting and flee with him.

The murderer then drove toward Adel in a blinding rain and hail storm, but was soon pursued by a posse from Des Moines. Farmers along the highway with shotguns joined in the chase attracted by the pitiful screams of the orphaned woman, who cried out that she, too, would be slain by her former husband.

The tragedy is the result of the refusal of Mrs. Littlepage to live with her former husband, she having been divorced from him last May. Threats of murder on the part of Littlepage were often made, according to the wife's story prior to the tragedy. A lynching is feared.

At 1:30 Wednesday morning Littlepage succeeded in breaking through the cordon of officers surrounding him in a barn on the Butler farm. The fading light of the moon made it difficult to cover all avenues of escape. Officers found the murderer's trail through the wet fields, and discovered a spot where he had evidently laid down to rest. Ben Littlepage, a brother, who works on a farm near the Butler place, told the officers Wednesday morning that the murderer had called on him after midnight and had said he would return to kill his wife and baby, and he threatened to kill his brother, and then disappeared in the darkness.

NOT GUILTY OF MURDER.

The "Unwritten Law" Plea Clears Chicago Man.

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After the shooting the wife wrapped the gun in her apron and buried it near the house, where Sheriff McDaniel unearthed it. The boy, who is half-witted, claims his mother fired the shot, and that he stood directly behind her, while the mother says the lad did the shooting. An effort was made at the last term of district court to send the boy to the reform school, as it was charged that many of the prairie fires which had been kindled in the vicinity had been started by him. The neighbors filed a complaint, but through the assiduous efforts of the father the charge was withdrawn. The home has been the scene of many "family quarrels."

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Stench Leads to Finding of Corpse Near Grand Island.

Induced by the stench that filled his nostrils, James Denman, farmer, living along the Platte south of Alda, rode to the river's edge to investigate and found lodged to a wire fence that stretched to an island, the body of a man with his hand raised up and fearfully bloated. The sheriff was immediately notified and with an under-taker's wagon went to the river and removed the body to the morgue in Grand Island, where it was identified as the body of Milton O'Neill, who was drowned while bathing south of Shelton Sunday. The river had carried it about twenty miles.

Concord Man Fatally Hurt.

Frank Johnson, an employe of a Concord implement dealer, while fixing a windmill on the C. G. Swanson farm, two miles northeast of Dixon, met with a serious accident. While doing some repairing near the wheel the tower broke and the young man fell on an iron rod which was forced about eight inches into the abdomen.

Wheat Cutting Begins.

Farmers in and around Beatrice began cutting wheat Wednesday. The grain is very heavy and it is estimated the yield will average from twenty to thirty bushels to the acre.

Scratch on Foot Fatal.

Mrs. Pauline Wittulski died Wednesday afternoon at her home in West Beatrice from blood poisoning caused by a scratch she received a few days ago on her foot. She was 63 years of age and leaves a family of eight children.

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NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

DAYLIGHT LAW IN FORCE.

Nebraska Saloons Locked Doors at 8 O'Clock Wednesday Night.

At midnight Thursday the Nebraska daylight saloon law, enacted by the last legislature, took effect. It provides that all drinking places in cities and towns where license exists must close at 8 o'clock p. m. Gov. Shallenberger reiterated Thursday evening what he has heretofore announced, that the law will be enforced to the letter. He says municipal authorities will be expected to look to the enforcement of the law, but if they fail then the state government will act.

In his efforts the governor will be assisted by the Nebraska Anti-Saloon league, which has appointed agents in license towns to act as watchers. So far as known there will be no united attempt to ignore the law, although in some places, where the liquor interests are strong, funds, it is said, have been raised to test the law. Lincoln being a dry municipality, local interest was not keen, only so far as it affected the wet suburban town of Havelock, where the local supply of intoxicants is drawn from, and to which place crowds from Lincoln go nightly.

A new rule was promulgated by the Lincoln excise board which prohibits the practice of drays and delivery wagons bringing beer and other intoxicants from Havelock to Lincoln and supplying customers.

Other enactments of the last legislature went into effect at midnight, save the bank guaranty act and non-partisan judiciary law, which have been enjoined in the courts.

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SHAM BATTLE ENDS REUNION.

Large Crowd in Attendance During the Whole Program.

The Fort Kearney National Park association reunion closed Monday. A large crowd filled the grounds all day long, and many were loath to leave in the evening. While the gathering has not been the success that was planned for it, on account of the unfavorable weather, there is great satisfaction for the promoters in the great enthusiasm that has been shown. The program consisted of various addresses and a sham battle between the old veterans and a company of militia. The veterans had an old brass cannon behind the breastworks, where the fort proper stood, and they shot this with the rapidity that generally prevails with an old-time cannon. Col. Maxon, of Minde, was elected commander of the association, while Dr. Hoover, of Kearney, will act as secretary for the ensuing year. The plans are to hold another reunion next year and each succeeding year.

RUNS INTO A MOVING TRAIN.

Frightened Horse at Harvard Imperils Drivers.

Two daughters of Conrad Schnell, residing four miles southeast of Harvard, received several severe bruises as the result of a runaway Monday afternoon. They were going to town for medicine for their father, who is very ill with typhoid fever, and when within about two blocks of the Burlington tracks their horse became frightened at a cement walk outfit and became unmanageable. He ran furiously across the tracks, the girls holding with all their might and yet unable to stop or turn him. A freight train was switching on the Northwestern tracks, and the horse, blinded with its fright, dashed into the moving train, striking head first and breaking its neck. The girls jumped out before the impact and thus received their hurts. They were picked up and conveyed to the doctor's office and after their injuries were attended to were taken home in an automobile.

ENGINEERS CONVENE.

Brotherhood Gathers at Lincoln in Annual Reunion.

The annual reunion of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and in connection with it a conference of members of the order, began at Lincoln Monday with an attendance of 300 engineers and as many more railroad men from nearly all the states of the union. At an open session of the brotherhood held in the evening addresses were made by Grand Chief Stone, of the brotherhood, Daniel Willard, second vice president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy road; P. H. Morrissey, of the American Railway association, and Mrs. Murdock, president of the ladies auxiliary.

Early in the day a business session of the engineers' brotherhood was held behind closed doors. It was announced that the meeting was of a routine character, unimportant, and that no trouble was impending.

SUN RAYS LIGHT FIREWORKS.

Department Puts Out Dangerous Blaze Before Much Headway is Made.

The sun's heat lighted some fireworks Sunday morning by passing through a plate glass window of the Bliz store, 204 North Sixteenth street, Lincoln, and focusing on a new variety of vari-colored night fireworks. Only one box of the inflammables burned, although the window was filled with firecrackers, skyrocket and other kinds of fireworks. The fire department turned out promptly and saved the rest of the stock.

Another fire Sunday morning about the same time did slight damage in the kitchen of the home of Moses Moscovitz, a few blocks north of the fireworks fire, at 607 North Sixteenth street. Some surplus fuel around a gasoline stove caught an fire, but the flames did not spread far before the firemen came.

CAPITAL STOCK \$750,000.

Chicago Men Form Omaha Company to Take Over Phone Line.

The Nebraska Securities company, of Omaha, with a capital stock of \$750,000, have filed articles of incorporation, and its purpose is for taking over and financing the Omaha Independent Telephone company. The incorporators are Walter Grover, George E. Shoemaker, F. M. Phipps, Charles P. Flynn and Albert E. Wilson, said to be all Chicago parties. Wilson is attorney for Joseph Harris, the Chicago capitalist, who was a heavy buyer of independent stock several months ago. He was also the head of the company that furnished most of the material and installed the plant.

Catches Nine-Pound Channel Cat.

Smith Head, a well known local piscatorial artist, caught a nine-pound channel catfish from the Nemaha river at Tecumseh Monday morning. That is unusually large for a catfish, though carp and buffalo weighing a few pounds more are frequently caught.

Caught Under a Dump Car.

An Italian laborer with the Burlington construction train near Geneva, was caught under a load of gravel from a dump car. He was quickly dug out, but was unconscious for several hours.

Run Over by a Mower.

Albert Hester, who lives northwest of Tecumseh, was thrown from a mower by a runaway team and one of the wheels passed over his body lacerating his head so badly several stitches were required to close it.

Fell Through Trap Door.

Baltz Luetzinger, Sr., residing northeast of Harvard, was quite seriously injured Monday afternoon by falling through a trap door to the cellar in Higgins' tinshop, while looking about the place.

NEW QUAKE SHAKES THE ISLAND OF SICILY

Shocks in Messina Crumpled Walls and Drive Out Many in State of Panic.

ROAR LIKE THE BOOM OF GUNS

Some of the Tremblings More Severe than Those of Disaster of December 28.

Sicily was the scene Thursday of another earthquake disaster which, in Messina at least, completed the destruction wrought by the shocks of Dec. 28, in which tens of thousands of lives were lost.

The instruments at the observatory registered a total of ten shocks of varying severity since 7:20 o'clock Thursday morning. Eight shocks were felt during the night. News that has come in there from the provinces shows that damage has been wrought there, but it is as yet impossible correctly to estimate the extent of the losses. The shocks both at Messina and at Reggio created a great panic among the people of these two cities.

Houses Fall; People in Flight.

Walls of houses not completely demolished in the visitation of last winter were shaken down, and the inhabitants of the towns rushed from the streets toward the open country. A woman and a child caught under the wreckage sustained serious injury, the woman subsequently dying. The earthquakes have been becoming more intense recently, and Wednesday night they were sufficiently severe to cause alarm.

The shocks of Thursday morning were undulating and vertical, and accompanied by deep roaring sounds. The first one was followed by an explosion like the roar of cannon and lasted between eight and ten seconds. It is said that this quake was of greater severity than the fatal one of the night of Dec. 28. The wooden houses and huts erected for the accommodation of the people seemed to be thrown from one side to another. Cries filled the air as the people fled into the road.

As on the night of Dec. 28, the first shock was followed by a circular movement of the ground. Five minutes later there came another quake, accompanied by further roarings. This completed the destruction. The remains of wrecked houses collapsed and the entire district was covered by a dense cloud of dust.

Recalls Last Winter's Upheaval.

News of the latest shock in Messina brings vividly to mind the disaster of last December. Positive knowledge of the number of persons killed and the damage done to property was never obtained. It is known for certain that the dead exceeded 100,000, while scores of cities and towns in Calabria and Sicily were left in ruins.

INDICT SUGAR TRUST CHIEFS.

President Thomas, Attorney Parsons and Four Others Hit.

The American Sugar Refining Company, six of its directors and two other individuals were indicted by a federal grand jury in New York Thursday on a charge of conspiracy in restraint of trade.

The individuals indicted are Washington B. Thomas, president of the American Sugar Refining Company; Arthur Donner and Charles H. Senff and John E. Parsons of New York; John Mayer of Morristown, N. J., and George H. Frazier of Philadelphia, all of whom are directors of the company. Indictments were also found against Gustav E. Kissel and Thomas B. Hartnett, counsel for Adolph Segal. There were fourteen counts in the indictment. The indictments charge the corporation, the American Sugar Refining Company, and the persons named, of conspiracy in restraint of trade in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

FIGHT FOR THE PENNANTS.

Standing of Clubs in the Principal Base Ball Leagues.

Table with columns for League, Club, W, L, and percentage. Includes National League and American League.

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

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Fatally Injured Seeking Kiss.

In her anxiety to kiss her husband farewell at the Charleroi station, Pittsburg, Mrs. Marie Antonio of California thrust her head through the glass in the car window. She was severely gashed on the neck and is not expected to survive.