

ROME HAS A FESTIVAL

"Eternal City" Celebrates Ninth Year of Its Twenty-Seventh Century. TOWN MAY BE FIVE CENTURIES OLDER Present Cycle is Based on Founding of City by Romulus. CROWDS COME TO SEE ACTIVE VOLCANO Many Travelers Stay in Italy as Result of Eruptions. TREMBLERS GENTLY SHAKE TUSCANY No Lives Lost, but Earth Considered "Sure and Firm Not Trembles and Some Houses Fall."

ROME, May 19.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—The tenth annual Scottish Trade Congress, attended by 111 delegates, representing 300 workers, has just closed its session at Greenock. The retiring president, Bailie Johnston, in the course of his presidential address, said that since the last meeting at Hawick events had taken place that would be memorable in the history of the country... The large increase of labor members returned to Parliament, pledged to independent political action, should give them hope, strength and courage for the future.

SCOTCH WORKMEN HOLD MEET

Leaders See Great Hope in Fact of Representation in British Parliament. GLASGOW, May 19.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—The tenth annual Scottish Trade Congress, attended by 111 delegates, representing 300 workers, has just closed its session at Greenock.

PLANS OF WELLMAN

American Explorer Tells What He Hopes to Do in the Far North. MOTOR SLEDGES WILL BE CARRIED IN AIR Balloon to Be Used Will Be Largest Ever Constructed. START FROM PARIS AT END OF THIS MONTH An arrest Will See Start of Expedition in Air if Plan Succeeds. FIVE MEN TO MAKE THE TRIP Observed Natural Phenomena to Place on Airship to Men Who Know How to Manage Craft.

PARIS, May 19.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—Valter Wellman, who will make his third attempt to reach the north pole this summer, has just arrived from America. Major Henry D. Hersey of the United States government meteorological service, who will be the scientific observer of the expedition, accompanied him. The chief feature of this voyage of discovery will be the great airship, in which the party will sail from Spitzbergen, but one real novelty will be what the explorers call a motor sledge. Arctic explorers ordinarily travel across the icefields on sledges drawn by teams of dogs.

PROBABLE FATE OF MURDERER

Moorcan May Now Be Hanged. Crucified or Buried by the Authorities. TANGIER, May 19.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—An official denial is given to the statement that it is intended to crucify the Moorcan, Hadj Mohammed, who has confessed to the murder of thirty young women.

SCANDAL IN BRITISH ARMY

Several Officers to Suffer as Result of "Ragging" of a Lieutenant. LONDON, May 19.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—As a result of the official court of inquiry into the recent case of "ragging" in the First Battalion of the Scots Guard, held at Aldershot, under the presidency of the late Lieutenant General Sir Gerald Morton, the army council have announced that the commanding officer, Colonel Cuthbert, is to be placed on half pay, that Captain Sirrey is to be severely censured, and that the remaining officers concerned are to be deprived of leave for periods of six months or a year, and, in several cases, passed over once or twice for promotion.

DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSAR

Rev. Sir John Hoskyns and Wife of Hereford Married Sixty Years. LONDON, May 19.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—Golden Weddings are always notable events, but diamond weddings are more remarkable still, and many congratulations have been greeted by Rev. Sir John Hoskyns, ninth baronet of Harwood, and his sixty-year-old wife, Mrs. John Hoskyns, who were married in 1846.

ESPERANTO IN HUNGARY

New Language Gains Adherents in Land Where Latin Longest Survived. BUDAPEST, May 19.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—Esperanto has at last penetrated into the wilds of Hungary. The Hungarian Esperanto society held its first general meeting here last night.

WIRELESS SYSTEM IN CHINA

Government Will Instruct Navies in Use of the Method of Telegraphy. PEKING, May 19.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—The Chinese government has arranged to establish a wireless telegraph system throughout China for experiment with Marconi's system of wireless telegraphy and to instruct Chinese operators in working them. Apparatus has been installed on four Chinese men-of-war at Shanghai and at the three north China cities of Tientsin, Peking and Tsingtau.

CHINA FRIENDLY TO GERMANY

Removal of Troops Causes Confidence to Take the Place of Suspicion. BERLIN, May 19.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—Germany claims that its proposal on October 24 of last year to remove its troops from the province of Chihli, except the three north China cities of Tientsin, Peking and Tsingtau, has been accepted by the Chinese government.

SICK OFFICERS GO TO WORK

Men in Naval Hospital at San Francisco Receive Mention in Report. WASHINGTON, May 19.—The Navy department is in receipt of further evidence of the heroic conduct of the personnel of that branch of the service when earthquake and fire overtook San Francisco.

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THE BEE BULLETIN.

- Forecast for Nebraska—Fair in East, Showers in West Portion Sunday, Monday Showers. NEWS SECTION—Eight Pages. 1 Roman Celebrate an Anniversary. Wellman Plans to Reach Pole. 2 Fairbanks Pays Visit to Atlanta. Bill for Federal Grain Inspection. 3 News from All Parts of Nebraska. 4 Delmona Renews Campaign Pledge at South Omaha. 5 Clear Disposition of Russian. Chaos on Eve of Administration. 6 Sunday Services. 7 Sporting Events of the Day. EDITORIAL SECTION—Eight Pages. 1 Past Week in Omaha Society. 2 Men Who Fought with Gen. Crook. Hindu Royalty in New York City. 3 Editorial. 4 Pomp at Coming Royal Wedding. Playground City Formally Opened. 5 Despatch from Moscow. 6 Characteristics of San Francisco. 7 Feud of Rival Border Editors. 7 Council Bluffs and Iowa News. 8 Pass System in Vogue at City Hall.

WANT AD SECTION—Eight Pages.

- 1 Palatial New Piano Sale Room. 2 Coming Jubilee of Trinity Church. Timely Talks on Real Estate. 3 Condition of Omaha's Trade. 4 Want Ads. 5 Want Ads. 6 Want Ads. 7 Financial and Commercial. 8 John Bull Has Japanese Trade. HALF-TONE SECTION—Eight Pages. 1 Bryan on Life in the East. Exploding Gun on the Princeton. 2 Y. M. C. A. Work in China. 3 3000 Soldiers in the East. 4 3000 Soldiers in the East. 5 Musical and Musical Matters. 6 Great Irrigation Project. 7 Memorial Church. 8 Williams, Wizard of the Orchard. 9 Great Copper Mines in Colorado. 10 Woman: Her Ways and Her World. 11 Weekly Grist of Sporting Gossip. COLOR SECTION—Four Pages. 1 Reader Brown Breaks Up Party. 2 Thirty Years Solitary Confinement. 3 Fashion Gossip for Women Folk. 4 Samba Works Himself into a Job. TEMPERATURE AT OMAHA YESTERDAY: Hour: Deg. Heat: Deg. 5 a. m. . . . . 59 1 p. m. . . . . 64 6 a. m. . . . . 50 2 p. m. . . . . 67 7 a. m. . . . . 50 3 p. m. . . . . 70 8 a. m. . . . . 50 4 p. m. . . . . 70 9 a. m. . . . . 55 5 p. m. . . . . 70 10 a. m. . . . . 58 6 p. m. . . . . 68 11 a. m. . . . . 60 7 p. m. . . . . 68 12 m. . . . . 62

EXPLOSION AT POWDER MILL

Racine Thinks It Has Earthquake When Report from Mills is Heard. RACINE, Wis., May 19.—Two terrific explosions, which shook buildings throughout the southern part of this city and as far north as the city hall, occurred today. The main mill, known as the Racine Powder Mill, located in Racine, Wis., was the scene of the explosion.

DELAWARE READY TO VOTE

Members of Legislature May Break Deadlock Which Has Lasted for Years. DOVER, Del., May 19.—Seven Kent county republicans, members of the Delaware legislature, met in conference with the state senators yesterday and signed a petition asking Governor Lea to call a special session of the legislature for the election of a United States senator.

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BURNS ITSELF OUT

Danger from Forest Fires in Michigan Over for the Present. PARTS OF FIVE COUNTIES DEVASTATED Four Towns Totally Wiped Out and Ten Partially Destroyed. MANY PERSONS REPORTED MISSING Four Bodies Recovered and it is Expected Death List Will Be Large. SURVIVORS TELL TALES OF MISERY Back Fires Started in a Number of Places Partially Protected Towns and Farm Buildings.

Summary of Damage.

The following summary briefly tells the story: The dead: FREDERICK LA FONTE, a cook, smothered in a lumber camp near Kestow, body found tonight. THREE unidentified children dead at Quinnesec, Mich., separated from their parents while the village was burning and perished. Scores of homesteaders and woodmen are missing and many have probably perished. Territory devastated: Five counties: Marquette, Menominee, Delta, Alger and Dickerson. The territory fire-swept: 100 miles square. Towns totally burned: Talbot, Mich., no population, only a few houses left standing. Quinnesec, Mich., 90 population, only one house remaining. A large population, all wiped out: Niagara, Wis., 300 population, all wiped out.

WOODSMEN FIGHT FIRE

Throughout the territory hundreds of woodmen were put to work to stay the fire, but it could not be fought by the men on and it was only by diverting its path that some of the towns were saved. The first to be driven out were the woodmen in camp and homesteaders. Hundreds of small, prosperous farmers live in the territory and these hurried to the nearest town. Battle and smoke and burning timber and their contents were left for the flames. Wagons were hurriedly loaded with personal effects and the race against the flames began. In some instances whole families came in. In many cases, however, some of the members had been separated and left behind. Some of the losses were numbered in all sides. Talbot and Quinnesec are the most notable examples. At both a hard fight was put up but in the end the places had to be abandoned.

Back Fires Started.

Clearings were burned over with fires that could not be controlled. Then when the flames reached the timber they became more to consume. In this manner many of the towns in the path of the conflagration were saved. While scenes of horror and despair were being enacted in the fire-stricken territory there was also a panic in neighboring cities miles from the fire line. Most of the refugees were taken back today when it was reported that the fire had died down, but many of them found nothing when they reached the spot where their home stood. Gradually the wind died down and this morning it shifted and the flames began to lose their fury. The fire is not spreading, it will only need a fresh wind to start them again in all their fury. Talbot fought hard to ward off the flames, but it failed. A score of houses and an entire logging train were burned. Daggett had sent a fire engine to Talbot, but even this was burned up. Daggett managed to save their town because the shifting of the wind, Quinnesec is still isolated from this end and cannot be reached. Trainmen say the entire town is gone.

Ferry Rescues Six from River.

PIERRE, S. D., May 19.—(Special Telegram.)—A gasoline launch with six passengers was smashed against the piling at the railroad bridge this afternoon by the heavy current and sank in a few minutes. One of the ferry boats happened to be near the launch and the launch was pulled up at midnight, when, after opening the door to fire up, he saw some excited people running toward a bridge east of Cook's station near Washington court house. The bridge was on fire and the train was stopped just in time.

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