

MOUNT ETNA GRUMBLES ABOVE RUINS OF CITIES

Fourteen Towns Rattled to Pieces by Two Earthquakes Caused by Volcano's Eruptions.

SMOKE IS POURING OUT

Over One Hundred Corpses Already Recovered and Many More Are Expected.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] ACIREALE, Sicily, May 9.—Fourteen villages about the base of Mt. Etna were masses of twisted ruins to night. Four were totally destroyed and hundreds of houses in the others shaken from the foundations and piled in heaps by the terrific earthquake of last night.

After an all-day search by soldiers, carabinieri, police and citizens, 120 bodies were recovered by night fall and the authorities are certain that 100 additional dead are still buried. Orders were issued that the search should continue tonight. Digging in the ruins will be kept up until it is certain every one of the victims has been taken out. Cries for help, growing weaker and weaker as time passed, came from the debris in every town and village. Frantic efforts were being made to reach these unfortunates before they died.

Of the injured so far recovered, only 200 were so seriously wounded that their removal to hospitals was necessary. The quakes which wrecked the towns and villages last night were of extreme violence. There were two shocks an hour apart. At the first shock many people fled from their homes into the open country and did not suffer from the quakes.

The death toll will be appalling. Director Ricco of the Etna observatory declared that the quakes equalled in violence those which destroyed Messina in 1908.

"The quakes were purely of volcanic origin and hence were confined to the immediate base of Etna," said Ricco. "They were just as severe as those which wrecked Messina, but not being accompanied by tidal waves, were not so disastrous."

Mt. Etna was less threatening to

night but a low rumbling was still heard at intervals and the smoke was still coming from the crater. During the day, smoke and gases poured from the volcano and the terror-stricken refugees feared an eruption was to follow the quake.

Railroad traffic was still paralyzed and communications with towns stricken by the quake were disrupted. Railroad beds were torn up by the quake and telegraph poles dashed to the ground. Soldiers met hundreds of refugees on the roads, some carrying their dead and dying on improvised litters. Many parties of refugees were headed by priests who led them in prayers for protection. Old men dropped by the roadside, unable to continue the march toward Acireale where doctors and nurses were centered to care for the victims.

Physically all those escaping from wrecked towns are destitute. They fled from their homes with only the clothing they wore and spent the night in the fields while Etna roared and grumbled ominously above them. Scenes of greatest terror greeted the rescue parties today. Some of the women had all but lost their reason. They ran from their homes screaming and tearing their hair when the first quake caused the walls of the houses to rock like a ship at sea, later to crash down in heaps.

The villages of St. Venerina, Lincara, Consentini and Zafferana were totally destroyed. Twenty persons were killed in Bougiardo where hundreds of houses were wrecked. The bodies of fifty were recovered. Zerbati, Pennisi, Belpasco, Maria Vergini, Mangano were also partially wrecked.

Turn Sinclair Down. CHICAGO, May 9.—The national socialist party, through its executive committee tonight put its seal of disapproval on the "mobsters' march" conducted by Upton Sinclair and his associates, before the offices of the Standard Oil Co., at No. 26 Broadway, New York, the home of the Rockefeller at Tarrytown and at other points where marches have been maintained.

In reply to a telegram from Sinclair who asked that the socialist party inaugurate a national wide picket in aid of the Colorado strikers to bring home to the masters of the Standard Oil the intense abhorrence with which American people regard their crimes, the executive committee of the socialist party warned its members "not to be misled into such hostile demonstrations as may be easily used by capitalist spies to produce most reactionary results."

SCORCHED BY A BAD FIRE

Half of Business Section of Town in Ruins and Two Citizens Injured.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WYMORE, Neb., May 9.—Half of the business section of this place is in ruins tonight as a result of a conflagration which started from a bonfire in the rear of the W. A. Dawson store, shortly after noon today. The total loss is estimated at \$100,000, with insurance of \$60,000.

Tonight W. A. Drake and J. W. Wymore were injured while helping tear down some of the walls of the ruins. Both of Drake's legs were broken and one of Wymore's was crushed. The heaviest loser is C. W. Robertson, with a total loss of \$55,000. The postoffice was totally destroyed.

One Hundred Ten Refugees. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, May 10.—(Sunday.)—Admiral Badger notified the navy department this morning of the arrival of the Morro Castle at Vera Cruz, carrying 110 refugees from Yucatan. She will sail for New York via New Orleans. Badger reported also the arrival of the Lancaster, a British gunboat and the Yankton, an American gun boat at Vera Cruz. The Lancaster came from Puerto, Mexico.

Killed in Accident. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] WAKAHACHIE, Texas, May 9.—While traveling in the same direction with a rapidly moving interurban baggage car, an automobile driven by James Kierkey, a prominent Hillsboro hotel man, swerved suddenly into the car this afternoon, killing Kierkey and derailing the interurban. The victim was badly mutilated and the automobile was completely wrecked.

REBEL PRAISE FOR AMERICA

Carranza Says Victories of Villa Are Due to Uncle Sam's Friendly Attitude.

[By N. C. Parke, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

EL PASO, Texas, May 9.—Speaking before a cheering crowd that greeted his entrance into Torreon, General Carranza declared the success of the constitutionalists had been due to a large measure to the friendly attitude of the United States, according to delayed dispatches received here tonight. Carranza, the dispatches said, even out-did Villa in expressing friendship for the United States. Some of his quoted remarks sound strangely like the words used by Villa in a recent interview at Juarez.

"The American people are too sensible to let Huerta provoke them into a war so that he can satisfy himself," Carranza is quoted as saying. "We are not at odds with Americans. Mexicans owe much to their friendly attitude."

Without a new supply of ammunition the Carranza forces will be seriously handicapped in their final move on Mexico City. Staff officers of Gen. Fidel Avila, commanding the constitutionalist garrison at Juarez, who crossed the river in civilian garb and saw 5,000 American troops parade today in the streets of El Paso, tonight were guarded in their comments. They praised the troops but said American horses were unsuitable for service in the desert and mountain country of Mexico. Avila himself was not in El Paso, according to his officers.

Marion F. Letcher, United States consul at Chihuahua, will return to that city tomorrow. Scores of American refugees have begged him for permission to return, to look after their interests, but he said his had no instructions from the state department in the matter. Jas. Logan, an American negro who has been held in jail at Juarez for three months on the charge of being a federal spy, was released today on representations made by the American department of state. His release is conditional, however, and he must report to the military authorities at Juarez every Monday, pending a final decision of his case.

DIPLOMACY VS WAR SPIRIT

Wilson and Bryan Banking on Huerta Being Frightened Into Mediation.

PICKING OUT DELEGATES

Mayor Baker of Cleveland, Frederick W. Lehman and Hughes or Lamar May be Appointed.

[By John E. Nerin, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Diplomacy scored a distinct victory over the war spirit in the nation's capital tonight. After a day of serious conferences, President Wilson and his closest advisers were convinced that the Mexican situation had materially improved. The grave dangers of international complications through the Tampico situation; of Huerta abandoning mediation because of activity of Funston's men; of the arrival of a munition ship for Huerta at Vera Cruz; or of immediate attack on our forces at Vera Cruz have been averted for the present at least, the president believes. So convinced of this fact were the president and Secretary Bryan that they spent a considerable portion of the late afternoon discussing the make up of the American board which will safeguard the interest of the United States at the mediation conferences at Niagara Falls, commencing May 18. As a result, it was well nigh certain tonight that the American representatives will be: Frederick W. Lehman, former solicitor general under President Taft, but a Cleveland democrat and lawyer of international reputation; either Justice Hughes, or Justice Lamar, of the United States supreme court; or both if they will accept, and it is finally determined to name four representatives.

Mayor Newton Baker of Cleveland, Ohio, was with the president a good part of the afternoon. While he refused to discuss his visit it is understood from a high source he will gladly accept if named. Mayor Baker who last night was considered certainly eliminated today became so strong a possibility that his appointment is believed certain. So far as Hughes and Lamar are concerned the president is known to have decided that they are the only members of the supreme court available at present; and whose health would stand the long, severe strain of negotiations. The president will announce his choice Sunday night or Monday.

Meanwhile the A. B. C. mediators have completed their program for the Niagara Falls conference. Although guarded with the utmost secrecy, it is believed they will suggest that Huerta retire as provisional president of Mexico and will suggest a number of names from which his successor may be chosen. This suggestion is expected to be promptly recognized by Huerta representatives. Then will begin negotiations between representatives of Huerta and the United States, with the mediators sitting as umpires and doing their best to suggest a compromise that both can accept.

With Carranza not participating, or represented, however, this task is likely to prove a very difficult one. Until the first of the sessions have been held, officialdom here, with the exception of the president and his secretary of state who have at all times been optimistic, will continue pessimistic.

But the president and Secretary Bryan are banking heavily on the Mexican constitutionalists. They are convinced that by a week from Monday, when the conferences begin, Villa and his armies will be almost within striking distance of Mexico City. This fact, they hope will have a sobering effect on Huerta and may make the dictator and his representative intractable. While diplomatic negotiations continue, Secretary Garrison will rush his war preparations, so that if a blow up comes, the army will be ready. He will gather at Galveston, where one fleet of transports are already anchored, the steamers Colorado, Oxbow, Denver, Dorchester, Minnesota, City of Memphis, City of Macon and the Kansas.

This will be transport space sufficient to land an entire division at Vera Cruz or anywhere else it is needed. The war department admits this action is precautionary. Garrison intends to take no chances. Mediation may blow up at a moment's notice and if it does, the army will be prepared. As an indication of the

WILL BLOW UP MEXICO CITY

Huerta Will Leave Nothing Worth Taking if Invaders Come Too Near.

[By Wm. G. Shepherd, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

VERA CRUZ, May 9.—If General Villa or Zapata finally enter Mexico City they will find nothing but ruins of one of the most beautiful capitals in the world, if the plans Dictator Huerta is now said to have in mind are carried out.

Workmen are reported to be placing mines under the national palace and all public buildings at the capital at the order of Huerta. The mines can be exploded from a keyboard outside the city. It is the plan of Huerta to destroy all public buildings and records on the approach of the rebels.

Think He Was Killed.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] VERA CRUZ, May 9.—Latest reports concerning Private Parks, orderly for Colonel Taggart, has resulted in the belief here that Parks certainly has been executed by Mexicans. Refugees arriving today report a Mexican lieutenant boarded the train at Orizaba and declared that an American spy had been shot by his troops. He said the spy entered the lines with two horses. Parks had two horses belonging to Colonel Taggart when he disappeared.

Auto Turned Over.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] BERKELEY, Calif., May 9.—Richard W. Graham, retired millionaire oil operator, was fatally injured tonight when his automobile struck a deep depression in the Colusa road here and turned over. Mrs. J. E. Bryan and Mrs. Ellen Brown, her sister, were seriously hurt. Four other occupants of the machine escaped injury.

POISONER IS AFTER THEM

Literary Colony is Deeply Alarmed Over Attempt to Kill Noted Authors.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] MONTEREY, Calif., May 9.—The literary colony at Carmel By The Sea was deeply alarmed tonight over an attempt to poison A. L. McGowan, noted authoress. Strychnine freely distributed over candy and food was the method used.

Miss McGowan narrowly escaped eating some of the food and her Japanese cook, Atti, almost lost his life as a result of partaking of it. The attempt to poison Miss McGowan followed closely several mysterious robberies in one or which the authoress lost jewels valued at \$2,000. No clue to the motives of attack has been unearthed, despite the efforts of Monterey police and several private detectives. It is known, however that a woman is suspected.

Other members of the Carmel colony have been greatly disturbed recently over threatening letters. "Be careful what you write and how you write it or you will be poisoned," has been the burden of such missives.

After a hard day's work in her study, Miss McGowan went to a cooler and there found a tin box of marshmallows. There were also chili sauce and mayonnaise. She gave the candy to Atti. He ate one piece and a few minutes later fell into convulsions. His life was saved by a narrow margin. Miss McGowan tasted the chili sauce but found it very bitter. She swallowed none, expectorating it immediately. The candy and chili were sent to San Francisco for analysis and according to Chas. Green, toxicologist, enough poison was in the candy and food to kill the entire community.

Will Free Byington.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, May 9.—Fears for the safety of James Byington of Idaho at Cumpos, Sonora, were relieved tonight by state department advices that one of the Sonora consuls expected to gain his release in a few days. Byington had been in jail under charges for a long time.

PULLED TRIGGER WITH TOES AND ENDED LIFE

Millionaire Post for Weeks Had Been Insane on the Question of Killing Himself.

HAD FOUGHT AGAINST IT

Took Every Precaution to Have Firearms Removed and Had Constant Watch Kept.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] SANTA BARBARA, Calif., May 9.—The death of Charles W. Post, multi-millionaire manufacturer of cereal foods, who ended his own life at his winter home near here today by shooting himself with a rifle, marked the end of a long, terrible fight against an uncontrollable longing to commit suicide. Testimony to this effect was given at a coroner's inquest late today by his personal nurse, Miss Ella Benson.

On the witness stand, Miss Benson told of the millionaire's long struggle. The suicidal mania, she said, was the form taken by recurrent neurasthenia that had baffled his physicians for weeks.

Of late, the nurse testified, Post had become so oppressed with the idea that he must commit suicide that the mere sight of a gun caused him to shudder with horror. As a result he had ordered every rifle and revolver in his establishment taken away. No person was permitted on the grounds with a firearm of any sort and no one was able to explain how the rifle with which he killed himself came to his room.

Because of the horror that had descended upon Post, Miss Benson said, care was taken never to leave him alone. Today, however, he became calmer and when he asked that he be left alone that he might rest, there was no suspicion that he had broken under the strain.

Dr. J. C. Bainbridge, Post's physician, corroborated the nurse's testimony. He said his patient unquestionably was suffering from temporary insanity when he shot himself. There were no other witnesses of consequence.

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WILL HONOR DEAD HEROES WHEN SEVENTEEN LEAD CASKETS ARE UNLOADED MONDAY MORNING

President Wilson Will Deliver Eulogy at Services to be Held at Navy Yards.

GREAT CROWD EXPECTED

Funeral Procession Will Pass up Broadway in the Morning and Cross Bridge.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, May 9.—Crowds as great as New York's millions ever turned out to any spectacle, are expected to throng the famous old battery tomorrow when the bodies of seven-ton blue jackets and marines who fell at Vera Cruz, will be displaced with honor at the city's water gate. Escorting by the battleship Wyoming, the death ship Montana accompanied by the presidential yacht May Flower, will arrive at the battery early tomorrow afternoon. Promise of a fair day made it certain that New Yorkers by hundreds of thousands would throng to the spot to do honor to the boys who died in Mexico for the flag.

Tonight, Police Commissioner Woods and Chief Inspector Schmittberger were hard at work perfecting the police arrangements for handling the enormous crowds. Hundreds of men, foot and mounted will be required in addition to the detachments from the ships, which will be present as a guard of honor. Extra trains will be run on various elevated and subway lines to handle the crush of spectators and the trolley service on lines running to the foot of the island will be doubled. Every indication is that the big park will be barely large enough to hold the throng and it is probable that when the jam gets too big, the police will have to form lanes and keep all hands moving after they have seen the seventeen flag-draped leaden coffins.

Mrs. Post, whom the manufacturer married several years ago, after divorcing his first wife, gave no important testimony. The jury's verdict attributed death to a gunshot wound, self-inflicted.

Post shot himself while his wife and secretary were in Santa Barbara on business. After dressing himself faultlessly, he laid on his bed, placed the muzzle of the rifle in his mouth and pulled the trigger with his toes.

The bullet tore off the top of the millionaire's head and penetrated the bed-post and the wall. He was dying when his nurse, whom he had dismissed a few moments before, ran into the room.

Post, who had been ill for some time, was examined late yesterday by physicians and his condition pronounced satisfactory. He recently was operated upon, successfully, for appendicitis.

He is survived by his widow, his parents and two brothers. He left a fortune estimated at from \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000.

Funeral arrangements will not be made until word is received from eastern relatives, but it was believed the body will be taken to Battle Creek, Mich., Monday or Tuesday, in a special car.

Mayor's Report.

ROCHESTER, Minn., May 9.—That C. W. Post was in better condition than he had been for years, when he left the hospital here, after an operation for appendicitis and chronic stomach trouble, about the 15th of March, was the statement tonight of Dr. C. S. Mayo, who performed the operation. Dr. Mayo further stated that the millionaire was in good mental condition despite the fact that he had suffered from stomach troubles for twenty-three years.

"Mr. Post was a man of sudden impulses," said Dr. Mayo, "and it was undoubtedly due to his impulsive nature that he took his own life today. I had a letter from him after he reached his home in which he seemed in the best of spirits and apparently considered himself on the road to complete recovery. I am astonished at the news of his death. The operation which was performed here, was to relieve a condition of chronic appendicitis and stomach trouble and was considered very successful. We felt confident that he would regain his normal strength and if any change took place in his condition recently, we were not informed of it."

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THREW NEWSPAPER REPORTERS IN JAIL AS SOON AS THEY HAD LANDED IN MEXICO CITY

Dictator Huerta Held Two Americans in Cell for Two Nights and a Day.

THE THREATS OF ZAPATA

French Colony is Raising Big Fund to Bribe Bandit Not to Loot Their Homes.

[By William G. Shepherd, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, May 9.—For two nights and a day two American newspaper men were held incommunicado in a jail in Mexico City at the order of General Huerta, despite desperate efforts made to obtain their release by Sir Lionel Carden, the British ambassador, and the Brazilian minister at the capital.

News of the arrest of four correspondents on their arrival in Mexico City from Vera Cruz Thursday night reached here only today. Walter C. Whiffen, of the Associated Press and A. J. Sutton, a photographer for the Washington Post, were the men thrown into jail. They were held throughout Thursday night, Friday and Friday night and were released today only after the greatest pressure had been brought to bear by the Eng-

lish and Brazilian diplomats. With Whiffen and Sutton were Hueffer and Rorke, English correspondents. When the four stepped from the train in the capital, they were immediately seized. Cabs were waiting and with armed guards watching the correspondents, they were whisked away to the police station. There they were searched and the Englishmen were set at liberty. The Americans were led to cells, but their parting words to the Englishmen were: "Tell Carden." Hueffer and Rorke immediately dashed to the Brazilian embassy in cabs. The Brazilian minister telephoned to the police but was told the newspaper men could not be released until an investigation had been made. Ambassador Carden then took up the task. He requested that the Americans be released and the request was promptly denied. Both foreign representatives worked throughout the night making every effort to force some promise from the government that the men would be given their liberty. They met only with failure. It was not until tonight that word was received of the release of the correspondents and it is positively known that they were in jail out off from all communication at noon Friday. When the men were finally released it was stated that they would leave for Vera Cruz tomorrow.

The threats of Emilio Zapata, the bandit rebel of the south that he will take Mexico City and execute Huerta and his war minister, General Blicca, have reached the capital and resulted in the French colony opening

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