

Mount Etna is Roaring

People in Path of Great River of Lava Are Filled With Terror.

IT IS NOW TEN MILES LONG.

In Many Homes Molten Mass Has Reached Cisterns, Causing Explosions.

Gravity of Situation Officially Condemned—Some Hope That Worst Is Over—Troops Ordered to Scene.

Catania, Sicily, March 25.—An official report on the volcanic disturbances in the Mount Etna district, made public this afternoon, while confirming the gravity of the situation, holds out the hope that the worst is over. The craters that may be properly described as new appear to be only four in number. These have opened at the foot of Mount Castellazzo, four miles in an air line from the summit of Mount Etna.

One of these craters is at a spot called Tasca Albaneli. This is not thought to be much lava but is the hottest of the four and its loud detonations are chiefly responsible for the terror of the population for miles around. A second crater is 600 feet above in a place called Volta Sangirolamo. This is 7,000 feet above the sea, and the most active of the openings, emitting the greatest amount of incandescent matter. At Tasca Arena is a third break, also very active, and near it is the fourth, showing a less serious eruption.

The four streams emitted from these craters have united at the foot of Mount Castellazzo and formed a great river of lava that is bringing death and desolation into the invaded districts. Plants, trees, whole vineyards and orchards have been destroyed by the consuming flood. This morning the lava river had extended nine miles from its source.

Even in this city there was little sleep for anyone last night. The greatest anxiety was felt for friends and relatives and their property interests in the threatened districts by those who well know the possibilities of the disaster.

At the foot of the advancing flood the people are in great terror and thousands had abandoned their homes at daylight. The roaring of Mount Etna continued without interruption today and a rain of cinders fell for miles around. Several houses of peasants already have been destroyed and it is feared that if the flow does not recede the flood will enter Borretto. Caravans of peasants carrying all their household goods and all of their transportable possessions are moving to the coast and their property interests present a pathetic sight. At many homes the molten mass has entered the cisterns and caused destructive explosions.

During the last 48 hours the emission of lava is estimated, has amounted to 15,000,000 cubic yards. The Mount Etna observatory, advancing too far into the disturbed zone today, was caught in a storm of cinders and smoke and had to flee for its life.

Troops have been ordered into the vicinity and volunteers from neighboring villages have come to the aid of the distressed.

Approaching the valley the lava flood widened but diminished in velocity and this afternoon the hope that the eruption was decreasing in volume was strengthened.

The prefect of Catania, returning from the scene, said: "I have witnessed a spectacle of plain and ruin which only those who saw the eruption of Vesuvius in 1868 can compare to no other."

SHOT WIFE BECAUSE SHE WENT TO THEATER

New Orleans, March 25.—Enraged because his wife went to the theater with her brother, taking the children of the family with her, Alfred Mitchell today shot and probably fatally wounded her, seriously wounding a 12-year-old son and 7-year-old daughter and then shot himself in the head, dying instantly.

PINCHOT NOMINATED FOR YALE CORPORATION

New Haven, Conn., March 25.—Gifford Pinchot has been nominated for election to the Yale corporation to succeed H. S. Howland, of New York, who declined re-election. The other nominees for the place are Frederick W. Vanderbilt and General W. W. Slatery, of New York. President Taft is one of the members of the corporation.

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Chicago, March 25.—It is said there were 22 employees on the fifth and sixth floors of the Fish Furniture building which was destroyed by fire today. While some of these may have escaped, it is believed all are dead. It will be hours before the exact number can be ascertained.

IT'S ASSASSIN EXECUTED.

Harbin, Manchuria, March 25.—Inchuan Angan, the Korean who assassinated Prince Ho, former Japanese resident general of Korea, in this city, on Oct. 29 last, was executed at Port Arthur this morning.

EXPOSING INSURANCE METHODS AT ALBANY

New York, March 25.—The inner processes which fire insurance bills encountered at Albany formed the subject for further inquiry today by state superintendent of Insurance Hotchkiss. "I am only scratching the surface," said Mr. Hotchkiss in speaking of the letters of G. P. Sheldon, president of the "Phonix" fire insurance company, to William H. Buckley, his executive lawyer, in 1923.

Supreme Court Justice Edwin E. McCall probably will be subpoenaed to sell what he knows of the check for \$35,000 made out to Mr. Buckley and signed by Mr. Sheldon. On the back of the check appeared the name of Edwin E. McCall, who said today that in time all things would be explained.

SHACKLETON THINKS SCOTT WILL REACH POLE

New York, March 25.—"I have little doubt that Capt. Scott's expedition will reach the south pole," said Sir Ernest Shackleton, the Antarctic explorer, in a letter to the committee on the expedition of heading any expedition to the south pole while Capt. Scott is trying to reach it.

ROBBERS STEAL BODY AND STUME GOLD TEETH

Forest Hill, La., March 25.—The most unusual robbery in the history of this section of Louisiana was perpetrated last night when the body of E. D. Galt was exhumed and gold teeth, a diamond ring, a gold watch and cuff-buttons were taken. The body was sealed in a tomb here more than 30 years ago.

COMMITTEE ON RULES.

House Unanimously Adopts Resolution Naming One.

Washington, March 25.—By a unanimous vote the house today adopted a resolution naming a committee on rules.

KILLED BRIDE, COMMITTED SUICIDE

Fairfield, Iowa, March 25.—H. D. McDonald of Chicago early today shot and killed his bride six weeks and then committed suicide. The couple, who were married in Chicago, had just arrived in Fairfield to visit Mrs. McDonald's father. McDonald is thought to have been mentally unbalanced.

INTERNATIONAL DENTAL FEDERATION MEETING

Paris, March 25.—The feature of the opening session today of the tenth annual meeting of the International Dental Federation at the Sorbonne was an address on anesthetics by Dr. Kirk of Philadelphia.

MISS CARNegie ENDOWS BED.

Pasadena, Cal., March 25.—Just before leaving with her father and mother for New York yesterday, Miss Marguerite Carnegie gave \$5,000 as an endowment fund for a children's bed in the Pasadena hospital.

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WESTON FEELS FINE.

Standish, Mo., March 25.—"I am feeling fine and in an hour I shall be about my schedule," said Edward Payson Weston, the pedestrian, when he passed through this town today.

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Is the Kaiser's Wife Empress of Germany?

An illustrated article, forms an interesting feature of

Saturday News

TOMORROW

Other features covered in this issue are as follows:

Joseph Bonaparte, King of Naples and King of Spain, Who Became America's Greatest Gentleman Farmer—Illustrated.

Rare Book Thieving an Unprofitable Vocation.

London Society Gossip by Lady Mary.

The World's Biggest Jail—2,500 Convicts at Bangson—Illustrated.

Frank G. Carpenter, the World's Greatest Privateer—Illustrated.

The Story of the Desert News—The Job Department. Printing in The Early Days and Now.

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The financial loss is placed at \$300,000, equally divided between building and stock.

The Fish Furniture company occupied two buildings separated by an alley, one building fronting on Wabash avenue, where the fire occurred, and the other on State street, which is a block west of Wabash avenue. Those in the State street store looking across the alley could see girls on the fifth and sixth stories of the burning structure rushing back and forth to the windows screaming for assistance. At times they clung to each other. Then some of them disappeared with their hair and clothing blazing.

Fire Marshal Moran said that an investigation as to the preparedness of the building for fire would be made. He said, whereas it should have had two.

Simon Fish, another member of the firm, while the blaze was at its height, made charges of neglect against the firemen. In bitter language he declared that the firemen were slow in responding to the alarm and tardy in raising ladders. He protested that firemen interfered with employees who were attempting to make rescues and declared he would prefer charges against the fire department.

BLAMES FIREMEN.

"I believe there would have been no loss of life if the firemen were slow in responding promptly," declared Mr. Fish.

Marshal Moran declared that his men responded without the loss of a second and expressed the opinion that Mr. Fish would withdraw his charges after he had calmed down.

Firemen poured water on the building for two hours and a half before the flames were sufficiently subdued to make a search for bodies.

The heat made the work of removing the wreckage difficult but half an hour's search resulted in the recovery of three bodies.

FOR NATIONAL AID FOR GOOD ROADS

Washington, March 25.—Declaring that good roads would favor the establishment of the rural mail delivery system, Senator Bankhead of Alabama today addressed the senate in advocacy of a bill in that interest, introduced by him and reported by the committee on agriculture.

The bill seeks to appropriate \$5,000,000 with which to make experiments looking to the rural mail delivery system, a plan of co-operation by the government and by the states and counties in a comprehensive system of road construction.

Mr. Bankhead argued that a policy of this kind must necessarily begin, as was the case with rural delivery, when a small appropriation was made, an experiment made, and the results were such that the people demanded their extension, until now it is one of the most important branches of the post-office department and its discontinuance would not be considered for a moment.

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