

FAMINE THREATENS SURVIVORS IN ITALY

Inhabitants of Tidal Wave and Cloudburst Zone in Desperate Need.

MUD FILLS STREETS EIGHTEEN FEET DEEP

Hunger-Crazed People Mob Officials, and Panic-Stricken Hinder Soldiers' Relief Work.

NAPLES, Oct. 25.—Famine and pestilence threaten the unharmed residents of Ischia island and the zone devastated by cloudburst, tidal wave, and volcanic eruption.

King Victor Emmanuel arrived here today and left immediately aboard a torpedo boat for Ischia, where he will assist the minister of marines in the work of relief.

When the King arrived here he was accompanied by General Prusati, Admiral Garelli, and Count Mattiolo-Pasqualini. A big crowd saw him off from the pier, and in response to their cheers the King said that his heart had been so touched by the stories of the disaster that he had decided to personally visit the stricken region and render aid wherever possible.

Bodies of victims have been recovered according to today's reports as follows: At Cetari, 80; Montecorvino, 2; Torre del Greco, 1; Minori, 4; Laccagnano, 1; Gragnano, 1; Amalfi, 1; Resina, 1; S. Elia, 1; Majori, 20; Casamicciola, 12. The search for bodies continues.

The government has received reports today from the storm zone, adding new details to the horror.

In some of the towns mud fills the streets to a depth of eighteen feet. In other places streets are entirely washed out.

The towns which were the chief sufferers are Lacco, Ameno, Positano, Terra del Graco, Portici, and Cetara. Mrs. Gibson, mother of Charles Dana Gibson, is at Ischia. She is believed to be safe.

The minister of marine was mobbed at Ischia by the hunger-crazed people who had everything swept away. Tents and food stuffs have been sent by ship. The bulk of the residents of the island are showing the same panicky fear as those in Messina at the time of the great earthquake. The soldiers who were ordered to do relief work had a serious task in keeping the panic-stricken people in check.

Practically all crops have been destroyed. The Pope has contributed a sum to buy food and clothing, and the government is expected to donate a large amount.

IN TIME OF PEACE, PREPARES FOR WAR

Ordnance Department Works Out System of Speedy Armament.

Profiting from the lessons of the Spanish-American war, when the shortage in ordnance supply threatened to disable the suddenly enlarged army, the ordnance department has attempted to devise a plan to anticipate a sudden call for armament and equipment of a field force.

The scheme, as explained in the annual report of the chief of ordnance, made public today, is a copy of the German system of developing a complete course of procedure upon paper brought down to the smallest detail which could be put in motion simply by dispatching certain form telegrams and letters.

The appropriation for the Ordnance Department does not permit the maintenance of a very large reserve supply and to overcome this handicap the Ordnance Department has drawn up statements of total ordnance stores on hand at the various arsenals, together with estimates of supplies necessary to equip volunteers in multiples of 100,000 men, and also the unit cost of equipment and maintenance of three kinds of soldiers.

In this way estimate could be at once supplied to Congress for the additional ordnance supplies required for a volunteer force.

Besides the department has obtained complete information of the output of the arsenals, private manufacturers, and powder mills of the country. Form letters, telegrams, and contracts are held in readiness to be sent to the arsenals and factories, which could at once start work with every specification supplied them. Also letters of instruction are prepared for the various States to control the issuance of arms and supplies to State volunteers.

The department has also worked out a system of field ordnance depots to care for the equipment of a field force.

In this way the Ordnance Department has reduced to the greatest degree of simplicity the vast question of suddenly equipping an army for war.

HOOD'S VETERANS MEET AT AUSTIN

AUSTIN, Tex., Oct. 25.—Bowed with the weight of years, but with all the enthusiasm of youth, the survivors of Hood's Texas Brigade rallied here today for what will undoubtedly be the most memorable reunion ever held by the members of the famous organization.

The roll call at the opening of the reunion this morning showed that nearly every known survivor of the brigade had journeyed to the capital to join in the tribute to be paid to the memory of their old commander tomorrow, when the Gen. John B. Hood monument is to be unveiled with imposing ceremonies.

All arrangements for the monument unveiling were completed today. The exercises will be preceded by a parade of the veterans and other organizations to the capital grounds, where the memorial has been erected. The principal speakers at the unveiling will be Gen. William B. Hamby, president of Hood's Texas Brigade Association; Hon. John H. Kirby, of Houston, who will deliver the oration of the day; and Governor Campbell, who will accept the memorial in behalf of the State of Texas.

The monument is nearly fifty feet in height, and was erected at a cost of \$50,000. It consists of a shaft of Georgia granite surmounted by a life-size bronze statue of General Hood.

Offers New Ideas



SAM HOWE, Producer of "The Lovemakers."

BLAZES NEW PATH IN VARIETY FIELD

Higher Grade Burlesque Productions Is Aim of Producer Sam Howe.

Something new in burlesque. This was the aim of Sam Howe when he organized his "Love Makers" company, playing at the Gayety Theater this week.

"It has always been my contention," declared Mr. Howe today, "that a show that would shake the dust of the old burlesque ideas off its feet and really present something new would make a tremendous hit. My friends have told me that I was engaged in a losing venture, but I was determined to work out my notion of what a modern burlesque attraction should be.

"The result so far proves I was right. A clean, funny, musical production makes a tremendous hit with burlesque audiences. I believe the slap stick brand of burlesque has seen its best day.

For "The Love Makers" Mr. Howe engaged a company with such entertainers as Robert Scott, Vera Desmond, and Lena Bruce. The electrical effects are said to be the most elaborate ever shown in a burlesque house.

LARGE AUDIENCE SEES "THE BELLS"

The portrayal of the burghmaster in "The Bells," made famous by Sir Henry Irving, was admirably done last night by Thomas E. Shea at the Academy.

The piece has long been a favorite in the Shea repertoire and a crowded house last night attested its popularity.

One change would make the performance more impressive. Why need the showy bells clang so loudly that they reverberate to the farthest corner of the theater? Surely a fainter tinkle would seem more spiritistic and there would be no occasion for a titter when the guests of the haunted Mathias are compelled to say, "I hear nothing."

Considering the sombre character of the play Thomas J. Tempest, as Father Walter, and Charles E. Lake, as Hans, the pointer, injected a large amount of fun into the evening. Alexis B. Luce, who assumes the character of the Polish Jew, would be more successful if he assumed a slight Jewish accent.

STAGE IDOL PICKS HAM ON PATE DE FOIE MENU

Raymond Hitchcock Says It Always Tells What Kind of a Restaurant Is Best to Patronize.

Picture the musical comedy idol sitting in the glittering restaurant after the show. Make-up removed, faultless evening dress donned, gay friends gathered round him, a smile on his lips, joy in his eye—he is easily the envy of the throng.

What does his esthetic palate crave? What delicious viand of cookery's art will he choose to appease the longing of his epicurean taste? Lobster Newburg? Pate de foie gras? Canvasback duck? Terrapin?

Such was the setting of which Raymond Hitchcock, "The Man Who Owns Broadway," at the National Theater this week, was the central figure last evening on his initial visit to the Cafe Republic with a party of friends. Guests at the Republic waited breathlessly to note what meat it is the actor eats that he should grow so great. And Mr. Hitchcock threw a double-distilled shock into everybody whose range of vision included his tableau by calmly ordering—what?

A slice of Smithfield ham! Makes Test Good.

Ham as the chef d'oeuvre for a sporty actor's after-theater supper! Can you beat it?

"I've heard about this new Cafe Republic," remarked the musical comedian to a mere non-professional friend

who was a member of his party, "and I wanted to find out if it actually was the real, up-to-the-minute Parisian restaurant that its advance notices promised, so I applied the only sure test—I ordered ham.

"Now, ham, in spite of its frequent linguistic association with actors, is the article of food upon which a restaurant must stand or fall, in the opinion of the men and women of that calling. Sometimes vulgarly referred to as the 'stage,' but properly designated as historic art—liver case, please. A chef may be no ultra in connecting the most savory game and the most delicious and rarest vegetables into dishes that would tempt the gods, but unless he understands the mysteries of baking and serving Smithfield ham he must be condemned as a miserable failure.

Have a Criterion.

"Ham, in half slices, cut thick, with just the right layer of fat, steeped in just the right amount of sauce of just the right flavor, tells whether the kitchen master is a genuine purveyor of food fit for human consumption or a rank imitator, to be spurned by all true followers of Epicurus.

"The chef who presided over his duties of the slice of ham in question will carry my gratitude to the grave. May he live long and prosper and may he ever be assured of meat as succulent as that which he placed before the humble proprietor of Broadway."

TWO FATALITIES ON CAPITAL STREETS

A. V. Rhodes Stricken With Acute Indigestion While Walking.

Two persons are dead and two are in a serious condition today as the result of accidents on the city's streets.

The dead are: Andrew V. Rhodes, fifty-two years old, of 1125 Little McElderry street, Baltimore, and Fenton Thurston, eighteen months old, negro.

The two other victims are not expected to live. Nichols Collin, forty years old, of 26 T street, is at Garfield Hospital with a fractured skull, and Cecelia Stephenson, a negro, is at Emergency Hospital with a similar injury.

Rhodes was walking with Alexander Elliott, a night watchman, last night at Ninth street and Pennsylvania avenue when he became unconscious. Elliott called the ambulance and the man was taken to Casualty Hospital, where he died. He was suffering from acute indigestion. His body is held at the morgue awaiting instructions from his relatives.

The injury to the Thurston child was the result of a fall from the third story window of his home, 298 Dumarton avenue, yesterday.

Collin, who is at Garfield Hospital, fell from an automobile standing near Sixteenth and U streets. The car was owned and operated by William J. Gibb of 28 P street northwest.

Little hope is given for the recovery of Cecelia Stephenson, the negro, who fell down steps at her place of employment, 124 Lanier place, yesterday.

Joseph Fitzsimons is at Emergency Hospital. He was found on the street early today suffering from exposure.

FIFTEEN ROBBERIES AGAINST C. J. OWEN

Former Express Messenger, Arrested Tuesday Night, to Be Arraigned.

When Charles J. Owen, a former express messenger, is taken to Police Court tomorrow by Detectives Spring and O'Brien, he will be charged with fifteen robberies. The detectives found him yesterday afternoon near Pennsylvania avenue and Four-and-a-half street. He had three gold watches, one silver watch, and a quantity of jewelry, which the police say he confessed to taking from the residence of Joseph W. Tyler, 302 Ninth street northeast.

Owen, the police believe, has been in this city since early September. They say he has confessed to robbing the following houses:

S. T. Schofield's, 1115 I street northeast; Mrs. Lizzie Taffe's, 409 Rhode island avenue northwest; Mrs. Mabel Tyree's, 115 Rhode island street northwest; H. K. Sells's, 1219 E street northwest; Mrs. Skille Simpson's, 132 Tennessee avenue northeast; Edgar E. Nelson's, 58 S street northeast; S. M. Leitner's, 139 R street northeast; Mrs. M. E. Moss's, 238 Fifth street northeast; A. S. French's, 49 Lamont street northwest; Henry C. Bradley's, 338 Tenth street northwest; Charles A. Muzzy's, 203 Eleventh street northwest; Mrs. Josephine Smooks's, 27 Q street northeast; Mrs. Mary B. Deardock's, 717 Ontario road; Mrs. Katherine Wood's, 56 R street northwest; and James W. Tyler's, 302 Ninth street northeast.

M. E. BISHOPS TO MEET.

Methodist bishops from all parts of the world will meet in Washington Wednesday for their semi-annual conference. Conference will be held in the Foundry M. E. Church for a week or more.

ARREST AWAITING TRIO ON STEAMER

Alleged Los Angeles Dynamiters Bound for Acapulco, Mexico.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 25.—Three men suspected of causing the explosion and fire at the Times building on the morning of October 1 will be taken into custody today when the Pacific Mail steamer San Juan reaches the port of Acapulco on the Mexican coast.

It is said the baggage of the three suspects has been seized by the captain of the steamer San Juan on instructions from Secretary of State Knox. When the boat docks the three suspected men, who have been under strict surveillance for four days, will be arrested by Mexican officials, and the consular agent of the American Government at Acapulco.

According to advices received by Chief of Police Galloway, the three men have been identified as those who purchased the 30 pounds of explosive from the Giant Powder Company, at Giant, Cal., September 21.

NATIONS SHARE COST OF NEW WORLD MAP

Prof. Bailey Willis, a member of the United States Geological Survey, returning yesterday on the Red Star liner Vanderland, via Antwerp, from South America, reported that Argentina, Brazil, and Chile consented to share the expense in making a new geographical world map in which nearly all civilized nations have become interested since the plan was proposed some months ago. Prof. Willis was delegated to get the South American countries to agree to this.

PATROLMAN KILLS STEED HIT BY AUTO

Animal's Leg Torn Nearly Off at Night by Speeder in Tenleytown.

Driving at top speed through the darkness, an unidentified automobilist early this morning struck and fatally injured the big horse ridden by Policeman Karl Scherer, of the Tenleytown precinct.

The horse's left hind leg was mangled. The policeman shot his mount, and went to the precinct foot to report.

The police are looking for a low black speed car, which was occupied by a single passenger. They believe the car is owned by some one of Chevy Chase. It can be identified by a bent and bloody mudguard.

Policeman Scherer was riding north on Connecticut avenue, near the Pierce Mill road, about 1:15 o'clock this morning. He heard the auto and drew to the right. The car came whizzing by, the mudguard tearing the horse's leg, and was gone before the policeman could act.

BOARDER IS HELD AS "BLACK HANDER"

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—H. H. Downer is held here under \$500 bond on a charge of writing threatening letters to Mrs. Eva I. Buffing.

Downer was a roomer at Mrs. Buffing's house and when the latter received a "Black Hand" letter demanding \$350, he advised her to pay it. Five days later she got another letter, and on Downer's advice, met the demand, which was that she pay \$125.

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