

KINGSUPERINTENDS RELIEF OF VICTIMS OF EARTHQUAKE

Victor Emmanuel of Italy Sends Transports With Doctors and Supplies to Catania.

HE INDUCES QUEEN HELENA TO DEFER HER EXPEDITION

Loss of Life on Slopes of Mt. Etna Placed at 150, and List of Injured at 350 or More.

ROME, May 10.—The work of relief to the suffering thousands in the Mt. Etna region in Sicily, the scene of the earthquake and volcanic eruption, is progressing rapidly under the direction of the prefect of Catania, from whom official notification of the disaster was yesterday sent to King Victor Emanuel yesterday.

Queen Helena wished to leave at once to succor the afflicted, but the King induced her to wait until definite advice had been received of the casualties. He then made elaborate preparations for the relief of the suffering. Transports carrying provisions, medicines, doctors, nurses, general supplies and troops were soon on their way to Catania, and the Italian Red Cross was once notified. The prefect of Catania was authorized to employ every available means to help the stricken people, and relief bodies were forwarded at once into the earthquake district. Scenes of ruin, desolation and death through the district were found, with buildings tumbling and the survivors in the Lincera, the village in the center of the disturbance, were destroyed. Suffering was felt in Puzos and Santa Venerina, and no settlement throughout the district escaped without some damage. The loss of life is placed at 150 and the injured will exceed 350.

Kanns Deny They Will Give Up 'Busy Corner'

Kann's Sons & Co. are going to continue to conduct 'The Busy Corner' for years to come, despite reports to the contrary issued yesterday.

The location at Eighth street and Pennsylvania avenue is very satisfactory to the members of the firm, which has renewed its lease on the property and has no intention of occupying the office building now in course of construction at Thirteenth and F streets northwest.

Helen Frick Spends Week At Workers' Outing Home

BRIDGE CROSSING, Mass., May 10.—Miss Helen Frick, daughter of H. C. Frick of New York, the steel magnate, just completed a week with workers at the vacation house for working girls she has established at Westport. With a chaperon and party of friends, she motored up from New York to open the house for twenty more working girls, who were on their two weeks vacation. Miss Frick and her party lived at a little stone lodge at the entrance to the estate, as the mansion house, Eagle Rock, is not yet in readiness for the summer.

Von Pfeiffer Collection Brings Good Prices

ALBANY, May 10.—Baron Alfred von Pfeiffer's collection of old copperplate engravings brought good prices at auction. Albrecht Durer's 'Saint Hubertus' fetched \$50. Other works by the same artist, 'Christ on the Cross,' \$20; 'Saint Hieronymus,' \$40; 'Mary with the Infant Jesus,' \$20; and 'Melancholy,' \$60. Louis Bonnet's 'Love Scene' sold for \$20, and his 'Woman with a Sleeping Child,' \$40. A 'Portrait of a Woman,' by Richard Cosway, fetched \$20.

Frank Larkin Funeral At Church of Nativity

Funeral services for Frank Larkin, one time foreman of the stereotyping department of The Washington Times, will be held from his late home in Takoma Park at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. The funeral will go from the home to the Church of the Nativity, where the main obsequies will be held. The Rev. Father Bischoff, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be made in Holy Rood Cemetery.

Man Who Reaches Height of His Profession Twenty Times a Day

James B. Evans, the Elevator Conductor at the Washington Monument Has Traveled 28,000 Miles in His Car.

He Has Carried Every President Since Hayes to the Top of the Shaft—On the Job Twenty-four Years.

By BRYAN MORSE.

James B. Evans, of 27 New Hampshire avenue northwest, reaches the height of his profession, no less than twenty times a day. There are times when he does even better than this and other times when his record is not so high. Every time he starts he gets a thrill, which is more than many are able to boast.

This rather unique record is made year in and year out, in good and bad weather. For twenty-four years, whether through accident, design, fate, or whatever you are minded to call it, Evans has not only successfully practiced his profession, but has actually reached its height.

He is elevator conductor at the Washington Monument. Thirty-five years ago a man twenty-three years old, counted the number of cartloads of cracked brick

dumped near Fourteenth and B streets southwest. A brick road was being made to run from Fourteenth street to haul stone for the Washington Monument shortly to be erected.

He Was Tally Keeper.

This was November 6, 1878, and on January 28, 1879, work was started on the excavation for the Monument. James B. Evans was appointed by General Casey, then in charge of public buildings, and made tally-keeper of the loads of dirt excavated. He also received materials in a long low shed erected for that purpose.

It was in 1888 when John M. Wilson took charge of the work at the Monument, that Evans received an appointment as watchman. He continued to receive materials for the work in his car.

Evans was appointed to his position as conductor on May 1, 1891, and has since then been in charge of the operation, and has been operator ever since, a period of twenty-four years.

Evans might well be called 'The Man in the Monument,' as he has been connected with it and around it ever since he was a boy. From the time the first dirt was hauled until the pyramid was placed December 6, 1884, it operated the old steam elevator while the stones were being hauled up, succeeding Joseph Colby, the first elevator man, and F. H. Stromberg, both serving a little more than two years together.

Such a unique record has been unattained by accident. In all the years of service in going up and down the shaft the car has never been cranked, never refused to act, nor one has been hurt or even ill.

Had No Difficulties.

Charles T. Torrey, who on May 2 celebrated his twenty-fifth year of service on the top floor of the Monument as watchman, like Evans, has encountered no difficulties in handling those who have looked out of the eight windows upon the country below.

In twenty-four years of service as elevator operator no less than 28,000 miles, in round numbers, have been negotiated. Of course, Evans has come right back to the place he started. He has been doing this on an average of twenty times a day. Some days forty-two or thirty-four trips will be made during a rush of visitors. Other days the record is half-trip only, will be taken at 9 o'clock when the 'Good Special' makes its initial daily trip, and running until 4 p. m.

Begin to figure for an instant just how much actual space Evans has gone over in his twenty-four years of 'up and downing' in the Monument. In taking out Sundays and

holidays there are something like 28 working days in the year. At twenty trips a day this would make 5,600 trips per year and in twenty-four years no less than 145,200 journeys up near the aluminum peak.

Has Traveled Many Miles. Multiply this by 1,000 the number of feet in a trip which includes going up and down and you will see that Evans has traveled no less than 148,000,000 feet. This, if you remember your arithmetic, makes 28,000 miles. They tell us that the circumference of the earth is approximately 25,000 miles, so that the 'Man in the Monument' has gone enough distance in his car, starting from Washington, to have gone once around the earth, passed Washington and gotten near San Francisco.

If Conductor Evans could run his car from here to China through the earth he would have been able to make three trips in all during his twenty-four years of service, bearing in mind that the diameter of the earth is something like 8,000 miles. Just a minute while we figure out the actual time taken to do all this. The elevator at the Monument goes

up on the outside with a pair of suction shoes. A wet spot two-thirds the way up the shaft caused the excitement, although the thousands who took a look at the phenomenon took oath that it moved.

Average Is High. For the first ten years of its service an average of 100,000 persons went to the top per year, via the elevator, while no less than an average of 50,000 persons wished to hoist of the achievement of walking up. During the next ten years, from 1888 to 1898, an average of 100,000 persons per year

took the elevator to look at the city and surrounding country. During the last fiscal year, more than 15,000 persons have taken the ride with the conductor while more than 20,000 have 'hiked' it to the top. The total of 188,800 going to the top last year broke all records and it is estimated that this mark will be broken when the averages are made out for the July report.

Since the Monument has been opened to the public more than 4,000,000 persons have either walked or been carried to the top. From February to May, in 1901, the service was discontinued to make preparations for the electric elevator which replaced the steam car. The old elevator took nine minutes to make a trip. The average for the figures used is five minutes when elapsed time is considered with the average of trips per day, which is conservative, the figures are taken to be correct.

The 'Man in the Monument' will celebrate his thirty-sixth year of service on the Monument grounds next November. He has carried all the Presidents to the top since Hayes.

'Step right inside, please, and face the door,' he says. You may have a thrill at the prospect of going up higher than you have ever been before. 'It is nothing to the 'Man in the Monument.' He has done it nearly a hundred and fifty thousand times.

HE HAS MADE THREE TRIPS THRU THE EARTH IN AN ELEVATOR.



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No Holiday Monday At Brooklyn Navy Yard

NEW YORK, May 10.—While memorial services are being held on the campus of the marine barracks tomorrow morning for those who fell at Vera Cruz, workmen of the navy yard will be at their tasks and the usual din made by the pounding of steam hammers and other noisy machinery will be heard. This became known today when Capt. Albert Gleaves, commandant of the navy yard, had notified posted informing the workmen they could have Monday off providing they took the leave without pay. As a result the men loudly condemned the action of Secretary of the Navy Daniels in refusing to declare a holiday for the navy yard.

Alpha and Omega.

'Ada is flirting with that young Heenan and the general at the same time.' 'Yes, being a first and a last love all at once.'—Fleegle's Blatter.

Good Reason.

Maud—You seem to like Jack's attentions. Why don't you marry him? Marie—Because I like his attentions.—Boston Transcript.

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