



TUESDAY EVENING, DEC. 29, 1908.

The report that the president has had a serious disagreement with Dr. H. W. Wiley, chief of the chemistry division of the Department of Agriculture, was denied at the White House yesterday afternoon by Secretary Loeb.

The sands of the year 1908 have nearly run out, and three days hence the new year will have made its advent. A week ago our planet was at the winter solstice, and by this time next year it will have traversed an orbit of six hundred million miles.

Boston has been experimenting with municipal ownership. It has for many years had a municipal printing plant. For the past ten months it has been in charge of a thoroughly competent and efficient man, but he declines to stay permanently, and advises that the plant be sold and the city printing done by contract.

The best proof that the steel trust stands in no fear of tariff revision is furnished in current news items. An Indiana dispatch announces the blowing in of the twelfth blast furnace at Gary, the new steel city, where the trust has spent \$25,000,000 in making itself comfortable in its own nest.

DISPATCHES from various points in Italy show that the earthquake of yesterday was one of the most appalling seismic disturbances in the history of the world. It is believed that four times as many people as there are in Alexandria and its environs have perished, while many more have been injured and rendered homeless and in want of the immediate necessities of life.

From Washington. (Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.) Washington, Dec. 29. The president has invited the following engineers to accompany President-elect Taft on his trip to Panama, particularly to investigate engineering features connected with the Gatun Dam: Arthur P. Davis, chief engineer, reclamation service; Washington; John E. Freeman, Providence, R. I.; Allen Hazen, New York City; Isam B. Randolph, Chicago, Ill.; James Dix Schuyler, Los Angeles, Cal.; Frederick P. Searns, Boston, Mass.; Secretary Loeb will shortly leave for Augusta to consult with President-elect Taft regarding the arrangements for the trip to Panama.

News of the Day. The New York stock market was strong yesterday and prices moved to a higher level. A two-cent postage rate between the United States and Germany will go into effect next Friday.

St. Petersburg still continues to suffer from the Asiatic cholera, 18 new cases and five deaths from the disease occurring Sunday. A brilliant ball was given in the East Room of the White House last night in honor of Miss Ethel Roosevelt, who made her formal debut in society.

Evidence indicates that the death of William E. Annis was not premeditated as presented by the attorneys for Thornton J. Hains in the trial at Flushing, N. Y., yesterday.

Bishop Dennis J. O'Connell, rector of the Catholic University of America, in Washington, has been appointed bishop of San Francisco. The term of Bishop O'Donnell, who at present is spending a few days at his old home in Charleston, S. C., as rector, expires January 11 next.

Shot by Wife's Guest. Returning to his home in the suburbs of Crisfield, Md., just before daylight yesterday morning, Harry R. Sterling, a seafood dealer, aged about 30, was shot and seriously wounded by Jacob K. Sterling, aged 20, who was visiting Harry Sterling's wife. Harry Sterling left his home about 4 o'clock yesterday morning in company of Edward Tyler for a ducking trip on Pocomoke Sound.

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Virginia News. A marriage license was issued in Washington yesterday to Enclid Johnson, of Fauquier county, and Carrie V. Johnson, of Rappahannock.

During a dispute last night in Grove avenue, Petersburg, between Julius Jones and Thomas Smith, both of Chesterfield county, the former is said to have stabbed the latter in the left side with a blade 3 inches in length.

With eleven cuts on his face, neck, and abdomen, Samuel Fitzwater, a farmer, aged 50, lies in a precarious condition at his home, at Dovesville, Rockingham county, while Harry Biggeman, aged 22, who is charged with the cutting, was locked up in jail to await the result of Fitzwater's injuries.

Death Valley Scotty. Walter Scott, otherwise known as "Death Valley Scotty" and "Scotty the Spender," entered the United States recruiting office in Chicago yesterday and declared his intention of enlist in the marine service.

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Today's Telegraphic News. THE EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY. Between 65,000 and 75,000 Persons Perish—Hundreds of Vessels Wrecked.

Naples, Dec. 29.—Reports from Calabria and Sicily are momentarily increasing the horror of yesterday's earthquake which, it is known, was far more terrible than the quake that devastated this region three years ago.

The beautiful city of Messina, capital of the Sicilian province of Messina, and in the commune of which there was a population of 175,000, was almost totally destroyed. Following the shock which tumbled down the buildings in the city, a tidal wave completed the work of destruction, and it is now believed that the city will be obliterated.

Dozens of vessels were swept inland by the tidal wave and are now lying high and dry in the fields, in some cases two miles from the shore. They will be total wrecks.

Rome, Dec. 29.—In its late edition today the Tribune estimates the number of earthquake victims at between 65,000 and 75,000 dead, and twice that number as injured or suffering desperately from hunger and exposure.

The destruction of Messina was due in greater part to the tidal wave than to the earthquake, according to a train load of refugees and who have arrived at Catania from Messina. Gigantic waves overwhelped the city, the refugees say, and completely ruined the city.

Rome, Dec. 29.—The complete destruction of Messina the second city of Sicily, and with a population of 150,000, was confirmed in an official message to the Italian government today.

The New Year number of Success, which has been received from its publishers in New York, is an earnest of the interesting reading matter which can be expected of this magazine in the coming months.

Everybody's Magazine for January has been received from its publishers in New York and gives a rich promise of what may be expected in its pages in the coming year.

The pope was informed today that the religious communities of Messina and Reggio and several other towns, including bishops, priests, monks and nuns, have fallen victims to the earthquake and fire.

The Hains Trial. Flushing, L. I., Dec. 29.—District Attorney Darrin has practically retired from the conduct of the Hains murder trial, leaving that to Special Assistant White and Dayton.

The incoming district attorney, however, thinks differently. He declared today he would apply to the court for an order continuing the present prosecutor until the jury has passed upon the case of Thornton Jenkins Hains.

Severe Weather in England. London, Dec. 29.—The severest weather known in England in years has brought the unemployed situation to a most alarming stage.

Jumped From Burning Building. Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 29.—Pinned in on the third floor of the Stevenson building by sheets of flames and choking smoke and egress by the fire escape made impossible by an awning, three score motorists and conductors leaped from windows early today, many sustaining painful injuries.

County Treasurer Robbed. Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 29.—Two masked men early today held up and robbed Michael Mair, treasurer of Faulborn county, of \$5,087 in cash, locked him in a money vault and fled. The robbery occurred at Woonsocket, county seat of Faulborn county. Posses are pursuing the robbers.

Etna Causing Anxiety. Catania, Dec. 29.—Signs of volcanic activity were noticed today in Mount Etna, and it is feared that an eruption is imminent.

The American Fleet. London, Dec. 29.—Telegraph reports today from Perin say that the American fleet passed that port and entered the Red Sea at noon. The fleet is due at Suez January 3.

Delinquent Tax List. Alexandria, Va., Dec. 29, 1908. As required by law, notice is hereby given that the real estate delinquent for 1907, herein mentioned, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the taxes, levies, interest, costs and charges due thereon, will be sold at public auction on the first MONDAY in JANUARY, 1909, between the hours of 10 in the morning and 4 in the afternoon, in front of the courthouse, unless the amount for which said lands are delinquent, together with the interest, costs and charges shall have been previously paid.

Annie Burnstien, house and two lots, 316-318 north Lee, \$2.35. Thomas F. Butts, house and lot 511 Wolfe, \$2.35.

John G. Cook, estate, lot south-west corner Green and Fairfax, \$1.56. Charles J. Deahl, house and lot 307 south Washington, \$6.25.

Samuel L. Pullman, house and two lots 207-09 north Patrick, \$4.68. John Pullman, two squares Washington, Pitt, Franklin and Jefferson, \$9.76.

Thomas Arrington, house and lot 708 Patrick, \$1.56. Arthur D. Alexander, house and two lots 521-23 north St. Asaph, \$1.18.

George Grigaby, estate, house and lot 426 north Pitt, \$1.31. Arthur Grigaby, house and lot Henry, between Wythe and Madison, 79 cents.

Mary E. Morgan, lot 1020 Pendleton, 21 cents. Martha A. Madden, house and lot 633 south St. Asaph, 80 cents.

What is a cold in the head? Nothing to worry about if you treat it with Ely's Cream Balm. Neglected, the cold may grow into catarrh, and the air-passages so inflamed that you have to fight for every breath it is true that Ely's Cream Balm masters colds promptly. But you know the old saying about the ounce of prevention. Therefore use Ely's Cream Balm when the cold is in the head, throat, chest, all druggists, 50c, or mailed by Ely Bros., 56 Warren Street, New York.