

RIVER OF FIERY LAVA MENAGES TWO TOWNS

ERUPTIONS FROM MOUNT ETNA CONTINUE AND DANGER GROWS GREATER. MOLTEN STREAM COVERS TWENTY-FIVE MILES

Rumblings and Explosions From Mountain Create More Terror Than Danger From Lavatic Rivers—Soldiers on Duty Protecting the Population—Scientists Disagree.

Catania, Sicily, March 26.—Eruptions from the side craters of Mount Etna continued today and a fiery river formed at the foot of Mount Castellazzo and moved slowly toward Borrello and Belpasso, consuming everything in its path. The lavatic stream, winding in and out over the uneven surface at the mountain base, has covered probably twenty-five miles.

Thousands abandoned their homes at daylight. The roaring of Mount Etna continued without interruption all day, and a rain of cinders fell for miles around.

King Victor Emmanuel today expressed his intention to go into the affected territory to direct the work of succor and encourage and share the danger of his subjects if the gravity of the eruption should continue.

Frank A. Perret of Brooklyn, N. Y., who is attached to the royal observatory on Mount Vesuvius, arrived here yesterday and proceeded to the scene of the eruption.

Nicolosi is packed with tourists, mainly British and American. Lines of soldiers are on duty, keeping the tourists back from places of danger. The attitude of the visitors contrasts strangely with that of the inhabitants, whose terror is heartrending.

On the hill tops groups of men, women and children could be seen looking back sadly to the sites of their former homes, now covered with lava to the height perhaps of fifteen feet. Others whose homes had not been overtaken clasped their crucifixes, images of their Madonnas, and saints, and with characteristic cries and prayers implored that their little huts be spared.

Waterloo Leases Baseball Player. Chicago, March 26.—George W. Tundell, once catcher for the Northwestern University baseball team, today was announced as having been leased to the Waterloo team for this season.

BONILLA AIDS INSURGENTS.

Deposed President of Honduras Gives Money to Nicaraguan Rebels. New Orleans, March 26.—Major Bonilla made his today of the report that General Bonilla was on his way to New Orleans to lend his money and influence to the representatives here of the Nicaraguan insurgents.

Seerley Is Honored. Iowa Educator Vice President of Association of Secondary Schools. Chicago, March 26.—At the closing session today of the North Central Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges the following officers were elected: President, George W. Benton, Indianapolis; secretary, Thomas A. Clark, University of Illinois; treasurer, J. E. Armstrong, Chicago; vice president, Edward Denton, president of Belmont College, and Homer H. Seerley, president of Iowa State Teachers' College.

ANOTHER WIFE LOCATED

Man Who Shot Young Bride at Fairfield, Iowa, Had Family in Ohio—His Name Ward, Not McDonald.

Cincinnati, March 26.—H. D. McDonald, who shot and killed his wife six weeks and then committed suicide at Fairfield, Iowa, Thursday night, had a wife and child living in this city.

U. S. STEAMERS SEIZED. State Department May Take Action Compelling Nicaraguans to Restore Boats. Washington, March 26.—As the result of dispatches received at the state department from Consul Moffat at Bluefields, confirming the reported seizure of two American-owned steamers by the insurgents, it is possible the United States will interfere to restore them to their owners.

Will Localize Action. Recent Decision of Mine Workers' Ordering Separate Negotiations for Wage Scale Declared to Be Substitution of District For National Action.

Cincinnati, March 26.—Lead by the pleadings of President Lewis, Vice President McCullough and President Ellet Walker, of the Illinois miners' international convention of the United Mine Workers of North America today abrogated the action taken at the recent Indianapolis convention and instructed its representatives on the joint scale committee to negotiate with Indiana and Pennsylvania operators separately for a fresh wage contract to go into effect April 1. The action is regarded as almost revolutionary by certain factions in the union, these men declaring it means the dissolution of the central competitive field joint conference as an organization and the substitution of state and district policies for national and concerted action.

AIMS AT LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

Evangelical Conference Adopts Strong Resolutions—To Discipline Members. Special to Times-Republican. Cedar Rapids, March 26.—At the evangelical conference today, drastic resolutions aimed at the liquor traffic were adopted. The conference criticized the members who had failed to make a proper financial showing and promised discipline for those who hereafter are delinquent in collections.

TARIFF PEACE IN SIGHT

Canadian Situation in Fair Way to Be Amicably Settled—Taft and Dominion Representatives Hold Conference.

Washington, March 26.—An amicable agreement on the Canadian tariff situation probably will be reached in the next few days. Following a conference between the Canadian representatives and President Taft today a statement was given out in which it was declared that negotiations had taken a form which gave assurance that a friendly understanding will be reached immediately.

Indiana Banker Convicted. Indianapolis, Ind., March 26.—William H. Manker, former cashier of the First National Bank of Tipton, today was convicted of embezzling \$100,000 of the bank's funds.

Receiver for Box Board Company. Chicago, March 26.—A receiver today was appointed for the Prairie Box Board Company of Tipton, today was convicted of embezzling \$100,000 of the bank's funds.

LIONS DIDN'T GET HIM IS ROOSEVELT JOKE

EX-PRESIDENT MAKES JOCLULAR SPEECH TO AMERICANS IN CAIRO.

GLAD TO SEE AMERICA IN THE FAR EAST

Hears "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," Sung by Fellow Citizens—American Flags Much in Evidence—Early Morning Reception Tendered by People of Own Nationality.

Cairo, Egypt, March 26.—"Not a lion did his duty." With this declaration, delivered in mock gravity, former President Roosevelt concluded his informal remarks at this morning's reception to fellow citizens from America. The joke was not lost and caused a hearty laugh, in which the speaker joined.

The reception was held in the beautiful gardens adjoining Shepherd's Hotel, and as early as 8 o'clock the crowd was there. A temporary platform had been erected and this was decorated with American flags and palms prettily arranged. When Roosevelt appeared he received a noisy ovation. The cheers were followed by the singing of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee." Roosevelt said he would not make a speech, but wished to say he was glad of the opportunity to meet his fellow countrymen. He was glad, he said, to see America in the east. Then he assured them that the lions in Africa had not accomplished the mission jokingly imposed upon them. A line was formed and, passing the platform, every one in the crowd, in which women predominated, shook hands with Roosevelt and received a personal greeting. This over, another cheer was given and once more "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," was sung. Following the reception Roosevelt went to his apartments and prepared for a visit to Alhaza University.

MABRAY HIDES HIS TEARS.

Forces Jest As He Begins Two-Year Prison Term.

Leavenworth, Kan., March 26.—It wasn't a desire to be funny that led John C. Mabray to jest with his guards at the gates of the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth. The guards and the visitors knew it. There are times in life when laughter hides tears, and those who knew Mabray best said that when he stepped inside the cell assigned to him and looked about his cheerless walls his remark that "It resembles the parlor in a city flat" was the sorriest sort of pathos. Men like Mabray seldom complain at hard knocks. They are ready to tackle anything. Their faces tell no tales. Four axes or a royal flush send no rush of blood to their cheeks.

CARUSO PAYS \$2,000 BLACKMAIL.

Police Endeavoring to Prevent Tenor From Making Further Payments.

New York, March 26.—Enrico Caruso has paid \$2,000 to the Black Hand, \$1,000 in a lump sum and the other \$1,000 in smaller amounts. The police are now keeping a careful watch on the singer, not only to protect him from harm, but to use him as bait to attract the brigands to their trap.

CHANGE FOOTBALL RULES

Intercollegiate Committee Formulates Many New Rules Governing Plays—Game to Be Divided Into Four Periods of Fifteen Minutes Each.

New York, March 26.—Before adjourning today the intercollegiate football rules committee tentatively adopted these changes in the playing rules: The removal of the five-yard restriction on a player who receives the ball from the snap-back; a requirement that seven men be maintained by the offense on the line of scrimmage; prohibition of the flying tackle; division of the game into four periods of fifteen minutes each; no pushing or pulling of a runner; limitation on the side kick to twenty yards beyond the line of scrimmage.

ENGINEERS ASK FOR RAISE.

Eastern Roads to Receive Requests For Re-adjustment of Wages.

New York, March 26.—It has been decided that demands are to be made on all railroads in the east by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers for increases in wages. These demands, the engineers say today, are really more in the form of requests for a re-adjustment of wages.

ENGINEERS NOT COMPLAINING.

Grand Chief Stone Says Brotherhood is Not Asking Wage Increase. Cleveland, March 26.—Grand Chief Engineer Stone, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said today that no general movement was on foot by the engineers for a wage adjustment upon eastern railways.

PINGHOT COMMITTEE REJECTS BRANDIES

REQUEST THAT BALLINGER BE CALLED FOR PROSECUTION IS REJECTED.

BRANDIES SCORES SECRETARY, DENUNCIATION IS STOPPED

Committee Refuses to Permit Glavis' Attorney to Complete Stinging Rebuttal—Holds That Ballinger Should Be Allowed to Tell Story in His Own Way.

Washington, March 26.—The Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee, after an executive session, today unanimously decided to deny the request of Attorney Brandeis, representing Glavis and others that Secretary Ballinger be called as a witness for the "prosecution" at this time. The decision brought out a protest from the attorney, which was stingingly denunciatory of the accused cabinet officer, and which was stopped by the committee.

As soon as the committee met yesterday Attorney Brandeis, sprang a surprise by requesting that Secretary of the Interior Ballinger be called as one of his witnesses. Mr. Brandeis stated at first that he wished to identify by Mr. Ballinger two letters that he desired to introduce in evidence at this time. Questions further by members of the committee as to his intent, he admitted that he desired to conduct a general examination of the accused cabinet official.

Counsel for Ballinger objected to this and demanded to know when Ballinger would appear as a witness during the presentation of his side of the case and ample opportunity would be given all counsel for cross examination. Brandeis immediately protested and demanded to know when Ballinger would come before the committee. Attorney Vertess said that Ballinger "will testify when we see fit to put him on." Brandeis renewed his protest, and declared the "One great question before this committee and before the country is whether or not Ballinger is unfit to occupy his position by reason of lack of truthfulness and directness. Ballinger has been charged by Pinchot and witnesses produced by him with wilfully deceiving the president and having made statements that are untrue."

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MAJOR CHEESMAN DEAD.

Was Member Board of Review at Government Pension Office. Washington, March 26.—Major Roland Curtis Cheesman, aged 71, died at his residence here last night. He was a member of the board of review at the pension office and a union veteran.

FOOTBALL MUST GO

Chancellor Strong, of Kansas University, Declares That Something More Than Imagined Reforms is Necessary to the Retention of Football in Institutions of Learning.

Lawrence, Kan., March 26.—"Football in its present form is not to be retained in the University of Kansas, of that I am confident" is the declaration of Chancellor Strong of the University. "Opposition to the game on the part of the regents is too strong to be overcome by the imagined reforms" the national rules committee annually make," continued Strong. "Furthermore, the older schools of the Missouri valley appear to be as strongly opposed to the present game as those in Kansas and it will be a matter of great surprise to me if the game is ever again played by the Missouri valley conference teams."

Strong, while willing that the English Rugby game be given a trial in favor of a radical revision of the American game.

HISTORIC CHURCH BURNED.

Fire Destroys Edifice Erected More Than Century Ago. Bloomfield, N. J., March 26.—The historic old Dutch Reformed church here, built in 1800, is a mass of smoldering ruins this morning, as the result of a fire which started there the night last night. The fire was caused by burning grass in nearby fields, lighted by mischievous boys.

BIG CHIEFS TO MEET

Every Indian Tribe in North America to Be Represented at National Convention to Be Held in Muskogee, Okla.—Roosevelt and Taft Invited to Be Present.

Muskogee, Okla., March 26.—Indian chiefs of every tribe in North America will gather around council fires in Muskogee for ten days ending July 4, in the first national Indian convention ever held. William F. Cody—"Buffalo Bill"—Pawnee Bill and a number of other scouts of history will attend, and invitations will be extended to President Taft and former President Roosevelt. An effort will be made to find Crazy Snake and have him present. Senators Owen and Curtis, of Kansas, and Congressman Carter, will be on the reception committee.

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T.-R. BULLETIN

Noticeable News of Today

The Weather. Sun rises March 27 at 5:52, sets at 6:19. Iowa—Showers and thunder storms tonight or Sunday; cooler Sunday and in the west tonight. Illinois—Unsettled, with showers tonight and Sunday in the south; cooler in west and south Sunday. Missouri—Showers tonight or Sunday; cooler Sunday and in the west portion tonight. South Dakota—Rain tonight or Sunday; colder.

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FUNERAL AT HAMPTON.

Mrs. J. F. Crandall Was Mother of Large Family. Special to Times-Republican. Hampton, March 26.—The funeral services over the body of Mrs. J. F. Crandall, who died at the family home in the southwest part of the city Wednesday evening, were held at the Methodist church here Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. DeWitt Clinton.

Her maiden name was Mattie Catharina Freeze, and she was born in Denmark, Oct. 7, 1865. At the age of twenty she married her first husband, to Belmont, and two years later to Hampton, where on Sept. 22, 1889, she was married to J. Frank Crandall. Ten children were born to this couple, all but one of whom survive the mother.

A baby boy was born Wednesday morning of this life, but when all the children were at home when the mother passed away.

GOVERNOR UNDER QUIZ

Two-Hour Session Between Carroll and Humane Society Over Mitchellville Row Without Result—Investigation Not Completed. Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, March 26.—A committee of the Iowa Humane Society held a two-hour session with Governor Carroll today as to reasons why it had become necessary under the present administration to place cells in the girls' school at Mitchellville. The committee refused to make any statement afterwards re: did the governor, but it was intimated that the investigation is not completed.

PAID CHURCH DEBT.

Hampton Religious Organization Celebrates Financial Freedom. Special to Times-Republican. Hampton, March 26.—After a struggle extending over several years to pay off debts incurred for the purpose of improving and keeping up to date, the Christian church property in this city, the pastor and membership of that hustling organization took part in a joyous celebration Wednesday evening when they met to celebrate the event of their getting out of debt. This church organization has grown in the past few years to be one of the strongest and most influential agencies for good in this community.

During the pastorate of the present incumbent, Rev. William Baker, a debt of about \$2,000 has been paid for improvements to the church building and parsonage, besides putting hundreds of dollars worth of improvements on the property in other ways. During the same time the membership has been increased about one hundred.

A banquet was served in the dining rooms of the church Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock, after which impromptu talks were indulged in by many of the older members of the church who were present. Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Hall, now of Des Moines, but who were for many years among the leading workers in the church, were here and joined the Hampton members in the festivities of the occasion.

STOCKEL CASE CONTINUED.

Man Alleged to Have Caused Fish Fire Arraigned on Manslaughter Charge. Chicago, March 26.—Leo Stockel, who is alleged to have accidentally started the fish fire yesterday while pouring water into a cigar lighter, was arraigned today on a charge of manslaughter, but a continuance of the case until April 6 was allowed. The search of the ruins for the three bodies supposed to be still there was resumed this morning.

STATE TROOPS ORDERED OUT.

Militia to Assist in Keeping Order at Livemore, Me. Augusta, Me., March 26.—A company of state militia at Farmington was today ordered to Livemore Falls to assist the sheriff in preserving order at the mills of the International Paper Company, where a strike is in progress.

HAMPTON NEWS BRIEFS.

Hampton, March 26.—Dr. Kyle Warner, of San Francisco, is here a guest with Mr. and Mrs. W. Q. Webb. Mr. Warner is enroute home from Europe, where he has been for the past six months.

Mrs. S. R. Kitz and children left Tuesday for California, where they expect to spend the summer. Mr. Fitz will join his family as soon as the school year is closed.

Miss Hannah Peterson left Thursday morning for Minneapolis, where she will enter a hospital and take a training course for nurses.

TO BUILD LOGAN COURT HOUSE.

Logan, March 26.—The Detroit architect whose plan for the erection of the \$100,000 court house for Harrison county was adopted some days ago by the supervisors has been employed to supervise the erection of the building. For the plan and supervision, he is to receive \$4,550.

HEAVY FIRE LOSS AT VILLICA.

Villisca, March 26.—Fire which started here at 7:30 last evening entirely destroyed the L. Jack feed barn and the adjoining property occupied by the Austin and Higgins implement and plumbing establishment. The origin of the fire, which started in the feed barn, is unknown. The total loss is estimated at \$30,000.

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CAMBRIDGE BANK EMPLOYE CONFESSES TO EMBEZZLEMENT OF FUNDS.

SOUGHT TO BREAK FARGO BANK WITH FUNDS NOT HIS OWN

George W. Coleman an Easy Victim For Gambling Sharks of Boston and New York—Gambling Operations Covered Period of Many Months—Men Who Fleeced Him Still at Large.

Cambridge, Mass., March 26.—In a confession made by George W. Coleman, and given out today by his attorney, Henry H. Winslow, the young man charged with embezzlement from the National City Bank of Cambridge admitted that he took \$180,000 and that practically every cent was lost trying to "break a fargo bank" in New York.

Coleman stated that he was introduced to the game by a Boston man several years ago, and lost \$33,000 of his own at that time. Two years later he met other Boston men who interested him in the same game, he said, and between last May and February he made at least fifty losses, all above fiftyth street, he said, but he could not remember the addresses. He never saw the other men's money.

These men, said Coleman, knew where the money was coming from, as he told them he was "getting in wrong." The men with whom he went to New York, Coleman said, and to whom he entrusted his money, he understood were to place a like sum against the fargo game. At different times they went to several houses, all above Fiftyth street, he said, but he could not remember the addresses. He never saw the other men's money.

Was an Easy Mark. Several times after he had lost all he had the men sent him back to Boston to obtain more money, which he did. When asked if he ever suspected anything Coleman replied: "Yes, once I said: 'What's the matter with that bank down there, I can't stand this forever.'"

Coleman stated that when he knew the bank shortage was being suspected and he would have to go away or be arrested, he was given money by one of the Boston men.

Decided to Confess. When he reached Cambridge City, he said, there was a telegraph order for \$250 awaiting him there, but he could not get it because he was unable to identify himself under the assumed name he had taken. He said he then decided to come back and make a clean breast of it all. He said he had spoken to one of the Boston men about engaging a lawyer to defend him. Shortly after he had been arrested, said Coleman, a statement was brought to him to sign. It contained a statement of various ways in which he had lost large sums of money, but as they were incorrect he declined to sign it, said the young man.

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