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VESEVIUS IS A VERY FURNACE

Torrents of Liquid Fire Course Down the Mountain, Leaving Ruin and Desolation Behind.

LAVA STREAMS RESISTLESS

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS GROWING STRONGER.

Naples, April 7.—Mount Vesuvius is a colossal brazier and the town of Boscarease on its declivity, has been transformed into a gray island of ruin by the ashes from the crater of the volcano.

Resistless Streams of Lava.

The streams of lava are resistless. They snap like pipistems the trunks of chestnut trees hundreds of years old and blight with their torrid breath the blooms of the peach trees before the trees themselves have been reached.

Pitiful Scenes Witnessed.

Everywhere in the vicinity of the volcano pitiful scenes are witnessed—women tearing their hair in their grief and old men crying aloud at the loss of their beloved homes.

Artillery carts have been sent to the assistance of the fleeing peasants and the Duke of Aosta, Cardinal Joseph Prisco and all the authorities, despite the rain today, went to the portions of the mountain most threatened in order to succor or comfort the people.

Trying to Divert Streams.

The Duke of Aosta is especially active. He explained that the means he thought best to save lives and property and had the engineers and soldiers set parapets and dig trenches in order to change the course of the lava streams and at times gave an example of his energy by working himself.

Alarming Earthquake Shocks.

Considerable apprehension is felt because of the earthquake shocks which are growing stronger and are felt even at Castellamare, fifteen miles south-east of this city.

Ottajano, at the northeast foot of the mountain, is threatened by a stream of lava and the people are beginning to desert the town.

Signor Mattucce, director of the observatory on Vesuvius, still continues to occupy a most dangerous position. With him is an American engineer named Perret.

BODIES OF SIXTEEN VICTIMS RESCUED

Leas, France, April 7.—Sixteen more bodies were brought up from the Courrieres mine today. Another living horse was found, but no more living men.

REBATER ARRESTED.

Boston, April 7.—In the life insurance rebate case Frederick Hockaday was placed under arrest here today.

DATE WOULD NOT BE CONVENIENT

Reply of the United States to Russian Invitation to Participate in Hague Conference.

NEW QUESTIONS ARISING

ROOSEVELT IGNORED BY THE EMPEROR.

Washington, April 7.—The state department has suggested to the Russian government through Ambassador Rosen that the period suggested in the Russian note for the convention of the second Hague conference, namely, the early part of July, would be inconvenient to America and to some other countries of this hemisphere, which were expected to be represented at The Hague.

The reason for this action was to avoid a conflict with the pan-American congress, which has been set for July 21 next, and for the possible more important reason that matters will come before then Rio congress which it is desired to ultimately submit to The Hague.

Pan-American Proposition.

The pan-American propositions which, according to the present programme will be submitted to The Hague are:

Formation of a general arbitration convention that could be approved and put in operation by every country.

That the Hague conference consider the extent to which the use of force for the collection of public debts is permissible.

This second proposal involves the validity of the famous Calvo doctrine, which South American republics desire particularly to see recognized as international law.

ROOSEVELT IGNORED.

Russian Emperor Given Full Credit for Taking the Initiative.

St. Petersburg, April 7.—Ambassador Meyer, representing the United States, today informed the Russian foreign office that July is not approved of by the United States for The Hague conference, because it would conflict with the pan-American congress and with the Red Cross convention at Geneva, Switzerland.

The text of the Russian note to the powers on the subject of the second Hague conference, at The Hague, as published here, gives the emperor full credit for the initiative, not mentioning President Roosevelt's preliminary step in this direction.

Contrast is Striking.

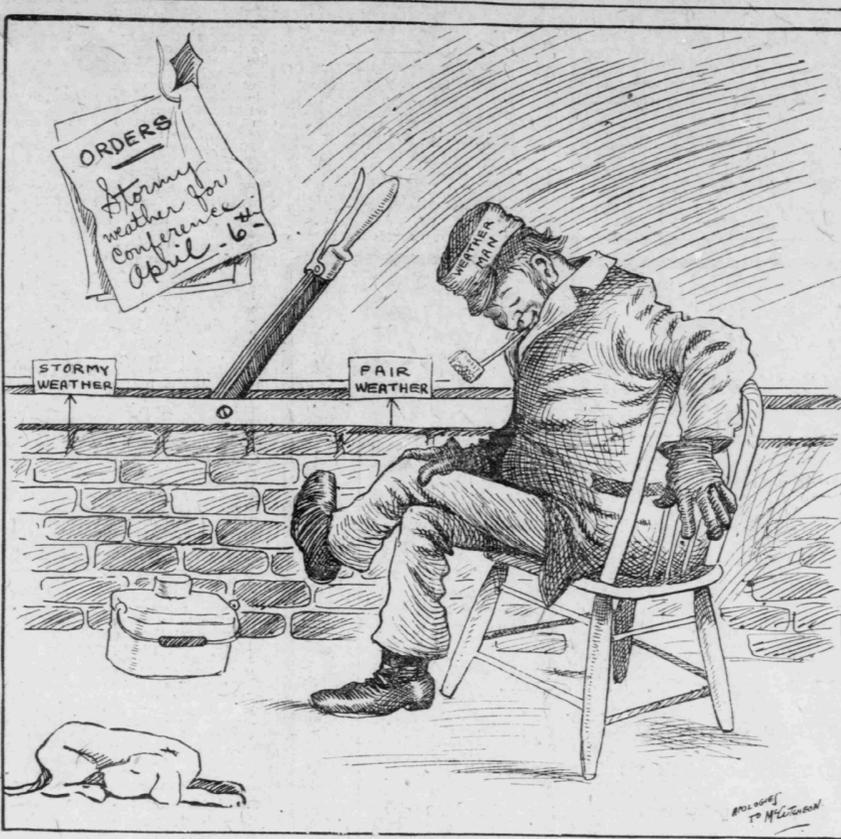
The introduction to the document is in striking contrast to the invitation to the original conference of 1898, which pointed out how the increasing and expensive armaments were weighing down the various nations and threatening the world with a gigantic catastrophe, and made a noble appeal for a general disarmament in order to substitute for the era of armed peace the era of peace based upon the settlement of international disputes by the justice of arbitration.

New Repressive Laws.

It is rather remarkable that alongside this document "for the further development of the principles of humanity" which formed the basis of the conference of 1898, the Official Messenger prints another batch of repressive laws, making it a penitentiary of one and a half years, for an unmanly person to resist the police, or other government employes, or to make threats designed to prevent an employe or official from fulfilling his duty.

GIVEN LONG SENTENCE.

Denver, April 7.—Charles Seerist, the policeman who shot Thomas Johnson in a dispute over a dice game in a saloon here on Feb. 9 last, and who was convicted of murder in the second degree, was sentenced in the criminal court today to serve from fourteen to twenty years to the state penitentiary.



Asleep at the Switch.

MAXIM GORKY IS DUE THIS WEEK

Russian Novelist, Under the Ban in Russia, to Make a Tour of the United States.

New York, April 7.—When Maxim Gorky, the Russian patriot, arrives here from Russia next week, he will be met by his adopted son, Nicolay Zavolsky Pleshkoff, a youth of 22 years, who fled from St. Petersburg a year ago, to escape persecution by secret agents of the Russian government and who, except for a few months when disguised as a tramp, he visited many cities on foot, has been living in seclusion on the east side.

Placed in Prison.

"Everything went smoothly until 1900, when I became editor of the school paper called Youth," said Pleshkoff. "Then something happened in its columns which aroused the suspicion of the government spies, and they raided my room, where they found socialist literature. I was arrested and locked up in the Novgorod prison on April 16, 1900. Gorky was arrested about the same time and our cells were not far apart."

Used American Method.

The method used in jacking up the building which collapsed was called "American," and a local singing club shortly before the calamity sang a song, celebrating this plan, written by a Nagold poet.

ESCAPED WITH THEIR LIVES

Passenger Boats Attacked by Chinese Pirates—American Missionary Robbed.

Hong Kong, April 7.—Chinese pirates on April 3 held up three passenger boats fourteen miles from Sanshui, not far from Canton, and robbed the Rev. Dr. Charles B. Hager, an American missionary. In an interview here today, Dr. Hager said:

"Our boat and two others were anchored off a village on the Lung river, when they were simultaneously attacked at night by forty pirates, armed with Mauser rifles. They fired at us and narrowly missed me. The boats were riddled with bullets. I was divested of my clothes, cash and surgical instruments. I have reported the matter to the American consul at Canton."

Dr. Hager and his wife, Mrs. Marie V. R. Hager, reside in Hong Kong. They are Congregationalists and under the orders of the American commissioners for foreign missions.

DAY OF MOURNING IN BLACK FOREST

Victims of the Hotel Disaster Placed in the Grave by Twos and Threes.

Nagold, Black Forest, South Germany, April 7.—The burial of fifty bodies of those who perished by the collapse of the Hotel Zum Hirschen (Stag hotel), took place today by twos and threes so that the three pastors who came from neighboring villages might read the services by the graveside at each interment. There is scarcely a family in the village which has not lost a member.

Search Kept Up.

The search is kept up to satisfy the families of three missing persons, whose relatives stand outside the lines of the search, especially as several persons who had been given up for dead were found in the cellar, protected by beams from hundreds of tons of broken brick, which were massed over them. The landlord of a neighboring hotel, Herr Widmayer, fell through the floor of the Stag hotel and upon an open oven, and was heard to cry out in anguish, "I burn! I burn!" He was found dead, his back being roasted.

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The mayor of Nagold, when reproached for allowing such crowds to assemble at the hotel while it was lifted above its foundation, cited the fact that the previous year, while a tavern at Altenstein, in the Nagold valley, was raised up in the same manner, no wedding occurred there, and not only broken bricks, which, the festivities included dancing. The proprietor of the Altenstein, is among the persons injured by the destruction of the Stag hotel.

UNKNOWN UTAH MAN COMMITS SUICIDE

(Special to The Herald.) St. Louis, April 7.—An unidentified man, whose hat bears the inscription "B. Lowenstein Price, Utah," today jumped to death from a ferryboat.

Careful inquiry in this city failed to disclose the name of the unfortunate man who drowned himself in St. Louis yesterday.

HADLEY LEAVEN WORKING.

Indianapolis, April 7.—The transfer of the property of the Standard Oil company of Kentucky to the Indiana company is announced today and is taken to indicate that the Kentucky company is withdrawing from the state.

MORTGAGES ARE NOW WORTHLESS

State Supreme Court Declares the Kansas City Stock Exchange a Trust.

Topeka, Kan., April 7.—It was decided by the Kansas supreme court today, in the case of state vs. Wilson, that the Kansas City livestock exchange is a trust, and that all cattle mortgages made through members of that exchange are invalid.

Nearly all the chattel mortgages issued through the members of the exchange contain the provision that a commission of at least 50 cents a head shall be charged. This is sufficient to constitute a trust, according to the decision, and all the notes and mortgages are absolutely void. The decision of the court was unanimous.

Millions of dollars worth of cattle paper will possibly be affected by the decision. Wilson had been convicted of obtaining money under false pretenses, and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

MONEY KEPT BY AUDITORS

Indiana Short Nearly \$400,000 According to Report Filed With the Governor.

Indianapolis, April 7.—In a final report filed with Governor Hanley today by the committee that has been investigating the affairs of the state auditor's office, shortages in the accounts of James H. Rice, deceased, auditor from 1887 to 1887, and Bruce Carr, deceased, auditor from 1887 to 1891, are alleged, amounting to \$296,404, in addition to the shortages in the accounts of J. O. Henderson and A. C. Daley, making a total shortage in the office of \$361,555. The report exonerates ex-Auditors W. D. Manson, 1879 to 1881; F. W. Wolfe, 1881 to 1883, and W. V. Hart, from any misconduct of the office. The committee was composed of James W. Noel, William B. Durborrow and Warren Bigler.

The report is composed of a detailed statement of the affairs in the offices of the ex-auditors already named, the affairs of ex-auditor David E. Sherriek, now in the penitentiary; Daniel E. Storms, formerly secretary of state, and a long list of recommendations concerning the conduct of the auditor's office in future.

The shortage alleged in Mr. Rice's accounts comes, as is the case of others, from the alleged retention of insurance fees and taxes, with interest on each, from the principal of \$14,828. The interest on the \$108,933 alleged to be due to the state by ex-auditor Bruce Carr rises from the retention of fees and the interest on a \$14,828. The total principal due the state on account of fees is given as \$74,998, and the interest on delayed payments \$894. The interest on fees makes the remainder.

APOSTLES ARE IN OPEN REBELLION

Cowley, Taylor and Teasdale Are Said to Have Defied President Smith.

"ARE OUT OF HARMONY"

THEY REFUSE TO OBEY ORDER TO GO TO WASHINGTON.

Apostles Matthias F. Cowley, John W. Taylor and George Teasdale are in open rebellion against the authority of President Joseph F. Smith, head of the Mormon church, according to reliable information which leaked out yesterday.

It is stated that some months ago President Smith wrote them, directing them to submit themselves to the jurisdiction of the United States senate and testify in the Smoot case, and that all three flatly refused. They dared, it is said, defy the president of the church rather than be forced to admit that they had taken plural wives since the manifesto.

Since then, it is claimed, President Smith has treated them as virtual outlaws from the church. They are regarded by their fellow apostles as being "out of harmony with their quorum." The last apostle who was adjudged as being "out of harmony" was Moses Thatcher, and he was summarily deposed.

This strengthens the belief that the three apostles will be deposed today, and that the church will instead of one will be sustained at the present conference.

Hand of Smoot is Traced.

A prominent political friend of Senator Reed is authorized to make a statement that the senator-apostle has been insisting for months that at this conference Cowley, Taylor and Teasdale should be deposed.

The body of the congregation was on tenter-hooks all day yesterday. Every time President Smith pulled a paper from his pocket or made any other possibly significant movement, he drew an anticipatory gasp, and a suspense until it was ascertained that the alarm was a false one, and that the session would be continued.

At the Morning Session.

The morning session yesterday opened with the hymn "How Firm a Foundation." C. F. Middleton, a counselor in the Weber stake presidency, offered prayer, and then the hymn, "All Hail the Glorious Day is Sunn." George Reynolds, a member of the council of seventies, was the first speaker. As a member of the quorum which has direct charge of missionary work, he said he rejoiced in the fact that never before in his experience he had known such a willingness on the part of members of the church to go on missions as exists today.

A discouraging thing, Elder Reynolds said, was the fact that many of the missionaries do not keep the "Word of Wisdom," which is the revelation enjoining abstinence from tobacco, liquor and other things. He emphasized the necessity for observance of the "Word of Wisdom." Reynolds paid a tribute to the church schools, and said that as a result of their efforts missionaries are better equipped now than ever before to preach the gospel.

J. W. McMurrin, also a member of the council of seventies, said that on all missions one man of experience should accompany those of less experience. In this way, he asserted, better results would be secured. In a general dissertation on the church, Elder McMurrin declared that the Mormon church was so founded on truth that people of other denominations who try to proselyte among the Mormons always meet with failure in their efforts.

Clawson on Commercialism.

After John Smith, presiding patriarch of the church and a brother of President Smith, had made a brief address, Apostle Rudger Clawson took the floor and spoke until the noon recess. The burden of Apostle Clawson's talk was a defense of the right of the church to "give counsel" not alone in spiritual things, but in temporal things. The general authorities, the president and the council, he said, are not to be despised.

TRE STEPS DOWN

Tenders His Resignation, Which is Accepted at Once by the Directors.

T. R. CUTLER IS ELECTED

NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IS NAMED.

Hiram Tyree, president and general manager of the Continental Life Insurance & Investment company, tendered his resignation to the board of directors yesterday afternoon, and it was accepted. Thomas R. Cutler of Salt Lake City, vice president and general manager of the Utah Sugar company, was elected to succeed him. The entire executive committee also resigned and President Cutler named their successors at a meeting of the board last night.

Agency Company Out of it.

The death knell of the Western Agency company, the organization that was created by Tyree to handle the business of the insurance company, was sounded as a result of the special meeting of the directors. Secretary C. C. Wylie, who is retained as an agent and also named as a member of the new executive committee, stated last night that the agency company will not handle the insurance company's business any longer and that in the near future the executive committee will make arrangements whereby the business will be assumed either directly by the parent company or through another intermediary agent. He refused to go into details as to what this plan may be, but stated that possibly the Western Agency company, the third of the trinity of organizations created to handle insurance, may take over this business, though just how that concern will be able to do so would not be explained, as under the law the parent company could not do business direct with the other organization.

Statement by Tyree.

Mr. Tyree, who has refused to talk for publication since he arrived in the city on Friday, said that a large surplus would be raised by persons interested in the affairs of the insurance company out of the purpose of getting the concern out of the difficult hole in which it found itself. He would not admit, however, that the agency company was out of existence. This declaration would mean that some promise was made that the agency company would permit the men who have their money invested in the concern to step in and by investing more money put the insurance company on its feet. In this way it could take care of the policyholders already interested in the concern and be in a position to get new business. He still retained his office as a director in the insurance company, and he is vice president of the Western Securities company. It is understood that he will eventually retire from these offices.

New Executive Committee.

Last night the directors met in the office of President Cutler and effected a reorganization of the company, including the naming of a new executive committee. The officers of the new executive committee are: First vice president, Frank Pierce of Salt Lake; second vice president, Dr. V. T. McGillicuddy of Provo; secretary, R. D. Steel of Bozeman; treasurer, C. C. Wylie of Salt Lake; treasurer, M. J. McCormick, also of Salt Lake. The new executive committee consists of Governor F. R. Gooding of Boise, Idaho; C. C. Wylie, secretary; John Derr, W. S. McCormick, C. C. Wylie, of Salt Lake, President Cutler and Hiram Tyree, who are ex-officio members of the committee.

Tyree Let Down Easy.

Tyree was let down easy and a resolution was passed expressing his appreciation of his work in creating and building up the company. This resolution and the circumstances which have moved the president of the company, Hiram Tyree, to resign voluntarily, tender his resignation; therefore be it resolved: That the directors of the Continental Life Insurance & Investment company hereby express their confidence in the integrity and ability of President Tyree, and that they will accept his resignation and that his efficiency in organizing and building up this institution has rarely been excelled if ever equaled.

Letter of Explanation.

The following letter was dictated by the press committee: "Salt Lake City, Utah, April 7.—To the Policy-holders and Stockholders of the Continental Life Insurance & Investment Company: Pursuant to the call heretofore issued, a meeting of the board of directors of the Continental Life Insurance & Investment company was held in Salt Lake City on this day. The affairs of the company were thoroughly discussed. Hiram Tyree resigned as president and general manager of the company. His resignation was accepted. The entire executive committee resigned.

Hon. Thomas R. Cutler was unanimously and enthusiastically elected president of the company. Mr. Cutler is a business man of wide experience and promises to give careful attention to the business of this company. He is known all over the west. He is the president and general manager of the Utah Sugar company and other associated companies, which are among the largest industrial associations of the west. President Cutler will appoint a new executive committee on or about the 15th inst.

"It was the unanimous opinion of the directors that the company's business should be conducted from Salt Lake City in the home office of the company, and hereby gave a large, apparently unnecessary outlay. The new management is confident that the income of the company will be ample to develop a splendid business and insure excellent results in the future to the policy-holders and stockholders, and it proposes to keep its policy-holders and stockholders fully advised on the conditions of the company at all times."

More Things to Untangle.

The affairs of the company are not untangled by any means and the executive committee has a task in hand in getting things right. Secretary Wylie said last night that he is confident that the matter would be adjusted in a short time and that agents would soon be in the field seeking new business. On the other hand, Dr. H. N. Mayo, former medical examiner of the concern, who has opposed Tyree for some time, said last night

Advertisement for 'The Dollar Man' newspaper, featuring a man in a suit and text: 'Save tomorrow's paper for the dollar man. He is going to visit the public schools of the city and buy 20 copies, paying a dollar for each of them. He Wants Monday's paper this time.'

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