

OBSTRUCTION OF CRATERS MAY CAUSE QUAKE

Flow of Lava From Mount Etna Decreases, but Internal Activity Is Stronger

American Authority Declares the Mass Must Force Passage or Temblor Will Follow

CATANIA, March 27.—While the quantity of lava from the craters of Mount Etna continues to decrease, the internal activity of the volcano was stronger today than yesterday.

Frank A. Perret, the American authority, believes the decrease in the flow of lava is due to obstructions in the new craters, which prevent it flowing freely, and that in a few days more, either will force a passage or an earthquake will result.

Perret went today from Nicolosi to the Alpine club refuge, which is situated in the craters, and later telegraphed down as follows: "The activity of Etna today is stronger, but the lava is slower. Terrific explosions in the interior of the mountain continue."

New Fissures in Vesuvius

NAPLES, March 28.—Five new large fissures have opened near the central crater of Mount Vesuvius, but the volcano shows no great activity.

BOYS' NEW BIPLANE NAVIGATES THE AIR

Machine Will Be Entered for Contest at Alameda Aviation Meet

Ernest Ohrt, the youthful president of the San Francisco Aero club, an organization of boys interested in solving the problem of aerial navigation, made a successful flight in his biplane glider, Ohrt Brothers No. 1, on the sand dunes near Nineteenth and Q streets yesterday afternoon.

Three flights were made and proved that his biplane was built on scientific lines, but on the fourth trial the machine dived into the sand, breaking the rudder. The young aviator was not seriously hurt by his sudden descent to earth.

The biplane was built by Ernest and Hans Ohrt. It is 20 feet from tip to tip of planes and constructed according to the plans of the most successful aeronauts. The machine will be one of the entries at the coming aviation meet at Alameda.

In a few days the two boys will begin the construction of a 26 foot biplane, in which it will be possible to place an engine. The device will embody the latest apparatus for steering and controlling the mechanical bird while it is navigating the air.

Plan Aviation Laws

PARIS, March 27.—Rules and regulations controlling the navigation in the air have been formulated by the Aero Club of France and have been submitted to the French government as the basis for a national law.

The code, elaborated after much study, aims to meet the rights and interests of all of the aeronaut and balloonist flying through space and of man and man's property on the earth below. Following are some of the provisions suggested:

"Aerial craft, whether aeroplane or dirigible balloon, must not circulate lower than 150 feet above private property."

"Flying above cities requires a permit from the municipalities."

"Flying in fog is not allowed, and the transportation of explosives, except by mail, is prohibited."

"The fixing of general aerial routes is recommended as a way of avoiding collisions and aeroplanes and dirigible balloons should keep off a certain distance from spherical balloons, so if accidents happen to the dirigible machines the spherical may not be endangered."

"For the protection of the aeronaut it is recommended the proprietors of high buildings and other structures be required to illuminate their property at night at each level of 250 feet, while electric wires strung above 150 feet from the ground should be marked each 400 feet with a white flag by day and a white light by night. Other suggestions relate to the establishment of aerial 'ports of access' to large cities."

Aviation Meet Arranged

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 27.—An aviation meet has been arranged for April 9, 7, 8 and 9 here, at which Glenn Curtis, his assistant, Glenn Hamilton and Charley Willard will be the principal operators of aeroplanes. The aviators have promised to try to establish new records for height and distance. Only heavier than air machines will be eligible.

In addition to the airplane races, there will be races between the flying machines and automobiles and motorcycles.

San Jose to Have Meet

SAN JOSE, March 27.—An aviation meeting that will rival that held in Los Angeles is promised for this city, according to announcements made public today by the aviation committee.

The meeting will be held on May 14 and 15 during the rose carnival week, and it is planned to have at least six aeroplanes here and in addition a congress of dirigible balloons.

An airship of the latter class is under construction here at the present time, built with special intention of trying for the world's distance and height records.

RAILROADS IN CHINA UNDER FOREIGN RULE

Six Powers Control 4,370 Miles Out of 6,300

At this moment China possesses about 6,300 miles of railways, of which only 1,320 are managed by the Chinese. The management of the remaining 4,970 miles is divided among six foreign powers, as follows: Russians manage 1,477 miles, Belgians 993 miles, Japanese 692 miles, Germans 681 miles, English 608 miles, and Frenchmen 400 miles. When the railways now being laid down in China are finished, the total length of China's railway system will amount to 8,000 miles.

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Mann to Father the Railroad Bill in House

Administration Measure Will Be Presented by Representative Who Was in Opposition

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The ambition of Representative Townsend of Michigan to assume charge of the administration railroad bill on the floor of the house will not be gratified, the honor going to Chairman Mann of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce.

This fact developed today and supporters of the bill in the form in which it was originally introduced by Representative Townsend as it now is pending in the senate are greatly disappointed.

It had been thought that the intense opposition of Mann to certain features of the bill as drafted by Attorney General Wickersham would make him disinclined to champion it. His success in incorporating many of his own ideas into the measure, however, made Mann willing to assume the sponsorship. As amended by the committee all republican members voted for it, and there was no way in which the chairman could be denied the management of the measure on the floor.

More force is being exerted by senate leaders to carry out President Taft's views on the railroad bill than on any other administration measure. It would surprise no one if the conservation measures should go over until another session. It is also certain there is a hard road ahead of the statehood bill, although the democratic senators have given some indications of demanding an agreement that a vote be had on the statehood bill as the price of giving an open road to the railroad measure.

Appropriation bills are being passed by the senate about as rapidly as they are received from the house. The spirit of retrenchment which has a firm hold in the senate committee precludes the enlargement of the bills to any extent. The naval appropriation bill is before the house now and there is prospect of a sharp contest over the question whether there shall be constructed two big battleships or only one, as the minority of the committee favors. A similar fight will be made in the senate where many favor cutting down the appropriations for the navy and army.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANK

The postal savings bank bill is expected to come out of the house committee within a few weeks. There is considerable sentiment in favor of amending it so as to insure the keeping of funds in banks in the vicinity where collected.

If the row between the regulars and insurgent republicans is at an end, as leaders of both factions profess to believe, it would appear that congress may be expected to adjourn about June 15, there are indications, however, that the fires of the recent contest are smoldering and may break out at any moment.

Considerable talk is heard about eliminating Cannon from the speaker-ship and Saturday the idea was advanced that Asher C. Hinds, the parliamentarian of the house, might be favored for that place.

SHIRT BOSOM NOTE SUICIDE'S LAST PLEA

Penciled Words on Garment Ask Brother to Forgive Rash Act

After writing a note on the back of a white shirt bosom, asking forgiveness for his rash act by "the best of brothers," John Dempsey of the Dewey house, 794 Howard street, left St. Mary's hospital at 6:30 yesterday morning, ostensibly to attend mass at St. Ignatius church, but diverted from his course and ended his life by jumping into the reservoir at the Grove street entrance to Golden Gate park. The body was found by Park Police-eman Wederkine at 2:45 yesterday afternoon.

Dempsey retired from active business several years ago. For 10 years he was the manager of some of the properties of the Spreckels family. Lately he had been suffering from insomnia and on the night of St. Mary's hospital last Thursday for treatment.

Evidently unable to bear up under his ailment any longer he determined to choose Easter Sunday as the day on which to end his existence.

The note left by Dempsey, which was not discovered by Doctor Craig of St. Mary's hospital until late last night, reads:

May the good Lord bless the best of brothers. Forgive me my weakness in giving away. JOHN.

The missive was written in lead pencil on the back of the bosom of a clean white shirt. From the partial legibility of the writing the doctors believe the dead man was temporarily deranged when he wrote the note.

According to the hospital attendants Dempsey left there in the best of spirits to attend mass, and they were somewhat surprised when he did not return for breakfast, but supposed that he had decided to spend the day with his brother.

Dempsey was born in Ireland 55 years ago, and leaves, besides his brother in San Francisco, one who makes his home in England and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Burns, 518 North High street, Baltimore, Md.

From the fact that there was an abrasion over the left temple at the coroner's office it was at first suspected that Dempsey met his death from foul play. There were numerous footmarks around the reservoir, which might have indicated a struggle. The dead man had only 10 cents in his pocket and no watch or chain. On the discovery of the note, and subsequently on the finding of a large sum of money by the hospital attendants, this idea was dispelled.

Dempsey had a comfortable fortune. At the royal normal college for the blind in London 90 per cent of the students are self-supporting.

ENGLISH CHURCHES ARE FAMOUS FOR ROADS

Screens Are Common Throughout Western District

The churches of the western district of England are particularly famous for their road screens—that particularly characteristic English feature of English churches—and are most interesting not only on account of their great symbolic value, but the wonderful artistic workmanship put into them. Chancel screens are partly rod screens, from the fact that from time immemorial it has been the custom to place over the entrance of the chancel a cross or rod with the figure of our lord, with generally the figures of St. Mary and St. John upon either side. "Country and Town" mentions that until the reformation every church in England had this feature, and it may safely be stated that no parish church had mass without a chancel screen of some sort.

The climate conditions of Manchuria show all gradations from semiaridity to the humidity of the American corn belt and the dry cold of Manitoba.

RENO MOURNS FOR BEULAH STUBBS

Popular Woman's Sudden Death Causes Regret in Her Former Home

Members of Family Hurry West on Special Trains to Attend Funeral

RENO, Nev., March 27.—The news of the sudden death Saturday night at Berkeley, Cal., of Beulah Stubbs, former wife of John Sunderland, democratic national committeeman for Nevada, caused regret here, where she was prominently socially.

Miss Stubbs, the daughter of J. C. Stubbs of the Hartman system, and was born in San Francisco in 1881. She was married in Chicago, in 1902, and lived in Reno ever since. Ill health practically forced her retirement, and she has been an invalid for several years past.

Several days ago Beulah Stubbs left for the coast to visit school-day friends and relatives, and at that time seemed well and in good spirits, despite the recent ordeal in the divorce courts, where she obtained a decree March 16 last.

Friends here sought the idea that her domestic troubles had the effect of hastening her end.

Prof. J. E. Stubbs, president of the University of Nevada, and uncle of Miss Stubbs, left last night for Berkeley. J. C. Stubbs will pass through Reno Monday on a special train from Imperial, Cal. The mother and sisters have left Chicago on a special train to attend the funeral.

BERKELEY WOMAN NAMED IN 'PUZZLE'

Policy on Life of Actress Who Married Millionaire Is Found in Gotham

Organizer of Tin Plate Trust Declares Announcement of Discovery an Enigma

[Special Dispatch to The Call] NEW YORK, March 28.—Daniel G. Reid, railroad magnate and organizer of the tin plate trust, admits that he is puzzled over the following advertisement in this morning's papers:

Found—insurance certificate in favor of Mrs. M. A. Robinson, on death of Clarisse A. Reid; large sum; three names: H. W. Marsh, D. G. Reid, Dearborn lawyer; other papers in envelope. Address R. Plaza hotel office.

Of the persons mentioned in the advertisement three are intimately connected with Reid. The "Clarisse A. Reid" was Reid's second wife, Clarisse Agnew, whose beauty first dawned upon playgoers in Hoyt's "A Milk White Flag," and who later became one of the reigning favorites in vaudeville, but deserted the stage in 1900 to become the wife of the millionaire. She died in 1904, and to Reid's knowledge never took out an insurance policy.

"Mrs. M. A. Robinson" is the mother of the second Mrs. Reid. She and her husband live in Berkeley, California. Mrs. Robinson's only connection with life insurance is that she holds an annuity policy, purchased and presented to her by Reid, and upon which she collects an annual income. No word of the loss of this certificate has reached Reid, who is in regular communication with her by Reid, and upon which she collects an annual income. No word of the loss of this certificate has reached Reid, who is in regular communication with her by Reid, and upon which she collects an annual income. No word of the loss of this certificate has reached Reid, who is in regular communication with her by Reid, and upon which she collects an annual income.

"The 'H. W. Marsh'" of the advertisement is Henry W. Marsh, a millionaire insurance man. Marsh is a close friend of Reid. He denied all knowledge of the peculiar advertisements in favor of Mrs. Robinson and had no knowledge of any insurance transactions of the second Mrs. Reid.

"I am as much in the dark as you are," Reid said tonight. "I know of no insurance certificate that has been lost, not even of one that Mrs. Reid took out. The only insurance policy which her family has been connected with was an annuity to Mrs. Robinson, and payments have been promptly collected upon it since."

STRAUSS' NEW OPERA NEARING COMPLETION

Chief Role Is Cross Between Don Juan and Falstaff

Some interesting information is forthcoming concerning the light opera upon which Richard Strauss is engaged, says the London Globe. The title of the work is "Rosenkavalier," and, according to Strauss himself, the chief role is a rollicking bass, something between a Don Juan and a Falstaff. He compares the leading female part to that of Susanne in "Le Nozze di Figaro."

The first act is complete and the second nearly so, while elaborate scenery is being prepared on the designs of Professor Roller of Vienna in readiness for the first performance, which probably take place in the late summer.

ANIMAL KINGDOM IS REPRESENTED IN HOUSE

Members of British Parliament Have Suggestive Names

The surnames of M. P.s to be found in Debrett's House of Commons are, to say the least, suggestive, says the London Globe. Here are a few: Color is represented by a Black, a Green, a Grey, a Reddy and six Whites or Whytes. The animal kingdom is extremely numerous with its Bird, Drake, Dawes, Haddock, Fox, Leach, Martin, Roches, Roe and Wolf, not to speak of a Bull and two Horns. Geographically they are reminded of the Clyde, Holland, France, Holt, Jordan, Lincoln, London and Snowden. Horticulture has its Primrose and two Thornes. Sport is represented by a Falconer, a Fisher, Bowles, Hunt, two Hunters and two Walkers. The church is suggested by a Bell, a Peel, Chaplin, Chapple and Churchills. Of those of high renown there are two Kings, a Chancellor, a Duke, a Barran and a Knight.

In 10 years the cost of bread all over Europe has increased by an average of 25 per cent. In Sweden the increase has been 84 per cent. Of this higher cost 21 per cent has happened since 1905.

India has 744 newspapers and 973 periodicals.

FUNNY PLAY EVOLVED FROM STAGE TROUBLE

Scene Shifter Becomes Most Important Performer

Alfred Lester of "Arcadians" fame, was some years ago traveling as stage manager with a company playing a melodrama, one of the incidents in which was the entrance of a scene hand carrying a wing or something of the kind. There was on one particular evening no actor hard to go on. So Lester grabbed the nearest thing he could find and walked on. As he passed the group of actors on the stage one of them, according to London Opinion, "chipped" him, and an apt reply coming to him on the instant, Lester "chipped" back. It "got a laugh," and the next night a few more words were exchanged on either side, and the laughs grew louder and longer, until by the end of the tour the scene shifter's part, for which not a line, original had been written, was the longest and most important of the piece. That, in an abridged form, became "The Scene Shifter," at which London audiences laughed heartily for many weeks.

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ESCAPE OF GERMAN FLEAS IS FEARED

Combination With Their California Cousin Would Result in Dangerous Biter

Savage Teuton Would Teach Native Insect to Become Maneater Solely

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German flea with the California variety.

Professor Fricke gave a demonstration of his talented troupe yesterday and several of his stars posed for their photographs for The Call. The professor has 600 of his fleas at his rooms and each one is fastened with a silver wire.

"There is no danger of these fleas escaping," said Fricke. "All that I have are fastened with the wire. I watch them too closely to let them get away."

"My father was the first man to train fleas. He is Wilhelm Fricke of St. Louis, where all our fleas are bred. These fleas originally came from Hamburg, Germany, where my father started 41 years ago to train them. He and I are the only ones who have the secret."

"The European human flea is larger than the California or the dog flea. It is of different color. The European flea is a dark brown, while the California flea is almost white. The European flea propagates more rapidly than the California flea. During the summer it lays six or eight eggs every two weeks. It lives for six or eight years, while the California flea will live only 35 hours."

"Doctor Blue, Morris Metzner and Doctor Snow have seen my fleas," continued Fricke. "Doctor Blue was much interested in them. I told him that there was no danger that any would escape. I am going to exhibit down in San Jose next week and do not expect any trouble with the state authorities."

Fricke's fleas are very accomplished. They dance in ballet formation, drag minute automobiles, spin merry-go-rounds, walk the tight rope, jump through hoops and do a number of amazing things. He is properly proud of his troupe and boards them himself on his forearm, which is spotted with the marks of the little teeth or tusks or whatever fleas use in biting.

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