

\$10,000,000 IS THE LOSS

Of Property In Italy's Great Earthquake.

HUNDREDS WERE KILLED

Twelve Villages Completely Wiped Out and Inhabitants Passed Last Night in the Open Air With No Shelter.

Rome, Sept. 9.—Twelve villages have been completely wiped out by the earthquake of yesterday morning. The inhabitants of these villages spent last night in the open air, without shelter of any kind. It is estimated that the damage done by the earthquake will amount to \$10,000,000. The number of people killed is about 400.

The shock was felt at 2:55 a. m., lasting for 18 seconds at Catanzaro, and soon thereafter was felt at Messina, Reggio, Monteleone, Martirano, Stefaconi, Piscopi, Tripardi, Sammaro, Cessaniti, Maida, Olivadi and other points.

Scenes of indescribable terror ensued. Women aroused from their sleep rushed half clothed into the streets screaming with fear, carrying their babies and dragging along their other children and calling on the Madonna and the saints for help. The men escaped into the open with their families, calling on their favorite saints for protection. The cafes were taken by assault by the strangely garbed crowd, but as daylight broke without a repetition of the earthquake the crowd gradually melted away until by eight o'clock the streets had almost assumed their normal appearance except in the ruined villages where the inhabitants were homeless. The general confusion was added to by dreadful cries from the jails where the prisoners were beside themselves with fright and in some cases maddened, but fortunately all were kept within bounds.

Troops, engineers and doctors have been hurried to the scenes of disaster to assist in the work of rescue and salvage. The ministry of the interior sent \$4,000 for the relief of the destitute and minister of public works Terraris left for Calabria last evening.

PROTESTED AGAINST AWARD.

A Canal Concession Was Given Yesterday.

New York, Sept. 9.—Chairman Shouts of the Panama canal commission announced yesterday that he had awarded a concession for feeding and housing the greater part of the canal employees to J. E. Markel of Omaha, Neb. Mr. Markel plans to establish ten hotels along the canal and railroad, each to accommodate from 150 to 250 lodgers and twice as many diners. They will be chiefly for the higher salaried employees. The average rate for board and lodgings will be about \$30 a month. H. Balfie & Co. and Hodgins & Dunas, both firms of this city, sent telegrams and letters to President Roosevelt, protesting against the award. At the same time they withdrew their bids in the belief that this action might invalidate an award to Mr. Markel by leaving only one bidder in the field. In a statement given out yesterday, the protesting firms declare the contract involves \$30,000,000.

WHAT KIND OF CANAL?

Panama Engineers Going to See the President About It.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 9.—The board of consulting engineers of the Panama canal met yesterday. The discussion related to the size of the locks and of the canal itself. When they shall have been decided upon it will be possible to make an estimate of the cost of the lock canal and to compare this with the cost of the sea level canal.

The members of the board have been invited by President Roosevelt to visit him and will leave New York next Monday on board the Sylph for Oyster Bay, where the President will entertain them at luncheon. They will return to Washington the same day.

AN ATTEMPTED MURDER.

New York Man Found in a Bad Condition.

New York, Sept. 9.—Jacob P. Thompson, an exchange editor of the New York Times, was yesterday found unconscious and apparently dying from the effects of a fractured skull, stab wound and strangulation, in a room at the St. James Hotel on Forty-fifth street. The police believe murder was attempted. Thompson is about sixty. The coroner after an examination said it would have been possible for his injuries to be inflicted by falling after he had been stricken with apoplexy.

POLICEMAN WAS GUILTY.

Charged With Immoral Conduct in Brockton, Mass.

Brockton, Mass., Sept. 9.—Mayor Keith this morning announced his findings in the matter of charges of improper and immoral conduct against Reserve Officer Frank E. Wall, who was tried recently. Mayor Keith finds Wall guilty and removes him from office.

BIG SALMON PACK DUE.

Estimated \$14,000,000 Will Be Spent This Year.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 9.—It is estimated that \$14,000,000 will be spent this year on the coast for the salmon pack. This is about \$2,000,000 more than last year. The salmon is beginning to arrive in this city, and the railroads are getting ready to transport the catch to the East and Europe.

The number of cases packed this season will be between 4,000,000 and 4,500,000, as against a little over 3,000,000 last year. At a conservative estimate, \$3.50 is paid for a case of salmon, and the outlook is so encouraging for the salmon industry that it is said the canneries in Alaska are to be materially increased.

ROBBED OF BONDS.

Highgate Man the Loser at the Franklin County Fair.

Sheldon Junction, Sept. 9.—Lewis Ranney, of Highgate, was robbed of five United States bonds while at the fair Tuesday. Mr. Ranney went to St. Albans and had the bonds transferred from his wife's name to his own and while at the fair with the bonds in his inside vest pocket lost them, just where he does not know. The bonds were in an envelope bearing a red seal which projected about two inches above his pocket. Mr. Ranney has taken steps to stop payment on the bonds and, while he will doubtless never see the bonds again, will not lose his money, as the bonds were registered and were due for payment in 1915. The bonds were valued at \$340, two of them for \$20 and the other three for \$100.

HE BIT THE POLICEMAN.

Middlebury Officer Had Hard Time With Prisoner.

Middlebury, Sept. 9.—Deputy Sheriff W. H. Cobb arrested a man by the name of Milo Marston of Ripton late Thursday afternoon just east of the village in an intoxicated condition, charged also with breach of the peace, and placed him in the county jail. He was up before Judge Foote yesterday and was found guilty on both charges. He was fined \$10 and costs amounting to \$18.75, which at this time he is unable to pay. If not paid he will be taken to Rutland to work it out.

While making the arrest Sheriff Cobb had one of his fingers badly bitten by the prisoner and the wound required the attention of a doctor.

EVERY EMPLOYEE LOST HIS LIFE

Tremendous Explosion This Forenoon at Rand Powder Works, at Fairchance, Pennsylvania.

Connellsville, Pa., Sept. 9.—The Rand Powder works at Fairchance were blown up by two explosions at 9:30 this morning.

All the employees were killed.

ARRESTED, SHE WAS MAD.

Burlington Woman Tried to Pull Jail Down About Her Head.

Burlington, Sept. 9.—Gertie Chioft and Jennie Aldridge were arraigned in city court yesterday on the charge of intoxication. They pleaded guilty and were fined \$5 and costs of \$9.25 each. The Chioft woman will pay up. The Aldridge woman made a great disturbance at the jail and pulled things around to such an extent that she injured herself. Her bunk fell down and a part of it struck her on the forehead cutting a big gash which required taking several stitches.

HAS SECURED BAIL.

J. J. Kennedy of Burlington Released on \$500 Surety.

Burlington, Sept. 9.—J. J. Kennedy, who was placed in jail Thursday night in default of furnishing \$500 in the case against him for violation of the United States postal laws, furnished the bail required yesterday. Mr. Kennedy is charged with writing letters of an obscene nature. He was bailed at the time of his original arrest by F. Henry Parker, who surrendered him upon learning that Mr. Kennedy intended to leave the city.

M. S. Military Officers.

The complete list of officers in the military company at Montpelier is as follows: Capt., G. L. Wells, Barre; 1st Lieut., T. J. Allen, South Roy; 2nd Lieut., C. A. Bigelow; 1st sergt., G. C. Carpenter, Marshfield; 2nd sergt., I. L. Henson, Waitsfield; quarter-master sergt., A. W. Atwood, Dover; 3rd sergt., F. E. Davison, Cabot; 1st corp., B. L. Lane, Plainfield; 2nd corp., C. C. Harvey, Cabot; 3rd corp., P. W. Morse, Plainfield; 4th corp., W. L. Wilcox, Moretown; 5th corp., Fred Bulkley, Moretown.

Fletcher D. Proctor Not Talking.

Burlington, Sept. 9.—Fletcher D. Proctor, of Proctor, whose name has been prominently mentioned as a candidate for governor on the Republican ticket in 1906, was in the city yesterday, but declined to discuss the candidacy of P. W. Clement for the governorship, or talk on a political question for publication.

Settled Claim for \$400.

Bennington, Sept. 9.—The Boston & Maine Railroad Co. has paid the family of Patrick Hurley, of Pownal, \$400 in settlement for a claim for damages against the road. Hurley who was a section foreman, was run over by a work train and fatally injured, dying August 9.

HE DEFIED PRESIDENT

Was Then Removed From Office.

FRANK W. PALMER IS OUT

President Asked for His Resignation Last Monday — Failing, Palmer Was Ousted by Telegraph.

Oyster Bay, Sept. 9.—President Roosevelt yesterday took summary action in the case of Frank W. Palmer, public printer, and head of the government printing office at Washington by removing him from office.

Last Monday the president directed Mr. Palmer to send to him his resignation to take effect on the 15th instant. At the same time he directed him not to take any further action in the cases of Oscar J. Rickett, foreman of printing, and L. C. Hay, a division foreman in the government printing office, whose resignations Mr. Palmer had requested. Mr. Palmer had given Rickett and Hay until Tuesday to show cause in writing why the charges he had made against them should not be operative in removing them from their positions in the event of their failure to resign.

In direct disobedience of the president's instructions, Mr. Palmer, on the 15th instant, notified Rickett and Hay that the time which they might have in which to answer his charges would be extended until Saturday, the 9th instant. As this was not only a violation of the president's specific instructions but as the case of Rickett and Hay had been placed in the hands of the keep commission for investigation the president felt it was time to take positive action.

He therefore removed Mr. Palmer from office by telegraph and directed him to turn over the government printing office to Foreman Rickett, whom he has designated as acting public printer.

LITTLE GIRL BADLY HURT.

Ruth Adams of Randolph Kicked by a Horse.

Randolph, Sept. 9.—Ruth Adams, eight years old, was kicked by a horse at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Adams, Thursday afternoon. Little Miss Adams was leading a horse to the watering trough when the animal kicked, striking the girl in the head, rendering her unconscious. Drs. A. C. Gifford was called and it was found necessary to perform an operation on the head. A portion of the skull an inch wide and four inches long was removed from the left eye down back of the left ear. The girl regained consciousness at about 2:00 a. m. for a few minutes and yesterday morning she seemed quite cheerful and bright.

MOTION TO REDUCE BAIL.

Filed in the Suit Against Dr. J. W. Merrow at Burlington.

Burlington, Sept. 9.—A motion was filed at the office of George E. Johnson, clerk of the United States court, yesterday, by Attorneys V. A. Bullard and R. E. Brown to have the bail reduced in the malpractice case against Dr. J. W. Merrow. The motion is addressed to Judge Hoyt H. Wheeler and is substance asks that a hearing be granted for the purpose of reducing the bail of \$30,000 which is excessive and which Dr. Merrow is not able to furnish. The motion states that he is ready to furnish bail in reasonable amount.

WAR ON ROWDYISM.

Northfield Youths Arrested and Fined for Breach of the Peace.

Northfield, Sept. 9.—Dana Lafrana, Kenneth Stebbins, Ben Davis, Dean Johnson, Herbert Davis, John Wood, Edward Laflay, Jay Clark, and John Lackey were arraigned yesterday before Justice of the Peace F. H. Kent, charged with breach of the peace by reason of boisterous conduct at a public meeting held in Northfield hall last Tuesday night. Lafrana and Stebbins pleaded not guilty and the cases against them were nolle prossed. The others with the exception of Lackey whose case is now under consideration pleaded guilty and each was fined \$1 and costs amounting to \$6.20 with an alternative sentence of three days in the house of correction at Rutland for each dollar of fine costs, and costs of commitment. All the fines were paid.

It is understood that warrants have been issued against as many more youths on the same charge. It is the intention of the town officials to put a stop to rowdyism.

WILL SURPRISE COMPANY.

Members of "The Princess Chic" Cast Quietly Married.

Rutland, Sept. 9.—May Goodrich, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Goodrich of Pittsburg, Pa., a member of "The Princess Chic" company, and James Holmes were married here last night. The marriage has not as yet been announced to the company and will not be until this evening. The marriage is the result of a three week's courtship, both parties becoming lovers at first sight.

BIG CROWD AT BANQUET

Annual Fish and Game League Dinner.

THE POLITICAL GOSSIP

Secretary Shaw Was One of the Speakers, Also Assistant Attorney General Charles H. Robb.

Burlington, Sept. 9.—Nearly 500 members and guests attended the annual outing of the Vermont Fish and Game League, yesterday afternoon, at Bluff Point. The steamer Chateaugay took the party to Bluff Point, where a trip up the lake was enjoyed.

Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw joined the excursionists just before they left this city, arriving from New York by way of White River Junction and thence over the Central Vermont railway by special train. Mr. Shaw was one of the principal speakers at the banquet, which was presided over by Frank L. Fish, president of the league. Among the others who made addresses were Asst.-U. S. Dist. Atty. Charles H. Robb, Congressman D. J. Foster of Burlington, Maj.-Gen. J. H. Wilson of Trenton, N. J., and J. H. Sargent of Ludlow.

POLITICS OF THE DAY.

What the Fish and Game League Banquet Developed.

The political end of the Fish and Game League gathering is summarized by the Burlington Free Press as follows:

"It had been assumed that the representative men assembled from all parts of the State at the banquet of the Vermont Fish and Game League would take advantage of the opportunity to talk over the political situation, and this expectation was fulfilled to a noteworthy degree. The paramount question of course was the governorship, and it is significant that most of those present were entirely free to express their opinion on the subject.

As a result of the developments of the day the gubernatorial situation was cleared to a noteworthy degree, and it is now possible to forecast the governorship campaign in a fairly definite manner. In order to fully understand the present situation, however, it is necessary to briefly review events leading up to it.

"It has been understood for some time that the Hon. Fletcher D. Proctor would be a candidate for the governorship, and it has been equally well understood that several republicans of prominence in many counties were determined to leave no stone unturned to prevent his nomination, owing to considerations which are too well understood by the general public to need explanation at this time.

"For a considerable period these men have been making endeavors to unite on some candidate. An attempt was made to induce Dr. W. Seward Webb to allow the use of his name, but while he did not care to issue any statement in relation to the matter he declined to go into a fight for the honor of leading the republicans of Vermont in the next campaign. There are not a few republicans in the State who expect to vote some time for Dr. Webb for governor. The day will come when he will have practically a clear field in the estimation of good political observers and he prefers to wait rather than to enter a contest for the office at this time.

"An attempt was also made to induce Dr. Webb to support the man who has now come out as a candidate for the purpose of trying to beat Mr. Proctor, but the attempt was a superfluous failure, a fact which, it is claimed, is not likely to be forgotten at the right time.

"The name of ex-Gov. Carroll S. Page was also canvassed as a possible candidate for the governorship against Proctor by the few men in question, but he is understood after consultation with regard to the effect which his candidacy for a second term in the governor's chair might have upon his political future have decided that he did not deem it advisable for him to allow the use of his name in that connection.

"At this point one of the men who had been forced by circumstances to take part in the conference openly announced that he would support Proctor for the governorship. Only a few days ago another effort was made by one man from the south part of the State to persuade Dr. Webb to allow the use of his name, and after Dr. Webb had declined either to allow the use of his name or to support Clement nothing remained but for P. W. Clement to come into the field and do the best he could under the circumstances.

FRED AUSTIN'S FUNERAL.

Will Be Held at Brookfield Tomorrow Afternoon.

The body of J. Fred Austin, who died at Sheldon Junction while attending the Franklin county fair with E. L. Demers of this city, was taken to Northfield yesterday by his brother-in-law, John McCormick, and last evening the father and a sister of the deceased arrived from St. George, N. B.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock from the Congregational church in the Pond village, Brookfield, the Rev. D. H. Strong officiating. The interment will be in the Brookfield cemetery, beside the remains of his wife, who was a Brookfield woman.

THROWN OUT OF TEAM.

Runaway at East Barre Injured Two Persons.

East Barre, Sept. 9.—Ernest Hutchins and Elmer Blanchard were quite badly hurt in a runaway accident late yesterday afternoon. On account of some defect in the harness the horse became unmanageable and ran. The former was thrown out heavily, and the Blanchard boy clung to the meat-wagon until it was tipped over. Dr. McArthur was called to attend Mr. Hutchins' injuries, but it is not yet known how severely he was hurt. He was badly bruised, at any rate, and the Blanchard boy was also bruised.

HORSE TRIED TO RIDE.

Made Lunge Toward F. D. Ladd's Automobile.

As F. D. Ladd and W. C. Reynolds were driving to Montpelier last evening in the former's auto, they collided with a team and as a result the machine was considerably damaged. They met a team coming toward this city, and just as they were about to pass, the horse reared up over the front of the machine. Mr. Reynolds seized the horse by the bits and threw him out of the way. In this turn the wagon got directly in front of the automobile and the two collided. The headlights and mud guards of the machine were torn off.

It is not known to what extent the wagon was damaged, but it could not have been much cut up, as the team continued on its way to this city.

NEW SCHOOL ROOM OPENED.

Crowded Condition of Church Street Building Necessitated It.

On account of the crowded condition of the Church street school building, Superintendent Mathewson has found it necessary to divide one of the grades and take the scholars to the new building on Elm street. Miss Flora Batchelder has been engaged as teacher of the new class. In one room of the Church street building 75 pupils applied, and the number promised to increase so that the division was necessary. All the other rooms of the nine buildings are filling up, making a record-breaking attendance.

All the twelve rooms in the Mathewson building are now occupied as school rooms.

ONLY DIGGING A SPRING.

But Phillip Barney Shook Montpelier to Its Roots.

Montpelier was thrown into a commotion by an explosion which shook the buildings thereabouts, at 8:15 last evening. People rushed from their houses to see what had been done, and it was not until this morning that it was learned that the explosion was a blast on the Emmons hill. Phillip Barney was trying to dig a spring. At the ear barn it was thought there had been an explosion at the Montpelier gas plant. One youngster reported that two automobiles had collided.

The explosion was also heard in this city, the atmospheric conditions being such as to carry the sound.

STATE DAIRYMEN.

Annual Meeting of Association to Be Held in Burlington January 9-11.

The next annual meeting of the Vermont State Association will be held in Burlington January 9 to 11. The announcement was made yesterday by the secretary of the association, F. L. Davis of Pomfret, who said that he expected several prominent speakers and the programme will be unusually strong.

The meetings will be held in the Burlington armory.

ADJOURNED PICNIC.

Will Be Held at Caledonia Park This Afternoon.

Owing to the fact that some of the clerks, barbers and carpenters who were members of the Labor Day committee will be unable to attend the adjourned picnic this afternoon at Caledonia park, a meeting of the Central Labor Union was held Thursday to rearrange the committee. The games and sports will be run off as arranged.

The management has secured a special train on the Montpelier & Wells River railroad, to leave the local station at 1:30 o'clock, and leaving the grounds at 6:30 this afternoon.

Notice to Labor Day Ticket Holders.

All those having ticket stubs in their possession will be admitted into Caledonia park on presenting same to ticket collectors. Be sure and bring the stub. Per Order Labor Picnic Committee.

Mrs. George Nichols Very Ill.

Northfield, Sept. 9.—Mrs. George Nichols, wife of Dr. George Nichols, of this village, for many years secretary of state, was taken suddenly ill Monday and has been critically ill since that time. Dr. C. E. Chandler, of Montpelier, and W. B. Mayo and J. H. Lynch, of this village, held a consultation in the case yesterday.

BARRE HORSES ON THE TRACK

Did Not Show Up Well at Sheldon Junction.

ON THE FIRST GOOD DAY

Race of the Day Was the 2:21, and Will Be Finished This Afternoon—Fair Day at Middlebury.

Sheldon Junction, Sept. 9.—Yesterday's horse races at the Franklin county fair resulted as follows:

3:00 Class, Purse \$125.
Asbgrove, b. s., W. J. Utton, 1 1 1
Dietator, br. s., Stephen Kehoe 2 2 2
Dan, ch. g., A. J. Prairie, 2 3 3
Little Flyer, b. s., A. K. Stimhour, 3 4 4
Nancy F., b. m., W. S. Page, 4 5 5
Asbgrove, first; Dietator, second; Dan, third; Little Flyer, fourth. Time, 2:31½, 2:32½, 2:30½.

The 2:30 class, the second race on the card, brought out some good ones and the race was a good one.

2:30 Class, Purse \$150.
Defender, blk. g., W. J. Utton, 1 1 1
Sadie M., b. m., T. H. Shorey, 2 2 2
Marker, b. s., F. A. Clayton, 3 3 3
Dora Star, b. m., F. A. Clayton, 4 4 4
The Actress, ch. m., W. S. Page, 5 5 5
Time, 2:25¼, 2:25¼, 2:25¼.

The 2:21 class proved to be the race of the day, four heats being trotted, all with heart breaking finishes, and being left unfinished on account of darkness with two heats for Com. and two for Rejected Sid. The race will go on again at 1:30 this afternoon.

2:21 Class, Purse \$200.
Com, b. g., W. J. Utton, 1 1 2 2
Rejected Sid, b. g., A. F. Hill, 1 2 1 2
Lady St. Croix, ch. m., W.
H. Duba, 3 3 3 3
Time, 2:26¼, 2:24¼, 2:23¼, 2:23.

CHILDREN'S DAY AT FAIR.

Hundreds Admitted Free to Addison County Fair.

Middlebury, Sept. 9.—Yesterday was Children's Day at the Addison county fair and hundreds of little people were made happy by a free entrance to the grounds and a jolly good time.

Governor Bell visited the grounds during the day and was heartily cheered as he appeared upon the grand stand.

There was a bigger crowd than the day before and the weather was a decided improvement. The races were run off in good style. Blue Ribbon won the pacing race partly finished the day before. The usual vaudeville entertainment was given and the Middlebury band gave a concert.

THE NORTHFIELD FAIR.

Promises to Be One of the Best Ever Held.

The Dog River Valley Fair, familiarly the "Northfield Fair" dated for Sept. 19, 20 and 21st, will undoubtedly prove the best fair this association ever gave. Many improvements in the buildings, pens and track improve all conditions. The races this year are a feature. In fact, all the purses are much larger and more of them, and this fair always carries out the race programme as advertised. The management have secured a first class starter and competent judge, and George Lynde is superintendent of this department and promises to open each day's programme on time.

This fair is the nearest and most convenient to reach of any in this vicinity, and all should remember the dates.

THEATRE SEASON OPENS.

New Management Promises to Give a Good List of Plays.

The local theatrical season was opened at the Barre opera house last evening with the presentation of the comedy drama, "Down by the Sea," under the management of Phil Hunt. The play was enjoyed by a fair-sized audience, the house being half-filled. The play is a four act romance of the type of "Way Down East," and contains the usual dramatic climaxes and thrills, in which the love of a parson and his wife, severely tried, finally triumphs and the villain is turned out the back door. The efforts of a good company were well received, as were the songs, some of which had a local application and drew forth hearty applause.

Fox & Eaton, the new managers of the Barre opera house, promise to give theatre-goers a season of excellent productions, and it is certain that they will merit a large patronage. Local Manager Hoban has been busy the last few weeks putting the house in shape, and everything is clean and tidy. Charles Kenyon is the head usher.

BY ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION.

L. A. Hutchins of Gouldsville Was Kept Alive 35 Minutes.

Northfield, Sept. 9.—The funeral of L. A. Hutchins was held yesterday afternoon at Gouldsville. Mr. Hutchins was injured August 16, being thrown from a carriage while driving down the hole hill. It was thought he had recovered, but Monday he was taken with severe pains in the back of the shoulders and died Thursday morning of paralysis of the pneumogastric nerve. He was kept alive by means of artificial respiration for 35 minutes.