

WILD WITH FEAR, PEOPLE RUSHED INTO STREETS

Rome Was Visited To-day by the Most Severe Earthquake Ever Felt There, the Shocks Continuing for Several Seconds and Damaging Many Buildings

MARCUS AURELIUS COLUMN DAMAGED

Old Palazzo Chigi Also Felt the Effects of the Earth's Movements—Whole Effects of the Visitation Are Not Yet Determined

Rome, Jan. 13, 7:50 a. m.—A terrific earthquake, the strongest ever felt at Rome, occurred early this morning, lasted several seconds and caused serious panic, people everywhere rushing from their houses in terror. Many buildings were damaged. So far as could be learned an hour after the earthquake, no lives were lost, and it was not possible to reach any definite idea of the extent of the damage. There was confusion throughout the entire city, in some cases bordering on a panic.

A system of gathering and issuing information was hurriedly inaugurated by a telephone company, whose officers were overwhelmed with calls for information. Among the buildings known to have been damaged was the famous Column of Marcus Aurelius and also the old Palazzo Chigi.

BUILD GREATEST SUBMARINE BOAT

United States Navy Department Awards Contracts for Eight Submerged-Craft. Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.—Contracts were awarded by the navy department yesterday to the Electric Boat Co. for one sea-going submarine to be built at Quincy, Mass., at \$1,350,000, and for three coast defense submarines to be built at Seattle, Wash., at \$480,000 each; and to the Lake Torpedo Boat Co. for four coast defense submarines to be built at Bridgeport, Conn., at \$427,000 each.

WINTHROP STREETS DEEP IN WATER

Sea, Driven By Great Storm, Invaded Coast South of Boston and Did a Great Deal of Damage This Morning.

Boston, Jan. 13.—The gulf storm of Sunday, which reached New England yesterday, attained a maximum strength off the southeast coast at dawn to-day, with much damage in Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts. South of Boston telegraph wires were prostrated, transportation by land and by sea was hampered and the highest tide in 10 years was driven into Massachusetts bay. The effect of the storm was light to the north of Boston.

Summer residences on the shore line from Sandwich to Cape Ann were damaged by the high tide. The sea swept the crest at Winthrop and for an hour or two the water stood several feet deep in the main streets of Winthrop.

MAGNATES FORMALLY ACCUSED

For Culpable Neglect in Fatal Accident on New York's Elevated.

New York, Jan. 12.—Theodore P. Shontz, president, and other officers and directors, including August Belmont and Cornelius Vanderbilt, of the Interborough Rapid Transit company, which operates the subway and elevated lines of New York City, are accused of culpable negligence in a verdict returned late yesterday by a coroner's jury sitting in the inquest into a wreck on the Sixth avenue elevated line in December. Two men were killed in the accident, a collision, which occurred at the line's highest point, at 118th street and Eighth avenue. The jury deliberated three minutes, agreeing unanimously on the first verdict. It says that:

Coronel Patrick D. Gordon refused to grant a request by the company's lawyers that the verdict be modified and ordered the men accused held to await the action of the grand jury, sitting here at \$2,500.

WHALE TOWED BODY

Carried Away By Weight and Became Entangled.

St. John, N. H., Jan. 12.—The pleasure of fishing for herring off New's island was spoiled in an unusual way yesterday. The herring and anchor were carried away by a whale, according to officers on the Canadian government steamer Lacandon.

The Lacandon went out to locate the herring and in reaching some distance from the station, found it with a whale entangled in the chain. The whale, which was 30 feet long, had dragged the herring and anchor until it died, apparently from exhaustion.

FRENCH OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Paris, Jan. 13, 2:40 p. m.—The severe winter weather from one end to the other of the battle line in France hindered military operations yesterday, according to the war office announcement this afternoon. The French artillery showed some activity, notably near Soissons and between Rheims and Argonne, but no decisive results were obtained. Fighting northward of Soissons continues with severity. It is evident that large forces of infantry have been engaged. The French retained some positions but were compelled to relinquish others.

GERMAN OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Berlin, via wireless to London, Jan. 13, 3:15 p. m.—German victories in several engagements on the western front were announced in to-day's official statement, which says the allies were compelled by German artillery to evacuate the trenches near the Belgian coast in the neighborhood of Nisport and that attacks were repulsed at other points, with the capture of 1,700 French in one instance.

MORE SUCCESSES BY RUSSIANS

One Turkish Regiment Reported Captured, Another Partially Destroyed, and Turkish Position Seized.

Further important successes in the campaign against Turkey were announced to-day by Russia. It is asserted that one Turkish regiment was captured, another partially destroyed and a Turkish position seized with guns and ammunition. Notwithstanding these claims, it is evident that large bodies of Turkish troops are still on Russian soil, and the recent statement from Petrograd that an overwhelming defeat was inflicted on the Turks, involving the capture of one army corps and the cutting up of another, is denied officially in Constantinople.

The statement to-day of the Russian staff attached to the Caucasus army shows that Turkish resistance has not been broken, stating that obstinate and bitter fighting still is in progress.

The Turkish forces, which invaded northwestern Persia, are reported unofficially to have occupied Tabriz, an important Persian city within the sphere of Russian influence. A Constantinople dispatch last night said that the Russians had retreated from Tabriz.

In south Poland the Russians have made another attempt to push across the river, apparently in an effort to advance once more on Craow. An official Austrian statement says that the Russians were compelled to withdraw under the artillery fire of the Austrians.

London, Jan. 13, 1:15 p. m.—The Reuter Telegram company has received a dispatch from its correspondent at Petrograd saying that the advance detachment of the Turkish army occupied the Persian city of Tabriz. The taking of Tabriz means that the Turks, who undoubtedly had the backing of wild Turkish tribesmen that locality, have secured a more or less important base for a projected German-Turkish attack upon Russian positions in the province of Erivan, north of the Persian border and south of Tiflis.

The occupation of Tabriz was rendered easy by the recent withdrawal of Russian forces to meet the Ottoman advance further west. Whether the city was taken without bloodshed is not yet known.

VERMONT'S 2 VOTES AGAINST SUFFRAGE

Both Plumley and Greene Voted With Majority Against Submission of Constitutional Amendment to the States.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.—Democratic leaders in Congress to-day considered the woman suffrage issue to be dead so far as the present session was concerned as the result of the failure of the Mendell resolution for a constitutional amendment to enfranchise women to get the necessary two-thirds vote in yesterday's historic contest in the House. The failure of the resolution to get seven a majority, it is believed, would discourage further efforts at this session to have the question again brought up for consideration.

The anti-suffragists issued statements to-day asserting that their expectations to-day were fulfilled. Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge, president of the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, declared the result meant that the suffrage movement fostered by hysterical women was on the wane.

The vote, the second in the history of Congress on the woman suffrage issue, came at the close of a day of long prepared for oratory during which the many speakers were listened to with frequent evidences of approval or disapproval by packed galleries. The question was before the House on the Mendell resolution to submit a constitutional amendment providing that the right of suffrage should not be abridged "because of sex."

A two-third affirmative vote was necessary to pass the resolution; it was defeated by a majority of thirty.

Early lines were not strictly drawn in the fight, though Democratic leaders understood, owing the attitude of the party that suffrage is a state issue, strongly opposed the resolution, while Republican leader Mann was one of the chief speakers of the suffragists.

Among those voting against the resolution were Representatives Plumley and Greene of Vermont.

Cases Argued in Supreme Court.

At the opening of the Vermont supreme court at Montpelier yesterday the Washington attorney was in to discuss W. H. Haines estate. Montpelier Savings Bank v. Trust Co. was argued, and the Supreme court case of Elizabeth E. Bond, wife of William W. Clark estate vs. Montpelier Savings Bank, was argued. The court was closed at 11 o'clock.

DROVE TEAM ON TRESTLE

A. B. Cota Killed When Vehicle Fell 20 Feet at Waterbury Center

ONE HORSE ALSO LOST ITS LIFE

Accident Happened Last Evening—Body Was Found at 11:10

Waterbury, Jan. 13.—While returning to their homes from a grange meeting at Waterbury Center at 11:10 last evening, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morway and Mr. and Mrs. Homer May had their attention attracted by a huddled mass under the electric railway trestle, and on investigating they found a mixture of horse and equipment and from beneath the mass they pulled the dead body of a man. The body was carried to the light and it later proved to be that of A. B. Cota of Stirling in the town of Stowe.

It is presumed that he drove his span of horses onto the trestle in the darkness and that the whole equipment then fell off to the ground a distance of twenty feet, the horses landing on the man. One of the horses was found to have been killed in the fall. The other horse was released from the harness and wandered off and was found this morning in a nearby horseshed. The man had driven eight or nine rods on the trestle while returning to his home from Waterbury where he had sold a load of pigs. The reason for the accident is not known. It is said there were no signs of liquor about the man. The body was brought to the undertaking rooms of Frank Towne here and was taken to Stowe to-day.

Mr. Cota was 46 years of age and leaves no family, his wife having died two years ago. His father is said to be residing in St. Albans. Mr. Cota had recently taken the farm of Nelson Steacie in Stowe, but the team is said to have been his own. Myron Hutches, a selectman, and Dr. Field, the health officer, took charge of the body. The place of the accident was near the watering-trough.

GRASPED LIVE WIRE AND FELL DEAD

Frederick F. Raymond Was Struck by Swinging End and Put Up Both Hands to Throat It Away.

Rutland, Jan. 13.—Frederick F. Raymond of 218 State street was instantly killed at 6:30 o'clock last night when he was struck by an electric light wire, which was hanging from a pole. The wire was blown against him, striking him on the back of the head, and in attempting to ward off the blow he put out both hands. The man fell lifeless to earth, and the efforts of five physicians to resuscitate him were unavailing, as not a muscular contraction of pulse beat rewarded efforts of the medical men, who used a pulmotor. The loose wires had fallen from the main light wire of the Rutland Railway & Power company, connecting the wire with a street lamp, which was hanging far from the street. The accident occurred on State street, between Baxter and Pine streets.

The story of Mrs. Raymond, who was the only immediate witness of the accident, was to the effect that she first noticed the wire when it struck her husband on the back of the head, and when he saw it coming toward him he uttered an ejaculation and tried to ward it off with his hands. He fell on his face as soon as his hands touched the wire, which carried about 2,500 volts. Mr. Raymond was forty-nine years of age, and was a marble worker.

He leaves a wife and one daughter.

FOUND DEAD IN WATERBURY

Max Myers, Peddler, Probably Succumbed to Heart Trouble.

Waterbury, Jan. 13.—The body of Max Myers, a Russian Jew who has been in the vicinity for a short time while peddling dress goods, was found this morning in his room rented from Ernest Joy, all and located over Wallace Green's meat market. Dr. Hopkins, who was called, pronounced that death was due to heart failure, and communication with the man's relatives in Burlington revealed that he had been troubled with a weak heart for some time. Burlington people came to-day and took the body there.

BACKED OVER BANK

But J. J. Williams' Car Landed Right Side Up.

When backing his automobile on East State street in Montpelier yesterday afternoon, J. J. Williams got too near the edge of a bank and, the wheels slipping, the vehicle was backed completely over the bank. Fortunately, the machine landed right side up and aside from slight damage to the rear of the car the accident was without loss of results.

NOT OCCUPIED, RE FAILED

Harry Wells of Burlington Was Idle But Not Rich.

Burlington, Jan. 12.—Two petitions in bankruptcy were filed yesterday with Clerk F. S. Platt, one by Harry Wells of Burlington, whose occupation was given as "none of all." He has liabilities of \$221 all in unsecured claims and assets of \$200 all of which is claimed exempt. The other petition was filed by Frank E. Hollifield of Sutton through his attorneys, Howe, Whittier & Harvey of St. Albans. Mr. Whittier is a farm laborer, the liabilities are placed at \$2,100 and the assets at \$250.00 of which \$25 is claimed exempt.

SENATE PASSED SEN. POWELL'S JUSTICE BILL

Under Suspension of Rules, Senator Powell's Measure was Read the Third Time and Passed and Then Messaged into the House, Where It Was Referred to the Judiciary Committee

INTENDED TO SOLVE JUDICIARY PROBLEM

The Bill Was the Object of Bitter Attack by Attorney Alex. Dunnett Before the Senate Judiciary Committee Last Night—More Appointments Made To-day

By the Senate passing Senate bill No. 2, introduced by Senator Powell, relative to the term of office of the supreme court justices to commence on the first day of February, which was the subject for spirited opposition by Attorney Alex. Dunnett before the judiciary committee last night, and by the messaging of the same bill and reference to the judiciary in the House, much progress was made to-day regarding the state's judiciary system problem which was occasioned by the changing of the constitution and which was heightened by the act of former Governor Fletcher in appointing justices for two years. From this time on interest in this important matter will be heightened throughout the state.

The text of Senator Powell's bill is "The term of office of the justices shall, except in case of an election or appointment to fill a vacancy or unexpired term, begin on the first day of February next after their election and continue for two years," and (section 2) "This act shall take effect from its passage."

When the measure came before the Senate this morning, Senator Conant of Orange county moved that the rules be suspended, which was done, and then the bill was read the third time and passed. It was soon passed along to the House.

At about the same time Representative J. Wesley Miller was introducing in the House a bill which would allow the present incumbents, the appointees of former Governor Fletcher, to hold their seats until December, 1916, when their places would be filled by those elected at the present legislative.

Other constructive work, the first of the session, started this morning when House bills Nos. 8 and 22 were reported on by the judiciary committee favorably and after slight amendments had been adopted at the recommendation of a committee, the bills were passed to a third reading, and will probably pass the House to-morrow morning. The above named measures refer to lotteries in railroad stations, and tramps, and in substance make the present law more stringent. Both bills were introduced by J. A. Stacey of Hartford.

More appointments were made this morning when Governor Gates sent to the Senate for confirmation, the names of D. D. Burditt of Pittsford, for trustee of the state hospital; Dr. H. D. Holton of Brattleboro, for member of the board of health; Allen Calhoun of Middlebury, for state factory inspector, and Dr. Fred E. Steele of Montpelier for member of the board of supervisors of the insane. All are reappointments. The Senate confirmed the appointments of E. S. Brigham as commissioner of agriculture and Frank C. Williams, bank commissioner.

A joint resolution was introduced in the House by Mr. Ware of Townshend, authorizing the governor to appoint a commission consisting of the chief justice of the supreme court and two practicing attorneys to examine the public statutes and amendments thereto and to report to him such amendments as in their judgment may be necessary to simplify and improve court procedure and court practice, the commission to report to the executive so that some action may be taken on the report at the present session. At the annual bar association meeting last week, a similar resolution was adopted to be submitted to the legislature.

The canvassing committee of Addison county at the meeting held Tuesday evening refused to allow a recount of the ballots for probate judge in that county and proceeded to elect Frank W. Tuttle of Vergennes, probate judge at New Haven. E. A. Haseltine of Bristol contested the election.

Bills Introduced in House.

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RAISED OFFICERS TO STUMPS

Iroquois Red Men and Winnetta Dancers of Pocahontas.

After the regular meeting of the Iroquois Tribe, No. 16, Red Men, last evening, Winnetta council No. 10, D. of P., and Iroquois Tribe held a joint raising of the following chiefs in charge of Deputy Fannie Levin, assisted by Past Pocahontas, Annie Rosa; Jessie Sim, Pocahontas; Mary Angus, Winnetta; W. W. Russell, Pocahontas; Rose Inglis, prochetas, Annie Brown, keeper of records, address, 7 Kirk street; Alice Bresset, collector of wampum, address, 1 Smith place; appointive chiefs; Katherine McKerron, first, and Mary Walker, second scout; Isabella Thompson, first, and Nellie Bionchi, second runner; Margaret Ingram first, and James Atchison, second, W. W. Russell, great Senior, Sagamore Alex. Ross, Past Sachem William F. Walker and Past Sachem George Cormick. The chiefs were as follows: Alexander Young, sachem; Charles Scott, senior sagamore; George Brand, junior sagamore; Robert Wright, prophet; Ira E. Wright, keeper of records, address box 64 South Barre, Tel. 38-4; Peter Brown, collector of wampum, address 7 Kirk street; James Rothney, keeper of wampum; James Simpson, guard of the wigwam; James Taylor, guard of the forest; Joseph Collins, first, and James McDonald, second snapp; George Fairs, first, George Forbes, second, James Dunbar, third, and William Innis, fourth, warrior; Joseph Fraser, first, John Cooper, second, James B. Glass third and John Metue, fourth brave.

Winnetta council then vacated the chairs to Iroquois Tribe whose officers were duly raised to their stumps by the deputy, James Rothney, and his staff, including Past Great Atchison W. W. Russell, great Senior, Sagamore Alex. Ross, Past Sachem William F. Walker and Past Sachem George Cormick. The chiefs were as follows: Alexander Young, sachem; Charles Scott, senior sagamore; George Brand, junior sagamore; Robert Wright, prophet; Ira E. Wright, keeper of records, address box 64 South Barre, Tel. 38-4; Peter Brown, collector of wampum, address 7 Kirk street; James Rothney, keeper of wampum; James Simpson, guard of the wigwam; James Taylor, guard of the forest; Joseph Collins, first, and James McDonald, second snapp; George Fairs, first, George Forbes, second, James Dunbar, third, and William Innis, fourth, warrior; Joseph Fraser, first, John Cooper, second, James B. Glass third and John Metue, fourth brave.

After the raising of the chiefs the committee of the Iroquois tribe served a buffet lunch. Then, dancing and a social was indulged in until a late hour.

TWO GIRLS ARRESTED

Both Were Convicted on the Charge of Intoxication.

Strains of "Tipperary" and other sounds of revelry at the corner of Buzzell place on Pearl street attracted the attention of the police at 4:30 o'clock this morning and in consequence of their visit little Eva Carbo of Montpelier and her companion Lillian Waterman, of North Montpelier were lugged away to police headquarters by Officers John W. Dineen and John S. Murley. Both were later arraigned before Magistrate H. W. Scott on intoxication charges, to which they pleaded not guilty.

Just before the noon hour the young people were convicted on the testimony of the officers. Grand Juror William Wisbart conducted the prosecution and Eva, with the consummate skill of a near-lawyer, did the conducting for the defense. Eva and the Waterman girl both testified to having taken a glass of beer at the invitation of two young club men whom they named. At the moment when the officers broke in on "Tipperary," the girls were in the field of letters, according to her own statement, and had no thought of greeting the dawn through the unfriendly grating of the "ladies' cell at headquarters. Her companion from North Montpelier was too internally tired out with the whole performance to do much testifying, so Eva offered to take charge of the defense.

Officers Murley and Dineen didn't seem to be much in doubt as to the condition of the pair when they were hauled to the station and Judge Scott imposed a fine of \$5 and costs of \$7.21 on each respondent. The Carbo girl released \$12.21 on an improvised purse, and went her way. Miss Waterman looked ruefully at a fistful of small change which aggregated only \$3 and allowed she would take the alternative sentence of 30 days in the county jail.

PROGRESS IN WATER SYSTEM FINANCES

An interesting compendium of facts relating to water conditions in Barre is the annual report of Superintendent H. E. Reynolds. According to the superintendent a good deal has been accomplished in the way of improving the city's water sources. All reservoirs are in good condition and the water from each source has received a clean bill from the state board of health. The old bridge crossing the upper reservoir at Orange has been removed and replaced by a new one, with tight rails and a concrete roadway, which makes it impossible for dirt or water to enter the reservoir from the road. The capacity of the Bolster reservoir was increased about 1,300,000 gallons in 1914, the report says, and the author of the report goes on to recommend that a further increase of 3,000,000 more be made at a cost of \$450.

From the state fosterer, 10,000 Norway spruce three-year transplants were purchased at a cost of \$55 and set out around Orange reservoir. Mr. Reynolds recommends that 10,000 more seedlings be placed in the land around Orange reservoir, and 25,000 white pine seedlings at the Bolster reservoir, work which he thinks should be done in the spring. The supply at Bolster pond, he assumes the city, can be materially improved by lowering the surface of the so called Peck pond, giving, as he promises, a supply of pure spring water from that source. The reducing chamber has been fitted with a valve that is working to full satisfaction, and there is no more danger of a shortage in case of fire. The main water lines have been thoroughly repaired and the entire system is in good shape.

Under the caption "Remarks on the superintendent takes occasion to point out some of the defects in the present system of accounting water department funds. He says: "This department has, as shown by the financial statement, taken in \$28,216.78 and paid out \$22,103.92, leaving a balance of \$6,112.86 to go to the general fund, which I believe should be returned to this department. As it is now, this money goes to help pay the taxes of the users of spring water. The people who use city water support it and should have the full benefit of all their money; so I would recommend that the city council appropriate back to the water department all monies received from this department, and instruct the water committee to see that all work necessary in keeping the system in as good a condition as possible is done, and to impress it wherever they see a chance."

In 1914 25 new connections made, an unaccommodated one new hotel, one new hospital and several dwellings. One new hydrant was installed on Vine street at a cost of \$47.34 and 11 hydrants replaced at a cost of \$216.22. New water extensions were carried through on Vine, East and Berlin streets and Lawrence and Garfield avenues. One hundred meters were installed, making a total of 273 now in use. Thirty-five families changed from spring to city water and one changed from city to spring water.

Outstanding bonds Jan. 1, according to the department's financial statement, amounted to \$225,000, from which should be subtracted \$21,000, the amount of bonds redeemed during the year. The present condition of the water department, its needs and its future, represented on Saturday.

FORMER BOARD RE-ELECTED

By Stockholders of Barre Savings Bank and Trust Co.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Barre Savings Bank & Trust Co. was held in the company's banking rooms Tuesday afternoon. After the stockholders had re-elected as directors, F. G. Howland, Homer Fitts, E. A. Bagley, M. E. Howland, C. F. Miller and W. A. Drew, the directors elected the following officers: President, F. G. Howland, vice president, Homer Fitts; treasurer, W. A. Drew; secretary, Mary J. Wright. The year's business of the bank was reviewed and found to be highly satisfactory. The financial year of the bank closes March 31.

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\$110 BALANCE IN WATER DEPT.

Supt. Reynolds Thinks It Should Be Retained for Its Maintenance

MARKED GAIN MADE IN WATER CONNECTIONS

Contract for Printing City Reports Awarded to N. J. Roberts

Barre's annual year book is to be printed in Barre this year in the printery of N. J. Roberts, according to the award made by the board of aldermen at their regular meeting last night, when two bids were submitted by local printers looking for the contract. Mr. Roberts and E. W. Cummings were the only competitors and the contract was awarded to the former on a motion made by Alderman Edwin Keast. The contract price is \$1.25 per page, with tabular pages counting double. Mr. Cummings' price was \$1.65 per page with the same allowance made for double pages. Last year the contract went to Mr. Cummings for \$1.17 1/2 per page.

Apart from the wide disparity in the two prices, other features of the bids held much in common. There are to be 75 cloth bound reports at 30 cents per copy, under the specifications of the Roberts bid, while Mr. Cummings offered to handle the clothbound copies at 20 cents each. Mr. Roberts promises to do all the work in Barre, excepting the binding, and under union conditions. Five hundred paper copies are to be furnished before Feb. 15 and the balance two weeks later. Copy for the printer is to be available by Feb. 1. Nearly 300 pages will be necessary for each copy of the forthcoming 20th annual report. The aldermanic printing committee was authorized to sign a contract with Mr. Roberts and to use its discretion in the matter of selecting a cover for the paper and cloth copies.

Eight departmental and committee reports were read and accepted in one of the busiest sessions of the year. One of the annual reports of Health Officer Dr. J. W. Stewart, covering the period between Sept. 1, the date of his appointment, and Jan. 1, was returned to that official with instructions to tabulate the birth and death entries, etc. Once it became known that Dr. Stewart's report would have to be revamped before it can be accepted, members of the health committee asked leave to withdraw their report and the request was granted.

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