

BEAUTIFUL ZANTE

The "Flower of the Levant" Again in Ruins.

AN EARTHQUAKE DOES THE WORK

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Athens, April 17.—The island of Zante, one of the principal Ionian islands was visited by a most destructive earthquake this morning, resulting in a great loss of life and property. In February of last year the island sustained a vast amount of damage by seismic disturbances and a large number of persons were killed. This morning appears to have been most violent in the city of Zante, a greater part of which was destroyed.

The people are panic-stricken and the authorities helpless. The streets are impassable, being filled with masses of stones, timber and the wreckage of houses thrown down by the earthquake. Thus far the bodies of 20 persons killed by falling walls have been removed from the debris and it is feared many more dead are in the ruins. The number of persons injured runs up into the hundreds. Everywhere a confusion and the work of searching for the bodies and the injured cannot be pursued systematically. The greater portion of the islanders have fled to the Duke's domain, a distracted manner befalling the loss of their homes and property.

London, April 17.—A celebrated case came up in probate court on Saturday. In 1880 the late Duke of Sutherland, an enterprising man, was the bitter opponent of his son and heir. The result of the disagreement was a will as favorable as possible to the son, and the Duke's death the son began suit to set the will aside. In the course of litigation complainant's counsel secured from the court an order for possession of the property held by the widow. In court this morning counsel asked for an attachment against the widow, claiming that she had burned some of the papers called for in the order. Court cited her to make answer on Tuesday.

Tillet Set at Liberty. London, April 17.—Ben. Tillet, the well-known labor leader, charged with having incited strikers to riot in Bristol in September last, was found guilty by a jury sitting in the case. The jury decided, however, though the prisoner was a rioter, using words calculated to cause a riot, they believed the words spoken on the spur of the moment and did not intend to provoke a riot.

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Central American Affairs. Panama, April 17.—The steamer Colon, which arrived last night, brought very little news from Central American ports. The steamer left Antigua, Polanco, Bonilla, the leader of the revolutionists in Honduras, was still in possession of Tegucigalpa. The report of the capture of the revolutionists has not finally triumphed, however, the capture of the city was preceded by its capture. The revolutionists have not finally triumphed, however, the capture of the city was preceded by its capture.

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Consulas Recovering. City of Mexico, April 17.—The condition of General Manuel Gonzales, ex-president of Mexico, continues to improve and the physicians in attendance report that he is on the road to recovery.

He is now able to move about in his room and is gaining strength daily. President Diaz has been a frequent visitor to the sick room and has given his old comrade-in-arms every attention.

Argentine's Formidable Cruiser. New York, April 17.—The Argentine cruiser Nuevo de Julio, Admiral Eirigue G. Howard, Captain Martin Revard, which sailed from St. Michael's, Argentines on April 10th, arrived at quarantine this morning and anchored off Staten Island. The cruiser was built by Sir William Armstrong, Mitchell and Company, Newcastle, England, and completes today her first voyage. She is a formidable looking craft, and has a crew of 344 officers and men. She mounts several large guns and 24 quick-firing guns. If the representations of the officers are correct, she would give our recent naval acquisitions a stern chase, as it is claimed by them that on this voyage she steamed at the rate of 23-1/2 knots per hour, and hence is the fastest cruiser afloat. She will take in a supply of coal at this port and proceed to Hampton roads to join the fleet.

Ice in the Ocean. London, April 15.—The British bark Arctique, Capt. Croot, arrived here yesterday from Tacoma. She confirms the reports heretofore received of the phenomenal ice drift from the Atlantic ocean on January 17 in lat. 10 south, long. 45 west, which is some 180 miles north-west of Georgia Islands. The Arctique arrived off the tail of an iceberg, or properly an ice floe, which extended further than the eye could see. The Arctique cleared the northeast end of the iceberg after sailing along its front for 30 miles, and shaped her course for Cape Horn. Many other bergs were seen, but none were of such enormous proportions as this one.

The Columbus Caravels. Havana, April 15.—The three Spanish war vessels, La Reina Regent, L'Infanta Isabel and La Nueva Espana, started for Havana at noon today, leaving the Columbus canal. Santa Maria, Diana and Nina, La Reina Regent towing the Santa Maria, L'Infanta Isabel towing the Diana and La Nueva Espana the Nina, on their way to take part in the great naval review at New York on April 27. The wharves were crowded with spectators and a large number of sailboats and other kinds of boats accompanied the vessels of war and the caravels for miles outside of the harbor.

In Memory of World's Fair. Chicago, April 17.—The bronze statue of Christopher Columbus which hereafter is to keep guard upon the lake front as a reminder of World's Fair year was unveiled this afternoon. The statue is 20 feet in height, represents the discoverer at the moment he sights land, and rests upon a huge granite pedestal. It faces Michigan avenue, and is surrounded by a graced terrace. The costume of the figure is military, the Genesee wearing a luxurious cloak of ermine, and holding a sword in his right hand. One foot is in advance of the other, the arms are raised, and the right hand clenched. The site is almost directly opposite the Auditorium Hotel.

Masses Damaged at Sea. London, April 17.—The British bark Laquerio, from the region of Queensland, was spoken on March 15th, in latitude 13 north, longitude 35 west, with her masts damaged.

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Wednesday Evening's Meeting to be a Strong One in the Liberal Interests. Nanaimo, April 17.—Mr. Marchant may be assured of a large meeting on Wednesday evening when an endeavor will be made to obtain his consent to nominate him in the Liberal interest for the vacant seat in the Commons. The working class have a good opinion of Mr. Marchant, and he has been very popular since he was elected to the Commons in 1887. The meeting on Wednesday night is looked forward to with keen interest. The second match in the series for the British Columbia Association Cup was played on the swamp on Saturday between the Rangers and the Y.M.C.A. Alphas. The latter won by a score of 10 to 5, which had the effect of stimulating their adversaries and the result was that the Rangers scored two goals within the next ten minutes and were again time was called they had added two more goals to their score. In the second half the conference all showed to press matters and the Alphas succeeded in scoring two more goals while the Rangers obtained one. The game was won by the latter by a goal and a half. The Nanaimo brass band serenaded the citizens on Saturday night.

The pay roll of the New C. Company on Saturday last amounted to \$105,000 and the merchants claim it has been the best pay day for them they have yet experienced.

Mr. M. Bray has received the writ for the holding of an election on Vancouver Island, and the nomination will probably take place on May 2nd and the election on May 9th.

The funeral of Robert Dunn took place yesterday from the Masonic Hall, and was also attended by the A.O.U.W., of which societies deceased was a member.

The farmers in the district are beginning to think that they are not going to have any summer. Many of them have not been able to sow seed on account of the late season. The crops of the last six weeks there have been only two fine days.

Nanaimo, April 14.—The new V. C. Co.'s mines were in full swing yesterday, and as there are a number of vessels on the way it is expected they will be kept busy all the year.

Hull Bros., butchers, have lately lost a number of valuable sheep from their yard on Departure Bay road, but all attempts to discover the thief have proved futile.

B. Ansonson has sold out his gent's furnishing business to D. McCallan. A cricket club has been formed among the members of the Nanaimo Infantry, Lieut. Dr. Praeger, vice-president; J. G. King, treasurer; H. Stewart, captain; A. Hart.

At the board of underwriters held on Wednesday evening it was decided in future to adopt the rules regarding the wiring of buildings now in force in Victoria.

The conversation in aid of the hospital will be given in the opera house on the 20th inst.

SEPARATION MOVEMENT. Westminster Agitators at Work—Oolichans in the Fraser. New Westminster, April 14.—J. B. Slim, a well known rancher of Mission, is in jail here for passing a counterfeit \$20 American bill at the hotel there on Monday. A man who was with him at the time of passing the bill, a bridge, died to the States. Slim used to be in the Bank of British Columbia at Vancouver.

White City Treasurer Cookley was on the market this morning somebody enticed his collier away and poisoned it with arsenic on meat. No motive is known.

The manner in which Phil Morrison left here to be ascertained. He had a large quantity of spring salmon ready for shipment east, was stolen from F. Bondiller & Co's wharf last night. Indians are suspected. Fish being still scarce they would have no trouble in disposing of those stolen.

The committee who have in hand the question of separation of the mainland from the island are working assiduously in this cause. Several met today, and they will start at once, it is understood, though campaign through this district. There will likely be a public meeting here towards the end of the week.

Twenty-Seven Miles an Hour. Glasgow, April 15.—The new steamship Campana, built for the Cunard Company, had her trial trip to the westward in the Clyde near Greenock today. She attained a maximum speed of 23.50 knots, or fully 27 miles an hour. This is the greatest speed ever attained by any steamer and justifies the hope that she will be able to make the five days and a half to New York. The Campana is scheduled to leave Liverpool for New York on Saturday next on her first voyage. She will steam along easily to New York, but will steam along easily to New York, but will steam along easily to New York.

Lincoln's Assassination. Springfield, Ills., April 17.—Saturday was the 28th anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln. It was observed in the afternoon with impressive ceremonies at the Lincoln monument. Numerous Lincoln societies throughout the country also held commemorative services.

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Camden, N. J., April 17.—Thomas Davies, ex-convict, Liverpool, dropped dead at Broad street station, Philadelphia, early Saturday morning.

Sturgis, Ky., April 17.—The preliminary examination of the severed young man who recently shot and killed the young bride, Mrs. Henry Delaney, as she was returning with her husband and parents from the office of the justice where the marriage had taken place, is being held today before the local magistrate. Taylor Oliver, father of the murdered girl, who was also wounded during the affray, has so far recovered as to be able to present the excitement in the neighborhood has somewhat abated, and the people are disappointed to allow the law to take its course. The murdered girl had been ruined by young Delaney, a drug clerk, and the latter was forced by the girl's parents to give her a large sum of money to give her a reprieve by making her his wife. The members of the attacking party were comrades of the young groom, and the affray was evidently the outcome of a conspiracy.

She May be Electrocuted. Rome, N. Y., April 17.—A special test of the case of Oyer and Penner opened here today with Judge Wright of Oswego presiding, for the trial of Mrs. Mary Houlihan, a woman who murdered in the first degree in killing Carl Bauer last June. The district attorney will be assisted by two other counsel, and a strenuous effort will be made to convince the jury that the case is one for a capital sentence. In this event Mrs. Houlihan will be the first woman to be electrocuted in this country, unless the bill abolishing capital punishment after next September in New York should become law in the meantime.

The Black Folks' Jubilee. Washington, D. C., April 17.—Emancipation day was yesterday observed by the colored people in many parts of the country with appropriate religious exercises, while the secular celebration will take place today. This afternoon the colored residents of the capital turned out in large numbers in Lincoln park. The president of the day, ex-Senator Blanche K. Booth, was introduced by George W. Stuart, and prayer was offered by Rev. Walter H. Brooks. Among the speakers were J. S. Smith of Alabama, James Hill of Mississippi and James Milton Turner.

The Great Solar Eclipse. Washington, D. C., April 17.—The total solar eclipse, which took place yesterday, was the longest of the century and also the last of this century from which any additions to the photographic record have been obtained. The eclipse was not visible from any point in the United States, but was observed in the heart of Chile in January last with the intention of the fortifications at Esquimalt. The eclipse was observed in the heart of Chile in January last with the intention of the fortifications at Esquimalt.

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