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GO INTO CRATER DEPTHS

Perilous Journey Into Heart of Vesuvius

DESCEND 1000 FEET

Fearful Trip of Nine Hours by Professor and His Assistant—Lowered by Great Ropes Into Terrifying Abyss Amid Noxious Gases

London, May 18.—The Chronicle's Milan correspondent sends the following dispatch:

"Professor Mallada of the Royal Observatory at Mount Vesuvius accomplished yesterday the extraordinary feat of descending the depths of the crater of the volcano. Before the awful eruption of six years ago, numerous attempts have been made by scientific adventurers to penetrate the funnel of Vesuvius, but in vain, owing partly to the precipitous nature of the slopes of the interior, but principally because of the dense deadly gases.

The actual diameter of the crater is about 300 yards. Professor Mallada, accompanied by an able young expert named Narvaso, attached to the observatory, started at eight in the morning, taking scientific instruments for observation purposes, photographic cameras, a couple stout ropes, one 350 feet and the other 300 feet in length.

Using the long rope for the first part of the descent, they were lowered inside the volcano to a depth of 300 feet, till they landed on some strata of lava, overhanging another horrid abyss 150 feet lower down. After exploring this perilous slope of 90 degrees and jagged masses of petrified lava, they found the means to fix the second rope, whereby they were able to reach an enormous fissure created some years ago, when the volcano was suddenly and suddenly.

The intrepid explorers discovered that this huge fissure extends to the very bottom of the crater, which was finally reached at a depth of 1,000 feet. There they remained a couple of hours.

"Professor Mallada was able to take a number of instantaneous pictures of avalanches and showers of red hot ashes, which were taking place at the time in various parts of the crater.

"Despite the precautions taken, the explorers were at times almost overcome by the suffocating gases.

WILBUR WRIGHT IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Dayton, Ohio, May 18.—Wilbur Wright, aeroplane inventor, is critically ill with typhoid fever. Yesterday his temperature rose to 104. His condition is serious.

THE WEATHER

Forecasts—Fresh westerly winds, fine and moderately warm today and on Sunday.

King Manuel and Portugal

Lisbon, May 18.—The Diario Noticias prints a despatch from Valera Dominio, Portugal, stating that ex-King Manuel of Portugal recently met a number of his adherents at St. Dulce, Spain.

Debts Candidate for Presidency

Indianapolis, Ind., May 18.—Eugene Victor Debs of Terre Haute, Ind., was nominated last night as a candidate for the presidency of the United States by the national socialist convention. Emil Boidel, formerly Mayor of Milwaukee, was named for the vice-presidential nomination.

BEATEN TORY IN QUEBEC IS STARTING SUIT

Bruchesi Says Langlois Caused Hurtful Pamphlet to Be Circulated

LAST MINUTE NOMINATION

Rumor Makers Busy Again With Plans of Sir Lomer Gouin—Yesterday's Report is Denied by Him—Devlin Elected in Temiskamingue

(Canadian Press)

Montreal, May 18.—Charles Bruchesi, defeated Conservative candidate and one of the three who lost their deposits in the four-cornered struggle which resulted in Adolphe Langlois' return to the legislature by an overwhelming majority, has entered action for \$10,000 against Mendosa Langlois, another of the victors, contending that he caused to be published a pamphlet circulated just before the election in which the plaintiff's candidature was referred to as illegal and null, thus causing him to lose many votes.

Mr. Bruchesi, who is a brother of the archbishop, was a last minute candidate, obtaining the final signature to his nomination just three minutes before the time of receiving them had elapsed.

Quebec, May 18.—It was rumored today at the close of the first cabinet council held since the elections, that the premier, Sir Lomer Gouin, would surrender his seat in St. John's to Hon. J. E. Cron minister of agriculture, who was not elected.

While the ministers were all non-committal, it is understood that this will be the programme, though Hon. C. R. Devlin may resign one of his seats to the defeat of a minister.

The premier denies a report that he is to enter federal politics by resigning his seat in the legislature to replace Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He also denies that he contemplates the creation of a ministry of public instruction.

THEY BACK UP COBB

Man Assaulted by Player Was Crippled Pressman—Detroit President Takes No Part

(Canadian Press)

Boston, May 18.—A deep sleep, superinduced by opiates, shut out a world of agonies from the troubled mind of Clarence V. T. Richeson, during the earlier hours of today.

The iron will of the former clergyman, who awaits death by electrocution next week, for the murder of Ava Linnell, gave way last night. The collapse came while the condemned man was alternately beseeching his counsel to have his body interred beside that of his mother in Virginia, and hysterically raving over the fanciful preservation of the two guards forming his death watch.

Richeson learned definitely, for the first time, yesterday, that he must meet death by electrocution. Through the day he bore himself with much fortitude. Little by little, the awful import of the decision he had heard, began to impress itself upon him. Some one of those who entered the death chamber, imparted to the prisoner the fact that his father did not care to have his body taken to Virginia for burial, and implored of his counsel, Wm. A. Morse, that arrangements be made so that he might lie beside his mother in the family lot.

As the day wore on, other incidents occurred to distract and disturb the condemned man. The discussion by Richeson, his counsel and spiritual advisers, directed upon the execution, and the prisoner begged both Rev. Mr. Stebbins, the prison chaplain, and Rev. Herbert S. Johnson, his chosen adviser, to walk to the chair with him.

Richeson also expressed a wish that Attorney Morse should be present during the last few minutes and further exacted a promise that either one or other of the ministers would remain constantly with him until he died.

LIVE NEWS OF ST. JOHN TODAY

OPENING MONDAY.

It was found necessary to postpone the opening of the Inter-Society league again last evening and it will not take place until Monday evening.

AMERICAN BOAT

The Eastern Steamship Company's liner, Governor Cobb, Captain Allan, arrived in port at noon today from Boston with a heavy freight and a fair passenger list.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The school children will get their summer holidays early this year if the arrangements which have been suggested are put into effect. It is intended to give the pupils a holiday at the end of the term to make up for missing a holiday for Loyalty Day. In order to make the closing come on Friday it is probable that the schools will be opened for one Saturday in the meantime so as to cut another day off the end of the term. This would make Friday, June 21, the last day of the school term.

Diamond Theft in Ontario

Haliburton, Ont., May 18.—More than \$2,000 worth of diamonds, watches, and jewelry were stolen by burglars who entered the store of the Curtis Deleo Co. here.

ENGLAND IS MAKING READY AS IF FOR WAR

Additional Men, Money and War Material; Arsenal Working Over Time

REASON FOR THE DELAY IN NAVYING DAY?

Frederick Has Report About the Valley Railway Bonds—News of Capital

(Special to Times.)

Frederick, N. B., May 18.—The effort made in London to float a new issue of \$27,250 of St. John & Quebec Railway four per cent debentures endorsed by the government has thus far been unsuccessful. They were offered at 98 1/2, but British investors evidently consider the rate of interest too low, and consequently the bonds are still in the hands of the underwriters. The hitch which has occurred in regard to negotiating the Valley railway bonds probably accounts for uncertainty in regard to date of provincial elections.

ARMY NOW IN HIGH STATE OF EFFICIENCY

The king's visit to Aldershot this week showed the high efficiency which the British army has now attained. Competent critics are agreed that its state has been transformed since the Boer war and that today it is, man for man, among the most keen and workmanlike in the world.

CANADIAN LANDS AND BRITISH MONEY

Many years of steady growth, increasing values and sound finance have built up an enviable position for Canadian securities.

TRAINS IN COLLISION NEAR WOODSTOCK; NONE SERIOUSLY HURT

Woodstock, N. B., May 18.—(Special.)—A head-on collision occurred last night between a north-bound and south-bound freight train. The accident was at Smith's Crossing, a mile below town. Several cases were injured, but none seriously.

FOREST FIRES FOR 200 MILES

Yukon Valley Reported a Roaring Furnace—No City is Threatened

Seattle, May 18.—A special cable to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer from Dawson, Yukon says:

"The Yukon Valley is a roaring furnace for 200 miles between Big Salmon and Stuart City.

"Everywhere forest fires are raging but they are not near any city. Millions of feet of timber have been ruined.

PEOPLE WERE KEPT AWAY FROM KING

London, May 18.—There was considerable dissatisfaction at Aldershot yesterday over the public who were not allowed to see the king in a strenuous day at the manoeuvres.

CORONER'S JURY SAYS MURDER

Montreal, May 18.—That Edward Gordon Horan, foreman for the Standard Construction Company of St. Anne De Bellevue, who was found dead with his skull fractured in three places on May 7 was murdered by some person or persons unknown was the verdict of a coroner's jury yesterday afternoon.

DUKE OF SUTHERLAND GIVES FAMOUS TITLE TO CANADIAN ESTATE

London, May 18.—The Duke of Sutherland has given the name of Strathnaver to one of his Canadian estates in the fertile country watered by the Fraser River.

MANCHESTER IMPORTER STRIKES ON WAY OUT FROM MONTREAL

Quebec, May 18.—The steamer Manchester Importer, which passed out from Montreal on Thursday, returned to Quebec yesterday afternoon, having struck ground at White Island. The damage was slight.

TAFT HITS HARDEST BLOW YET

Tells Some Things Plainly in Campaign Speech in Ohio

REASONS FOR OPPOSITION

Why He Lost Support of Brown and Why Dan Hanna is Against Him—President is Tired of Being Lied About

(Canadian Press)

Toledo, O., May 18.—I've got tired being lied about and held up to the country as having violated every rule of conduct that I am not conscious that I have violated any," shouted President Taft last night, in the course of a speech to a crowd that filled every available seat and blocked the aisles of the Toledo auditorium.

Mr. Taft's speech was one of the most bitter and one of the most plain-spoken that he has made since he began to answer the charges of Colonel Roosevelt and to use hot shot of his own.

The president bluntly charged that Walter Brown of Toledo, one of the Roosevelt leaders here, had ceased to be a Taft supporter, because the president refused to accept his recommendation for judicial appointments.

He declared that the opposition to him on the part of Dan Hanna of Cleveland came as a consequence of indictments against Mr. Hanna by the Taft department of justice.

Mr. Taft called the tariff views of Mr. Roosevelt "ridiculous and labelled his scheme for a tariff that would make a division of profits between the laborer and the employer as "catch penny phrases."

Atlanta, May 18.—Eight delegates at large with one half vote each, were named for the national convention of the Georgia republicans. Four are white men and four are negroes. They were instructed to vote for Roosevelt as long as his name was before the national convention.

MORE THAN 3000 IN EXCESS OF LAST YEAR

C. P. R. Passenger Figures For Last Winter Season Very Large

The ocean passenger for and from through points handled by the C. P. R. during the season which has closed reached a total of 69,530. Compared with the previous season when 62,300 were carried this shows an increase of 3,230. The total includes only the passengers arriving by steamer and going through to the west, or coming from the west to take ship here and does not include the large number of local passengers from or for points in the maritime provinces who do not show on the train returns.

The statement shows a substantial growth in the traffic and it is worthy of note that in handling this great number of passengers, in addition to all the regular traffic, there was not an accident of any kind to a single passenger reported.

ANGELIC SALARY FUND

Montreal, May 18.—The sum of \$117,864 has been raised by the Anglicans in their campaign for a permanent fund for the augmentation of salaries.

TEN DEATHS

At the board of health offices ten deaths were recorded this week from the following causes: Phthisis, inanition, and heart disease, two each; old age, asthma, paraplegia and meningitis, one each.

CAMP SUSSEX

Today there seems to be a possibility that there may be two sections of the military camp at Sussex this year after all. It is now said that the Highland Light Horse from P. E. Island will not be able to come over for the dates fixed for the big camp and that efforts are being made to arrange for a separate cavalry camp commencing July 2 if they can get over then. If this is done they would be joined by the 8th Hussars, the 28th Dragoon and the Guides.

CONGRATULATIONS

Hon. R. J. Ritchie is today receiving congratulations on the twenty-third anniversary of his appointment as judge of the peace court.

PRINCE OF WALES WILL NOT TAKE PART

Toulon, France, May 18.—It is announced that on account of mourning in the British court for King Frederick of Denmark, the Prince of Wales will not take part in the evolutions of the French fleet in the Mediterranean next week.