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Eastern Sicily Rent By Earthquake; Hundred Or More People Are Killed; Volcano is Active

Panic Stricken Sicilians Flee From The Angry Aetna; Spend Night In Fields and Churches

RAILWAY WRECKED; FREIGHT CARS ARE LIFTED AS IF BY A GIGANTIC HAND

Two Towns Completely Destroyed; Hundreds of Homes in Others Wrecked; Villages Are Devastated—Volcano Threatens to Make Disaster Worse

Naples, May 9—A series of violent earthquake shocks in eastern Sicily have killed many persons and destroyed or wrecked several villages. The disturbances, which began last night, about ten o'clock, continued today. The volcano Aetna is becoming active and there are fears of an overwhelming eruption. Communication was interrupted by the quake and it was not until today that the full seriousness of the disaster was learned. The property damage is vast, running into millions. There were three heavy shocks followed by intermittent undulations. The greatest force was spent near the villages of Acireale, Lincera and Magano. Lincera was destroyed, and many persons there were caught beneath falling debris and killed or injured. A despatch from Messina said that forty persons had been killed and forty injured at Lincera. Another message said that thirty had been killed and 120 injured at Acireale. At Magano a passenger train was derailed and many persons were hurt. People Flee From Mt. Aetna Within two hours after the first shock flames gathered at the crater of Mount Aetna and the rumbling in the interior of the volcano increased. At dawn today great clouds of black smoke could be seen rolling upward from the mountain, obscuring the sky. Many persons in hamlets upon the side of the mountain, left their homes in fright. The district hit by the earthquake shocks is thickly populated. Acireale has a population of 27,000, Catania province, in which the main force of the tremors centred, has suffered more from earthquake than probably any other region on the globe. The state railway of Sicily was wrecked near Acireale, part of the wreckage being hurled 700 feet into the air by the terrific force of the quake. Trains were derailed and heavy freight cars were lifted upward as though by some gigantic hand. As soon as the government learned of the extent of the disaster, special trains were rushed into Syracuse, and other cities, bearing physicians, medical supplies and soldiers, who will conduct the relief work. A despatch from Catania says that the people of that city were panic stricken by the earth tremors and many of them rushed from their homes and spent the night in the fields or upon their knees in the cathedrals. The shocks were also felt at Messina, where members of the destruction of that city in 1908, still lingered vividly. Acireale, Sicily, May 9—At least 100 persons were killed and as many more injured as a result of the terrific earthquake which shook a score of towns and villages in this section, last night. Reports of dead and injured poured in every effort was being made to care for refugees. The village of Bougiardo alone reports ten dead and twenty injured. Two towns with a population of 1,000 or more, were completely destroyed. Hundreds of houses in other towns were wrecked. Acireale, a seaport town, is well built on a height at the base of Mount Aetna, and every road leading to the city today was choked with sobbing, praying refugees fleeing from their homes. Lincera, with a population of 900, and Veneria, a town of 2,190, were completely destroyed. Hundreds of houses were wrecked in the villages of Zerbitis, Pennisa, Belpasso, Maria, Vergine, Mangano and Zaffrano. The entire population of a hundred villages at the base of the volcano had deserted the town today, and fled to the open country, fearing a disastrous eruption of the volcano as well as further earthquakes. Before every wretched shrine, priests gathered today with hundreds of refugees who petitioned the intervention of the Virgin Mary in the calamity falling upon them. In the test the cable was set loose and the car was suspended near the top of the shaft by a manilla rope. A ton weight was placed in the elevator and the rope cut with an axe. In spite of the fact that the car was dropping at the rate of 800 feet a minute, at which speed the safety appliance is tripped, it was brought to a gradual stop after going but fourteen feet. The test was a complete success and the elevator is now ready for the power to be turned on and the car put into commission.

HUERTA DECLARES HE WILL NEITHER RESIGN NOR FLEE

Sees Danger of War Outbreak at Vera Cruz—Refugees Tell Different Tale and Say He is Within Few Days of The End

Mexico City, May 9—General Huerta has no intention of resigning or resorting to flight. In statements to newspaper men in conversation with his advisers, and in every movement in his direction of affairs, the dictator made this clear today. He indicated that it would be no surprise to him, if some incident at Vera Cruz, under present conditions, brought on actual war before peace negotiations are fairly under way. Vera Cruz, Mexico, May 9—General Navarrete, the Federal commander now at Jalapa, has mounted many guns at Cerro Gordo, to resist any American advance on Mexico City. If the American troops are obliged to march on the capital, Cerro Gordo is expected to be the place where the Mexicans will make their main stand. Torreon, Mexico, May 9—Troops are being rushed to the front as rapidly as possible and only await the bringing up of heavy artillery and supplies before the attack on Saltillo is begun. The advance is steady and the investment is rapidly approaching completion. Villa expects to have 20,000 men against something more than 15,000 Federals in Saltillo. General Carranza arrived in Torreon last night. Belive Huerta Near End. Vera Cruz, May 9—President Huerta has mined the streets of his capital. If he is overthrown, he plans to wreck the city, making the world gasp at the catastrophe that marks his downfall. This is the amazing story brought here by Oscar Bruin, a prominent mining man of Oaxaca. Huerta has reason to prepare for the end, said Mr. Bruin today, for he is hemmed in on all sides. He has stopped drinking in the afternoon. Fleeing to the Americas, who are the only ones who will spare his life, or dying in the ruins of his capital or at the hands of a rebel firing squad are his alternatives. Most of the refugees believe his fate will be determined within a week.

LOCAL NEWS

FORTY HOURS. Rev. E. J. Holland, C. S. R., of St. Peter's will assist at the Forty Hours' Devotion in Fredericton tomorrow.

HAS RESIGNED. Mrs. R. Mealey, who has been engaged as matron in the ladies' waiting room in the Union Depot has resigned her position.

IS CHAPLAIN. At the monthly meeting of the St. John Highland Pipe Band, Rev. J. A. Morrison, pastor of the Carleton Presbyterian church, was unanimously elected chaplain.

MR. ROBINSON WILL GO. J. M. Robinson, president of the Board of Trade, will accompany the delegation which will leave for Montreal and Ottawa on Monday to take up matters relating to the port and harbor.

FISHING TRIP. John M. Lyons, ex-general passenger agent for the I. C. R., passed through the city last evening on his way to Farmington, Me., where he will join Bishop, of Boston, a well-known sportsman, on a fishing trip.

NEW CHURCH AT CHIPMAN. The ground for the new church at Chipman was broken recently and already the foundation has been laid. Father Conway expects to start work on his new church within the next few days.

SEVENTEEN DEATHS. Seventeen burial permits were issued by the board of health this week. Death was due to the following causes: Phthisis, four; heart disease, four; pneumonia, three; senility, two; and paralysis, bronchitis, anæmia and erysipelas, one each.

BY-LAW MATTER. Henry Wall was reported yesterday by Sergeant Hastings for washing windows with a hose in Paddock street about 8.45 yesterday morning. He said he did not know that the work should be done before 8.30. He was told he was liable to a penalty of \$2.

CONSECRATION NEXT MONTH. Invitations for the consecration of Right Reverend Louis J. O'Leary, D.D., bishop-elect of Hierolis, to take place in St. Michael's Cathedral, Chatham, on June 11, have been received in St. John. Bishop O'Leary will be auxiliary bishop to His Lordship Bishop Barry.

AT NAPLES IN FEW DAYS. Canadian prelates who are expected to arrive about May 16 at Naples are Archbishop McDonald of Vancouver, Archbishop McNeill of Toronto, Archbishop McCarty of Halifax, Bishop LeBlanc of St. John, Bishop McDonald of Victoria, C. C. and Bishop Morrison, of Antigonish.

THE BASEBALL LEAGUE. Telegrams were received by Joe Page this morning from the Halifax and New Glasgow baseball clubs, saying that representatives of these organizations would be present at the league meeting on Tuesday evening. Mr. Page will leave tonight for Montreal, but will return to the city on Tuesday.

ARTHUR L. LOVE DEAD. Arthur L. Love, son of David Love, died this morning at his residence, Exmouth street. He was thirty-two years of age and leaves his wife and two small children besides his father, mother and four sisters, all of St. John. Mr. Love was connected with his father in the lively stable business. He had been ill for nearly a year.

THE LATE MRS. GROSS. Many friends were present this morning at the funeral of Mrs. Albert J. Gross. Services were conducted at 11 o'clock at her late residence 14 Chipman Hill, by Mr. Black. The floral offerings were beautiful and numerous. A large wreath was presented by the Post Office staff and a floral cross was received from Mrs. Gross' Sunday school class. There were also many flowers from relatives and friends. The body was taken to Hillsboro by train and interment will be made there this afternoon.

SWEPT OVER NIAGARA

Unknown Man in Small Boat Goes Over Horseshoe Falls to Death

Niagara Falls, Ont., May 9—Resigned to his fate after an almost superhuman effort to reach the Canadian shore, an unknown man was swept to his death over the Horseshoe Falls in a small boat. His plight was not discovered by those on shore until he was well into the danger zone and any effort to rescue him would have been futile. When first seen he was probably 250 feet out and had his boat pointed toward the Canadian shore at an angle of about 45 degrees. He was rowing frantically. When the boat was probably 100 feet from the brink the man rose to his feet and waved to those on the shore, throwing both arms out and upward. He held them in this position as the boat reached the brink and toppled over into the basin below, carrying its victim to his death. When he abandoned hope of self rescue the unknown let go his oars and sat in the boat watching its course toward the inevitable death. Soon fragments of the boat were seen floating about in the basin below the falls.

AGAINST MEDICAL INSPECTION IN SCHOOLS

Greenville, S. C., May 9—Governor Cole L. Blease denouncing in campaign here the proposed medical inspection of school children, declared he would pardon any father who killed a physician who attempted against the father's will to make a physical examination of his daughter. C. P. R. Steamship Empress of Britain arrived at Liverpool today.

MATHIESON TO THE FEDERAL CABINET?

P. E. Island Rumors of a Political Shuffle

HE IS ISLAND PREMIER

A. A. McLean May Get Judgeship and Provide Him Seat in Ottawa House—Hon. W. S. Stewart Likely New Leader of P. E. I. Government

(Special to Times) Charlottetown, P. E. I., May 9—There is a widely circulated report here, apparently based on a good foundation that Premier Mathieson will soon abandon provincial politics to take up federal. The moves on the political checker-board which will probably be made to bring this about, are said to be as follows: Dr. Roche, the present minister of the interior, will retire; Arthur Lynn, solicitor general, will take his place, and Premier Mathieson will take the solicitor generalship. A federal constituency must be found for Mr. Mathieson. This will be provided by the resignation of one of the present Conservative members for Queens, A. A. McLean. He will likely get something more permanent than an M.P.'s job, and the nearest thing in sight is county judgeship. There seems to be no doubt that whatever arrangement is made, Mr. Mathieson will, in the course of a few weeks, retire from the leadership of the local Conservative party. The man spoken of as his successor is Hon. W. S. Stewart, who was acting premier this season, during Mr. Mathieson's absence on one of his delegations to Ottawa.

CARISO'S SINGING TEACHER IS DEAD

Florence, Italy, May 9—Lombardi, an eminent orchestral leader and voice trainer is dead. Enrico Cariso and Mme. Cairé studied under him.

AVIATOR WHO RISKED HIS LIFE MANY TIMES IN CLOUDS, IS KILLED BY RUNAWAY

Paris, May 9—Martin Baccons, an aviator, who has braved death many times in the clouds, was killed today near the St. Cyr station, while stopping a runaway horse.

TO JAIL FOR NINE MONTHS

William Moore was arrested this morning charged with begging in Charlotte street and threatening to assault Lazare Martin. He pleaded not guilty. He was sent to jail for nine months with hard labor. James McConnell appeared on a charge of stealing four carpenter's planes, three of them the property of Sanford Cormier and the other belonging to Philip Blanchard. They were recovered by Detective Killen. The prisoner pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six months. Patrick McInnis was arrested yesterday on a warrant charging him with assaulting James A. Green on May 6. The case stands for Monday.

NEW LIBRARY BULLETIN

Bulletin No. 2, volume 8 of the new Free Public Library series has been issued by Miss Martin, the valued librarian. It is, as its predecessor, arranged on the decimal system, which makes for better results. This bulletin is of seventy-seven closely printed pages. It is methodically arranged under such classification as books relating to Canada; geography, description and travel; literature; biography; history; fiction. Some of the books relating to Canada, etc. are very valuable additions to the library, and they give special claim to St. John attention. The reports of the commission of Conservation; writings by John and James M. Macoun; catalogue of paintings, drawings, etc., from the National Art Gallery of Canada; "One Thousand Facts About Canada," issued by the Agricultural Department of Canada; Dr. A. A. Stockton's vice-admiralty court digest and cases; "The Amaranth," a magazine conducted by Robert Shives; Recollections of Sixty Years in Canada, Sir Charles Tupper; "Ancient York Mason" in British America, by James Vroom; "Review of Historical Publications in Canada," by G. M. and W. S. Wallace, the Year Book of Canada, 1870, and Rules and Forms of the Canadian Patents Office. It has been well said by a prominent librarian that "a public library is the one great civic institution supported by the people which is designed for the instruction and pleasure of all the people; young and old, without age limit; rich and poor, without class limit; educated and uneducated, without culture limit; its function being to instruct and benefit. There is positively no limit to the things which a public library can legitimately do in carrying out its purpose except the limitations of financial resources."

THE JUBILEE HANDICAP

London, May 9—Jubilee handicap of \$15,000 at Kempton Park, was won by Lord Cadogan's, The Curragh. Blue Stone was second and Drinnore third. Twenty ran.

WANT ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY TO ATTEND CONGRESS IN TORONTO

Invitation Early so That Plans May Be Arranged—Heavy Welcome Assured

Toronto, May 9—Invitations have been sent by the committee of arrangements to the Archbishop of Canterbury and other members of the Upper House of the Church of England, to attend the church congress and opening of St. Alban's cathedral next year. The reason for the invitations are being sent at this early date, was that the clergy invited are of such eminence that their arrangements have to be made many months in advance. The Archbishop of Canterbury will be re-welcomed to Canada with great heartiness, if his engagements will permit his acceptance of the invitation. The previous church congress in Canada, held in Halifax, was attended by two bishops from Great Britain, those of London and Glasgow, and a larger representation of the British Episcopal is expected at the congress here.

THAW TECHNICALLY FREE FOR FIVE MINUTES

Concord, N. H., May 9—For five minutes yesterday Harry K. Thaw was technically free, after Judge Aldrich had signed an order for his release on a habeas corpus warrant. Immediately afterward, however, Judge Aldrich re-arrested Thaw into the custody of Sheriff Holman Drew, pending the outcome of his case before the United States supreme court.

DEATH OF CHILD

Captain and Mrs. John J. Dunlop were called upon today to suffer the loss of their son Robert L., aged two years and seven months.

IN TORONTO TODAY THERE WAS A DEMONSTRATION AGAINST HOME RULE. SEVERAL HUNDRED TOOK PART.

Men and Women of Mexican Army Ready to Fight America



Photo by American Press Association. Mexican federals are a queer lot of soldiers from the eyes of an American. They take their fighting as naturally as a duck takes water and as easily. They take their time in their campaign as in their living. The men are always accompanied by the women, who act as general housekeepers for the camp. Here is a typical view of men and women in the Mexican army.

WIDOWED, FINISHES HUSBAND'S CONTRACT

Tacoma, Wash., May 9—Signaling the entrance of woman into a new sphere of activity, Mrs. Nelson Bennett turned over to the Northern Pacific Railroad the completed Point Defiance tunnel, in the north end of this city, which is to shorten the Tacoma-Portland line and greatly reduce the grades. Upon the death of Nelson Bennett, a pioneer railroad builder, last July, Mrs. Bennett notified the company of her intention to assume the contract obligations of her husband and promised to finish the great \$1,000,000 project on schedule time. Personally superintending the work on the big tube, Mrs. Bennett soon had matters running smoothly. More than 800 men were under her control and the monthly payroll was in excess of \$15,000. From eight to ten hours every day the resolute woman executive was "on the job," personally supervising the work of her subordinates. Her untiring energy was rewarded when the finishing touches were put on the mile long tunnel and it was pronounced ready for the passage of trains.

ZION CHURCH

At the annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of Zion Methodist church Miss Lawson, president, in the chair, and Mrs. Pendleton presiding at the organ, an interesting programme was given in which those taking part were: Rev. Wm. Lawson, Mr. Beaman, Ralph Olive, Mrs. Logan, Misses Marial Purdy and Mabel Keithlin, Fred Simpson, Geo. Purdy, Miss Helen Pendleton, Miss Kathleen Jackson and other members of the mission band.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The depression mentioned yesterday is now dispersing along the United States Atlantic coast. It has caused showers over Lake Erie and the Niagara Peninsula, also in the maritime provinces.

Occasional Showers. Maritime—Fresh east to south winds, occasional showers; Sunday, moderate variable winds, a few showers, but partly fair.

Washington, May 9—New England forecasts—Fair tonight and Sunday, moderate variable winds, mostly west, dry.

THE BOY SCOUTS

Meeting Today Takes Steps To Place Movement on Firm Basis Here

The first steps towards placing the Boy Scout movement in New Brunswick upon a substantial and permanent basis was taken this morning at a meeting in the Board of Trade rooms. The meeting was called by Lieutenant Governor Wood, who presided. His Honor explained that His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught was very anxious that the order should be put in a strong position before his tenure of office expires and he desired to see New Brunswick do its share.

The organization of a provincial association was proceeded with and officers were elected as follows: Honorary president, Lieutenant Governor Wood; president, Colonel Wedderburn; vice-president, Alex. Mungall; 2nd vice-president, Mr. Harris; secretary, Mr. McAvity; and secretary, R. Ingelton, St. John. The council will be composed of Rev. E. B. Wyllie of St. Stephen and others to be chosen by the executive.

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Toronto, May 9—Replying to the toast of the "Canadian Militia" at the Hoy's Grenadiers Sergeants' annual dinner last night Major General Sir William Otter said "I look for danger from without, and sooner or later that danger will come. "As we stand at present we are totally unprepared. We are lacking in numbers, and we are lacking in material, and if preparation is not made and continued in a systematic and definite manner we shall some day or other be caught and we shall lose our identity as a nation."

NOVELTY SHOWER

At the home of the Misses Gallivan, Duke street, last evening an enjoyable surprise was given Miss Mildred Pope when friends tendered her a novelty shower in honor of a nuptial event in which she will be a principal part. A happy time was spent by all present.

BANK ELEVATOR IS GIVEN SEVERE TEST

An interesting test was made on the new elevator in the Bank of British North America building one day this week. It was what is known as the "drop test" to try the safety brake on the car in case it broke loose from the cable which supports it.

YEATS PROPERTY IS PURCHASED FOR \$13,600

The Yeats estate, twenty two acres on the Manawagush road was sold at Chubb's corner today by Auctioneer J. T. Lantulum. Bidding, which started at \$5,000 soon ran up to \$13,600 at which price W. A. Quinlan became the owner. The pilot schooner J. U. Thomas, formerly the Defender was offered by Mr. Lantulum but withdrawn at \$1,450.

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CITY PROPERTY

Commissioner Russell spent yesterday afternoon inspecting the city's property in West St. John and Lancaster. He was somewhat surprised to learn the extent of the city's holdings which included eighteen houses and a large quantity of vacant land. Robert Wisley accompanied him.

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