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SOUTHERN CALABRIA DEVASTATED BY EARTHQUAKE

KELLAHER TO SCOURGE WAS FIGHT FOR PEOPLE IN TIMBER FRAUDS



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He Will Organize Force to Seek Strike Leaders in Hills.

Stearns, Ky., Dec. 28.—Sheriff W. P. Crawley of Whitley county and two deputies arrived here today to take charge of a desperate situation in which armed men, said to be mine workers and their sympathizers, are openly defying United States marshals and a detachment of state militia.

Jack Walton, alias Jack Hayes, who with two companions, is alleged to have held up an O. E. & N. train December 18, has been indicted by the county grand jury along with W. J. Burke and John Doe, whose real name is unknown to the jurors. Hayes, Burke and their companions are charged with assembling a train crew and with boarding a train with intent to commit larceny.

NIGHT RIDERS FACE JUDGE JONES



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MORSE FRIEND ALIENS' BILL IS SPEEDS TO HIS AID AGAIN TO FRONT

New Yorker in Jail Somewhere Charged With Murdering Mexican—State Department Urged to Get Facts and Interpose.

Washington, Dec. 28.—A bill making it a felony punishable by the federal authorities for "two or more persons to conspire to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate any alien in his free exercise or enjoyment of any right secured to him under any treaty of the United States or because of his having so exercised the same," and fixing a punishment of \$5000 fine or 10 years' imprisonment or both, promises to raise considerable opposition when it is brought up in the senate shortly after the holiday recess.

Broken telegraph wires and interrupted telephone service have left the whereabouts of Morse and the details of the alleged killing shrouded in mystery. Johnston is not certain where he will find his friend but in his powerful machine he is prepared to journey all over lower California and Mexico if necessary to rescue him.

As originally requested by Secretary Root, the bill provides that "any person who is deprived of his right could call in federal aid to prosecute alleged conspirators. But the judiciary that was asked for by Secretary Root to step in on cases of alleged conspiracy against anyone. The original bill provided for federal interference in conspiracy cases against any persons where it was charged that his constitutional rights were being denied him.

Hayes and Burks indicted. The first report of the grand jury, the session of which will end within the next few days. Only two indictments have been brought in so far and both of these were found against the alleged train robbers. Burks has confessed the crime.

8 DISTRICTS NO MERCY FOR ARE LAID PITTSBURG BARE CROOKS

Sleeping Cities Buried Under Falling Walls; Death List Will Be Appalling—Coast Line Inundated; Heavy Property Loss.

Rome, Dec. 28.—Eight districts in the province of Cantanaro, the southern portion of Calabria, were laid waste and probably a dozen towns destroyed, with a loss of life that cannot be estimated at this time, by a series of three heavy earthquake shocks today.

On account of the interruption of usual channels of communication the reports have come through very slowly. The damage throughout the whole section is said to be very heavy. The most serious loss is said to have been sustained in the towns of Stignano, Majerò, and Sant'Antonio, small towns where nearly every structure is said to have been damaged or destroyed.

Reports are so conflicting it is difficult to obtain a definite idea of the number of dead. It is estimated that from 10 to 20 bodies have already been removed from the ruins.

The shocks were felt distinctly as far north as Salerno and Potenza. As far as can be learned the heavier shocks seem to have followed the range of the Calabrian mountains.

ATTEMPT MURDER OF PERSIA'S SHAH

Two men disguised as priests entered the shah's cabinet chamber of the royal palace at Teheran during a conference of the council of ministers and attempted to shoot the shah.

Postmaster at Reedville. Robert L. Sabin appeared in the interests of the public library and showed that this institution is of great benefit to thousands of school children who draw upon it for reference books.

PARK BOARD ESTIMATE CUT

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GRAFTER WHO STOOD PAT HONORED BY FELLOW GRAFTERS

Pittsburg, Dec. 28.—Seventeen councilmen involved in the graft exposure have been notified not to leave the city under pain of immediate arrest.

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CARMACK'S SLAYERS REFUSED RAIL

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 28.—Judge Hart today refused to admit to jail Colonel Duncan Cooper, his son, Robin Cooper and former Sheriff John Sharpe, who are held on charges of killing former Senator E. W. Carmack.

UNFAIR LIST OUT OF PRINT

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Gompers Withdraws Pending Law's Amendment—Great Demonstration.

New York, Dec. 28.—Two hundred thousand workmen will march in a parade next Saturday to illustrate the protest of labor against the recent decision of Justice Wright in the Sacco and Vanzetti case.

THREATENS TO INVAD SERVA

Austria-Hungary Has Force of 155,000 Men in Bosnia. London, Dec. 28.—According to an authority in close touch with Serbian governmental affairs, Austria-Hungary has a force of 155,000 men in Bosnia and Herzegovina prepared to invade Serbia at moment's notice.