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EXTRA---FINCH IS FOUND GUILTY---EXTRA

HARRIMAN BUYS LAND FOR LOCAL TERMINALS?

Believed to Have Invested About \$1,500,000 in North Portland Warehouse District Within Past Few Weeks—Deals Made Through Secret Agents.

Extraordinary activity in North Portland warehouse property and reports of numerous sales in the tier of blocks between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, extending from Hoyt street to the river, has given rise to the rumor that the Harriman system has virtually concluded the purchase of this entire tier of blocks at a price said to be in the neighborhood of \$1,500,000.

Various rumors are current as to the magnitude of the deal, but there is no difference of opinion as to the purchase, the prevailing belief being that the Harriman system has duplicated the feat of the Hill interests and secured a foothold well up in the heart of the city.

man interests, Charles K. Henry, that his people are buying any more property in the warehouse district. When asked about the rumor this morning Mr. Henry flatly denied that he was operating for the Harriman system in the extensive real estate recently put through in the North Portland warehouse district.

TWENTY CITIES IN FLAMES

Wagon Roads and Railways Destroyed in Southern Italy Rendering Relief Difficult—Volcano on Island of Stromboli Is in Eruption.

Rome, Dec. 30.—At least 20 cities in southern Italy and Sicily are in flames. Another earthquake shock was felt today at Palermo, but it did little damage.

General Focia de Cassato has begun burning the bodies in the streets of Messina to prevent plague. This has to be done under guard of soldiers to prevent citizens from interfering.

storms that beat down on the wounded lying unprotected on the ground. Catastrophe in Calabria and Sicily is believed to cover 6000 square miles. It extends from the neighborhood of Monteleone throughout the southern half of Calabria, and in Sicily from Messina to a point well beyond the island of Monteleone, throughout the island.

LOVED AIRSHIP MORE THAN WIFE

Los Angeles Woman Gets Divorce—Husband Admits the Charge.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 30.—After charging that her husband cared more for his airship than he did for his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Trombley is divorced today from Warden M. Trombley, an aviator now living at Isleton, Sacramento county.

The romance of the airship and the wife's jealousy which finally resulted in divorce dates back to 1905, when Trombley built his first airship here. After his first successful flight the aviator became so attached to aeronautics that his wife was neglected, she alleges.

When Mrs. Trombley finally accused her husband of loving his airship better than his wife he frankly admitted it, she said, and threatened to leave her forever.

Soon afterward the aviator moved to Isleton and his wife made desertion and charge of non-support her technical grounds for divorce.

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USES TORCH ON COUNCIL CREST

Incendiary Sets Fire to Japanese Restaurant Building Which Is Destroyed.

An unknown incendiary applied the torch to the Japanese restaurant building on Council Crest early this morning and the entire building was consumed. The tall, ornate tower did not catch fire, although it is less than 100 feet from the restaurant, and the wind, which was almost a gale on the crest, was directly towards the tall structure.

Residents of the Council Crest neighborhood heard several explosions about 5 o'clock this morning. This is believed to have been caused by gasoline left in the building by the restaurant people at the close of the season, and was the first intimation that a fire was in progress.

It was first seen the entire building was in flames and the whole frame structure was destroyed in a very short time. As there are no water mains at this point, it was useless for engine No. 15, the Portland Heights apparatus, to make the climb up to the summit of the crest.

A. Duchamp, who controls the Council Crest park, says the loss will be about \$500, as the building was practically empty.

The police are investigating the case, as every indication points to incendiary. There have been several attempts to burn buildings on Council Crest recently.

PRISONER IS FOUND TO HIS FATE

The jury in the Finch case returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree at 3:28 o'clock this afternoon. Court convened at 2 p. m. for the afternoon and the jury was instructed. The case went to the jury at 2:58.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon Judge Bronaugh began reading his instructions to the 12 men who will decide whether or not Finch shall die on the gallows for the murder of Ralph B. Fisher. More than half an hour was occupied in the delivery of the court's instructions, after which the jurors were taken to their room to deliberate on a verdict.

The courtroom opinion is that the jury will be out only a short time. Some are of the opinion that if any difference of opinion develops in the jury room it will be as to the degree of guilt, as between the first and second degree. Finch, outwardly at least, maintains a cheerful attitude, apparently buoyed up by hopes that his story of self defense has been accepted and that the jury will find him not guilty.

The 12 men trying Finch were led out of the land of Egypt this morning when Deputy District Attorney J. J. Fitzgerald began the closing argument for the state.

While Judge Bronaugh and the jury have listened to a wide range of discussion, while the attorneys for Finch argued, Fitzgerald quickly singled out for dissection the essential facts of the case. Accompanying a lucid summing up of the testimony were some of the denunciation of Finch, the prosecutor declared that the defense was cooked up in two places—the legal part of it at the offices of his lawyers, the evidence part of it in the county jail.

Fitzgerald assailed Finch's attorneys with merciless metaphor. He referred to them as "satellites" and described Lord as a phonograph, grinding out the records that were prepared for him by Finch.

Finch is unmoved. He turned with fiery look upon the defendant's voice, maintaining his composure. During most of the prosecutor's burning address he busied himself writing or reading parts of the typewritten testimony, glancing up only now and then furtively. That some of the scorching words were sinking in was indicated by the averted gaze of the accused man, who did not look at the jury and the speaker as he has on other days.

With tears stealing down her face at times, the aged mother of Finch sat just inside the railing of the courtroom and listened to all that the prosecutor had to say while her son was arraigned as a cold blooded murderer.

The defense took numerous exceptions to the remarks of the prosecutor and several times disputed his accuracy, but Fitzgerald proved that memory was best. "His insanity defense was an infernal lie," he shouted, "and this self defense is an infernal lie. It was cooked up by a gang of villains in the county jail as ever went to hang."

Fitzgerald's raps at Finch's lawyers and the apt way in which he replied to their interruptions this morning apparently greatly pleased the spectators, who crowded the courtroom and several times had to be called to order when the prosecutor landed a telling blow on his legal antagonists, who were intent on confusing and provoking him by frequent interruption.

Sally Amuses Crowd. The crowd was particularly amused when Fitzgerald told of the different theories of Lord and Holcomb as to the cause of the fire.



Making the Trip to Top of Mt. Vesuvius.

REGGIO WIPED AWAY BY WAVE

Thirty-Four Thousand of Its Population Dead—Town Is Entirely Engulfed by Sea—Only Small Proportion of People Saved.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Rome, Dec. 30.—The utter destruction of the city of Reggio, which was entirely destroyed by a tidal wave and which is now slowly sinking into the sea, and the death of all but about 1000 of its 35,000 inhabitants is but an item of the appalling calamity which has overwhelmed southern Italy and Sicily and brought death to 150,000 people and destitution to hundreds of thousands more.

Reggio is gone, utterly, according to the report brought to this city by the captain of a company of carabinieri who arrived from the lost city today. The town was not swallowed by the earth, as was reported, the captain says, but was entirely engulfed by the seas, which rolled in a mighty wall of water and swept over the whole city. Not a building was left standing. Virtually the entire population of 35,000 met death instantly, do not believe that over a few hundred people escaped alive. When the water receded it was found that the lower part of the city was rapidly settling, and it is feared that the land upon which the Reggio is situated will drop into the sea.

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Shouts Bob Bodies. But to add to the horror of the situation, shouts are at work robbing the bodies of the dead and dying and robbing the wrecked buildings. The soldiers have orders to shoot down any man caught looting, and many have been killed, but so avaricious are the fiends that in many instances they seem to be entirely unaware of or unmindful of the danger of instant death from the rifles of the soldiers. All efforts and rigid enforcement of the law at Messina have failed to bring about much semblance of order.

Disease caused by exposure, exhaustion and fright has already broken out in the earthquake district, and dispatches from Messina and others of the wrecked cities state that pneumonia and meningitis are prevalent in the refugee camps. On account of the countless unburied bodies it is feared that pestilence will follow its horrors to the frightful conditions that already prevail.

Food Supply Inadequate. And the food supply is entirely inadequate, and there is danger that hundreds of the helpless refugees will starve to death before relief can reach them. The terror stricken victims of the catastrophe who escaped with their lives are scattered for miles in every direction from the ruined cities.

Thousands of refugees, nearly all of whom are fearfully wounded, are arriving at various points today. Many others died on the way. The trains are loaded to a point 12 miles from Messina, which is the nearest approach to safety.



Making the Trip to Top of Mt. Vesuvius.

RUIN AT EVERY HAND IN QUAKE STRICKEN CITIES



Tourists Making Way Over Lava of Mt. Etna.

WEST VIRGINIA COLLIERY HORROR

Explosion Entombs 150 Men—23 Dead Taken Out Already; 42 Injured Men Rescued—More Dead to Be Found.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Maybury, W. Va., Dec. 30.—Eleven more bodies were taken from Lick Branch mine this afternoon. Making a total of 23 known dead. Two of the wounded taken out cannot possibly be recovered.

The disaster resulted from an explosion Tuesday afternoon and officials of the company are endeavoring to ascertain its cause. The company employs 400 men, but many of them had left work when the explosion occurred. In addition to the dead and injured, it is not believed that more than 100 men were in the workings.

The mine officials are trying by every means to prevent information from being coming public. At noon they admitted that 30 men were buried in the debris and all are believed to be dead.

KING AND QUEEN AT SCENE OF DISASTER

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Palermo, Sicily, Dec. 30.—Queen Helena and King Victor Emmanuel arrived at the ruined city of Messina today. Under the direction of the latter an organized plan of rescue work is being perfected. Trains of supplies are arriving, and hundreds of men and women have volunteered to assist in caring for the refugees.

Starvation Adds to Misery of Survivors—Messina Is Completely Wrecked—Relief Work Appears to Lack Organization—Woman Tells Experience.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal via Chicago.)

Rome, Dec. 30.—The total number of victims of the earthquake which has devastated Calabria and Sicily is now estimated at not less than 150,000. The calamity is the most stupendous that ever fell upon any civilized country in the history of the world, with but one exception—in Japan. The whole of Italy is absolutely stunned at the horror, and at the scene of the disaster the greater part of the people are literally demented with the suddenness and immensity of the blow which has fallen upon them.

Population Wiped Out. One of the survivors says that of the total population of 150,000 of the once beautiful city of Messina only a small proportion escaped death. Thousands are still buried in the ruins, where they are suffering slow death by torture. The flames are still making their way slowly and inexorably over the devastated area, and imprisoned human beings, unable to extricate themselves, are being roasted to death. Many others are dying of injuries, and thousands are starving.

The streets are filled with confused masses of brick and mortar, beams torn from the buildings, furniture, chimneys and roofs. In many cases the streets appear as enormous crevasses twisted into fantastic shapes.

The Palazzati Ruined. The celebrated Avenue Palazzati, which runs along the sea front from the university to the postoffice, is utterly impassable. All the public monuments that lined this great thoroughfare have entirely disappeared, having been swallowed by the gaping earth.

All the water mains, sewers and gas pipes of the city have been destroyed. Of 230 railway employees in the station and water and fifth are flooding the torn and twisted streets. Gas explosions are constantly occurring, resulting in the breaking out of scores of small fires.

Sicilian Superstition. The rescuers had to contend with a superstition so deeply rooted in the Sicilian mind that in many cases injured men and women clung to the crumbling walls and refused to let go their holds and seek a safer position.

DIES DECLARING JAILER TO BLAME

Brutal Abuse by Police Officers at Sound as Well as in Portland.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Seattle, Dec. 30.—Declaring with his best conscious words that the blow which laid him low was struck by an officer at the city jail, B. C. Manning died at his home shortly before 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon from injuries received in the city prison Saturday.

Manning was arrested Christmas night along with a crowd of holiday celebrators and was promptly released the next morning by Police Judge Gardner. He appeared all right when he was in the police court, but immediately after going home became very ill. He declared that in the morning, when Judge Manning was distributing books, he had asked another jailer for the privilege of using the telephone and in reply received a blow on the head that laid him on the floor unconscious.

CHILDREN GIVEN OVER TO ANNA

Court Reserves Right to Direct Custody Otherwise If Nedful.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Paris, Dec. 30.—The Princess de Sagan, formerly Anna Gould and later Countess de Castellane, has the custody of her three children. A court order was made today to that effect.

The court ruled that Princess Anna shall send the two older children to a boarding school in October, and the youngest child is to follow them to school when he reaches the age of 10 years.