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EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY BRINGS DEATH TO 100

Half a Dozen Villages in the Neighborhood of Catania Are Either Demolished or Badly Shaken by Shocks.

ETNA IS ERUPTING AND PEOPLE FLEE FROM IT

Railroads Destroyed but Soldiers Establish Red Cross Hospitals Quickly.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Catania, Italy, May 9.—That at least 100 were killed and as many more injured in the earthquake which shook this section Friday evening was certain today. It was feared that fuller reports would greatly lengthen the casualty list. At the village of Bouzardo alone there were 10 dead and 20 injured. Lincera, with a population of about 900, and Venerina, with 2100, were completely destroyed. The villages of Zerbati, Pennisi, Belpasso, Maria, Vergine, Mangano and Zafferanao were badly damaged. The roads were choked with hysterical refugees fleeing from their homes. Mount Etna was still in eruption. The inhabitants of the villages at its base had fled to the open country. The first of last night's earth shocks occurred at 6 p. m. It lasted several minutes. An hour later there was a severer shock which demolished many houses. Numbers of people were buried in the ruins. The survivors spent the night in the open country. First estimates were that 30 were killed and 100 injured. Fuller investigation showed that these figures were far too low. Five hundred soldiers had arrived today and began erecting Red Cross tents. A hospital had been opened. Destruction of the railroads was delaying the refugees' arrival. Religious processions, carrying statues of the Virgin about the streets and praying for protection.

SCENES WHEN REFUGES FLED FROM CITY OF TAMPICO



Top—Mexican Federal artillery in action during one of the attacks on Tampico last month. Bottom—Foreigners embarking on the waterfront at Tampico to seek safety on board the foreign ships in the harbor.

RICHET WILL OBTAIN HIS RELEASE FROM COUNTY JAIL TODAY

Man Convicted in Land Fraud Case Freed by Taking the Pauper's Oath.

Frank Richet, convicted president of the Oregon Inland Development company, probably will procure his freedom from the county jail this afternoon, and be released from obligation to pay a \$4000 fine assessed against him by the government. Richet took the pauper's oath yesterday. Richet was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail and given a fine of \$4000 for his part in the swindling land scheme which the company was operating when it was taken over by J. T. Conway, general manager, of using the mails with intent to defraud. Richet's company is now under indictment. At the trial the government proved that the lands which the company was selling at fancy prices as first class orchard lands were in reality poor property and some of them were situated on rose watered tops. Conway was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment in the county jail, and Richet fined and given a 30 day term. They began serving time March 8. On the expiration of his term, April 8, Richet had not paid his fine. Under the federal statutes, he was compelled to serve 30 days more, in default of payment. The 30 day limit expired yesterday and Richet appeared before Commissioner Cannon, with his lawyer, Attorney Chas. W. Fulton, and took the pauper's oath. The government was represented by United States Attorney Clarence Reames. Reames developed that Richet owns an undivided one half interest in 10 acres of land in Washington county, which he declared is valueless because it is not irrigated for all it is worth. It was also shown that two lots in Couch's addition, valued at \$25,000, stands in his name in the assessor's books. He stated that the land had been conveyed to his mother, 20 years ago, by him. In addition it was shown that property valued at \$5,000 is in his wife's name. A mortgage of \$25,000 stands against the properties. A further hearing to show that his mother owns the land property was scheduled for 4 o'clock this afternoon in Commissioner Cannon's office, when it is said his release could be ordered and fine remitted. **Honeymooners at Harlakenden.** Cornish, N. H., May 9.—Mr. and Mrs. William G. McKee are honeymooning at Harlakenden, the summer White House.

UNITED STATES READY FOR WAR BUT THE PRESIDENT GOES AHEAD WITH ATTEMPTS TO PRESERVE PEACE, AVERT BLOODSHED

Three Peace Mediators Agreed Upon and Forces Are Now Ready to Repel Attack by Maas at Vera Cruz; Ammunition for Huerta Permitted to Land.

By John Edwin Nevin. Washington, May 9.—War preparations were being rushed today. High officials of the war and navy departments were constantly at their desks. Troops were held in readiness. Supplies were being provided. Transports were being chartered. Blank orders of all sorts were awaiting signatures. In the meantime President Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan insisted that the situation was unchanged. They were taking precautions, they said; not preparing for hostilities. Mediation negotiations, they added, were progressing. Reports from Mexico indicated that General Maas, with a large Mexican force, might attack Vera Cruz at any moment. That General Zapata, the southern rebel chieftain, was preparing to assault the capital and that highly critical conditions prevailed at Tampico. President Wilson, however, was optimistic. He professed to be convinced that the Constitutionalists were about to solve the Tampico problem by winning the city from the Federalists' hands. He did not believe General Maas would risk an attack on Vera Cruz. Secretary of War Garrison had chartered five transports and was arranging for more to take reinforcements to General Funston from Texas City. Navy department officials said there was no intention of seizing Puerto Mexico, where the German steamship Cestres landed a quantity of arms and ammunition for President Huerta yesterday. It was learned that the state department has known for a week that this shipment was on its way and still another cargo was coming on the steamer Bavaria. No action was taken, however, since it was realized that the seizure of Puerto Mexico would be practically an act of war. It was understood that President Wilson had asked Mayor Baker of Cleveland, Federal Supreme Justice Lamar and Frederick Lehmann, the St. Louis lawyer, to represent the United States before the "A. B. C." mediators and that a fourth delegate might be appointed. **British Ship Fired Upon.** Unofficial messages received this afternoon said the city officials at Mazatlan embarked last night on the gunboat Guerrero and the steamship Limantour, supposedly to go to Salina Cruz, that the federals had abandoned the stranded gunboat Morelos, that west coast lighthouses were abandoned last night and the coast in darkness, that the terrified inhabitants of Mazatlan were fleeing and that the city's fall seemed in the least or not. The same advices stated that while the British steamship Cetriano, on which many refugees escaped from Manzanillo, was at that port the federals set fire to the pier and used dynamite to complete the work of destruction, that the Cetriano narrowly escaped taking fire and that shots were fired across its deck from the shore until the United States warship Raleigh's arrival put a stop to the disorders. It was added, commenting on reports that American shipping had been captured by Mexican craft, that the Mexican transport Korrigian did actually take the American brig Geneva, but released it at the demand of Captain Magruder of the Raleigh.

AMERICAN SOLDIER IS FEARED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED BY MEXICANS

Private Parks, Colonel Taggart's orderly at Vera Cruz, Properly Executed.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, May 9.—Secretary of War Garrison admitted today that he had received a report concerning the case of Private Parks, orderly to Colonel Taggart, at Vera Cruz, who, wandering from the city, supposedly while suffering from a heat stroke, was reported to have fallen into the hands of General Maas' Mexican federals and been executed. From Garrison's manner and his unwillingness to discuss the case it was believed the news of the execution had been confirmed. The secretary promised statement later. General Funston wired today to Secretary of War Garrison confirming the report of the disappearance of Parks. His fate is not known, but the horses which Parks had in his charge have been seen with Mexicans riding them. General Funston also said it was reported that an American had been executed in the federal lines beyond Tejera. Parks served as Colonel Taggart's orderly. Yesterday Colonel Taggart went to the federal lines and Mexican officers said they had ordered the execution of a uniformed American who had entered their lines, but would not admit that Parks was the man. A railroad man told Taggart that federal soldiers had said that Parks was executed and another uniformed American shot two days before. It was believed here that Parks became insane after smoking a poisoned cigarette given him by a Mexican woman. French Ambassador Jusserand notified Secretary of State Bryan today that he was assured by the French embassy in Mexico City of the safety of John Silliman, United States consul at Saltillo, concerning whom there has been much anxiety for some time. Silliman was at his post when the Mexican crisis became acute and in the disturbed condition of the country about Saltillo it proved to be impossible to learn how he had fared. Reports were current that he had been arrested and was held either at Saltillo or San Luis Potosi. The Washington administration served notice on the young General Huerta to find the missing man. Ambassador Jusserand's information was from Mexico City direct and under today's date. It was to the effect that War Minister Blanquet told Silliman was at the Saltillo consulate, that the consulate was under guard, and that neither the consul, any member of his staff nor any American in Saltillo had suffered in the least or been in the slightest degree molested.

NO TROOPS ORDERED MOVED YET, ASSERTS SECRETARY GARRISON

Washington, May 9.—Secretary of War Garrison still insisted today that "no troops have been ordered moved." He did not venture a statement, however, concerning the future. It was rumored, at any rate, that he was preparing for a quick and an early military movement if it should be deemed necessary. Asked if the two brigades at Galveston had been ordered to hold themselves in readiness to embark, the secretary replied: "They are supposed to be ready all the time." The Galveston force numbered approximately 5400 men. The regiments at Vera Cruz under General Funston were not at full war strength when sent southward, and in an emergency it would be necessary for marines to be called on. For this reason army officers believed Garrison planned to strengthen the Vera Cruz force at least up to war strength. Reports of differences of opinion between Garrison and Secretary of State Bryan were generally credited. To a direct question whether he was opposed to permitting a landing of German arms at Puerto Mexico, while Bryan favored a policy of inaction, Garrison answered: "I had only an intellectual interest in this. I had no jurisdiction." The secretary expressed the opinion that vessels of a certain draft could pass the Panama canal within a week.

NO LIVES WERE LOST

Zossen, Germany, May 9.—Lightning struck a captive military balloon, which army telegraphers were using yesterday, in wireless experiments. The balloon was destroyed, but there were no casualties.

DR. C. J. SMITH'S ACCUSER SLEW UNARMED MAN

Records Show John P. McManus of Pendleton Shot Victim in Back and Faced Trial for Murder.

DEFAMER ALSO TRIED ON LARCENY CHARGES

This Is Caliber of Man Who Now Seeks to Injure gubernatorial Candidate.

(Special to The Journal.) Pendleton, May 9.—John P. McManus, editor of the Pendleton Tribune, who wrote the attack on Dr. C. J. Smith appearing yesterday in the Portland Oregonian, seven years ago shot an unarmed man in the back and killed him. Criminal records also show that in addition to being tried for murder he has been tried once for libel, once for gambling and twice for larceny. It was on February 9, 1907, that McManus, under the influence of liquor, walked into the toilet of the Pullman saloon in this city, and killed Bob Estes, a gambler. He shot him through the back. Estes was unarmed. February 9 came on a Saturday. McManus bought a revolver at the Goodman hardware store that afternoon. Some time between 4 and 5 o'clock he followed Estes into the toilet of the saloon and shot him. **Trial for Murder.** Some people at the time that McManus killed the wrong man, that he meant to kill Mike McCarty, who he said, had robbed him while he was drunk. McManus claimed at the trial that he shot Estes to keep the gambler from reporting him. (Concluded on Page Seven, Column Seven.)

SUFFRAGISTS MARCH IN WASHINGTON FOR BRISTOW RESOLUTION

Parade Up Pennsylvania Avenue to Capitol, With Ten Bands and Big Banner.

Washington, May 9.—Singing a marching song amid flying banners and the playing of 10 bands, 2000 suffragists from various sections of the country today paraded Pennsylvania avenue from Lafayette Square to the capitol. The procession was viewed by an immense crowd. A banner, 20 feet wide, bearing the following inscription, was borne aloft: "We demand the passage of the Bristow-Mondell resolution." The parade was preceded by a mass meeting in a downtown theatre presided over by Mrs. William Kent, wife of Congressman Kent of California. At the capitol the bands were massed on the plaza before the east front, where they played the "March of the Women," composed by Dr. Ethel Smyth of England.

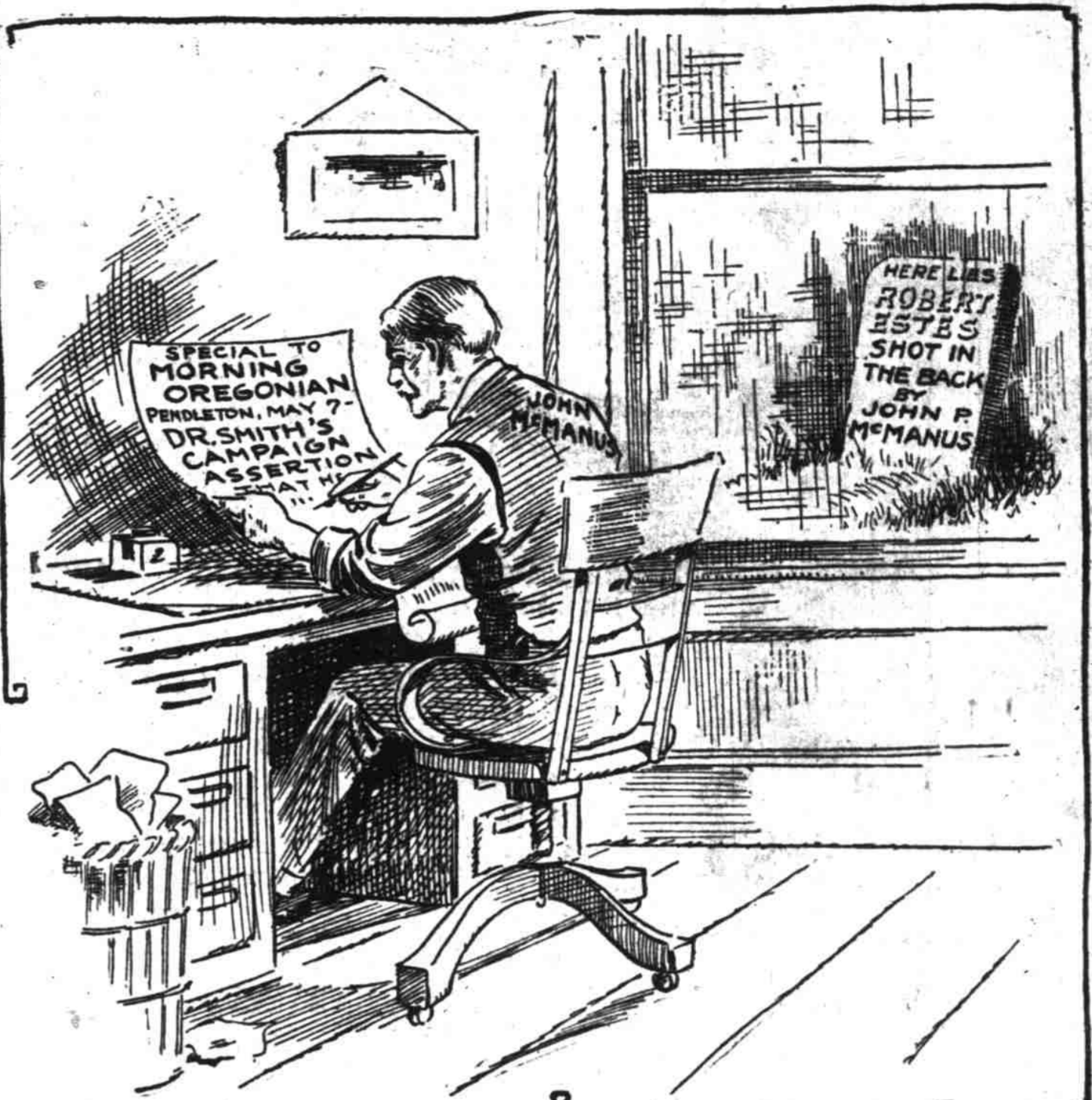
War Munitions Are Not Even Landed

Washington, May 9.—Danger of complications over the landing of German munitions for President Huerta at Puerto Mexico was averted this afternoon. Secretary of State Bryan received a message from Consul Rogers at Havana to the effect that the war munitions reported to be near the Mexican port would be returned to Germany and the steamer Bavaria's agents had ordered the same disposition made of the shipment on that vessel. Bryan did not say whether this was due to intervention by the German government or if the act was a voluntary one on the part of the steamship companies. Government officials were investigating a report that a consignment of arms and ammunition, purchased from Japan, was landed Thursday at Salina Cruz and rushed to Mexico City. This consignment was said to be the final shipment of a quantity of arms and ammunition President Huerta bought last December. The shipment, it was said, included a number of siege and rapid fire guns.

Three Mediators Are Agreed Upon

Washington, May 9.—It was reported today and generally credited in official circles that President Wilson would select as the United States' representatives before the American-Mexican Supreme Justices Hughes and Lamar and Frederick Lehmann of St. Louis. Lehmann, a well-known lawyer, lunched with the president today. It was said that President Wilson wanted to name Chief Justice White with Hughes and Lamar, but did not do so, because, too, could be spared from his duties on the bench.

FILLING THE OREGONIAN'S ORDER FOR TAINTED NEWS ABOUT DR. SMITH



HIGH CHARACTER OF DR. SMITH AS PUBLIC OFFICER TESTIFIED TO

Portland Men, Who Knew Candidate While Pendleton Mayor, Resent Attacks.

Some of the strongest testimonials as to the character of Dr. C. J. Smith, Democratic candidate for the nomination for governor, and the cleanness of his administration while mayor of Pendleton, come from those who lived in or near Pendleton while Dr. Smith was mayor, and who are now residents of Portland. Those who have known Dr. Smith longest speak most highly of him and resent most deeply the invidious attack upon him by the Oregonian. "I have known Dr. Smith for 25 years," said Dr. Fred A. Lileuallen of 1400 1/2 Hawthorne avenue. "I could not use language strong enough to express my admiration of him as a man and as a public official. The days when he was mayor of Pendleton were difficult for me. He stood for the best. He had courage to enforce the law and he did so. I know no man whose moral life or courage I admire more." Equally strong statement was given by Dr. E. A. Vaughan, formerly of Pendleton, who practices dentistry in the Electric building. "Dr. Smith was always for law and order," said Dr. Vaughan. "I remember that when Dr. Smith was mayor there were no complaints of his administration on the score, but on the contrary frequent and admiring tributes. I am a Republican in politics but that does not make me less able to recognize and admire an able and courageous and clean man and public official, such as Dr. Smith." "The attack on Dr. Smith in the Oregonian is born out of an old feud that began at the time when Dr. Smith began the practice of medicine in Pendleton," said George A. Hartman, a real estate dealer at 70 Fourth street. "The old gang has tried to 'come back,' has tried to harm Dr. Smith, but I don't believe they can harm him, especially among those who know him. Dr. Smith was one of the best mayors we ever had in Pendleton. He was a strong executive, clean morally, honest and efficient, and it took a man like that to handle the town in those days. I assure you."

West Tells Where Oregonian Stands

Governor Asserts That Newspaper Has and Does Protect and Receive Tribute from Organized Vice. Salem Or., May 9.—"The Oregonian has protected and received tribute from organized vice for years, and it is doing it today," asserted Governor West today. "The full page ads it carries for the liquor interests explain why it rushes to the defense of the Milwaukee Tavern, and why it is attempting to prevent the nomination of Dr. Smith. It knows Dr. Smith will be elected if nominated, and so do the liquor interests. They both know he will stand for law enforcement and the prohibition of the home and fire-sale, and they are therefore opposed to him."

CHARLES W. POST OF CEREAL FAME KILLS SELF IN CALIFORNIA

Multi-Millionaire Had Been in Ill Health for Years; Used Hunting Rifle.



C. W. Post.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Santa Barbara, Cal., May 9.—Charles W. Post, multi-millionaire cereal manufacturer of Battle Creek, Mich., committed suicide here today by shooting himself. The millionaire killed himself with a 30-30 hunting rifle. He placed the muzzle of the weapon in his mouth and pulled the trigger, with his toe, blowing off the entire top of his head. The suicide occurred early today. Just after Mrs. Post and Post's secretary had come into Santa Barbara on business. Post told the nurse who was left with him that he was tired and wished to be alone. A few moments after she had left the room the woman heard a shot and rushed in to find the millionaire dead. Post yesterday ordered a special car for his wife. (Concluded on Page Five, Column Three.)

Trial of Becker Put Over to Monday

Three Jurors Are Excused and One Chosen, Leaving Ten Men in the Box When Court Adjourned. New York, May 9.—The trial of former Police Lieutenant Charles F. Becker, charged with murdering Herman Rosenthal, adjourned at noon until Monday with only 10 jurors in the box. When court adjourned yesterday the box was filled but Justice Seabury this morning excused Jurors Van Eman and Robert Baxter and the examination of witnesses was resumed. Later another juror was chosen but Justice Seabury also excused Juror Paul Camora.

ELEVEN COUNTIES ON LIST NOT REPORTING ON OFFICIAL FIGURES

Only Twenty-two Clerks File Required Statement With Secretary of State Olcott.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., May 9.—Based on complete returns from 23 counties and incomplete reports from 11 counties, the total registration in the state was placed at 226,351 today by Secretary of State Ben. W. Olcott. This is 66,463 more than the total registration in 1912. According to these figures there are registered 134,282 Republicans, 69,793 Democrats, 6405 Progressives, 11,278 others. (Concluded on Page Five, Column Four.)

Los Angeles Vetoes Municipal Plant

Los Angeles, Cal., May 9.—Municipal ownership of an electric generating and distributing plant stands approved today by the voters of Los Angeles by a substantial majority. A proposition to bond the city to the extent of \$4,000,000 for that purpose was endorsed yesterday by a vote of 58,199 to 23,179, a margin of 9841 over the required two-thirds vote. More than half of the registered voters was cast. It was stated that construction of the municipal system will begin at once, when the proceeds of the bond sale are available.

PORTLAND MAN IS SAFE

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, May 9.—Senator Lane has learned C. A. McJohnston, concerning whom the Castillon Rubber Plantation company of Portland has been anxious, has arrived in New Orleans on the Imperator.

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