

## RIVALS CATASTROPHE OF MESSINA

### ITALY AGAIN THE SCENE OF A GREAT ERUPTION

Thousands Are Fleeing From the Oncoming Streams of Molten Lava and Smoke and Rocks

United Press Service.

CATANIA, Sicily, March 25.—Thousands are homeless as a result of the eruption of Mount Aetna, which threatens to be the most destructive of modern times. Inhabitants are fleeing towards Catania today, driven thither by fear, molten lava, sulphurous fumes, hot ashes and rocks. The scenes rival those of fifteen months ago following the earthquake at Messina.

Today the eruption has increased, six new craters having been formed in the cone of the great mountain, and streams of lava fifty feet deep and half a mile wide are sweeping down the southern slope of the mountain at the rate of 1000 feet an hour. Nine miles of the slope has already been covered and all efforts to stop the progress of the molten mass have proved unavailing.

Eighteen craters are now pouring their molten liquid, sulphurous vapors, stones and lava down the mountain side. Three of these streams have combined at a point a few miles down the slope, and have created a resistless mass that has so far swept aside all obstructions in its path and set at naught every effort to prevent its further progress. The Government engineers, aided by soldiers and such of the residents who have not become panic stricken as to be helpless have been engaged in an attempt to divert the lava by throwing up dams and ditches, but it has all proved useless.

The towns of Valage, Borello, Belpasso, Lan Leo, Rinazzi and Copello have been wholly or partially destroyed. Albanelle and Nicolasi escaped destruction because they are protected by the surrounding hills.

### McLELLAN-MORRISSEY FIGHT DECLARED NO CONTEST

McLellan claimed He Was Fouled by His Opponent

There was a representative crowd of about 500 at the opera house Thursday night to witness the pugilistic bouts. The first go was between Smoky Branan, of Omaha, and Kid Curry, of Dorris. Louis Gerber was master of ceremonies and timekeeper. The boys put up a very good exhibition, ending in a decision of a draw.

There is a wide diversity of opinion in regard to the decision rendered by the referee in the main event of the evening, the McLellan constituent claiming a foul and the Morrisseyites the contrary. The fight started off at 10 o'clock, both contestants being in good form and well matched. Morrissey followed his regular tactics of pushing the fight and taking punishment in order to be able to land at the opportune time. McLellan is an adept at boxing and protecting himself from blows, and is a hard fighter.

In the first round Morrissey starts in fighting low and landing several blows. There was no decided advantage in this round; if anything, it was in favor of Morrissey. In the second round Morrissey is cautioned by the referee about hitting low; in the third round McLellan forces Morrissey around ring, but seemed unable to land a blow that did much damage. Morrissey in the fourth round continued to fight low, receiving many blows and short-arm hooks in the clinch, with no great damage done. Both men received and gave heavy blows in the fifth round.

The sixth round showed up some hard fighting, in which McLellan lands heavily on Morrissey's face with uppercuts. Morrissey received some hard blows in the seventh, falling short in his swing at McLellan. In the eighth round McLellan had Morrissey at the ropes when the time was called. Ninth round belonged to McLellan. Both men showed signs of fatigue in the tenth round, McLellan breathing hard. The eleventh round showed hard fighting and closed in favor of Morrissey. There was strong hitting on both sides in the twelfth round. Morrissey rushes the fight in the thirteenth and fourteenth rounds. The fight ended in the middle of the fifteenth round, McLellan dropping to the floor and claiming Morrissey had fouled him. The referee claimed the fight was no contest and declared all bets off.

At the close of the contest Walter Richards jumped into the ring and issued a challenge to the winner.

### INDIANS PROTESTING

A number of Indians were in the city Friday from Klamath Agency in conference over the provisions of the bill recently introduced by Congressman Hawley providing for the opening of the Klamath Reservation. Exception is taken to some of the

provisions of the measure, and a formal petition of protest has been prepared and will be forwarded to the Indian Bureau at Washington. Among those who were here were J. H. Palmer and wife, E. H. Wilson, Homer Whillitate and Harry Wilson. They came down Thursday and returned to their homes Saturday.

### WHAT COLORADOANS THINK OF KLAMATH

Col. L. M. Allison had a party of friends from Grand Junction, Colo., over a small portion of the valley Thursday. The party consisted of E. Oaks, Samuel F. Oaks and Bert Hickman. One of the party in discussing the trip stated:

"We saw lots of good land and big hay stacks. The farmers whom we visited had their bins well filled with all kinds of grain and their smoke houses filled with bacon and ham of their own make. Their cattle, horses and pigs were all fat and carried with them the stamp of prosperity and progressiveness, and even the chickens seemed to take on a general air of well-kept and up-to-date surroundings. Our limited investigation convinced us that nature has been wonderfully lavish with its favors in this section of the Pacific Coast.

"Combining as this section does its billions of feet of merchantable timber, its 200,000 acres of irrigated sage brush land, its wonderful water power, its great pleasure resorts and hot springs, connected as they are by about ninety miles of navigable water, which to our mind is equal to that amount of suburban railway, you have here resources unequalled anywhere in the United States. These certainly will count in a big way in the development of this city and county. We expect to remain here permanently, and hope to be of some benefit to this community, as well as lending our aid in bringing about its development. It certainly looks good to us."

### INSURGENT VICTORY A HOLLOW ONE

Senator LaFollette Not Satisfied With Result of the Upheaval

United Press Service.

MADISON, Wis., March 25.—Senator LaFollette thinks the insurgent victory is a hollow one. Editorially he declares that the ousting of the speaker from the rules committee "does not change the plan of organization of the House at the beginning of each session of Congress or deprive the power of the absolute power of appointing, and hence packing, all standing committees on legislation." He further declares that Cannonism without Cannon is just as hurtful as Cannonism is with Cannon. The people must understand that the definition of Cannonism is "government by the system." He declares that the real battle will be fought in the primaries and elections between now and November.

### MORE INDICTMENTS AGAINST PITTSBURG GRAFTERS

United Press Service.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 25.—Thirty indictments have been returned by the grand jury today against members of former and present councils. It is stated that fifty-six councilmen have been mentioned as being guilty of bribery, according to evidence, but because they have confessed it is stated that no indictments will be returned against twenty-five of them. The indictments returned are in connection with the payment of \$102,000 by six Pittsburg banks to bring about the passage of the ordinance making them city depositaries.

### ROOSEVELT RIDES THE CAMEL

United Press Service.

CAIRO, Egypt, March 25.—Roosevelt journeyed by camels and cars to Memphis, twelve miles southwest of Cairo, today to visit the tombs of Sakharra and the Temple of Bulle. The Colonel was much interested in the animal pictures carved on the sides of the tomb and temple. These were made 5000 years before Christ. The pictures of many of the animals were the same as those killed by the ex-President.

### GOVERNMENT TROOPS ARE ADVANCING ON BLUEFIELDS

United Press Service.

BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, March 25.—Keen interest and excitement is aroused over the approach of President Madriz' army, which is now hastening towards this city. Couriers say that the property of Americans in the interior is being destroyed and that the natives working on the plantations are greatly stirred up.

Cons. Merrill returned Friday evening from Willows, Cal., where he has been for the purpose of selling a consignment of mules. He brought back with him a fine driving horse and also a pedigreed jack and jenny. He returned to his home in Merrill this morning.

## EGYPTIAN NATIONALISTS ARE UGLY

### BRITISH AUTHORITIES FEARED FOR HIS SAFETY AT CAIRO

Resent the Ex-President's Speech at Khartoum Urging Co-Operation

United Press Service.

CAIRO, Egypt, March 24.—That the British Government actually fears for the safety of ex-President Roosevelt, because this city is the hotbed of Egyptian Nationalists, was demonstrated here today by the throngs of police that guarded Roosevelt from the time he left the train this morning until he reached his carriage and was deposited safely at the door of Shepherd's Hotel. His speeches at Khartoum and Assouan, where he pleaded for native co-operation with the British authorities, have aroused the resentment of the Nationalists, who recently assassinated Premier Boutroun, Pasha. Colonel Roosevelt laughed at the idea of danger and requested that no special guard be furnished. The authorities, however, knowing the real condition of affairs, would not listen to his request, and the ex-President walked through a double line of Egyptian police from his car to his carriage. The assembled thousands gave him a welcome never before given to an American.

### UPRISING THREATENED BY THE YUMA INDIANS

Object to Government Interference With Their Rites Over Their Dead

YUMA, Ariz., March 25.—An uprising of the Yuma Indians on the Government reservation near here is threatened as a result of the determination of the authorities to put a stop to the death rite orgies which follow the demise of each tribesman. Thousands of dollars' worth of Government property is destroyed annually in these ceremonies, as everything belonging to the deceased is burned. Assistant United States Attorney Horton has been notified by the chiefs that they will resist with force any attempt that may be made to put a stop to the practice, which has been a custom among the tribe from time immemorial.

### CONFERENCE OF Y. M. C. A. STUDENTS IN PROGRESS

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., March 26.—One of the largest conferences of the students Y. M. C. A. in the history of the Pacific Coast starts here tonight, and will be attended by over four hundred delegates. Among the institutions represented are the University of California, Stanford, Pacific, Nevada, Nev.; Southern California, Occidental College, Pomona College, Los Angeles City College, Whittier College, Sherman Institute, Mills College, Chico State Normal, San Jose State Normal, Los Angeles State Normal and San Diego State Normal.

### THIGH BROKEN

While engaged at work Thursday afternoon on the big dredger that is being constructed by the Southern Pacific Company, Will Duffy was struck by a parting cable and sustained a fracture of the right thigh bone. Dr. Merryman reduced the fracture and the injured man was sent to San Francisco last Friday, where he will enter the Southern Pacific hospital in that city.

## ELEVEN PEOPLE BURNED TO DEATH

### CAUSED BY BOY FILLING CIGAR LIGHTER WITH GASOLINE

Fire Starts on the Fifth, Trapping the Occupants of Upper Floors

United Press Service.

Chicago, March 25.—Six women dead, a girl and four men missing, one man horribly torn and mangled from sliding down a wire cable and one girl crushed on the pavement after jumping from the sixth floor is the record of horror that follows a fire that destroyed the store and building of Fish & Company, 193 Wabash avenue, here today. The bodies of five women and two men have already been recovered, and the firemen are searching the ruins for the missing ones.

The fire started on the fifth floor, where a boy, engaged in filling with gasoline a cigar lighter, started a conflagration that spread with wonderful rapidity, trapping the occupants of the upper floors and shutting off all avenues of escape. One man risked his life by sliding down the wire cable of the elevator, a part of the descent being through a roaring furnace. Miss Ethel Finkelstein jumped from a window on the sixth floor, only to be crushed to death from contact with the stone pavement below.

The dead are: ETHEL FINKELSTEIN, aged 16. VERONICA McGRATH. MRS. HANNAH BURDEN, floor lady.

ROSE BRUCHE, aged 17, stenographer. GERTRUDE QUINN, 20, private secretary.

SIMON FISH. LILLIAN SULLIVAN. MINER BELL, advertising manager.

HERBERT McCHELL, brother-in-law of Simon Fish. BERT SINCLAIR, clerk. WILLIAM GREEN, porter. ETHEL ANDERSON, stenographer. MARY WARGE, solicitor.

### ROOSEVELT LUNCHEONS WITH THE KHEDIVI OF EGYPT

First Time This Honor Has Ever Been Given a Private Citizen

CAIRO, Egypt, March 26.—After the reception that was tendered ex-President Roosevelt today he visited the Ashar University, attended only by Mohammedans. Later he lunched with the Khedive at the Abdin Palace, this being the first time that dignitary ever lunched with a private citizen. Ambassador Strauss was also present at the luncheon. Tonight Mr. Roosevelt will be a guest at a dinner given in his honor by Consul Iddings.

### MOUNT AETNA IS STILL IN ERUPTION

Progress of Lava Flow Down Mountain Side Is Checked

United Press Service.

CATANIA, Sicily, March 26.—Although the lava coming from over a dozen craters increased in volume today its progress down the southern slope of the mountain was not so rapid. The change is due to the increased amount, the main stream having widened so that the edges had

had a chance to cool, thus checking its flow temporarily. In the towns and villages that have escaped from the ravages of the eruption religious services and processions have been held as a token of the gratitude of the inhabitants over having been saved.

The only danger from further loss of life lies in the recklessness of tourists who have rushed in to witness the magnificent spectacle depicted by the violence of the eruption. The soldiers have been forced to use stringent measures to prevent them from rushing to certain death. The most reckless of the visitors are to be found among the women, many of whom would have met death if the troops had not interfered.

### WORK OF INSTALLING CLOCKS IS FINISHED

No Reason Why Everyone Should Not Have the Correct Time

The Western Union clock inspector, William Walsh, left for Sacramento Friday, having completed the time service installation here yesterday.

The master clock, through which the United States Observatory time is received hourly from Mare Island, has been located in the local Western Union office and on each hour all the clocks throughout the city are electrically adjusted by the master clock.

This city is now equipped with twenty-seven Western Union clocks which are installed at various points, and as most of them are located with a view to having the correct time displayed to the public, there can be no excuse now for not having the correct time.

One enterprising merchant is planning to install a Western Union clock with the mechanism exposed in his display case at the store entrance. As a means of drawing attention to articles on display this plan is somewhat original. It is calculated that most people are anxious to have the correct time, and many are curious to know how the time sent out from the Government observatory synchronizes a clock so far removed from the Government chronometer. It is thought that other merchants will adopt this method of attracting the public to their displays.

Mr. Walsh will return here in a few days to make additional clock installations.

### NEW BOILERS ORDERED FOR DESTROYER HOPKINS

MARE ISLAND, Cal., March 26.—New boilers and engines have been ordered installed in the destroyer Hopkins, which broke down and was rendered helpless while en route here from San Diego. It was on this destroyer that the explosion occurred on February 19, when two members of the crew were killed by being scalded to death by live steam. This explosion was the subject of a rigid investigation, the charge having been made by the crew that no lives would have been lost if the officer in charge had ordered the blowers started. The tubes that exploded at that time were repaired, but they blew out again yesterday while the Hopkins was outside the Heads. The tugboat Umatilla, which was near at hand, came to the assistance of the crippled destroyer and towed her to her berth here. This is the second refitting within two years.

J. W. Bryant has retired to his Altamont farm, where he is following the good old-fashioned plow.



### THE HOPKINS DISABLED

The Tug Umatilla Going to Rescue South of San Francisco

MARE ISLAND NAVY YARD, Feb. 25.—The torpedo boat Hopkins was disabled twenty miles below San Francisco today owing to a failure of her boilers and engines, according to a wireless dispatch received here this afternoon. The Hopkins was compelled to throw out an anchor to save herself from destruction as she carries no sailing gear. The tug Umatilla from the navy yard is hurrying to the rescue. The boilers of the Hopkins recently blew up at San Diego.

Mayor Sanderson has returned from Medford, bringing with him the latest reports on street paving of various kinds.

LOST—A St. Bernard dog, named "King." Color white and tan; weight, about 110 pounds. Disappeared Sunday, March 13. Finder will notify C. F. Stone, Klamath Falls, Oregon and receive liberal reward. d&w-tf

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