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CYCLONE SWEEPS SICILY

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A TORENTIAL RAIN

ACCOMPANIED TORNADO AND ADDED TO ITS DESTRUCTIVE FORCE—WORK OF RESCUE AMONG THE WRECKED BUILDINGS MAY SWELL DEATH LIST.

[United Press Leased Wire.] Catania, Sicily, Sept. 4.—Eighteen are known to be dead and 150 injured as a result of a terrible cyclone which swept over Scordia, in south-eastern Sicily, according to advices received here today. Hundreds of buildings, many of which were important, were destroyed by the awful gale of wind. It is feared that the death list will be much heavier than already reported. The inhabitants are working to clear away the wreckage on the streets. It is expected that the bodies of additional victims will be found

in the ruins of the wrecked structures. During the storm rain fell in torrents. The inhabitants were terrified and fled from their homes into the storm, fearing that the tornado would bring their homes crashing down upon them.

POLICE RAN DOWN WOULD-BE SUICIDE

[United Press Leased Wire.] Los Angeles, Sept. 4.—Alive and well, and with the last vestige of a suicidal idea driven from her brain, Mrs. Peter N. Burgman, formerly of Seattle, today is scrubbing the floors in a downtown hotel for her daily bread. Police detectives, after half a day's frenzied search for the woman, caused by two despondent farewell notes she addressed to Coroner Hartwell, found her late last evening an hour after she had secured a position at the hotel.

The notes received by the coroner yesterday stated that Mrs. Burgman had taken cyanide of potassium, and suggested that in view of this an inquest would be superfluous. She gave as the cause of her apparent despondency, the alleged unfaithfulness of her husband, whom, she declared, had refused to share with her a recently inherited fortune, and had taken another spouse in Chicago.

According to her story today, she reconsidered her decision, and determined to live. She refused to discuss the extraordinary notes she addressed to the coroner.

The habitual liar loses when he tells the truth—no one believes him. The Minnesota state fair will be ripe in a few days; come in to help harvest it.

GREATEST OVATION IN HISTORY

Thousands Gather From European Centers to Do Honor to World's Greatest Explorer.

STREETS BLOCKADED

THE CROWDS A VAST SEA OF HUMAN BEINGS THAT SURGED AND BLOWED IN EFFORT TO SEE COOK, WHOSE EYES FILLED WITH TEARS OF JOY.

[By Charles P. Stewart. Copyright, 1909, by United Press Association.] Copenhagen, Sept. 4.—The truth or falsity of the claim of Dr. Frederick A. Cook that he discovered the north pole on April 21, 1908, will be passed upon by the International Polar Exploration Association, headquarters of which is at Brussels.

Dr. Cook late this afternoon accepted an invitation to appear before the bureau and submit his data personally. When he accepted, Dr. Cook expressed his pleasure at having the official international body pass upon his claims.

It is conceded that this is the severest test to which the story could possibly be subjected. Dr. Cook will proceed to Brussels, where he will meet his wife.

Despite his positive announcement that he will not return to the north pole, Dr. Cook today indicated that he is already longing for further adventures.

In his interview with King Fred-

WOODBURN FIRE LOSS IS \$12,900

Hard Fighting by Citizens and Fire Department Alone Saved City From Destruction.

INSURANCE \$3,400

COOK BUILDING IS DAMAGED BUT WAS SAVED BY HEROIC WORK. FIRE IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE STARTED IN MILLINERY STORE OF MISS MORROW.

The Woodburn fire Friday night started a few minutes after 11. The fire is believed to have originated in the millinery store of Miss Nell Morrow, who is away on her summer vacation.

The fire was a very hot one. S. P. cars 200 feet away were scorched. An insulator exploded from heat on a telephone pole and a fragment struck W. H. Goulet, county commissioner, on the left leg, badly lacerating him. He was fighting fire at the time, Fred Braninger, a plasterer had two leaders on his right hand cut by a tansom falling out of the Cook building. He was on the hose line when it happened.

The J. W. Cook block was only saved after the hardest kind of a fight. The glass is all broken, frames scorched and roof full of holes. The real estate office, millinery store and offices up stairs were badly flooded.

Losses and Insurance. Dora Ingle, dwelling, loss about \$1500; insurance \$1000. Maria Bradley, store building \$200, Portland hotel, Mrs. J. P. Anderson, \$2500; insurance \$500. Chinese laundry, property of B. T. Randall, \$500. Al Merade building, \$200; insured. Miss Nell Morrow, millinery stock, \$500; insured. Billiard hall run by W. Simme, property owned by B. T. Randall, \$1500. Sterling opera house, Chas. Sterling, Brownsville, rebuilt, \$3500. His insurance expired a few days ago. E. H. Bourbonnais, residence, \$1000; insurance \$500. City loss, hose burned, \$300. Damage to poles and wires, \$200. J. W. Cook block, damaged \$500; insured. L. T. Remington's sporting goods stock and fixtures were damaged \$300; insured.

The new opera house and skating rink are the biggest loss. The only thing saved was the piano.

The only houses in the block saved belong to Maria Bradley and L. T. Remington.

The equipment for fighting fire consisted of a chemical of 60 gallon tank and hydrants for hose from city water. Three streams were played and Chief Hurley Moore did good work.

Fred Engle's house had to be sacrificed to keep the fire from extending. The fire was too hot to get streams onto it. The chemical was inefficient.

The first fire of note at Woodburn was Christmas eve, 1893, when the whole block south of this fire was burned. The second fire burned another block three years later—two blocks further south.

Adjuster Scott Riggs of the McMinnville company went down to look after his company's losses.

March 29, 1842, and came to America when a boy of 15, landing in New York in 1857; and soon after joining his brother in Bureau county, Illinois, where he learned the miller's trade, which he had worked at in Prussia. Later he operated a mill in Lyons, Iowa, but in 1862 he came across the plains to Oregon, and engaged in mining on Powder river, in Baker county. After four or five years mining in Idaho and Montana, he came to the Willamette valley, in 1869, and, with his brother, purchased the Corvallis flouring mill. This plant burned, but was rebuilt and sold. He afterwards owned the Champeog mills, and later still became associated with William Reid and others in the Capital Milling Company. Still later he operated a mill in Lincoln county, but sold out and returned to Salem, and engaged in the real estate business.

It will be seen from this that his life was a busy one, and it was only when age, with its burdens and failing health, compelled, that he ceased to take an active part in business affairs. His health began to fail some two years ago, and, while a great sufferer, he complained but little, and was cheerful to the last.

He leaves, besides the good wife, who traveled so far on life's journey with him, three children, Albert, Carrie (Mrs. Harry Albert) and Stella, all of whom are residents of Salem, and were at his bedside when the end came. One brother, A. E. Hurst, of St. Louis Mo., also survives him.

"Fred" Hurst was known by nearly everyone, not only in Salem, but in this part of the valley. He was of genial disposition, kindly and lovable, and a host of friends will learn with keen regret that their old friend has passed over the big divide, and will be seen no more of men. Those associated with him in business, and those with whom he dealt, alike, speak of him in the highest terms, and express their admiration of his rugged, upright and generous character.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed, but will be announced later.

ANOTHER DELUGE IN MEXICO

Miles Valley in Sonora is Under Water and Many Towns Are Wrecked by the Flood.

RAILROAD IS GONE

FURIOUS STORM RAGED IN MOUNTAINS AND SENT TERRIFIC TORRENTS POURING DOWN CANYONS USUALLY DRY—MANY MAY STARVE.

[United Press Leased Wire.] Mexico City, Sept. 4.—Miles Valley is under water, and many towns in the Sonora district are wrecked and devastated by a terrific cloudburst in the Lapudaga and Labata mountains.

Breaking in the mountains the storm raged furiously, and the deluge rapidly filled the dry regions and canyons, came roaring down the valleys above and converged in the Miles valley, flooded the valley floor and wrought damage which cannot yet be estimated.

The railroad which traversed the country is out of commission. Communication is intermittent.

It is feared that many persons will starve to death before aid can reach them.

From unconfirmed reports it is stated that a number have been drowned and many made homeless.

STANFORD OBJECTS TO SALOON

[United Press Leased Wire.] Stanford University, Cal., Sept. 4.—"Charlie" Meyers, famed in Stanford song and story as the "official bartender" since the foundation of the university, today joined forces with several other saloon men of Menlo Park in considering ways and means of meeting the state law which prohibits the selling of liquor within a radius of a mile and a half of the university. Meyers and his colleagues have been running wide open throughout the summer.

One of the provisions of the new law is to the effect that there must be at least 500 students residing at the university, which is to be the center of the prohibited district. The Menlo saloon men explain that their failure to observe the law during the summer on the ground that the resident student population at Stanford during vacation was less than this number. Since the opening of the fall term, however, the student population is approximately 1000.

Professor A. B. Clark chairman of the student affairs committee, and prime mover in the prohibition campaign here, declared today that the Menlo saloons were running in open violation of the law.

"If the district officials of San Mateo county does not voluntarily enforce the law," he said, "it is extremely probable that residents of Menlo Park and vicinity will take some vigorous means of calling his attention to the conditions existing there."

Four Section Men Killed. Springfield, Ill., Sept. 4.—Four section men were instantly killed and a fifth was fatally injured this afternoon when a loaded freight car bumped into an empty one at Auburn. The section men had climbed into the empty car to escape a heavy rain.

It is painful to see wide weeds going to seed on farm or roads; and it is unlawful, besides.

RETURNS RUSSIANS TO SIBERIA

Uncle Sam Decides They Had No Right to Enter, and Returns Them to Port They Left.

Chicago, Sept. 4.—One hundred and twenty Russian fugitives were deported today from Nome, Alaska, to Siberia, according to a statement made today by the American Political Refusal Defense League, and a notice received at the office of the United States commissioner from D. J. O'Keefe, a commissioner of commerce and labor.

The government is reported to have proceeded on the grounds that the fugitives were political and criminal refugees, and violated the immigration act by entering an American colony without first submitting to an examination, and that the department was compelled to return them to the port from which they came.

The fugitives, six of whom the league declares it knows to be bona fide political refugees, escaped to Alaska from a Russian convict camp near Saghalien, Irkutsk, crossing the Behring Sea in skiffs.

When Russia demanded their return the defense league interfered, and the department was delayed.

It was declared today that the league delayed too long the filing of its briefs.

O'Keefe, in a letter, explained that Alaska was an unsuitable place for the detention of the fugitives, and that it was an unusual case, demanding unusual attention.

Better pay a lawyer to keep you out of law than to have him get you in for nothing.

BODY WAS TURNED TO STONE

Workmen on Public Improvements in Cemetery Unearth Petrified Corpse.

[United Press Leased Wire.] Portland, Sept. 4.—The body of a man, turned to solid stone, was unearthed today in the Calvary cemetery by men engaged in removing bodies from the grave to make way for public improvements.

Following the discovery of the petrified body an investigation started to determine the man's identity, as the name on the wooden head board over the grave has been obliterated by the elements.

The body is completely transformed to stone, with the exception of the nose. The man appears to have been of middle-age at the time of his death, and wore a gray moustache, which has turned to a lighter shade of stone. Several years ago a petrified body was taken from the same cemetery. Scientists are engaged in an examination of the ground, and an effort will be made by them to secure possession of the body.

CLYDE FITCH IS RECOVERING SLOWLY

[United Press Leased Wire.] Chalons Sur Marne, France, Sept. 4.—Dr. Axquire, the noted specialist and head of the hospital where Clyde Fitch, the playwright, was operated upon for appendicitis, stated today that Fitch had shown very little improvement since the operation but "he" the patient was conscious and cheerful.

FREDERICK J. HURST DIED THIS MORNING

At the Salem Hospital, where he had been taken that he might have the very best of care and closest attention, Frederick J. Hurst this morning at 10 o'clock solved life's mystery, by passing away so quietly that he and had come.

He was born in Pommern, Prussia.

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