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## TERRIFIC STORM KILLS HUNDREDS IN ITALY

### HUNDREDS DEAD IN STORM'S PATH MANY DROWNED BY TERRIFIC RAIN

### WIND DRIVEN MISSILES DESTROY MANY, AND FALLING BUILDINGS KILL HUNDREDS

Torrential Rains Follow the Terrific Cyclone, and Many Are Drowned in the Floods Caused by the Unprecedented Rains—One Hundred Bodies Have Been Recovered, and the Death List Grows Rapidly as Communication Is Established—Frantic Mothers Seeking Their Children Add to Horror of Scene.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
Naples, Sept. 22.—More than 100 persons are dead, scores are missing and unaccounted for and hundreds are homeless as a result of one of the most terrible storms ever seen in Italy.

Nearly every building in the storm swept section was wrecked by the cyclone, which was followed by blinding torrents of rain, completing work of devastation. One hundred bodies have been recovered, but it is believed that the dead will total a far larger number.

Warning of the storm was given early in the day by a high wind and darkening sky, and the inhabitants made frantic efforts to escape the fury of the impending tempest, but the storm broke, finding them unprotected. Those who sought safety in their homes were crushed in the buildings, while those who trusted to the open were struck down by flying missiles. The cyclone swept away many dwellings, blew roofs of buildings and steeples from churches.

As soon as the wind abated somewhat, the rain fell in torrents, flooding the entire district. Many people were drowned and the loss of cattle is incalculable. The rainfall was unprecedented both in violence and volume.

Reports from outlying districts are meager, all the wires being down but all point to great loss of life. The storm was near Vesuvius, the towns of Torre Del Greco and Resina being the chief sufferers.

Every hour brings fresh news of death and destruction. Improvised hospitals are being established, but there is a lack of doctors and nurses to relieve the suffering, while frantic mothers, wives and children, searching for relatives from whom they had become separated, add to the horror of the scene.

No attempt has been made to estimate the loss of property, which will run well into the millions.

"WHILE YET THE LAMP  
HOLDS OUT TO BURN"

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
Chicago, Sept. 22.—Judge Peter S. Grosscup, of the United States district court of appeals may yet resign, according to reports here today. His friends are advising him to ignore the alleged report of Laurence Richle, former United States secret service officer, insisting that there is nothing serious in the data claimed to have been gathered to the discredit of the jurist.

Grosscup's friends say that Richle offered to sell the report to various Eastern magazines, but Richle would accept it.

Records Earthquake.  
Cleveland, Sept. 22.—The seismograph of St. Ignatius college here recorded a severe earthquake occurring last night. The preliminary shock is registered at 11:09, and the second shock at 11:20.

The maximum deviation from the perpendicular, as indicated by the needle, was, for the first disturbance, 26, and for the second 53. The disturbance occurred at a distance of 33000 miles.

"Skeeters" Cost Money.  
Hillsboro, Cal., Sept. 22.—Eugene De Sanabana, a San Francisco capitalist, will have no mosquitoes around his palatial county residence here. He is having a \$10,000 concrete wall made to divert the waters of a creek in which "skeeters" breed.

HE COULD NOT GET AWAY FROM THE ROOST  
[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
Rathbone, N. Y., Sept. 22.—Disembodied by hard luck Aviator James J. Ward announced today his withdrawal from the coast to coast flight for a \$50,000 newspaper prize. His machine was practically wrecked by a fall today near Addison, and the utter hopelessness of trying to complete the journey by October 10, the time limit of the contest.

### Think It Is Murder.

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 22.—The mysterious disappearance of \$8000 in cash has led relatives of Mrs. Alice H. Asbes, a wealthy young widow, to suspect that her death on September 4, last, was not the result of natural causes, and District Attorney Fredericks has been asked to have the body exhumed and an autopsy performed.

According to Mrs. Susan Gillespie, the aged and wealthy mother of Mrs. Asbes, suspicious circumstances surrounding Mrs. Asbes' death point to the theory of murder, and she intimates death was caused either by poison or strangulation.

A short time before her death, it is claimed, Mrs. Asbes sold property, and the proceeds of this sale cannot be found.

## THE JUDGE IS WISE AS SOLOMON

George H. Dowsing Has His Best Girl Arrested on Charge of Swiping Money He Gave Her to Bank.

### HERE IS A MIGHTY TRUTH

The Judge, in Dismissing the Case, Says: "When a Man Gets to Lending Money to a Young Lady, Especially a Good Looking Young Lady, He Gets on Mighty Thin Ice, and the More He Lends the Thinner the Ice Gets, Until He Finally Falls Through."

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
San Francisco, Sept. 22.—If you have money to loan, give us your ears. Don't loan it. But if you feel that you must part with your good marmos for the benefit of others, beware of young ladies. Especially if they be fair.

That is the probable soliloquy of one George H. Dowsing, who had haled into court Miss Irene Cagen, his fiancée, charging her with converting to her own use certain sums of money given her to deposit in the bank. The young lady claims that the money was loaned to her.

In his decision of the case Police Judge Weller said: "When a man gets to lending money to a young lady, especially a good looking lady, he gets on mighty thin ice, and the more he lends the thinner the ice gets, until finally he falls through. The case is dismissed."

### HIGHEST PRICE FOR HOPS PAID TO JIM GONG

To Jim Gong, a Chinaman leasing the Pettijohn ranch near this city, belongs the distinction of having secured the highest price paid for hops during the present season in the Willamette Valley.

Gong has as fine a crop of hops as has ever been raised in the valley and he sold them yesterday for 35 1/2 cents a pound, selling about 85 bales in all. These engineering the deal declined to disclose the identity of the purchaser.

Considerable hops have been purchased in the vicinity of Harrisburg for 35 cents a pound and some for 32 cents, but the market did not reach the top notch until yesterday when the Gong purchase was made.

### AN AUTO SPEEDIST FOR KILLING ARRESTED FOR KILLING

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
Tacoma, Sept. 22.—A warrant was issued today for the arrest of H. N. White, president of the Standard Paper company, charging him with the killing of little Earl Van Horn Wednesday evening, as the boy was slighting from a street car. The warrant was sworn out by Chief Frasier.

"Statements of passengers on the street car and others has convinced me that the automobile was going faster than the law permits," said Frasier. "Many witnesses have signified their willingness to appear on the stand to testify against White."

## CANADA KNOCKS OUT RECIPROCITY "KANUCKS" DON'T LIKE "YANKEES"

### Each Will Be Overpaid.

Bremerton, Wash., Sept. 22.—Articles of agreement were signed here today by Rev. R. L. Wolfe, pastor of the McKinley Memorial church, and W. B. Jessup, editor of the Bremerton Searchlight, whereby they will exchange their vocations for one week.

Editor Jessup is to deliver a sermon at the church Sunday evening, October 1. Pastor Wolfe is to edit the Searchlight for the week beginning September 20. Jessup is to receive \$5 for his ministerial work and Wolfe is to get all he can out of the newspaper business.

## THE G. F. KURTZ PRUNE DRIER DESTROYED

CAUGHT FIRE ABOUT 9 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING AND WAS A TOTAL LOSS—THOUSANDS VIEW FIRE.

The fire alarm this morning about 9 o'clock was caused by a blaze in the big prune drier on South Commercial street just beyond the crossing of North Mill Creek. Just how the big prune drier on North Commercial was dry as tinder and by the time the fire department arrived, it was beyond the saving point and was a total loss. A stream was turned on the big woodpile which was ablaze, and this was soon safe. The department turned its attention to protecting the neighboring properties, none of which were damaged, due partly to the fact that garden hose were brought into use, and the roof kept wet until the department arrived.

The fire was a spectacular one, the building being just in the turn of Commercial street, and from downtown appearing to be in the street's center. Commercial street was soon filled with people watching the fire at which they were so intent that they paid little attention to the honking autos on their way to the fire. The building belonged to G. F. Kurtz, a prominent prune grower, with a big orchard near Salem. Mr. Kurtz being out of town, nothing could be learned as to the insurance, or the total amount of loss, but it will be several thousand dollars.

## SHOULD PAY EITHER MORE OR NOTHING

Portland, Or., Sept. 22.—"I cannot value a man's life at \$250. That is too cheap," said Judge McGinn today, in discussing his refusal to sign an order releasing the Oregon Electric company from the responsibility for the death of Frank Westhoff, who was killed by one of the corporation's trains at Hillsboro July 6.

Proceedings say \$250 damages were paid the estate. When the judge was asked to sign the order by the administrator of Westhoff's estate, McGinn declined, saying that if the company was guilty of negligence it should pay more, or if it was not responsible, should pay nothing.

The bill for funeral expenses amounted to \$517, more than twice the value which the company was willing to pay on account of his death.

### No Gun; No Literature.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
San Francisco, Sept. 22.—Count Spiridon Gopevic, a Polish author, wanted to seek an inspiration by strolling through Golden Gate park at night. He feared highwaymen, so asked permission to carry a gun. This was denied, squelching his literary efforts.

A man always firmly regards obstinacy as essentially a feminine attribute.

## CONSERVATIVES IN SADDLE AND LIBERALS ARE UNDER IT PRESIDENT DISAPPOINTED

Liberals Never Had a Look-in—French-Canadians Are Responsible for the Result, They Being Almost Solidly Against It—Laurier's Government Is Beaten at Least 50 Votes, and Probably More—Sentiment on This Side of the Line Is Generally One of Regret—Bailey, of Texas, in a Voice From the Tombs Rejoices.

Montreal, Sept. 22.—The Liberal government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier suffered a disastrous defeat in the Canadian elections held today.

The returns show such heavy Conservative gain that the overthrow of the government is assured and the leading Liberal newspapers conceded the defeat of the Laurier government and the rejection of reciprocity.

By 9:20 last night the returns showed 110 Conservative members elected, or only two short of a majority, with the tide running strong for large additional gains.

Taft Disappointed.  
Kalamazoo, Mich., Sept. 22.—President Taft, at a banquet here last night, said:

"I have just been informed that reciprocity has failed in Canada. For me it is a great disappointment. I had hoped that it would be put through to prove the correctness of my judgment that it would be a good thing for both countries.

"It takes two to make a bargain and if Canada declines we can still go on doing business at the old stand."

After having had time to analyze the complete returns, the president will make a statement or incorporate his opinion in a speech.

President Taft left here at 10:30 p. m. last night for Peoria, Ill.

Canadians Voted Taft.  
Washington, Sept. 22.—"The United States is to be congratulated," was the succinct comment of Senator Joseph W. Bailey, of Texas, here today when asked his opinion of the landslide in Canada.

Congressman Sims, of Tennessee, in an interview said: "President Taft knows how it feels to be vetoed. The president vetoed the Democratic bills of the last session, and now Canada has vetoed his bill. I think it must be admitted

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that the Canadian election will hurt the president's party, and aid the Democrats in the next campaign.

"Reciprocity has been held before the country as the remedy for the high cost of living, and is really the only remedy that the Republicans have proposed. The high cost of living must be lowered by the reduction of the tariff, and I now predict that the voters will turn to the Democratic party in 1912."

It's Bound to Come.  
Boston, Sept. 22.—"One defeat for reciprocity does not mean its death, said Governor Foss of Massachusetts, today on learning the result of the Canadian election. "It is hard to understand how Canadians allowed themselves to be frightened with the annexation bugaboo, and to defeat a measure which would mean as much to them as to Americans. Reciprocity is bound ultimately to succeed.

Was Good for Both.  
Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 22.—In commenting on the outcome of the election in Canada, Oscar Underwood, Democratic leader in the National house, said here today:

"I am disappointed with the result of the vote on reciprocity. Reciprocity would have brought great good to both countries, and they have both suffered material loss as the result of Canada's action."

Canadian Paper Comments.  
Toronto, Can., Sept. 22.—The Globe, leading liberal paper of Canada, comments as follows on the result:

"The government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier goes out of power on a great issue. Believing, as it did, that the offer of the United States to exchange natural products with Canada,

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