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FIRST SURVIVORS OF VESTRIS ARRIVE

LAVA FLOW IS THREATENING NEW TERRITORY

Central Branch Of Main Stream In Mt. Etna Is Reopened

DAMAGE ALREADY IN MILLIONS

Catania, Sicily, Nov. 14.—(U.P.)—Mount Etna continued to threaten the countryside today as the lava flow, which already has caused millions of dollars damage, swept on towards the sea.

The central branch of the main stream, which had been quiet since Friday, resumed its flow yesterday, proceeding at a rate of three meters an hour.

The advance engulfed the second highway between Messina and Catania and caused further traffic tieups. Motor lorries and freight carriers had been using this road but henceforth all traffic now must be by sea between the two cities.

Other parts of the lava torrent had quieted somewhat and at the little city of Nuzziata, where the lava reached the outskirts and bowled over many houses, the stream was reported quiet this morning.

There have been no reports of additional deaths—with the toll now standing at two—but one accident yesterday almost led to the death of Professor Gaetano Ponte, director of the Catania Volcano-Logic Institute.

He was observing the volcano from an airplane piloted by Lieut. Zanelli. When the plane reached a position about 70 meters from the crater, it dipped and was seemingly out of control. Zanelli, managed however, to right the craft and prevented a landing.

True To Tradition Captain Carey Goes Down With His Ship

New York, Nov. 14.—(U.P.)—True to the traditions of the sea, Capt. William J. Carey of the Vestris apparently went down with his ship, survivors' stories revealed today.

One of the last persons to see Carey alive was George Fantana, of New York, a passenger, who was standing with the captain on the sinking hull of the Vestris as the ship finally went down. Fantana, who cannot swim, was thrown into the water and clung to a bit of wreckage for an hour before he was taken into one of the lifeboats.

Capt. Frederick Sorenson, another passenger, said he was convinced that Capt. Carey made no attempt to save himself.

Notice Knights of Pythias

There will be an important meeting of the local Knights of Pythias Lodge at the home on Third street at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night. Grand Chancellor David Adams requests that all members and officers of the Ready Relief also attend the meeting.

PLAN TO REVISE LAW ON TARIFF

Congressional Leaders Are Suggesting A General Revision

Washington, Nov. 14.—(U.P.)—A general revision of the tariff is being planned by returning congressional leaders.

They have no hopes of undertaking the task at the coming short session, but they are almost unanimously of the opinion that it should be begun in a special session beginning next March 4.

While much water will go over many dams before March, the unanimity of opinion indicates an unexpected change of sentiment all around, which may be expected eventually to bring about a revision of the present tariff system which now has been in effect six years.

The farmers' representatives are joining hands with the congressional industrialists to promote the idea. Both confidently expect President-elect Hoover will be compelled to call an extra session after his inauguration even though a farm relief bill is passed in the short session, because they figure no farm relief without tariff.

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Lost Check Causes Considerable Discussion

Richmond, Ind., Nov. 14.—(U.P.)—A lost check for \$8,000 dollars placed in the mails by the Pennsylvania railroad in payment of the fall installment of its Wayne County taxes has been lost, and as a result there is confusion in the office of A. B. Harrison, county treasurer.

He has referred the case to the state board of accounts, taking the view that as the money was not received on or before Nov. 5, last day for payment, the railroad is now delinquent and subject to an \$8,000 penalty.

A railroad representative came here from the general offices at Philadelphia, with a duplicate check to show that the original check had been placed in the mail.

URGES PARTY TO "CARRY ON"

Governor Smith Says His Interest Will Always Be In Democrats

New York, Nov. 14.—(U.P.)—Just before stepping from the political arena in which he has played so conspicuous a part, Gov. Alfred E. Smith delivered a "message to the American People" last night, calling upon the Democratic party to "Carry On." The address was broadcast over a nation-wide hook-up of radio stations.

He urged the party to look forward and plan a constructive program of accomplishment which would constitute a firm foundation for the 1932 Presidential campaign.

Complete cooperation with President-elect Hoover would be the duty of every member of the Democratic party, he said, pointing out that they would be the way of all good citizens. Hoover is now the leader of the nation, not just of the Republican Party, and he is entitled to fair chance to plan and carry out a national program, Smith said.

Smith said his own defeat in no way indicated that the Democratic party lay crushed and broken. On the contrary it was alive and vigorous and now stood in a position to more successfully than ever solicit the confidence and support of the American people, Governor Smith said.

Though the radio speech was, in a sense the final word of the nominee to his party, Smith declared that he was as intensely interested as ever in the principles of the Democratic party and that he not only would stand for them but "battle for them." He had previously announced, however, that he would never again be a candidate for public office.

Touching upon the bitterness aroused in the campaign which just closed he urged that it all should be swept aside and forgotten and the people set their faces with common enthusiasms to the nation's welfare.

"It would be regarded as a constructive achievement if the Democratic party at Washington were to formulate a program, adopt it, offer it to the congress of the United States, and there defend it. A refusal on the part of the party in power to accept it or their inability to bring about party unity for the solution of these problems would then fix the responsibility and make a record on which a successful campaign can be waged four years from now."

Pointing to his tremendous popular vote, Smith told his audience—both radio and the 200 friends and relatives gathered to hear him in the WEAF studio—that such a policy must be adopted if the party wished to keep faith with the millions who voted for him Nov. 6.

Accompanied by friends, Governor Smith planned to leave at 10 A. M. today for a two weeks vacation at the Edgewater Gulf hotel, near Biloxi, Miss. He said that he was anxious to put the cares and worries of politics far behind him.

John J. Raskob, chairman of the Democratic National committee; William F. Kenna, in whose private car the trip will be made; and James J. Rorand will be Smith's companions on the southern journey.

To Hold Conference

Terre Haute, Ind., Nov. 14.—(U.P.)—Residents of the Wabash River Valley in Indiana and Illinois were expected here Thursday to attend a conference to consider a program for improvement of the stream. Building of levees as flood-protection and work to link the river with the Lakes-to-the-Gulf, waterway system will be discussed. Col. George R. Spaulding, Louisville, Ky., U. S. Army engineer, and James E. Watson, Senior U. S. Senator from Indiana, are scheduled to speak.

Celebrate Golden Anniversary



Above is a photograph of Mr. and Mrs. James Hurst, well-known Decatur couple who celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary last Saturday.

BANKING HOUSE MAY LIQUIDATE

Farmers And Merchants Bank At Geneva Is Closed Today

Geneva, Ind., Nov. 14.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Fearing a run on the deposits of the bank, which was evident yesterday in heavy withdrawals by depositors, the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Geneva did not open for business this morning.

The following notice was placed on the door: "Nov. 13, 1928. Bank closed by order of the board of directors pending arrival of the state banking department."

The future operation of the bank depends on what the representatives of the state banking department advise. E. B. Gauker, cashier of the institution stated this morning. The withdrawals by depositors yesterday, heavier than usual, was noticeable, Mr. Gauker stated and the members of the board of directors were called into special session and it was decided not to open the bank.

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TO ASK LARGE APPROPRIATION

About \$500,000 To Be Asked Of New Legislature For State Buildings

Indianapolis, Nov. 14.—(U.P.)—Indiana legislators will be asked to appropriate nearly \$500,000 for new buildings at the various penal institutions according to budgets now on file with the board of accounts.

Yet an increased adult probation program might curtail the constantly growing penal population that such huge expenditures would be unnecessary in the opinion of John A. Brown, secretary of the state charities board.

He cites the case of Massachusetts, where no new prison buildings have been necessary during the last 25 years. That state leads all others in the matter of adult probation, he says.

As a result the penal population has decreased from 6,877 in 1914 to 5,373 in 1927. During the same period in Indiana the number of prisoners has increased from 3,114 to 5,738. A similar increase is noted in the majority of the other states, Brown declares.

"From a social standpoint, adult probation is very advisable," he asserts. "It is not entirely a matter of the saving of dollars and cents to the state."

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Bays Girls Return To Liberty Center Again

Bluffton, Nov. 14.—(U.P.)—Mary Bays, 13, and her sister, Edna, 16, daughter of Ed Bays of Liberty Center who have been sought by police since last Sunday were found in the hay mow of their barn.

The girls when found told a conflicting story of where they had been. They have been turned over to probation officers.

EVENING STAR FESTIVAL OPENS IN THIS CITY

Howard Russell's Company Entertains First Night Crowd

FAMOUS LECTURER HERE TONIGHT

Howard Russell's C-legians, a company of entertaining musicians entertained an interested audience at the Decatur high school auditorium last night in the opening program of the Evening Star Festival company which is being given in this city under the auspices of the Decatur Lions club.

Every member of the Russell company was talented and added amusement and interest to the program. Owing to the fact that there were several conflicting meetings in the city last night the crowd was not as large as usual.

The program tonight will not start until 8:30 o'clock in order that those people who wish to attend prayer meetings first may do so. Sam Grathwell, world-famous lecturer will deliver his latest address, "China—A Vision of a Nightmare." Mr. Grathwell spent a long time in the Orient and talked with all classes of people concerning the great strife which has enveloped China the last few months and now he is prepared to tell of that struggle.

Mr. Grathwell's lecture is one that will please all people, for he uses understandable words and phrases and adds enough human interest to make the evening one of real entertainment. General admission tickets may be purchased at the doors tonight. The prices for tonight are 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

Thursday night will be the feature night of the four-night program, with the presentation of Frank Craven, New York stage success, "New Brooms," under the personal direction of Ernest Raymond Misner. The Thursday night program will start at 8:15 o'clock.

John French Heads Teachers' Association

Lebanon Ind., Nov. 14.—(U.P.)—John M. French, Martinsville has been chosen president of the Western Indiana Teachers association for the ensuing year. Martinsville was selected as the next convention city.

The following schools were represented at the meeting: Terre Haute, Greencastle, Crawfordsville, Martinsville, Attica, and Bloomington.

ADAMS COUNTY RESIDENT DIES

George M. T. Houck Of Kirkland Township Dies This Morning

George M. T. Houck, 79, well-known resident and for many years a prominent farmer of Kirkland township, died at 3:40 o'clock this morning at the St. Joseph hospital in Fort Wayne, where he was taken last Saturday when he became stricken with appendicitis.

Mr. Houck had been residing with his daughter, Mrs. Olga Barweiler, of Fort Wayne for the last few months and had been in fairly good health until last Saturday. When Mr. Houck became stricken he was taken to the St. Joseph hospital. Because of his advanced age, an operation was advised against. Mr. Houck died at 3:40 o'clock this morning.

George M. T. Houck was born in Mahoning county, Ohio, July 19, 1849. When four years of age he moved to Adams county with his parents and spent the rest of his life in this county with the exception of the last few months.

In 1872 Mr. Houck was married to Mary Cline, who preceded him in death in 1919. Five children survive. They are, Charles H. Houck, of Muncie; Hattie Crum, Honduras; Lillian Sprague, Hartford City; Rolla Houck, Peterson and Olga Barweiler, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Houck was a member of the Christian Union church of Honduras and for 41 years was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge of this city. The local Odd Fellows lodge will have charge of the services.

The remains will be at the S. E. Black funeral chapel in this city until Thursday morning and will then be removed to the home of H. P. Crum at Honduras. Funeral services will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock at the Zion church at Honduras and burial will be made at the church cemetery.

Rome City Resort Hotel Is Destroyed By Fire

The Triplett hotel, at Sylvan lake, Rome City, was completely destroyed by fire early Monday morning, according to word received in this city today. The hotel has long been a rendezvous for Decatur people during the vacation months.

The fire was of unknown origin and started early Monday morning according to word received here. The loss was estimated at \$35,000 and was only partly covered by insurance. William Ward, caretaker of the hotel during the winter months discovered the fire.

The building was a frame structure and the fire spread rapidly. It was built in 1888. No announcement has been made whether the hotel will be rebuilt.

HOOVER SHIFTS PLANS OF TOUR

May Remain In South On Return From Ocean Trip

Palo Alto, Calif., Nov. 14.—(U.P.)—President-elect Hoover had about decided today to prolong his visit in the south on his return from his South American tour until just before his inauguration.

Previously he had considered proposals that he return home by way of Florida, stopping for a few days there, and proceeding by easy stages back to Washington. After further consideration, he has come to see the advantage in setting up winter headquarters in the south and planning his administration at some restful place.

The possible places where he might establish himself include Florida, Pass Christian, Miss., where Woodrow Wilson spent some time, and San Antonio.

In addition to avoiding the slash and snow of a Washington winter, the president-elect would be farther from office seekers who haunt Washington, particularly on the eve of a new administration.

Not the least of the advantages of a southern stay would be the opportunity mixing with the southerners and making contacts of future political benefit in that section which gave him such a tremendous vote.

Hoover is giving serious attention to the break in the solid south, a break which belied the predictions of most political prophets. He and his political lieutenants are thinking of ways to capitalize it, realizing its immense importance in the future of the republican party.

The president-elect, it is known, is combing the field of southern talent in making his cabinet slate. One or more places will go, it is believed, to men from below the Mason and Dixon line, which his victory helped make still less distinct.

Hoover today was completing final plans for his departure Monday for South America, attending to details from clothing and fishing tackle to matters that may arise while he is out of the country.

Handling of the latter he will leave largely in the hands of Assistant Attorney General William J. Donovan, who arrived here yesterday and will be a guest in the Hoover home until the president-elect leaves here Sunday night for San Pedro, where he and his party will board the battleship Maryland Monday.

Donovan's importance among Hoover's confidants was emphasized by the summons here by the president-elect. As a result, his stock has risen considerably among those making cabinet slates and who already are making him attorney general.

Donovan, himself, only smiled when asked if he would be head of the justice department in the Hoover administration. He said he and the president-elect has not discussed the matter. He laughed, broadly when told he had been picked, likewise, as prohibition commissioner.

New Wage Agreement For Indiana Miners

Brazil, Ind., Nov. 14.—(U.P.)—A new wage agreement has been reached by the United Mine Workers of district No. 8 and the Brazil Block Coal Operators Association.

The district No. 8 agreement for pick mining is higher than district No. 11 because of lower coal. The No. 8 miners will receive \$1.60 per ton for screen block coal; \$1.28 for mine run coal; and \$1.65 per ton for low coal of two feet ten inches. Inside day labor will receive \$6.10 per day and most outside day labor \$5.66. The agreement affects about 1,200 miners.

SURVIVORS OF VESTRIS TELL TRAGIC STORY

Many Still Missing As Ships Commence Unloading Passengers

STORY IS TOLD OF GREAT BRAVERY

(U.P.)

KNOWN FACTS

The toll of the Vestris, which sank Monday, stood today at: Known to be dead—8. Rescued—210.

Still unaccounted for—108.

Of those accounted for, the Battleship Wyoming had eight rescued; the S. S. Berlin brought 23 to New York; the S. S. American shipper brought 125 to New York; the French tanker Myriam was bringing 54 to New York; the cutter Manning had three bodies; the coast guard destroyer Davis had four bodies; and a cutter had one body.

New York, Nov. 14.—(U.P.)—A story of tragedy and heroism was brought here today by the first survivors from the lost steamer Vestris to reach land.

The North German Lloyd steamer Berlin brought in five passengers and 18 members of the crew of the Vestris, which she had picked up in a lifeboat near the spot where the Lamport and Holt liner went down Monday about 240 miles off the Virginia capes.

Now two lifeboats filled with women and children broke from their davits while being lowered, throwing their screaming freight into the sea; how a negro boatswain's mate swam to a lifeboat that broke loose and rescued a group of survivors; and how this boat fought for hours with the stormy sea until rescued, were told by these aboard the Berlin.

The most moving tale of heroism was how Michael J. O'Loughlin, chief radio operator of the Vestris, stuck to his post until the ship went down, sending out his calls through the air, "but brought rescue ships speeding from all sides. It was believed O'Loughlin went down with the ship."

"I could hear the radio sputtering up to the time I jumped into the water," said James A. Adams, the first engineer, one of those rescued by the Berlin, whose accounts, pieced together, made a thrilling story.

The story revealed why it was that so many of the women and children aboard the Vestris were lost. True to the traditions of the sea, the women and children were loaded into the boats first, and it was the first two boats that capsized.

Hours of anxiety and suffering among the 326 passengers and crew aboard the Vestris, from the time the liner first began to list in a heavy sea on Sunday night, until the survivors were picked up on Tuesday morning, were described by these aboard the Berlin.

The mystery of why the Vestris

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WOMEN GATHER FOR MEETING

District Meeting Of Moose Auxiliary Held Here At K. Of C. Hall

Women of the Mooseheart Legion, district number three, of Columbia City, Huntington, Fort Wayne, Auburn, Angola, Bluffton and Sturgis, Mich., met here today for the bi-monthly meeting of the district organization, the meeting being held at the K. of C. hall.

More than 100 women are expected to attend the dinner which will be served at 5:30 o'clock this evening in the basement of the First Christian church, corner of Second and Jefferson streets. The women of the Christian church will serve the dinner.

The women met at the K. of C. hall this afternoon. The program consisted of a social hour, the nominating of officers and initiation of candidates. The installation of the newly elected officers will take place this evening.

Mrs. Pearl Edwards, of Auburn, is the district senior regent at present. The local chapter of which Mrs. Clara Breiner is the senior regent has a membership of about 65. The Decatur women acted as hostesses to the visiting delegates and were in charge of the details for the program.

