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GRISCOM GOES TO MEET THE FLEET

AMERICAN RELIEF SHIP ALSO SAILS FOR MESSINA.

FLIES RED CROSS EMBLEM

American Women in Rome Organize to Help Distribute Funds—Wyman Thinks Great Epidemic Unlikely.

Rome, Jan. 7.—Ambassador Griscom left here to-day for Messina to meet the American squadron, which is expected to arrive there on Saturday under Rear Admiral Sperry on the flagship Connecticut.

The steamer Bayern, the American relief ship, flying the Red Cross emblem, sailed for Messina to-day. This steamer with its great cargo of supplies will be able to take care of thousands of sufferers. There are three surgeons aboard and 50 nurses, of whom three are American and three English. Fifty-eight thousand dollars has been spent for the medical outfit, provisions and clothes for distribution ashore. There is an immense supply of the necessaries of life aboard, for both men, women and children.

American Women Help.

An auxiliary committee of American ladies has been formed to administer a portion of the funds reaching the American committee here for the relief of the refugees from the earth-



Giovanni Giolitti

quake zone. Mrs. Lloyd C. Griscom, wife of the American ambassador, presides over the committee, which is composed of Mrs. Winthrop Chanler of Boston, Mrs. Nelson Gay of Boston, and Mrs. Maude Howe Elliott of Boston. The auxiliary committee has already begun work.

The cabinet meets daily under the presidency of Premier Giolitti. It is proposed to ask parliament to increase the tax on buildings by \$360,000.

Royalty Wants No Compliments.

The following semi-official statement was issued yesterday afternoon: "The sovereigns warmly desire that the progressive children's demonstration at the Quirinal on the occasion of Queen Helena's birthday, next Friday, as well as the suggestion to coin commemorative medals as an evidence of the gratitude of the nation to the king and the queen for their work in the interests of the earthquake sufferers, be abandoned. Instead it is the desire of their majesties that all the benevolent energies of the country be directed, in the present sad moment, in the direction of helping the people who are victims of this grave misfortune in the most efficacious manner possible."

Americans Safe at Naples.

Naples, Jan. 7.—The following Americans, reported as having been in Sicily at the time of the earthquake, are here safe: Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Petrie, Phillipsburg, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Dalton, San Diego, Cal.; Gen. Hall and party of six, Portland, Me.; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wallenstein, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis P. MacNamara, New York; Dr. and Mrs. Hermann Pink, Indianapolis; Mrs. William Wilson, Cincinnati; Miss A. L. Black-

stone, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Redick, New York; J. Connor, Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. Bates and Mrs. Bates, Sr., Chicago; George C. Hickey, Los Angeles, Cal.

Great Epidemic Unlikely.

Washington, Jan. 7.—"Judging from modern instances, it does not seem probable that any great epidemic will follow the earthquakes in Italy," declared Surgeon General Wyman of the public health and marine hospital service yesterday. "Of course," continued the surgeon general, "if a disease is already existent in a place, a convulsion of nature, such as an earthquake, with destruction of buildings, the breaking of sewers, interference with pure water supply, and other consequent insanitary conditions, would tend to cause an increase of cases, but there is a popular misapprehension as to the real danger. If for example, the plague existed in Messina at the time of the earthquake, doubtless conditions would arise that would favor its spread, but plague was not there. The same might be said with regard to cholera or even small-pox."

PASTOR SLAIN AND BURNED

SHOCKING CRIME DISCOVERED AT COLUMBUS, MICH.

Rev. J. J. Carmichael's Dismembered Body Found in Two Stoves of His Church.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 7.—The dismembered body of Rev. John J. Carmichael, a Methodist minister, was found yesterday partly consumed by fire, in the two heating stoves of one of his three churches near Columbus in the southwestern part of St. Clair county.

Investigation was begun at once to clear away a temporary uncertainty as to the identity of the victim and to obtain clues regarding the murderer and the motive for the crime. Identification of the dead clergyman was soon effected by Orville Lindsay, who was sent to the church for that purpose by Mrs. Carmichael, who had been in great distress since her husband failed to return home Tuesday evening, and who surmised that he was the victim as soon as she heard the report that some one had been murdered in the Columbus church. But clues of the murderer and his motive were more difficult to obtain.

There was a rumor that a strange man had left a train at Hickey late Tuesday afternoon and had been directed to the Columbus church, and there were other rumors indicating that two men were implicated in the crime. The fact that several coins were found in the clothing of the dead man and in the ashes in the stoves precluded the theory of robbery, and at the time of his death it was not known that the murdered minister had an enemy in the world.

Mr. Carmichael had been in Michigan about ten years and for two years had been pastor of the three churches at Columbus, Adair and China. With his wife and three children, he resided at Adair.

COLD WAVE ENVELOPS EAST.

Atlantic and Gulf States Have Big Drop in Temperature.

Washington, Jan. 7.—A cold wave which swept over the entire country yesterday spread last night over the east and south to the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, causing a drop in the temperature of from 20 to 40 degrees.

The temperature was lower today, and the weather bureau states that the zero line will extend into northern and extreme western Virginia by Friday morning.

The cold weather will continue to be severe until the end of the week. There will be moderation in the temperature in the central west Friday or Saturday. Fair weather has prevailed generally over the country except in the western plateau region.

Indicted for Extensive Forgeries.

Boise, Idaho, Jan. 7.—Eight indictments were returned yesterday by the Ada county grand jury against H. E. Neal, former cashier of the defunct Capital State bank. Forgeries aggregating \$78,000 are charged.

ANOTHER ACTIVE VOLCANO.



NOT THE BUSINESS OF THE SENATORS

SO SAYS PRESIDENT CONCERNING STEEL TRUST DEAL.

GAVE IT HIS APPROVAL

Instructed Attorney General Not to Give Senate Reasons of Not Prosecuting the Great Corporation.

Washington, Jan. 7.—President Roosevelt yesterday informed the senate in no uncertain terms that he had given his approval to the absorption of the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company by the United States Steel Corporation and that he had instructed Attorney General Bonaparte not to respond to the senate inquiry as to the reason for his failure to prosecute the steel company.

The president concludes his message with the statement that he does not conceive "to be within the authority of the senate to give directions of this character to the head of an executive department."

The message to the senate was in response to a resolution introduced by Senator Culberson calling on the attorney general to state whether he had brought an action against the steel company, because of its acquisition of the Tennessee concern, and if not, the reason for non-action.

Responds for Bonaparte.

While the resolution was not directed to President Roosevelt his attention was called to it by Attorney General Bonaparte, who, after quoting the requirements of the resolution, said: "As you are aware, no such proceedings have been instituted."

Commenting upon the attorney general's letter the president says: "As to the transaction in question, I was personally cognizant of and responsible for its every detail."

The president then tells the senate why he permitted the deal and added that he was advised by the attorney general that no sufficient ground existed for legal proceedings against the steel corporation.

Fight Over Fulton's Bill.

An adverse report to the senate on Senator Fulton's bill to prohibit railroads from increasing freight and passenger rates without due notice was made by Chairman Elkins of the committee on interstate commerce. The action of the committee anticipated a message from President Roosevelt calling attention to the need for further legislation on the subject of railroad rate legislation, as indicated by the recent decision of the supreme court of the United States in the case

of E. H. Harriman against the interstate commerce commission.

It is expected that the president's message will be used as an argument in favor of taking up the Fulton bill in the senate regardless of the report made against it and Senator Fulton already has given notice that he will make an effort on the floor to overturn the committee report.

KEPT BROTHER UNDER WATCH

HAINS FEARED CAPTAIN WOULD DO SOME INSANE THING.

Defendant in Annis Trial Sustains Severe Cross-Examination—Forgetfulness Due to Illness.

Flushing, N. Y., Jan. 7.—For over six hours yesterday District Attorney Darrin kept Thornton J. Hains under a ceaseless fire of searching cross-examination and, while the defendant frequently admitted that he could not remember some of the minor details, the main essentials of his direct testimony remained unshaken.

Hains, on trial for the killing of William E. Annis, told the court that he had been ill the day before, which he declared caused him to be forgetful. Hains was still under the prosecutor's fire when adjournment came.

Thornton Hains testified that because of the admonitions of his parents he kept his brother under constant surveillance, fearing he might do some insane thing. District Attorney Darrin by ingenious interrogations, led and drove by turns the defendant to admit that when Annis' boat was nearing the float he told Capt. Hains that he was going home, and left the army officer standing on the dock showing every evidence of mental disturbance. Hains said he had walked about 30 or 40 feet toward the clubhouse and when he turned around Capt. Hains had disappeared. The shooting followed within a few seconds on the float below the dock.

Darrin asked Thornton Hains if he knew that the revolver with which Annis had been killed had been purchased at 11:45 o'clock on the morning of August 15, the day of the shooting, at a Broadway store. Hains said that he did not.

Justice Crane informed counsel for both sides that they must have their evidence in by next Saturday night.

The Persian Child's Rag Doll.

Persian children play almost exclusively with rag dolls, the clothes of which are put on to stay. She misses the pleasure of the American girl who dresses and undresses her doll most of the time.

A doll from the Sudan is cleverly described as a "rag and a bone and a bank of hair," and Sudanese dolls are characteristically greasy and dirty—would make cold shivers run up the kid backs of any French doll who saw them.—Bohemian Magazine.

'COUNT' HAMON HAS FLED FROM FRANCE

NOTED CHARACTER IS ACCUSED OF EMBEZZLEMENT.

WAS FORMERLY "CHEIRO"

Meteoric Career of One-Time Palmist Comes to an End—His Paris Bank is Closed.

Paris, Jan. 7.—"Count" Louis Hamon, formerly known in America and Europe as "Cheiro, the Palmist," and before that as plain John Warner, is a fugitive from France, and the entire American and English colony is discussing one of the most meteoric and mysterious careers which ever dazzled Parisian society.

Hamon is charged with embezzlement and his sumptuous offices, where he edited a newspaper called the American Register and conducted a bank and other enterprises, to which Americans loaned capital, are empty, scores of creditors having descended and seized everything.

Say They Lent Him Stocks.

The complainants against Hamon are Mrs. Julia P. Newell and Miss Josephine Pomeroy, formerly of New York but now residents of Paris, who declare that they turned over to Hamon stocks to the market value of \$500,000 on which Hamon agreed to raise a loan through London banks of \$150,000. They allege, however, that Hamon neither negotiated the loan nor returned the stock, in consequence of which they began a criminal action against the Hamon bank.

An examining magistrate opened an investigation, after which, according to Hamon's secretary, Hamon, learning that the warrant was about to be issued for his arrest, left for London. The secretary also asserted that the women had entrusted their money to Hamon for the purchase of stocks, but the deals had resulted in heavy losses, owing to a break in the market. He declared that Hamon owed the women only \$7,000.

Cut a Dash in Paris.

Hamon had been a dashing figure in Paris since his arrival here six years ago. He lived in costly apartments in the Rue du Bois de Boulogne. Considerable mystery attaches to his title, which has been questioned. He claimed to have inherited it from his father, who received it from the pope. The man's real name is said to be L. E. Warner.

A statement issued at the bank yesterday sets forth that as a result of the proceedings the credit of the institution had been adversely affected and that the local branch would close temporarily. Other branches of the institution are located in London and New York. "Count" Hamon's secretary explained that the whole incident was the result of a misunderstanding, but admitted that the "count" was trying to meet some pressing obligations when the crash came.

Was Received in Society.

Since he arrived in Paris in 1902, when he transformed himself from "Cheiro, the Palmist," to "Count Hamon," he has had easy access to society. One of his special friends was a man known as "Abbe de la Fresnaye," whose scholarly and agreeable manner secured for him entry into the most exclusive circles. It was the "Abbe" who presented Hamon everywhere and introduced him to Mrs. Newell and many others, with whom later he had business dealings.

Two Killed in Rail Wreck.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 7.—Two men were killed and two injured in a wreck on the Missouri Pacific railroad 10 miles east of here last evening when a local passenger train collided with the caboose of a freight train which was being side-tracked.

Snowslide Blocks a Railway.

Provo, Utah, Jan. 7.—A huge snowslide in Provo canyon yesterday morning will stop traffic over the Denver & Grande to Heber City for two days. The slide is just below Donnans, about 10 miles up the canyon.