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London, June 19th.—A Turkish transport, the "Umid", was seized by a British destroyer, according to the Constantinople correspondent of the Times. It was taken at Haidar Pasha, where the British removed two field guns, 14 mountain guns and two breechblocks and then allowed it to continue to its destination Panderma, with men and horses. The correspondent confirms the information that the Turks were attempting to remove evidence of violation of the Mudania armistice and added that the Turks thus far made no protest, preserving a tactful silence.

Berlin, June 19th.—A semi-official despatch from Essen says that in consequence of the French "hunger blockade" no milk reached Essen on Monday. Provisions are being sent to the large cities and towns, as far as possible by motor lorries, but the transportation of supplies is seriously impeded by orders issued by general Degoutte. A large number of waggons loaded with provisions have fallen into the hands of the French.

Rome, June 18th.—Mount Etna, in violent eruption, is laying waste to the surrounding country side, say despatches reaching the mainland. Great rivers of molten rocks, pouring down the steep sides of the mountain from fissures, are overwhelming all before them and the inhabitants of the surrounding settlements stand in despair while crops and homes disappear under the hissing flood. The main crater of Etna, after its displays last week, suddenly opened up at midnight on Sunday with a noise like the firing of a thousand cannons. There were subterranean rumblings, flames shot into the sky and the populations of the little towns about the base of the cone fled to the plains. Five great cracks opened in the northeastern side of the mountain and from the mouths, seven kilometres from the old crater, came streams of lava. Thousands of tons of rocks and ashes were hurled from both the old and new craters and the lava streams, advancing on a frontage estimated at 500 yards, laid waste the vineyards and forests in their paths and progressed at the speed of a mile and a quarter an hour. Isolated houses, left early by their occupants long acquainted with Etna's habits were speedily devastated. The important railway station of Castiglione was destroyed. Linguaglossa, which is some ten miles from the central crater, was surrounded by lava. Several houses in the town collapsed, but the 1,600 inhabitants got away safely. Serro was also enveloped and most of the villages in the neighbourhood were quickly deserted. The sky was dull with smoke, and cinders and dust fell heavily over a large area. The roads and fields were filled with fleeing inhabitants, most of them carrying a few possessions, hastily

gathered, or pushing wheelbarrows and hand trucks. The sight of the first few fugitives from the danger zone coming into Messina, coupled with the terrific subterranean noises heard there, drove hundreds of citizens of that town to the sea shore for safety. No loss of life has been reported in the despatches received here.

Ascot, Heath, June 19th.—The Ascot stakes of 2,000 pounds, with extras, run here today, was won by W. M. G. Singers Junio. Lady Peachyn's Donna Inez was second and Lady Nelson's Mizzen Mast third. 16 horses ran. The betting was 5 to 1 against the winner, 100 to 8 against Donna Inez and 7 to 1 against Mizzen Mast.

Whithington, Lanes, Jun 19th.—The lawn tennis team was eliminated from the Davis Cup competition by the Spaniards, as the result of today's play.

Rome, June 19th.—The wave of lava from the violent eruption of mount Etna is advancing steadily to lay on Linguaglossa, despatches, from Catania state, lava is flowing across the railway and has reached a point only a few hundred yards from the town. Castiglione also is menaced. The violence of the eruption is increasing.

Catania, June 19 h.—The eruption of mount Etna continues unabated. On stream of lava is now threatening Giarrè, a city of about 20,000, at the base of the volcano and the population is beginning to leave. About 5,000 persons have already been made homeless in the areas surrounding Etna. The ashes, cinders and stones emitted by the volcano, are so thick as to darken the sun. Professor Ponzi, of the University of Catania, has gone to Etna to ascertain whether a new crater, opened on the eastern slope, is that which was active in 1879. Cardinal Francisca Nava, archbishop of Catania, has communicated the clergy in the stricken area, the faithful and paternal interest of the pontiff in the sufferings of the population.

Kingston, Jamaica, June 20th.—The "Gleaner" announces that His Honour Mr. Ernest St. John Branch one of the senior puisne judges of the Straits settlement has been appointed to the position of Chief Justice of Jamaica.

LATEST.

Catania, June 19 h.—A great lava torrent from Mount Etna, bearing in its flow great masses of earth and volcanic stones, is advancing inexorably and has already reached the outskirts of the town of Linguaglossa. Green fields and vineyards have been swallowed up and for miles around the atmosphere is suffocating with volcanic smoke and a rain of black smoke and ashes, which is covering the lovely countryside like a pall. Several of the smaller houses in Linguaglossa have been shaken by the frequent earth shocks and the once smiling

little town, which until the last it was thought might be spared, is directly in the line of lava and doubtless doomed to destruction. The molten stream is travelling about forty yards an hour and therefore unless some miracle happens Linguaglossa will go under during night. Confronting it is a lava bed 800 yards wide and nearly 30 feet deep. Smaller torrents of lava, diverted from the central stream, threatened the villages of Randazzo and Bront from which so many tourists make the ascent of Etna, Franca Villa, Castiglione, Giardini and Fiume Greddo. The work of clearing the threatened towns is being carried out with the greatest energy and admirable organization. Discipline is necessary to induce the terrified inhabitants to abandon their beloved homes, but their removal is carried out with sympathy and kindness. Aeroplanes are being used for the first time to watch the progress of the eruption and special signalling stations have been established at various strategical points giving confidence to the people in the fact that they are being protected. Special units of the Red Cross, with all supplies, have been despatched to care for the homeless wanderers and provide food and shelter for them. A new stream of lava on the western side of Etna menaces the Giarrè junction, on the Etna railway. According to leading volcanologist six new craters have opened, only two of which, however, are of the first importance. In these can be clearly seen the lava in frightful turmoil being ejected in irregular spurts, amid vast clouds of fumes and ashes, forming two streams of liquid death, one of which is rolling down on Linguaglossa, the other moving towards Ciaro pass, but threatening no inhabited points, though causing immense damage to the vineyards and nut plantations, which constitute the wealth of the country side. The speed of the latter is so slow, however, that it is hoped it will not advance further, but rather form a kind of lake in one of the valleys. The news that the King is starting immediately for the scene of the disaster to share their perils and direct the work of rescue has given much cheer to the people. Mindful of the Pope's orders, all convents and other ecclesiastical buildings have been turned into huge shelters for the refugees who crowd them. The monks throughout the area are helping in the salvage and giving spiritual and medical help to the stricken. The fury of Etna has not abated. The country has been laid waste and presents a desolate spectacle. The lava has spread almost to the sea at one point between Messina and Taormina and intervening villages have been obliterated. After a short cessation last night the flow of lava started again in full strength this morning from several new fissures, one of which is nearly two miles ar und. The stream is a mile and a half wide.