

## 15,000 Perish From Earthquake.

Villages Razed to the Ground—  
Bridges and Tunnels Destroyed  
—Railroads Useless—Impossible  
to Estimate Damage.

Special to Evening Telegram.

LONDON, To-day.  
The Express in an edition issued at seven o'clock to-day estimates that an earthquake at fifteen thousand. The correspondent of the Express in Rome in his story of the earthquake says that shocks were felt with terrible results throughout the whole territory. He declares it is established that there was no loss of life although much ancient works were damaged. "The serious loss of life occurred outside of Rome," the correspondent continues. "Especially in mountain towns on the road to Naples. The towns entirely destroyed include Bussolengo, Scutario, Cusale, Magliano and Capandocia." The shock was severe in Naples but the damage was slight. King Victor Emmanuel is leaving Rome at once for the afflicted district. A despatch from Rome to the Daily News gives the following official statement issued there regarding the earthquake: "The District of Sulmona was badly damaged and the victims are numerous. Twenty persons were killed and many injured. At Villaggio rescue work has been started; at Popoli and Pentina where many houses are damaged, the

damage is extensive at Aquila and Isola Dell'eri and seven other small towns in the Province of Rome. The village of Zoro has been razed to the ground. At Sulmona the barracks, St. Dominiques Church and many houses collapsed, while others threatened to fall. Loss of life is feared in Chieti Terrano and other towns in Abruzzi. The railways in stricken districts are well nigh useless. The Daily Mail's correspondent says "As bridges and tunnels were destroyed and tracks broken and covered with debris, highways are impassable owing to heavy snowfalls." Officials in Rome make no effort to estimate the extent of the damage in the Province. The correspondent says the loss of life in the vicinity of Rome is estimated by the Daily Mail's correspondent at about one hundred. The latest Rome despatch to the Times reports that eighty houses were destroyed in Pome. The despatch adds that telegrams received from the Province announce further damage and additions to the death roll, especially at Tivoli, where the populace is cowering in the open in fear of further shocks. It is feared that serious damages have been done in the Department of Abruzzi.

### Ladies' Territorial Committee.

#### AN APPEAL.

The following appeal has been issued by the Ladies' Territorial Committee of 75 Chancery Lane, London, an organization formed for the purpose of providing necessities and comforts for the Territorial and Marine Forces of Great Britain, at the front.

"This Committee appeals very urgently for cast-off kid or leather gloves of all kinds to be placed together in workhouses to make leather undercoats for Sailors and Soldiers in exposed situations. Four or five pairs suffice for one coat."

"Every woman can provide such a leather coat."

"Please send quickly."

"Six penny stamps would defray cost of making coat."

"Of all the appeals yet issued for help to our sailors and soldiers this is one to which EVERYONE can respond without any tax upon his purse or time. Every man and woman has old kid or leather gloves from time to time. The urgency of the appeal and the usefulness of the articles to be made, will be apparent to everyone, and we feel that we need only call the matter to the attention of our readers for it to meet with a ready response."

A subscription need not necessarily accompany the donation, but needless to say any subscription, however small, will be gratefully accepted. Mrs. F. W. Ayre, Northview, Circular Road, will be very glad to receive any donations of the kind mentioned and to forward them to the Headquarters.

ters of the Committee in London. Subscriptions will also be gratefully received and forwarded, and acknowledged from time to time through the press.

### Hockey Game Postponed.

At a meeting of the League held to-day it was decided that the first hockey game for the season will take place at the Prince's Rink on next Monday evening between the Pelicans and Victorias. Instead of Friday, as first arranged. The change will enable both teams to get an extra couple of practices.

### Good Fishing at Rose Blanche.

The fishing at Rose Blanche has been very good since Monday last and 1400 quintals of fish were landed there in three days by eighty dories. No fishing schooners have started operations on the western banking grounds yet. The above information was received to-day by Collector of Customs LeMessurier.

ADVENTURE AT THE "ROCK."  
Mr. A. J. Harvey received a message this morning intimating that the S.S. Adventure, which left here on the 2nd instant with a cargo of codfish for Mediterranean ports had arrived at Gibraltar, last night, all well. The passage was made in eleven days.

## Blankets!

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AND  
Honeycomb Quilts.

We have just received a shipment of Blankets, etc., and can now offer

A Splendid Range of Bed Furnishings,

at our well known low prices, as follows:—

**White Wool Blankets,**

\$2.10. \$2.60. \$3.80.

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WHITE COTTON BLANKETS,

85 cts. to \$1.75 pair

WHITE COTTON CRIB BLANKETS,

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WHITE WOOL CRIB BLANKETS,

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Special Value in heavy weight White Cotton

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WADDLED SATEN QUILTS,

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BLUE & GREEN WOOL QUILTS, very heavy and special value,

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PILLOW SHAMS, etc.

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Jan 9, 41, 000

### This Date in History.

JANUARY 14.

New Moon—15th

Days Fast—12 To Come—351  
"LEWIS CARROLL" (Rev. C. L. Dodgson), died 1898, aged 66. For many years mathematical lecturer at Oxford, and author of "Through the Looking Glass" and "Alice in Wonderland," which latter has passed through hundreds of editions and been translated into several languages.

KINGSTON (Jamaica) Earthquake, 1907.

LORD NAPIER, of Magdala, died 1890, aged 80. An eminent engineer officer who did splendid service in the Indian Mutiny at the Relief of Lucknow. Was Commander-in-Chief in India in 1870, and afterwards Governor of Gibraltar.

#### THE MOTHERS OF ENGLAND.

The Mothers of England are standing And look across the sea,  
And their eyes are brave and their lips are calm,  
With a tender serenity.

The Mothers of England! Their sons go out.

And some never come back again. Their lives are given for others' lives, In a torrent of blood like rain.

But the Mothers of England smile through their tears,

For they know the worth of their "Boys"

And they know it is better to fight and die,

Than to live out a coward's days.

The Mothers of England! They know the worth

Of a crown on a crucified head.

So they hold their cross with a steady hand,

Till the grave shall give up its dead.

Till the glory of Him, who gave His life,

Shall shine through the clouds above,

And the earth and the sky and the universe,

Echo to endless love.

The soldiers and sailors of England, Who died with their face to the foe

Shall rise that day in a splendid joy, Such as the martyrs know.

Rank upon rank, file upon file, Rising from land and sea,

To meet their comrades face to face, And salute him gallantly,

They shall know their Captain, their Lord, their King,

As he comes to them out of the blue, For the least and the greatest of them shall know.

That he died as a soldier too.

The Mothers of England know the truth,

And look calmly across the sea, For whether their sons come back or not,

They are not theirs for Eternity. Eunice T. Holbrook Ruel.

### McMardo's Store News.

THURSDAY, Jan. 14th, 1915.

A digestive tablet, one which assists the organs of the stomach and intestines to perform their work well, and the same time acts as a table salt, should be a distinct boon. Peppasalt is such an article. Used in the ordinary way it is a pure salt, but is more than a mere condiment, and many people have proven its good qualities as a digestive agent. It is well worth trying. Price 30c. a bottle.

Mathew's Syrup of Tar and Cod-Liver Oil has done remarkable work in chest complaints, curing many severe cases of cough, bronchitis and irritable throat. It is a tonic and builder as well as a cough medicine; and this perhaps largely accounts for the good effects given by its use. Price 50c. a bottle.

### Letter From Private Frank Watts.

Fort George, Dec. 28, 1914.

We are getting right down to hard work, we have route marches three times a week, when we cover between fifty and sixty miles. We had a good time here Christmas Day. We had turkey for dinner, and Lord Brassey gave each man 2s. 6d. to buy fruit. We had a jolly good time. I can tell you. We went to a place called Nerlin to a dance, it was in aid of the soldiers to get boots for them; enjoyed myself grand; it made me think of the old British Hall!

We are having grand weather here, no snow but little frost; we don't mind it a bit. We haven't done any shooting yet, we are expecting to start it next week. There were a crowd of Kitchener's boys here when we came and they were at the ranges, so they are all finished; now it's our turn next, after that I expect we will be sent to France. It is rumored that we are going in two weeks on the transports.

We have lovely quarters here, each room contains five beds; it is just like home. We are right by the North Sea, you can go up on the wall of Fort George at night and look out to sea, and see the lights of the North Sea fleet; it is a grand sight. We are expecting an attack any time so we have to be prepared. It is pretty risky, I can tell you, but they will have a pretty tough job if they try to do anything; they are so cowardly, they will only attack defenceless towns; that's all they are good for, anyhow old Billie knows he is down and out. We should worry. I. D. T.

I received the watch the boys sent me; it was a beauty; I got it the day before we left the Plains. I didn't know who sent it until I got the letter you sent me. I am proud of it you can tell the men.

## The ROYAL STORES, Ltd.,

ANNOUNCE

THEIR

JANUARY

## WHITE SALE

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FRIDAY, January 15th.

This year finds the ROYAL STORES in as good a position as ever to cope with the demands of trade. This season's importations are equal in every respect to those of previous years while the prices are lower than ever. There are bargain surprises in every Department. Hundreds of specials selling at half or less.

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LADIES' BLOUSES.  
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COTTON & WOOL BLANKETS.  
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PILLOW SHAMS.  
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Dependable Goods.

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### Correspondence About Xmas Presents.

FROM SECRETARY FOR COLONIES

Downing Street, Jan. 1, 1915.

Sir,—With reference to your telegram of the 18th December and to your despatches noted in the margin, I have the honor to request you to inform your Ministers that I learn from the Board of Customs and Excise that general instructions have been issued for the delivery, duty free, of packages containing dutiable goods imported as presents for the Expeditionary Forces from the Overseas Dominions temporarily serving in this country. As regards the 107 packages of Christmas gifts sent by your Government to the Nfld. Contingent at Fort George, Inverness, the Collector of Customs and Excise at Liverpool was instructed to afford all facilities in the clearance of the consignment on the arrival of the steamship "Queen Wilhelmina" conveying the articles in question.

I have &c., (Sgd.), L. HARCOURT.

Governor, Sir W. E. Davidson, K.C.M.G., etc., etc., etc.

FROM ASSISTANT COLLECTOR, LIVERPOOL.

Custom House, Liverpool, 31st December, 1914.

Sir,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th inst., regarding 107 packages of Xmas presents for the men of the Nfld. Contingent who are now undergoing training at Fort George, Inverness, for service at the front. The packages in question have not, up to the present, been discharged from the s.s. "Queen Wilhelmina," but I may add that, when landed, every facility will be given for the clearance of the consignment under the special instructions which have been issued by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise for the delivery duty free of packages containing dutiable goods imported as presents for Colonial and other Expeditionary forces temporarily serving in this country.

I am &c., (Sgd.), W. H. INGMIRE, Asst. Collector.

His Excellency, The Governor of Newfoundland, Government House, St. John's, Nfld.

of the warm and sincere thanks of all ranks of the Regiment for the generous gifts and their kind services in respect of the Christmas presents for the Contingent which are highly appreciated.

I have, etc., (Sgd.), R. de H. BURTON, Lt.-Col. Commanding Nfld. Contingent.

His Excellency, Sir W. E. Davidson, K.C.M.G., etc., etc., etc.

Hr. Grace Notes.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Robt. LeWhiting took place this afternoon and was largely attended.

Capt. William Stevenson, one of our oldest citizens, passed away early yesterday morning. His funeral also took place this afternoon.

The young man who was before the court charged with breaking into the home of the old widow Kane, on the race course, a few days ago, and referred to in my notes yesterday, was tried before Judge Oke to-day and being convicted, was sentenced to a fine of \$25 or two months.

The three-act comedy play put on the boards by a local troupe, was very enjoyable here on Thursday last, and at Riverhead on Monday. Cartonear people will get an opportunity

to enjoy this treat to-morrow night, Jan. 14.

On Monday last, the 11th inst., at 2.30 p.m., a very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. John Martin, Harvey Street, when his daughter Miss Agnes Martin, was united in the holy bonds of wedlock to Joseph L. Pumphrey, grocer and provision dealer, son of the late Capt. Daniel Pumphrey. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Fr. Walker. The bride, who wore a very becoming dress of sax-blue whilcord with hat to match, was attended by her sister, Miss Gertie Martin, while the groom was supported by Mr. F. Goff. A number of the friends of the bride and groom were present at the ceremony. The bride was the recipient of a large number of valuable presents from her host of friends. After partaking of luncheon the happy couple drove to the station and boarded the 4.35 train for St. John's, where the honeymoon will be spent at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. W. Taft. Your correspondent joins with all the other friends in wishing this popular young couple unimpaired happiness along life's way.

—COR.

Hr. Grace, Jan. 13, 1915.

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