# ITALY'S QUAKE HORROR STAGGERS WORLD

LONDON BOY PAYS WITH LIFE FOR "HANGING ON WAGON"

# IN THE KUNNING

T. G. Meredith, K. C., Said To Be William Gray's Chief Opponent.

FIGHT OVER CONVENTION

Possibility That It May Lead to Election Fight Between Two Tories.

"OPEN." SAYS MR. GRAY

Conservatives Try To Make Out That Liberals Are Having Trouble.

In seeking the Conservative nominacity of London tomorrow night, William Gray faces an opponent



support, in the person of T. G. Meredith, K.C., city solicitor of London. Meredith has made announcement test the convention, and while some say he has no idea of close touch with this morning

His Bride.

Allies' Artillery Successful

Near Notre Dame de

Lovette Chapel.

ARMS DEPOT IS BLOWN UP

Belgians Destroy Buildings

Which Enemy Used as an

Ammunition Depot.

[Canadlan Press.]

of the regular bridges as well as some

of the temporary footbridges which we

threw across the river. The lines of

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Drop Bombs On German Posi-

tions. But Extent of the

Damage Unknown.

[Canadian Press.]

5:30 p.m .- The Telegraaf, in its is-

Amsterdam, Jan. 14, via London,

of today, says it has learned that British aviators last Monday dropped bombs on the German positions at Antwerp. The damage in-flicted has not been learned.

Sunday night.

e nomination, and T. G. Meredith, K.C. that all other candidates with the exception of Mr. Gray Other names menhad withdrawn. tioned some time ago were Marshall dence, 294 Central avenue.

Graydon and J. Percy Moore.

Asked To Run Before.

Miss Heller is a native having been born at St.

Meredith has been asked to run Mines. in this city on many occasions, but has greater part of her life, and was in declined up to the present time. Now the return will in all probability be made by acclamation, and Mr. Meredith is willing to have the honor if the party

Glaubitz will leave for a quiet honeysees fit to bestow it upon him.

The arrangement had been, prior to the death of Major Beattle, to have the major go to the senate and to give Mr. Meredith the seat. Mr. Gray was in California, and as soon as he heard of this frame-up he started for home. He did not, as some of his enemies have alleged, leave California after the death of Major Beatfie, but had been on his way home several days when the member for London died.

Open or Closed?
For the last few days a fight to secure delegates has been in progress. Mr. Gray says that the convention tomorrow at the Auditorium will be open, and that there will have to be another if the hand-picked delegates are to choose a

Although at a conference of Conservtives in the Conservative Club Tuesday night Mr. Meredith stated that what-ever was done there should be harmony, there is just a possibility that two con-ventions will be held, and that there will be two Conservative candidates in the field. Whether both would insist upon running is doubtful. Mr. Gray says that he would run if necessary, but he is

One of the anti-Gray faction of the party said to The Advertiser today that the selection of Mr. Gray was practically conceded, but that they were determined e have a closed convention. The Same Old Herring.

A story has been circulated to the eftest the seat. It was "hinted" that F. theless, the cannonading yesterday was utilities commissioner on the Glaubitz have no intention of contesting the seat a point to the southeast of Stuyvekness. have no intention of contesting the seat a point to the southeast of Stuyveknesunder the present circumstances. If two Conservatives saw fit to make a fight were serving the enemy as a depot for of it that would be another matter.

None Spared In Miandoab When Sultan's Forces Gain An Entry.

HEROIC BRIDGE DEFENCE

Four Hundred Fought Until Only Four Were Left Alive.

[Canadian Press.]

Petrograd, via London, Jan. 14-9:15 m .- The correspondent of the Bourse Gazette, at Tiflis, sends a statement nade to him by Schodja Ed Daouleh, the former governor of the Province of Azerbijan, Persia, who has arrived in Tiffis. He is one of four survivors of a guard of 400 horsemen who defended the bridge at the entrance to Miandoab, "the gateway of Persia." He fought the Turks for ten hours, enabling refugees to escape to Maragha, 50 miles south of Tabriz. All Christians who remained in Miandoab, he stated, were

When I heard that the Turks were advancing," he said, "I posted 1,500 troops in one of the Miandoab forts and 1:200 in another. I myself with 400 relaives and friends fought a hopeless bate at the bridge, until all but four were illed by the Turks' quick-firers. I the ed on horseback from Tabriz to Julfa. "All the members of the consulates banks escaped from Tabriz."

Forlorn Hope Stand In Cemetery—Five Belgian Privates Battle Bravely Among Tombstones Till All Are Killed



THE GRAVEYARD SKIRMISH-By C. LeRoy Baldridge. After three times recapturing the Belgian town of Umbeck, the soldiers of King Albert were finally forced to retreat, by the arrival of an overwhelming force of the Kaiser's men. But five privates of the rearguard refused to go. manager of the public utilities commission, will be quietly married this afternoon, at the First Methodist parsonage by Rev. C. H. Flanders, to Miss Alice Heller, late of Dijon, France. The ceremony will be attended only by important of the common will be attended only by important

### mediate friends and relatives of the BOY KILLED BY LORRIE: couple. Miss Heller came to this city some time ago to be governess in the home of Sir Adam Beck, but since leaving that position she has been the guest CRUSHED SKULL of Miss Glaubitz at Mr. Glaubitz's resi-Miss Heller is a native of France

having been born at St. Marie-Aux-Mines. She lived in Dijon for the Seven-Year-Old Peter Dempsey Meets a Horrible Fate.

CRAWLED UNDER WAGON

Trying To Sit On Reach When He Slipped Under Heavy Dray.

Peter Dempsey, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Dempsey, 106 Clarence street, had his skull crushed in when he was run over by a London Cartage Company's lorrie on Park avenue short-ly after 12 o'clock today, and died in Victoria Hospital, where he was taken

In the police ambulance.

The Dempsey lad, with a number of other boys, had just got out of St. Peter's school when the lorrie passed As the heavy lorrie approached by. As the neavy lors boy and Dufferin avenue the Dempsey boy and his 5-year-old brother attempted to get on the wagon. They were unsuccessful. Tries To Get On Reach.

A few seconds later the eldest Demp-sey boy ran between the rear and front wheels and attempted to get on the reach. He slipped, and in an instant Paris, Jan. 14-2:45 p.m.-The French war office gave out this afternoon an official communication as follows:

the back wheel of the lorrie passed over his head. The shouts of young Demp-"In Belgium, the firing of our artillery sey's playmates attracted the attention of John C. O'Brien, driver of the lorrie ed. Later the police ambulance was summoned, and the lad died as he was kerke, the buildings on a farm which being taken on the stretcher through

"Between the Lys and the Oise, in the region of Lens, our artillery was successful in dispersing a group of German pioneers on the outskirts of the hamlet of Angres, and it bombarded effect.vely the German trenches to the southeast of the Chapel of Notre Dame de Did Not See Boys. According to O'Brien, he never knew the lads had attempted to get on the lorrie until he heard their shouts and found the boy lying on the ground.

"All I know about the accident is that after it occurred a couple of boys told me that the Dempsey boy had attempted to get on the bar that runs Determined Fighting.

"To the north of Soissons, there was determined fighting all day yesterday. from the front wheels to the back," said The engagement was localized to a sec-O'Brien. tion of ground situated to the north of an inquest into the boy's death at Killingsworth's undertaking parlors at We hold only the first slopes of these hills. On our left in this field our counter-attack made slight progress, but

without succeeding in recording a material advance. On the centre we read one brother and one sister. When visited by an Advertiser reterial advance.

Tained our positions around the village of Crouy, in spite of the repeated efforts porter the father did not know his son porter the father did not know his of the enemy to dislodge us, but on the was dead, but he was in a dazed state east, in front of Vregny, we were obliged of mind, as he had just heard that his boy was seriously injured.

GALT MINISTER AND WRITER REPORTED TO



REV. R. E. KNOWLES, who will it is expected, resign his pastorate.

Breakdown.

[Canadian Press.]

Guelph, Jan. 14 .- It is understood that the resignation of Rev. R. E. Knowles the author-preacher of Knox Church, Galt, will be submitted to the meeting of the Guelph Presbyterians, to be held Coroner Dr. Robert Ferguson will open in this city next Tuesday. Mr. Knowles' health is stated to be completely stood there trembling, and at the same Killingsworth's undertaking pariors at wrecked, and at present he is resting in a Toronto sanatorium with little prospect of a complete recovery.

New York, Jan. 14,-Arrived: Steam. ers Verona, Naples; Roma, Marseilles.

## The continued flood stage of the River Aisne has carried away several MAYOR FAVORS DAY OFF FOR CITY POLICEMEN

of Officers Is Wholly Reasonable.

The question of a day off for the city day off, olicemen will be brought up at the next neeting of the police commissioners, and will likely be granted. The last time pended upon what Mayor Graham did.

The men did not get the holiday.

Mayor is in Favor.

Mayor Staves of the land the l

Mayor is in ow one of Members of the Red Cross Society
Mayor Stevenson, who is now one of Members of the Red Cross Society
and the men of the city interested in tiser today that he is strongly in favor of the policemen having a day off each the work are asked not to forget the

communication for our troops were con-sequently made uncertain. Under these conditions we established ourselves on Dr. Stevenson Thinks Claim men in the winter or unfavorabel wea-ther. Voted Against C. M. R. One officer stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that every man on the force voted against Mayor Graham because of his attitude in regard to the

> MEN ARE INVITED TO VISIT RECEPTION

of the policemen having a way on each week.

"It is just as reasonable for the police to have it." he said, "as for the members of the fire department."

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The police claim that London is the only place of any size in Canada where the hours are as they are here, necestating a continuous performance of duty, with the exception of two weeks' holdays which comes to many of the local and a. After the lecture, tea will holdays which comes to many of the local and prosent.

Tidal WAVE.

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Rome, Jan. 14—2:30 p.m.—Dispatches received here from Ancona say that a heavy storm raged yesterday along the heavy storm raged yesterday in the Gulf of snow. Naples reports a strong fall of snow. The Gaeta, accompanied by seismic disturbance of seaward, and the weather is somewhat lower than it was yesterday in the Western Provinces and Maritime Provinces, and heavy storm raged yesterday along the heavy storm raged yesterday along the heavy storm raged yesterday along the heavy storm raged yesterday in the Gulf of snow. Naples reports a strong fall of snow. Naples reports a strong fall of snow. Naples reports a strong fall of snow. The Gulfava and the received here from Ancona say that a cloudy of the received here from Ancona say that a cloudy fall of snow. Naples reports a strong fall of snow. Naples reports a strong fall of snow. The fall of snow is a strong fall

# To Join Patricia's "Pets" Lieut. J. H. Laurie, V.S., M.R.S.I., son of J. Laurie, 281 Hill street,

sails on Sunday from Halifax, in company with reinforcements for the Princess Patricia Regiment, Lieut. Laurie is an experienced veterinarian, having graduated from the O.V.C. He is also a graduate of Toronto University. Lieut Laurie volunteered for active service a month ago, and received notification to report to the authorities in England immediately. Lieut. Laurie was an inspector in the Department of Public Health, Toronto, when he volunteered.

# Worse Than Messina

Italian Deputy Wires Capital That Ruin and Injury to Life Will Be Greater.

[Canadlan Press.]

London, Jan. 14.-A news dispatch received here from Rome says the members of the Chamber of Deputies for Lipari has telegraphed to the capital that the disaster of yesterday surpasses the Messina catastrophe. The ruin is more widespread, and the injury to life and limb

# AMERICAN ATTITUDE KILLS CONVENTIONS SAYS ENGLISH PAPER

Failure To Even Protest Germany's Open Violation of The Hague Treaties Has Weakened United States' Moral Position.

[Canadian Press.] expressed by Theodore Roosevelt in the preceded by notes in ot New York Independent of the failure of regarding the violation of Belgium, the the United States Government to enter ghastly massacres of non-combatants, even a diplomatic protest against Ger- the illegal and merclless money fines, many's open violation of The Hague the bombardment of defenceless water-The Chroicle says: "It has been the consequence of the lived mines in the open sea. American attitude that The Hague conventions not only have been infringed, water, who for many years have been

ably weakened. "The American note regarding contra- has created for us."

band-a perfectly fair, legitimate and I adon, Jan. 14.—The Daily Chronicle, well-inspired document, of which we make no complaint—would impress the world rather differently if it had been ing places, or the scattering of long-

but killed, and killed beyond visible striving constantly to get a fair hear means of resurrection, let alone exten- ing given to the United States, and sion. No state is going to let itself in fair construction put upon its policy, for such a deception again, nor is it should be no true friends if we conpossible to deny that the moral position cealed from American opinion the new possible to deny that the moral position of the United States has been appreci-of the United States has been appreci-abandonment of The Hague conventions

# WOMEN CRIED TO SAINTS FOR HELP

Driver Near Avezzano Heard Them Above the Roar of Falling Houses.

# HORSES SENSED DANGER

Was When Animals Stood Trembling.

[Canadian Press.] Rome, Jan. 14.-A young Italian driver, who left Avezzano a few minutes before the earthquake, gave a brief account of his experiences when he reachled Rome at an early hour this morning. His first intimation of trouble was when the horses of his carriage suddenly refused to go any further. They moment there came a deep rumbling sound similar to the roar of a railroad train going over a bridge. Three minutes later the standing walls of some quarries along the road had crumbled and were lying in dust-covered heaps.

Like Earth Opening. From Avezzano there came the cries of the frightened people. Amid the roar of falling houses could be heard the voices of women calling on the saints to help them. The city was under a cloud of dust. To the driver it looked as if the earth had opened to emit columns of white smoke. This young man tried to drive back to Avezzano, but he could make no headway. He and his horses were

Many Malmed.

he saw survivors struggling to make their way from the city. Many had sustained injuries and were dragging themselves through the dust and confusion in pitiable plight. Some were so weak they fell by the roadside. The objective of the refugees was the railroad station, which was soon crowded with a half-frantic gathering of men, women and children. Before the driver left the vicinity, organized efforts were Members of the Red Cross Society wounded to nearby hospitals.

"Those of us on this side of the

## Noted Doctor Will Plead for Hospitals Dr. Brown-Landone Engaged to Ad-

dress Woman's Canadian Club. London is to be honored on Monday

by the presence of a distinguished mar in the person of Dr. Brown-Landone American by birth and Frenchman by adoption, who has created a sensation by announcement that the America the announcement that the America. Red Cross Association is largely directed by pro-German ruling, and that a very large percentage of the relief for the wounded has gone to the Germans. Dr. Brown-Landone will address the Women's Canadian Club at 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon on the need of hos pitals in Northern France. The Re-First Intimation Man Had Cross Society is being invited to attend

# FURIOUS FIGHT IN RUSSIAN POLAND

[Canadian Press.]

Petrograd, via London, Jan. 14-3:10 p.m.-Furious fighting has been resumed in Russian-Poland. The Russian forces in the north, which are pushing toward East Prussia, in the region near Mlawa, have captured a number of vil-In the centre, the Germans have

made four violent attacks within the last 48 hours. They forced back the Russians and occupied consider-

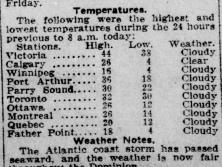
### THE WEATHER LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 32; lowest, 13.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 29; lowest, 24.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD,
Toronto, Jan. 14—8 a.m.
Forecasts.

Moderate south and west winds; fair
and comparatively mild today and on



Latest Shock Occurred About Three o'Clock, Causing People To Flee From Houses to the Open, Fearing Another Disaster.

HOME

## **AVEZZANO LOSES 15,000**

(Canadian Press.)

London, Jan. 14 .- 12:40 p.m .- A news agency dispatch from Rome says that a further distinct earth shock was felt in Rome about 3 o'clock this morning. In several quarters of the city the people fled from their houses into the open air.

## HORRORS OF DISASTER GROW WORSE WITH EVERY REPORT

Rome, Jan. 14 .- With every hour, as additional and more accurate details are received, the horror of yesterday's earthquake increases, threatening to place it second in the list of similar catastrophes in Europe only to the Messina disaster of 1908.

The list of dead, dying and injured has increased by leaps and bounds from a relatively small figure last night to more than 50,000, according to an official announcement today, and it is expected that this number may be added

to before the day is over. The full extent of the property loss has not yet been determined. Here in Rome priceless statues, stately buildings and structures that for years have been the mecca of all visitors have been destroyed or injured.

WHOLE CENTRE AFFECTED. Though the loss of life, and possibly the amount of damage, may be smaller than it was in 1908, the area of the disturbance greatly exceeds the Messina earthquake and covers the whole central portion of Italy, extending

from Naples on the south to Ferrara on the north. The most disastrous disturbance, from all reports, seems to have centred in the vicinity of the town of Avezzano, where 15,000 persons have been killed or injured, according to the latest official reports. Reports of damage in varying degrees of severity have come from Latium, Abruzzi, Umbria, the Marchez, Tuscany, Aezlia, Cam-

pania and Apulia. HURRYING UP RELIEF. The earthquake belt is estimated to be about 300 miles long, and extends practically from one side of Italy to the other. In Abruzzi, Latium and Campania, the quake reached its highest degree, described by scientists as "catastrophic," and in other places it started between the

seventh and the tenth degrees. Relief measures for the thousands of persons who have succeeded in escaping from their collapsing homes in safety but are in want and without shelter, are going ahead with all possible speed. Special trains have been dispatched, carrying physicians and nurses, and Government officials have been ordered to provide all necessaries for the stricken people.

KING GOES TO SCENE. King Victor Emmanuel, despite the protests of Government officials who urged the international situation in Europe as a reason for staying in Rome, left early today for the vicinity of Avezzano to do whatever possible and by his presence give stimulus to the work of relief. Queen Helena, still in bed recovering from recent ill-

ness, when she gave birth to a daughter, has expressed the keenest regret that she could not go to the scenes of devastation as she did at Messina. Relief committees in the locality that has been stricken have been organized, to work under the direction and in

co-operation with the central committee in Rome that is under the supervision of Premier Salandra. The military has been rushed to the scene, and soldiers by night will have established tent colonies in which the homeless thousands may find temporary shelter.

COMMUNICATION INTERRUPTED. Lines of communication, especially railroad tracks and telephone and telegraph wires, have been interrupted seriously throughout the entire earthquake belt, and the transportation of supplies furnished by the Government and private sources is going forward by automobile and

horse-drawn wagons. The forces at work relieving distress face scenes of the greatest tragedy. Families have been separated. fathers have returned to their shattered homes to find their children and wives dead or missing. Children are fatherless and wives have become widows.

In every stricken section, temporary hospitals have heen established, and to the scene have gone nurses and (Continued on Page Nine.)

# Manitoba Grain Growers' Splendid Gift To Empire

(Canadian Press.)

Brandon, Man., Jan. 14.—The Manitoba Grain Growers' Association has decided to give the yield of one acre from the crop of each of its members to the needs of the Empire this year.

This is only one of many valuable contributions which the grain growers have made for the help of the