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SIMCOE POLICE CHIEF TRIED TO MURDER HIS SUBORDINATE

Chief Malone Lured Constable Wilkins to a Secluded Spot and Then Fired Four Shots at Him—Officer Charges Chief With Robbery and Arson.

Simcoe Ont., Dec. 28.—Fully 1,000 men and women occupied the room when Magistrate John Beemer this morning opened the inquiry into the case of Archibald Malone, chief constable of the town, charged with attempting to murder Constable Wm. Wilkins. Wilkins narrated how he had seen Malone Monday afternoon, Nov. 30, and again at 8 p. m. while he was on duty. The chief led the way down to the southeast corner of Simcoe Park, near the out-house by the lake margin. "As we stopped," said Wilkins, "I looked around. Malone was beside me. Suddenly he flashed his lamp and I turned to face him. Just as I did so he fired at my left eye. It was so close that the powder burned my eye, and while I was rubbing it I shot goodness gracious, chief, you want to see where you are shooting to? Then he shot me again in the eye and I fell."

"What was a woman in the case?" "No, sir." "Was Malone drunk?" "No." "Had he been drinking?" "Yes, I could smell it." "Is it possible you are mistaken as to who shot you?" "Not in the slightest, possible degree." Counsel tried to bring out that promises had been made to Wilkins by the chief, but the chief's evidence was all done at the chief's dictation. He said Malone had set fire to Agar's barn to get back \$5 he had paid Agar for making an affidavit. "Anything else?" "Yes, Madam's fire on June 16." "Any more?" "The race track barn on September 10. I held the horse while he went and set fire to the barn." "What else?" "West & Peachey's boiler house, and Schuler's cellar." Each case was entered in the book in Wilkins' hand at Malone's dictation, with the repeated explanation. Malone was committed for trial at the next assizes, bail being refused. The crowd in the court cheered when the magistrate gave his decision.

SYNOPSIS OF A DISCOURSE BY BRIGADIER ROBERTS

The following is a synopsis of Brigadier Roberts' address on the Epistle to the Ephesians, delivered at the Salvation Army Citadel yesterday.—Some of the profound statements in this Epistle sound the lowest depths of Christian doctrine, while others again scale the loftiest heights of Christian experience. Indeed, this Epistle may be compared to the Alps of the New Testament, for every chapter in it presents some fresh and higher peak in divine landscape. Coleridge said:—"It is one of the divinest compositions of man." That, of course, is because the writer of it was possessed and inspired by the Holy Spirit. Luther somewhere speaks of this Epistle as being not merely "words, but living creatures with hands and feet." That, no doubt, was because when he read and meditated upon it, he felt it laying hold of him, and empowering him for his life's work. The Epistle speaks of the length and breadth, the depth and height of the infinite love of God. Hitherto he had instructed his Ephesian converts concerning their walk, but now they were to be considered, not only as great and good walkers, but as brave and successful warriors.

Its height is seen in the exalted heaven into which it will eventually lift us. In an early part of the Epistle we have a description of the condition of those who are out of Christ. Then in the first chapter we have a description of the present position of those who are in Christ. After which in the succeeding chapters, our present and future duties are laid down for us if we wish to be successful for Christ. If you do this your walk will be transparent. "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord. Walk as children of the light," (v. 8) is shed light on others. Let them see how they ought to walk, by your plain, simple, clear, transparent walk. And such a walk will be careful and watchful. "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise," (v. 15). Thus the walk of those who are in Christ is exemplified, Christlike, transparent, circumspect. But now in the last chapter the Apostle changes the figure from a walker to a warrior. "Put on," says he, "the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil," (vi. 11). Hitherto he had instructed his Ephesian converts concerning their walk, but now they were to be considered, not only as great and good walkers, but as brave and successful warriors.

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ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE NOW CLAIMS 100,000 VICTIMS AND THE END IS NOT YET

Disaster is by Long Odds the Most Appalling of Modern Times Whole Communities Devastated—Lines of Communication Destroyed and it Will be Weeks Before the Full Extent of the Horror is Known—British and Foreign Warships Are Aiding in the Work of Rescue.

Rome Dec. 29.—One hundred thousand dead; Messina, in Sicily, and Reggio and a score of other towns in Southern Italy overwhelmed; the entire Calabria region laid waste; this is the earthquake's record so far as it is at present known from reports that are coming slowly into Rome on account of the almost complete destruction of lines of communication to the stricken places. The death list in Messina ranges from 12,000 to 30,000, that of Reggio, which, with its adjacent villages, numbered 45,000 people, includes the entire population. At Palmi, 1,000 are reported dead; at Cassino 1,000; at Cosenza 500 and half of the population of Baghera, about 4,000. The Montefiore region has been devastated, and Alipetro Seminare, San Giovanni, Scilla, Luzzaro and Canitello and all other communes and villages bordering the straits are in ruins. The King and Queen of Italy are now on their way to Messina having sailed to-night from Naples aboard the battleship Vittorio Emanuele.

THE WORLD'S GREATEST EARTHQUAKES SINCE 12th CENTURY

Table with columns: Year, Place, Persons Killed. Includes entries for 1137 Sicily, 1188 Syria, 1208 Calicut, 1456 Naples, 1511 Lisbon, 1518 Japan, 1580 Mexico, 1622 Jamaica, 1692 Sicily, 1703 Aquila, 1703 Yeddo, 1706 The Abruzzi, 1716 Algiers, 1726 Palermo, 1731 Peking, 1735 Kashan, 1736 Lisbon, 1750 Syria, 1784 Bingham, 1797 Country between Santa Fe and Panama, 1803 Naples, 1822 Aleppo, 1823 Murcia, 1830 Canton, 1842 Cape Haytien, 1847 Calabria, 1850 Quilo, 1860 Mendoza, 1868 Towns in Ecuador, 1874 San Jose de Ucuta, 1880 Colombia, 1886 Charleston, 1891 Island of Honda, 1893 Venezuela, 1895 Calabria, 1898 San Francisco, 1906 Valparaiso, 1917 Italy.

entire walls had been thrown down. From every side of me arose the screams and moanings of the wounded. The people were half dead with excitement and fear. Most of them had rushed out in their night clothes. In a little while we were lying shivering under a torrential downpour of rain. Everywhere there were dead bodies, nude, disfigured and mutilated. In the ruins I could see arms and legs moving helplessly. From every quarter came piteous appeals for aid. "The portion of the town down near the water was inundated by the tidal wave. The water reached to the shoulders of the fugitives and swept them away. "The city hall, the cathedral and the barracks crumbled, and churches, other public buildings and dwellings without number were literally razed to the ground. There were 200 customs agents at the barracks; only forty-one of them were saved. At the railroad only eight out of 280 employees have been accounted for. "Many of those who succeeded in escaping with their lives are incapable of relating their experiences soberly. I questioned all who were in a condition to talk. Most of them told the same story. They said the first thing they knew they were thrown out of bed and amid crashing ceilings and falling furniture, managed to make their way to the street. Then in the blackness of night and amid a pouring rain that added to their horror and distress, they rushed blindly away amid the crash of tumbling buildings and the shrieks and groans of those buried in the ruins. Many were struck down while trying to escape by falling balconies and masonry, and still many others lost their reason and are today wandering aimlessly in the open fields outside the city, or up and down the ruined streets they knew so well. "The looters and robbers were shot down dead by the rifles of the soldiers." It has been proposed here to remove the survivors of Messina to Catania. The previous reports from the provinces that a number of villages were ravaged have been confirmed. Seventeen are dead at Riposto. The town of Seminara, in Calabria, thirty miles from Reggio, is said to have been destroyed with the loss of 100 lives. Palermo, Dec. 29.—Navigators who have come here from the Straits of Messina report that the straits have taken an entirely new shape since the earthquake. They describe them as "twisted" and villages and forts along the straits have been destroyed. Lighthouses have been swallowed up by the sea and navigation is impossible at night and dangerous by day. One of the survivors picked up at sea by the steamer Washington was a man named Francesco Lojcoso. He was wounded and unconscious. On reviving he called wildly for his wife and children. He alluded to what he was useless and he insisted that the steamer put him ashore. Finally he became aware of his senses and springing suddenly to his feet, he jumped overboard, still calling for his wife and babies. He died of drowning. Palermo, Dec. 29.—Refugees in the straits say there were 100 foreigners in the lives. The straits had been completely obliterated. It was one of the best in the world and patronized almost exclusively by tourists. It was situated in the Via Garibaldi. London, Dec. 29.—King Edward was greatly affected by the news of the calamity that had befallen Italy, and wired his sincere condolences to the king. The London morning papers publish editorially a prompt and generous response to the lord mayor's call for funds to help a friendly nation in the face of calamity which is among the greatest of modern times. The lord mayor, in addressing a meeting tonight, made eloquent reference to the sadness of the terrible visitation to the land of sunshine, song and holly moods. He was sure that his fellow-countrymen would not wait to be asked to give assistance to such a cause. All the special despatches to the London papers confirm the terrible nature of the catastrophe which has plunged the country in mourning and heart-breaking suspense, owing to the impossibility of obtaining exact news of the extent of the disaster and the number and names of the victims. The despatches comment on the Italian government's energy in dealing with the situation, and instance King Victor Emmanuel's splendid example in proceeding to the scene of the disaster. London, Dec. 29.—The lord mayor of London has decided to open a Mass and fund for the relief of the Italian earthquake sufferers.

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ST. STEPHEN NEWS St. Stephen, Dec. 29.—It is reported that the Bank of British North America will open a branch here shortly. G. W. Gearing is somewhat better. At a meeting of St. James Lodge, F. & A. M., last evening, a past master's jewel was presented to Rev. G. M. Young by the lodge. W. G. M. John D. Chipman made the presentation on behalf of the members. Life is so short that it is the worst of stupidities to waste an hour of it.