

TROOPS HAVE ARRIVED AT REGGIO AND MESSINA AND BRING ORDER OUT OF CHAOS

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troops have not been carefully searched, that other stragglers along the beach and that still others are high up in the mountains. Many people fled to the high land to escape the waters.

More than four days have now elapsed since the first shock, and it is hard to believe that there are still living souls in the wreckage. Death would be preferable to their agony and suffering.

CATANIA, Jan. 1.—While nothing yet is definitely known concerning the Americans supposed to have been in Messina at the time of the earthquake, it was learned today that a party of twenty English-speaking persons, which may have included Americans, had made their escape, crossing a large tract of country, which was not harmed by the shocks, in the direction of Palermo.

Soldiers have been called from the rescue work at Messina to quell disturbances in the surrounding villages, where the survivors were in a state of riot, because assistance had not been given them. They could not understand the difficulty, indeed, the impossibility of succoring all immediately and providing the needy thousands with food and shelter. On the arrival of the soldiers, however, the disturbances soon ended, the peasants being speedily subdued.

The doctors of the Russian and British squadrons have joined together in installing a hospital at the railway station and another at the Maritime station. Both are full to overflowing. The seriously wounded have been taken aboard the ships. Several Russian soldiers have been killed during the rescue work by falling walls.

ROME, Jan. 2.—The following sent by Wm. H. Bishop, the American Consul at Palermo, Wednesday evening, at 8:45 o'clock to the Associated Press here, reached Rome early this morning.

No news regarding Arthur S. Cheney, American Consul at Messina, it is believed that he and his wife fled together, the committee at Messina having collapsed. Mr. Lugton, the New American Vice-Consul at Messina, was seen shortly after the disaster but no answer has been received to telegrams sent him.

TAKING SURVIVORS TO OTHER PORTS

The American gunboat Scorpion will arrive at Messina Monday, and with other foreign ships, will transport refugees from the affected districts, carrying messages and supplies in all possible ways with the authorities in the alleviating of the distress. Returning from a visit to the Calabria coast north of Reggio, King Victor Emmanuel sent the following telegram to Premier Giolitti:

"I have visited Cantillo, eight miles north of Reggio, which was literally razed to the ground. Villa San Giovanni also was destroyed. As at Messina, the rescue work is well organized. The fires of Messina have now been reduced to small proportions. Three other British and three French warships have arrived at Messina."

PALACES TRANSFORMED INTO HOSPITALS

In compliance with the orders of the king that the royal palaces at Caserta and Naples be placed at the disposal of the wounded, one hundred injured persons from Messina already are occupying a portion of the San Ferdinando palace, the royal palace providing everything. The Duchess of Aosta has transformed into a hospital the large hall of her palace at Capri di Monte.

TRAIN CAUGHT BY THE TIDAL WAVE

It is stated here a train which left Reggio early on the morning of the earthquake carrying passengers and of which nothing has been heard since, was overwhelmed by the tidal wave following the earthquake.

DISTRIBUTING FOOD

An indication of the promises being made in bringing order out of the chaos the railway line from Reggio to Catanzaro was again put in operation last night. There is a break on the line, however, of six hundred and fifty feet over which passengers and freight must be transferred.

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AMERICANS IN SICILY

NAPLES, Jan. 2.—The following Americans booked passage from here for Sicily shortly before the earthquake: Edward S. Rogers, wife and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Pritchett, Mrs. A. E. Bates, of Chicago, Mrs. Wm. O. Boyd, Short Hills, N. J., Miss Susie Chisholm, Savannah, Ga., Mrs. and Mrs. Bates, Cleveland, O., Mrs. S. A. McManon, Dulota, Arnes Feeney, Rochester, N. Y., who was bound for Taormina, Dr. H. Pink, of Indianapolis, James E. Norton, of New York, who was going to Palermo.

ORPHANS CONTRIBUTE

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 1.—The first contribution made here for the Italian earthquake sufferers was made forwarded today to Governor Swanson, by nineteen orphans in the boys' club. The money had been given them for New Year's fireworks, and they were permitted to send it all to the little suffering children in Italy.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZED

ROME, Jan. 2.—The Anglo-American Club of Rome, has organized a committee of relief, of which Samuel Honye, of Newport, R. I., is chairman. The club has sent a party of doctors and nurses to Sicily to care for the injured and distribute supplies. Dr. Clark, pastor of the American Methodist church, in Rome, left here today for Sicily at the head of a party of Italian nurses.

TRIBUTE TO THE QUEEN

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Among the many graphic accounts of the earthquakes bereavement today is a beautiful tribute paid to Queen Helena by a correspondent of Southern Italy.



A select portion of the city of Messina which was devastated by the earthquake.

Giolitti said that ships were needed more than anything else. A partial means of getting in the relief offered by the U. S. would be to charter one or more steamships in Genoa or Marseille, place aboard them doctors and trained nurses and dispatch them at once for the traits of Messina. Here the workers would put themselves at the disposition of the authorities.

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The Cathedral at Messina with its famous fountain in the foreground.

ROME, Jan. 2.—Having done all that it was possible to do in the districts laid waste by the earthquake, the King and Queen of Italy are returning to Rome. They have spent the last four days among the ruins of Sicily and Calabria, the king directing the work of rescue and relief, and the queen ministering to the injured. There is a feeling of relief in Italy that their majesties are coming home.

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of showing the spirit of charity and Americans toward Italy in this hour of need.

TROOPS DOING GOOD WORK

CATANIA, Jan. 3.—The system of rescue work in Messina has been greatly augmented by the arrival of troops, who are to be seen all over the ruined city in squads of twenty and thirty, patrolling day and night without rest. Bases of them are also working in the ruins by day and night well into the night under the beams of the searchlights of ships in the harbor, and thus but little time is being lost.

The movement of refugees from the nearby villages is daily increasing in volume, and large numbers of persons are leaving the devastated regions. Of the victims buried under the ruins comparatively few have been rescued alive.

It is now clear that the enormous number of casualties in Messina were due to the suddenness with which the first shock came, giving but little time to the people to escape from their houses.

The tidal wave was not as high as was at first reported and would have done little damage had it not been preceded by the earthquake. The damage done by fire also was comparatively insignificant.

The first shock last Monday evening literally threw down the city, and almost every street was completely buried under the falling walls and heavy furniture and other contents of houses thrown into the streets in panic, but no one was hurt. The weather is intensely cold on Stromboli Island.

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Another side of the queen's character was shown on Friday evening when a slight earthquake shock caused a great panic among the patients in an improvised hospital. The queen was first to realize the danger, not in the shock, but in the panic. She suddenly transformed from the nurse into a commanding figure, dominating the hysterical crowd of sufferers. It was another proof of the indomitable spirit and invincible courage inherited from her forefathers.

With shining eyes, with truly regal gestures she called, "Be calm," actually placing her own person as a barrier to prevent a far greater havoc was wrought in Messina than was believed when the Associated Press correspondent first passed around the "outsiders" which has caused the observatory of Mount Vesuvius. Though no part of the city escaped, in some sections the work of destruction was more complete.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE

MESSINA, Jan. 2.—The stories related by the survivors in the hospitals and at the food supply stations, where rations are issued twice a day, all reflect the horror of the fatal 28th of December. There were a number of miraculous escapes, but the cases of "cobbler named Francesco Nishino" relates that immediately after the first shock he and his wife and children rushed out into the street. Fires were breaking out all around them. Hearing groans from a pile of debris nearby the cobbler made a hurried examination. He found two girls dying. The head of one was split in two, while the chest of the other had been crushed. The cobbler picked up a baby, but the infant died in his arms. Seized with mad terror the man fled towards the sea.

It took his party two hours and a half to traverse the heap of ruins between his house and the water front. After placing his family in safety he returned to seek his mother and sisters, but he was obliged to give up the effort. It was impossible to make his way back to his home. During the thirty-six hours the cobbler passed among the ruins he did not see more than 5,000 or 6,000 survivors. He estimates the number of dead at 120,000, and says that about 20,000 people succeeded in getting away from the city. This man owes his safety to the fact that he lived in a one-story house. He says that he had arrived for thirty hours after the catastrophe.

Yesterday an old man who had lost all his family was seen going about the ruins vainly asking for food. He had loaded himself with his most valuable possessions. While on one of the docks he suddenly exclaimed: "As nobody helps me I will die, and with these words he threw himself into the sea. A sailor dragged him out.

Signor Vidala, the proprietor of a local newspaper, relates that he was superintending the printing of an edition when the shock came. He managed to get out of the street before the building collapsed. He groped his way to the Place Clavoure, which had been transferred into a huge crevasse. For the first ten minutes after the initial shock one long cry of anguish seemed to rise from the city; then there was comparative silence for a short while. The worst shocks were over by six o'clock. Vidala made his way to his home and found his family under the

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