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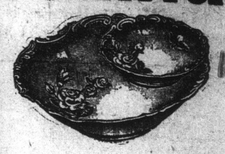

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## RAILWAYS AND RATE INCREASES

### Executive Committee of Allied Manufacturing Interests Issues Appeal to All Interested in the Matter

### URGES PROMPT ACTION BY UNITED STATES CONGRESS

### To Increase Efficiency of Inter-State Commerce Commission—Railways Should Simplify Schedules

NEW YORK, June 8.—The general executive committee of the Railway Business Association, which represents $800,000,000 of invested capital, which gives employment to 1,500,000 working men, and upon which 6,000,000 people depend for support met here today and at the close of its deliberations gave out a statement, chiefly as follows, addressed to Congress, to the Railways, to the Shippers and to the Public:

"The question whether the railroads are entitled to a general advance in freight rates is now before the public. The merits of individual rates will come before the Interstate Commerce Commission. During the period of uncertainty as to whether rates filed are reasonable or otherwise ,there will be a disturbance of industrial conditions. It is therefore of the greatest importance that the way shall be cleared for the speediest possible decision by the commission. To that end the Railway Business Association appeals:

**To Congress.**

"1.—To Congress. That the President of the United States having recommended a provision governing the power of the Interstate Commerce Commission over freight rates charges, such provision be enacted forthwith by an overwhelming majority. In this recommendation of the President, the powers and duties of the Interstate Commerce Commission are to be greatly enlarged and in the present emergency it is decreed that the approval of hundreds of thousands of freight rates must be given by the commission before effectuation. It is deemed proper therefore to urge that serious attention be given the organization upon which the enormous demand for increased output is to be made. Nothing could be more disastrous to the railroads and all the commerce and industry of our country than to stake all that is proposed to be staked on the Commission, only to find that, with its organization it cannot do the work within a reasonable time. We urge that such appropriation as may be found necessary be made to enable the commission to cope with their increased duties.

**To the Railways.**

"2.—to the Railways: That they facilitate the work of the Commission by having their schedules so arranged and the reason therefore so clearly set forth as to require the least possible time to comprehend their scope and bearing and that the officials of the railways acquaint the shippers more fully with the reasons for freight advances.

**To the Shippers.**

That they look upon the railroads precisely as they would look upon any other concern for whose solvency the management and not the government is responsible. A going concern must have an adequate revenue. The present problem involves not merely the amount which the railways shall receive for carrying a consignment but its ability to carry it at all. It embraces, not alone the transportation efficiency but general prosperity. We suggest to the heads of freight paying enterprises that they study this question at first hand in the broadest way. By so doing they may conclude that an advance may be for their own best interests.

**To the Public.**

"4.—To the Public: That they frankly concede to the railways the necessity for adequate revenue and await with patience and good nature the findings of the commission as to the reasonableness of the proposed rates.

"The members of 16 Railway Business Association have but recently emerged from a period of closed shops, the idle men and disastrous losses being due to the cessation of railway purchases. We contemplate with grave anxiety the possibility of undue restriction of railway revenues. Ours is not the plea of a special interest, whose property we would purchase at the expense of other interests or of the general public. If our product is not bought, the commerce of the country cannot be efficiently carried if our men are wholly or partly off the pay roll, the stoppage of their outlays communicates itself to millions more who make or sell them necessities.

"As the basis of our belief in the necessity of increased revenues for the railroads we submit: Either the railroads stand alone among all other business enterprises in their ability to meet universal increases in cost of labor and material, without advancing the price of what they have to sell or else advance in rates is necessary."

The membership of the sub-committee which drafted the report ,which was accepted by the general executive committee is: A. H. Mulliken, president Pettibone Mulliken and Co., Chicago, Chairman, H. H. Westinghouse, vice-president of the Westinghouse Air Brake company, New York; W. H. Marshall, president the American Locomotive company, New York; C. H. Cutler, president the American Brake Shoe and Foundry company, New York; A. B. Johnson, vice-president the Baldwin Locomotive company, Philadelphia; A. M. Kettridge, president Barney & Smith Power company, Dayton, Ohio; F. B. Leigh, president the Chicago Railway Equipment company, Chicago.

## TO SUPPRESS BRIDGE

### Louisiana Representative Introduces Bill in Legislature to Abolish Game.

BATON ROUGE, La., June 8—Representative DeRouen has given notice of a bill in the Lower House for the absolute suppression of the playing of bridge-whist. "I am introducing this measure," declared Mr. De Rouen, "for the benefit of the children of my State who rarely have an opportunity to know their bridge-playing mothers. It is also for the benefit of husbands who have hardly a speaking acquaintance with their bridge-playing wives."

**Her Heroic Search Unrewarded**

PORT ARTHUR, June 8.—Miss Florence Roland, who went into the wilds of Wabigoon district more than a week ago on a heroic, though almost hopeless effort to find her father, Capt. Walpole Roland, a mining engineer, who has been missing three weeks, returned today without having found any trace of him. Parties are still searching. Prof. Von Hille leaves today and will organize another party on arrival at Wabigon. Port Arthur city council has guaranteed all expenses.

**Five Killed in Mine**

DOVER, N.J. June 8,—Five men were killed in the Richard Mine, near here, last night, according to news received this afternoon, by the overturning of a car in which the men were being drawn to the mouth of the mine. The miners fell a distance of 700 feet down the shaft. The victims were: George Dorman, of Franklin, and four Hungarians who were known by numbers and whose names are unknown.

## SUIT AGAINST ARCTIC EXPLORER

### Dr. Cook's Companion Rudolph Francks, Seeks Ten Thousand Dollars Damage From Commander Peary

BERLIN, JJune 8.—Rudolph Francke who was associated with Dr. Frederick A. Cook in Arctic exploration, has brought suit against Commander Robert E. Peary in the sum of $10,000. This amount is estimated as half the value of furs and walrus and narwhal teeth, which Francke bought from natives in the Arctic regions, upon arrangement with Dr. Cook that they should share them half and half.

According to Francke's statement, Commander Peary found him seriously ill at Etah, owing to a fall on a glacier and took advantage of this circumstance to demand the Arctic collection as the price for the transporting him to America. Francke claims that he did not act of his own free will, but by compulsion. He says that Peary set aside part of his collection to present to ex-President Roosevelt. The papers in the suit were served on Commander Peary at a hotel this evening. He refused to take them when they were handed to him by a deputy and the officer then laid them on a table in the presence of a witness, calling the commander's attention to the fact that this was a legal service.

Earlier in the day when the report of an action against Commander Peary was being noised about, the commander sought out the United States Ambassador, David Jayne Hill, and submitted the case to him. He declared that he left the case in the ambassador's hands, and had washed his hands of the whole affair. He declined to make any statement. Commander Peary gave a lecture tonight to a crowded house, through an interpreter. He will leave for London tomorrow.

**To Encourage Thrift**

LONDON, June 8—As an encouragement to thrift the postoffice savings bank department will provide depositors with "home safes," tenders for five thousand of which have been invited.

**John Burns' Salary**

LONDON, June 8—In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith, the premier, announced that the salary of the Right Hon. John Burns, the president of the local government board, will be five thousand pounds.

**Artist Attempts Suicide**

NEW YORK, June 8.—Lying face downward on the sidewalk with a deep wound in his scalp, Victor Julius, an artist was removed in a critical condition to Bellevue hospital today. The police are mystified by the affair. He was well dressed, but his torn and disarrayed clothing indicated that he had a desperate struggle. No weapon was found near Julius.

**Released From Confinement**

REGINA, Sask., June 8.—Peter Clayton Foley, executive head of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, was released from jail on bail granted by Judge Hannon upon one, Jack Spencer, confessing that he committed the crime for which Foley was yesterday sentenced to one month. Foley was given a month at hard labor for striking a man named Crawford, and now Spence admits that he committed the assault following an altercation with Crawford. Foley's case will be heard at the sitting of the district court in September.

## RELIEF WORK AT CALITRI

### King Emmanuel and Queen Helena Visit Italian City Devastated by Earthquake and Aid in Rescue

### THE DEAD TOTAL NEARLY A HUNDRED

### Mediaeval Castle Was Toppled By Earth Tremors Down Upon Houses Beneath—Recovering Bodies

CALITRI, June 8.—The ruins of Calitri and adjoining villages were inspected today by King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena. Most of the houses in Calitri have been destroyed, and the people who escaped from the effects of the earthquake are camping in the fields. Thirty more bodies have been uncovered, while eight or ten more are thought to be still under the fallen walls. Two were taken out in the presence of the King. The dead will total nearly one hundred.

One section of the town is almost completely buried under the walls of a feudal castle, which was toppled over by the first heavy shock, and came crashing down the hill, crushing the houses below. The work of excavating is being carried on rapidly by the civil authorities and soldiers, but contrary to the experiences at Messina and Reggio, no one is being unearthed alive. A two-year-old baby was found beside a heap of wreckage unharmed.

The Duke of Aosta also visited the villages and inspected the work of relief. He left tonight for Naples. The sovereigns did not rest nor sleep for 36 hours. When they departed tonight for Rome there were touching demonstrations, many of the women kneeling before the Queen. The visit of their Majesties has done much towards restoring order and confidence, and the King's last act before his departure was to issue instructions that every possible relief measure be taken to care for the stricken people.

## URGE SETTLEMENT

### Independent Committee Would Assist in Solving Songhees Reserve Question.

With the object of furthering the negotiations towards a settlement of the Songhees Indian Reserve question a meeting of those interested was held on Tuesday afternoon at Bishopsclose whereat a number of prominent Victorians discussed the problem. The opinion expressed was that it might prove unwise at this juncture to inaugurate a movement of an independent nature while the federal and dominion governments are considering the matter and an ysuch attempt to assist might only be embarrassing the governments. Rev. Mr. O'Meara, who has made a study of Indian conditions in the province and the relationship of the redmen to the governments, outlined a plan of action which he believed should be taken by the meeting. Another meeting will probably be called in the near future when some definite action may be decided upon.

## PROGRESS SATISFYING

### G. T. P. Ry.'s General Manager Completes Inspection From Edmonton to Winnipeg

WINNIPEG, June 7—E. J. Chamberlin, vice president and general manager of the G. T. P. railway returned from a tour of inspection of the company's line between Winnipeg and Edmonton, and expressed this morning his satisfaction with the progress of work at all points. As for the development of western freight traffic he said the route to the lakes would have to be in readiness before they could look to any effective development in the west. In a general way he intimated that some of the townsites now getting a great deal of prominence are situated at great distances from actual stations and even from the right of way of the G. T. P.

## SOUTH WALES WON FROM BRITISHERS

SYDNEY, New South Wales, June 8.—The first international professional rugby football match ever played in Australia ended in a win for New South Wales by 28 points to 14. The match was watched by 35,000 people, and it was agreed that the football was of a magnificent character. It is expected that the Englishmen will play better after a little longer on land, the match being played shortly after their long journey from the motherland.

**Seek British Weavers.**

LONDON, June 8.—Mr. T. E. Reed is now in Lancashire to secure factory workers for the Dominion Textile Company of Montreal. The following advertisement appears in the Cotton Factory Times: "Wanted—good weavers and spinners for the Canada Mount Royal Spinning Company Limited, Jas. Godolphurne, manager. Can make good wages. For information apply Evan Leigh & Son, Liverpool."

The Revelstoke Mountaineering Club is issuing a pretty booklet pointing out the special attractions of Revelstoke as a meeting point for Alpinists.

**Finnish Bill to Pass**

ST. PETERSBURG, June 8.—The opponents of the Finnish Bill, giving the government legislative authority over Finland, abandoned the fight today and retired from the chamber. This action ensures the adoption of the measure as a whole.

**Australia Tops Canada**

LONDON, June 8 — Australia last month displaced Canada as the granary of the Empire, sending 25 per cent. more wheat to Great Britain and 50 per cent. more than the United States in our shipments to Britain.

## PASS EXAMINATIONS

### Westerners Make Good Showing at McGill Medical College.

MONTREAL, June 8.—Seventy-nine more doctors will be formally ushered into the medical profession tomorrow afternoon, when the annual convocation of the faculty of medicine at McGill takes place.

Among successful westerners, Sydney B. Peele, of New Westminster, distinguished himself by carrying off two gold medals, the Woodruff medal, for the best examination in the clinical branches, and the Woodruff medal for special examination in opthalmology and otolarnygology.

Fourth year prizes and honors include: Finlay prize, for the highest aggregate in fourth year subjects, H. Macmillan, Victoria. Medicine honors, H. Macmillan, Sydney B. Peele. Surgery honors, Sydney B. Peele. Pathology honors, J. H. Macmillan. Gynaecology honors, H. Macmillan. Opsstelmology and otology, H. Macmillan.

Westerners who will receive their degrees tomorrow are H. Macmillan and H. B. Marchant, Victoria; C. Ewart, Gretna, Man.; H. H. Hepburn, Edmonton, Alta., W. J. McAllister, Winnipeg; M. W. McNaughton, Moosomin, Sask; L. A. Patten, Armstrong, B. C.; Sydney H. Peele, New Westminster; G. T. Wilon, Vancouver.

## SUCCESSOR TO BISHOP DART

### Rev. A. O. DePencier Rector of St. Paul's, Vancouver Chosen by Diocese of New Westminster

VANCOUVER, June 8.—Rev. A. U. DePencier, B.A., rector of St. Paul's Anglican church, of this city, for the past three years, was today chosen as successor to the late Bishop Dart, at a well attended meeting of the diocese of New Westminster, held in the Royal City this afternoon.

It was a keen contest between Archdeacon Pentreath, Canon Tucker, the former rector of Christ Church, Vancouver, and the successful contestant, whose selection was made unanimous after a fourth ballot.

The selection remains to be confirmed by the House of Bishops and Primate of all Canada. Consecration will take place within the next two months.

The new bishop came from Brandon, Manitoba, three years ago, and is one of the most prominent clergymen in British Columbia.

**The Ballotting**

The total of clergy present was 36, 19 being the necessary number to elect. The total of the lay delegates was 85, 43 being necessary to elect. The contest on the first three ballots was keen, but on the fourth victory came to the popular rector of St. Paul's. Ballotting proceeded at the same time in both houses. The clergy voted as follows: DePencier, 23; Pentreath, 11, blank 2. The laity voted: DePencier, 47; Pentreath, 35, and Canon Tucker, 13.

Then Rev. C. C. Owen, Christ church cathedral, Vancouver, moved that the choice be unanimous, which was enthusiastically carried.

Archdeacon Pentreath, who presided in his tribute to the new bishop, said he had made a good rector, and would ably fill the high office.

The bishop-elect will at once resign his rectorship of St. Paul's. Holy communion and service was held in the Holy Trinity cathedral conducted by Archdeacon Pentreath, Canon D'Easum, Rev. Mr. Hoyle, vicar of Ashcroft, and Canon Hinchcliffe, vicar of Chilliwack. Rev. Mr. Hoyle made a brief but impressive address on the purposes of the gathering, and after the service the delegates adjourned to St. George's hall.

**Enforces Canon**

Rev. C. C. Owen rose to a point of order, and asked why the names of two recent members of the diocese had not been read.

The archdeacon stated that he intended to enforce strictly the canon in regard to delegates because the election might otherwise be nullified. The rule was that no clergyman could vote for a bishop who did not produce a license, signed and sealed by the bishop of the diocese. Several delegates took exception to this ruling, including Mr. George H. Cowan, M. P. One clergyman said he had voted for the last ten years, and had not received a written license.

Rev. C. C. Owen said the matter of a license had never before been insisted upon, and did not think that such a hard and fast ruling should be followed.

BOSTON, Mass., June 8.—Many thousand of dollars have been saved in New England this spring by the unseasonable low temperatures which have destroyed brown tail moths and caterpillars in numerous districts. The moths have been especially destructive in Boston suburbs in former years, and immense sums of money has been expended in the anti-moth campaign.

## REQUIRE MEN FOR MINISTRY

### Presbyterian General Assembly Told Plain Truths by Western Clergyman Who Attacked Theological Colleges

### PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE CORONATION OATH

### Telegrams From Orange Lodge Referred to Special Committee—Regret Status of Betting Law—Adjourns Tonight

HALIFAX, June 8.—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian church of Canada this morning discussed finances and home missions. In the afternoon they decided to establish a new theological college in Edmonton and authorized the raising of a fund to endow a school in Alberta for the education of Galicians. Dr. C. W. Gordon told the theological colleges that in not supplying more men for the mission fields they are "not on to their jobs." They should take steps to find more men for the ministry.

In the evening, moral reform, evangelism, any systematic beneficiences were discussed and resolutions based thereon were adopted. The assembly will conclude tomorrow night.

Hon. Rodolfe Lexieux was commended for closing the corridors of the postoffices on Sunday and regret was expressed that the legislation asked for under the first Miller bill was not enacted. The assembly declares that it cannot rest satisfied while the criminal code legalizes the vice of gambling which debases thousands of lives.

Rev. Dr. John Pringle was a speaker. The report on evangelism was presented by Rev. Dr. C. W. Gordon, seconded by Geo. E. Ross. The systematic beneficence report and that on the laymen's missionary movement were presented.

**Coronation Oath.**

The moderator stated that two telegrams had come from Orange lodges asking the assembly to protest against changes in the Coronation Oath. He had referred it to the committee on bills and overtures which now asked that it be sent to a special committee.

"If I had my own way with it I would lay it on the table for a year," said the moderator.

Dr. D. D. McLeod of Barrie, opposed doing anything about the matter. It would only be introducing political questions into the assembly. The matter called for a committee, however and the moderator said he would name them as follows: Dr. J. F. Mclaren, Dr. McLeod, Dr. Turnbull, Dr. Sedgwick, Walter Paul and Pete Lyle.

Dr. C. W. Gordon, made an appeal for a committee to devise means for securing men for the home mission fields in the west and he attacked the methods of the theological colleges.

"In the next five years," he said, "we will need from 800 to 1,000 more men to undertake the work of the west if we are not to fall down before it."

The tremendous growth of the west was pictured by Dr. Gordon, 400,000 of an immigration being expected this year and the likelihood of 3,000,000 to 5,000,000 more people in the west than there are today..

"This year," said he "we are getting only 57 men out of the colleges and not one of them for the west, needing 250 men this year and with 1,200 vacant posts. Dr. Gordon told the assembly that he considered this the most solemn thing with which it had to deal. The theological colleges seem to have broken down. They are not meeting the needs of the case though they cost $250,000 a year. He thought the same plan and the same professors should do far more. He did not see why every college professor and college man should not get right into the campaign. If the halls were overflowing it would be different, but when we know that in some colleges there are almost more professors than students, he thought college men should "get on to their job", and dig up men.

Dr. Gordon proceeded to attack the curriculum of the colleges. Latin, Greek and Hebrew are important but a more important thing is the preaching of the Gospel. Courses might be shortened to make it less of a burden to get through.

**Coulon Downs Burns**

NEW YORK, June 8.—Johnny Coulon, of Chicago, who claims the bantam weight championship, had his revenge tonight for the beating he got some weeks ago from Frankie Burns, of Jersey City. The lads fought ten rounds at the Empire A. C. and although Burns was as fast and clever as ever Coulon outgamed and out fought him. There were no knock downs.

**Bomb Outrage Averted**

NEW YORK, June 8.—Two broken windows in a Brooklyn saloon caused policeman Timothy Daly to make an investigation. Entering the place he saw a bomb with sputtering fuse attached lying on the bar. Daly dared the danger, and jumping behind the bar he found a bucket of water and threw the bomb into it. Then he carried it to the middle of the street. Examination proved the bomb powerful enough to have wrecked the place and imperilled the lives of a number of persons who lived in the building. The owner of the place had recently received several letters threatening harm unless money was given the writers.

**Honor English Aeronaut**

LONDON, June 6.—The Royal Aero Club today presented its gold medal to Chas. Stewart Rolls who made a successful flight across the English channel from Dover to Calais and return.

**Russo-Japanese Entente.**

TOKIO, June 8.—A complete understanding has been reached by Russia and Japan on the outstanding questions at issue relating to the Far East. Details have not been published but it is not thought that there will be any material change in the provisions of

**Marriage Dower Reconveyed**

PITTSBURG, Pa., June 8.—A deed of reconveyance was recorded here today, which practically returns to Alice Thaw, a sister of Harry Thaw, and formerly the Countess of Yarmouth, the marriage dower that was executed at the time the wedding of Miss Thaw to the Earl of Yarmouth in this city in 1903. The property involved produces an income of half a million a year.

## MR. FURNISS DEAD

The late Harry Furniss, caricature the well known artist, is dead.

The late Henry Furniss, caricature artist, author and lecturer, was born in Wexford in 1854, the son of Mr. H. Furniss, an English engineer. He settled in London at the age of nineteen, and for many years was a contributor to the Illustrated London News, the Graphic, Black and White, Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News and the principal magazines of England and America. He joined the staff of Punch in 1880. He toured America, Canada and Australia as a lecturer. His illustrations of Happy Thoughts, Incomplete Angler, Comic Blackstone, Lewis Carroll's Sylvie and Bruno have made the world laugh.

## EXTOL LUMBER OF PROVINCE

### Promoters Devote Pages of Great London Papers in Effort to Interest Investing Public

LONDON, June 8—British Columbia lumber interests who have several companies awaiting flotation are making elaborate efforts in the press. The Times today publishes a whole page of illustrated matter advertising generally the lumber wealth of the province at a cost of $900. The Daily Mail and Observer had similar pages the other day, costing $1,500 and $750 respectively.

To further the campaign in progress, through the agency of the Harmsworth journals, in addition to the special advertisements, an expert is being sent to British Columbia at the promoters' expense.

The suggested condition of the market for semi-speculative Canadian securities still continues.

## NO JURISDICTION

### United States Will Not Investigate Charges Against Steel Corporation.

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 8—Attorney-General Wickersham has advised Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, that the Department of Justice has no jurisdiction over the assaults, batteries and acts of oppression which are alleged in the Federation's charges against the United States Steel Corporation. Those acts, the Attorney-General declares, are within the jurisdiction of the separate States in which they may have been committed.

An investigation of the legality of the steel corporation which the Federation charges to be a monopoly in restraint of trade, the Attorney-General declines to undertake, if at all, until the Supreme Court of the United States has determined the Government's cases against the Standard Oil Company and the American Tobacca Company.

## APPLY FOR ELEVATORS

### Requests Received from Fifty Districts Which Would Take Advantage of Manitoba Act.

WINNIPEG, June 8.—Applications from 50 different districts throughout Manitoba have been received up to the present by the provincial elevator commission for the erection of grain elevators. The commission has a staff of twelve experts on the road investigating elevator facilities and possible sites for public elevators. These confidential agents are daily sending in favorable reports to the commission. The engineering department has been inaugurated with E. P. Estlet as chief engineer. He is engaged at present in drafting a new elevator system for Manitoba. The commission expects in a short time to have applications from 60 per cent. of the graingrowers of Manitoba for the installation of the public elevator system at principal points in the province.

**Gen. French at Halifax**

HALIFAX, June 8—Gen. Sir John French, who is here to inspect the military forces, witnessed the manoeuvres of the permanent troops at Halifax today in an attack and defence of the forts. Afterwards Sir John inspected the fortifications. In the evening he was given a dinner at the Wellington Barracks by Sir Fred Borden, minister of militia, the guests including heads of departments and a very few others, among whom was Dr. C. W. Gordon (Ralph Connor), of Winnipeg.

## SCORES DEAD IN EARTHQUAKE

### Calitri in Italian Province of Avellino Devastated by Severe Seismic Disturbances—Fifty Reported Dead

### KING AND QUEEN LEAVE FOR SCENE

### Prompt Relief Measures Undertaken by the Italian Government—Sardinia Ravaged by Cyclone

AVELLINO, Italy, June 7.—An earthquake characterized by one severe shock and several minor shocks which occurred shortly after three o'clock this morning, wrought great havoc through the province of Avellino, in the department of Campania. The district for forty miles was thrown into a panic. While the city of Avellino practically escaped damage, the town of Calitri, some thirty-five miles distant, suffered severely. Reports received here indicate that half the buildings in Calitri have been wrecked. The number of killed in that place is estimated at from 25 to 50, with scores badly injured. From many towns and villages come stories of fallen homes and death and suffering. At Sansile, in the province of Potenza, six persons were killed and five injured. The convicts at Benevento became panic stricken and tried to force their way past the guards, but were overpowered.

King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena arrived here at ten o'clock this evening, but spent the night on their train. They proceed tomorrow to Calitri and other stricken towns, and later will be joined by the Duke of Aosta, who is now on his way here.

Many of the people of Avillino, although somewhat reassured by the fact that the earthquake did not occur through the day, are remaining in the open. Crowds are gathered in the squares and the fields around the town where fires have been lighted, about which are gathered pitiful groups, who fear to return to their homes.

**Area Affected**

ROME, June 7.—Great apprehension has been caused again by the seismic disturbances. The official reports show that the region affected by the earthquake shocks today is a vast one, embracing practically the whole of southern Italy, as well as a portion of Tuscany and Venetia, to the north. But the district where serious damage occurred extends only about fifty miles around Mount Vulture, an extinct volcano, near the town of Calitri, in the province of Avellino.

This region has suffered much in the past from earthquakes. In 1852 eight hundred persons were killed. The number of casualties resulting from the earthquake today has not been definitely ascertained, some of the reports estimated the dead at fifty and the injured at several hundred. It is feared that there are many buried in the ruins of the buildings which were thrown down in Calitri, while great damage was done at other places with doubtless a considerable loss of life.

**Relief Measures**

The government has taken hold of the situation with promptitude. Although the earthquake occurred during the hight, it was not long before the military and civil authorities were hard at work rendering aid to the injured, preparing places of shelter for the homeless, and bending their energies to the establishment of order. Premier Lustzatti received word of the disturbances at five o'clock in the morning, less than two hours after the occurrence of the quake, and he at once communicated the news to the King. The latter decided to leave immediately for the district. He intended to go alone, but Queen Helena insisted upon accompanying him. The King thought this was not necessary, as the situation at Avellino was not to be compared with that at Messina, where their Majesties spent several days in alleviating the distress of the people.

In reply to the King's protest, Queen Helena retorted, "As my presence is necessary at all festivals, it must not lack where the people die and weep. In the south, Italians suffer, therefore I must go. It is my place as a woman and a mother."

The King and Queen were cheered by the crowds at the station as they hurried to the train and inspected the medical and other supplies.

**Cyclone in Sardinia**

Misfortune seems to have chosen Italy as a target. While the south has been afflicted by an earthquake, the vast region of Sardinia was ravaged today by a violent cyclone. The districts of Lanusei, Tortoli, Iloni, Rlini and Jerzu have been devastated and the crops destroyed and cattle destroyed. It is believed that many shepherds have followed the fate of their flocks. The damage in Sardinia is estimated at $2,000,000.

**Hurt When Crane Collapsed.**

NEW YORK, June 8.—Two persons were hurt, one man possibly fatally, by the collapse today of a steam traveling crane, on the big drydock No. 4, under construction in the Brooklyn Navy Yard. The damage caused to the wreck appliances is estimated at $10,000. Alexander Cuthbertson, a master mechanic, was the worst injured. He was carried down into the pit with the crane and sustained a fractured shoulder and serious burns, and may not recover. Frank Devlin, a boy helper, was seriously cut and burned.