A Very Happy and Prosperous New Year to All

AND THE POPULATION OF 28,000 PERISH

ACCORDING TO WIRELESS NEWS

Other Nations, Making Herculean Efforts To Relieve Starving and Homeless.

Group Off the Coast Sicily Sinks Beneath Mediterranean.

ROME, DEC. 31. - THE VITA TERRANEAN, NEAR THE COAST

SICILY, HAVE DISAPPEARED. E TOTAL POPULATION OF THE OUP NUMBERS 28,000, AND ST INEVITABLY HAVE PERISH

THE MINISTER OF MARINE HAS AUSHED A TORPEDO BOAT TO ASCERTAIN THE FACTS.

Aid From United States.

Washington, Dec. 31. - The state department is awaiting developments oner Hassard's court today brought in a before taking action on sending any verdict that Elijah Thompson, the victim of the battleships of the Atlantic fleet of a 16-year-old son's wrath, last week, to relieve the earthquake sufferers. A came to his death from a bullet wound injured. number of days, it is pointed out, would elapse before any of them could reach the vicinity of the afflicted places. By Monday the department will be more fully advised of the situation in the earthquake zone, and Magistrate McGee, and after evidence will aet accordingly.

Rome, Dec. 31, - United States Ambassador Griscom will leave three brothers, Andrew, Enoch Naples tomorrow by steamer for Mes- George, and his uncle, Jefferson Golden. sina, to gather information regarding The mother's story brought out several Dragneson, who has been in custody the fate of Americans in Calabria and Sicily. The ambassador will take with him several consular officers, As soon as the service of investigation on him and fired. He died with words him on his journey homeward today. is started the ambassador will return of forgiveness on his lips. After the

Nothing But Ruins,

The commander of the Russian to kill her if she did not release him. cruiser Admiral Makaroff, which arrived at Naples yesterday with refugees from Messina, has given the following account of the disaster:

"Hearing at Agoata, Sicily, of the disaster, I hurried to Messina. The made dire threats against him when he city was literally nothing but a heap was displeased. While talking with Chief of ruins. Every building there has of Police Laporte after the arrest, Wil- Apple Woman." collapsed, but in many cases the outward shells remain standing, and as a in the different parts of the body, and result the general contour is less changed than might be expected. This is particularly true of the sea front. dents Garfield and McKinley. These reform of the Straits of Messina shows little if any change.

"The harbor is filled with refuse of every kind, and at one end lies the wreck of a sunken steamer.

"It is impossible to give even a faint idea of the desolation of the scene. Every now and then we heard the erash of falling floors and walls. This constitutes the greatest danger to the rescuers. It is not safe to approach any standing masonry. Men from many vessels had many narrow escapes, and I had seen several terrible accidents to the brave Italian soldiers who were doing more than their

Saved \$4,000,000.

"We lost no time in setting about the work of rescue. We established an open air hospital on the shore, where we received and treated a thousand people-men, women and children. We also saved the safe of the Bank of Bicily, with its \$4,000,000 treasure. weighing two tons.

"I estimate the deaths conservatively at 80,000. The tidal wave lasted much longer than the earthquake. During all the time we were in the harbor of Messina, our vessel shivered intermittently, as though shaken by some huge marine

A Pathetic Story.

"I could relate pathetic stories without number. Under some wreckage, inclosed in a sort of cubby-hole, and protected by two heavy beams, I disovered two little babies safe and uninjured. They were as comfortable as and laughing and playing with the buttons on their clothes. We could find no trace of their parents. who undoubtedly lost their lives. Continued on Page Six.

Ship Full of Food Flying to Messina

New York, Dec. 31. - The United at Washington. Red tape was cut i to meet the returning battleship fleet the yard, and the Celtic, with Christ-Italian Government, Aided by with holiday cheer, sailed out of New mas trees still lashed to the mast-She will go direct to Messina, to give will not be eaten by American sailors, the earthquake sufferers.

abrian and Sicilian disaster.

The idea of changing the Celtic into | The Celtic has in her cargo \$150,000 a relief ship came to her commander, worth of provisions, sufficient for 50,000 Harry McL. P. Huse, last night. It met people for one month; \$32,000 worth with the immediate approval of Rear of clothing; tents enough to accom-Admiral Caspar F. Goodrich, com- modate 1,000 persons, and a large mandant of the navy yard, who prompt- quantity of medical and surgical sup-

A Little Boy Killed by Pack of Dogs

A Sixteen-Year-Old Amherstburg Negro Boy Charged With Parricide.

Amherstburg, Dec. 31 .- The jury in Corinflicted by his son Wiliam, with intent to kill.

Immediately following the inques William was arraigned before Police was taken was committed for trial at the Five witnesses were examined at the ! quest-the mother of the parricide, his

shooting William tried to leave the house. but his mother held him, despite the fact

Whipping Didn't Hurt. The other three children testified as to the whipping the father gave them. It did not hurt much. The uncle testified that on previous occasions William had liam showed considerable knowledge of said that he had studied the shots which resulted in the assassination of Presi-

his father's life after "I get out of the Birket, spent \$4,059. penitentiary," shows, the crown contended, that the boy knew what he was doing and tends to show premeditation. The boy is as yet without a lawyer. He volunteered no statements in the court, and did not seem visibly perturbed by the was brought into the little court room, tions of the crown attorney.

A LUCKY GIRL.

at Sandwich this afternoon to await

trial.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.-At the regular meeting of the Children's Aid Society yesterday afternoon, the announcement was made that a girl who was once a ward of the society was to be married on New cept shipments of hay and straw from Year's Day. Her prospective husband is New York State, except from the five wealthy, and has already presented his afflanced bride with a beautiful home and a large sum of money.

NEW YEAR'S AT OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.-New Year's Day will e observed with all the customary official and private receptions in the city. His excellency the governor-general will hold a levee in the eastern block; Monseignor Sbarretti, the papal delegate, will hold a reception, and the president and management committee of St. Andrew's Society will be at home to the member

of the society. SHOT IN THE LEG.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.-Bryan Devlin, young son of Mr. R. J. Devlin, of this from the extreme cold. Blizzard concity, was seriously injured on Monday ditions apparently prevailed just south morning, and lies at his home with a bul- of the international boundary, for let in his leg. The boy was spending a northern Pacific trains are running that a companion was handling a revolver when it was accidentally discharged, the bullet lodging in the calf of his leg.

Lake Superior and Manitoba—Fine and cold.

Lake Superior and Manitoba—Fine and cold.

Saskatchewan and Alberta—Fair; rising temperature. vacation at Kingsmore, and it appears

States supply ship Celtic, which was a jiffy on the ground of humanity, York harbor this afternoon on an en- heads-it had been designed to make tirely different mission, but without the Celtic the Christmas ship for th changing a single item of her cargo. fleet—sailed late today. Her supplies a million and a half of navy rations to but by suffering survivors of the Cal

Reski, the 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Reski, of Hillside Park, a hamlet the beasts. One arm and one leg had near this city, was attacked this morning been almost severed from his body, and by seven vicious dogs, and received in- his face was so terribly mutilated that juries which caused death. The lad had identification was difficult.
been sent to a store by his mother about. The chief of police of this city killed 11 o'clock, and his lifeless body was dis- all the dogs of the place save two.

CLINTON RESIDENCE

plosion of Acetylene Lighting Plant. Clinton, Dec. 31.-Early this evening Mr. D. A. Forrester's fine residence, situated just outside of the town, on his large stock farm, was totally destroyed by fire, caused by the explosion of the acetylene plant in the basement, used for lighting purposes. Mr. Forrester, who was fixing the plant at the time of the explosion, was buadly burned about the face city hall. There were about 400 peoand hands, and was taken to the hospital. His wife and daughter, who were in the room above, were slightly

BACK TO ROUMANIA

Alleged Defaulter Is Given Up by the Montreal Police Authorities.

Montreal, Dec. 31 .- A Roumanian defaulter, George Catachesot, alias new facts. She declared that before her here since June 13, fighting extradition, had followed up the narrow stairs, first has been finally turned over to a tried to club him with the gun, but was police officers from Bucharest, who employee.

DEAD, AGED 102.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.-At the extraordinary age of 102 years, there passed away yes-St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum, Margaret Haggarty, better known to resi dents of Ottawa as "Maggie, the Old he was personally concerned, he had

OTTAWA ELECTION EXPENSES. Ottawa, Dec. 31.-Sir Wilfrid Laur-

ier's expenses in the Ottawa election, with those of his running-mate, H. B. In spite of what has been said, the marks, in conjunction with his remark to McGiverin, were \$4,358 69. The oppos-Dr. Tester, about paying him for saving ing Conservatives, Dr. Chabot and T.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY. RUMORS.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.-In regard to the story that Mesers. MacKenzie & Mann proceedings. His mother, on the other hand, broke down completely when he Hon. G. P. Graham has nothing to add and was so affected that it was some further than what he stated at the time before she could answer the ques- Commercial Travellers' banquet in Toronto, "Nothing has as yet been de-The boy was removed to the county jail termined," he said.

QUARANTINE MODIFIED.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 31.-Seven states. Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, have notified Commissioner R. A. Pearson, of the state department of agriculture, of their willingness to accounties in the western part of the state, where the foot and mouth disease exists, and which are now under quaran-The federal authorities recently modified

the quarantine regulations to permit such

shipments, subject to regulations of the

THE WESTERN BLIZZARD.

state authorities.

Winnipeg, Dec. 31. - Yesterday's big storm has blown itself out, but left cold temperature, ranging from 32 below zero at Regina to 28 below here, and 10 below at the head of the lakes. decidedly cold. Trains are running on fairly good time, the though some engines have gone dead northerly and westerly winds; fair and

CANADA TO AID WITH \$100,000

The Dominion To Donate That Sum for Relief of Quake Sufferers.

(Special to The Advertiser.) Ottawa, Dec. 31 .- While it has not been officially announced, it is underhas decided to donate \$100,000 for the relief of the sufferers by the Sicilian

Hon. Adam Beck, Col. and Others Speak.

TEST WELL

DESTROYED BY FIRE Mr. Beck Says It Showed a Flow of 150,000 Gallons a Day---Some Cross-

Questioning.

deer-wells proposition, was given thorough airing last evening at the ple present, and interruptions were quite frequent. Hon, Adam Back, Col. J. W. Little, T. H. Smallman, John Labatt, Water Commissioner Darch and U. A. Buchner discussed the

question at considerable length. The most important announcemen was that made by Mr. Beck, to the effeet that his test well was a success. and that it was pumping at the present time about 150,000 gallons a day. The capacity of the well was given a thorough test yesterday afternoon, and office at the city hall yesterday, and was the amount of water located was a sort of love feast rather than a busivouched for by the agent of the Rand Company, who installed the air compressor, as well as by Mr. James Peat, the well contractor.

among whom he will divide the work. unsuccessful, and then turned the muzzle came here for him and who left with pointed, and sharp criticism between Mr. Beck and Mr. Darch, and between The prisoner is accused of stealing Col. Little and Mr. Darch, were fre-\$12,000 from the Roumanian Govern- quent. A number of the audience also that he bit both her hands and threatened ment Railway, of which he was an asked questions, and sought to embarrass the speakers.

Dr. McCallum Chairman.

Dr. H. A. McCallum was elected to the chair. He pointed out that the object of the meeting was to discuss the deep-wells proposition. So far as slways pursued a consistent course, believing that the ultimate solution of the water problem of the city was in deep wells. He was opposed to filtration, and had always been opposed to In Europe, filtration was being abandoned and deep wells substituted. The same was largely true of the United States, and there were many cities in Canada now supplied by deep

Hon. Adam Beck.

Hon. Adam Beck then addressed the meeting. He explained his reasons for taking part in the discussion, stating that the well proposition was meet-Continued on Page Four.

THE WEATHER.

TODAY-FAIR AND COLD. Toronto, Dec. 31 .- Light snowfalls of flurries have occurred in many parts of Ontario and Quebec today, and rain has fallen heavily in the Maritime Provinces, while elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fine. More moderate temperature conditions have prevailed in Alberta, and the cold wave is progressing east-Minimum and maximum temperatures:

-40; Vancouver, 28-37; Edmonton, 26 below-10; Battleford, 28 below-zero; Calgary, 20 below-14; Moosejaw, 25 below-1; Qu'Appelle, 32 below-6 below; Winnipeg, 20 below-6 below; Parry Sound, 8-26; Toronto, 26-32; Ottawa, 28-30; Montreal, 28-30; St. John, 26-44. FORECASTS.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay-Moderate to fresh westerly winds; fair and Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence-Northwesterly and westerly winds; fair and

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf-Strong Toronto, Dec. 31 .- Good news was Maritime Provinces-Strong northerly to westerly winds; fair and colder; local

LONDON ITALIANS WILL HELP STRICKEN PEOPLE OF ITALY

Meeting To Be Held This Afternoon to Deal With the Question---Toronto City Council Gives the Sum of \$5,000--London Will Be Asked to Contribute.

Across the door of the Marconi Club! on Fullarton street, stretches a narthoughts to help their country in the suspense is ended.

our of its need. abled to help in the work of success.

New Year's Day will bring no re row band of crepe, bearing the simple joicing into the homes of the Italian inscription, "Lutto Nationalle, London, colony, the pall is hanging over to Ontario." In the days of rejoicing the many lives, and too many hearts are shadow has fallen on many a home in sore to make the ordinary New Year London. Some have relatives to mourn. ceremonies anything but a mockery. All All feel the deep sorrow of the deso- amusements of any kind have been lation that has touched, their native voluntarily foresworn by all, and there land. Italy needs aid, and nobly the will be no festivities until in a meas-Italians of London are turning their ure at least, the terrible sorrow and

With but a few exceptions, the There will be a meeting held at the Italian colony of London, hail from the Marconi Club this afternoon to discuss Lipari Islands, and these are only a the best way of sending aid, and sub- short distance from Messina. And to scription lists will be started immedi- almost all, the beautiful cities of the ately, this in response to a demand of straits are well known and better loved, any of London's citizens to be en- They speak with hushed voices of its

Confession of Mrs. Claudia Hains Read to the Jury in Murder Case

Father of Captain Testifies to Hains manifested such polgnant grief over the disclosures that his mind became Insanity in the Family.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 31.-Gen. Peter C. Hains, U. S. A., and his wife, Mrs. Virginia P. Hains, parents of Thornton J. Hains, now being tried as a principal in the slaying of William E. Annis, were witnesses in their son's behalf today. Their testimony brought out in full detail the relationship of Mrs. Claudia Hains and William E. Annis that caused the estrangement of Capt. Hains and his wife.

Mrs. Hains' Confession

Gen. Hains declared that in his presence, and before his two sons, Peter and

affected. This confession, which Gen. Hains declared his son's wife had signed on the day following Capt. Hains' return from the west, was read to the jury. Gen. Hains made a strong witness for his son, and counsel for the defense asserted tonight that the evidence was now con clusive that Capt. Hains was mentally unbalanced when he shot William E. Annis, and that his act was one of his sole doing. The general will be under cross-exam-

ination again next Monday.

Insanity in Family. ugh Mrs. (Gen.) Hains, who wept many times during her story, the defense Thornton, the captain's wife. Claudia early life evidenced physical weakness, cinque anime vive. Which counsel will endeaver to later proved.

Continued on Page Eight. conduct, and that subsequently Capt School Trustees in a Love Feast Last Meeting of Board of 1908

Annual Reports Were Read and symnasium should be provided for the Were Adopted -Other

Matters.

The final meeting of the board of education of 1908 was held in the secretary's

ness session. The members spent con-

siderable time in praising each other specially Messrs. MacRobert, Granger, Fitzgerald and McCormick, who are re Commissioner Grant with \$25 as a recognition of his services in valuating and purchasing additions to school properties. Inspector Edwards stated that the inspector for East Middlesex had asked hat a number of the city substitutes be allowed to take positions in township

schools until Easter, as such schools are experiencing a shortage of teachers. The inspector was informed that all would be well if the city could take them back at

Chairman's Report.

Collegiate. Grand avenue and Wortley Vittorio, mentre il sovrano trovasi road schools should be enlarged, and a ad una partitia di caccia. kindergarten provided for the district surrounding the Grand avenue school. male assistants, has been assigned to the Lorne avenue school, which will be opened on Monday next for the first time since being rebuilt

The contract for printing the minutes Printing Company, The Advertiser's ten- Decembre.

Record of Meetings.

No. 1 committee held eighteen meetings del disastro sono ed 16; Mr. Fitzgerald, 15; Mr. Graham, 13; sione della rovina e svenuta. Dr. Teasdale, 15; Dr. Mugan, 7; and Dr.

No. 2 committee held 27 meetings. Mr. E. J. MacRobert attended every session; pleta. Racconti terribili aspettavono Rev. Mr. Hamilton, 22; Mr. C. M. R. sua maesta. Dopo avendo ascoltato Graham, 20; Mr. Granger, 19; Mr. G. N. questi pazientemente, si mise per-Weekes, 15, and Mr. C. J. McCormick, 8. No. 2 committee reported that accounts amounting to \$3,358 34 had been passed for e sequi l'esempio corraggioso del payment.

marito. Those present were: Chairman Graham, Mr. E. J. MacRobert (chairman of No. 2 ai fanciulli. La regina salvo un Mr. C. M. R. Graham, chairman of the committee), Mr. Westervelt (chairman of bambino di treanni colle proprie board, read his review of the year's work No 1). Trustees Granger, Weekes, Dr. mani, e lo porto immediatamente all' and made a number of suggestions to Teasdall, Inspector Edwards and Secre-ospedale.

the next board. In his opinion a new McElheran. Bereaved Parents Commit

One Hundred and Sixteenth street, com- to be left alone with their grief. mitted suicide together immediately afterwards by means of chloroform.

New York, Dec. 31.-Grief-stricken over, the one in which the body of the young altri disastri vi e quello del fuoco. the death of their 18-year-old daughter woman lay, and were not disturbed for Dieci citta stanno brucciando.

When at last the room was entered, the

sorrowing pair went to a room adjoining tained chloroform. A Clever Scheme To Swindle Bank Il Ministro Giolitti una telagramma segue:

ful schemes that has been worked for some time on banks, has been brought thing but a ten-dollar bill. The Bank calamita." bankers yesterday from the head of- to the trick first by the number of ed il mare nella vicinanza e turbato. London, 18-27; Dawson, 32 below-14 be- fice of the Bank of Toronto. The low; Atlin, 20 below-4 below: Victoria, 36 bank has discovered that by a clever trick their five-dollar bills have been passed in a number of places as tens. The scheme, according to the circular received, has been worked as follows, for bills of this kind. the man passing the bills first secured

GOOD NEWS.

to light in a circular received by local of Toronto had their attention called certificates that were being returned with the left-hand corner torn off. The villaggi sono quasi totalmente rovirest of the scheme was soon discov- nati; il numero dei morti in questi ered, and banks all over the country have been notified to be on the watch sono pazzi dal terrore.

The notes are now circulating all some five and ten dollar Bank of To- through the country, and notwithronto bills. The left-hand corner of standing that a close watch is being each bearing the five and ten in fig- kept by special detectives, no clue as ures was then torn off, the ten thus to who the guilty party is has been secured was then cleverly pasted on obtained.

THIEVES AT KINGSTON.

Kingston, Dec. 31. - Thieves last night forced an entrance into the ofreceived today by the private secretary fice of Booth & Co., coal dealers, and 1,000. of Mr. S. F. McKinnon, who, with his removed a revolver and a large quanwife and niece is sojourning in Italy. tity of stamps from a drawer. The Lake Superior and Manitoba—Fine and cold.

This was a letter written from Alaks also entered and tobacco, groceries and dry goods to the value of about \$40 time notizie da Messina e Sicilia.

Roma, Dec. 30.—11:30 p. m.—L'ultemperature.

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Enormi Perdite di Vite e di Proprieta---150,000 Morti---Beni Distrutti, \$300,000,000.

SUA MAESTA E LA REGINA SOCCORRONO VITTIME

Reggio e Messina Totalmente Distrutte---In Messina e le Vicinanze le Vittime Ammontano a 120,000.

Italian residents in London who can-not read English, and who have therefore been unable to grasp the vastness of the catastrophe that has befallen a section of their country, The Advertiser herewith presents in

Roma, Dec. 30.-Ulteriori particolari del terremote e maremoto di lunedi, confermano le notizie di martedi, annunziando perdite di vite e di propri-

eta enormi Le prime scosse si sono avute verso 5 di mattina lunedi, e son durate

La citta di Reggio non esiste piu: drew out facts that Capt. Hains in his della popolazione di 90,000 ne rimane In Messina gli abitanti, presi da panico terribile hanno abbandonato loro abitazioni, disperdendosi per le vie e per le campagne, nonostante la pioggia diorotta che imperversa. Lungo le coste, estese aree di

terreno sono affondate nel mare. La meta della popolazione di Calabria morta; l'altra parte piange. La notizia del nuovo terribile disastro prodotto dal terremoto in Calabria e stata partecipata a Re

Il Re si e messo immediamente, in communicazione telegrafica col presi-Mr. J. W. Westervelt, chairman of No. dente del Consiglio dei ministri, Cn. committee, presented his report. Mr. Giolitti, al quale ha manifestato il of the recently-appointed suo desiderio di partir subito per la Calabria, per visitarvi i luoghi

Janneggiati. Una notizia da Messina annunzia che il Re e la Regina sono arrivati has been awarded to The Advertiser sulla scena del disastro oggi, il 30, Le perdite di proprieta ammontano a \$300,000,000. Le scene sui luoghi during the year. Mr. Westervelt attend- Quandro la regina realizzo l'esten-

> Folle di disgraziati, circondavono sonalmente a soccorere i feriti. La regina quasi subito si ristabili

> prigioni di Messina sono totalmente distrutte. Di 280 impiegeti dalle

Eessa si devoto specialmente

ferrovie, 272 sono morti. Migliaie di persone sono sepolte vive nelle rovine, e l'ultime notizie annunziano che ora, aggiunto a gli

today, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gardy, of West an hour, in the belief that they wished I primi soccorsi venivano da marinaii; i lavori e l'eroismo di questi sono stati meravigliosi. Comcouple were found dead in bed, and by battendo rovine, l'acqua, ed il fuoco With their arms about each other, the, their side was a bottle which had con- hanno salvato centinaie di vittime disperate. I salvati si recano all' aiuto dei piu sfortunati Il Ministro Giolitti ha ricevuto

"Messina e completamente trutta. Rapidamente il fuoca porta One of the cleverest, and at the over the five in the right-hand corner a fine il lavoro di revina. Siamo same time most simple and success- of a five-dollar bill, and when it was senza mezzi di combattere il fuoco. inserted in a bunch of bills, no one L'immaginazione piu stravagante non would ever suspect that it was any. puo comprendere l'estensione della

Il volcano di Stromboli si agisce, In Calabria, si conferma, che 35 villaggi e 30,000. I pochi sopraviventi

Tutti y'ospedali in Catania sono pieni di feriti, ed ora stanno usando le scuole, come ospedali.

Treni di soccorso da Palermo a Messina, sono stati costretti a ritornare, le rotaie essendo demolite. Lyengegnere del treno dichiara che le case lungo la ferrovia dimonstrano l'effetto del terremoto. Un dispaccio ricevuto a Napoli da San Eufemia, una citta di 6,000 abitanti, 16 miglie da Reggio, annunzia che i morti sono Le case che rimangano sono tutte in flamme.

L'Ultime Notizie da Messina e Sicilia.