

# EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS NOW SAID TO NUMBER 115,000

## Extensive Relief Measures For Sufferers in Stricken Towns and Communes—Noble Work Done By Queen Helena.

Rome, Jan. 2.—Exact statistics of the dead and injured in the Messinian earthquake are still impossible to obtain, because all the dead bodies buried under the ruins have not yet been excavated. It is equally impossible to make any accurate account of the survivors, for they are to-day scattered from one end of the country to the other. The only figures that can be given are reached by calculating the total population before the disaster and subtracting therefrom the numbers that are supposed to have survived. The result is, of course, approximate. On this basis I made the estimate that about 115,000 people have left Messina and Messina communes. As the total population of the city and the commune was about 150,000, and as there are still about 15,000 people in the district, the dead probably amount to 115,000.

The victims are increasing daily, not only through the dying of injured, but also by the many suicides committed by despondent survivors whose minds have given way under their terrible experiences.

The following sent by Wm. H. Bliskop, the American consul at Palermo, on 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 died together, the consulate at Messina having collapsed. Mr. Lupton, the new American consul at Messina, was absent shortly after the disaster, but no answer has been received to telegrams sent him."

The American gunboat Scorpia will arrive at Messina on Monday, and with other foreign ships will

Transport Refugees from the affected districts, carrying messages and co-operating in all possible ways with the authorities in alleviating 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 Castello, 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 at Messina have now been reduced to small proportions. Three other British and three French warships have arrived at Messina."

In compliance with the orders of the King, the Royal Palace 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 Capo Di Monte. The Duke of Aosta has now gone to Reggio, where he is continuing his work of relief.

Alleviating Distress and giving encouragement to the natives.

It is stated here that 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 waves following the earthquake. Almost all of the people of Reggio and Messina, it is said, are making up their minds to abandon their beloved cities.

As an indication of the progress that is being made in bringing order out of chaos, the railway line from Reggio to Chiaravalle was again in operation last night. There is a break in the line, however, of six hundred and fifty feet, over which passengers and freight must be transferred from one train to another. The distribution of food also is being made more regularly in the afflicted districts and many of the

Starving People

therefore, have been relieved temporarily. Many persons living along the coast of Calabria and Sicily paddle out in canoes to the large steamships passing through the straits and receive food from them.

It is said that nobody in Italy envies King Victor Emmanuel his errand of mercy more than does Pope Pius, who always has felt that his place was with the stricken earthquake sufferers. Having been prevented from going there, his Holiness has tried to keep in touch with the prevailing conditions as much as possible, and has offered his bishops of the afflicted zone all that he could give. His latest gift has been another \$200,000.

The Pontiff never so much regretted the loss of the liberty he enjoyed as a patriarch of Venice. Now is the time that he would like again to be free again to

Fawn His Pectoral Cross for the benefit of suffering mankind. Financial contributions for the relief of the sufferers have come in so generously from the United States that Ambassador Griscomb, who has been notified of these donations, is to-day taking a prominent part back in the relief being organized in Rome. The ambassador was required to give his opinion regarding the best methods to apply this American succor. He said:

"The work of relief is difficult owing to geographical conditions. There is only one railroad line running from Naples to Southern Italy. This is necessarily

Checked by Troops in the government service, and the handling of state relief supplies. Consequently most of the outside relief work must come to stricken area by sea. This is why the King, telegraphing from the scene of the disaster to Premier Giolitti, said that ships were needed more than anything else. A practical means of getting in relief offered by the United States would be to charter one or more steamships in Genoa or Marseilles, place aboard them doctors and trained nurses and dispatch them at once for the strait of

Messina. Here the workmen would put themselves at the disposal of the authorities.

"The poverty of the country where the disaster occurred makes it imperative

To Remove the Survivors at once to such distant points as Naples, Leghorn, Genoa or ports even farther up the coast, and I am safe in saying that there is not at present any limit to the amount of sea transportation needed."

A committee could be formed of Americans in Rome which would cooperate with a central national commission in New York for the prompt expedition of relief. This need not in any way interfere with the contributions of Americans to the relief committee appointed by King Victor Emmanuel.

"Immediate action, however, is imperative and if such a suggestion as this is to be of value, should be put into operation at once. All the arrangements could be completed by cable in a few hours. The steamers thus dispatched from Genoa, Marseilles, etc., should be loaded with food, supplies of all kinds as well as tents, blankets, clothing and surgical and medical supplies. All these things are greatly needed in the afflicted region, and the amount that could be sent is limited only by the means placed at the disposal of the committee."

Senor Serao, the proprietor of the house in Messina, where A. J. Ogston, the English consul resided, arrived here to-day. He says that outside the consulate there has not been an American resident in Messina for forty years past. The part of the house where Serao lived did not fall. The Italian rushed out immediately following the shock, and met Stuart K. Lupton, the American vice consul, on the street.

Together the two men made their way to the American consulate. They found it had

Collapsed Completely, and they came to the conclusion that A. S. Cheney, the consul and his wife were dead. They made a hurried but unsuccessful search for the bodies.

Continuing, Serao says, that with Mr. Lupton he satisfied himself that the guests at the Hotel Trinacria, which was

Completely Demolished, were all saved with the exception of the Swedish consul and an Italian girl. He does not believe that there were any Americans at this hotel.

Taormina, where there was a number of tourists, is absolutely safe. It did not suffer from the earthquake in any serious way.

The Anglo-American Club of Rome has organized a committee of relief of which Amiel Honey, 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 to-day for Sicily at the head of a party of Italian nurses.

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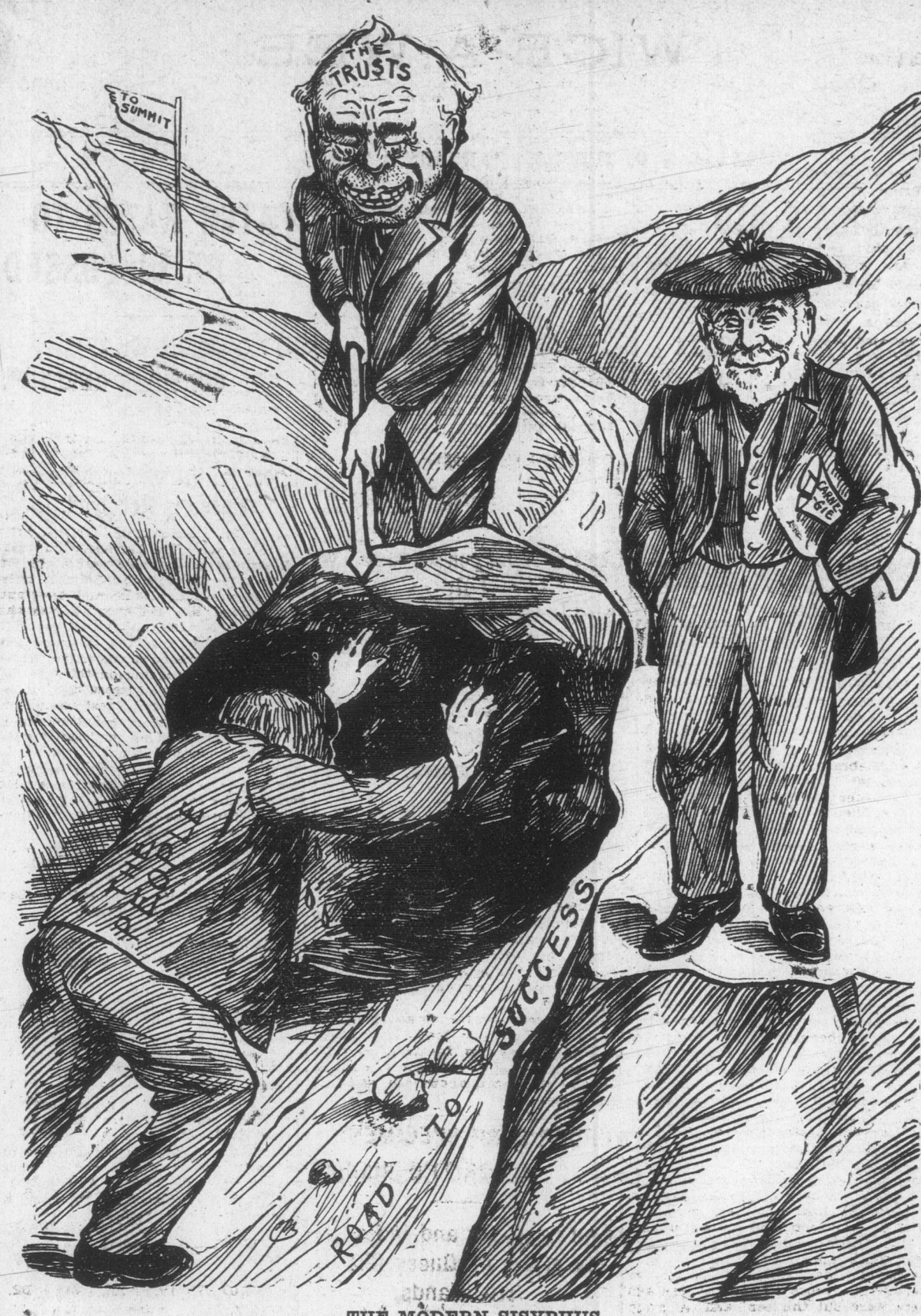
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THE MODERN SISYPHUS.

CARNEGIE—"Persevere, laddie, persevere, I faim wad help ye, but—man, it's against ma princies, ye ken."

"If you want to do harm with money give it away to those who will not struggle for themselves"—Andrew Carnegie. News Item.

### CHILDREN AFFLICTED WITH CATTLE DISEASE

### "Foot and Mouth" Outbreak Among Humans in New York State.

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 2.—The state department of health at Albany, after reading the report of D. S. G. Hermance and others sent to Clarkson, near this city, to investigate the illness of children supposed to be afflicted with the "foot and mouth" disease, have ordered the quarantine of all houses in Clarkson where the children are ill. The announcement is also made that the children have apthous fever, or "foot and mouth" disease. Dr. Hermance says that he thinks the disease has been checked and that the children affected will recover, as all are progressing nicely toward health.

### WRIGHT'S LATEST AEROPLANE RECORD

Le Mans, France, Jan. 2.—Wilbur Wright beat his previous aeroplane records here on Thursday afternoon with a flight that lasted two hours and nine minutes. He covered officially a distance of 78 miles, but as a matter of fact made over 90 miles. The feat was more remarkable because of the intense cold.

### NANAIMO HAS BRIGHT OUTLOOK

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### 'FRISCO REDIVIVUS RINGS OLD YEAR OUT

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 2.—King Carnival ruled supreme in this city on New Year's Eve; ruled over the gladdest, maddest, merriest New Year's Eve celebration ever known in a city that has given that night of all the year over to an abandonment of joy for many decades past.

It was not only the passing of the Old Year and the birth of the New that stirred the vast throngs which jostled and laughed the hours away on the busiest thoroughfares, but the thought that Market street, where the New Year's Eve street festivities show so many years ago, is again a shopping centre, flanked on both sides by bigger and better buildings than those which were destroyed in the fire of 1906.

It is estimated that fully 300,000 people composed the festivity, ever-shifting tide of humanity that rambled restlessly and noisily along these thoroughfares. The main feature of the Market street carnival was the automobile parade, in which close to a thousand cars took part.

New York Casualties.  
New York, Jan. 12.—A summary of the mishaps attending New York's New Year's Eve street festivities show that thirteen persons were shot, but none fatally, during the late hours of December 31st and the early hours of yesterday.

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Baltimore, O., Jan. 2.—Pier No. 1 of the Atlantic Coast line railway was burned yesterday, at a loss of about \$300,000.

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The real estate sales of the same company have been double that of other year and the general prospects for 1909 in all branches of the company are the brightest of any year yet.

Generally speaking the whole city has benefited during the year. More buildings were erected than in several past years put together, and several large new enterprises have started in the immediate vicinity.

LIQUOR AS LARGESE.  
Mobile, Ala., Jan. 2.—With the passing of the midnight hour of Dec. 31st, prohibition became effective throughout Alabama. A number of social clubs will now be in great demand. The club drinks will be dispensed to "members only."

### WRECK RESTAURANT

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## CHINA'S GREAT REFORMER GOES OUT OF OFFICE

### Man Who Rebuilt the Empire and Organized the Army.

Pekin, Jan. 2.—An edict issued to-day dismissed from office Yuan Shi Kai, grand councillor and commander-in-chief of the forces. The reason given for this action is that he has rheumatism in his leg.

The edict orders Yuan Shi Kai to vacate all his offices and to return to his home, adding, "Thus clemency toward him is manifested." A second edict appoints Wu Tung comptroller of customs, and ex-officio grand councillor, grand councillor, presumably in Yuan Shi Kai's place.

Yuan Shi Kai, the great viceroy of Chihli province, was one of the most influential and powerful statesmen in the Chinese empire. He had been called the strongest man in China, and infinitely more powerful than was Li Hung Chang. He inspired a national patriotism which is to-day doing much to sweep away middle age superstition and rebuild the empire. He organized an army in China that was the wonder and amazement of foreign military critics. He substituted modern textbooks for ancient classics. He compelled the abolition of torture, and he transformed Peking from the filthiest city in the world, into the metropolis—well paved and cleanly kept. At the time of the death of the Emperor and Dowager Empress of China, the following dispatch was received at the New York branch of the Chinese Reform Association: "Yuan Shi Kai is owned by the Emperor. Please cable Peking to attack him."

It was declared at the Mott street headquarters of the association that identical dispatches had been sent to branches of the reform association in all sections of the world, and that demands would be made on Prince Chun, the new regent, to depose Yuan Shi Kai from power and "do away with him."

Na Tung, the successor of Yuan Shi Kai, has held many prominent posts in the service of the country. Profound Sensation.  
Pekin, Jan. 2.—(Later).—The members of the diplomatic corps at Peking are well-nigh thunderstruck at the sudden dismissal of Yuan Shi Kai. The step is believed to be the outcome of a Manchou plot and there are indications that the Japanese representatives alone had any inkling of what was on foot.

The foreign ministers became cognizant of the edict of dismissal before 3 o'clock this afternoon and two hours later the British, German and American ministers were in conference at the British legation. The diplomats were still in conference at 7 p. m. and it consequently will be impossible to learn what course the leading powers will take in this surprising development.

The home governments will act only after an interchange of ideas, but there is reason to believe to-night that Prince Ching, president of the board of foreign affairs, will be waited upon tomorrow by a strong diplomatic combination, such as the British, German and American representatives here.

There is nothing to indicate that the dismissal of Yuan Shi Kai means danger to foreigners at the good name of China's management of the crisis, following the demise of the Emperor and the appointment of a successor, has been swept away by this vindictive edict which will astound and cause the outside world, cripple China's credit and postpone the withdrawal of foreign troops probably five years. Yuan Shi Kai's feelings are as yet unknown and the legations are anxiously awaiting a clue to the throne's future course of action.

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# PREPARING FOR THE CAMPAIGN

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### Ward Five Promises to Have Many Aldermanic Candidates

(From Saturday's Daily).  
With the coming of next week the municipal campaign is likely to become active, and the candidates, who have been working quietly, will begin to hold meetings. Whether or not the majority candidates will hold joint meetings is still an open question.

Mayor Hall's committee has been formed, with George W. Dean, secretary of the local open campaign committee, as chairman. Of A. J. Morley's committee, Fred R. Smith is chairman. There is some doubt as to where the mass meetings will be held during the coming campaign. They have been generally in the council chamber, but it is much too small for the gathering of ratepayers, and there has always been an overflow of the audience into the corridors and down the stairs. This will not be permitted this year. Building Inspector Northcott and the fire department will insist on by-law being observed, which forbids the obstructing of exits from public halls.

The suggestion is being made that the Victoria theatre be taken for these meetings, as it would give lots of room and would be an excellent place to speak in.

The Prairie Club has taken the Victoria theatre for Thursday evening, and the majority candidates will be asked to address the gathering.

The only ward meeting called as yet is that which W. C. Stewart, a candidate in Ward 1, is to hold in the North Ward school on Tuesday evening next. The names of no new candidates have been announced, although there are some being mentioned as possible. So far the chief interest of the campaign will apparently lie in Ward 5. There Ald. Cameron retires, but Ald. Henderson is a candidate for re-election. Three other candidates have announced themselves—John A. Turner, A. G. Sargison and T. N. Hibben—and there is some talk of ex-Ald. F. W. Vincent coming forward for re-election.

In Ward 4 Ald. McKewen will run again, and for the vacancy created by Ald. Pauline's retirement W. G. Winterburn is a candidate. Wards 3 and 2 look like cases of acclamation at present. The only candidates are Aldermen Fullerton and Gleason in the former and Aldermen Hall and Meston in the latter.

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### G. W. HOUGH DISCOVERED MANY NEW STARS

### Dead Astronomer Celebrated Through Observations of Planet Jupiter.

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Prof. Hough was born in Trides Hill, N. Y., on October 24th, 1836. The body will be taken to Albany, New York state.

### ONE-MAN EXPEDITION TO ARCTIC WILDS

### New Yorker to Journey on Snowshoes With Only Dog as Companion.

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# FIXING B FOR B

## CITY COUNCIL TO STRENGTHEN

### Aldermen Advise Public Has Control

One outcome of meeting of Ward 5 council to make decision on street works is that the public should have a say in the matter.

The members of the council will not attempt to ascertain the views of the public on the streets and the system in the work. To what extent the tables of the council will be turned by the public is still an open question.

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