

COUNTRY HAS NOTHING TO EXPECT NOW

Financial Statement Discredits Gov't

Mr. McKEOWN TALKS

Indebtedness of Province Increased Despite Flemming's Pre-Election Promises

The Hon. H. A. McKeown in discussing with the Sun last night the auditor general's statement of the provincial accounts for the past year as published yesterday remarked that "the showing made by the government must be very discouraging to its friends when it is borne in mind that the revenue far exceeds that of any previous year."

DROPPED DEAD WHILE MAKING A SPEECH

AMHERSTBURG, Ont., Dec. 31.—William Henry McEvoy, former mayor of Amherstburg, dropped dead at midnight in the Masonic Hall at the annual banquet of the local lodge. Mr. McEvoy, after speaking about twenty minutes, dropped to the floor and expired almost immediately. Apoplexy was the cause.

RIFLES

WINCHESTER 22, 30, 303, 32, 33, 35, 38-55, 40-72, 405, 44, 45, 70, 45-90, 32, 35, 351, AUTOMATIC, MARLIN, 30, 38-55, 44-40, 45-70, SAVAGE, 303, 38-55

LARGEST VARIETY TO SELECT Call or Write

W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd.

Market Square, St. John, N. B.

STARVING THOUSANDS IN ITALIAN CITIES IN MURDEROUS STRUGGLE FOR FOOD.

Awful Scenes in Messina Where Those Who Found Fragments of Food Were Cut Down by Their Less Lucky Fellows --- Reports From Palmi Increase Enormously the Death List --- Impossible to Secure Supplies Quickly Enough for the Needs of the Sufferers.

Body of a Baby Found on the Dump

A Ghastly Find Made by Edward Marr.

The Infant Had Evidently Been Allowed to Die From Neglect—Police Working on the Case.

A heartless action and a probable spectacle of death caused by Monday's earthquake has now been added to the horror of starvation and the feast of a spread of pestilence. In the ruins of Messina, Reggio and various towns in Sicily and Calabria lie the bodies of the dead which it has been impossible to extricate, while everywhere thousands of hungry and homeless persons throng the littered thoroughfares. Words are inadequate to express the horror of the ruin and desolation that has overwhelmed Calabria and Sicily, where the earth's tremblings and fire and water have combined to change the smiling, verdant country into deserts. Messina exists no longer, and at least thirty years will be necessary to repair the ruin that nature's violence have wrought there.

SCHOONER BURNED FOR THE SECOND TIME

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 30.—For the second time within two months, the five-masted schooner Marcus L. Dixon, of Boston, Captain Holden, was partially burned at the coal pier at Newport News today. She caught fire in the fore-cabin, where sparks from the donkey engine reached a barrel of oil and in a few minutes the vessel was a mass of flames. She was beached on Point Reserve where the fire was extinguished. It is thought the schooner was not damaged below the water-line and that she will be rebuilt.

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MANY VILLAGES ENTIRELY WIPED OUT

As yet it has been found impossible to obtain any news whatsoever of the fate of the little villages along the coast, many of which it is believed have been entirely wiped out. In many cases entire buildings have been swept out to sea and no trace of them remains. It is no exaggeration to say that hundreds of villages have been wiped off the map. In some of the towns such as Palmi, Monteleone, the suddenness and the completeness of the catastrophe was overwhelming.

AN AWFUL DEATH LIST

Of the 100,000 people living in Palmi only a few score are alive today. Yesterday 2,000 corpses were buried there. The survivors, reinforced by rescues from other points, under the lead of soldiers and doctors are performing prodigies of valor. Many of them have been overcome by the scenes they are witnessing. Archbishop of Morabito and other priests, with touching devotion and courage, have done much to preserve order by the example of calmness and self-denial they have given the people. They are busy carrying comfort and consolation to the dying and the bereaved.

STILL NO WORD FROM REGGIO

The first of the survivors of Reggio to reach Catania were so broken from the shock of their experiences that it was almost impossible for them to give any connected account of the destruction of the city. They speak disconnectedly of whole districts swept away in a moment and entire families of well known people annihilated. Reggio remains isolated in a ghastly silence of desolation. The railroad and the footpaths through the surrounding country have been utterly destroyed, while the survivors lack food, water and medical supplies.

KING'S PRESENCE BRINGS COMFORT

The visit of the King and Queen of Italy to Messina has aroused widespread enthusiasm. In spite of the universal mourning and distress the sovereigns were saluted when they disembarked by the firing of guns from the Italian and foreign warships at Messina. As soon as the King and his party set foot on shore they were greeted with a deafening salvo of cannon. His Majesty spoke highly in praise of the Italian soldiers and the sailors from the foreign warships for their brave and heroic work of rescue. He shook hands with several officers. Accompanied by Ministers Orlando and Bertolini he visited both Messina and Reggio, spending several hours at each place. He visited personally every quarter of these cities, giving words of encouragement, praise, and consolation.

RELIEF MEASURES

General Marzani has divided the military forces working in Calabria province into two bodies. One is working at Tyrrenian coast and the other on the Ionian shore, and they are converging on Reggio. Other troops are distributing rations to the starving people to the utmost limit of their resources. The waters of the strait of Messina are covered with the floating bodies of men and animals and all kinds of refuse.

The shores of the straits have been completely transformed in appearance. The lighthouses on the headlands have disappeared. MANTOURISTS PERISH. PARIS, Dec. 31.—A special despatch received here from Rome says that 98 guests, including Americans, English and French tourists, were staying at the Hotel Trinacria in Messina when the city was destroyed. They all perished. The proprietor of the hotel alone escaped. There are only two survivors of the guests who were quartered in the Hotel de France.

ENTIRE REGIMENT KILLED

REGGIO, Dec. 31.—There is reason to believe that an entire regiment of infantry was drowned by the tidal wave, at Palmi. Three hundred of the soldiers' bodies already have been recovered.

THE KING AT REGGIO

ROME, Dec. 31.—King Victor Emmanuel, who left Messina last night with Queen Helena, arrived early this morning at Reggio and after staying in the town in company with the Queen, re-embarked on a warship and sent the following wireless telegram to Frank Gifford.

STARVING PEOPLE COMMIT MURDER

MESSINA, Dec. 31.—A frightful scene occurred here today amid the ruins of the customs houses. Bands of famished individuals were groping among the debris in the hope of discovering food. The first of the searchers were driven away by the cries of their comrades who, with revolvers and knives, the lucky ones defended each more literally with their fists than with their rifles. The inhuman description. The famished men threw themselves upon each other like wolves and several fell dying. The bodies of those who were killed lay on the ground, and every thing must be prepared for their landings and housing. Another Russian ship will carry wounded to Syracuse, and a Russian ship with an abundance of medical supplies.

BODIES ARE BEING BURNED

REGGIO, Dec. 31.—As a precautionary measure against an outbreak of pestilence the bodies of persons killed by the earthquake are being burned and strong disinfectants are being strewn among the ruins of the city. The corpses have set up sad kitchens and are baking bread in the streets.

ALL THE SOVEREIGNS

ROME, Dec. 30.—The imminence of the disaster in Southern Italy and Sicily can only be measured by the fact that it is now estimated that 10,000 people perished in Messina and Reggio alone. A score of other towns have been devastated and thousands of victims in those places are added to the roll. In the face of this awful total all Italy stands appalled.

THE KING'S VISIT

Nor has the death list yet been reached. Shiploads of fugitives have arrived from Reggio and other parts, and the vast majority of these are sorely injured. Other thousands remain near the ruins of their homes or wander half starved and half naked over the land. The forces that Monday overwhelmed cities, also destroyed the means of subsistence. Telegraphic communication has been established with Messina, the appearance having been installed in a railway van. Messages which have come over the lines, though they have been meagre in detail, show that there hope is gone. Nothing remains of the city but a mass of ruins that have been swept by fire. A mere handful of survivors are being cared for by the rescuing forces, but their distress is great, and it has been increased by the deluge of rain. Debris followed the deluge of rain. De-

struction is everywhere and appalling. There is little food and less water. Of Messina's 90,000 population, it is believed that fully 70,000 perished. Forty thousand people died in Reggio. King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Elena were in Messina today. The king explored the ruins, regardless of the danger to which he exposed himself. He was often moved to tears at the heart-rending scenes he came upon at every turn. The king was loud in his praise of the rapid work accomplished by the Italian, Russian and English bluejackets, who saved many who otherwise would have inevitably perished. The queen spent the day in the wards of improvised hospitals, visiting the wounded, many of whom have lost all that was dear to them. Her majesty did her best to cheer them with womanly words of consolation, often breaking into sobs as she listened to their dreadful tales of suffering. The king left for Reggio tonight.

Catania, the largest city nearest to the zone of the disaster, is crowded with refugees, and the continuous stream of fugitives coming in, the sight of the wounded and the real or imaginary earth shocks, has so alarmed the population that there is a general feeling of uneasiness. There is a rumor that the sharp-shooter, Captain Francesco Nava di Bonifazi, archbishop of Catania, has employed all the money in his possession to provide food for the fugitives, but the people of Catania, also are in great need, as the ordinary business pursuits have been entirely interrupted.

The government is finding difficulty in ascertaining the fate of the many foreigners who were in the earthquake zone at the time of the catastrophe. Inquiries concerning whom are coming from the quarters of the globe. The commander of the battleship Admiral Makheroff, which arrived with fugitives at Naples today, confirms the report of the death of the American consul at Messina, Arthur S. Cheney, and his wife, who were buried in the ruins of the consulate. The number of Americans in Sicily and southern Italy is believed to be small, and several of them are reported to have been staying at Taromina, which is on the coast, about thirty miles southwest of Messina. According to the latest reports the city suffered no harm from the earthquake.

The minister of war, in dispatching orders to the military authorities who have practically taken over the absolute power throughout the zone of the earthquake, explained: "This disaster has resulted in a greater loss of life than any of our wars for independence. Indeed, the situation is much worse, as, while war always is preceded by a period of peaceful labor, immigration within the zone of the earthquake, and the young and strong among the people, the present calamity has mowed down women and children, old men and young boys. In war the armies are followed by the most complete camp hospitals, the numberless wounded in Calabria and Eastern Sicily have been left in many cases forty-eight hours without assistance. Even when rescued, it is impossible to house them, everything available having been filled by the dead. Lack of care and starvation will complete the work that the forces of nature have left undone."

All the sovereigns and the heads of states of the foreign governments have sent expressions of warmest sympathy and deepest condolence. France's message was especially warm and she is dispatching five warships from Toulon to Messina, which is hailed as a token of love from a sister moor. The Minister of Marine tonight received word that the steamship Taromina and Campania, with 45,000 beds and a large supply of provisions aboard her left Toulon bound for Messina. Other steamers also have been ordered on their way to the stricken cities from various ports.

The dispatches from the stricken zone say that a large army would be required to cope with even the pressing needs of the unfortunate people who are roaming about half dead and starving, some of them dragging articles of clothing from the smoldering ruins to protect themselves from the piercing wind. Terrible suffering is inevitable before the much needed relief stores can arrive.

The rescuing parties, military, naval and civil of different nationalities, are performing prodigies, but the task before them is almost hopeless. Added to the difficulty of obtaining food and clothing is the want of shelter. (Continued on Page 12.)

MONCTON HAS HAD A PROSPEROUS YEAR

Enjoyed an Unequaled Period of Development.

New Buildings Worth \$200,000 Put Up—Great Works Being Carried On—Important Civic Improvements.

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 31.—The year which today brings to a close, marks in Moncton one of the most remarkable periods in the city's growth. With the new Transcontinental tracks laid within the city's boundaries, the great new I. C. R. shops, one of the finest layouts of the kind in Canada almost completed, two hundred thousand dollars worth of new buildings erected, new streets opened out, almost an entirely new east end district developed, it can be readily seen that Moncton's growth in 1908 has been of an almost phenomenal nature. The building record of the year in Moncton has been a great one, close upon two hundred thousand dollars worth of new structures going up during the year. Chief among these are the handsome new stone bank, erected by the Bank of Montreal, at a cost of about \$40,000, a fine stone residence erected by P. W. Sumner at a cost of \$40,000, a start made upon the erection of two new theatres, each of which will cost in the vicinity of six thousand dollars. The Knights of Columbia have also finished a splendid hall during the year. Double tracking of the I. C. R. between Moncton and Painesville, another accomplishment of 1908, has been almost completed. Customs returns for the year show imports to the value of \$32,313, and duty collected to the amount of \$29,847. A remarkable decrease in drunkenness in the city is shown by police court records.

JAPAN DEMANDS ALL RIGHTS FOR SUBJECTS

Tokio Newspaper Declares Nation Objects to Discrimination

TOKIO, Dec. 30.—Despite official denials, rumors of a separate emigration agreement are persistent. The Jiji tomorrow will publish an article accepting the official denials and censuring the government, which, it says, is responsible for public scepticism owing to its previous denial of the existence of the paper argues a settlement of the question fundamentally by an amendment to the agreement so as to include labor immigration within the most favored nation clause. Japan objects to discrimination and is willing to impose a discrimination and is willing to impose a voluntary restriction. Similarly the paper argues, she has a right to demand naturalization rights for her subjects.

FIERCE FIGHTS TAKE PLACE AT THIS MEETING

TORONTO, Dec. 30.—A meeting held in Missy's Hall tonight to oppose the by-law to cut off forty tavern licenses in Toronto broke up in a row of the most violent character. Controller Spence was present to represent those favorable to a reduction, in accordance with the invitation of the promoters of the meeting, but he was not allowed to speak.

When he stood up pandemonium broke loose, and the deafening noise was kept up for forty-five minutes. Spence gave up attempt to speak, and several fierce fights broke out in the hall. Previous speakers had great difficulty in getting a hearing, so reduction supporters were as much to blame as the other side. The meeting broke up in wild confusion.

GIVES NEWS ACCOUNT OF MOVEMENTS

Italian Talks to Correspondent

PLEADS HIS INNOCENCE

Preliminary Continued At Andover Yesterday—Several Witnesses Testify

ANDOVER, Dec. 30.—In an exclusive interview given by Tony Avonza, one of the Italians charged with the murder of "Buddy" Green, to The Sun's correspondent, the prisoner gave the first statement of his whereabouts the day of the murder. The interview was obtained through an interpreter. Tony declared that he was in no way connected with the murder. He states that the guns which he possessed were sold by him on Saturday evening. Tony had been previously interviewed along with Leon Spettili, the other Italian under arrest.

In brief he told the following story: "I am positive that Leon Spettili left Johnson's camp on the Sunday morning of the murder before I got up. When I awoke he had departed and I went to Plaster Rock. I was unaware of the murder and did not see Leon Spettili until after I returned again to camp on Monday evening, when I found him there."

The preliminary hearing of the prisoners was resumed here this morning. Searcy Murray, the Italian boss, was recalled and his evidence was secured by Frank Allay, who was interviewed from Plaster Rock by Constable McCann. He identified the two guns produced in court as belonging to the prisoners. A pair of mittens were also produced and witness declared that they were taken by the Italians from the place of the murder. Searcy Murray stated that the mittens were his own. They had been found behind the log pile near the scene of the murder.

STOPS WEDDING AT ALTAR BY LETTER

ABBURY PARK, N. J., Dec. 29.—"Does any one know any reason why these two should not be made man and wife? If so, speak out; if not forever hold your peace," spoke the Rev. T. C. Scarborough, pastor of St. Thomas' Presbyterian Mission, as John Whittaker and Nettie Higgins, a comely girl, stood before him.

The silence was broken by Mrs. Mary Griffin, a widow with whom Whittaker had boarded, who cried: "I know a good reason; that man is already married and I have proof here," and she produced two letters from Suffolk, Va., sent to Whittaker by a woman who signed her name as Mrs. Whittaker, your loving wife, and she said when he would return to her.

Whittaker declared the letters were forged and the minister wanted to proceed, but the woman's bride refused to take the vows and says she is glad she didn't. Mrs. Griffin said she found the letters in a room which Whittaker formerly occupied. He has taken legal action to recover the near-bride's wedding outfit, which he furnishes.

SQUARE BLY REVIEWED

Stewart Speakers at With Centennial City

ferred to. Through its agency at communion of the Methodist in this city was commemorated...

LETTERS FROM PASTORS

services yesterday letters from living ex-pastors were read save Rev. B. Chappell, at present on a missionary work in Japan...

From publishes a For 26 Miles

one of the Trinity cross which won the junior class championship in the 26 mile race was under the sanction of the Amateur Athletic Union...

TE OF ET ROOM JOHN TRAIN

returnable January 12. Andrew that on the 16th of November, examining books of the comptroller Davidson finally took from him, refusing to permit an...

ASTORIA and You Have Always Bought

UNIVERSITY EXAMS.

The following are the results of the terminal examinations at the University of New Brunswick: Senior Greek—Class I: McKnight, Junior Greek—Class I: Miss Fish, Miss Vanwart, Class III: Eatey...



LUNCHES UNDER THE VICTORIA BLOSSOMS. NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—In the Plaza ballroom, in aid of the orphed ward of the New York Post Graduate Hospital, was given a series of tableaux vivants illustrative of typical and historical scenes in Japan...

ANOTHER DISCOVERY IS MADE AT PLASTER ROCK

SEARCHING PARTIES FIND Second Rifle Used by Italian Murderers

MONEY STILL MISSING AND Search May be Abandoned

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION Begins at Andover Tuesday

MORE ITALIANS DETAINED—Lawyers Engaged for the Case

PLASTER ROCK, Dec. 27.—There have been few further developments in connection with the murder of "Taddy" Green during the past few days.

CONSTABLE MILES McCRAE, who with several others has been searching for the lost money, had your correspondent this as yet it had not been recovered. He was not sure that the search would be kept up, as the preliminary hearing at Andover on Tuesday will require the presence of many from this place, including Mr. McCrae.

ANDOVER, Dec. 27.—Much interest centres in the preliminary hearing of the two Italians, Tony Aruffino and Leon Spaggiari, charged with the murder of "Taddy" Green, which started here on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock before Justice McQuarrie.

MONCTON, Dec. 27.—John Fryer, a well known resident, passed away at his home on St. George street last evening in the sixty-fourth year of his age after an illness lasting some months. Deceased was born in Sussex but has resided in Moncton for the past twenty-five years.

WOUBURN, Mass., Dec. 26.—An electric car of the Boston and Northern Street Railway struck and killed Mary Dolan, aged 13 years, at the corner of Sheridan and Winn streets, about a mile from the centre of the city, tonight.

WHILE the Italians in the jail here continue to improve, Tony's foot is quite sore still.

GALLIPOLIS, Ohio, Dec. 26.—A bloody fight took place in the Baptist Church at Edwell at a Christmas entertainment last night. Participants were men, women and children jumped from the windows and many narrowly escaped serious injury.

Advertisement for Surprise Soap, featuring an illustration of a woman and the text 'A Yard of flannel is still a yard after washed with Surprise Soap'.

PROHIBITION WAVE CLEARING SOUTHERN STATES OF LIQUOR

Vast Stretch of Territory Now Bereft of "Booze" More Than Half of Southern States Are Now "Dry"

In Texas More Than Half the Counties Have Accepted Prohibition

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—A wave of prohibition has swept with such remarkable effect over the south and sentiment has so crystallized against the saloon, that the dawn of the new year opens upon a vast stretch of territory bereft of liquor, while the area where anti-prohibitionists have triumphed marks the battle-ground for impending fights for and against the sale of intoxicants.

CASTRO TELLS 'EM TO FIRE ON DUTCH SHIPS' He Says

HAIRACAS, Dec. 24, via Port of Spain, Dec. 26.—The government has in its possession a telegram from Castro, which would seem to indicate that the former president is not aware of his overthrow. His message reads: "If a Dutch warship again appears at La Guaira, make an attack on one side with three of our ships."

COFFIN MAKING PLANT DESTROYED

Total Loss in Providence Fire Is Estimated at \$40,000

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 26.—The coffin-making plant of the Clarke Mfg. Company, consisting of a four-story building and a smaller structure used for wood drying, was burned today with a total loss on buildings and stock estimated at \$40,000.

MURDER AND SUICIDE

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Dec. 27.—John Stormer, a blacksmith, today shot his wife, her brother and the latter's wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kurtz, of McKeesport, Pa., and then blew out his own brains in the sight of a crowd of horrified bystanders.

Advertisement for Raw Furs Wanted, featuring a circular logo with 'LYNX - FISHERS - MINKS - FOXES - SKUNKS' and 'THE BRITISH CANADIAN FUR CO.'.

HELD THEIR ANNUAL XMAS CELEBRATION

Enjoyable Affair in Rooms of St. Peter's Y. M. A. Yesterday

THE St. Peter's Y. M. A. held their annual Christmas celebration in their rooms on Douglas avenue yesterday afternoon with a large number of the members in attendance.

MR. LANG LAUDS IMMORTAL BARD

Pastor of St. Andrews Church Refers to Milton's Life and Works

At last evening's service in St. Andrew's church the pastor, Rev. David Lang, introduced in his remarks the tercentenary of John Milton.

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KNITTING MACHINES HOME MONEY MAKERS

Home knitting is quick and easy with any one of our 6 Family Knitting Machines, Socks and Stockings, Underwear, Caps, Gloves, Mittens, etc.

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Advertisement for Dr. Hoddy's Kidney Pills, featuring a circular logo with 'HODDY'S KIDNEY PILLS' and 'DR. HODDY'S KIDNEY PILLS'.

TODD WILL MOVE THE ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH FROM THORNE

High Honor for New Member for Charlotte County Turcotte of Quebec County Will Second The Address Canadian Government Gets \$100 Conscience Money

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 28.—The Canadian government is prepared to heartily co-operate with the United States in the plan proposed by President Roosevelt for an international conference with a view to taking joint action for the conservation of the natural resources of all North America.

The honor of moving and seconding the address in the common reply to the speech from the throne has been entrusted by the government to W. P. Todd, M. P. for Charlotte, N. B., who defeated G. W. Gairns, ex-M. P., and J. Turcotte, M. P., who defeated Mr. Robitaille, ex-M. P., in Quebec county. Both are new members of the House.

64, TAKES GIRL 17 AS FOURTH WIFE Veteran of Franco-Prussian War Married on Christmas

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—August Delcourt, sixty years old, a veteran of the Franco-Prussian war, finds it not good to be alone-long. Accordingly, when his third wife died two months ago, he set himself in search for Mrs. Delcourt No. 4, and found her when he met seventeen-year-old Mary Delcourt, No. 2181 East Tenth street.

FIRE DESTROYS BUSINESS BLOCK

MRACEBRIDGE, Ont., Dec. 28.—Last midnight fire was discovered in the upper story of a block of buildings owned by G. W. Sibbert and occupied by D. E. Godson as law office. There was a heavy gas blowing, and the fire gradually spread northward into a block owned by McCosh or Orilla, and it was also burned.

AWFUL CRIME OF ASSYRIAN IN ONTARIO

Shoots Two as Result of Quarrel BOTH WILL DIE One of the Victims a Prominent Merchant of Hawkesbury

HAWKESBURY, Ont., Dec. 28.—J. M. Assaly, of this town, was fatally shot here tonight about 10:30 by his brother, Salem Assaly. The murder then turned the revolver on a woman, who was a cousin of both, and fired one shot at her, which took effect at the base of the trunk.

LONGBOAT IS A BENEDICT

TORONTO, Dec. 28.—Tom Longboat, famous Indian runner, and his Indian wife, Miss Lauretta Marcell, of Deseronto, were cut off from the world by a longboat which was wrecked on the coast of Sicily.

READY TO MEET GRAFT CHARGES

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 28.—Attorneys for the prosecution of the alleged corrupt practices by Pittsburgh councilmen, as well as attorneys for the seven councilmen and two former bankers already under arrest, insist that the trial will be held to meet the charges in court whenever presented.

Black Watch "Biggest and Best" Plug Chewing Tobacco

TWO-THIRDS OF CITY OF MESSINA SAID TO HAVE BEEN DESTROYED

Indescribable Scenes Follow Earthquake, Which Devastates Three Italian Provinces TIDAL WAVE FOLLOWS, SINKING SHIPS Messina Completely Isolated—Thousands Upon Thousands Rendered Homeless and in Frantic Flight

ROME, Dec. 28.—The three provinces of Catania, Gattinara and Reggio di Calabria, comprising the department of Calabria, which forms the southwestern extremity of Italy, or "the toe of the boot," were devastated today by an earthquake, the far-reaching effects of which were felt almost throughout the entire country. The town of Messina in Sicily was partially destroyed and Catania was inundated. In Messina hundreds of houses have fallen and many persons have been killed.

EXTRAORDINARY SCENES

Extraordinary scenes are reported at Catania. Following a violent earthquake, the sea rose in a tremendous wave, which swept into the squares. A secondary tidal wave caused further great damage and wreckage.

Completely Isolated

For a period the town of Messina and the whole province of Reggio were completely isolated owing to the destruction of the telegraph and telephone lines, and landslides which obstructed the railways.

DISPERSED THEIR HOUSES

At Catania, the panic-stricken people, fearing new shocks, absolutely refused to re-enter their houses and are camping in the squares which are free from water, and the surrounding country. The tidal wave sunk five hundred boats there and did great damage to several large vessels and steamers.

HUNDREDS AT WORK

CATALONIA, Dec. 28.—Hundreds of workmen were set to the task of removing wreckage and repairing the railway between here and Messina. The village of Sierafonni, the inhabitants of which were 2,500, was practically destroyed.

300 REPORTED KILLED

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A despatch received here by a news bureau says that 300 persons were killed by the earthquake at Messina.

ETHEL ROOSEVELT MAKES HER DEBUT

About 400 Guests Attend Affair in Beautifully Decorated East Room

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Tonight in the historic east room of the White House, beautifully decorated for the occasion, President Roosevelt's youngest daughter, Ethel, made her debut.

TORONTO, Dec. 28.—Municipal elections were held throughout Ontario today, the following mayors being elected by acclamation: St. Thomas, George Geddes; London, Andrew Forrester; Peterborough, H. Rush; re-elected; Oakville, W. S. Davis; North Bay, Robert Rankin; Ridgeway, F. J. Henry; Port Arthur, L. L. Matthews.

D. J. Collis Browne's Chorodyne THE ORIGINAL AND ONLY GENUINE COUGHS, COLDS, ASTHMA, BRONCHITIS, ACUTE AND CHRONIC, HEMORRHOIDS, DYSENTERY, & CHOLERA. RHEUMATISM, TOOTHACHE, NEURALGIA, SCIATICA, SPASMS. Effectively cures all attacks of NEURALGIA, SCIATICA, RHEUMATISM, TOOTHACHE, NEURALGIA, SCIATICA, SPASMS.

20 KILLED, 50 WOUNDED IN BATTLE ON VENEZUELA COAST

Adherents of Castro Resisted Landing of Party From Government Gunboat—Engagement Followed in Which Gomez Troops Were Repulsed.

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Dec. 28.—There has been fighting at Maturon, on the Venezuelan coast between adherents of former President Castro, and the crew of a gunboat working in the interest of the new President, Juan Vicente Gomez. About twenty men were killed and some fifty were wounded.

AS GEORGE ADE VIEWS THE STRAND

He Says He Thought it a Sort of Place Where One Could Swim

LONDON, Dec. 28.—George Ade has hit London and London is still here. Mr. Ade came over on the Lusitania, and, as near as I can discover, the Lusitania will go back to New York.

REPORT A DECREASE IN NUMBER OF CLERGY

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 28.—For the first time probably in its history the Episcopal Church in America reports a decrease in the number of its clergy. In part to an unusually high number of deaths from the priesthood and to an abnormally high death rate during the past year.

Captho SOAP THE WELCOME SOAP CO. ST. JOHN, N. B.

DIPLMATIST WILL SEEK RETIREMENT Lloyd Griscom Gives Up Del Drago Palace Lease NOTHING OFFICIAL

ROME, Dec. 28.—The fact the American ambassador, Lloyd Griscom, has given up the Del Drago Palace lease, where he has made his home since coming to Rome, has given rise to various reports in regard to his ambassador's future.

Taft's Holiday

AGUSTA, Dec. 28.—An excursion over the trolley road to Aiken Station participated in today by President-elect Taft, the members of his family and the John Hays Hamm family.

GEORGE PALMER

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DIPLOMATIST WILL SEEK RETIREMENT

Lloyd Griscom Gives Up His Del Drago Palace Lease NOTHING OFFICIAL

ROME, Dec. 26.—The fact that the American ambassador, Lloyd G. Griscom, has given up the Del Drago palace lease, where he has made his residence since coming to Rome, has given rise to various reports in regard to the ambassador's future.

Inquiry at the foreign office, however, indicates that it is the ambassador's intention to retire from the diplomatic service. Indeed, it is stated on good authority that he has already forwarded to Washington his resignation, in which he declines to take office abroad after the retirement of President Roosevelt.

It is understood that Mr. Griscom has informed King Victor Emmanuel and the minister of foreign affairs, Signor Tittoni, of his decision. Both expressed deepest regret at this step, but, after listening to the ambassador's explanation, they agreed with him that it would certainly be his advantage to return home temporarily in his prime, so that he might take an active part in the political affairs of his country.

Mr. Griscom is known to be a close personal friend of the president-elect, and there is no doubt in the minds of the officials of the Italian government that the question of his retiring his diplomatic post under the new administration would be of his own choice. Both the King and the Queen, in their expressions of regret have voiced the feeling of the people, among whom Ambassador Griscom was a favorite. When questioned tonight with regard to his reported resignation, Mr. Griscom said he had no statement to make on the subject.

TAFT'S HOLIDAY

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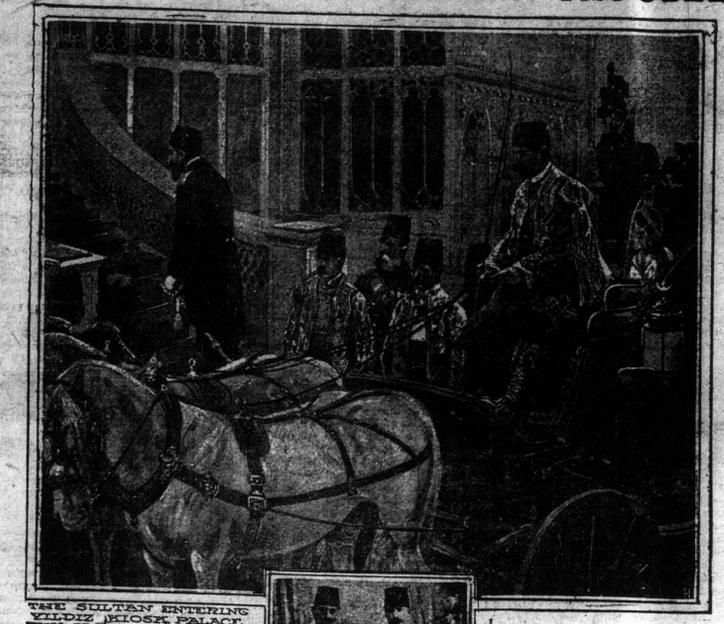


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FOUGHT TO DEATH FOR LOVE OF GIRL

Two Russians at Cleveland, Ohio, Cut Each Other to Pieces GIRL SLASHED

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 25.—A duel to the death with knives in a dark room Christmas Eve between two suitors for the hand of a girl, Julia Pich, resulted in the death of Fowell Pich and the serious injury of Michael Milanovitch, who is under arrest on the charge of murder.

DEPOSED PRESIDENT TAKES SHORT WALK

Castro Out For First Time Since He Entered Hospital

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—Senor Castro went out today for the first time since his entry into Dr. Israel's hospital. He made an excursion for several hours in an automobile, paying a visit to Granwald, where he witnessed what was to him a unique spectacle, a snowstorm and thousands of persons skating on the small lakes. The former president exhibited the greatest interest in the evolutions of the skaters whom he watched for a considerable time. He then walked an hour through the forest and returned to the hospital.

Venezuela Elated Over Change of Government

Authority of President Gomez is Accepted As Supreme—Castro Sued in Caracas Courts For Money Alleged to Have Been Obtained Wrongfully

CARACAS, Venezuela, Dec. 23, via Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 23.—The presidency of Juan Vicente Gomez has been recognized by the country at large, officially and unofficially, and Venezuela is through with one of the most popular revolutions in the annals of the republic, a revolution in which not one drop of blood has been shed.

STUDENT COMMITS QUADRUPLE MURDER

MAINZ, Germany, Dec. 28.—Because his demands for money were not gratified a young student of astronomy today committed murder, killing his father, Mr. Backe, a former member of the Reichstag, and his three sisters, one of whom was betrothed on Christmas Eve.

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BALKAN WAR CLOUD AGAIN

Austria Has 155,000 Men Ready To Invade Servia

SCHOONER MEN DISCUSS MOVE

Improbable that Steamers Will Replace Schooners in Coasting Trade

FATHER MORRISCY IS DEAD, BUT HIS PRESCRIPTIONS REMAIN

In the death of Father Morriscy, in March last, the parish of Bartholomew and, indeed, the whole of New Brunswick sustained a heavy loss. But the loss would have been much heavier and farther felt had his prescriptions died with him.

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Under cleared and went into action made use of her battery, and on board's side to effect a landing. In this they were successful. The fighting lasted four hours. When the captain's friends saw the situation was to be withdrawn and came to Spain, arriving late yesterday.

A despatch was also sent from Gomez via Curacao, in the form of the matter. The ship took on coal. As soon as this was known in Port of Spain, an contingent of the Venezuelan volunteers to help the government number of the volunteers were and went on board the gun-ship also started back for the engagement will be

AT A DECREASE NUMBER OF CLERGY

time in the History of America

MASS., Dec. 22.—For the probably in its history the Church in America reports a number of its clergy, to an unusually large number of deaths from the priesthood, an abnormally high death rate past year. The annual total of 541 clergy, a 13 from 1904. There were an increase of 24, and an increase of 11.

number of depositions in the action of sixteen of the clergy who, resenting what the "open pulpit" canon, the last general convention, the Roman Catholic church, in Wisconsin and Illinois, used from the priesthood in and for causes not given were of St. Davis of Boston, who of the diocese of Maine, William H. Pearson and Rev. T. both of Connecticut. learned that Rev. Daniel C. emerity rector of St. Anne's, and until recently to St. Mary's Memorial in St. Louis, has been deposed from the priesthood by the bishop of

MONEY BY DEPORTING LUNATICS

O. Dec. 26.—The Ontario claims to have made a nearly \$75,000 by deporting insane patients who have in asylums of the province. The party went across the other day in charge of a party of the government, first general deportation by the province of patients to come within the pure immigration act; that is, seen in the country too long taken back free by steamers brought them over.

WORKS EQUALLY WELL

MASS., Dec. 26.—The Dartmouth Athletic Council, at a in this city today, selected for the football squad son of the Harvard College, from the former custom of the coach and allowing his assistants, by appointing four to act as field coach, have charge.

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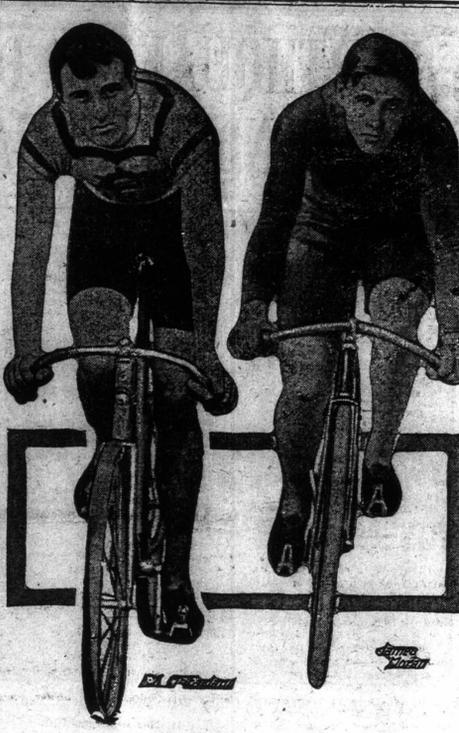
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Mr. Dec. 23—Miss Marston returned home on Christmas...

Mount Allison Class Lists

History of Philosophy—Class I: Ritzy, Rand Beazley, Lord, McCully, Watt, Class II: Miss Harper, Miss...

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F. A. McFarland and James Moran, who won the recent six day bicycle race in Madison Square Garden, New York, creating a new record, 2,737 miles, 1 lap. The former record was 2,722 miles, 4 laps.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 24.—The curators board of the Methodist church has requested Rev. J. W. McColman to remain in charge of the church another year from next June...

COBALT FINES TOTAL \$1,975

Twenty-Nine Convictions for Illegal Sale of Liquor There

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—Twenty-nine convictions for illegal sale of liquor were secured against parties at Cobalt...

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Machias Schooner Disabled, Is Fired and Burned at Sea

Schooner Bound to Eastport Encounters Hurricane—Her Crew Rescued in Nick of Time—Supply of Provisions Had Given Out

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 23.—Shorn of her masts, and sinking rapidly as the water poured into the hold through many leaks, the three-masted schooner Modoc, bound from Perth Amboy to Eastport with a cargo of coal, was sighted 75 miles off Cape Ann about noon today and her captain and crew of four men were taken off by the fishing schooner Rob Roy, and tonight brought into Boston harbor. Immediately the men were rescued, the Modoc was fired and burned. She sank before the Rob Roy departed for port.

WITNESSES REVIEW RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MRS. HAINS AND ANNIS

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 23.—Judge Gregory's condition today is practically unchanged from yesterday. He had rather a restless night, however, and while readily recognizing members of his family and addressing them briefly, appears to have less energy although his pulse is slightly stronger.

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TWO LARGE CITIES AND A SCORE OF TOWNS WIPED OFF THE MAP

Whole Population of Reggio, 45,000, Annihilated--In Messina 50,000 are Dead--Two Provinces Devastated

Survivors Insane With Horror--Starvation and Pestilence Threaten Thousands--King and Queen of Italy to the Rescue--Pope Gives \$200,000--The World With Open Hands Offers Magnificent Aid to the Afflicted--History's Greatest Disaster

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 is at present known from the 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 50,000; that of Reggio, which with its adjacent villages numbered 45,000 people, includes almost the entire population. At Palmi 1,000 are reported dead; at Cassano 1,000, at Cosenza 500, and half of the population of Baghera, about 4,000. The Monteleone region has been devastated, and Riposto, Seminara, San Giovanni Scilla, Lazzaro and Cannitello and all other communes and villages bordering on the Straits are in ruins.

KING AND QUEEN WILL HELP.

The king and queen of Italy are now on their way to Messina, having sailed tonight from Naples aboard the battleship Vittorio Emanuele. The Pope has shown the greatest distress at the calamity and he himself was the first to contribute a sum amounting to \$200,000 to the relief of the stricken Sicily. British, French and Russian warships are steaming towards the south and already several of the ships of Great Britain and Russia have reached Sicily. Officers and men of these ships have performed heroic services in the work of rescue.

It is feared that many foreigners have been killed, as number of the hotels at Messina and doubling at other places, were crowded with tourists. Little is known of the fate of the diplomatic representatives of the foreign powers stationed at these posts, although the Italian government is using every effort to relieve the anxiety felt on their account.

STUNNED AT THE MAGNITUDE.

ROME, Dec. 29.—Stunned at the magnitude of the calamity which has overtaken fellow-countrymen, all Italy mourned tonight for the stricken provinces of Calabria and the Island of Sicily. Accustomed for centuries to earthquake shocks, Italy stands ever in dread, but none was prepared for the disaster which, in the fraction of a minute, devastated cities and towns and caused the death of thousands.

Messina, whose tragic history has been marked by tidal waves and which was the centre of yesterday's terrestrial maelstrom was completely ruined. Flames burst forth to burn alive untold numbers helplessly pinned beneath fallen walls and broken timbers. The street of Messina was shaken and twisted by the earth's trembling, for minutes report the channel at least second



KING VICTOR IMMANUEL.

recognition. The ports and villages on both the continent and Sicilian sides were wrecked or inundated and all highhouses along the coasts were swallowed up. Navigation now is dangerous and in some places impossible.

In the Calabria district, which was only beginning to recover from the effects of the earthquake of 1895, Reggio was the centre of the earth's upheaval. The seaport of Reggio is reported as no longer existing and the city proper is in ruins. The loss of life on both sides of the strait and in eastern Sicily was enormous. One of the refugees from Reggio who was the first to bring the news of the city's destruction tried to make his way to Sicily in a sailboat, but was compelled to return and finally found safety at a porting port. In describing his experience he said:

SURVIVORS ALMOST INSANE.

Starving, bleeding from injuries and almost insane from their terrifying experiences, Messina's survivors are fleeing in all directions. The spectacle presented by the ruined seaport is described as terrifying. Tumbling buildings, both killed and mutilated, while hundreds of the injured are imprisoned in the wreckage were abandoned to their fate by the fleeing populace. One of those who escaped said:

"The earth seemed suddenly to drop and then turn violently on its axis. The whole population, who practically were precipitated from the houses sent in twain, were spun round like tops as they ran through the streets. Many fell, crushed to death, and others, bewildered, took refuge for breath beside the tottering walls, where they soon became the fate of their companions." Already British and Russian squadrons have arrived at Messina. Sailors and marines have been disembarked and they have performed courageous acts in rescuing the injured and removing the wounded. A large number of survivors have been transferred to the warships which are transformed into great floating hospitals. It is imperative that the dead be removed from the ruins in order to avoid a pestilence. Steamers and doctors, druggists, firemen and workmen have arrived at Messina from Catania and other places. Special dispatches received here from Calabria confirm the destruction of Reggio. They report that the situation there is as bad, if not worse than at Messina. The streets in Reggio are jammed with people, who search spe-



Outskirts of Ruined Sicilian City With Mount Aetna, the Volcanic Source of the Disaster, in the Background.

cial editions from the newspapers. The people are plunged in grief, and lamentations are heard on all sides. Here and there, one asks another "when will this awful repetition of devastation and death in our country end."

THE WORLD TO THE RESCUE.

The hands of all the nations have been extended to Italy in her affliction. From rulers have come messages of condolence and from the peoples spontaneous promise of that aid which brings the world closer together in times of great calamity. Great Britain, France and Russia have sent their warships, quick as the flash of the telegraph could carry the orders, to lend assistance to the stricken cities. Relief funds have already been started and a hundred ships and trains are on their way, carrying supplies and reinforcements to the south. Rome, Milan, Florence, Naples and other cities are sending physicians, police and firemen. Today all the ambassadors and ministers expressed sympathy with M. Tittoni, minister of foreign affairs, whose emotion was profound.

The Bourse and theatres have been closed throughout Italy and despatches of sympathy continue to pour in from all quarters of the globe. At the time of the earthquake the torpedo boat Sappho was lying in the harbor at Messina and one of the officers told of the occurrences as follows:

"At half-past five in the morning the sea suddenly became terribly agitated, seeming literally to pick up our boat and shake it. Other craft nearby were similarly treated and the ships looked like bits of cork bobbing about in a tempest. Almost immediately a wave of huge proportions swept across the strait, mounting the coasts and carrying everything before it. "Scores of ships were damaged and the Hungarian mail boat *Crassus* was wrecked and its crew were washed into other vessels. Messina Bay was wiped out and the sea was soon covered with masses of wreckage, which was carried off in the receding waters."

THE RESCUE WORK.

Eight sailors from the Sappho landed and took up the work of rescue. Officers and men from Italian and British steamers also went ashore as soon as possible, the Britishers saving a family of five who were imprisoned in a burning house. Many prisoners from the stricken city were taken to the right and left. Hundreds engaged in the work of robbing the banks and business houses. In the opinion of the officers of the Sappho half the population of Messina perished.

King Victor Emmanuel and the Queen, who left for the scene of the calamity, reached Naples tonight and proceeded along to Sicily. A large number of people followed the royal party from Rome, and one among a number of deputies at the station observed to the King, "The presence of your majesty will suffice to console the stricken people." The King turned sharply upon the speaker and said abruptly: "Don't talk nonsense."

Reports indicate that the geography of the Straits of Messina has been so changed as to cause apprehension of a serious commercial and strategic difficulty. It is believed that navigation has become extremely dangerous, in which case the fortifications on which the government in recent years has spent large sums will be useless. The famous whirlpool of Charybdis, it is said, has shifted its position.

PITIFUL APPEALS FOR AID.

From every quarter come piteous appeals for aid. The portion of the town down near the harbor is 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 innumerable other public buildings and dwellings without number were literally rased to the ground. There were 200 customs agents at the barracks; only 41 of them were saved. At the railroad only eight out of 280 employes have been accounted for.

HARROWING SCENES.

The work of rescue at Messina, according to the meagre details received tonight, presented harrowing scenes. Hundreds of people were pinned under walls and rafters, alive but terribly injured, for thirty hours. One of the rescuers found under the ruins of a house five children, alive but

unable to speak, clinging around the corpse of their mother. In some cases heroic rescuers met death in the falling debris. In one house twenty persons who were suspended on the third floor and were unable to escape because the lower floors had been torn away, were rescued with a rope by a sailor. Six criminals were killed while attempting to rob the boats. While they were cash amounting to half a million dollars lay in plain view.

Refugees from Reggio, who reached Catania on this afternoon said that they could see huge columns of smoke rising from the ruins of Messina. They affirmed that Reggio, Cannitello and Lazzaro were destroyed. A tidal wave demolished the railroad between Lazzaro and Reggio and the able-bodied men are working desperately to re-establish communication with the latter place, for which place a train with the stricken population is being started. Troops and telegraphers has started.

KING EDWARD AFFECTED.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—King Edward was greatly affected by the news of the calamity that had befallen Italy to the King's sincere condolences to the King.

The London morning papers publish editorials, earnestly appealing to the British public for a prompt and generous response to the loud Mayor's call for funds to help a friendly nation in the face of a calamity which is among the greatest of modern times.

KEEN DISTRESS.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 29.—The news of the earthquake which has struck Italy with its appalling loss of life was received in the several Italian colonies in this city with every evidence of the keenest sympathy. The half million or more Italians who have settled in the fully 200,000 are from the stricken districts.

REFUGEES POURING IN.

CATANAZARO, Dec. 29.—Refugees are pouring into Catania by train, steamer and automobiles. They are half naked and stupefied with terror and suffering. Some of them appear almost insane from the horrors through which they have gone. In the beginning there could only babble "Messina has been devastated; the city has been annihilated." Little by little some idea of the indescribable horror of Messina was obtained from these unfortunates.

They declare that thousands of dejected survivors are still wandering about among the ruins of the city. A wounded soldier said:

"The spectacle was terrifying beyond words. Dante's Inferno gives you but a faint idea as to what happened yesterday morning at Messina. The first shock came before the sun had risen. It shook the city to its very foundations. Immediately the houses began to crumble. Those of us who were not killed at once made our way over unyielding floors to the streets. Beams were crashing down through the rooms. The stairs were equally unsafe. "I found the streets blocked by fallen houses. Balconies, chimneys, bell-towers, entire walls had been thrown down. From every side of me across the screams and moanings of the wounded. The people were half mad with excitement and fear. Most of them had rushed out in their night clothes. In a little while we were all 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.

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They way to the street. Then in the blackness of night amid a pouring rain they rushed blindly away amid the crash of tumbling buildings and the shrieks and groans of those buried in the ruins. These phenomena, 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 the 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 of Messina indicate that a number of villages were razed to the ground. The town of Seminara, in Calabria, twenty miles from Reggio, is said to have been destroyed with the loss of a hundred lives.

REFUGEES FROM REGGIO.

CATANAZARO, Calabria, Dec. 29.—Refugees are beginning to come in here from Reggio, on the Straits of Messina. They confirm the previous reports of the dreadful havoc of the earthquake in the straits. It is most difficult to get any accounts of the occurrences from them, for they are stunned and exhausted. They declare, however, that the disaster was as appalling as that of the Messina one, if not worse. They say that the lower part of Reggio has disappeared and that the public buildings, the churches, the barracks, the city hall and numerous smaller houses are today nothing but crumbled heaps of ruins. Any estimate of the death list is as yet impossible. The refugees could see Messina in flames from Reggio.

Other refugees from Bagnara say that half of that town has been destroyed.

TAKEN A NEW SHAPE.

PALMERO, 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." Many villages and forts along the straits have been destroyed. Light houses 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 Loacono. He was wounded and unconscious. On arriving he called wildly for his wife and children. All efforts to quiet him failed. He insisted that the steamer put him ashore. Finally he became bereft of his senses, and springing suddenly to his feet, he jumped overboard, still calling for his wife and children. He started swimming toward the land, but soon disappeared beneath the waves.

The news that the King and Queen had been in Messina, as "brightly shining" as the care of the wounded has created a splendid impression here.

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NEGOTIATIONS OFF.

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 29.—The city council is in receipt of communication from the White Candy Company withdrawing negotiations for removal of their factory from St. John to Moncton on the ground that concessions of Bruce, traffic auditor and appointing W. H. Estabrook as acting auditor.

POPE WOULD LIKE TO GO.

ROME, Dec. 29.—The Pope would like to go to the south, but this his physicians will not permit on account of his health. He has telegraphed the archbishops of Palermo and Catania and the bishops of Mileto and Catanzaro, expressing his deepest affliction in the appalling calamity and ordering the saying of prayers. He asks also what money is required, as he desires to contribute funds to cope with the situation.

Fremier Giolitti has appointed a national committee to succor the unfortunates. The president of the organization is the Duke of Aosta. The King has made a generous contribution to the relief fund.

Minister of Public Works Bertolini and Minister of Justice Orlando have left Rome for Sicily.

Signor Orlando is a Sicilian. A report of technical observations from the observatory at Messina says the earthquake lasted for twenty-three seconds only. It was accompanied by remarkable atmospheric phenomena.

The surcharged air was filled with sparks and flashes of flames, which flared up until the heavens seemed to be disturbed and the earth appeared suddenly to drop. These phenomena were followed by distinct lateral oscillations that threw the panic-stricken people off their feet as they rushed to the streets.

All telegrams from the straits are coming in with great delay.

MANSON HOUSE FUND.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The Lord Mayor

LATE EXPRESSES BETWEEN ST. JOHN AND HALIFAX TO BE DISCONTINUED JAN. 9

MONCTON, Dec. 29.—At a meeting tonight of the local Liberal executive committee it was decided to discontinue the late express between St. John and Halifax to be discontinued Jan. 9.

The committee urge that if the reduction is necessary it should be made from higher paid officials in the employ, as it is impossible for the laborers to live on less pay than they are now receiving. The telegram to the Minister is signed by Hon. C. W. Robinson and Hon. F. J. Sweeney.

Policy of Retrenchment.

The reduction to eight hours which goes into effect here after the first of the new year is a portion of the policy of retrenchment in expenditure and is of a temporary nature. An agreement between the department and the different labor organizations has been effected provides that when a reduction

of expenditure is found to be necessary that in the department before reducing the force the time worked each week shall be reduced to six and eight hours per day six days of the week.

It is understood that the hours will be from eight o'clock in the morning to twelve at noon and one to five o'clock in the afternoon. By this arrangement the effect of the reduction will be distributed instead of falling on several hundred individuals who would be especially deprived of work.

Rumors current that there is to be a ten per cent. reduction in the office staff of the I. C. R. cannot be confirmed on inquiry, but possibly there is some unimportant contemplated looking towards a reduction.

The midnight express between St. John and Halifax are to be discontinued after January ninth as a portion of the retrenchment policy, as well as Nos. 85 and 86 express and mixed trains on the line between St. John and Sydney branch.

NEW ENGLANDERS THERE.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—From the tabulation made up to tonight it is apparent that there are between 400 and 500 New Englanders who are supposed to be in Sicily or southern Europe.

John T. Trowbridge, the author, and Miss W. of Boston, landed in Naples from the Roman on December 15th and were to get at once to Sicily to spend some time.

WORST TO COME.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—John Milne, the well known seismologist of the Isle of Wight, said today that his records showed the Italian earthquake to be the most severe experienced in Europe in 200 years. He fears that when the full effects are known the loss of life will prove to be even more appalling than the present reports indicate. The devastated San Francisco and Valparaiso also.

PORTLAND MAN THERE.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 29.—A man was received tonight that Major General Chas. D. Hall, U. S. A., retired, a former Portland man, probably is at the scene of the earthquake in Sicily.

General Hall and his family planned to pass Christmas week in that country. Whether he was in any of the towns affected has not been learned.

The calamity in Italy is felt by a considerable number of Portland people who are natives of the southern part of that country. Over 60 per cent. of the more than 2,000 Italians in this city are Sicilians, nearly all of whom are reported as having disappeared. Men in this city who left their families at home are grief-stricken.

Rev. V. A. Castellucci, the Italian pastor here, has made requests for inquiries and may have requested him to cable to towns adjacent to Messina for details. There are in Messina more than 5,000 Italians, nearly all of whom are Sicilians or from the southern part of the country.

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T. R. Siler presided in the absence of C. S. Smith.

Among other things Dr. Abbott said that he did not want his body again, he wanted a better one. This he said in answer to one of the questioners who, hector the People's Institute speakers after the speakers have made their formal addresses. Dr. Abbott's answer was simultaneous and the speaker said; indeed, these were merely two words to express the same thing.

"It is my desire," said Dr. Abbott, "to tell you what I mean by immortality and why I believe in immortality. I am not here for the purpose of proving immortality. I am not going to make any effort to get you to believe that man's immortality can be scientifically demonstrated. I am going to tell you what death means to me."

"Man first exists in a dark chamber," said Dr. Abbott, "with his eyes, ears, hands and feet, but he cannot see, hear, feel or walk. From the dark chamber of his mother's womb, he comes through the door of pain to the light with a cry."

"Then he begins to use these eyes, ears, hands and feet and to progress and to get a sense of proportion and little by little a sense of beauty. Man first uses these organs to get from the world—the material world—the things to give to the world, to pour that life which is in him into other lives. This goes on until by and by the soul gets too big for the instruments it is using. The artist has a sense of beauty which he in vain attempts to put on canvas. Others go to look at his picture and admire it and he goes away and says 'I haven't said all I meant to say.'"

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RELIEF TO HALIFAX TO BE ANNOUNCED JAN. 9

It is found to be necessary in the department before the force of the relief shall be reduced to at least one per day six days of the month.

Understand that the hours will be eight o'clock in the morning to noon and one to five o'clock afternoon.

It is current that there is to be a reduction in the force of the I. C. R. cannot be confirmed, inquiry, but possibly there is a movement contemplated looking for a reduction.

POST OFFICE AT FLORENCEVILLE BURNED

FLORENCEVILLE, N. B., Dec. 29.—The post office, which was destroyed this morning, the fire broke out about 11 o'clock from the stove pipe in the upper part of the building which was a structure a story and a half high.

STATION AGAIN TRYING TO REVIVE STREET RAILWAY

STON, Dec. 30.—Street railway was the topic of discussion being of the city council last night.

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WATCH FREE!

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Astounding Accusations Made Against Simcoe's Former Police Chief

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ACCIDENTS AND DEATHS FOLLOW VIOLENT STORM

United Kingdom in Grip of Blizzard

TRAFFIC PARALYZED

Express Trains Snowed Up In Many Parts—Towns Isolated

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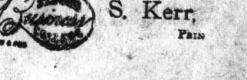
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