

## GREAT EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY.

Thousands and Thousands Lost Their Lives—The Death List in Two Cities Reach 110,000.—The American Consul and His Family Among the Killed—King Humbert Doing all He Can to Relieve the Suffering.

Rome, Dec. 28.—All Sicily and the southern extremity of Italy have so destructive that the latest reports indicate that it will prove to be the greatest disaster of modern times. The ruin is so complete and broadcast that it will be many hours before its scope is fully known.

According to the latest, although yet unconfirmable, reports, the most disastrous part of Messina's doom caused by a vast wave, which, following the earthquake, engulfed half the city, knocking down houses and scattering ruin and death.

Rome, Dec. 30.—Another violent earthquake shock occurred at Messina this afternoon. This second shock completed the work of ruin. The few buildings which were left standing in the quake of Monday collapsed, and it is feared that many more persons were killed.

The news of the second disaster reached here this evening, and has not yet been published in Rome.

It is believed that the ruin of Messina is now complete and absolutely irrevocable.

Practically all the survivors who awaiting conveyance by warship from the scene were killed.

Many persons were engaged in the work of rescue were also killed. The immensity of the earthquake disaster in southern Italy and Sicily can only be measured by the fact that it is now estimated that 110,000 persons perished in Messina and Reggio alone.

A score of other towns have been devastated, and thousands of victims in these places must be added to the roll. In the face of this awful total all Italy stands appalled.

Nor has the full death list yet been reached. Shiploads of fugitives have arrived at Naples and other points, and the vast majority of these are sorely injured. Other thousands remain near the ruins of their homes or wander half starving, half naked, over the land. The forces that on Monday overwhelmed the cities also destroyed the means of subsistence.

Telegraphic communication has been established with Messina, the apparatus having been installed in a railway van. Messages which have come over the line, though they have been meager in detail, show that 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 violent, icy wind that followed the deluge of rain. Destitution 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. In Reggio, 40,000 people died.

King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena 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 heartrending scenes he came upon at every turn.

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.

The commander of the battleship Admiral Makharoff, 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.

## APPLICATION IS DENIED.

Judge Hart Refused Bail For Cooper and Sharp.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 28.—"Gentlemen, I desire to say that I have given this case careful consideration from every standpoint and after having done so I am of the opinion that it is not a bailable case, therefore I decline to allow bail as to any of the defendants and deny the application. This is all before the court this morning."

The above in full was the decision of Judge W. M. Hart in the criminal court in matter of the application for bail of Colonel Duncan B. Cooper, Robin J. Cooper and John D. Sharp, charged with the murder of former U. S. Senator Carmack in this city November 9th last. The prisoners were carried back to jail to await trial January 20th.

## THE NEWS FROM CLAYTON.

The Week's Events in This Thriving Little City Briefly Told for Herald Readers.

Clayton, N. C., Dec. 30.—His many friends will be glad to hear of the steady improvement of Mr. Warren McCullers at Tainity Park School Warren had a case of measles and was doing very nicely when he contracted pneumonia in both lungs and has been very sick for some time. His parents have been with him.

Among the visitors here during the Christmas holidays we note, Mr. and Mrs. Jones of Raleigh, at the home of Mrs. D. L. Barnes, Mr. S. R. Gully and family and Charlie Gully, of Durham, at the home of Mrs. M. G. Gully; Mr. S. R. Horne, of Morrisville; and Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Horne; Miss Ivey Blades and Messrs J. V. and Carle Blades, of New Bern, Mr. Mat Allen, of New Bern, Miss Grace Rogers, of Sparks, Ga., Mr. and Miss Stringfield, of Maiden, Miss Annie Jones, of Raleigh, at the home of Mrs. Ashley Horne; Messrs. O. L., O. E. and L. M. Jones and families at the home of Mrs. J. C. Jones; Mr. and Miss Beale at Mrs. Will H. McCullers; Mr. Samuel Fort, of Gaffney, S. C.; Mr. Troy Branham and family of Raleigh, and a number of others.

Look out next week for some almost startling changes here. But as we said before, Clayton sometimes, always, generally changes for the better.

There was lots of cotton on the market here Wednesday. Prices were very satisfactory to the farmers.

Beginning with the first of year 1909 everything will begin running full time around here. We already notice that one of our most enterprising lumber men has advertised for a tram engine and several miles of relaying rails. This certainly means that some lumber has got to be cut during 1909.

Mr. J. B. Smith and family have moved into their handsome new residence on second street. They have a very pretty place to live. The new dry goods establishment, under the management of Mr. Jesse Hilliard, is getting things into shipshape for the New Year's business.

We heard one of our holiday-goods merchants say that his concern's trade during the holidays was just about twice what they had expected. How does that sound for business during a panic year? Clayton's merchants are always solid. They never buy too much for the demand and they sell at a reasonable profit because they know how to gauge their trade.

Mr. Abernethy, printer for the Clayton Enterprise, has moved here from Chapel Hill.

## A SOCIAL EVENT IN CLAYTON.

Miss Carlotta Barbour, Daughter of Mr. D. W. Barbour, Entertains Friends.

Clayton, N. C., Dec. 30.—On Christmas night, the home of Mr. D. W. Barbour was the scene of a very pretty reception. Miss Carlotta, the very popular daughter of Mr. D. W. Barbour, entertained a number of her friends. The "Floral Love Story" contest was one of the features of the evening. Mr. Preston Stringfield, of Maiden, N. C., won the prize which was a copy of "Lady Claire" by Tennyson.

Those present were Messrs. Preston Stringfield, Maiden, N. C.; Geo. Baucom, Clayton; Charlie Gully, Durham; Henry Austin, Clayton; Samuel E. Fort, Gaffney, S. C.; Mr. Beale, Franklin, Va.; Paul Duncan, Princeton; Misses Swannanoa Horne, Clayton; Grace Rogers, Sparks, Ga.; Bernice Stringfield, Maiden, N. C.; Lilluer Beale, Franklin, Va.; Ione Gully, Clayton; Cora Hocutt, Clayton; Foy Baucom, Clayton; Annie Cordon, Clayton.

The beautiful home was tastefully decorated for the occasion and those who were among the fortunate number present, express themselves as charmed with Miss Barbour as a hostess.

## COAL MINE DISASTER.

Forty to Sixty Men Entombed in West Virginia Coal Mine.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 29.—Meagre reports of a coal mine disaster at Lick Branch, Va., reached here tonight. Between 40 and 60 men are said to have been imprisoned and up to 5 o'clock this evening rescuing parties had been unable to go into the shaft because of fire and smoke. Lick Branch is the name of a coal operation on the Pocahontas division of the Norfolk and Western Railway and is without commercial telegraph facilities. Because of the isolation of the scene of the reported disaster no particulars have been learned here.



## DEATH OF CLAUD SPRECKELS

The Sugar King of the Pacific Coast Passes Away at Advanced Age. Prominence of the Family in Financial Matters.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Claus Spreckels, widely known as the "Sugar King," of the Pacific coast, died at 4:30 o'clock A. M. today at his home in this city in his 80th year. The immediate cause of death was an attack of pneumonia.

Despite his advanced age, Mr. Spreckels had devoted a large share of his attention to the various enterprises in which he was interested and it was not more than a month since he appeared before the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives in Washington as an authority on the subject of sugar duties.

Claus Spreckels was born in Lamstadt, Germany, in 1828, and came to the United States in 1846. After being employed for some time in Charleston, S. C., and New York, he came to San Francisco, reaching this city in 1865. He established a store here and later conducted a brewery. In 1868 he built the Bay Sugar Refinery and began the importation of raw material from Hawaii. Prospering in this business, he established other refineries and promoted the beet sugar industry by establishing refineries and engaging in the farming of beets on a large scale. He also built a refinery at Philadelphia and invested largely in the Oceanic Steamship Co., and many other enterprises, including the building of the San Joaquin Valley Railroad.

Superior Court Judge Graham appointed Rudolph Spreckels and C. A. Spreckels executors of the will of their father, Claus Spreckels, fixing their bonds at \$500,000, which were furnished. In applying for letters of administration it was stated that some matters connected with the estate needed immediate attention. The will is in the possession of the widow, Mrs. Anna Spreckels, and will be opened on Monday. It is said that all of the dead capitalist's children are mentioned in the will and each given a share of the estate, the value of which is variously estimated at from \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000. It was stated in court that the income from the estate exceeded a quarter of a million dollars a year.

## BATTLE OVER WHISKEY JUG.

Five Negroes Mortally Wounded and 100 Shots fired in Kentucky Row.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 25.—Five negroes were mortally wounded in a general pistol fight in the southern part of this county today. Charles Saunders, it is said, attempted to steal a jug of whiskey and was shot. This started a general fight, in which nearly 100 shots were exchanged. All the participants are said to have been drinking. Last night in this city Kirk McCoy was shot in the eye and instantly killed by Eugene Ferguson.

At Fidella, tonight, on the Tennessee Central Railroad, ten miles from here, a general shooting took place at the depot when the train pulled out, and six were wounded, three probably fatally.

## CHRISTMAS TREES.

Estimated That Four Million Were Used This Year.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The nation's forests this year supplied four million Christmas trees, the forestry service estimating that one out of every four families observed the tree custom at yule tide. Gifford Pinchot, United States forester, upholds the Christmas tree custom and believes it should be maintained. "The number of trees cut each year," he said, "is insignificant when compared to the consumption for other purposes for which timber is demanded. This clearing of an area equal to a good sized farm should not be the subject of much worry, when it is necessary to take timber from an area of more than 100,000 acres every day of the year."

## ENGINEER SATTERFIELD KILLED.

Southern Passenger Train Runs Into a Misplaced Switch Near Danville and is Wrecked.

Washington, Dec. 29.—A misplaced switch caused the derailment of mail and passenger train No. 35 on the Southern Railway at Stokesland, Va., six miles south of Danville, at 5:50 p. m. today. Engineer Satterfield was killed and Fireman Davis, colored, and three postal clerks were injured. No passengers, as far as is known, were injured.

The train, which left Washington at 8:15 a. m. for the South, ran into a switch that was turned into the Danville & Western tracks which connect at that point with the Southern, although the signal light was properly displayed. The engine, baggage car and mail car turned over.

There was no interruption to traffic, according to an official report at Southern Railway headquarters here. It is not known at this time what caused the switch to be turned.

## The Oldest Postmaster.

The oldest living postmaster is out of a job. The only way he could be pried loose was to discontinue the postoffice. That is what happened to George H. Chamberlain, postmaster of Rock Falls, Wis., a village located a few miles west of Eau Claire. Rural free delivery made a separate office at that point no longer desirable, and the position held by Chamberlain since 1857 has been abolished. Chamberlain isn't much of a sufferer, financially, by the operation. The perquisites of the place weren't more than a few dollars a year. The postoffice was established in 1857 and Mr. Chamberlain, who is now 82 years of age, had served continuously since then. President James Buchanan appointed him to the post, and succeeding administrations never interfered with him. Although appointed by a Democratic President, Mr. Chamberlain has always been a Republican and has voted for every Republican nominee from 1856 down to the Roosevelt-Taft era.—Cincinnati Times-Star.

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## SOCIAL EVENT AT CLAYTON.

Miss Swannanoa Horne, Daughter of Hon. Ashley Horne, Entertains in Honor of Her Holiday Guests.

Clayton, N. C., Dec. 29.—The home of Hon. Ashley Horne was the scene last night, of one of the most elegant receptions given in this part of the State. Miss Swannanoa, the charming daughter of Hon. Ashley Horne, entertained in honor of a number of her guests, visiting her during the holidays. The visiting young ladies are Misses Bernice Stringfield, of Maiden, N. C.; Grace Rogers, of Sparks, Ga.; Annie Jones, of Raleigh; Ivey Blades, of New Bern.

The game of "Hearts," played with dice, was employed as an entertainer for awhile, and the game never lagged at all, each one present engaging and being very much enthused with the game.

There were five tables and progressed as at cards. Miss Christine Gower won the largest number of hearts one being awarded to the winner of each game, and received not only the prize, a beautiful bouquet of white carnations, but the congratulations of all present.

Then came the elaborate luncheon, and an elegant repast it was. The spacious home was most gorgeously decorated for the occasion, with the holiday colors pervading an imposing color scheme.

Those present were Miss Ivey Blades, of New Bern, with Mr. Preston Stringfield, Maiden; Miss Annie Jones, of Raleigh, with Mr. J. T. Talton, Clayton; Miss Annie Cordon, Boston, with Mr. J. Dwight Barbour, Clayton; Miss Grace Rogers, Sparks, Ga., with Mr. Matt Allen, New Bern; Miss Swannanoa Horne, Clayton, with Mr. Carle Blades, New Bern; Miss Bernice Stringfield, Maiden, with Mr. J. V. Blades, New Bern; Miss Mary Helen Carter, Clayton, with Dr. J. H. Austin, Clayton; Miss Carlotta Barbour, Clayton, with Mr. Samuel Ford, Gaffney, S. C.; Miss Christine Gower, Clayton, with Mr. V. L. McCullers, Clayton; Miss Silver Beale, Franklin, Va., with Dr. H. E. Austin, Clayton. Chaperones: Mrs. W. H. McCullers, Mrs. A. Horne, Miss Cleve Barnes.—News and Observer.

## NOBLE-NEWLAND.

A Quiet Home Marriage at Selma.

Selma, Dec. 31.—A pretty home marriage took place at the residence of Mrs. W. A. Green, sister of the bride, at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The bride, Miss Marie Newland, is the accomplished daughter of Mr. B. W. Newland, of Oneida, Tenn., and niece of Lieutenant Governor Elect Newland. The groom, Dr. Robt. P. Noble, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Noble, of Selma, is a successful physician and practitioner, having graduated at the University of North Carolina in 1905 with the A. B. degree, then at the University Medical College, Raleigh, N. C., 1907. No finer or more popular young couple have ever pledged their troth to each other.

The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. W. H. Puckett, the ring ceremony being used, Mrs. N. E. Edgerton rendering Mendelsohn's wedding march and the "Melody of Love." Mr. Wm. Richardson, Jr., of Scottsdale, Penn., was best man with Miss Annie Noble, sister of the groom, maid of honor.

The bride wore a beautiful green cloth going away gown with hat and gloves to match. The maid of honor was gowned in a beautiful white silk crepe de chine.

The guests present were: Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Noble, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Newland, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Green, Hon. John C. Scarborough, of Murfreesboro, N. C., Prof. M. C. S. Noble, of Chapel Hill, N. C., Mrs. A. M. Noble, Mr. T. W. Winston, of Oxford, Mr. Henry L. Watson, of Raleigh, Mr. A. M. Noble, Jr., Master Walter Moore Noble, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Richardson, Mr. H. B. Pearce, Mrs. R. B. Carrington, Mrs. M. C. Winston, Miss Nellie Richardson, and Miss Nannie E. Richardson.

Amid showers of rice and happy congratulations of their many friends the bride and groom immediately after the ceremony left on the A. C. L. train for Richmond, Washington and northern points.

## Shot From His Pocket.

Thursday, December 24th, Wright Bridges, of Cleveland township, shot Johnnie Bridges while they were walking along the road. In some mysterious way the pistol fired off in the pocket of Wright Bridges. Both claim the shooting to be accidental. The ball entered one of his legs above the knee and the wound will not give any serious trouble as the pistol was small and did not send the ball deep.

## ALLRED-MAY.

Surprise Marriage of a Prominent Young Couple at Spring Hope.

Spring Hope, N. C., Dec. 23.—A marriage of more than local interest took place this morning at 11 o'clock when Miss Myrtle May, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. May, of Spring Hope, became the bride of Mr. L. H. Allred, of Selma. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. B. C. Allred, pastor of the Methodist church at Warrenton, and father of the groom, assisted by the Rev. B. E. Stanfield, pastor of the Spring Hope Methodist church. The wedding march was played by Miss Carrie Leigh Spivey, of Spring Hope.

The bride was becomingly gowned in a going away dress of brown with hat and gloves to match. Fewer prettier brides have been seen in Spring Hope. The wedding was a quiet home one, and only the immediate family and a few invited friends were present. No announcement of the happy event had been made, and it came as a surprise to many of the friends of the young people. The purpose was to keep the news a profound secret, but in some way the fact that there would be a wedding in town became known, and a large crowd gathered at the depot with old shoes and rice to see the happy couple off on their wedding trip, which will include stops at Washington, New York, and other Northern cities.

Mrs. Allred is one of the most popular young women of Spring Hope. She is the youngest daughter of Mr. T. C. May, Spring Hope's oldest and most prominent business man, and a sister of Mr. Albert R. May, president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of this place. She is connected with the most prominent families in this part of North Carolina; a young woman of many charms of manner and person, bright, vivacious, accomplished, and possessing a sunny and cheerful disposition, she has made for herself a permanent place in the hearts and affections of the Spring Hope people. She will be missed very much in the social life of the town, and also in church circles. Her friends here, and they are numbered only by the number of her acquaintances, will rejoice that she will move only to adjoining county, entertaining the hope that she will often visit here, where she has spent a happy childhood, budded into beautiful womanhood. She attended college at Louisville, and has friends throughout the State.

Mr. Allred is one of the promising young lawyers of Johnston County, making his home at Selma. He is a son of the Rev. B. C. Allred, pastor of the Methodist church of Warrenton. He is a native of Charlotte, but being a Methodist minister's son, he has lived at many places throughout the State, and has many friends, who will rejoice to learn that he has won the fair and accomplished bride. He is a graduate of Trinity College, and took his law course at Wake Forest. For a number of years he was one of the foremost young teachers of North Carolina having been in charge of the schools at Youngsville. There is no young attorney in this section of the State that has a more promising future before him. He is a young man of strong mental parts, affable and agreeable in his manners, and makes friends with all those whom he comes in contact. He is a young orator of no mean ability, and in the last campaign was one of the strongest Democratic speakers of his county.

After the return from the bridal trip, the young people will board with Mrs. N. E. Edgerton, at Selma. Later they will go to housekeeping.—News and Observer.

## The Ideal Health Creed.

Here is the ideal health creed, simple, and yet guaranteed to keep us well:

1. Eat moderately; meat only once a day.
2. Drink all the pure water you can—eight glasses a day is ideal—between meals; drink no water with meals.
3. Keep out in the fresh air as much as possible and breathe deeply; if you can't walk, bundle up and go and sit in the sun.
4. Let plenty of fresh air into a sleeping room; in the room in which you are sitting always keep the window lowered at least a foot.
5. Bathe or wash the body every day with as cold water as you can stand.—Ladies' Home Journal.

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