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SCORE OF CITIES WIPED FROM MAP

DEATH LIST NUMBERS 100,000

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The death list in Meaning, ranges from 12,000 to 50,000; that of Reggio, hich with its adjacent villages num-45,600 people, includes almost the entire population. At Palmi, Land are reported dead; at Cassano L-000; at Cosenza 500, and half of the ation of Bagbara, about 4,000. nteleone region has been de-Glovanni, Scilla, Lazzarro and Cannitello and all other communes and villages bordering on the straits are

KING SAILS FOR MESSINA.

The King and Queen of Italy are na, having w on their way to Mes ad to-night from Napl

THE MAP ALTERED: The Strait of Memina was shaked and twisted by the earth's trembling. or mariners report the channel alter ed beyond recognition. The ports and villages on both the continental and Bicilian sides were wrecked or inundated and all lighthouses along he coasts were swallowed up. Naviention now is dangerous and in so laces Impossible.

In the Calabrian district, which we cover from the mly beginning to re flocts of the earthquake of 1965, Reggio was the centre of the earth's apheaval. The seaport of Reggio is ported as no longer existing and the The loss of life on both sides of the

trait and in eastern Sicily was enor-One of the refugees from ergio, who was the first to bring the news of the city's destruction tried to make his way to Sicily in a allbeat, but was compelled to re-

"The sea was strangely, mysterious-y agitated and the heavens were blaze. Nearing Sicily the clearing moke revealed the mystery; Messina was in flames. In the frenzy of de-pair, I turned my boat to Calabria." SURVIVORS FLEEING.

SURVIVORS FLEEING. Starving, blogding from injuries, and almost insuce from their terrify-ing experiences, Measina's survivors are fleeing in all directions. The spectacle presented by the ruined scapart is described as terrifying. Tumbling buildings both killed and mutinized, while hundreds of the in-jured, imprisoned in the wreckage were abandoned to their fate by the fleeing populacs. One of those who escaped suid: "The earth seemed suddenly to drop

"The carfi seemed suddenly to drop and then turn violently on its axia. The whole population, who practical-by were precipitated from the houses rent in twain, were spin around like tops as they ran through the streats. Many fell, crushed to death, and oth-bras, hewlidered, took refuge for breath beside the tottering walls where they ers, bewine at the fate of their compan-

Already British and Russian squad as have arrived at Messina. Sailor have. cts in resculing noving the wounded. A loss ber of survivors has been tran-ber of survivors has been tran-ber of survivors has been tranto great floating floapitals. It is sperative that the fload be removed on the ruins in order to avoid a samers with doctors, druggists, nen and workmen have arrived at ins from Catania and other

al dis . They report that the sit-as bad if not worse than at aboard | uation is ammed with people, who snatch the special editions from the newsboys. The people are plunged in grief and amentations are heard on all sides. Here and there one saks another, "When will end this swful repetition of devastation and death in our presses " country"
HANDS ACROSS THE SEA
The hands of all mations have been from the propie spots of a first have some messages of condence and from the propie spots of the strick of HANDS ACROSS THE SEA. NAVAL OFFICIENCS EXPERIENCE. At half-pass five in the morning the sen suddenly became terribly spinted, seeming literally to pick up our beat and shake it. Other craft nearby ware similarly treated and the ships looked like bits of cork beb-mediately a tidal wave of huge pro-portions swept across the strait, mediately a tidal wave of huge pro-portions swept across the strait, inducting before it. Scores of whips were damaged and the Hungs inducting before it. Scores of whips were damaged and the Hungs induces and west crashing into other and the sea was soon covered with anothers and wost or ashing into other and the sea was soon covered with another the craft of the recading wa-ters. Mark ships before allo ment from italian and british steamers also were and and british steamers also

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Applain of the Minconduct During His Absence—Another Witness Tes-tifies to the Captain's Irrational Conduct When Relating the Story of the Tragedy in His Family—Said His Wife Caressed Him One Night and Denied Her Basences and the ad Douled Her Basences E. N. Y., Dec. 29.--The

The of Thornton J. Hains, indicted ith his brother, Captain Poter C. ains, Jr., for the killing of William . Annis, called two witnesses in -day's session of the trial to show writin alleged acts of Mrs. Claudia ains, which the lawyers for the de-indunts claim so affected Captain alms that he became mentally unbal-aced

Samuel Chester Reid, of Chicago tend of the Hains' family, sw bat Captain Heins told him of all arital misfortunes and that the o inced signs of being irrati rise a was strangely, mysterious-tarine and the heavens were series and the heavens were the revealed the mystery: Measina in fames. In the frenzy of de-r, I turned my boat to Calabria."

RELATES DOMESTIC TRAGEDY.

nuel C. Reid, a building inspec tion at North Chicago, was called. The witness related a conversation he had with Captain Hains, who, the witness naid, used such expressions as "My life is ruined," and "I wish I was dead."

Mr. Reid said: "Captain Hall he went to Fort Hamilton and found his wife, who wanted to know why he had returned home. 'Why, Claudia, your reputation is at stake. I have come from the utter ends of the earth to save you. I have heard gossip of you and Annis.' The cap-tain said his wife told him that the gossip was ridionious." Mr. Reid said the captain stated he

invited Annis to dinner to show he did not believe the gossip. Witness suid Captain Hains said his father told him there were things to be in-vestigated, and that he (Captain Hains) sgain speke to his wife and Hains) again spoke to his wife an ana replied: "I do love Billy Annie Mr. Reid further testified: "The captain said his wife then told him all, that she loved Billy Annia and not him.

"'I could not understand it,' said Captain Hains. The night before she gave me caresses and told me it mas not so.'"

HAINS WANTED TO DIE. oess said Captain Hains fro-y expressed a desire to die and

tly expres d. to Mr. Rei ed, moaned and quoted from Anping a "Vampire," and said he never under-stood the poem before, but did so now, Reid was excused, and Minnie Rhone, a negress, of Washington, D. C., tok the stand. She is the cook in the Hains' household. The took if related the cocurrences in the Hains' home of which, she said, she told Cap-tain Hains on his return from the West. The witness said Mrs. Hains was intextented at the house with Mr. Annis and the wife of the army captain turned somersaults and Mr. Annis smacked her. The cook said she told the captain that his wife smoked cigarettes and that she went out auto riding with Annis and stayed away all night. "What did the Captain do when you told him that?" THE WITNESS DRAMATIC.

It is said That President Roosevelt Will Not Go Ont of the District to Name Successor to Judge Purnell, if Suitable Man Can Be Found-Some Able Men in the District Besides Skinner-Why is Duncan support-ing Adams an Interesting Question --What it Monus to Some Others If Judge Adams Gets to Wear the Er-mine-The Fight Just Beginning. It is Thought by Many.

BY H. E. C. BRYANT.

Observer Bureau, Congress Hall Hotel, Washington, Dec. 29, "Shall the Fresident go out of the district to get a successor to the late Judge Thomas R. Purnell?" is the all-absorbing guestion is eastern North Carolins at this particular time. National Committeeman E. C. Dun-can has declared himself for Judge Spencer B. Adams. of Greensboro, pencer B. Adams, of Greensboro hich is in the western district, and Spancer E. Adams, of Greensboro, which is in the western district, and is fighting for him with all the seal and cunning that he does for any one to whom he gives his support. President Roosevelt must decide upon a man. Col. Harry Skinner. of Greenville, has been here and seen the President. He has the support of many of the leading Democratic hawyers of the east, where he has practiced for many years. In this contest Mr. Duncan is at a disad-vantage, not being a lawyer, and it is claimed that he is going a little too far on account of personal and politi-cal reasons. He, it is argued, is taking a great risk-for in the east there are the following-named Repub-licans who stand well at the bar: T. T. Hicks, of Henderson; E. W. Tim-bérlake, of Wake Forest; J. B. Schul-ken, of Whiteville, H. F. Seawell, of Carthage; George E. Butler, of Samp-son; James R. Gaskill, of Tarboro, and others. Why then, it is asked, should a western man be appointed? I was told to-day that President Roosevelt said he would not go out of the district for a man unless he could not get a good one without doing so. If this be true-and I have cause to believe that it is-the end is not yet.

could not get a good true—and I doing so. If this be true—and I have cause to believe that it is—the end is not yet. The men mentioned in the foregoing paragraph are well known. T. T. Hinks is considered a lawyer of fine ability and a citizen of sturdy char-acter and judicial temperament. He was a Democrat in his early days, but a number of years ago he became a Populist and, later, a Republican. a Populit and later, a Republican. E. W. Timberiake and W. S. O'l Robinson were on the Superior Cour beach during the fusion regime. J E. Schulken has been endorsed for the judgship by the bar of his coun-ty. He is reputed an excellent law-yer. He was a Taft elector in his district. H. F. Seawell is a loyal Re-publican. His friends say that he W. Timberlake and de a first-o . Butler sta He was a Taft elector. The i WHY IS DUNCAN SUPPORTING ADAMS?

it will be se Duncan is at a very delicate tas de is an eastern man and a fello Republican of the gentleman name

MRS. HAINS MORALS RIDDLED PRESIDENT FAVORS EASTERNER WILL PROSECUTE OFFICERS, NIGHT-RIDERS PROVE ALIBIS ENGINEER SATTERFIELD BULLED Convention of Holders of Stock in onvention of Holders of Stock in Seminole Securities Company Meet in Columbia and Take Steps to Sue Trustees to Recover Losses-Criminal Prosecution to Be Brought Against Directors and OB-cers-Mine New Directors Elected, Gen. J. S. Cary Being One-Finan-cial Statement, Prepared by Ac-countant, Rend-Trustee Clark Called on For Statement-The Three Trustees Paid for Their Ser-vices.

Called on For Statement-The Three Trusters Paid for Their Ser-vices. Observer Bureau. 1230 Berkeley Building, Columbia, S. C., Dec. 19. Much indigmant feeling was mani-fested at the convention to-day of the stockholders of the famous Seminois Becurities Company, held in the cour-house, toward the three local trus-toes, Measre, Wille Jones, W. A. Clark ington and T. S. Bryan, and President Gar-lington and his officers and the direc-ing, which was attended by about three hundred prominent men repre-senting five neighboring States, foot action looking not only to legal pro-ceedings against the wealthy trustee to recover the losies of the company, President Garlingten, who promo-ted and carried the scheme to company. President Garlingten, who promo-ted and carried for; but nebody volunteered to say where he might of trustees, was called for; but nebody volunteered to say where he might of trustees, was called for; but nebody volunteered to say where he might of the trustees in the criminal pro-ceedings, but this failed after a hast-ed discussion. Three and a half hours of hot de-

ted and carried the scheme to com-pletion through the amistance of the trustes, was called for; but nobody volunteered to say where he might be found. An attempt was made to in-clude the trustees in the criminal pro-ceedings, but this failed after a heat-ed discussion. Three and a half hours of hot de-bate ended with adjournment for din-ngr after a committee of five had been appointed to nominate nine new directors to take the place of the present directors, whose resignations were accepted along with those of the trustees and officers. WILL PUSH PROSECUTION.

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The afternoon was still more pro of nine new dire e of the Sc Company to affect the best settlement pessible with that concern and wind up the affairs of the company if they deemed best, the convention instead closely to the reading of the financial

tened Lake county men as detailed incluit Penringer. The sheriff ha by ised them to gather for 1 Co. Johnson denied that any Ga. masked or that the men statement, hurriedly prepared by Charles H. Helley, of Helley & Co., public accountants, of Augusta, Ga., whom the trustees employed to go to <text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text>

THE LEADER TESTIFICS.

Garrett Johnson, the reputed leader I the riders, detailed their move-tents the night of the Ranken mur-

Eight Defendants Accused of the thern Pas Capita Derendantia Accused of the Murder of Capitalia Hanken Can Rememiser Whore They Were on the Night Banken Was Hilled, But Cannot Recall Events of Prior or Subsequent Periods---Cross-Exami-nation of the Attorney General, Wrich Demonstrated That the De-fendants Could Not Remember Anything Except What They Want-of to Remember, is Serere--Witness a Misplaced Switch One Side of Danville and is Soveral Cars Turning Tu gineer Sauerfield, Whose I gineer Satter in Speacer, Strange Pra Engineer's Son Was a I the Ill-Fated Train-Leaves a Wife and Th The Fireman and Se Clerks More or Less

Washington, Dec. 29 .--- A m witch caused the derail afl and passenger train No. 15 on the Southern Railway at Stokenland, Va., six miles south of Danville, a

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5:50 p. m. to-day. Engineer Satterfield was kill Fireman Davis, colored, and three ostal clerks were injured. No pasngers, as far as is known, were in-

The train, which left Wa 8:15 a. m. for the South, ran into a witch that was turned into the Dan ville & Western tracks which co at that point with the Southern, alhough the signal light was prope splayed. The englate, baggage nd mail car turned over.

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

No. 35 is due at Charlotte at 5:23 p. m. It is not known whether there were any Charlotte people on the fil-fated train.

By Bell Telephone to The Observer

Spencer, Dec. 33.-Engin Satterfield, who was kills wreck near Danville, lived. Matterfield, who was i wreck near Danville, ity was well known, being his is by the Brotherhood ive Engineer attend the funer till be h ne of the

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the battleship Vittorio in The Pope has shown the greates distrens at the calamity and he himms the first to contribute a sum unting to \$290,000 to the relief of the afflicted.

British, French and Russian warships are steaming toward the south and already several of the ships of Great Britain and Russia have reach-ed Sicily. Officers and mon of these ships have performed heroic service in the work of rescue.

It is feared that many foreigners have been killed as a number of the hotels at Messina and doubtless at other places were crowded with tourate.

Little is known of the fate of the diplomatic representatives of the foreign powers stationed at these ports, although the Italian government is using every effort to relieve the anxiety felt on their account.

There is the gravest danger that a stilence will follow the destruction of the towns, where on account of the vast have wrought, bodies will be unburied for days and weeks. These who cataged death, many of whom are badly injured, are making their way by the thousands to the their way by the thousand. Their suffig-ings even now must be intense as they are without food or clothing.

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tair mourns to-night for the stricken rovince of Calabria and the Island of Isluy. Accustomed for contaries to arthouskes, fully stands ever in irread, but more, was propared for he disector which in the fraction of minute yestering deviated cities

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YOUNG LADY & URNED.

Clothing of Miss Bensie Loy Catches as She is Scated by Pire-Burns Not Thought to Be aPial. Special to The Observer. Burlington, Dec. 25.—Miss Bessie Loy, its 31.-year-old daughter of John Loy, its was thought, was fatally burn-ed yesterday, though to-day the doc-tors are hopeful of her recovery. She was smaled, near the fire at hes home ed restarday, though to-day the doc-tors are hopeful of her recovery. She was seated near the fire at her home three miles from Burlington when her clothing became ignited and was burned from her body. The fiames wore extinguished after she was burned almost beyond recognition.

inclus E. Ladd Turns in His Last

Lucius E. Ladd Turns in His Last Copy. New York, Doc. 39.—Lucius E. Ladd, for several rears engaged in newspaper work in this city, died at the Swedish Huspital in Brooklyn to-day. Mc. Ladd was been in Spring-field, Mass., and did his first news-paper work on The Union of that city. His last dutime wore those of corres-pondent of the Associated Press at

Ris last datime word intend Fread pondent of the Associated Fread Atlanta, Ga. While in Boston Mr. Ladd married Miss Levnors ovn Ottinger, who sur-tives him. His mother resides in Allasion, Mass.

western man appointed to a place which rightfully belongs to his own section. Some are asking: "Why is Duncan doing this?" Mr. Duncan has maid that from his standpoint he feit sure that Mr. Adams is the right man. Being a clever, success-ful politicias, Mr. Duncan looks at most appointments as Dick Croker. Charlie Murphy, Frank Hitchcock, or other practical leaders would. Some who do not like to see Carl Duncan rise and chine in the political sky instructe that his cup is not yet full but, in addition to being national committeeman for North Carolina, in a political way, and receiver for the Seaboard Air Line, in a business ca-pacity, he would like to be State chairman of his party. The offices of national committeeman and State chairman would sound large at the White House. The fight is just beginning. A new fis being said here that Senator Over-man, who is a member of the Senato judge Adams, and that there would be no danger of a hold-up in the Senato Mr. Overman has not giv-en the matter more than a passing thought. The Senato judiciary is composed as follows: Republicans-Clark, of Wyoning; Nelson, Minne-sots: Depex, New York: Forakes, bits Dakota; Knox, Penneylvania; folion, Oregon. Democrats-Bacon, of Georgis; Culberson, Texas; Clarke, and Rayner, Maryland. If Judge Adams is appointed—aft for Dakota; Knox, Penneylvania; fulton, Oregon. Democrats-Bacon, of Georgis; Culberson, Texas; Clarke, and Rayner, Maryland. If Judge Adams is appointed—aft for Duncan believes that he will be on the fight may not end there. WHAT IT MEANS TO OTHERES. The is the situation to-day.

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The fight may not end there, WHAT IT MEANS TO OTHERS. This is the situation to-day. There are other things to be con-sidered in connection with this posi-tion. One or more triends of District Attorney Holton has told me that Mr. Helton had said that he would not stand for reappointment. I do not know what Mr. Holton intends de-ing, but it is a fact that he does not harmonize with the organization, and his peomage suits have not made him many friends any where. He fell down on the English givis case and others of less fame. But whether he stands or not, there will be a strug-gie for the place now held by him. Among those who want it are: Thomas 8. Rolling and J. J. Brits, of Asheville, and Mr. Holtins is a son-in-law of Jodge Jeter C. Pritchard is on the horn of a dilemma. If Judge Purnell had not died, Judge Adams fails of appointment to the judgeship, he may yet enter the fue adams fails of appointment to the judgeship, he may yet enter the fue adams fails of appointment to the judgeship, he may yet enter the race, and that hever is in his own district; and on account of service, if nothing eliss, he no doubt, would feel that he was entitled to first consideration. There-fore, Judge Pritchard must hands off. the notation of the second event of the second of the seco

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