



## EARTHQUAKE KILLS 110,000

**Southern Italy Suffers From a Terrible Calamity**

**MESSINA IN RUINS**

**THREE PROVINCES DEVASTATED, SOME TOWNS DESTROYED AND OTHERS INUNDATED. FLOOD, FIRE AND WRECKAGE DESTROY MANY LIVES AND MUCH PROPERTY, BUT DETAILS AND ESTIMATES ARE MADE IMPOSSIBLE BY THE DESTRUCTION OF TELEGRAPHIC LINES.**

Rome, Dec. 28.—The three provinces of Cosenza, Catanzaro and Reggio di Calabria, comprising the department of Calabria, which forms the southwest 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. Owing, however, to the fact that telegraphic and telephonic communications were almost completely destroyed it is impossible to obtain even an approximate idea of the vast damages done.

The fate of entire regions within the zone of the earthquake is unknown, but reports received here up to a late hour tonight indicate that the havoc has been great and the destruction to life and property more terrible than Italy has experienced in many years. The uncertainty of the situation for many thousands has filled all Italians with the deepest distress, for they still have fear that the day may come when that part of the country, which seems to have been most blessed by nature, will be destroyed by the blind forces of that same nature which nearly nineteen centuries ago overwhelmed Pompeii and Herculaneum.

All reports show that the present catastrophe embraces a larger area than the earthquake in 1905.

The tidal wave which followed the earth shocks on the eastern coast of Sicily sank vessels and inundated the lower part of Catania. It is known that a number of people were killed at that place, but the rushing waters carried everything before them and caused such an indescribable confusion that it will be impossible for some time to estimate the damage and the lives lost.

For a period the town of Messina and the whole province of Reggio were completely isolated through interruptions of the telegraphic and telephone and land slides that obstructed the railways.

Absolutely nothing was heard from Reggio throughout the day, while the first news from Messina came in the form of a despatch which a torpedo boat, flying at full speed along the coast of the peninsula, carried from point to point, until it reached Nicotera, where the telegraph lines were found to be intact.

**300 Reported Killed at Messina.**  
London, Dec. 28.—A dispatch received here by a news bureau states that 300 persons were killed as the result of the earthquake at Messina.

Over 110,000 Perish.  
Rome, Dec. 30.—The immensity of the disaster in Southern Italy and Sicily can only be measured by the fact that it is now estimated that 110,000 people 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 fact 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 ports and the vast majority of these are severely injured. Other thousands remain near the ruins of their homes over the land. The fires that on Monday overwhelmed the city also destroyed the means of subsistence. Telegraph 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 meagre in details, show that hope is gone.

### Messina in Ruins.

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. Deprivation 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.

## GREETING TO NEW PASTOR

**MEMBERS OF THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH GIVE REV. MR. BUNDY AND HIS WIFE A WARM RECEPTION. WILL FILL HIS PULPIT NEXT SUNDAY.**

Rev. J. D. Bundy and wife, the new pastor of the First Methodist church, was received last Tuesday, by the members of his church with warm hearts and open arms.

A committee from the church met them at the depot and extended cordial greetings. They were immediately taken to the parsonage, where the ladies of the church awaited to give them a reception. Previous pastors and his wife's coming the good people of the church had stocked the pantry with a big supply of substantial.

The pastor and the people seem to be mutually pleased and it is confidently believed by those who are in position to know that the church will take on new life under the new ministry. Rev. Mr. Bundy and his wife have made a most favorable impression.

Mr. Bundy will fill his pulpit for the first time next Sunday.

### SEMI-ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE

Special Sale of E. S. Chesson Co. Starts Next Thursday.

The E. S. Chesson Co. will start a semi-annual clearance sale next Thursday, which will last for ten days.

This sale is for the purpose of reducing stock for the purpose of giving room to coming season's goods. In order to more stock the prices have been reduced all along the line.

### DELIGHTFUL SUPPER

Judge J. B. Leigh gave a sumptuous supper at his home last night to his Sunday school class of the First Methodist, Sunday school.

It was a most delightful affair. The Judge not only furnished a feast for the inner man, but a feast of reason.

Let me make a PHOTOGRAPH of that Christmas gathering of the family. If you can't come to the Studio, I will carry the Studio to you ZOELLER, Corner Main and Poindexter Streets.

## THE INLAND WATERWAYS

**Distinguish Visitors Making Tour of Inspection of Route**

**ADDRESSES MADE**

**AN INFORMAL MEETING OF THE CITIZENS GENERALLY HELD AT THE COURT HOUSE LAST NIGHT. ENTHUSIASM CREATED.**

A highly important and interesting meeting was held at the Court House last night in the interest of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association.

The following distinguished visitors were present:

Hon. J. Hampton Moore, Congressman from Philadelphia and president of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association; Major Jas. E. Kuhn, Corps of engineers U. S. A. in charge of Norfolk district; Capt. Earl J. Brown, Corps of engineer U. S. A. in charge of Wilmington, N. C. district; Maj. A. Addison Burke, secretary of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association; Mr. Edgar S. Snyder, Washington D. C. correspondent and representative of the Associated Press, of Fred A. Olds, of Raleigh, a veteran newspaper correspondent and secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Raleigh; Hon. John H. Small, Congressman for the first district of North Carolina.

The meeting was an informal one of the Chamber of Commerce and citizens generally, called by Mr. J. T. McCabe president of the Chamber of Commerce.

President McCabe called the meeting to order and presided over it. He introduced the speakers.

All of the visitors addressed the meeting on the importance of the proposed Atlantic Inland Waterway and what a deep root the question has taken on the public men.

The importance of bestirring ourselves and working for the project was fully emphasized.

Much enthusiasm was created by the speeches of these gentlemen and their visit will no doubt result in great good.

Hon. John H. Small, the energetic Congressman from this district who is with the party is a hard worker for this project which means so much for this section.

These visiting gentlemen are on an inspection trip of the Norfolk-Beaufort route by the courtesy of Capt. Earl J. Brown, of the Wilmington district and Maj. Joseph E. Kuhn of the Norfolk district both of the Corps of Engineers of the U. S. Army. The party traveled in one of their steamers.

### The Itinerary.

The party left Norfolk on December 28, proceeding South through the A. and Chesapeake Canal thence through the Albemarle Sound, Croatan Sound, Pamlico Sound, Neuse river, Adams' Creek, Cofo creek, Newport river to Beaufort inlet.

Returning the party stopped at Maneto, visited Nag's Head and thence to this city. From here the party will proceed through the dismal swamp Canal to Norfolk.

The party will diverge and visit Lake Drummond.

### SUBSTANTIALS.

Now the season of luxuries is over we wish to call your attention to some substantial, namely: O. M. Flour, 33c, 38c and 73c per bag. Obelisk 33c, 38c, and 73c per bag. Superlative 33c, 38c, and 73c per bag. Graham flour 30c per bag, whole wheat flour 30c per bag.—EAGLE GROCERY, Phone 145.

### GIFTS PRESENTED.

**Blackwell Church and Sunday School Give Gifts to the Faithful Ones.**

At the conclusion of the Christmas entertainment of Blackwell Memorial Sunday School, Tuesday night some of those who have been especially faithful were remembered in gifts by the Sunday School and church.

Mr. George J. Spence in behalf of the Sunday school presented Mr. S. S. Davis with a handsome umbrella. Rev. Mr. Loftin was presented with a beautiful leather writing desk. Mr. Henry Whithurst through Mr. Loftin was presented with a handsome rocking chair. Mr. Moss, the choir master, with a pair of pretty cuff buttons. Mr. Jennings, the superintendent of the Sunday school with a handsome watch chain. Miss Lillian Leary, through Mr. Mack Sawyer was presented with a handsome vase.

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## SANTA CAME TO CITY ROAD

**PRETTY CANTATA PRESENTED BY THE CITY ROAD METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL TUESDAY NIGHT. CANDY DISTRIBUTED TO MEMBERS.**

Tuesday night was a time of Christmas festivities at City Road M. E. church, when the Sunday school under the auspices of Mesdames Crawford, Morrisette, Saunders and Miss Bertha Martin, rendered with marked success the beautiful Cantata entitled "The Interrupted Program."

In this program the Christ Child spirit was very prominent and even Santa Claus refused to be hailed as the king, and in many ways impressed upon the young minds that Christ only is the King.

The introduction of the waifs, Misses Eva Berry and Ethel Mann, the boot-black, Wesley Woodley, Santa's carpenters, Jack Frost and his fairies added very much to the interest of the original program, in which Miss Aileen Thompson recited an appropriate Christmas theme and little Miss Eva Jones sang a solo very sweetly.

The exercises were opened and closed with prayer by their pastor, Rev. Mr. McRae, after which the school remaining, was given a treat of a box of very nice candy, each.

### MAKES FINE IMPRESSION.

Rev. Mr. McRae Filled the Pulpit at City Road Church Last Sunday.

The members of City Road Methodist church are greatly pleased with their new pastor, Rev. Mr. McRae. He filled the pulpit for the first time last Sunday morning and night, preaching strong sermons, which made a great impression on his hearers.

Under the leadership of Mr. McRae, the membership expects to do a great work this year.

Mr. McRae has rooms at the Southern Hotel for the present.

**Accepts Position With Southern.**  
Mr. T. C. Jones has accepted the position of clerk at the Southern Hotel. He is genial popular and competent and the management is fortunate in securing his services.

The Southern, under the management of Mr. Neal has maintained its reputation for excellence and stands among the best in the State.

## HIGH NOON WEDDING

**Marriage of Dr. C. B. Williams and Miss Rennie Buxton**

**AT JACKSON, N. C.**

**TOOK PLACE IN THE BAPTIST CHURCH AT THAT PLACE. WAS BRILLIANT AFFAIR. RECEPTION GIVEN TO THE BRIDAL PARTY DR. AND MRS. WILLIAMS WILL RESIDE HERE.**

Jackson, N. C. December 23.—

The marriage of Miss Rennie Buxton and Dr. Claude Burgess Williams was celebrated at high noon, Wednesday, December 23rd, 1908 in the Baptist church, Jackson, N. C., the Rev. A. Cree officiating. The church was artistically decorated with potted plants, evergreens and candles. The wedding march was rendered by Miss Henrietta Bowen of Jackson, N. C.

The bridal party consisted of Mrs. Blackhall Cooke of Washington, N. C., dame of honor; Misses Ethel Williamson of Drivers, Va., Bessie White of Elizabeth City, N. C.; Florence Peele of Portsmouth, Va.; May Calvert of Jackson, Ruby Buxton of Newport News, Va., bridesmaids; C. B. Williams of Raleigh, best man; Messrs. Ben W. Brown, M. B. Sawyer, and J. G. Hollowell of Elizabeth City, and Dr. C. D. Kellam of Norfolk, ushers.

The dame of honor wore a gown of pink messaline and carried La France roses. The bridesmaids were attired in white batiste with Spanish scarfs of pink and carried pink candles in rose candlesticks. The bride wore a gown of white satin with pearl trimmings and a veil of tulle caught with orange blossoms and carried a shower bouquet of roses and maiden hair ferns. Mr. S. R. Buxton of Newport News, a brother of the bride, gave her in marriage. At the close of the ceremony a prayer was impressively sung by Mrs. Garland Midyette.

Mrs. Williams is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth P. Buxton of Jackson. The groom resides in Elizabeth City where he is engaged in the practice of medicine. A reception was given the bridal party and friends by Mr. and Mrs. Garland Midyette on Tuesday evening. Immediately following the ceremony a buffet luncheon was served at the home of the bride.

Numerous and beautiful gifts attested the popularity of the young couple.

Among the out of town guests were Mrs. Henry M. Shaw and son, of Oxford, Mrs. J. H. White and daughter, of Elizabeth City, Mr. Russell Buxton of Port Norfolk, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Buxton and Mary Byrd Buxton of Newport News.

The bride and groom left for a tour of the Northern cities and upon their return will reside in Elizabeth City, N. C.

### BADLY PICKED TO PIECES.

Our stock of fruits and confectioneries is badly broken on account of the tremendous Christmas trade, but we can fill your orders very nicely with candies, nuts, oranges or apples, prunes, figs, raisins, etc. EAGLE GROCERY CO, Phone 145.

### WILL ENTERTAIN CLASS.

Miss Mamie Barclift of the First Methodist Sunday school, will entertain her class tonight at her home at Mrs. John Glover's. It will no doubt be a most pleasant occasion.

### CITY ROAD ORCHESTRA

Several New Pieces Will Be Rendered Next Sunday.

City Road Methodist Sunday School orchestra is still improving and this organization is making good music. A new piano has just been added.

The orchestra will play some new pieces next Sunday.

The orchestra is composed as follows:  
Mr. George F. Seyffert, flute, leader; L. C. Lassister, violin; A. T. Davis, second violin; Miss Bertha Martin, piano; E. L. Rogers, Mandolin; S. M. Rogers, mandolin; Capt. C. W. Hussey, clarinet; W. D. Hardison, cornet; Fred Thompson, cornet.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Children of Episcopal Sunday School Have Merry Time.

The members of the Episcopal Sunday school were given a Christmas party at the armory last Monday night. The young folks amused themselves with games for about an hour, spending a most delightful time. Candies and fruits were distributed. The little folks departed happy and contented.

## DELIGHTFUL RECEPTION

**MR. AND MRS. CHAS. H. ROBINSON GIVE RECEPTION TO MR. AND MRS. W. T. OLD AT THEIR ELEGANT HOME ON MAIN STREET.**

A brilliant social affair was the reception given by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Robinson at their elegant home on Main street to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Old last Tuesday night.

The rooms were beautifully decorated for the occasion.

There was a stream of callers during the evening who were delightfully entertained and who were charmed with the guests of honor.

Delightful refreshments were served.

The following out-of-town guests were present:  
Miss Lella Major and Will Underwood of Hextford; Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hanes, of Winston-Salem; Miss Dorothy Smith, of Smith College; Mr. Appleton, of New York, and Mrs. C. J. Sawyer, of Windsor.

### LET US LARD YOU.

Armour's Simon Pure Lard 14c lb; Pure Lard 12 1-2 c, lb. Snowdrift or lard compound 10c lb.

Include one of those elegant F. F. V. Hams at 16c lb or one of Shafers' mild cured and juicy Hams at 14c lb. Boneless Breakfast strip 16c lb. California Hams 10c lb. EAGLE GROCERY, Phone 145.

### IMPROVED APPEARANCE.

Re-arrangement of Departments in Lavenstein's Store. Globe to Handle Furniture Exclusively.

The Lavenstein Department store has improved the appearance of its interior by the re-arrangement of its departments. More space has been given to the dry goods department.

The furniture stock will be reduced, the bulk of the stock will be transferred to the Globe store just across the street, which will be devoted to furniture exclusively, hereafter.

We can fill your orders with Clover Hill butter 36c lb, in tub or 36c lb in prints. Good renovated butter 30c lb. Fresh Country eggs 28c doz. EAGLE GROCERY, Phone 145.