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EARTHQUAKE KILLS 200,000

Most Destructive In the Present Generation Visit Italy

WHOLE CITIES DESTROYED

Earthquake Followed by Tidal Wave, Destroys City After City in South Italy and Sicily and Obliterated Smaller Towns and Villages Without Number.

One of the most disastrous earthquakes in the world's history occurred on Monday in the lower portion of Italy including the island of Sicily. The news of the appalling disaster was not adequately conceived when the cables first brought the message. No tongue or pen can depict the horrors of the awful calamity that has fallen upon that region.

Later details covering more fully the horrible occurrence are given in the following dispatches, and show that the first news of the disaster came nowhere near giving the full extent of the devastation wrought.

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 face of this awful total all Italy stands appalled.

Nor has the full death-list yet been reached. Ship loads of fugitives have arrived at Naples and other ports and the vast majority of these are sorely injured. Other thousands remain near the ruins of their homes or wander half-starved, 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, though they have been meagre 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 60,000 population it is believed that fully 70,000 persons perished.

Forty thousand people died in Reggio.

Dispatches state that the city of Pavia contains 1,500 dead and twice as many injured. Two-thirds of the town was laid waste. All the villages adjacent suffered severely.

The commander of the battleship Admiral Makharoff, confirms the report of the death of the American consul at Messina, Arthur S. Chaney and his wife, who were buried in the ruins of the consulate.

The British consul at Messina is reported injured and his wife and children dead.

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 is always preceded by a period of preparation, this has happened within forty seconds. While war only affects the young and strong among the people, the present calamity has mowed down women and children, old men and youths. While 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

100 Miners Entombed. Mabury, W. Va., Special.—More than 100 miners are believed to be hopelessly imprisoned in a local mine of the Lick Branch Colliery Company as a result of a terrific explosion. All night long rescuers worked tirelessly. Up to an early hour 42 men had been removed from the mine, 12 of them dead. Only the main part of the mine has been explored.

King and Queen on Scene. Catania, Special.—King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena arrived at Messina on board the battleship Victoria-Emmanuele. They disembarked and made their way into the ruined city. As soon as it was known that the King and Queen had come crowds of the terror-stricken populace swarmed around the royal party, prostrating themselves in the mud and crying aloud for pity. This reception was too much for the Queen who almost fainted.

Again at the Breaking Point. London, By Cable.—Bulgaria and Turkey are again at the breaking point. Incensed at what he considers the unreasonable indemnity demands of Turkey and the "insult offered to Czar Ferdinand in the Sultan's speech at the opening of Parliament," Bulgaria has sent a note to all European Chancellors warning them that unless they use their influence to curb Turkey's defiant attitude, a serious breach may occur.

CARING FOR THE VICTIMS

Rations, Clothing, Tents and Other Supplies Are Pouring in and the Hungry and Injured Are Being Cared For.

Rome, By Cable.—What chiefly concerns the government and the people is the progress that is being made towards the relief of those who have suffered by the dreadful earthquake in southern Italy and Sicily. Considerable advance in this respect has been made at Messina, where, according to reports received here, the supply service is beginning to work satisfactorily. The different regions on the coast have been allotted to various warships and other ships as centres from which torpedo boats and launches convey and distribute rations and water to the different villages.

The Minister of Justice has wired from Messina to Premier Giolitti that large bodies of troops have arrived and are now occupying all parts of the town. The appalling extent of the disaster renders anything like a systematic search of the ruins impossible, but persons are being dragged out all day long and are quickly transported to the relief ships as soon as their wounds have received attention.

The appalling message came on New Year Day that the Ripari Islands which lie just north of Sicily had gone down with its 28,000 inhabitants, but a messenger boat sent to learn the facts has returned with the news that the islands are but little injured. Only the cracking of buildings make any real damage.

Estimates of Death List. Rome, By Cable.—Deaths of the death roll of the earthquake now cease to concern the Italian people. It is enough to know that the catastrophe is overwhelming—figures would add nothing to the grief of the stricken nation, nor move to greater efforts those upon whom the work of relief and rescue has fallen.

Every channel open to the government has been utilized to this end, and other nations have been quick to come to its assistance, even before the cry for aid went up. Shiploads of fugitives have been carried out of the stricken zone to Naples, Palermo, Catania and other ports, and according to the Minister of Marine, rescue vessels to the number of 36 are now centered in the Strait of Messina, and 5,000 soldiers are being landed on the two coasts.

Most important of all now is the question of the living. Thousands of those who escaped the falling walls and the sweep of the tide are starving and without clothes or shelter. They can scarcely longer survive their sufferings. The first thought has been to carry food and covering for these helpless people, and it has now been decided by the government to send a fleet of emigrant steamers to transport them to other places.

Professor Riccio, director of the observatory at Mount Etna, states that his instruments have recorded 42 distinct shocks after the first, but that during the last 14 hours they have been almost motionless. Etna and Stromboli are now quiet and he is certain that the earthquake was not of volcanic but of geographical origin, similar to that of 1873.

The horror of the situation at Messina and Reggio grows with every fresh dispatch. One of the correspondents places the death toll throughout the entire territory as high as 300,000, but this appears to be extreme. Others make their estimate 200,000, but the official estimate as made by the Minister of Marine still holds to 115,000.

The tidal wave lasted much longer than the earthquake. During all the time vessels shivered intermittently, as though shaken by some huge marine monster.

A naval observer of the destruction of Messina says there were four tidal waves, ranging in height from 12 to 30 feet. Thirty minutes elapsed between the rolling in of the first and the destructive onslaught of the last wave.

Thousands of half nude individuals of both sexes have gathered along the muddy beaches on either side of the ruins of Messina seeking food or trying to get away by sea. Many children have died from exposure and the cases of madness are increasing.

During the night the warships in Messina harbor throw their searchlights on the ruins to enable the rescuers on shore to continue their work. The work of succor is going on feverishly but the forces are still woefully inadequate. The stench from decomposing bodies is becoming overpowering.

A frightful scene occurred here Thursday amid the ruins of the customs house. Bands of famished individuals were groping among the debris in the hope of discovering food. The first of the searchers who were successful were attacked by others with revolvers and knives and were obliged to defend their finds literally with their lives. The struggle was fierce. The famished men threw themselves upon each other like wolves and several fell dismembered in defending a handful of dry beans or a few ounces of flour.

British Steamer Taken by Chinese. Hong Kong, By Cable.—The British steamer Tai On was captured by two Chinese cruisers, near Kum Chuk. The reason for the capture is believed to lie in the fact that the steamer several months ago ran down a junk and drowned a theatrical company which was on board. Further developments from the capture are expected.

Labor to Suspend Unfair Catalogue. New York, Special.—Notwithstanding the unanimous protest against the jail sentences imposed on Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, the Central Federated Union here received from Mr. Gompers a letter in which he notified the unions that he had discontinued on the advice of counsel, the "We Don't Patronize" list in the future issues of The Federationist, the labor organ. Upon hearing this, the Central Federation union, also decided upon the advice of the chairman to suspend its unfair list for a while.

No. 35 Wrecked. Washington, D. C., Special.—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 Tuesday at 8:15. Engineer Satterfield was killed and Fireman Davis, colored, and three postal clerks were injured. No passengers, as far as is known, were injured. Engineer Satterfield was from Spencer, N. C.

STROMBOLI VIOLENT

Eruptions Attended by Earthquake—Citizens in Panic But Little Injury Done—Rescue Work in the Stricken Regions as Seen One Week Later.

Rome, By Cable.—A violent earth shock running north-southwest and east-northeast, lasting three seconds, Sunday and during which the Stromboli volcano began eruption, occurred in Stromboli island Sunday.

The phenomenon was accompanied by prolonged dull rumblings. The houses on the island were badly damaged and the populace fled to the streets in panic, but no one was hurt. The weather is intensely cold on Stromboli island.

The system of rescue work in Messina has been greatly augmented by the arrival of troops, who are to be seen all over the ruined city in squads of twenty and thirty, patrolling day and night. Bodies of them also are working in the ruins by day and until well into the night.

The movement of refugees from the villages is daily increasing in volume. Of the victims buried under the ruins few have been rescued alive.

It is now clear that the enormous number of casualties in Messina was due to the suddenness with which the first shock came, giving but little time to the people to escape from their homes. The tidal wave was not so high as was at first reported, and would have done little damage had it not been preceded by the earthquake.

The first earth shock last Monday morning literally threw down the city and almost every street was completely buried under the walls that had fallen, furniture and other debris, practically cutting off every avenue of escape.

Then came the tidal wave to inundate the city and the living and dying were caught like rats and drowned or had their brains dashed out by being thrown by the rushing waters against piles of masonry and rubbish.

Far greater havoc was wrought in Messina than was believed when the Associated Press correspondent first passed around the outskirts with Frank Perret, of Brooklyn, N. Y., assistant director of the observatory on Mount Vesuvius. During this tour a most critical examination was made of the American consulate. It is a complete ruin—nothing but a heap of crumbling and crushed stones, without semblance of its original shape. It is most doubtful if the rescuers will be able to recover the bodies buried beneath the debris for a few days, but every effort to do so will be made. The French and Turkish consulates also were razed completely, and it seems almost impossible that any of their inmates could have escaped.

Officials in Messina say that the original estimate of the fatalities in the city probably was not exaggerated. The lower part of the city is practically totally destroyed.

A Washington special says: "President Roosevelt has sent two supply ships with \$300,000 worth of supplies to Italy, that he will ask Congress for additional aid and that he has offered the use of the battleship fleet to Italy.

Big Fleet at Suez. Suez, By Cable.—The United States Atlantic battleship fleet, completing two days ahead of its schedule the next to the longest run of its world-girdling cruise, arrived here Sunday morning from Colombo, a distance of 3,440 knots, from which place the fleet sailed on December 20th. The loss of a seaman from the battleship Illinois, who fell overboard and was the only accident to mar the voyage from Colombo.

Fire Still Burning in Hold of Steamer Texas. Savannah, Ga., Special.—The fire in the hold of the steamer Texas, that put into the Savannah river Friday morning, leaving her course from Norfolk to Havana, is still burning in the vessel's cargo. It is now apparent that the vessel will be saved though she is already badly damaged by the fire. Most of the cargo in her after hold is a dead loss.

Alabama Girl Dies of Hydrophobia. Moulton, Ala., Special.—Miss Ruby Green, daughter of a well-known farmer living near Newburgh, died Sunday afternoon from hydrophobia contracted in an unusual manner. A mad dog recently bit a horse owned by Mr. D. Green, father of the young woman. The horse later went mad and was shot. Miss Green had a slight abrasion on her left wrist and in some manner this became infected while she was around the horse.

INLAND WATERWAYS

Enthusiastic Meeting at Elizabeth City—Address by John H. Small, J. Hampton Moore and Others.

Elizabeth City, Special.—Congressman John H. Small, accompanied by a party of inland waterway enthusiasts, engineers, newspaper men, etc., arrived here Wednesday afternoon on a government yacht from Beaufort and other points further South. They were met and escorted to the Southern Hotel for dinner.

Wednesday night at 8 o'clock a most interesting and masterly address was made by Congressman J. Hampton Moore, of Philadelphia, who is president of the Atlantic Deep Waterway Association of America. He reviewed the history of the movement and dwelt at length upon what benefits are to be derived, not only to this section, but including his own and other, from the great project.

Others following with talks were Maj. Joseph E. Kuhn, corps of engineers, U. S. A., in charge of Norfolk district; Capt. Earl S. Brown, corps of engineers, U. S. A., in charge of Washington district; A. Addison Burke, secretary Atlantic Deep Waterway Association; Edgar C. Snyder, Washington correspondent and representative Associated Press; Col. Fred A. Olds, veteran newspaper man, and last but not least, Congressman John H. Small, who always warms up on the inland waterway subject. He fully sustained his reputation on facts and figures to support his argument.

Much enthusiasm and interest has been manifested throughout the trip, although the trip was made solely for inspection and to gain further information to present before Congress, in session.

After the Moonshiners. Greensboro, Special.—Deputy Collectors J. H. C. Norman, E. A. Aiken and W. W. Harkins have just returned from a raiding expedition in Surry county, where they captured three large blockade distillery outfits in the region of Round Peak Mountain, in Surry county. Not having any deputy marshal along, none of the blockade runners were arrested, but warrants will be issued for them. At one big still of 120 gallons capacity the revenuers had to pass a sawmill about a mile from the place they were bound for. This mill, as soon as they were out of sight, gave several blasts from its steam whistle, clearly notifying the owners of the blockade outfit that the revenuers were coming. The officers were much amused at this old-fashioned sign language, and, of course, found the operators of the still absent, but the work was such a big one it had been impossible for the moonshiners to "tote" it off; so it was destroyed and a large quantity of "beer" poured on the ground.

That Dates May Not Conflict. Raleigh, Special.—Secretary Joseph E. Pogue of the North Carolina State Fair, announced Friday that there will be held at an early date at some central point a meeting of the secretaries of big fairs in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia for the purpose of organizing a grand circuit of fairs, such as has never been attempted in the South before. One of the special results expected is that there will be no conflicts of dates for big fairs that would make intrusions on either attendance at general attractions that would follow fair circuits. It is expected that at least three or four of the larger North Carolina fairs will be included, affording them advantages never before enjoyed.

To Make Wood Pulp. Williamston, Special.—The Melrose Milling and Pulp Wood Company, recently incorporated, proposes to establish here a plant to manufacture wood pulp and lumber. The company has already closed contracts for all of the necessary machinery, and it is announced that the plant is to start off with a daily capacity of 150 cords of pulp wood and 25,000 feet of lumber. Mr. M. L. Rosenwald is the president and general manager of the company.

Governor's New Year Sentiment. Raleigh, Special.—Being asked for a New Year sentiment Gov. Glenn said: "Let the New Year resolve of every good citizen in the State be to make the State better, richer and more progressive, because he lives in it, and to encourage all things that look toward the material, educational and moral up-building of the State, and decry all things that tend to make it worse."

Killed by Wounded Deer. Raleigh, Special.—That F. R. Swindell was killed by a wounded deer was the verdict of the coroner's jury at the close of the investigation into the death of a prominent citizen of Beaufort county, whose body was found Friday in about three feet of water in a creek near the spot where he suddenly disappeared from a party of hunters Wednesday near Broad Creek. Hundreds of men had searched two days for the missing man, whose body was located by bloodhounds in a mill pond, a large buck deer being found near him, wounded. A number of cuts and bruises on the body and head of the man were found.

Five hundred and fifty dollars has been paid for a single specimen of the Antimachus butterfly.

NORTH STATE HAPPENINGS

Occurrences of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the Busy Tar Heel State

NEW SCHOOL INSPECTED. Trustees of Eastern Carolina Teachers' Training School Surprised to Find Such Magnificent Buildings and Beautiful Grounds.

Greenville, Special.—The trustees of the Eastern Carolina Teachers' Training School and the State board of education met here Thursday to inspect the buildings being erected for the school. Nearly all of the State officers, as well as several other distinguished visitors, were here. These were met with carriages at the depot by committees from the chamber of commerce and the Carolina Club and driven to the school site, where they thoroughly viewed the buildings and grounds. It was a surprise to the visitors to find such magnificent buildings and beautiful grounds for the school.

After the inspection the trustees held a meeting to receive a report from the executive committee and the architects of the work so far done. The forty-seven acres of land and four buildings now nearing completion cost \$115,000, of which the State appropriated \$15,000 and Pitt county and Greenville \$50,000 each. All were agreed that the school plant here is the best investment the State has made, and they could hardly see how such splendid buildings could be erected for the amount expended. The Building and Lumber Company, of Greenville, is the contractor.

After the meeting of the trustees all the visitors, about fifty in number, were given a banquet at the Carolina Club, where after-dinner speeches were made by Governor Glenn, State Superintendent Joyner, Auditor Dixon, ex-Governor Jarvis, Editor Joseph Daniels, Treasurer Lacy, Editor E. J. Hale, Insurance Commissioner Young, County Superintendent Ragsdale, State Senator Armond and J. O. Carr, of Wilmington, all of whom referred to the magnanimity of Greenville and Pitt county and the wisdom of the school being located here.

Shot to Death by a Woman. Washington, Special.—John Emerson Stone, aged 22, highly connected in Boston and New York, was shot and killed early Tuesday by May Woolard, who then shot herself twice and may die. Stone went to the woman's house to avow his intention of leaving here. It is said she coaxed him into the house and when he refused to remain drew a revolver and shot Stone in the right temple. When he fell she fired again the ball lodging in the base of his brain. Then she shot herself twice in the forehead and temple. The doctors at the hospital say that the woman has a fighting chance for her life.

To Be Guests of Ex-Governor Jarvis. Raleigh, Special.—Preparations are being made for the North Carolina State officers to go to Greenville Thursday as the guests of ex-Governor T. J. Jarvis for the special purpose of personally inspecting the grounds and buildings in process of erection for the Eastern Carolina Teachers' Training School. Mr. Jarvis being a member of the board of directors and giving his personal attention to the work.

Dentist to Meet in Asheville. Raleigh, Special.—A meeting of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Dental Association was held in this city Tuesday night for the purpose of selecting a time and place for holding the next annual meeting of the Association. It was decided to hold the meeting in Asheville, June 23rd-26th.

Fearful Blow. High Point, Special.—West Smith, colored, Monday night knocked in the head with a piece of iron another negro after a row near the depot. The wound inflicted was quite a serious one, and the negro receiving it will always remember the blow. Smith's trial took place Tuesday and he was bound over to court.

Asbestos in Iredell. Salisbury, Special.—An asbestos mine is being developed in Iredell county by Mr. Charles Lambert, of Pittsburg, who has recently spent considerable time on the property, returning last week to Pennsylvania. The product is said to abound on the surface of the ground at a point near Statesville, where 50 acres or more have been purchased for the development of the mine. The quality is said to be excellent and the yield is over 90 per cent pure asbestos.

Charter Granted. A charter was granted Monday to The Woodworking company, of Murphy, which is to manufacture and deal in lumber; its authorized capital stock being \$10,000. This company will begin business with \$5,000. The principal incorporators are: Messrs. S. W. Lovingsood, A. A. Fain and J. W. Ford.

Preparing for Dissolution. Raleigh, Special.—Five whiskey corporations in Salisbury on Monday filed with the Secretary of State notices of dissolution preparatory for the State prohibition law to go into effect January 1st. They are: The Bailey Distilling Company, North Carolina Distilling Company, J. M. Summers Company, the Summerson Distilling Company and the R. L. Summerson Company.

White Man Runs Amuck.

Raleigh, Special.—Scott Shadrach, a white man, if the charges made against him are true, had a case of running amuck a few days ago at Neuse, and having been arrested is to stand trial on Saturday at noon before Justice Roberts.

Shadrach, so the reports and charges are, first made an assault on Mr. J. D. Lee at his store in Neuse, driving the proprietor out and taking general charge of affairs. Next he is said to have broken into the house of Mrs. Frank Videll and to have made an assault on her, the warrant in this case being for assault and battery. Having gotten the best of two adults, Shadrach is said to have next turned his attentions to the rising generation. Will Shorter, a boy, was the victim this time and the warrant charges that Shadrach kicked him. Shadrach kept in hiding for a time, but was at last caught by the officers and landed in jail here. On Saturday the witnesses will tell what they know about the doings of Scott Shadrach.

Department of Insurance Enlarging. Raleigh, Special.—State Commissioner of Insurance James R. Young says the receipts of the department at this time show an increase of \$7,000 over the receipts at this time last year, the fiscal year ending April 1st. The receipts of the department have increased steadily from \$6,000 to \$10,000 each year since the Department of Insurance was created. The commissioner is up against the necessity of asking this Legislature for an additional clerk for the department, there being six at this time. The receipts of the department for the year will be upwards of \$225,000.

Shipping Cotton to Belgium. Wilmington, Special.—From the compresses of Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son Wednesday there was cleared the British steamer Holmea, Captain Airey, with 5,700 bales of cotton, valued at \$285,000, and consigned to Ghent, Belgium, this being the first cargo of the staple from Wilmington to Ghent this season. The receipts at the local port continue very satisfactory incident to the holidays. Tuesday 1,931 bales were received, of which number 42 were from the upper Cape Fear by the steamer City of Fayetteville.

Robinson's New Court House. Lumberton, Special.—The board of county commissioners of Robeson county met at Lumberton Tuesday and accepted the new court house, which is practically completed, and will be ready for occupancy shortly after January 1st. The court house is one of the handsomest and most complete in the State, and is a source of pride to the citizens of the county. H. L. Lazenby, who was employed to supervise the work on the building, left Friday for his home in Statesville.

12-Year-Old Boy Crushed by Cars. Raleigh, Special.—Miles Goodwin, the 12-year-old son of Mrs. Miles Goodwin, a widow, fell under the Raleigh and Southport train Monday morning near the union station and narrowly escaped a horrible death. Both feet were crushed in such a way that he will be crippled for life.

Game Warden Appointed. Raleigh, Special.—H. M. Ballance is appointed by Governor Glenn a bird and game warden for Currituck county, and J. Z. Stroup for the Hendersonville section, the appointment being at the request of the president of the Audubon Society of the State.

Forged Sisters Name. Greensboro, Special.—Clyde Morris better known as "Kid" Morris has worked a slick game here, by which he secured \$200 in cash. He forged the name of his sister, Mrs. Geo. R. Blackwell, to a check of \$600, and left \$400 to clear up another transaction. It was a most cleverly executed piece of forgery and deceived two lawyers, to their sorrow.

Mansion for Kitchen. Raleigh, Special.—Governor Glenn is spending two or three days with his mother, Mrs. Chalmers Glenn, in Greensboro. In his absence Private Secretary A. H. Arrington has moved his desk into the executive office while a handsome new carpet is being put down in the general office of the executive departments, replacing a carpet that has seen very much service. Other work of renovation and overhauling is in progress preparatory to turning the executive department over to Governor-elect W. W. Kitchin and Private Secretary Alex. J. Fields.