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## 50,000 VICTIMS OF THE EARTHQUAKE

AN APPALLING LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY YESTERDAY. — ONE OF GREATEST CALAMITIES IN WORLD'S HISTORY.

Reports are Still Fragmentary And The Number May Be Increased. — Earthquake Zone Apparently Extends 300 Miles From Naples to Ferrara And Practically Across the Width of the Country in That District. — Almost a Score of Towns Entirely Destroyed. — Fifteen Thousand Killed at Avezzano. — No Loss of Life in Rome. — Every Hour's News Adds to the Disaster.

(By The Associated Press)  
Rome, Jan. 14.—The victims of the earthquake disaster, according to latest reports received here, number about 50,000, including dead and wounded.

Official reports received from Avezzano declare that the dead in that city and in its vicinity in the earthquake yesterday number more than 15,000 persons.

Another Shock.  
London, Jan. 14.—A news agency patch from Rome says that a further distinct earth shock was felt in Rome about 3 o'clock this morning. In several sections of the city people fled from their houses into the open air.

Avezzano Destroyed.  
Paris, Jan. 14.—A dispatch to the Havas agency from Aquila, Italy, says that later news received there confirms the report that Avezzano has been completely destroyed by the earthquake. The town of Velano and Peszina, close to Avezzano, are partially wrecked. There is a great number of dead and many victims buried in the ruins.

Trains Bears 100 Injured.  
London, Jan. 14.—A train has just arrived at Rome with 100 injured from Avezzano and Tagliarozzo says a dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from the Italian capital that confirms the news that Avezzano has been completely destroyed.

Appalling Loss.  
Rome, Jan. 14.—Late reports from the zone which suffered from yesterday's earthquake, while still fragmentary, indicate that there has been an appalling loss of life and property. According to the latest reports, victims of the disaster number about 50,000 people.

Extends 300 Miles.  
The earthquake zone apparently extends for nearly 300 miles from Naples to Ferrara, in the north, and practically across the entire width of the country in that district. The countries to the east and southeast of Rome suffered the most, reports of loss of life and damage to property come from all that district.

Avezzano, a town with 12,000 inhabitants, 63 miles east of Rome, seems to have been the center of the disturbances, and this place is reported as having been destroyed. Great loss of life occurred. The number of dead there are reported as more than 1,000.

Towns Wiped Out.  
Among the towns reported entirely destroyed are Bussi, Captele, Seurcola, Magliamaglio, Celano, Peszira, Sora and Arpino are said to have been partially wrecked. At the latter place 40 were killed and 110 wounded.

Naples felt the shock severely but suffered slight damage. Foultonia and Aquila in the province of Abruzzi and other towns in that region report damage and some loss of life.

No one was killed in Rome but there was considerable material damage. About 100 persons were killed in towns near Rome.

King Visits Center.  
It is stated that King Victor Emmanuel left last night for Avezzano. Premier Salandra has personally taken charge of relief work. Special trains with doctors, ambulances and nurses have been dispatched.

Pope Benedict is awaiting a report from Monsignor Saggi, Archbishop of Aquila. He has expressed a desire to go to the front if his presence is necessary. Reports from the province of Potenza say the earthquake damaged buildings there but caused no loss of life. Greatest injuries occurred around the extinct volcano Vulturno.

Lasted 40 Seconds.  
Director Friedlander of the international volcanological institute at Naples says that the origin of the earthquake is geological and not volcanic with its center at Garitlanano river. Registration of the earthquake at the observatory lasted forty

seconds and was so violent the needs broke.

Mount Vesuvius, according to the observers, has shown no sign of unusual activity.

Every Hour's News Adds to Disaster.  
With every hour, as additional and more accurate details are received, the horror of yesterday's earthquake increases, threatening to place it in the list of similar catastrophes in Europe, second only to the Masseni disaster of 1908.

The list of dead, dying and injured has increased from a relatively small figure last night to more than 50,000, according to official announcement last night, and it is expected this number may grow.

The most disastrous disturbance seems to have centered in the vicinity of the town of Avezzano, where 15,000 have been killed or injured.

Dead at Avezzano, 15,000.  
London, Jan. 14.—The Express, in an edition issued at 7 o'clock today, estimates the dead at Avezzano, Italy, at 15,000.

The correspondent of the Express in Rome says the shock was felt with varying results throughout the whole district between Rome and Naples. In Rome he declares there was no loss of life.

STAR VISIBLE IN BAY.  
Brilliant Planet Can Be Seen With the Naked Eye at Eight O'clock.  
Salisbury Post.  
A friend of the Post, living outside of the city, called us up this morning at 8 o'clock and gave the information that the star now known as the Star of Bethlehem, could be plainly seen with the naked eye at that hour, being at that time about where the sun is located at 12 o'clock. Many have risen early to take a look at this star, which appears in the eastern sky about three o'clock and remains visible until after eight o'clock. Of course it can be seen to better advantage before day, even though the moon is hanging close by.

HOBSON IN DURHAM.  
Predicts National Prohibition in 1916, But Will Not Be a Candidate for President.  
(By The Associated Press)  
Durham, Jan. 14.—Representative Richmond Pearson Hobson, of Alabama, arrived here this morning and will address the Anti-Saloon League this evening. In interview Mr. Hobson predicted national prohibition in 1916. He denied emphatically that he would be a candidate for President on the Prohibition ticket.

Surpasses Messina Disaster.  
(By The Associated Press)  
London, Jan. 14.—News dispatches reached here from Rome says that the members of the chamber of deputies for Lipari has telegraphed to the capital that the disaster of yesterday surpasses the Messina catastrophe. The ruin is more widespread and the injury to life greater.

Cotton Used in December.  
(By The Associated Press)  
Washington, Jan. 14.—Cotton used during December, 450,843 bales exclusive of linters as compared with 456,262 in December 1913, the census bureau announced today.

For five months ending December 31 there were used \$2,122,212 bales against 2,299,326 bales in 1913.

Nineteen fifteen got off on the wrong foot, beginning on Friday. However, 1914 began on Thursday, and what good did it do?

Apparently Gen. Carranza is no mean strategist, having dug himself into the national box office, with the road clear to a foreign refuge.

Many brave men went down in the recent sea fight. It is painful to think how many more are fated to go.

### KANNAPOLIS NEWS.

Secretary Owens, of Y. M. C. A., Plans Big Membership Campaign.  
The Kannapolis Y. M. C. A. will open its membership campaign Saturday. Mr. Owens, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. was here yesterday and spoke in a most enthusiastic manner about the proposed campaign. He stated that the Kannapolis institution was in a contest with Spray for the championship of the State and would wage a lively campaign to win the prize, a handsome silver cup. The contest will close January 30. The Y. M. C. A. will make an effort to secure 1,000 members. Notices giving an account of the progress of the campaign will be published daily.

Mr. Gordon Lectures.  
Monday night Mr. Arthur V. Gordon delivered a lecture at the Y. M. C. A., at Kannapolis to a meeting of fathers and sons. Mr. Gordon's subject was "Traps For Boys." He was heard with manifest interest by an audience estimated at 400. Tuesday night Mr. Gordon addressed another audience estimated at 500 and his subject was, "Traps For Girls." Mr. Gordon delivered a series of six lectures at Kannapolis and created a fine impression during his visit there. He left Wednesday for Newton, where he will deliver a series of lectures.

Stores Move.  
Richmond-Sloan Company are preparing to move into their handsome new store building.  
Fisher's is also making a number of attractive improvements, preparatory to moving into a new store room.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES.  
Linen Shower for Mrs. Means.—  
Bridge Club Meets.—Mrs. Brown Entertains.

Mrs. Victor A. Means was the honoree at a delightful party yesterday afternoon given by Mrs. Charles A. Cannon at her home on Franklin avenue.

The home was most attractively decorated for the occasion and there were about 25 guests present. Soon after the guests assembled the hostess presented Mrs. Means with a large box, prettily decorated with pink flowers and ribbons. The presentation proved a great surprise to the honoree, who, amid showers of congratulations, opened the box and drew therefrom many beautiful and useful gifts from the friends assembled.

Following the linen shower refreshments were served.  
Bridge Club Meets.  
Mrs. M. L. Cannon was hostess at a delightful meeting of the Wednesday Bridge Club yesterday afternoon at her home on North Union street.

The prize for the highest score was won by Mrs. Louis A. Brown and the visitor's prize by Miss Anna Branson. Following the game refreshments were served. Mrs. Cannon's guests in addition to the members of the club were: Misses Lucy Brown, Laura McGill Cannon, Lenna Stevens, Anna Branson and guest, Lucie Stokes, of Durham.

Mrs. Brown Entertains.  
Mrs. Earl H. Brown delightfully entertained at three tables of Bridge at her attractive home on South Union street this morning. Following the game refreshments were served.

Mr. D. F. Widenhouse, of No. 9 township will go to Carthage tomorrow to look after one of his farms. He will spend a month there.

The specials at Browns-Cannon Co. tomorrow will be odd trousers and overalls. As a sample, \$1.25 Carhart overalls will be cut to 90 cents.

## SLEEPING IN BARN; BURNED TO DEATH

MILAS HOLSHOUSER, OF GOLD HILL, THE VICTIM

Aged Citizen, Unknown to His Family, Goes to Sleep in His Barn. — Building Caught Fire Last Night and With Contents, is Totally Destroyed.—Owner's Charred Body Was Found in the Ruins This Morning.—Lived With His Two Daughters, Who Discovered the Body.—Livestock and Farm Implements Also Destroyed.

Salisbury, Jan. 14.—Milas Holshouser, an aged citizen of the Gold Hill section, was burned to death last night, when his barn was destroyed by fire.

Holshouser, who made his home with his two daughters, had, owing to mental weakness, formed the habit lately of sleeping in his barn and would go there without the knowledge of his family.

During the early morning the Misses Holshouser were awakened and discovered that the barn was on fire. Without fire fighting equipment their efforts to save it were futile and the building and contents, including two cows, farming implements, hay, grain and feed stuffs, were destroyed.

They had not missed their father from the house until after the building had fallen and, when the flames died away, they found his body in the ruins of the fire. The body, although severely charred, was easily recognized.

Bird Season Closes January 15.  
The bird season in Cabarrus closes January 15th. A large number of hunters are taking advantage of the final opportunity to shoot quail today. In speaking of the bird law, the question arose this morning as to whether this was the last day in which quail could be killed legally.

An attorney of this city was asked about the matter. He hesitated a few minutes and then smilingly declined to render an opinion. From a friend in was learned that the attorney and a friend had planned a hunt for tomorrow and, therefore he would prefer rendering an opinion on the matter Saturday. In the meantime there those who state that the season closes are those who state that the season closes today and others who state that it includes the 15th.

Mr. Lee B. Burris has sold a house and lot near the Gibson mill to Mr. Irvin L. Dry. The consideration was \$950.

Church Workers' Convention at Salisbury.

A Church Workers' Convention—comprising congregations in Rowan, Stanly and Cabarrus counties, will be held in Faith Reformed Church, Salisbury, Saturday and Sunday, January 30 and 31.

A programme of special interest is being prepared bearing on the work of the Sunday school; general church work, and the Prince of Peace Fund Movement, which will have prominence.

Mr. T. W. Bost, the Raleigh correspondent of the Greensboro News, says there is a suggestion that Mrs. Charles B. Aycock be given the Raleigh post office.

### BLEASE RESIGNS.

Hands in Resignation Today, to Take Effect Immediately.—Time Would Have Expired 19th.—C. A. Smith New Governor for Unexpired Term.  
By the Associated Press.

Columbia, Jan. 14.—Governor Coleman Livingston Blaise today filed his resignation as South Carolina's chief executive with Secretary of State to take effect immediately.

Governor Blaise's term would have expired January 19. His resignation reached the State Senate shortly after 1 o'clock and was immediately accepted. Lieutenant Governor C. A. Smith then took the oath of office as Governor for the unexpired term.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Mr. Bryan Will Address Body January 30.—Some Opposition.—Bill to Abolish Kissing of Bible Killed.—Statewide Primary Bill Introduced in House.

Raleigh, Jan. 14.—Secretary of State Bryan today was formally invited to address the North Carolina General Assembly January 30. A resolution to that effect was passed by both the House and Senate, despite some opposition. Johnson, of Duplin, introduced a resolution to reconsider the Bryan resolution, but the motion failed. Senator Johnson later introduced a resolution discouraging the effort to secure outside speakers, as being wasteful and liable to bring in special pleaders.

The bill to substitute the laying of hands on Bible, or raising the hand, for kissing the Bible was killed in the Senate today, when it came up for passage on third reading.

Representative Vann today introduced a state-wide primary bill in the House.

Cotton a Little Off Today.  
(By The Associated Press)

New York, Jan. 14.—Cotton opened steady to a decline of one point to an advance of two points and there seems to be considerable coverings by some of yesterday's sellers, owing probably to the steady showing of the southern spot market at yesterday's close. There was renewed selling by commission houses under which prices sagged off with active months showing net losses of three or four points before the end of the first hour.

Opening prices were: January, 7.85; March, 8.13; May, 8.33; June, 8.52; September, 8.65; October, 8.76.

Furious Fighting in Russian Poland.  
By the Associated Press.

Petrograd, via London, Jan. 14.—Furious fighting has been resumed in Russian Poland. The Russian forces in the north which are pushing toward east Prussia in the regions near Mlava have captured a number of villages.

In the center the Germans have made more violent attacks. They forced back the Russians and occupied considerable ground.

Berlin Statement Today.  
(By The Associated Press)  
Berlin, Jan. 14.—The official statement given out today record German successes to the northeast of Soisson and to the east of Perthes. At Soisson the Germans attacked the heights of Uregny, clearing them of the French and in a pouring rain captured trench after trench. Fourteen French officers and 1,130 men were taken prisoners.

New York Stock Market.  
(By The Associated Press)

New York, Jan. 14.—Speculative issues showed all of their recent uncertainty at the opening today, United States Steel and Reading selling slower while Union Pacific and Amalgamated copper were fractionally higher. New York Central was the strongest of all the railway issues.

Hoover's Big Sale.

The big January Clearance Sale at Hoover's will begin next Saturday, the 16th. During this sale they will offer men's and boy's clothing, furnishings and hats at one-third off the regular prices. Their stock is large and right now you can make good selections. You will find a whole page ad. in this paper today telling you about this big sale.

British Aviators Drop Bombs on Germans in Antwerp.  
(By The Associated Press)

Amsterdam, Jan. 14.—The Telegraaf in its issue today says it has learned that British aviators last Monday dropped bombs on German positions at Antwerp. Damage not learned.

## VON KLUCK COMMANDS FORCES AT "SPUR 132"

BITTER BATTLE AROUND THIS FLANDERS' KNOLL

Compared With the Stubbornly Contested Battles in the Early Days of the War. Is Considered the Opening Point for German Occupation of West Flanders.—Great Loss of Life But Small Gain of Territory. —No Radical Development in the East.—Turkish Operations and Proposed Invasion of Egypt Hold the Foreground.

London, Jan. 14.—Like the stubbornly contested battle in the early days of the war in which hinges the German occupation of west Flanders the struggle for the knoll of ground northeast of Soisson, known as "Spur 132," remains undecided today, according to information received in London. The Germans, however, appear to be in better position eastward of the spur.

In view of the relatively small amount of ground gained the loss of life have been heavy on both sides, but the Germans show no indication of giving up the attempt to take the hill. It is said that Gen. von Kluck is now in command of the Germans. Farther east, near Perthes, where another sharp fight continues, the situation has not changed materially.

In the east in the absence of any radical developments in Poland and Galicia Turkish operations hold the foreground of interest, with the much heralded, but equally double report of a Turkish advance into Egypt that is said to be virtually ready and with the occupation by Turkey of Cabriz.

Today's dispatches from Petrograd says that the Turkish invasion of Persia continues and that the Turks are penetrating farther into the country. The Russians still claim to hold the upper hand in the fight in the Caucasus but the lack of details suggest that the battle which has now been in progress for seven days has not yet resulted decisively for either side.

The principal feature of today's news in London is the resignation of Count von Bernthold, the Austrian foreign minister. Some maintain that his action indicate that a crisis in the affairs of the dual monarchy is at hand.

Mecklenburg Court May Be Established.  
Charlotte, Jan. 13.—A movement is on foot to establish a county court to be known as Mecklenburg county court, a petition being circulated today asking that the court be established, "at a cost not to exceed \$1,000 with jury, judge, solicitor and clerk to be elected by the people of the county, this court to take the place of the present recorder's court."

The court, if established, would be an appellate court and also of original jurisdiction. The desire for it comes from the fact that many cases are not heard before a year's expiration, and the increase of court business.

Stamped Envelopes for Our Correspondents.  
The Times will be glad to furnish all its regular correspondents stamped and addressed envelopes in which to mail their news letters for the paper. All correspondents, who are not already provided, are requested to send in their address on a postal card and the envelopes will be sent to them at once. They save a great deal of time and trouble and always get the proper attention when they reach this office. At several important points in the county the Times would like to have correspondents. If no one writes the news from your community write to us about the matter.

Music Club Issues a Programme.  
The Music Study Club, which was recently organized here, has issued an attractive programme. The organization of the club is for the purpose of the study of music and musical subjects and its membership is composed of a number of the city's most accomplished musicians. The club will meet twice a month.

Whitney is to be raised to a presidential post office. The change will take place soon.

Some people are so fond of ill-luck that they run halfway to meet it.—Douglas Jerrold.

## Offer Will Positively Expire February 1st

AFTER THAT DATE PRICE OF TIMES AND THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER WILL BE \$2.00

By a special arrangement with the Progressive Farmer we are offering for a short time only (till February, 1st) that paper and The Times both one year for only \$1.50, the price of The Times alone. The publisher of the Progressive Farmer writes us that they will continue this arrangement

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and therefore after that time the price for the two papers will be \$2.00 as usual.

We have no control over the matter and cannot extend the time beyond February 1. Come in at once and take advantage of this unheard of offer.

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