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APPALLING LIST OF DEAD GROWS LONGER EVERY DAY AND IT MAY REACH TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND

People of Rome More and More Appalled at Breadth of Disaster

THE BUSINESS AND **COMMERCE ARE DEAD**

Never in the History of Italy Has Such a Calamity Descended Upon the People—Every Hour Brings Thousands of Tourists Are Believed to Have Been Killed—Believed Today That Not More Than a Half Dozen People Survived in Reggio, a City of 45,000 People.

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Consul Cheney Dead.

(By Leased Wire to the Times.) Q Washington, Dec. 30-The state department received a O dispatch from Consul Gayle, O at Malta, saying that the consulate at Messina has been totally destroyed and Consul Cheney and his wife and official family all lost their lives. Their bodies are still in the ruins of the consulate.

OOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO be found to be exaggerated. (By Cable to The Times.

the Italian earthquake. The toll of

American ambassador and other in- with fear. fluential foreign residents here to deand his assistants. The Continental commerce for contributions. The cham-stricken people after the disastrous and American press associations have given orders that this shall come first

part of the day in their apartments Both have promised everything within the agency of the government for the relief and succor of the af-

flicted. Refugees are now arriving hourly from Calabria. Stories told by these are too full of horror to be easily reproduced.

Not a building remains standing in Reggio. This information was Railroad, it is reported, has been selectbrought here today by wanderers ed as successor to W. H. Newman, from the stricken sections.

Only a few scores escaped death. The sea rolled in with a mighty roar that was at first mistaken for the rumblings of the earthquake. The greater portion of the city's site is covered with water today.

Rome, Dec. 33-As tales of horror are brought north from Calabria and with the board of directors and as yet Sicily, where the blight of Monday's no action had been taken, earthquake struck in its most terrifying form, the people of Rome are more and more appalled at the Mr. Brown, now senior vice-president, breadth of the disaster. Whereas, yesterday 75,000 was considered radical as an estimate of the casualties, today statisticians are predicting a death list of from 100,000 to 200,-

It is quite impossible to figure on the actual money loss. It will go far into millions and it will be my years before Southern Italy again ... gains the commercial and architectural conditions which has been wiped

Business throughout Italy is at a standstill. Commerce is dead. Ships are being rushed away to the south a deal for the purchase of the Torres laden with foodstuffs and clothing and Prieta Railway which runs and supplies for the succor of the at- through rich mineral sections of the flicted. Physicians and Red Cross state of Sonora, connecting with the nurses have been drafted from every line belongs to the Harriman interests. city not affected and the vanguard of The Torres and Prieta will be extended this relief army is already upon the east from Priets to a connection with scene of disaster.

such a calamity descended upon the and owned by J. P. Seymour and aspeople. Every hour brings fresh sociates. news of desolation.

The entire continent is sending messages of condolence and every ship and railroad train in the port of Ostia brings men and women from whose relatives are thought to have perished in the catastrophe.

It is known that thousands of (Continued on Page Two.)

TODAY'S ESTIMATE OF EARTHQUAKE CASUALTIES:

		Part of the second
	Population.	Loss of life.
Messina	147,000	7,000
Reggio (Calabria)	34,617	1,000
Palmi		1,000
Gloja	7,000	Almost Destroyed
Scilla		*****
Cantillo		Wiped off the map.
Velpasi (Sicily)	9.734	Engulfed by sea.
Baguara (Calabria)	7,500	Many killed.
Cassano	6,842	1.000
Cosenza	5.500	500

Loss of life and damage are reported in the following cities and towns, many of which are in ruins and exact figures may never be known:

Barcelonia, 16,490: Castroveabi, 3,375: Florida, 12,560; Noto, 22,285; Vittoria, 20,800; Patterno, 20,000; Catania, 146,500; Terranova, 22,019; Marcunopoli,; Mikelo, 3,477; Augusta, 16,-000; Naro, 12,000; San Giovanni, Capitelli and Calbanisetta are

Italian Community in New York City Aids Sufferers

New York, Dec. 30-The Italian com- the Italian Red Cross in this city. munity in this city was in terror when the full extent of the disaster in Italy De became known. Up to the last mo- dividual contributions ran up to \$2,ment hope was expressed by representative Italian merchants that the first reports of death and destruction would. Subscriptions came in fast through

dying are the friends and relatives of Enrico Caruso, the tenor, sent Rome, Dec. 39-Two hundred half of the 500,000 Italians in this city, check for \$2,000 to Editor Charles thousand human beings met death in and the anxlety over the fate of those Basotti, of 11 Progresso. The newsin the lower part of Italy and on the paper itself contributed \$200, Banker island of Sicily was felt in all Italian Caesar Conti \$100, Bolognesi and Hartdeath from the destroying forces quarters. "Little Raty," in Hatien, field \$100 and Charles Steckler \$25. which swept Sicily and southern Italy was buried under a pall of grief; Mul- Other contributions to the newspaper on Monday is the heaviest from any berry Bend was black with mourning brought the first day's total to \$4,000 calamity in the history of the nation. and the Italian communities in Pel-

The directors voted \$500 for immediate relief, and before the subscription was even noted down the in-000. This sum was at once turned over to the Italian Red Cross.

the Italian newspapers and at least At least half of the 140,000 dead and \$10,000 was subscribed from all sources

Every effort is being made by the ham and in the Bronx were stricken of contributions by telephone. All morries ambassador and other in- with fear. The first active step taken for relief ed to Italy through the Red Cross. was the call of the Italian chamber of which in 1905 sent \$100,000 to help the ber met to organize relief measures in earthquake that year,

The king and queen are at Messina. Both are so overcome that they were compelled to spend the greater with the spend to OF N. Y. CENTRAL

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Dec. 30-General Manager Yohe, of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie who recently resigned as president of the New York Central. Mr. Newman's

In the Pittsburg Dispatch Vice-President Schoenmaker was quoted as confirming the report. The report was denied at the Central offices in this city. One of the vice-presidents said the appointment of a successor to Mr. Newman rested

resignation takes effect February 1.

At the time the resignation of Mr Newman was reported it was said that would be his successor.

MEXICAN ROAD

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Mexico City, Dec. 30-E. H. Harriman and associates have just closed Sonora Rallway at Torres. The Sonora the Cananea, Yaqui River, and Pacific Never in the history of Italy has at Ures. The acquired road was built

Engineers to Go With Taft.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Dec. 30-Judge Taft the future of the isthmian canal.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, Dec. 30-Wood pulp placed on the free list and the reduction of the duty on steel 50 per cent. constitute the principal points in the new tariff law to be enacted at the special session of congress, to be called soon after the inauguration of Wil-Ham H. Taft as president,

Free lumber, free coal, free shoes and free hides are also said to be the other principal changes in the schedules. Resides this the revision will tend toward a reduction of from 15 to 17 per cent, and many of the articles will be affected.

The new tariff law, It is said, will be amaximum and minimum law, be a maximum and minimum law, 20 per cent, above the minimum and will favor countries giving the United States the best tariff rates.

DR. TANG'S MISSION ALMOST A FAILURE

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Dec. 30-A Washington dispatch to the Times says:

It is learned that the real diplomatic mission of Dr. Tang Shao Yi, the special ambassador of the Chinese

was impossible. But an alliance in effect he hoped | Under the terms of the will, which "He cried, 'My God, did she do been nine white couples and eight to secure by diplomatic means that was executed in New York May 11, that? The poor children.'

the purpose of an alliance. selected the six engineers who are to will cheerfully do all that is consist. Spreckies. The testament recttes that and it impressed everyone. accompany him to Panama on the ent with its friendly relations with the other two sons, John D., and "Thornton Hains was always with Miss Elvira Hunt, Hermon Bradsher ly at a loss to conjure up a situation in specific tour that is to determine other governments to be of assistance. Adolub, have been liberally provided the cartest " relation to the content of the cartest of the c section tour that is to determine other governments to be of assistance Adolph, have been liberally provided the captain." said Emma, continuing to Miss Mary Dean, and A. J. Stubbs in which he might have shot himto China, especially during the period for during the life of the testator. her testimony under the cross-exam- to Miss Louise Buchanan.

MISS ELENA EALDERON.



Miss Elena Calderon , wife of the Bolivian Minister at Washington, who recently created a sensation in Washington by wearing a full set of jewelry, consisting of beans. They were not of the Boston variety, however, but came from the Bolivian forest and are known as traint beans.

of national development upon which that empire is turning.

Tang has been declarations of this sovernment concerning the preservation of terriauthorities to hope that the United dia Hains. States would take a more positive

PENNED IN BY PLAMES.

Motormen and Conductors Have Narrow Escape from Flames. (By Leased Wire to The Times)

scape made impossible by an awn- naught. lag, three score street car motormen

When the firemen arrived they found velop." the front door of the building locked er or not to join the Amalgamated Did she tell you all that?"

Non-union men are suspected.

TRAIN ROBBERS SENTENCED.

Express Train.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Chicago express train at Larnie a On cross-examination the witness the state, and Dr. George Foster, of week ago pleaded to the charge of held to the truth of her narration o 26 East 41st, has associate, adminisrobbery before Judge Gateneb and Captala Hains and was excused. were immediately sentenced to the Emma Lavelle, of 25 Rockwell left the court room. penitentiary. William Burks, he- Place, Brooklyn, who was employed "It is a simple case of the bram cause he first confessed, was given as a maid in the Hains household un- being overworked," said Dr. Foster. four years. Jack Hayes, the leader til May 5, was then called.

CHANG IS DESPONDENT.

ens Closely Guarded.

to the state prison. Since his con- of the room. viction the Corean has grown dedeath rather than imprisonment.

BITTER CONTEST OVER THE SPRECKLES WILL

government, is practically a failure, every likelihood of a bitter contest her to keep an appointment with his clean, on the other hand the mar- broker, was brought to the hospital He is aiming at something which over the will of Claus Spreckles. The wife, saying "Claudia, you know I am riage recorder has been weighed in with a bullet wound in the head. No would have practically the effect of will was filed for probate yesterday with you all the time, and I really the balances and found wanting. In- information as to how the wound was an alliance between China and this and two of the sons, John D., and should give her some attention." country. An alliance in form, he Adolph, are left nothing of the vast | Asked how the captain acted when Tuesday at noon, Register of Deeds J. worth \$50,000,000.

to be divided among three of her no more."

MAJOR HAINS TAKES STAND

Tells of Captain Hains Nervous Actions After His Wife's Confession

M'INTYRE EXHAUSTED

McIntyre Appeals to the Court to Adjourn, as He Was Exhausted-Justice Crane Orders a Recess at Intyre Before Re Leaves Court Room-"A Simple Case of Brain Being Overworked," Says Dr. Foster-May Be Able to Continue This

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 30-Mrs. Virginia Hains, mother of Thornton Hains, suffered a collapse today as the result of her two days' attendance at ark, N. Y. Her maiden name was informed the trial and was unable to leave the Devina Tara Oleson. plainly that any form of alliance is room at the Hotel Astor. The deout of the question. The repeated fense began the day by calling Mintorial integrity and the independence Hains' household, to continue her first?" and the administrative entity of narrative of the illicit relations ex-China had led some of the Caineses isting between Annis and Mrs. Clau-

The witness began by declaring she stand in the matter than had been had made a mistake yesterday; that The witness was excused and Major she did not tell Captain Hains any- John P. Hains, brother of Thornton thing the night he got back, but on and Peter Hains, was called. Sunday. This angered Justice Crane. | On June 27 he had a talk with who sharply reminded her she had the captain and was struck by his hagsaid three times last night that she gard, worn appearance and nervous had told him all on the Friday night actions he said. of his return. The witness again Thornton's home in Bay Ridge he at-Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 29-Penned tried to make the correction, where-tempted to have a talk with the capn on the third floor of the Stevenson upon the court told her if she repeat- tain about marital troubles, but found building by sheets of flame and ed it he would send her from the him so distraught that it was imchoking smoke and agrees by the fire- chair. McIntyre's protests went for possible. The captain would ex-

The servant said she had told the and pull his hair and stare at him and conductors exped from windows captain on Sunday, "after Mrs. Hains blankly, the major testified, early today, many sustaining painful had confessed," but fustice Crane of "At one time he jumped dered this stricken from the records, walking up and down the room ran The fire, of incendiary origin, saying, "I will not allow you to get his hands through his hair and tarted in the cellar, where a gas in under the guise of what was said, said; meter was broken open and fired, matter you could not otherwise de-

When Mrs. Hains made her con- me mad.' He said that several times,' on the outside, imprisoning the men fession, the witness said, the cautain said Major Hains attending a meeting to decide wheth- mouned, "Oh, my God, my children! | "He also said," continued the wit-

She was acting the scene, rocking his dragged her down. He ruined hands over her face, when the court operation performed on her. He even abruptly stopped her with the warn- borrowed the money to pay for it." All Sent to Penitentiary For Looting night must not be repeated. Mein- the early session ended, McIntyre aptyre flared up, declaring he would ask pealed to the court to adjourn, as he no more questions of the witness un- was exhausted. Justice Crane or-Portland, Ors., Dec. 30-Two of der the circumstances, but the court dered a recess at noon, half an hour said she, 'He's dead, my sister shot the three train robbers who looted held to its ruling that no more acr- earlier than usual. the Oregon Railway and Navigation's ing on the stand would be tolerated. Dr. Austin Flint, chief alienist for

tered to McIntyre before the lawyer

of the gang, was given twelve years. She first saw the captain three days rible strain and needs a rest. I feel after his return from the Philippines that he may be able to continue this when she met him on the street in afternoon." Bay Ridge with Thornton Hains, she Corean Murderer of Durham W. Stev- testified. She started upon a recital p. m of what she told the captain of his (By Leased Wire to The Times) | wife's trips with Annis on which she San Francisco, Dec. 30-Sheriff stayed nights at a time when, with Dolan has given orders that I. W. the mention of the dead publisher's Many Marriages During Christmas Chang, the Corean convicted of man-name, his widow entered the courtslaughter for killing Durham W. room handsomely gowned in black. Stevens, should never be left alone Passing within a few feet of the ceuntil he shall have been transferred fendant she took a seat at the side

As the maid continued her narraspondent, repeatedly expressing a tive, telling of the protracted visits of ly along into the past, it is remarkwish that his punishment might be Annis with Mrs. Hains at the latter's ably true to note that up to the pres home, and of the neglected Hains ent time that Oxford and Granville children who, she said, were half county have been so fortunate as to starred at times while their mother evade the necessity of recording any was away with Annis, the handsome fatalities resulting from huntsmen, widow had to fight hard at times to the laceration of the flesh from the keep her composure, knowing that handling of explosive fireworks, or almost every eye in the court-room mishaps, or serious accidents, that was trained upon her. She bit her lip are of so common occurrence everyin an effort to keep calm as the wit- where during the holiday festivities. San Francisco, Dec. 30-There is apologized to Mrs. Hains for leaving talities and accidents "has come

knew, of course, when he came here, estate, which is estimated to be told of his wife's infidelity, the wit- B. Powell issued seventeen marriage ness replied:

were possible. He is doomed, how- 1907, the widow, Anna Christian "He frothed at the mouth, his the future journey of life together. ever to disappointment that cap, by Spreckles, is given a life interest in eyes blazed, and Thornton put his The names of six of the white couples any construction, be made to serve the estate which, after her death, is arms around him and told me to say that were united are as follows:

There is no question that this gov- Children, Claus A Spreckles, Rudolpa, This completed the direct examina- land, Robert S. Evans to Miss Nonaie has been advised by Secretary Loeb ernment is very warmly in sympathy and Mrs. John Ferris, of Kingswood, tion. The witness had given her tes- O. Ellis, Lonnie G. Mangum to Miss northern Europe and the British isles today that President Roosevelt had with the Chinese government and England, formerly Miss Emma timony in a straightforward manner Bessie Murray, R. L. Minor to Miss

Madeline Marshall, who is believed

husbands. She has just been led to

"Mr. McIntyre has been under a ter-

NEWS FROM OXFORD.

Week-No Fatalities or Acci-

dents.

(Special to The Times.)

Oxford, N. C., Dec. 30-At th

Christmas of 1908 is plodding rapid-

cluding Christmas eve and up to

Lynn R. Smith to Miss Katle Eng-

SECOND DAY OF ERB MURDER CA**SE** Servant of Erb Family Gives Some Important Testimony

TELLS OF THE KILLING

According to Testimony of Beatrice Matzul Erb Was Not Drunk When Killed-Mrs. Beisel Shot Him-Heard Four Shots at About 10 O'clock-Mrs. Erb Announced Killing to Servant in Cool Manner-Asked Aid of Servant in Reviving Sister, Who Had Fainted After the

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

to hold a record among woman for Media, Pa., Dec. 30-When the second day of the Erb Murder trial opened the altar for the seventh time in Newwith Beatrice Matzul, the servant, called by the commonwealth, on the stand, there seemed to be some doubt as to what District Attorney McDade "When you told Captain Hains will try to prove as to the actual shootnie Rhone, the negro servant in Capt. what you have related, who spoke ing. He insinuated in his speech lasth night that Mrs. Erb might have shot Erb instead of Mrs. Beisel.

This was a direct reversal of the heory he developed at the habeas orpus proceedings and is laughed at by the defendant's lawyers today.

Miss Matzui, said to be the wife of Japanese butler, told again what she had recounted at the habeas corpus proceedings as to how Erb had ome home sober at 6:10 o'clock the vening of October 6. She served him with dinner.

"Mrs. Erb could hardly have got upstairs and I was in the kitchen when heard an awful noise up-stairs, claim, "I can't think; I can't think," banging on a door, a crash of glass and in awful scream,

"There I heard some one go trom the "At one time he jumped up and second floor to the front hall like comeone going down easily but their heels knocked. I looked over the banister and saw Mrs. Erb in the main " 'My God, this is awful: this man hall. I got part way down. She mo-Annis has rained my home and driven tioned with her head for me to come down the backway and I did, coming through the dining room, I found Mrs Erb in a closet beneath the stairs." Miss Matzui told of Mrs. Erb sayness, "she was a good woman till Aning she was walting for her sister, back and forth in her chair, with her her, took her to New York and had an as the convent bells pealed out 10 The witness went to the kitchen and o'clock she heard four shots in quick succession then two more. Then she ing that her performance of last During a short recess taken before told graphically of Mrs. Erb's an-

"She came down and said the captain was killed. 'Not dead,' said I, 'Yes,' him.' Her manner was cool. It was about 10:25, five minutes after the footfalls upon the stairs Mrs. Erb said 'He's up-stairs, and she led me up the front stairs by the hand. he is,' said she, and there lay the capain dead on the rug. 'Oh, come on, fused. She went into the bathroom and got a sponge and laid it to her sister's head as Mrs. Blesel had fainted. Mrs. Beisel came to. Mrs. Erb said to her. 'My poor sister, this will kill you.' Mrs. Beisel said, 'Close the Adjournment was taken until 1:30 door, don't let Captain Erb in.' Pretty soon they both came down and sat or her get away,' meaning Mrs. Belsel. her get away,' meaning Mrs. Beisel,

> "Mrs. Belsel asked, 'What will they to to me?" Mrs. Erb said, 'We'll leave

Mrs. Erb said, 'send for the doctor and

"Mrs. Beisel was carrying a pillow round, getting up and lying down and Mrs. Erb told her she made her sick. 'Well, Florence,' said Mrs. Beisel he won't hurt you any more.' 'I wish he were here instead of where he is," said Mrs. Erb to her sister."

HOSPITAL MYSTERY.

Wounded Man Can't Tell, or Won't Tell, How He Was Shot.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, Dec. 30-The Michael Rees Hospital contains a mystery. A ness told of an occasion when Annis Yet, while the recording book of fa- little before noon Monday Nahum Hexter, a well known stock yards inflicted could be obtained. No mention of it was made on the records of the hospital and for nearly thirtylicenses in the county, there having six hours the police were in ignorance of the fact that Hexter had been colored ones that decided to travel shot,

All that is known is that the shooting occurred some time between the hours of 7:30 and 10 o'eleck Monday morning at the Hexter home in Vincennes Avenue.

Friends of the broker can conceive of no reason why he should wish to Tallage Walters, W .H. Montague to take his own life, and they are equal-