

Weather.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1—Forecast for North Carolina for tonight and Saturday: Fair tonight and Saturday; freezing near the coast.

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NOW SAID THAT 300,000 DIED IN ITALIAN HORROR

The Official Estimate Is Now Placed Above 100,000 Deaths

LIPARI ISLANDS ARE NOW DISAPPEARING

No America's Except Official Family At Messina Are Known to Have Perished—Population of Lipari Islands, Which Were Obliterated, Was 28,000—Many Looters Have Been Killed by Soldiers in the Stricken Cities—Queen, Garbed as Peasant, Is Doing Relief Work.

(Special Cable to The Times.) Rome, Jan. 1.—The Lipari, or Aeolian Islands, thought to have been engulfed with their 28,000 inhabitants, are safe. This, the first bit of bright news to come from devastated Italy since the earthquake Monday, was received today by the minister of marine from the commander of the torpedo boat dispatched yesterday to verify the report that the islands had sunk into the sea and that every inhabitant had perished.

Today's dispatch says that while the islands felt the quake only a few buildings have been demolished and not a single life was lost.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Jan. 1.—No Americans except the officials in the Messina consulate, and their families, are known to have died in the earthquake. Ambassador Griscom wires from Rome today that more earthquake shocks are recorded in Italy, all slight. Three were felt in Rome.

The Lipari Islands, 28,000 population, in the Mediterranean, off Sicily, have disappeared. The Italian foreign office says 100,000 at least are dead.

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It is said the king will urge that the earthquake zone be abandoned by all inhabitants.

Martial law has been proclaimed in and about Reggio, and should also be summarily executed. The king has ordered 10,000 soldiers to Sicily to protect property.

The queen has been doing good relief work in the garb of a common woman, and says, "I am not as queen but as a woman, I am here."

Plentiful threatens the devastated area and survivors are removed as rapidly as possible.

The naval supply ship Celtic has sailed from New York loaded with 165,000 dollars worth of supplies and more than \$150,000 of relief funds were raised here yesterday.

Taormina Escaped.
Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—Following is a dispatch received from Ambassador Griscom by the state department today:

"Italian foreign office assures me that Taormina escaped uninjured. This answers many inquiries received from American citizens as to relatives and friends in that place. The foreign office has received a telegram saying that there is no official news in regard to our consulate at Messina."

The dispatch is from Rome.

Estimates 300,000 Dead.
(By Cable to The Times.) Rome, Jan. 1.—The Aeolian Islands, including the island of Stromboli and its volcano, famed in fable, have disappeared—swallowed up by the sea—and their 28,000 inhabitants have perished. The government has dispatched a torpedo boat to ascertain the facts.

There have been forty-two distinct shocks since the first quake of Monday, which laid southern Italy in waste, and the precise extent of the disaster probably never will be known.

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The area in Sicily and Calabria, which is now a vast graveyard, may become a desert uninhabited by man. The king will urge that human residence in the earthquake zone be abandoned.

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Bird's Eye View of Messina, Sicily, Partially Destroyed by the Recent Earthquake.



Bird's-eye view of Messina, Sicily, which is reported to have been two-thirds destroyed by the recent earthquake which has devastated lower Italy. The harbor and breakwater are shown in the distance.

INEQUALITY OF PRIVILEGES AS BETWEEN SEXES

Time Has Come When Woman May Free Herself From Yoke of Bondage

DOMESTIC IDEALS TO UNDERGO A CHANGE

It is degrading to the intelligence to expect women to be blind dupes any longer—Lillian Bell Makes Comment on Mrs. Annis' Loyalty to Her Dead Husband—Doors of Education and of Opportunity to Earn Money Are Being Opened to Women.

(By LILLIAN BELL.) New York, Jan. 1.—Never was the contrast in the defence between a man's idea of what a woman's loyalty to her husband should be and a woman's definition of the limit to a wife's loyalty, more clearly exemplified than in the varying comments made upon Mrs. Annis' declaration to the press that in spite of details in testimony of her husband's liaison with Claudia Hains (which no one in the world could have invented, so low and disgusting were they) she still believed her husband loved only her, his wife, and was absolutely true to her, his wife, and that there was nothing wrong in her husband's friendship for Claudia Hains. The man, almost to a man, applauded her devotion to her husband's memory, approved of her apparent blindness and deafness and general unbelief.

Although this had been planned at the beginning of the case, she defended a lawyer did not reach a definite decision in the matter until today, when she automatically announced the fact that she would follow her father on the witness stand.

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EVENING TIMES

WANT PROHIBITION A Big Fight Will Be Made in Tennessee

Legislature Convened Monday and the Struggle for State-wide Prohibition Will Be on—Anti-Saloon League Claims That Fight is Already Won.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Bristol, Tenn., Jan. 1.—The legislature of Tennessee convened Monday at Nashville and the struggle for state-wide prohibition will begin.

"We have the fight already won," declared W. R. Houston, head of the Anti-Saloon League, who is assisting in organizing the legislature, as he left for Nashville to be present at the opening of the assembly. "The majority of the members of both houses are either pledged and instructed to vote for state-wide prohibition or are avowedly in favor of the bill, and we will win despite the activities of Governor Patterson and his forces, for local option."

The fight in Tennessee will be one of the hottest ever waged in the state and the campaign has been on for weeks. It was in his zeal for the cause of state-wide prohibition, in anticipation of the contest before the legislature that resulted in the assassination of former Senator Edward W. Carmack some weeks ago. It is claimed by the temperance people that this has reacted to the good of the cause and that saloons are sure to go.

PRACTICAL JOKER CAUSES SUICIDE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Jan. 1.—Because some practical joker sent him a postal card containing a picture of a drunken man and a cat, Christopher Shelling, of 684 Lexington avenue, Brooklyn, tried to commit suicide today by drinking muriatic acid.

Shelling had been on "the water wagon" for a year and took it very hard that anyone should have sent him such a New Year souvenir. He stayed up last night and went to bed seemingly in a cheerful frame of mind. This morning his wife heard him groaning and went to him.

"Well, I've done it," he said. She sent for a physician and he was hurried to the Bushwick Hospital, where it was said he will probably recover.

GERMANY RESPONDS. Giving Liberally to Earthquake Sufferers—Warships Sent to Country.

(By Cable to The Times.) Berlin, Jan. 1.—Financiers and wealthy people throughout Germany are liberally responding to the appeal for help for the sufferers from the Italian earthquake. The city of Berlin has voted 50,000 marks. An anonymous donor at Dresden has sent 20,000 marks to the fund. The kaiser has ordered all available German warships to proceed forthwith to Sicily to give every possible aid. The emperor and empress have each telegraphed their profound sympathy to the king and queen of Italy.

In accordance with the emperor's instruction, the ships Victoria Louise and Hertha, both of which are vessels of about six thousand tons, have been ordered to Sicilian waters. It is estimated that some six thousand German soldiers, including Herr Martens, the consul, have perished.

COUPLE DIE FROM ESCAPING GAS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, Jan. 1.—Mystery surrounds the death by gas of two persons—a man and his wife—found asphyxiated in the house at 208 229 Cortland street, early today. Gas escaping from a jet in the room exploded when the son of the couple lit a match and the picture of his dead parents lying on the bed was revealed to him in a flash, the shock proving on the lips the cheery "Happy New Year" greeting he brought them.

The dead, Albert Kottmann, 39 years old, a teacher; Mrs. Alice Kottmann, 37 years old.

Awakened at the break of day by the son, Albert Kottmann, Jr., rushed to his parents' room to wish them happy New Year.

Knocking at the door of the chamber he failed to rouse the inmates. Repeated knocking failed to elicit an answer, the son became alarmed and opened the door, striking a match as he did so, he was almost knocked down by the explosion and blinding flash through which he saw in a dazed way his parents apparently sleeping.

THREW WIFE INTO FIRE. Jealous Chicago Man Beats His Wife Then Burns Her to Death.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, Jan. 1.—The police today are searching for Elijah Rafferty following the finding of human bones in the ashes taken from a furnace in an apartment building at No. 5412 Cornell avenue, together with the disappearance of Mrs. Annie Rafferty, who was employed in the building.

The police say the bones are those of Mrs. Rafferty and that she was caulked, beaten over the head with an iron bar by her husband and then thrown into the hot fire in the furnace.

The police case has been strengthened by a statement made by Rafferty to Wayman Hawkins, colored, in a saloon last Monday night.

Hawkins told the police: "When I saw Rafferty there were bloodstains on his shirt and hands and I asked him what the trouble was. He told me he had choked and beaten his wife and then thrown her in the furnace and left her burning."

The woman was employed by H. D. Richardson, a tenant in the apartment house, and she is said to have made her husband jealous by her flirtations with a porter employed by the C. B. & Q. Railroad.

MINISTER MONDELLA MISSING. Italians Are Concerned About the Fate of the Minister to Havana.

(By Cable to The Times.) Havana, Jan. 1.—Italians here are concerned about the fate of the family of Signor Giacomo Mondella, Italian minister, who is now on his way from Santo Domingo to Havana, having left this city some time ago on a diplomatic mission.

Signor Mondella is from Messina, where his family lived. Charge d'Affaires Barbo, who is now in charge here, has cabled inquiring about the Mondella, but has received no reply.

Killed Wife and Himself.
(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Newport, R. I., Jan. 1.—Corporal Nelson Henry, of the Seventh regiment band, fired three bullets into his wife a few hours after she had given birth to a child and then killed himself. She is probably fatally wounded.



This map shows the earthquake zone in lower Italy. The loss of life in the territory covered by the map has been greater than any previously known seismic cataclysm.

SEEK DEATH TO END THEIR GRIEF

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Jan. 1.—Within a few hours after the death of their 15-year-old daughter, J. P. Gony, a professor at the New York University, and his wife committed suicide by inhaling chloroform fumes in their apartment at 620 West 16th street.

The double suicide came as a climax to a week's illness of Miss Gwendolene Gony, who was stricken down with bronchial pneumonia the day before Christmas.

Friends of the couple state that they were devoted to their daughter, a pretty and talented young girl, and that when she succumbed to her illness they were grief-stricken. Declining all proffer of aid from sympathetic neighbors, they went into the bedroom of their apartment and, with their arms about each other, inhaled the drug they apparently hoped would unite them with their daughter.

HUGE WAVE SWEEPS OVER OIL STEAMER

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Jan. 1.—With her captain suffering from several broken ribs, the result of a huge wave that swept over her starboard bow, and hurling him and several of his officers against the bridge rail, twenty feet away, the Standard Oil tank American reached quarantine today from Antwerp.

According to the story of the first officer, the captain, Max Schreiner, with other of his men, were standing on the bridge of the American Christmas afternoon when a wave, measuring, according to the first mate, forty feet, broke over the starboard bow with tremendous force.

Striking the bridge, the giant wave gathered up the captain and the officers and hurled them against the bridge rail, rendering the captain and one of the men unconscious. He was carried below unconscious and was treated by the members of the crew.

None of the officers were seriously injured.

W. H. TAFT CABLES NEW YEARS WISH

(By Cable to The Times.) Paris, Jan. 1.—The Marquis de Noailles' New Year's message to the President of the United States is the following:

"What is your wish for the New Year regarding the situation of peace and freedom?"

The message is the following:

"My most earnest wish is for the preservation of the peace of the world and for the continuance of the friendly relations which this world conference will establish among the nations."

At home, all of course, look forward to the continuance of the hanging and praying for the new year.

(Signed) WILLIAM H. TAFT.

MONEY FLOWS IN STEADY STREAMS TO RELIEF OF SUFFERERS.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Jan. 1.—Contributions flowed in steady streams through various channels yesterday for the relief of the sufferers from the earthquake of Sicily and Calabria and the total sum of \$50,000 was in hand before sundown.

Including the United States Steel Corporation gift of \$25,000 and \$10,000 from Wall Street and smaller funds started throughout the city, it is likely that nearly \$100,000 was given. These amounts, too, represent only a small proportion of the total sum which is likely to be given for the systematic gathering of the offerings of the citizens of New York has only just begun.

RIOT IN BOYS' HOME AT ELGIN

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Elgin, Ill., Jan. 1.—Clayton Lody, a house father at the St. Charles Home for boys, was saved from death at the hands of about a dozen of the institution during a riot at the state institution when Walter Bartlett, a socialist instructor of the school, arrived in time and prevented the death of the first teacher, who had been severely beaten and was helpless in the hands of his charges.

It is said that four shots have been started by a gang of unruly boys in the past two weeks.

The injuries sustained by Lody were serious enough to cause his immediate resignation. He was badly injured about the head, and body and was bleeding from a dozen cuts about the head when rescued.

VANDERBILT HOTEL.

Alfred Vanderbilt Will Build Hotel in New York.
(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Jan. 1.—Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt will build a big hotel, after all, on his Park Avenue block between Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth streets.

Mr. Vanderbilt's architects have filed plans for a 15-story hotel to cost \$2,000,000 on the site of one of the old time Vanderbilt mansions.

Mr. Vanderbilt has planned elaborate apartments in the hotel for himself and others of the younger Vanderbilts set.

The collections of the Roman Catholic and Protestant Episcopal churches are yet to be made and there are many important associations which are about to take action.