# Most Destructive In the Present Generation VisitS Italy

expired.

to house them, everything available

The King and Queen of Italy has-

The troops and sailors have been

Great Earthquakes in History.

Guatemala, Central America, found-

destroyed in 1822

Naples, severely shaken, with ac-

companying eruption of Vesuvius,

Many buildings in Quito, capital

Valpariso, Chile, badly damaged in

Earthquake at Colchester and east-

Charleston, S. C., visited August

St. Pierre and other towns of the

eruption of Mont Pelee May 8, 1902;

Labor to Suspend Unfair Catalogue.

ing the unanimous protest against the

jail sentences imposed on Samuel

Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank

Morrison, the Central Federated Un-

ion 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 Fed-

eration union, also decided upon the

No. 35 Wrecked.

Washington, D. C., Special .- A mis-

placed switch caused the derailment

of mail and passenger train No. 35 on

Va., six miles south of Danville

Tuesday at 8:15. Engineer Satter-

field was killed and Fireman Davis,

unfair list for a while

New York, Special .- Notwithstand-

ern counties of England, 1884.

section of the cuntry.

of Ecuador, shaken to pieces, 1859.

## WHOLE CITIES DESTROYED cases 48 hours without assistance. Even when rescued, it is impossible

Earthquake Followed By Tidal Wave, Destroys City After City in South the work that the forces of nature Italy and Sicily and Obliterated have left undone. Smaller Towns and Villages Without Number.

One of the most disastrious earth- ruins. An aged man who had became quakes in the world's history occur- abandoned under a beam that apparred on Monday in the lower portion ently had crushed out his life, reviv-of Italy including the island of ed for a moment at the shouts of Sicily. The news of the appalling greeting to the royal pair. He stretchdisaster was not adequately conceived out his hand and raised his head ed when the cables first brought the long enough to call out: message. No tongue or pen can de-pict the horrors of the awful calamity to the King." He then fell back and that has fallen upon that region.

Later details covering more fully It was learned that General Colli teh horrible occurrence are given in lost his life at Massina. the following dispatches, and show that the first news of the disaster obliged to shoot down robbers who came nowhere near giving the full ex-tent of the devastation wrought.

Persisted in looting.

The rescuers at Messina are rapidtent of the devastation wrought.

The immensity of the disaster in southern Italy and Sicily can only be have not yet been put out and there measured by the fact that it is now is no water with which to combat the estimated that 110,000 people perish- flames. Many of the people still reed in Messina and Reggio alone. A fuse to leave the ruins of their score of other towns have been de- houses. vastated and thousands of victims in A dispatch received here from these places must be added to the Deputy Felice at Messina says: roll. In the face of this awful total teers for rescue work. Send us food teers for rescue work. A num-

Nor has the full death-list yet for we are dying of hunger. A numbeen reached. Ship loads of fugi- ber of the survivors are leaving for tives have arrived at Naples and Catania. Receive them with love other ports and the vast majority of and fraternity. It is the duty of these are sorely injured. Other every family in Catania to shelter a thousands remain near the ruins of family from Messina.' their homes or wander half-starved, Only two members of the municihalf-naked over the land. The forces pal council of Messina survived the that on Monday overwhelmed the disaster. cities also destroyed the means of subsistence. Telegraphic communication has been established with Mis- ed in 1524, destroyed by earthquake sina, the apparatus having been in- and volcanic eruption in 1556; the stalled in a railway van, though they second Guatemala, established near have been meagre in detail, show the site of the first, almost destroyed that hope is gone. Nothing remains by earthquake in 1773, succeeded by of the city but a mass of ruins that the construction of the present town. have been swept by fire. A mere Lisbon, Portugal, almost destroyed

alling Alepno. There is little food and less water. Of Messina's 90,000 population it is believed that fully 70,000 persons 1857.

Forty thousand people died in

Reggio.

Despatches state that the city of 1880. Patmi contains 1,500 dead and twice as many injured. Two-thirds of the 1880 town was laid waste. All the villages adjacent sufferied as severely.

The commander of the battleship Admiral Makharoff, confirms the re- 31, 1886, by a severe earthquake, that port of the death of the American shook down many buildings and causconsul at Messina, Arthur S. Chaney ed loss of life and property damage; and his wife, who were buried in the disturbance felt over entire eastern ruins of the consulate.

The British consul at Messina is reported injured and his wife and Island of Martinique, destroyed by

This disaster has resulted in a earthquake skocks through the West greater loss of life than any of our Indies and more than 30,000 lives wars for independence. Indeed the lost. situation is much worse, as, while San Francisco and neighboring war is always preceded by a period towns shaken Wednesday, April 18, of preparation, this has happened 1906, fire swept the ruined districts withoin forty seconds. While war of the city and the property loss ran only affects the young and strong into the hundreds of millions, with among the people, the present calam- hundreds killed. ity has mowed down women and chil- Valparaiso and other towns in dren, old men and youths. While in Chile ruined by earthquake August war the armies are followed by the 16. 1906, and 2,000 killed. most complete camp hospitals, the Kingston, Jamaica, partially denumberless wounded in Calabria and stroyed Monday, January 14, 1906; eastern Sicily have been left in many 800 killed.

### 100 Miners Entombed.

British Steamer Taken by Chinese. Mabury, W. Va., Special.-More Hong Kong, By Cable,-The British than 100 miners are believed to be steamer Tai On was captured by two hopelessly imprisoned in a local mine Chinese cruisers, near Kum Chuk. of the Lick Branch Colliery Company The reason for the capture is beas a result of a terrific explosion. All lieved to lie in the fact that the night long rescurers worked tireless- steamer several months ago ran down ly. Up to an early hour 42 men had a junk and drowned a theatrical combeen removed from the mine, 12 of pany which was on board. Further them dead. Only the main part of developments from the capture are the mine has been explored. expected.

### 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. prostrateing themselves in the mud and crying aloud for pity. This reception was too much for the Queen advice of the chairman to suspend its who almost fainted.

Again at the Breaking Point.

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

# CARING FOR THE VICTIMS One of the unfortunates was pinned to a plank by a knife, while clinging to his hand was his little child, for

Rations, Clothing, Tents and Other Supplies Are Pouring in and the Hungry and Injured Are Being brief stop at Gibralta to give a million and a half of navy rations to

Rome, By Cable.-What chiefly have suffered by the dreadful earthquake in southern Italy and Sicily. having been filled by the dead. Lack Considerable advance in this respect of care and starvation will complete has been made at Messina, where, according to reports received here, the supply service is beginning to work tened to the seene and disregarding the dangers proceeded to help in rec satisfactorily. The different regions on the coast have been allotted to cuing trose injured beneath the 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 diaster renders anything like a systematic search of the ruins is 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.-Estimates of the death roll of the earthquake row 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 utlized to this end, and other nations have been quick to come to its assistance, even before bandful of survivors are being cared by quake and accompanying tidal of the cry for aid went up. Shiploads of by the rescuing forces, but their wave, November 1, 1775, with the loss of fugitives have been carried out of the stricken zone to Naples, Palermo, to the ased by the violent icy wind that Caraeas, capital of Venezuela, de-ling to the Minister of Marine, rescue vessels to the number of 36 are 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 third of the teenses revoked will be those who escaped the falling walls re-issued. Manila, severely shocked, 1863 and 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 Ricco, director of the observatory at Mount Eina, 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 Stromboll are now quiet and he is certain that the earthquake was not of volcanic but of geographical orig-

in, similar to that of 1875. The horror of the situation at Messina and Reggio grows with every fresh dispatch. One of the correspondents places the death roll 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 ma rine 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

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 increas-

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 cus oms house. Bands of famished individuals were groping among the debris in the hope of discovering food. The first of the searchers who were sucessful were attacked by the Southern Railway at Stokesland, others with revolvers and knives and were obliged to defend their finds literally with their lives. The struggle was fierce. The famished men colored, and three postal clerks were threw themselves upon each other injared. No passengers, as far as like wolves and several fell disem-

whom he had sought food.

The United States supply ship
Celtic will go to Messina, after a

the earthquake sufferers. New York on Thursday concerns the government and the peo ple is the progress that is being made towards the relief of those who Red Cross is co-oper Italian Red Cross for e the suffering.

Kittaning, Pa., Dora Yockey, thirty died here Friday, is specially constructed be ordered for her can only be taken house by removin dows, its frame inches of the wa weighed over 60 always large, but She was the last years w to elephantiasis creased enormou

#### American Consul Victim?

Washington, Special.-That Arthur S. Cheney, American consul at Messina, Sicily, and his wife lost their lives in the earthquike diaster which devastated that ci an official despate State Department rt Lupton. American vice Messina The despatch, which w follows: "The Messi m Malta. nsulate de stroyed and consul ed to be dead.

Wyoming Mayor Sheridan, body of John serving his fift this city, was ! bushes a mile n he had evidently from to death. He was thirty-eight yers of age and leaves a widow and two children.

Although the inagural ball may be held in the penion building, let the survivors have no false hopes.

Moving Pictures Immoral.

New York, Special Moved by the protests of minutes of every de-nomination complaining that the ciority of the 550 moving mayor intimates that this tion is only temporary, but the conditions under thich new licenses will be issued are such that hardly a

### Your Lady Burned.

Burlington, N. C., Special.-Miss Bessie Loy the 21-year-old daughter of John Ly, it was thought, was fatally burn'd, though the doctors are hopeful of her recovery. She was seated near the fire at her home three miles fron Burlington when her clothing became ignited and was burned from her body. The flames were extiguished after she was burned almost beyond recognition.

### Invited to Jamestown.

Norfolk, Va., Special.-Telegrams have been sent to the members of the Congressional Committee on Naval Affairs by Harry L. Maynard, inviting them to ome to Norfolk on Thursday for an inspection of the James town Exposition grounds, to see their value and advantage to the Navy Departmen as a governmental training and coaing station.

#### To Celebrate Discovery of the Hudson River.

New York, Special.-An appropriation of \$15,000 has been made to the Metropolitan Museum of Art by the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission for an art exhibition in connection with the 300th discovery of the Hudson and the 100th anniversary of the successful steam navigation, of the same river. The exhibition will last probably either three or six months.

The Disappearing Camera. Two years ago a newspaper corespondent died of blackwater fever Portuguese West Africa, in a loney district inhabited by a tribe of friendly Mampukukus. Recently his grave has been visited by an old

on the mound. He was informed by his native guides that dozens of times this dilapidated camera had disappeared, but t always comes back. What hap-

friend, who found a battered camera

pens is this: The hyenas carry it off about twice a week, and as soon as the natives miss it all the men around scour the bush till they find it, each time in a little worse condition. Then they

replace it on the grave. As the journalist was always seen with it the whole tribe firmly believe that he wished it buried with him; that its presence is an important part of the white man's funeral rites and that vengeance would be wreaked on is known, were injured. Engineer boweled in defending a handful of the tribe should the camera disappear Satterfield was from Spencer, N. C. dry beans or a few ounces of flour. altogether.—New York Sun.

### GOVERNMENT CONTROL

This, Under the Department of Justice, to Prepare and Present All Cases of Complaints After Inqui-

corporations doing an interstate busi- White House February 18 next. ness, it may safely be said that Mr. Taft will do all in his power to estabpaign specches.

In carrying out this plan the President-elect will need certain additional necessary legislation by Congress involving a decrease of the powers of an increase of the powers of the Bureau of Corporations in the Department of Commerce and Labor, and the creation of a practically new bureau on the Department of Justice.

The Interstate Commerce Cimmisquasi-judicial function. This Bureau of Corporations will be given jurisdiction over all corporations doing an interstate business, including the railroads, and will have as its duty the resentatives of the Canadian Governthe Interstate Commerce Commission all cases brought up by complaints from individuals and all cases made necessary by the bureau's own inves-

have a bureau whose duty will be to assist the Bureau of Corporations in preparing and prosecuting cases whenever the Bureau of Corporations feel the need of calling on the De- State and other departments of this partment of Justice for certain legal Government and with the National and technical co-operation. It is not Conservation Commission. The main likely that the new executive will object of the conference, as announcthe corporations that will come under resources are not limited by the the jurisdiction of the Bureau of boundary lines which separate nafavor some provision which will com- of the natural resources of each naof the agents of the bureau. This action for the protection of mutual will apply to the matter of rates, methods of operation, accounts, books and all features affecting the public interest.

It is an ambitious plan and by it it this bureau will be the originator of all cases dealing with corporations, and this will make it impossible to have any repetition or overlapping in the work.

The plan is also in direct line with the frequently expressed wish of Mr. Taft to do everything in his power to expedite the administration of justice in this country. Ever since he was nominated he has repeatedly emphasized the necssity for making more prompt the deciding of all cases at law, both by the government and in individual legal procedure before the courts. He has taken this view because he is convinced that the delays in the law which are now the rule serve only the purpose of the rich man, who is able to endure long waiting for decisions, and mitigate against the poor man to whose interest it is that every suit he brings should be decided at the earliest moment possible.

### Capt. Minus Retired.

Washington, Special.-Capt. J. C. Minus, commandant of cadets at Clemson College, has been retired from active service in the army because of poor health. It will be necessary, therefore, for the war department to name his successor at an early date. It is not yet known who the new man will be.

#### Stricken Blind While in Pulpit; Can't Recover.

Springfield, O., Special.-Physicians say there is little hope that Rev. Wilbur S. Y. Davis, who was stricken blind during a sermon Sunday, will recover his sight.

The bravery of the minister, who, rather than alarm the congregation, finished his sermon in total blindness, and in spite of excruciating pain, attracted the attention of the clergy throughout the country, and he is the recipient of hundreds of messages of condolence and admiration.

### Troops Protect Mine Property.

Stearns, Ky., Special.-State troops are patrolling this place and Worley to prevent an attack of miners and their sympathizers who threaten to burn the property of the Stearns Lumber and Coal Company.

Berry Simpson and others for whom warrants have been issued, are hiding out in the hills and a deputy marshal will lead a posse of 50 against them.

### WILL COVER A CONTINENT SOUTH'S RAILROAD WORK

#### Convention Called to Meet in Washington February 18.

Washington, Special. - Announcement was made at the White House Augusta, Special.-In reply to nu- Sunday of a proposed plan for a conmerous inquiries received here re- ference looking toward the conservagarding President-elect Taft's new tion of the natural resources of plan for government control of all North America, to be held at the

Letters suggesting the plan have been addressed by President Rooselish the reform as outlined in his velt to the Governor-General and to speech of acceptance and his cam- the Premier of Canada and to President Diaz, of Mexico. They will be delivered to the officials in person by Gifford Pinchot, chairman of the National Conservation Commission and Chief Forester of the United States, whom President Roosevelt has chosen the Interstate Commerce Commission, as his personal representative to convey the invitations and to confer with the authorities of the two Governments. Mr. Pinehot will first visit Canada, leaving Monday. He will then carry the invitation to President Diaz at Mexico City.

The proposed North American consion will exercise a purely and only a ference is the outgrowth of the two conservation conferences held in Washington, in which the Governors of the States and Territories were the principal conferees. At the second conference, on December 8, repwork of preparing and presenting to ment were present and expressed their interest in the movement. Out of this grew the idea of a North American conference "to consider mutual interests involved in the conservation of natural resources and to deliberate apon the practicability of preparing The Department of Justice will a general plan adapted to promote the welfare of the nations concerned.

The representatives designated by the Canadian and Mexican Governments will, under the proposed plan, consult with representatives of the recommend the Federal licensing of ed will be to point out that natural Corporations, but he will probably tions, to develop a better knowledge pel these concerns to submit them- tion on the part of the railroads and selves to the most thorough scrutiny to invite suggestions for concurrent

### College Building Burned.

Front Royal, Va., Special.-The is doubtless hoped that much of the handsome three-story brick building tobacco. The old negroes enjoyed wasted energy which is now the rule of Eastern College, containing the the feast, of course, and before dine regulation of corporations will recitation rooms, art studio and dorbe done away with. At present the operations of the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Bureau of Corporations, and the Department of Justice frequently overlap, and one of the three sometimes finds that it is only repeating the work of the other. But by the new scheme, the building, the firemen could only save the contents. The loss is partoness, and duties of the Bureau of powers and duties of the Bureau of tially covered by insurance. I. F. be done away with. At present the mitories, was totally destroyed by Mather, dean of the faculty, stated that in spite of the fire the Eastern College would open after vacation as if nothing had happened. Already plans are under way to rebuild at once, as the building destroyed was only one of the four. Practically no interruption will result.

### To Call Cuban Congress Together.

Wasington, Special.-The War Department Saturday cabled Governor Magoon authority to call the new Cyban Congress together for organication at any time prior to January 28th. It is stated that the Congress probably will be assembled soon after New Year's Day. The Congress after receiving the electoral college, the eredentials of Senators and Representatives, considering possible contests, and other details for organization, provided for by the Cuban constitution, will take a recess until January 28th.

### "Sugar King" Dead.

San Francisco, Special. - Claus Spreckels, widely known as the "Sugar King" of the Pacific coast. died at 4:30 a. m. Saturday at his home in this city in his eightieth year. The immediate cause of death was an attack of pneumonia which had developed with alarming symptoms during the past few deays. Do spite his advanced age, Mr. Spreckels had appeared before the ways and means committee of the House of Representatives in Washington as an authority on the subject of sugar duties

### Did the Wrong Killing.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Special.-Brooding over the fancied disgrace to his family because his father had been whipped by night-riders, Roy Rogers. the 20-year-old son of Pressley Rogers, a prominent planter, committed suicide on Monday. The mother on returning from a visit found the boy dead with a revolver by his side.

### No. 35 Comes to Grief.

Washington, 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, at sider what changes, if any, are 5:50 p. m. Tuesday. Engineer Satterfield was killed and Fireman Davis, colored, and three postal clerks were injured. No passengers, as far as is known, were injured.

#### Review of Railroad Construction in the Southern States During Past Year Shows Only About Half as

Much Done as in 1907. Baltimore, Md., Special.-In publishing this week its regular annual review of railroad construction in the South, The Manufacturers' Record

"The total number of miles constructed during 1908 in the South, including Missouri and Oklahoma, was 1,760 miles. In 1907 there were over 3,300 miles built. In the South proper-that is, leaving out Missouri and Oklahoma-there were 1,682 miles built in 1908; last year it was 2,987 miles. This is the lowest record of new construction in the South for many years, but the prospect for 1909 is that 3,256 miles will be constructed, although this may be exceeded if more encouragement is given to the building of railroads.

Construction by States. "The following table shows the amount of new line built in 1908 and also the construction proposed for 1909 in each State covered by the re-

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Elizabeth street	1908.	1909.
Alabama	. 118.7	273
Arkansas	213	278
Florida		247
Georgia	96.5	216
Kentucky	45.1	111
Louisiana		111
Maryland		12
Mississippi		35.5
Missouri	23.8	74
North Carolina		107
Oklahoma	52.2	175
South Carolina		223.5
Tennessee		125.3
Texas	339.9	958.3
Virginia	210.5	81
West Virginia	86	229

### Total..... 1760.8 3256.6

#### Gave Dinner to Old Negroes.

Columbia, Special.-One of the most appropriate and deserving charities of the Christmas season was the dinner given Christmas day to the poor old negroes of the city under the direction of Richard Carroll. There were thirty-one negro men and women who sat down to the dinner. and there were twenty others to whom dinger was sent, on account of their inability to get out by reason of age and infirmaties. Carroll had solicited contributions from the people of the city, and was supplied with everything needed for a good Christmas dinner, from turkeys to ner was served Carre" them the list of their benefactors, and as each name was called there were fervent cries of "God, bless him." An hour was spent in praye the negroes praying fervently their benefactors. Then Carrol ed on them to tell their experience

telling of old plantal slavery times. Carroll the negro churches make to look after the wants of their race, and he will

#### Mistakes Drunken Man For and Shoots Him.

dinner every Christmas here

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.-Mistaking a drunken man clad in a long Buffalo overcoat for a bear, Thomas Deckmar, a well-known farmer, Friday night shot and instantly killed Thomas Andrews near Lafayette, Tenn. Andrews had been in jail but was paroled by the sheriff that he might go home for Christmas. Instead of going home he got drunk and sat down to sleep in the doorway of a house occupied by a widow. Deckmar prodded the form with his gun and getting no response fired. A coroner's jury rendered a verdict of justifiable homicide.

### Two Boys Drown When Ice Breaks.

Jewett City, Tenn., Special .- A double drowning occurred here Saturday when Robert Jeffrey, aged 17, and Hector Gingras, 15, broke through the ice while skating on a small lake and perished in sight of their companions, who made every effort to save them.

The bodies were recovered in a short time.

#### Crew of the Warner Moore Picked Up and Brought Into Port.

Norfolk, Va., Special.-The scooner James Paul, Capt. J. A. Meech, arrived in Hampton Roads, bringing Captain Frank Crockett and six men composing the entire crew of the scooner Warner Moore from Charleston, S. C., to Province, R. I., lumberladen, which was caught in the recent coast and lost. Captain Crockett and men were picked up by the James Paul off Winter Quarter lightship after having been all night in an open skiff. The last seen of the Warner Moore was when, broken to pieces, she was drifting to sea.

### Congressmen off to Panama.

Washington, Special.-To familiar ize themselves with conditions under the present form of government of the Panama canal zone and to co sirable, 12 members of the committee on foreign and intercommerce left Charleston, S. C. day for Colon.