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## QUAKE DEATH LOSS IN ITALY MAY REACH 150,000

### QUAKE, TIDAL WAVE AND FIRE REAP AWFUL TOLL IN EUROPE

Property Loss In Sicily Will Run Into Hundreds of Millions.

SITUATION WORSE THAN REPORTED

Survivors Suffer From Later Shocks, Hunger, Cold and Injuries.

**TERRIFIC LOSS.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
ROME, Dec. 30.—From the latest estimates today, it is feared the total number of victims in Sicily and Calabria will reach more than one hundred thousand while the damage to property will exceed several hundred millions.

**WIPES OUT CITY.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
CATANZARO, Calabria, Dec. 30.—A report received here says the town of Baggari on the coast north of Reggio, was completely wiped out, fire finishing the work of destruction. The report says, "All of the inhabitants are dead." The population was ten thousand.

**FEAR FOR ISLANDS.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
ROME, Dec. 30.—Cable communication with the Aeolian Islands, 25 miles north of Sicily, is interrupted. It is feared the islands have also been devastated.

**ARE LIKE POMPEII.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
CATANZARO, Dec. 30.—Such fragmentary news as has been received from Reggio confirms the reports that the city is practically obliterated. The message from there concluded, "Messina and Reggio look like Pompeii."

**OFFICIAL ESTIMATE 115,000.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
ROME, Dec. 30.—The Minister of Marine estimates the victims of the earthquake and tidal wave in Calabria and Sicily at 115,000.

(By Associated Press.)  
ROME, Dec. 30.—Half the population of Calabria and Eastern part of Sicily are dead and the other half weeping. As the great extent of the disaster becomes apparent it seems impossible to exaggerate the horrors which have followed them. The calamity which has overwhelmed Italy almost beyond the grasp of imagination, not only because of the number of dead but because of the innumerable wounded who are buried in the ruins, many of whom will perish. It is impossible to rescue them from the wrecks of their former homes. The total number of victims is variously estimated from 50,000 to 150,000.

The king and queen arrived in Messina today. As they made their way into the ruined town, the scene of horror was too much for the queen who almost swooned. Crowds of terror-stricken people surrounded the royal couple throwing themselves in the mud, screaming for aid and pity. As far as the facts concerning Messina have become available, they corroborate in every detail the worst fears heretofore expressed and at Reggio, the silence of death still reigns. The horrors of the situation

### PEOPLE PRAY FOR RELIEF

Second Shock at Palermo Throws People Into Panic—Shocks Elsewhere.

PALERMO, Dec. 30.—A slight undulatory shock at 7:30 last evening created a terrible panic. The population was wrought up from the effects of the recent shake and crowded into the churches, carried out the images of saints and the sacred articles and marched in procession up the streets imploring for a cessation of the earthquake scourge.

**SYRACUSE IS SHAKEN.**  
Later Shocks Cause Consternation There.

(By Associated Press.)  
SYRACUSE, Sicily, Dec. 30.—Violent earth shocks were experienced here at 5:30 this morning. The people of Syracuse, terrified and fearful, rushed from the streets into the surrounding open country. Two violent earthquake shocks were felt on the island of Ustica last night.

(By Associated Press.)  
**MESSINA AGAIN SHAKEN.**

Terror of Survivors Augmented By Later Shocks.  
(By Associated Press.)  
CATANIA, Dec. 30.—Further shocks occurred at Messina last night which added to the panic among the survivors.

### CONSUL CHENEY AND WIFE LOST

United States' Representative At Messina Killed In the Disaster There.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—A dispatch from the state department from Consul Gale confirms the report of the death of Consul Cheney and wife at Messina. The bodies have not been recovered.

and the completeness of the destruction hourly become more apparent.

The coast line has been greatly altered by the earthquake. The beautiful homes along the shore are masses of ruins.

A national committee has been formed to collect funds for the victims. The list was opened by a contribution of \$400,000 from the king. The premier has received a telegram from Signor Felice, deputy at Messina, summing up the situation as follows:

"Messina is completely destroyed being razed to the ground. The victims may be numbered by the tens of thousands. The conflagration, which is still raging, is completing the destruction of the city. Firemen and soldiers must be sent immediately or the disaster will exceed the wildest imagination. The volcano Stromboli is active and the seas around the island are very agitated and dangerous to navigation." The pope has telegraphed the archbishop at Palermo large sums of money and instructed him to proceed to Messina immediately to help the survivors.

### FIFTY KILLED IN VIRGINIA MINE

Explosion In Lick Branch Shaft Near Ennis, W. Va., Imprisons Large Number.

(By Associated Press.)  
ENNIS, W. Va., Dec. 30.—The fatalities in the Lick Branch mine, as

a result of the explosion late yesterday afternoon, will probably reach fifty. A number of bodies were taken out today. According to a mine foreman, thirty-eight men are still in the mine with little chance of recovery. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

### AWFUL PLIGHT OF SURVIVORS

Horrors of Situation In Messina Following Disaster Cannot Be Depicted.

(By Associated Press.)  
CATANIA, Dec. 30.—A Messina refugee says, only a small proportion of the population escaped. Thousands of imprisoned and pinioned human beings, unable to extricate themselves, were burned alive while others are dying from their injuries and many are starving. Messina's crying need is for doctors, nurses, food and firemen.

The first work of rescue was performed by volunteers from the ships in the harbor and groups of heroic survivors who, at a great personal risk, extracted many persons from precarious situations.

Not the least of the suffering was caused by a downpour of cold rain.

**RULERS DO RESCUE WORK.**  
Italy's King and Queen Labor In Messina.

(By Associated Press.)  
CATANIA, Dec. 30.—King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena arrived in Messina today and immediately joined a rescue party and labored as unremittently as the others. The king personally extricated several injured from the ruins. The queen devoted her attention principally to the little children. She rescued herself a three-year-old boy who was bleeding from many cuts and bruises.

An overpowering stench is beginning to arise from the ruins of Messina.

Ten thousand soldiers will be required to bury the dead there.

**BISHOP MAY BE LOST.**

Episcopal Divine From Louisiana Was In Messina.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 30.—The Right Rev. David Sessums, protestant episcopal bishop of Louisiana, is believed to have been in Messina at the time of the earthquake. Nothing has been heard from him.

**CITY HEAP OF RUINS.**

Nothing But Debris Remains of Reggio.

(By Associated Press.)  
PARIS, Dec. 30.—A dispatch from Rome says a torpedo boat sent to aid the sufferers of Reggio has returned, reporting that nothing remains of the city but a heap of tangled ruins.

**MORGAN'S BIG GIFT.**

New York Financier Sends \$10,000 to Sufferers.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—J. Pierpont Morgan today sent \$10,000 for the relief of the earthquake sufferers.

**DOG RETRIEVES POCKETBOOK**

WINSTED, Conn., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Henry Hutchinson, of Barton Hill, East Hampton, lost her pocketbook while driving home from the village. She did not discover her loss until she was in the house. She started out with a lantern and her spaniel Trip, telling the dog to find the pocketbook. The dog found it and was so delighted that he ran all the way home with it before he would give it to his mistress.

### MRS. WALTER KEATING BURNED TO DEATH AT HER HOME TODAY

### BURN MILL IN SACRAMENTO

Destruction of Southern Pacific Property Thought to Have Been of Incendiary Origin

(By Associated Press.)  
SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 30.—The Pioneer Flour mill was burned to the ground today. It was owned by the Southern Pacific Company. It is believed to have been incendiary. Several previous attempts to burn it were made. The building was used by wholesalers for storage purposes.

**INDIAN WAR OVER.**

Yaquis and Mexican Government Sign Treaty.

(By Associated Press.)  
NOGALES, Dec. 30.—The long war with the Yaqui Indians in Mexico in which scores were killed at different times, including many Americans, has been terminated by a treaty of peace agreed upon by the representatives of Yaquis and the government of the state of Sonora, Mexico.

**ACCEPTS THE POSITION.**

Beckman Winthrop First Assistant Secretary of State.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Beckman Winthrop of Massachusetts, assistant secretary of the Treasury, today accepted the office of first assistant secretary of state.

### DENVER MAN SLAYS RIVAL

C. B. Bell Shoots C. Drury For Stealing Wife But Cuts Out Modern Defense.

(By Associated Press.)  
DENVER, Dec. 30.—C. Burnette Bell, who shot C. Drury, of Cincinnati, to death Monday afternoon because he enticed his wife from him, will permit no modern plea in his defense of the killing. "Brain storms, emotional insanity or anything else like that will be avoided and Bell will trust his case to the jury on the facts," said his attorney today.

**CHINA WANTS ITS SONS TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES**

WINNIPEG, Dec. 30.—"In ten years there will not be a Chinaman left in the United States or Canada," is the statement of Lau Kiv, imperial investigator, appointed by the Chinese government to inquire into mining, agriculture and commercial matters on this continent, with a view to the organization of an era of development in China.

With him are Law a Yeh, Yip Yen and Oa Wan Yow, representing a \$5,000,000 Chinese syndicate.

They are seeking in the United States and Canada Chinamen well versed in various lines of trade and commerce and will offer on behalf of the syndicate and the government such inducements for Chinamen to return to China and work for the development of the country that every one who is approached on the subject is expected to respond to the call.

Well-Known Coos Bay Woman Meets Tragic Fate In Marshfield This Morning.

NO ONE WITNESSED AWFUL ACCIDENT

Thought to Have Resulted From Filling Ignited Kerosene Lamp.

Mrs. Walter Keating, aged sixty-five and a resident of Coos Bay for more than thirty years, was burned to death in her home across the street from the Marshfield hospital about 8:30 o'clock this morning. She was alone in her home at the time and the details of the accident will never be known. So far as can be ascertained, her clothing caught fire while she was pouring oil into a kerosene lamp. She was unconscious when found and died a moment later without uttering a word.

The tragedy this morning marks the third of a series of tragic deaths in the family, the husband and father, Walter Keating, having been drowned when the tug Fearless was lost off the Umpqua bar about twenty-one years ago, and the oldest son, Jesse Keating, having been accidentally killed in an accident in the old Dean mill a year ago last April.

No Witnesses of Tragedy.

There were no witnesses to this morning's tragedy. Louis Keating, a son, who resided with his mother arose about 6:30 o'clock, got his breakfast and went to the Alliance office to begin his work. About 8:30 o'clock, Mrs. T. Lawhorn who lives next door, saw a woman with clothes aflame, dash past the window into a woodshed and outhouse in the rear of the Keating home. She started out and fainted. Her little daughter ran over to Archie Kruse who lives in the second house south of the Keating home and across the street to A. J. Savage's home and called for help.

When Miss Nettie Savage and Archie Kruse reached the scene, Mrs. Lawhorn was just recovering. Dashing to the outbuilding, they found Mrs. Keating lying unconscious and her clothes still burning. A bucket of water extinguished the flames, nearly all of the clothes having been burned from her body. A physician was hurriedly called but before he reached the home, Mrs. Keating expired.

Heard of Cries.

Only a few feet separate the Keating and Lawhorn homes and the strange part of the tragedy is that no one heard any outcry. Evidently Mrs. Keating was so overcome by fright that she could make no outcry.

According to the statement of Louis Keating to Coroner Lewis, Mrs. Keating was in the habit of filling the kerosene lamps which are used in the home without extinguishing the lamp. She would either uncrew the burner and turn it to one side or leave the burner on and pour the oil through the aperture left for filling.

Lamp Placed Back.

The small shed at the rear of the kitchen indicated that Mrs. Keating had been filling the lamp. A lamp that had been empty, according to Louis Keating's memory, was back on the shelf half filled. Whether she had been filling it and caused her clothes to catch fire and extinguished the lamp and placed it back on the shelf before extinguishing the fire in her clothing cannot be determined.

Part of her skirts that had burned (Continued on page 4.)