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THE WHITE CORNER

## TWENTY CITIES

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city of Reggio, with its population of 35,000, was entirely submerged by a tidal wave and less than one thousand persons escaped alive, according to the statement of a captain of a company of carabinieri, who arrived here from Reggio today.

"The town was not swallowed by the earth as was reported," he said, "but it was entirely engulfed by the sea. The sea rolled in a mighty wall of water and swept over the entire city.

"Not a building was left standing.

"I think that only a few hundred people escaped death. Practically the entire population met death almost instantly.

"When the water receded it was found that the lower part of the city was settling, and it is feared that it will drop into the sea."

### SECOND QUAKE TODAY COMPLETES THE RUIN

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Rome, Dec. 30.—Dispatches from Messina late this afternoon state that another violent shock was felt today. Many additional fatalities are reported. King Emanuel is in that city but there is no indication that he was injured.

Buildings left standing, according to the dispatch, were toppled by this afternoon's shake.

It is believed that the ruin of the city is now complete. The messages state that a large number of survivors awaiting shipment by warships were killed.

The shock is said to have been almost as violent as the first of the series preceding the tidal wave.

### Many Shocks Today.

Rome, Dec. 30.—A dispatch received from Syracuse on the island of Sicily says that many earthquake shocks were felt here today. The inhabitants of the city are terror stricken and many believe that the end of the world is at hand.

### STARTS SCHOOL FOR THE LAW MAKERS

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Sacramento, Dec. 30.—State Librarian James L. Gillis has started a school for law makers. Anxious to make the work of law making more satisfactory for all concerned, he has issued a pamphlet on "Hints On Drawing Legislative Bills" which is the first of a series of "Legislative Reference Bills" which will be published during the coming session of the legislature.

Ernest Bruncken is the author of the initial pamphlet, which is designed to familiarize green law makers with the language and style used in the statutes. Bruncken declares that the law suits, which follow from inaccurate, ambiguous and inaccurate bills, cause a greater waste of money than would be required to provide a corps of expert draftsmen to frame the states' laws.

### ONE BLITHERING IDIOT SHOOT ANOTHER DEAD

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Santa Cruz, Dec. 30.—Thomas Ritchie, a student of the University of California, was shot through the heart and instantly killed by W. Cockroft, of Oakland, a fellow student, in a mock duel at Benlomoed last night, according to word received here today.

Ritchie and Cockroft were guests of Sidney Carleton, of "The Oaks," a summer home of Dr. H. P. Carleton, of Oakland.

Before retiring the young men were handling pistols and pointing them at each other.

Ritchie first aimed his revolver at Cockroft and pulled the trigger. Cockroft hesitated and then pulled the trigger of his pistol, which he supposed was not loaded.

As he pulled the trigger a report followed and Ritchie dropped to the floor. Cockroft ran to his friend's aid, but death had been instantaneous.

### Mine Horror Grows.

Maybury, W. Va., Dec. 30.—Five more bodies were taken from Lick Branch mine this afternoon, making a total of 23 known dead. Two of the wounded taken out cannot possibly recover. The scenes about the mine this afternoon are heart-rending. The wives and children of the victims have gathered near the opening from which the bodies are carried.

Barrettes are wider and broader than heretofore, and almost cover the head under the knot.

### Fifty Years Ago and Now.

Some able men in the New York Times discuss the difference between the Christmas of the present and of 50 years ago. They have reference, of course, to the Christmas in New York City, but what applies there would fit any part of the country that was at that time settled, for the spirit of Christmas was then and still is, the same everywhere. It is a day on which all the people, starting from a common point, and reasoning from that point, reach the same common ground at last. While the spirit of Christmas has not changed, all else has. New York city at that time was by comparison a little city, while Chicago, San Francisco and Minneapolis were but big villages; Denver was hardly a hamlet and a thousand places that are now conspicuous, had at that time no place on the map. In New York there were not half a dozen millionaires and the man who possessed \$200,000 was "very rich." As a rule, the presents given were simple and inexpensive, and the finest furnished house in the city, would not have brought sufficient money to pay for J. P. Morgan's works of art. At that time the latest news from Europe was 11 days old when it reached New York, and San Francisco was almost a month away, while all the space between the Missouri and the Sacramento was but the home of savage beasts and men. Holding that the spirit of the day has not much changed, how different is the expression. Every part of the country will send greetings and the chanting of Christmas carols, rising with the sun on the shores of the Atlantic, will fill the air with unbroken melody until the echoes are mingled and lost in the murmurs that rise where the deep sea breaks against the abutments of the Golden Gate. By telephone friends will talk face to face, so to speak, with other friends half way across the continent. Beyond that the cable will bring greetings from the ends of the earth, and the best part of all that will be that the messages will be like that which sounded down through the ether and thrilled the universe with its promise of "Peace and to man good will."

Costly presents will be bestowed where of old simple and cheap ones sufficed, but one thing will be just as it was of old—the children will be the same, yes, and Santa Claus will be the same; his sleigh is always in repair, his reindeer never grow old, while his sleigh-bells take on a new rhythm with every returning Christmas. And while the old simplicity remains, there will be a vastly increased majesty to the day over that of 50 years ago, for every year the people are better and better educated, and the thought that man is of so much worth that the Infinite One bends to hear his prayers, is one that the more it is considered the higher man stands, the more exalted is the day which is the anniversary of that day when the message came: "Fear not, for behold I bring you tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people." Goodwin's Weekly.

### PREFERRED AIRSHIP TO HIS LITTLE GERTY

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 30.—After charging that her husband cared more for his airship than he did for his fireside, Mrs. Gertrude Trombley is divorced today from Warden M. Trombley, an aviator now living at Isleton, Sacramento county.

### ABE RUEF'S SENTENCE IS FOURTEEN YEARS

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Fourteen years in the penitentiary, the maximum, is the sentence meted out yesterday to Abraham Ruef, who for years directed the political destinies of San Francisco as adviser of the administration of Eugene E. Schmitz mayor of the city.

### ANNA GOULD GIVEN CARE OF CHILDREN

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Paris, Dec. 30.—The Princess de Sagan, formerly Anna Gould, later countess de Castellane, today was given the custody of her three children. A court order was made today to that effect.

### HE WAS A STRANGER AND HE TOOK HER IN

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
New York, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Helen M. Kelly, mother-in-law of Frank Gould today notified a private detective agency that she had been robbed by a polite stranger who escorted her to a hotel after an accident several days ago. At the time, Mrs. Kelly was carrying a purse which contained money and jewels to the value of \$5000.

### BURNED HIS HOUSE —KILLED HIMSELF

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 30.—Rather than face in court charges of incendiarism, David P. Maloney, a wealthy business man decided to commit suicide and today he lies dead here in undertaking parlors.

### MORMONS PLANNING TO RE-OCCUPY NAUVOO

Nauvoo, Ills., Dec. 30.—The members of the Mormon church today are planning to re-occupy Nauvoo, Ills., from which they were driven many years ago, and to rebuild their temple which was destroyed in 1842. The proposed action hinges on the failure of the Fidelity Funding company which financially embarrassed the Catholic academy here.

### "SIWASH KLATAWA SIYA CLOSE ILLAHEE"

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 30.—August Crome, who was regarded as the oldest Indian in British Columbia, is dead on the same spot on which he was born, 100 years ago in North Vancouver. He is survived by a widow, who has nearly reached the century mark. Crome was at Nanaimo and Victoria when the first forts were established.

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## CALIFORNIA

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Wheeler will acquaint himself with the situation here upon his arrival next month but it is not believed that he will take active charge after his return from Panama. It will be some time in March, it is believed, that he will take active charge.

The various merchant organizations throughout the state received the following message today: "In view of the necessity for railroad companies to be necessary for stubborn fight, meetings will be instituted before the state commerce commission. Do you support?"

### HUNDRED MINERS BURIED IN COAL MINE

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Laburn, Ky., Dec. 30.—Over one hundred men are believed to be imprisoned in the mine of the Lick Branch Colliers Company at Lick Branch, Va., as the result of an explosion Tuesday afternoon.

The officials of the company today refused to tell how many men were in the mine at the time of the explosion, but it is said that not less than 200 were in the workings at the time.

Barrettes have been removed, five and twelve dead. It is feared that the death list will grow rapidly.

### ASKS GOVERNOR FOR A SQUARE DEAL

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 30.—Japanese merchants throughout the state are breathing easier today following a visit yesterday by Consul General Takahashi, of San Francisco, to Governor Gillett, asking the chief executive to see that the coming legislature gave the Japanese a square deal.

become acquainted and to congratulate the governor on his recovery from a recent illness. He later admitted that he came to ask Governor Gillett to use his influence in preventing harsh legislation affecting Japanese.

Takahashi said that Governor Gillett had promised the Japanese fair and just treatment, and that the Japanese should have no uneasiness.

### NOW LANGFORD WANTS MIDDLEWEIGHT BELT

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Sam Langford, the Boston black, today issued a challenge to Stanley Ketchel, middleweight champion, in which he offers to agree to stop Ketchel in 20 rounds or forfeit the entire purse.

New confidence, since his easy victory over Flynn has led the negro to take this extraordinary step in an effort to force Ketchel into a battle.

Joe O'Connor stated positively that he will not permit Ketchel to fight again for at least a month, but Joe Woodward, manager for Langford, says he will wait around San Francisco six months if necessary to get a battle for the championship.

Woodward offers to deposit a substantial forfeit to back up his guarantee that Langford will stop Ketchel in 20 rounds.

If he cannot arrange a fight with Ketchel, Woodward says he will match Langford against two second raters the same night and guarantee that the big negro will stop both of them. The only condition will be that Langford must be allowed a rest of 15 minutes between the bouts. Langford will agree to stop each man within ten minutes after the first gong sounds.

### To Create Embassy.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Senator George C. Perkins of California today announced that he received a letter from President Roosevelt urging him to join in creating an American embassy at Peking to replace the present legation at the Chinese capital. Senator Perkins said that he was in hearty accord with the plan and assured the president of his support.