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70,000 LOST THEIR LIVES IN ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE

HUNDREDS ALIVE UNDER THE RUINS AND MAY BE ROASTED ALIVE IF NO AID REACHES THEM

Battleships Hurried to Sicily to Aid Relief--Funds Being Raised World Over--Horror Surpasses That of the San Francisco Catastrophe

ROME, Italy, Dec. 29.—In its latest edition, The Tribune of this city estimates the total number of dead at 70,000.

Twenty-five thousand deaths in and around Rome, southern Italy, and 12,000 at Messina, the largest seaport city of Sicily, is the confirmed report of the earthquake yesterday sent to the Italian government. This report does not include the thousands of people who are supposed to be in the ruins. These dispatches say that the city of Messina, with a population of 150,000, has been completely destroyed. Messina is the second largest city in Sicily, having been established by pirates in the 8th century, B. C., and was of much importance. King Emanuel has left for the scene. Soldiers are also en route. The scenes around Messina beggar description. The streets are filled with mud and slime, and scores of people have undoubtedly been roasted and smothered alive.

Ghoul at Work.
NAPLES, Italy, Dec. 29.—Reports from Messina say that ghouls have been preying upon the unfortunate, robbing them and committing all sorts of depredations, and that frequent clashes have occurred between the troops and citizens in which many lives are reported to have been lost.

Latest reports of yesterday's awful calamity are to the effect that between 65,000 and 70,000 lives have been lost and twice as many injured.

The suffering is heartrending and it will take months before the real total can be got at. The quake was so severe that fire broke out in the ruins, adding additional distress.

It is also feared that the city of Reggio, across the straits of Messina, has been destroyed, but as yet no communication has come from that quarter.

Country Districts to Hear From.
These reports, however, do not cover the country districts, where it is feared, the same conditions as prevail in the cities will be found. The people in their mad rush for protection sought refuge in school and church buildings only to be covered up by the falling debris and consumed by fire that broke out. The monetary loss is inestimable.

MAHARAJAH'S SON CAN BREAK NO SPEED LAW

LONDON, Dec. 29.—It is well known that the king and members of the ambassadorial staffs can claim immunity from the ordinary law of the land, but the people have been somewhat surprised to find that to these privileged people must be added the sons and heirs of princes subject to his majesty's suzerainty.

The oldest son of the maharajah of Kutchbehar was haled before the magistrate at Wimbome on the usual charge of motor speeding.

The court was persuaded by legal argument that it had no jurisdiction, and dismissed the case.

BAPTISTS IN RUSSIA ARE GRANTED PRIVILEGES

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 29.—An important decision has been given by the prime minister.

In many parts of the empire the governors, in virtue of the extraordinary powers invested in them, closed the Baptist chapels and meeting houses, refusing to authorize any such assemblies, on the ground that they are forbidden by law.

M. Stolypin has just informed them that Baptist chapels and meeting houses must not be molested, as the law recognized their right to religious worship and all that this right implies.

as the tidal wave that accompanied the quake has covered a good portion of the land.

Reports from Catania, Sicily, say that signs of volcanic activity are noticed today at Mount Aetna, and it is feared an eruption will occur at any moment.

Eight Districts Laid Waste.
Eight districts in the province of Catanzaro, the southern portion of Calabria, were laid waste and probably a dozen towns destroyed, with a loss of life that cannot be estimated at this time, by a series of three heavy earthquake shocks today.

Reports from the south say the first shock came early in the morning when the people were asleep and had no chance to escape from the falling walls.

On account of the interruption of usual channels of communication the reports have come through very slowly. The damage throughout the whole section is said to be very heavy. The most serious loss is said to have been sustained at Stefanonei, Mezzacasaie, Majeto and Santanofrio, small towns where nearly every structure is said to have been damaged or destroyed.

Seismograph Records Shock.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The official seismograph record showed an earthquake beginning at 11:31:23 p. m. Sunday night and lasting over an hour. Chief Moore of the weather bureau said the origin of the tremor seemed to have been 4800 miles from here, which would correspond with the distance from here to Italy, from which cable reports of a terrific quake have been received.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Benefit performances for the benefit of the earthquake sufferers have been planned by theaters throughout the city. The Metropolitan Opera company, many of whose members are from the devastated territory in Italy and Sicily, have volunteered their weekly salaries toward the fund. Other benefits are being arranged.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—President Roosevelt has telegraphed King Emanuel the condolences of the United States in Italy's distress.

WOMAN WEDS HER WOULD-BE MURDERER

PARIS, Dec. 29.—A marriage took place in very peculiar circumstances at Auxannes, when Mlle. Louise Gauer, a handsome woman, aged 20, married her would-be murderer, a man named Jules Camp, aged 24.

Last August Camp, who was engaged to be married to Mlle. Gauer, became violently jealous and determined to kill her. He fired several shots, severely wounding her, then turned the weapon against himself, lodging a bullet in his head, which has not yet been extracted. He is about to stand trial for attempted murder, but the woman, who has now recovered, asked him to marry her first.

It is probable that in the circumstances the jury will acquit him.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 29.—Henry Clay Gore appeared at the county clerk's office yesterday got a license to wed.

"What is the young lady's name?" asked License Clerk Berner.

"Oh, I don't know; it's a funny kind of a name," said Gore. "Just put anything down; I don't care."

"But really don't you know? Can't you think of your girl's name?" questioned Berner.

Gore couldn't and was sent back to find out. The name was Matilda Davis.

MISS ETHEL ROOSEVELT MAKES HER FORMAL BOW TO SOCIETY



WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Miss Ethel Roosevelt made her formal bow to society at a dance in the east room of the White House which began at 10 o'clock last evening. Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Roosevelt received the guests in the blue room.

STORE ROBBED IN PHOENIX

The mercantile establishment of Herr Fisher & Company in Phoenix was entered and robbed Monday evening and a considerable quantity of goods stolen. A broken latch on the door told the story of the entrance.

Mercantile Establishment and Southern Pacific Depot Entered

The Southern Pacific depot was also entered and a number of cases of goods broken open. Two slot machines were also broken open, the robbers evidently having a hunch that where there is a slot machine there is money.

The southern end of the valley is getting to be rather an exciting place in which to live. The record of the past ten days is two suicides, three robberies and a holdup, to say nothing of the Faucher mystery, which occupied attention for some time, but which has not, as yet, been solved.

"THE NIGGERS ARE GUILTY AS HELL," SAYS CAPT. BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Captain Bill McDonald of the Texas Rangers, who is officially designated in a war department record as being so brave that he would willingly charge ladies with a single bucket of water, is in the city to tell President Roosevelt what he knows and surmises respecting the shooting up of Brownsville.

"The niggers are guilty as hell, sub," said the captain, "and I could have proved it in a few words, sub, had the senate committee seen fit to call me, sub."

But that is all he had to say on the subject. He is reserving his specific information for the president.

L. B. Brown is in Pleasant Creek looking after his mining interests there. He is elated with the prospects for a bonanza water supply with which to carry on his mining schemes.

Stopped by Log.
They were finally stopped by a log across the road. Mrs. Schofield got out of the wagon to find a way around the tree and discovered a cabin near the road. She went to the door and knocked and it was opened by a man. She asked to be allowed to stay there all night, but the man refused. She was nearly overcome with the cold and begged him to let her and the boy come in and get warm, but he refused to do that. She then got down on her knees in the snow and begged him not to turn her away, but the only thing she received were curses.

Not Even the Barn.
She went back to the wagon and tried to unhitch the horses. She returned to the cabin again and asked if they couldn't stay in the barn. This was refused and the woman was told to get out of there. She then went back and managed to get the horses loose, putting the little boy on one of the

WILL TALK OF NUVEEN & CO TONIGHT TO DEDICATE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Vawter and Reames Will Endeavor to Reach Understanding--Reames Unfavorable to Compromise
Many Leading Men of the Catholic Church of Oregon Will Be in Medford on New Year's Day

The difficulty existing between John Nuveen & Company and the city of Medford will be threshed out by W. L. Vawter and A. E. Reames at a meeting which will probably be held Tuesday evening. The two attorneys will go into the matter at some length, but it is unlikely, in Mr. Reames' opinion, that a satisfactory understanding can be reached.

"Nuveen & Company," said Mr. Reames, "unless they have changed tactics a great deal since they were notified of the recent action of the city, will not agree to the terms upon which I shall insist, for I do not believe in leaving the city open to Nuveen's attacks."

"The bonds, by being delivered in Chicago, would allow an injunction suit Mr. Vawter, but Nuveen & Company will have to meet the city's terms."

"Then, no doubt, I am too 'undignified' to tie up the money for months. This must be prevented. There are several matters which I will thresh out with 'him' to come to any understanding with them."

On next Friday, New Year's day, the new Catholic church in West Medford will be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies. A large number of leading figures of the Catholic church in Oregon will be present to assist in the dedication. Among those will be Archbishop Christie of Portland, Monsignor Raard of Portland, Father Lane of Albany, Father Gallagher, the president of Columbia university in Portland; Father Cantwell of Portland and Father Neaker Maeden of Ashland.

The blessing will be held at 10 o'clock Friday morning under the direction of the archbishop. In the evening a reception will be held at the parish house at which Mesdames Duff, Dehley and Delin will receive. An attractive program has been arranged. The public is cordially invited to attend both the services and the reception.

It is fitting that the blessing of this church should take place on New Year's day. For many months under the able direction of Father Van Clarenbeek the work of soliciting funds and building the church has gone steadily forward. And now comes the new year, with its many promises for good, and no doubt the church will materially assist the work.

The church is finished in mission style. It is 45 feet wide and 80 long. The outside is cement and an arched ceiling within is daintily tinted.

To Father Van Clarenbeek is due the thanks of the community, for the church adds much to the city and to his efforts are due the church. Tending solely to the welfare of his congregation, he has accomplished much during his pastorate in this city.

GOLD VEIN UNCOVERED BY DYING MOOSE

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 29.—Oscar T. Nelson of this city was doubly lucky while hunting. He killed the famous Anaconda bull moose which had dodged Alaska sportsmen for years, and discovered a vein of gold on Fairbanks creek.

Word of Nelson's strike was received here by his brother. While hunting with two prospectors on Fairbanks creek, a moose trail was struck. That the Anaconda bull was near was evident by the tracks. The sports soon jumped the big fellow, and he made straight for Nelson, who was lying under cover. When the animal was within 150 yards of Nelson, he sensed danger and darted in an opposite direction. He was too late and had to take the bullet.

While the moose was being quartered Nelson noticed that the rock, which had been exposed from beneath a layer of moss torn loose by the dying animal's struggles bore gold in large quantities. The moose weighed 1200 pounds and its antlers spread a trifle over seven feet.

horses, she started to return to DeCarlo's, nearly five miles back. They were both so exhausted that they could hardly cling to the horses, and the woman's hands and feet were numb. They finally reached the ranch late at night after traveling through the heavy snow. Mrs. Schofield's feet, legs and arms were found to be frozen, and the DeCarlos worked with her all night. The next day she was brought to this city and is now stopping with her brother. Her feet and arms are badly swollen and she still suffers from the exposure. The DeCarlos knew the man from whom she sought shelter, but his name could not be learned here, or anything about him.

HUSBAND SAYS HE BOUGHT HIS WIFE; SHE DENIES IT

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 29.—Charged by the police court by his 15-year-old wife with cruelty and failure to provide, E. Caria, a fisherman, testified that he had bought his wife originally from her father, St. Timaso Donicelli, for \$250 in cash and a lot in San Jose. He said that his arrest was the outcome of his failure to pay the full amount stipulated in the contract for his wife.

Mrs. Caria, the girl wife, denied her husband's story, and said that the money was not for her purchase, but was cash loaned her by her parents during the time when her husband was ill in a hospital.

Caria showed a memorandum which he said represented the different instalments paid on his wife. This the mother of the girl declared represented moneys advanced her daughter and son-in-law when they were in need. Judge Weller threw the case out of court.