



EARTHQUAKE HAS 100,000 VICTIMS

Messina and Reggio Overwhelmed by Great Convulsions.

WHOLE PROVINCES WASTED

Almost Entire Population of Reggio Exterminated in Instant.

MANY TOURISTS PERISH

Sicilian Hotels Crowded With Foreigners at Time.

KING AND QUEEN TO RELIEF

Hasten to Southern Italy on Warship—Pope Leads Subscriptions With \$200,000—Foreign Warships Hasten to Rescue.

THE EARTHQUAKE. Diseased nature oftentimes breaks forth in strange eruptions: oft the teeming earth...

ROME, Dec. 29.—One hundred thousand dead; Messina, on the island of Sicily, and Reggio and a score of towns in Southern Italy, overwhelmed; the entire Calabria region laid waste...

The death total in Messina ranges from 12,000 to 20,000; that of Reggio, which, with its adjacent villages numbered 45,000 people, includes almost the entire population; at Fall, 1000 are reported dead; at Cassano, 1000; at Cosenza, 600; and half the population of Bagnara, about 600.

The King and Queen of Italy are now on their way to Messina, having sailed to-night from Naples aboard the battleship Vittorio Emanuele. The Pope has shown the greatest distress at the calamity and he himself was the first to contribute a sum amounting to \$200,000 to the relief of the afflicted.

It is feared that many foreigners have been killed, as a number of hotels at Messina and doubtless all other places were crowded with tourists. Little is known of the fate of the diplomatic representatives of the powers stationed at these posts, although the Italian government is using every effort to relieve the anxiety felt on this account.

Messina in Ruins and Flames. Messina, whose tragic history has been marked by tidal waves and war, and which was the center of yesterday's terrestrial maelstrom, was shaken and twisted by the earthquake's trembling, for mariners

ROOSEVELT AND HIS SON QUARREL

REPORT PRESIDENT OPPOSED TEDDY'S NEW VOCATION.

Embryo Carpet-Weaver Is Major on Governor's Staff, but Can't Afford Gaudy Uniform.

WATERBURY, Conn., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—"Teddy" Roosevelt, Jr., is not on good terms with his father, according to a story printed "on good authority" in today's issue of the Waterbury Republican. He accepted a position as a carpet weaver in the Thompsonville mill despite the objections of the President, and was informed when he left home, so the story says, that he could expect no assistance from that quarter.

PRAYERS SAVED NEW YORK

So Says "Prophet" Spangler in Explaining Why World Still Exists.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A special dispatch to the World from York, Pa., says that "Prophet" Lee J. Spangler, who created mixed wonder, fear and amusement at Nyack, N. Y., by declaring the world would come to an end at high noon Sunday last, then suddenly disappeared, has arrived here in "preparation to make more prophecies when he recuperates. The dispatch adds that Spangler denies that he ran away from Nyack and said that if any warrant had been issued there for his arrest he was ignorant of it.

REBEL WINS BOSTON BRIDE

Sarabia, Mexican Revolutionist, Marries Rich Miss Trowbridge.

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 29.—Mannuel Sarabia, an alleged member of the Mexican revolutionist junta, was married here yesterday afternoon to Miss Elizabeth Trowbridge, a wealthy Boston girl. Sarabia's acquaintance with the young woman commenced when she paid a visit to the Los Angeles jail, where he was confined. Sarabia was transferred to Tucson and she followed him here. Sarabia is out on \$1000 bail at present.

FLEET ENTERS RED SEA

American Battleships More Than Half Way Home Again.

SUEZ, Dec. 29.—The American battleship fleet under Rear-Admiral Sperry, passed Perim at the entrance to the Red Sea at noon today. All on board the fleet are well. The vessels are due here the morning of January 2.

ROB COUNTY TREASURER

Masked Men Get \$5000 and Lock Officer in Vault.

WOONSOCKET, S. D., Dec. 29.—County Treasurer Michael Meter was held up in his office last night by two masked men and robbed of \$5000 in cash. The robbers locked him in a vault, but the door was not securely fastened and he was able to escape and give an alarm. The robbers escaped.

COSGROVE MUCH BETTER

Washington's Governor-Elect Able to Be Up and About.

PASO ROBLES, Cal., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Governor-elect Cosgrove shows remarkable improvement. Yesterday afternoon he interviewed friends in the sun parlor and last evening he chatted with the guests in the hotel lobby. His general condition is better than for many months.

Anaconda Dividend Same.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The directors of the Anaconda Copper Company declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share to-day. This is unchanged from the last previous quarter.

WIFE LOVED ANNIS, DECLARES WITNESS

Story of Hains' Grief Told in Court.

WOULD NOT BELIEVE GOSSIP

After Hearing of Scandals, Hains Denied Them.

INVITED ANNIS TO DINNER

When Details Were Later Told Officer His Control Vanished and He Acted Like Man Demented, Says Colored Cook.

FLUSHING, N. P., Dec. 29.—The marital troubles of Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., and his wife, Claudia Hains, came out in the trial of Thornton J. Hains today, when Samuel C. Reid, a Government building inspector at North Chicago, related conversations he had last June with Captain Hains, making known the causes that led to the separation of the Captain and his wife. The testimony of what Captain Hains said was permitted by Justice Crane as having a bearing on the mental condition of the Army officer at that time.

SON OF NOTED NATURALIST

Actor Killed in Denver Came of Excellent Family.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 29.—Charles Carter Dury, Jr., who was shot and killed by C. Burdette Bell in Denver yesterday, was the son of Prof. Charles Dury of this city, an ornithologist who has a national reputation. Prof. Dury is taxidermist of the University of Cincinnati and has written many books on bird lore. Dury was 25 years old, and before leaving this city was regarded as an amateur actor of ability. He was married four years ago and left with his wife for Denver two years ago.

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Clerk of Colorado Woodmen Dead Under Suspicious Circumstances.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Dec. 29.—Charles P. Essick, the aged clerk of Pike's Peak Camp No. 5, Woodmen of the World of Colorado Springs, was found dead in his bed this morning. The tragedy at first was supposed to be the result of having brooded over the confinement of his son, Charles Essick, a boy scarcely out of his teens, who was sentenced to a life term in the penitentiary in 1906 for the murder of Frank Scott, a prominent real estate man, whom he shot and killed in this city early in that year. Later, however, it was intimated that he might have been murdered.

ANNUAL NUMBER OF WIDE INTEREST.

As a resume of the varied activities of the State, the New Year's Oregonian will be found of great value. You will want it for reference, for data will be given that are valuable. This information may be always available if you keep the number. The issue will mirror the industrial progress of Oregon to a remarkable degree. It will show what is being done, the great opportunities that exist and what may be accomplished in the years to come.

DOLPH SET FREE AGAIN

Tennessee Man Released From Jail After Much Red Tape Was Spun.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—William A. Dolph, against whom an indictment accusing him of embezzlement from the Memphis, Tenn., lumber firm of which he was a member, caused his arrest in this city, the sending of an officer here from the East to take him back for trial, and the institution of extradition proceedings, was discharged from custody today and the case against him dismissed by Police Judge Conlan. This was done on a motion made by his attorney, Samuel Shortridge, after it had been shown that the Chief of Police of Memphis had wired the police of this city that the indictment against Dolph there had been dismissed.

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TARIFF FRAMERS TALK ABOUT POTS

Take Up Second Section of Schedule Work.

SUGGEST CHANGE IN VALUING

In Order to Prevent Perjury, New Plan Is Offered.

FEW INCREASES ARE ASKED

Some Reductions Wanted by Importers, and Other Changes Desired Include Duty on Fire Clays and Crude Gypsum.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The tariff framers today began work on schedule B of the tariff law, which deals with earthenware and glassware. The changes sought in this schedule apply particularly to the tariff on pottery and the testimony of the witnesses who appeared before the committee was brought out during the discussion on pottery. While Jerome Jones, of Boston, Mass., was on the stand, Chairman Payne explained a plan to collect ad valorem duties based on the wholesale price of the article in the United States, instead of on the sale price at the place of manufacture abroad. The object of the suggested change is to avoid undervaluations, which result in a loss of revenue to the Government.

APPEALS FOR HONESTY.

Mr. Payne explained that the wholesale market price here can be easily obtained. "The Government calls your people before the appraisers," he said, to the importer on the witness-stand, "and puts them under oath as to what the wholesale price is, and if your competitors should make a false oath they would be amenable to the law of the United States for perjury; but as it is now, there is no one to call before the Board of Appraisers who knows the actual market price abroad. We cannot send and get these witnesses here, if we take their statements we cannot punish them if they make false ones."

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The manufacturers of pottery in this country asked for few increases in the present duties, but urged the committee to protect them in some way against undervaluations on the pottery and china imported from abroad. Reductions in the duties on pottery were asked for by the importers. Other changes in the schedule on earthenware which have been asked for are increased duties on firebrick, clays, crude gypsum, and that manufactured pumice stone be placed on the free list. There have been several requests to place gypsum on the free list, where it formerly was.

BAY STATE TRIES FOR CABINET JOB

WANTS MEYER OR WEEKS IN TAFT'S CABINET.

Senate Will Insist Hitchcock Resign Chairmanship and Crane Urges Meyer Be Retained.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Repeated assertions by President-elect Taft that only one member of his forthcoming Cabinet has been selected to date, and the positive information from leaders of the Senate that Frank H. Hitchcock will not be confirmed by that body for a Cabinet position until he has resigned his post as chairman of the Republican National Committee, have led Massachusetts political leaders to re-enter the field on both of the other Cabinet possibilities from that state. Tremendous pressure is being exerted by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge and his friends to have George von L. Meyer, the present Postmaster-General, either retained in that position or made Secretary of the Treasury or Secretary of the Navy. Representative John M. Weeks, of the same state, is, it is understood, being pressed with equal vigor by friends of Senator Murray Crane for Secretary of the Navy. Mr. Weeks is a graduate of Annapolis and present commander of the Massachusetts naval militia, as well as a power in the House of Representatives.

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DISASTER IN COAL MINE

Between 40 and 60 Men Reported to Be Impenetrated.

ROANOKE, Va., Dec. 29.—Messenger reports of a coal mine disaster at Lick Branch, Virginia, reached here tonight. Between 40 and 60 men are said to have been imprisoned and up to 4 o'clock this evening rescuing parties have been unable to get into the shaft because of the fire and smoke. Lick Branch is the name of a coal mine in operation on the Pocahontas division of the Norfolk and Western Railroad. It is without commercial telegraph facilities. A message received at 10 o'clock at the general offices of the Norfolk and Western Railway in this city says that 14 men have been taken out of the mine and that four of this number are dead. It is practically settled that 50 miners were at work in the mine when the explosion occurred and that there yet remain 36 in the death pit. The rescue work is very slow. The damage to the mine is reported to be great. The cause of the explosion has not yet been determined.

PREFERS DEATH TO COURT

St. Louis Business Man a Suicide Rather Than Face Charges.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—David F. Maloney, a wealthy business man and prominent in club life, killed himself here today. Maloney's suburban home was destroyed by fire last Sunday and the fire is said to have been of incendiary origin. While viewing the ruins of the place, Mr. Maloney was arrested on complaint of his father-in-law, F. E. Nelsen, a real estate dealer. Maloney was to have been tried on January 5.

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Beautiful Southern Girl Violates Mississippi Laws.

MERIDIAN, Miss., Dec. 29.—Miss Ollie Patton, granddaughter of the late W. S. Patton, a Confederate General and past grand master of the Mississippi Masons, it developed today, married a Chinaman here last Sunday. The marriage violates the state law forbidding intermarriage between whites and persons of negro or Mongolian blood. Miss Patton is young and beautiful and an orphan.

DEPRIVE NEGROES OF VOTE

Leading Oklahoma Democrats Prepare Bill to Disfranchise.

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Dec. 29.—Several of the leading Democrats of Oklahoma met here this afternoon for the purpose of preparing a bill to be introduced in the Legislature next week to disfranchise the negro. Governor Haskell was represented by J. E. Wyand, of Muskogee.

FOURTEEN YEARS RUEF'S SENTENCE

Maximum Term Given Deposed Boss.

TAKES HIS MEDICINE QUIETLY

Lawyers Use Technicalities in Effort at Delay.

NOTICE OF APPEAL GIVEN

Transfer to Penitentiary Delayed Till Final Decision—Climax of Long Struggle Marked by Several Dramatic Events.

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