

QUAKE WREAKS TERRIBLE DESTRUCTION IN SOUTHERN ITALY AND SICILY

THOUSANDS KILLED IN GREAT DISASTER

Messina and Reggio Are Overwhelmed—Number of Victims 100,000.

KING AND QUEEN TO RELIEF

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

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report the channel altered beyond recognition.

The ports and villas on both the continental and Sicilian sides were wrecked and inundated and all lighthouses along the coast were swallowed up. Navigation now is dangerous and in some places impossible.

Reggio No Longer Exists.
In the Calabria district, which was only beginning to recover from the effects of the earthquake of 1905, Reggio was the center of the earth's upheaval. The seaport of Reggio is reported as no longer existing and the city proper is in ruins.

The loss of life on both sides of the strait and in eastern Sicily was enormous. One of the refugees from Reggio, who was the first to bring the news of the city's destruction, tried to make his way to Sicily in a sailboat, but was compelled to return and finally found safety at a peninsula port. In describing his experiences he said:

Heavens Were Ablaze.
"The sea was strangely, mysteriously agitated and the heavens were ablaze. Nearing Sicily, the clearing smoke revealed the mystery. Messina was in flames. In the frenzy of despair, I turned my boat back to Calabria."

Startling, bleeding from injuries and almost insane from their terrifying experiences, Messina's survivors are fleeing in all directions. The spectacle presented by the ruined seaport is described as terrifying. Tumbling buildings both killed and mangled victims while hundreds of injured, imprisoned in wreckage, were abandoned to their fate by the fleeing populace. One of those who escaped said:

People Spin Like Tops.
"The earth seemed suddenly to drop and then turn violently on its axis. The whole population, who practically were precipitated from the houses when they were rent in twain, were spun around like tops as they ran through the streets. Many fell crushed to death, and others, bewildered, took refuge for breath beside the tottering walls, where they soon met the fate of their companions."

Special dispatches received here from Calabria confirm the destruction of Reggio. They report that the situation there is worse than at Messina. The streets of Rome are jammed with people, who, as soon as they heard the news, flocked in the streets.

All Nations Rush to Help.

The hands of all the nations have been extended to Italy in her affliction. From rulers have come messages of condolence and from the people spontaneous promises of that aid which brings the world closer together in time of great calamity. Great Britain, France and Russia have sent their warships as quickly as the flash of the telegraph could carry the orders to lend assistance to the stricken cities. Relief funds have already been started, and a hundred ships and trains are on their way carrying supplies and reinforcements to the South. Rome, Milan, Florence, Naples and other cities are sending physicians, police and firemen.

The houses and theaters have been closed throughout Italy, and dispatches of sympathy continue to pour in from all quarters of the globe.

Tidal Wave Sweeps Land.

At the time of the earthquake the torpedo-boat Sappho was lying in the harbor at Messina, and one of the officers told of the occurrence as follows:

"At half past 5 in the morning the sea suddenly became terribly agitated, seeming literally to pick up our boat and shake it. Other craft nearby were similarly treated. Almost immediately a tidal wave of huge proportions swept across the Straits, mounting the coasts and carrying everything before it. Scores of ships were damaged and the Hungarian mail boat Andrasz parting her anchors and went crashing into other vessels. Messina Bay was wiped out and the sea was soon covered with a mass of wreckage, which was carried off in the arms of the receding waters."

Half of Messina Dead.

Eight sailors from the Sappho were landed and took up the work of rescue. Officers and men from Italian and British steamers also went ashore as soon as possible, the Britishers saving a family of five who were imprisoned in a burning house. Many prisoners from the jails made their escape and looted right and left. Hundreds engaged in the work of robbing the banks and business houses.

"INFERNAL" ONLY WORD TO USE

Eye-Witness of Messina's Ruin Tells Story of Disaster.

CATANIA, Dec. 29.—The following graphic story is told by a woman who arrived here from Messina this morning, badly injured:

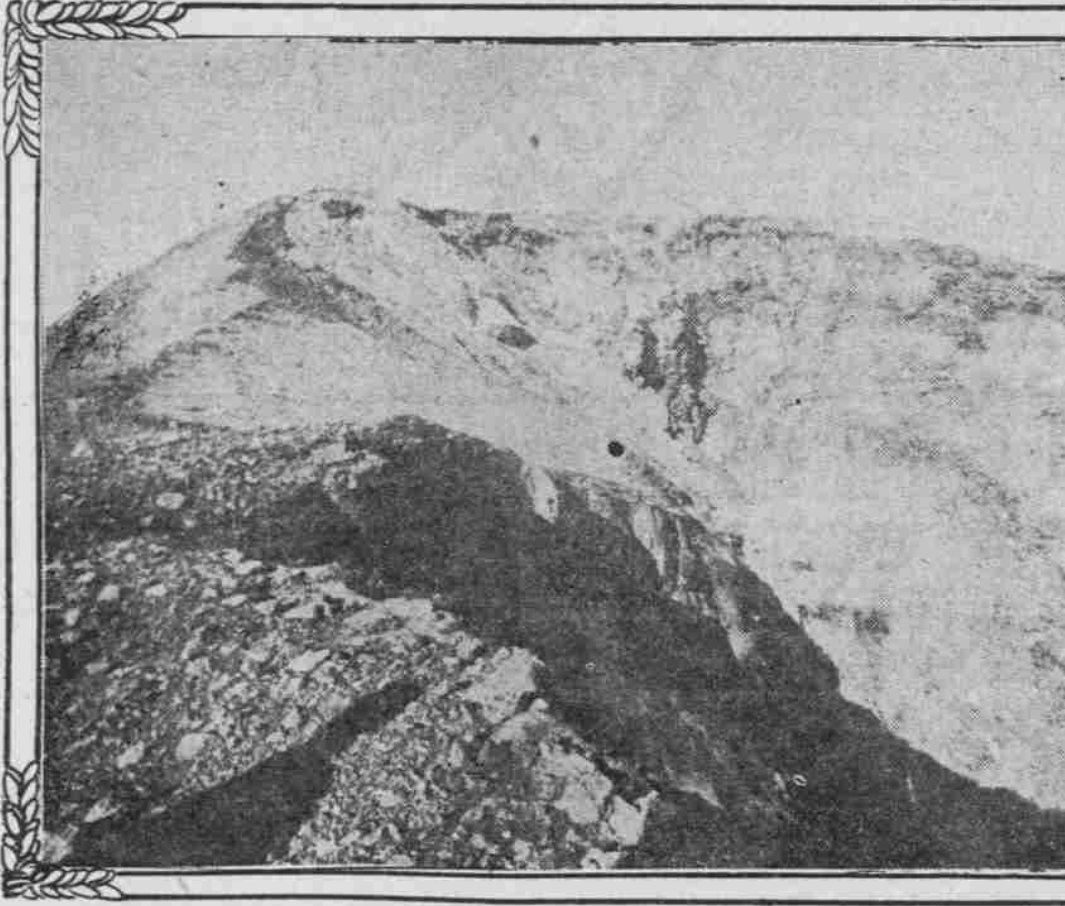
"Internal is the only word that adequately describes the fearful and terrifying scene," she said. "When the first shock came most of the city was fast asleep. It was awakened by the rocking of the house. Windows swayed and rattled and crockery and glass crashed to the floor. The streets were filled. Everybody had rushed out of their night clothes, heedless of the rain falling in torrents. Terrified shrieks arose from all



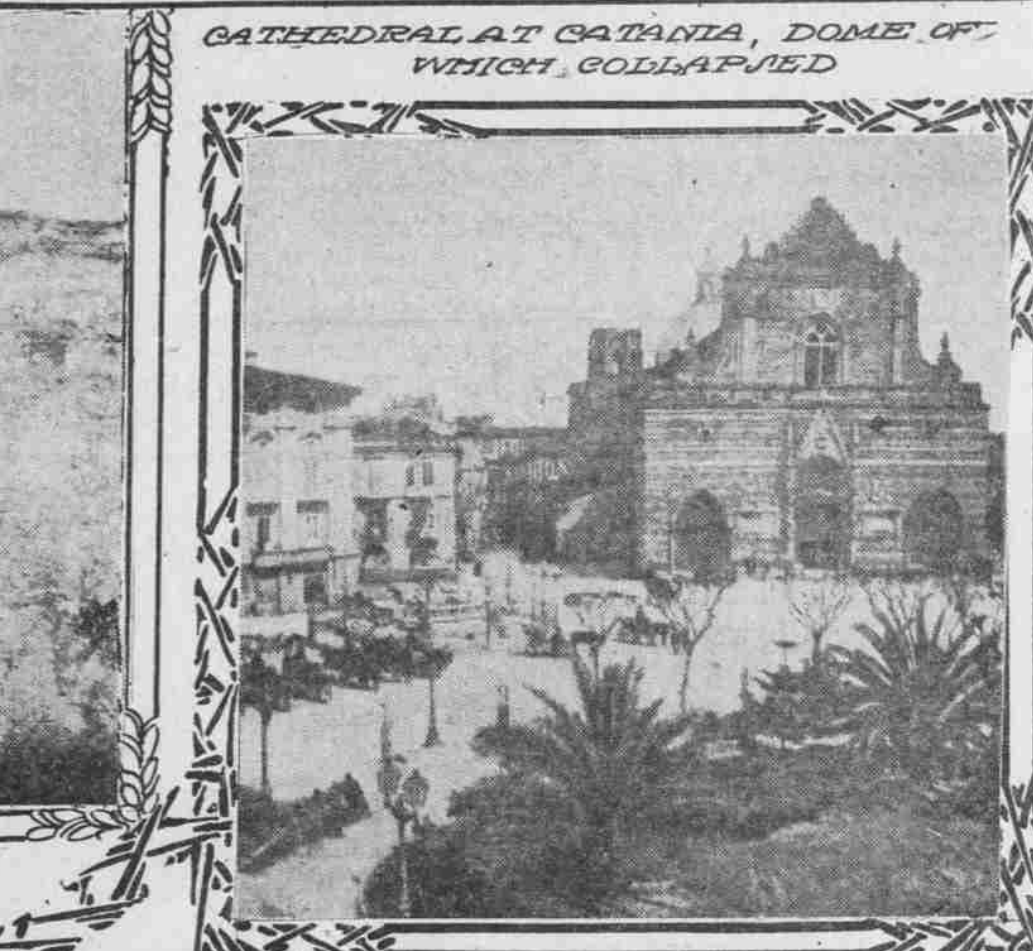
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CATHEDRAL AT CATANIA, DOME OF WHICH COLLAPSED



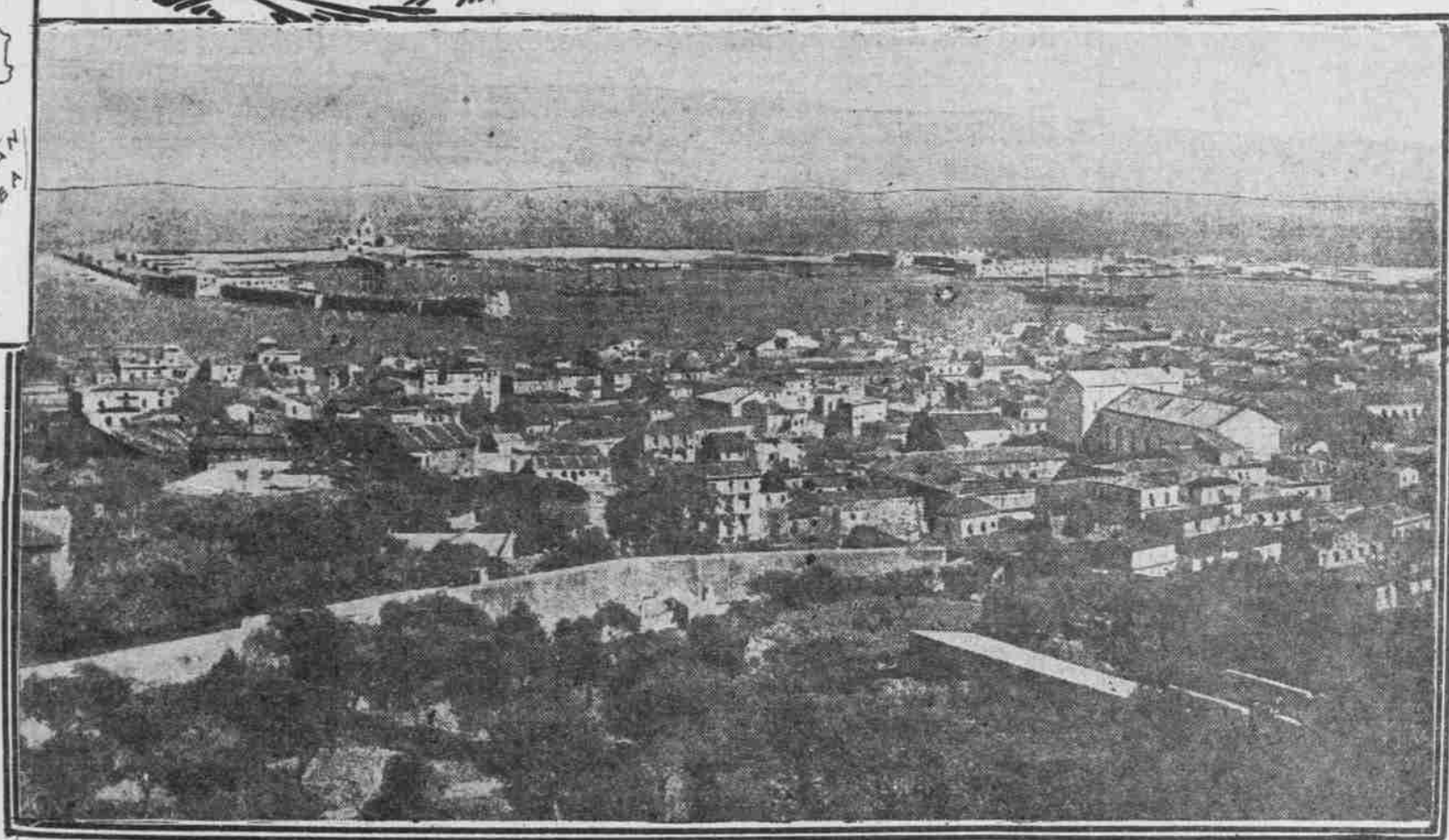
MOUTH OF THE GREAT CRATER OF MT. ETNA



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SCENES IN EARTHQUAKE-STRICKEN DISTRICT OF SICILY.



BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE CITY OF MESSINA

sides, and we heard appeals for help from those pinned underneath the ruins.

"Walls were tottering all around us, and not one of our party expected to escape alive. My brothers and sisters were with me, and in a frenzy of terror we groped our way through the streets, holding our own against the panicking people, clambering over piles of ruins, until we finally reached a place of comparative safety. But this was not done before I was struck down and badly injured by a piece of furniture that fell out of the upper story of a house."

"All along the road we were jostled by scores of fleeing people, half clad, like ourselves. The houses seemed to be crashing to the ground in whatever direction we went."

"Suddenly the sea began to pour into the town. It seemed to me that this must mean the end of everything. The incoming waters rolled in a huge wave, accompanied by a terrific roar. The sky was aglow with the reflection of burning palaces and other buildings, and as if this was not enough, there suddenly shot up into the sky a huge burst of flame, followed by a crash that seemed to shake the whole town. This probably was the gas works blowing up."

"Eventually we reached the principal square of Messina. Here we found 2000 or 3000 utterly terrified people assembled. None of us knew what to do. We were all in an agony of fear. Men and women prayed, groaned and shrieked. I saw one of the big buildings on the square collapse. It seemed to me that scores of persons were buried beneath the ruins. There I lost consciousness, and I remembered no more."

Missouri Red Cross to Help.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—Lighton Shields, secretary of the Missouri branch of the National Red Cross Society, took immediate

steps today toward the collection of funds to be sent to the earthquake sufferers in Italy. The Italian Red Cross Society responded nobly when San Francisco was devastated," said Mr. Shields. "We should do as much for them."

MANY ENTOMBED MEN ALIVE

No Help Can Be Given Victims Still Living in Mines.

ROME, Dec. 29.—Many hundreds of living persons are still beneath the ruins in Calabria (towns), but it is quite impossible to relieve them.

At Riposto the tidal wave was terrific. At first the sea receded for a great distance from the shore and then it swept forward with tremendous violence. The water, advancing in a huge wave, swept before it every house and building for a thousand feet from the shore line. The waters rushed through the streets of Riposto to a depth of from 10 to 20 feet.

ROYALTY GOES TO GIVE AID

King and Queen of Italy Leave for Stricken Cities.

ROME, Dec. 29.—Queen Helena has refused to allow her husband, the King, to go alone to the scene of the disaster. She said she would not give up her privilege of sharing her husband's dangers and consequently both King and Queen left Rome for the South.

The Queen explained to a member of her entourage that she considered it her duty to do all in her power to comfort and help her afflicted subjects. It was announced here this forenoon

that the Pope will inaugurate the establishment of an international committee of Catholics the world over to assist the survivors of the catastrophe. The Pope heads the subscription with 1,000,000 lire (\$200,000).

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"FRISCO" REMEMBERS 1906

Relief Will Be Sent to Italy From California City.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Mayor Taylor issued a proclamation this afternoon stating that the response for aid for the suffering people of Italy will doubtless be quick and generous in this city and requesting that all contributions be sent to Allen Knight, treasurer of the California branch of the American National Red Cross, 322 California street, San Francisco. Contributions will also be received by Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president of the California branch of the Red Cross, at Berkeley.

British Squadron to Rescue.

MALTA, Dec. 29.—The British battleship Exmouth and the cruisers Euryalus

and Minerva, commanded by Admiral Sir Asheston Curzon-Howe, left here today for Messina to render every assistance possible to survivors of the disaster. The British cruiser Sutlej, which was on her way from Messina to this port, was intercepted by stragglers last night and sent back to Messina.

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France Sends Sympathy.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—President Fallieres has sent a telegram of condolence to King Victor Emmanuel. Premier Clemenceau has sent a similar message to the Italian Premier.

French Battleships to Help.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—The Minister of Marine has ordered the French battleships Justice and Verite and three torpedo-boat destroyers to proceed to Messina to succor the victims.

Boston Asked to Aid.

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AMERICA SHOWS QUICK SYMPATHY

Red Cross Society Calls on Nation to Aid Stricken Italy.

TELLS OF COMING HELP

Message to Italian Red Cross Gives Assurance of Assistance—Roosevelt Cables His Sympathy to King Victor.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The American National Red Cross today sent out telegraphic requests to all of its branches for relief funds to be applied to the sufferers from the earthquake in Southern Italy.

The Red Cross Society also requested the State Department to extend to the American Ambassador expressions of sympathy from the American society to the Italian Red Cross, and to inquire to what extent relief measures will be necessary.

The Red Cross will have to wait until contributions are received in response to the appeal sent out today, as the balance remaining in the treasury is but \$2000, which will be kept in reserve for emergencies within the United States. On the occasion of the eruption of Vesuvius \$12,000 was sent to Italy by the American society.

Sends Message to Italy.

The American National Red Cross today sent a telegram over the signature of its president, William H. Taft, to the Italian Red Cross in the following language:

"The American Red Cross desires to tender to the Italian Red Cross its profound sympathy because of the terrible earthquake in Italy and Calabria. An appeal has been issued by the American Red Cross for contributions for the relief of the sufferers."

There are no American naval vessels in the vicinity of Southern Italy. The Scorpion, a converted yacht, which is at Constantinople, is nearer the scene of the disaster than any other American naval vessel.

Roosevelt Expresses Sorrow.

President Roosevelt today sent the following cable message to the King of Italy:

"With all my countrymen, I am appalled by the dreadful calamity which has befallen your country. I offer my sincerest sympathy. American National Red Cross has issued appeals for contributions for sufferers and notified me that they will immediately communicate with the Italian Red Cross."

As private cablegram after cablegram confirmed the frightful extent of the catastrophe, the Italian Embassy attaches freely expressed their grief.

EARTH'S CRUST IS SINKING

American Scientist Says This Has Caused Italian Disturbances.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 29.—Dr. Harry Fielding Rix, professor of geological physics at Johns Hopkins University and one of the leading authorities in the United States on seismic disturbances, attributes the earthquake in Southern Italy to a general dropping or sinking of the earth in that locality.

Quakers Ready to Help.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29.—This city is preparing to offer assistance to the earthquake sufferers.

LEAVES BLOODY TRAIL

ENRAGED ITALIAN ATTACKS ENEMY'S FAMILY.

Kills Boy, Wounds Baby and Shoots Workman in Back—Tragedy at Fort Blakeley.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 29.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Fort Blakeley says:

After quarreling with Jose Santos, a fellow workman, Jose Nicolas, an Italian, tonight killed Santos' 4-year-old son, fatally wounded his baby girl and shot George B. Brown, a workman, through the back.

The attack on Brown, which was the first of the shooting, occurred in the Port Blakeley mill, where Nicolas was apparently waiting for his enemy, Santos. Nicolas asked Brown the time of day, and after Brown had replied and walked past him, accompanied by Mrs. Brown, the Italian fired without warning. Nicolas then rushed to Santos' house, jumped through an open window, shot out the lights and commenced firing indiscriminately, apparently under the impression that his enemy was at home. Santos followed home behind Nicolas and ran for help. The man was located at Pleasant Beach and an armed posse has him surrounded.

FORAKER STILL RUNNING

Declares He Is Still in Race—Senator Dick Takes a Hand.

COLUMBUS, Or., Dec. 29.—The arrival of United States Senator Charles Dick in this city this afternoon is the only new feature of the Senatorial fight today. Senator Dick is extremely interested in the outcome of the contest as to who shall succeed Senator Foraker, in so far as it will have a bearing on his own candidacy to succeed himself in 1911.

All the surface indications seem to point to a choice either of Mr. Burton or Mr. Taft. Senator Foraker, however, is active and declares that his influence will be keenly felt.

When Adeline Patti sang in the Russian capital in 1898 more than 25000 worth of carnations were thrown at her in small quantities during a single performance.