

SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF NEW INFERNO

Refugees From Messina Describe What They Heard, Saw and Felt.

PIERCING CRIES FILL AIR

Man and Woman Imprisoned in Ruins With Dead—Maddened Mob Sacks Custom House and Fights Savagely for Food.

ROME, Dec. 31.—A young doctor named Rossi at Messina gives a vivid account of his experience. The doctor was preparing to leave Messina by an early train the day of the disaster.

"Suddenly the profound silence was broken by an extraordinary noise like the bursting of a thousand bombs," he says. "This was followed by a rushing and tremendous rain. Then I heard a sinister whistling sound that I can liken to a thousand red-hot iron rods hissing in water. Suddenly there came violent rhythmic movements of the earth and the crashing down of nearby walls made me realize the awful fact of the earthquake. Pulling glass, bursting roofs and a thick cloud of dust added to the horror of the situation, while the extraordinary double movement, rising and falling at the same time, crumbled walls and imperiled my life.

"I rushed into the room where my mother and sister were and succeeded in reaching them. I was also successful in getting out of the house a number of other persons who had given themselves up for lost. Then some soldiers came and helped me, and together we dragged forth several women and children from the tottering walls of a palace."

In Tomb Amid Cries of Wounded.

Another survivor of Messina says: "The first thing I knew I was thrown out of bed. The floor collapsed and I fell into the apartment under me. Here I found a distracted woman searching for her sister and son, whom she found dead. We remained in the ruins for twenty-four hours, entirely alone, without food or drink. Our ears were assailed with the cries and moans of the wounded. We were in a tomb, with dead bodies beside us. Every time sounds were heard from the street there would come an outburst of piercing cries for help from the injured, hidden and pined down in the wreckage.

"Tuesday morning we finally ventured forth. We passed over streets that were vast crevasses, and climbed over great mounds of ruins and wreckage that were all that remained of the finest palaces of Messina."

This refugee lost his two children. He arrived in Rome half clad, while his wife was clothed in little else than an old counterpane.

Maddened Rush for Food.

Just as the British steamer Ebro was preparing to leave Messina with refugees on an outburst of frightful cries were heard from the shores. The refugees on board saw a crowd of maddened persons of every age break into the Custom House. Some were naked, all were half demented and they were injured and bleeding. They sacked everything that came to their hands, seeking food, drink and clothing. Revolver shots rang out over the horrible din and confusion. Finally tongues of flames shot up in the darkness. Messina was burning and masses of flames in the darkness showed where the fire was completing the destructive beginning of the earthquake. A few skeleton houses here and there were all that remained of the once beautiful town. Ghoul-like figures flitted in the semi-darkness.

Pinned Down in Debris.

Paolo Rie, the Mayor of Capriolo, reached Messina on Monday. He was awakened by the fearful force of the first shock. The floor of his room fell and, half unconscious, he was precipitated into a mass of rubbish. His body lodged in a niche in a wall and he was pinned down by a heavy beam and nearly smothered. "I remained in this position for five hours, expecting death at any moment. Once a man passed by and the Mayor called to him. But just at that moment another shock came and the man ran away, leaving the Mayor again alone. Finally another man effected his release."

ISLAND BECOMES DESERTED

Crows flock to ruins—Weird Processions of Survivors.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—A special dispatch from Palermo today says it is estimated that up to this morning nearly 100,000 persons had been embarked on the warships and other vessels in the Straits of Messina, or have otherwise left the devastated district. All the towns and villages along the strait are rapidly becoming depopulated, as there are widespread fears of further convulsions.

Scenes of the wildest nature are being enacted at Messina and other ruined cities. Grim advisers reach Palermo to the effect that flocks of crows have descended on the stricken district, having crossed the sea in response to some mysterious intuition of the disaster. In Messina the rescuers frequently encountered processions of naked persons bearing images of the saints. It is exceedingly difficult to deal with these frenzied survivors.

According to reports brought in by priests from the town of Scylla, near the famous rock of the same name, it has completely disappeared, and owing to geographical alterations even its site has vanished.

EARTHQUAKE WAS SUBMARINE

Italian Convulsion Due to Subsidence of Surface.

ROME, Dec. 31.—A dispatch received here from the observatory at Ripostov says the center of the earthquake probably was in the sea in the southern part of the Strait of Messina. The seismograph at Miletto continues to record slight shocks. Signor Stanetti, a distinguished scientist attached to the Florence Observatory, is of the opinion that the cataclysm was geological rather than volcanic. According to Signor Stanetti the trouble was caused by a subsidence of the lower strata. As a result of this depression, huge cracks appeared in the form of a semi-circle, the center of which was the focal point of the disturbance.

TWO VIEWS TAKEN IN DISTRICT WHICH EARTHQUAKE HAS DEVASTATED



STREET SCENE IN MESSINA, CITY WHICH WAS DESTROYED

AMERICANS IN PERIL

Tourists Believed to Be in Earthquake Zone.

MANY FROM LARGE CITIES

State Department Publishes List of Those for Whom Inquiry Was Made or Who Were in or Near Sicily.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The State Department today made public a complete list of Americans supposed to have been in the earthquake zone in Italy and regarding whom inquiry has been made. The list is as follows: Some of the persons making the inquiry also being given:

Miss Frances Brockhaus and sister, Miss Elizabeth Brockhaus, of Philadelphia, inquired for by James A. Steinmetz, secretary of the Pennsylvania branch of the National Red Cross Society.

Miss Mary H. DeHart, of Elizabeth, N. J., inquired for by Chief Clerk of Revenue Cutter Service.

Thomas Robinson of Ashtabula Harbor, Ohio.

Miss May Sherman, Elizabeth, N. J., inquired for by Chief Clerk, Revenue Cutter Service.

William Elliott Smith, wife and two daughters, Alto, Ill., supposed to be in Taormina, December 25.

Miss Henrietta L. Stedman, Newcastle, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Stokes and Miss Stokes, of Germantown, Pa.

Misses Lillian and Elizabeth M. Wigh, Bloomfield, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Wright, Philadelphia.

Miss Catherine Davis, of Mount Kisco, N. Y.

Miss Estelle Fagan, of Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund H. Garrett and son, Julian, of New York.

Miss Mrs. Charles P. Hagood, of New York, inquired by Norman Hagood, New York.

Mrs. Alfred Harris and daughter, Rosalie, New York; left Naples December 23 for Sicily.

J. A. Kane, of Ashtabula; left Naples about December 19 for Sicily.

Miss Blanche Kane, of Philadelphia, inquired by Mrs. Grant LaFarge, care of Owen Weston, Philadelphia.

Mrs. Martha Kittredge and daughters, Ethel and Charles, of Brookline, Mass.; inquired by Speaker Cannon on behalf of Edward C. Robinson, of Brookline, and by Representative Leak, of New Jersey.

The Misses Lansing (three), of Watertown, N. Y.; inquired by John W. Foster and Robert Lansing.

Miss Anne Lee, of Boston.

Miss Margaret Mendell of Brookline; inquired by Speaker Cannon on behalf of Edward C. Robinson, of Brookline.

Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Norris, of Philadelphia, inquired by Theodore Frothingham, of Philadelphia.

Miss Mary Moss, of Philadelphia.

Miss Elizabeth Pittsford, of Philadelphia.

abominable. Heavy rains fall and at night the thermometer goes below freezing.

It has been impossible to ascertain whether there were many Americans at the hotels in Messina. The Hotel France collapsed at the first shock and 60 guests were killed. It is said that none of these was American. Only two waiters escaped. The Continental Hotel was destroyed, but it is said no Americans were staying there. Almost all the guests at the Hotel Trinacria, including J. C. Mortens, the Swedish Consul, are dead. Nothing has been learned definitely as to the number of Americans in that hotel, which was the leading one of the city.

Official reports from Reggio state that the general storage magazines are being guarded to prevent looting. Provisions are being distributed. Two bakeries, which have been requested at that place, are also guarded by soldiers. All the cattle within reach have been requisitioned.

Seek Father All Day.

A tragic episode at Reggio was the rescue of Deputy Demetrio Tripodi, Mayor of the town. His family had escaped, but he disappeared and his children felt certain that he was buried under the ruins. They set to work to find their father and they struggled with the ruins for 24 hours without rest and without food. Eventually the father appeared, although badly injured. The joy of the family was not for long, for he died soon afterward. Giuseppe Valenti, another member of the Chamber of Deputies, also is among the dead.

The Pope has sent to the bishops in the earthquake zone \$20,000. He is also sending special envoys to report the most urgent needs. The Pope has suspended all audiences and solemn high masses will be said in the churches at Rome for the repose of the souls of the victims. These masses will be at the expense of the Pope.

Distribute Refugees in Cities.

In view of the impossibility of properly housing and feeding the tens of thousands who have survived the disaster, the authorities have agreed that the only course is to transport them as quickly as possible out of the stricken zone. Accordingly it has been arranged that all the Italian emigrant steamers shall go to Messina and various other ports for the purpose of taking off the refugees and distributing them to the different cities of Italy.

King Victor Emmanuel today visited all the wrecked villages along the Sicilian coast, everywhere meeting the same scenes of desolation. Tomorrow he will visit Catania in Calabria.

People from Messina state that what is most needed now is water, bread and light. The streets at night are in absolute darkness, and this condition is taken advantage of by thieves and murderers.

FAMISHING FIGHT FOR FOOD

Frenzied by Hunger, They Kill One Another.

MESSINA, Dec. 31.—A frightful scene occurred here today amid the ruins of the Custom House. Bands of famished individuals were groping among the debris in the hope of discovering food. The first of the scavengers who were successful were attacked by others with revolvers and knives and were obliged to divide their findings. The struggle was fierce.

The famished men threw themselves upon each other like wolves, and several fell dismembered in defending a handful of dry bones or a few ounces of flour. One of the unfortunates was pinned to a plank by a knife, while clinging to his hand was his little child, for whom he had sought food.

FUNERAL PYRES AT REGGIO

Soldiers Strew Disinfectants—Bake Bread on Streets.

REGGIO, Calabria, Dec. 31.—As a precautionary measure against an outbreak of pestilence, the bodies of persons killed in the earthquake are being burned and strong disinfectants are being strewn among the ruins of the city. The troops have set up field kitchens and are baking bread in the streets. Strong guards have been placed over clothing and provision stores in order to prevent their being pillooted. Long-term prisoners have been embarked on the battleship Napoli and others have been sent home.

AMERICAN FLEET MAY RENDER AID

Government Proposes Ordering Battleships to Scene of Disaster.

SENDS CARGO OF SUPPLIES

Without Awaiting Red Tape, Celtic Is Sent to Messina With Rations Intended for Fleet—Griscum Going to Scene.

LARGE RELIEF SUBSCRIPTIONS.	
King Victor Emmanuel	\$400,000
Pope Pius X.	200,000
American Red Cross Society	100,000
J. P. Morgan	10,000
John D. Rockefeller	10,000
U. S. Steel Corporation	20,000
Wm. Russell Sage	5,000
Citizens of Seattle	2,000
Citizens of San Francisco	60,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—A memorandum showing the location and proposed disposition of the Atlantic fleet is now before the State Department for use when the decision is announced to offer the Italian government the assistance of these vessels and their crews in caring for the sick and wounded. The matter has not yet been taken up with the Italian government.

President Roosevelt has, for himself and for the American people, expressed his sympathy for the people of Italy in the calamity that has befallen them, and this Government is anxious to do anything it can to relieve distress.

Congress Will Give Authority.

The Navy Department has asked the commanding officer of the Cuirassier to the condition of his stores, but after careful examination the officials are inclined to think there are no more aboard than are necessary to supply the 16 battleships. Congress will be in session Monday and, if there should be any doubt as to the authority to use naval stores for relief purposes, this can be removed by a joint resolution directing such use.

It is estimated that the 16 American battleships can reach Messina about January 15. They are now steaming up the Red Sea and should reach Port Said, at the entrance of the Suez Canal, on Sunday. There they must take on supplies and coal and it will also take two days to pass through the canal. From Suez at the exit of the canal, to Messina is about 900 miles, or three days' steaming.

Well Equipped for Relief.

The fleet can probably spare 15,000 men for relief work ashore and will be able to furnish a well-trained corps of surgeons, medical officers and hospital attendants with ample medical supplies and food. Naples, to which city most of the refugees have flocked, will doubtless be the center of its operations.

The gunboat Scorpion, now at Constantinople and within probably 48 hours of the Italian coast, is expected to be at once to Italy. The Scorpion, which is expected to tender all service possible, will be particularly valuable, perhaps, to the American Diplomatic and Consular corps, who may find the necessity of using her in going from place to place in the stricken district and in assisting any American tourists who were victims of the disaster.

Red Cross Sends Money.

Active work on the part of the American Red Cross characterized the day. Approximately \$50,000 already made available by it from previous funds and has been promised, much of which already has been cabled to the American embassy at Rome to be turned over to the Italian Red Cross Society. Tobacco and naval stores also were sent, but not very large amounts of medical supplies.

John D. Rockefeller today telegraphed the National Red Cross Society that he would contribute \$10,000 to the fund.

Because of the immensity of the disaster, the Italian government will greatly appreciate aid from foreign countries. Ambassador Griscum made this communication to the State Department, today having been notified to this effect by the Italian Foreign Office. The official of which think that the estimate of 100,000 dead is not exaggerated.

Griscum Going to Messina.

Mr. Griscum will go to Messina tomorrow in order to avail himself of the opportunities of getting transportation for two or three consular officers, and to profit by the special opportunities there for obtaining news. Mr. Griscum says in his dispatch that he would be glad to have a few thousand dollars for the possible relief of Americans.

Lupton's Fate in Doubt.

Mr. Griscum says a local newspaper has a telegram from Messina which says that Stuart K. Lupton, the American Vice-Consul there, is dead, as well as Consul Arthur F. Cheney and his family, whose deaths have been heretofore reported. Some doubt is expressed at the State Department as to the correctness of this report, because only recently a dispatch presumed to have been sent by Mr. Lupton came to the Department from Malta. The newspaper dispatch also recites the death of Vice-Consul Pierce and family. This presumably refers to the predecessor of Mr. Lupton, well-known here, relieved by the latter recently. Mr. Pierce, or Felice, as his name is spelled in the State Department register, was an Italian by birth.

Further confirmation of the death of Consul Cheney and family has reached the Ambassador from the nephew of the German Consul at Messina, who has just arrived at Naples.

Daughters to Gather Fund.

Mrs. Donald McLean, president of the Daughters of the American Revolution, issued a call to members of that organization throughout the country to contribute to a fund for the Italian sufferers through the National Red Cross Society.

Baron des Planches, the Italian Ambassador, called on Secretary Root and Assistant Secretary Bacon today and expressed the gratitude of his government and people over the sympathy of the United States with Italy in her misfortune. The Baron is profoundly grateful by the aid rendered through the American Red Cross.

Seattle Has Sent \$2000.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 31.—So far Seattle has contributed only \$2000 to the relief fund of Italian earthquake victims, but meetings of the various public organizations have been called for tomorrow and

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Once more we thank you for the tremendous business rolled up for 1908; we wish you all a year of bounteous prosperity and unexampled happiness for the New Year.

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the sum will be increased by many thousands.

Steel Trust Gives \$25,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The United States Steel Corporation today donated \$25,000 for the Italian earthquake sufferers. Mrs. Russell Sage gave \$500 to the Mayor's fund.

Germany Sends Two Warships.

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—Emperor William has ordered the German cruiser Hertha and the schooner Victoria Luisa, now in the Mediterranean, to be used for transportation of food and blankets to the earthquake sufferers.

Don't Blame Your Stomach

When Without Exertion or Cost You Can Enjoy Meals and Cure Dyspepsia.

Don't blame your stomach or your luck when your meals declare war on your system.

When the stomach won't do its work it is because it cannot.

When foul smelling odors come from your stomach, when the head aches and the sourness of mouth every morning makes you hate your breakfast, when dreams and nightmare assail you, don't give up the fight.

This is the appeal of nature, and it should be heeded.

Over-eating, late suppers, poorly chewed food, too rich pastries and under-done cooking are some of the causes of the stomach's ill health. When the stomach is busy, it presses and churns all the liquid matter from food and with its juices dissolves into liquid form or pulp everything which comes into it.

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