

ITALY'S EFFORTS TURNED TO RELIEF

Work in Earthquake District Is
Being Reduced to Sys-
tem by King.

MONARCH LEADS PEOPLE

Latest Estimates of Dead Exceed
200,000—More Than Half Coast
Population Is Exterminated.
Bodies Burned or Buried.

ROME, Jan. 1.—Although graphic stories are coming into Rome of the horrors in Southern Italy and Sicily, these are but repetitions of individual tragedies already recorded. What chiefly concerns the government and the people is the progress that is being made toward the relief of those who have suffered by the dread visitation. Considerable advances in this respect have been made at Messina, where, according to official reports received here, the supply service is beginning to work satisfactorily. The different regions of the coast have been allocated to various warships and other ships as centers, from which torpedoes and launches may distribute rations and water to the different villages.

Drag Many From Ruins.
The Minister of Justice has telegraphed from Messina to Premier Giolitti that large bodies of troops have arrived and are now occupying all parts of the town. The appalling extent of the disaster renders anything like a systematic search of the ruins impossible, but persons are being dragged out continually and are being transported to the relief ships as soon as their wounds receive attention. Slight shocks were felt in the earthquake zone today, completing the ruin of the crumbling buildings. These shocks keep up the alarm of the population. One quite severe shock was felt at 3 o'clock in the morning and another at 5 o'clock. Fires are still burning, although much rain has fallen.

Dead Exceed 200,000.

The latest investigations on both sides of the straits make it certain that many more than half the population of the coast towns and villages have been killed. Professor Riccio, director of the observatory at Mount Etna, estimates that the victims of the earthquake exceed 200,000.

Hundreds of dangerous criminals have been arrested by the troops and are under close guard.

Great relief was felt here when the announcement was made that the Lipari Islands, which were reported to have disappeared with their population of 25,000, suffered little or no damage from the earthquake.

Fear Accident to King.

Public opinion is greatly concerned with regard to the safety of the King and Queen and the possible danger from tottering walls. The King frequently has tried to persuade the Queen to rest or to return to Rome, but she has always refused, declaring it would break her heart to leave her husband.

New Year's day in Italy is usually a day of rejoicing as widespread as on Christmas. Imposing ceremonies are celebrated in the churches. But these ceremonies and the festive spirit are wanting today. Instead there were lamentations. The flags waved at half-mast and the bells of a thousand churches rang, not for the Te Deum, but to toll and knell for requiem masses.

TAFT GIVES HIS PROMISE

Pledges Square Deal to Laboring
People of Country.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 1.—Business Agent George Von Eichen, of the Carpenters' Union, has received from William H. Taft a reply to a letter congratulating the Ohio man on his election and expressing the hope that organized labor would always faithfully represent the people. Mr. Taft replied: "I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 4th of November and to thank you for writing me and for your kind words of congratulation and good wishes. You may be sure that the labor people will always receive a square deal from me. Very sincerely yours, WILLIAM H. TAFT."

THEATRICAL AGENT HELD

Arrested in Seattle on Charge of Em-
bezzlement in Chicago.

SEATTLE, Jan. 1.—Wanted in Chicago on a charge of embezzling \$1100 entrusted to his care for deposit in the bank three months ago, Herman Paley, a theatrical agent, was arrested in Seattle this morning by Detective Charles Phillips. Paley admits his guilt.

Paley said that while in Chicago he was in the employ of George B. Levey, who held large theatrical concessions.

SKATER LOSES HIS LIFE

Falls Through Ice and Is Drowned.
Two Are Rescued.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Three skaters broke through the ice of Trout Lake, in the east end of the city, early this afternoon. All were rescued except Ed Hughes, aged 34, of New Westminster. He went in at a point only six feet from the shore. Hughes' body was not recovered for an hour.

DIVORCED FROM ACTOR

Paul Gilmore's Wife Secures Free-
dom From Roving Husband.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Jan. 1.—Despite efforts to suppress all information it was learned here today that Circuit Judge McCoy has granted an absolute divorce to Mary Alice Godwin Gilmore from Paul Gilmore, the actor. Desertion is given as the reason.

C. P. R. Wreck Injures Eight.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 1.—In the derailment of the Canadian Pacific express yesterday at Gulf Lake, near Medicine Hat, Alberta, G. W. Walker, of Seattle, was among the eight passengers injured.

NATION'S EXECUTIVE AND HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER, WHO RECEIVED AT WHITE HOUSE YESTERDAY.



MRS. EDITH
ROOSEVELT AND
HER MOTHER.

TWO EXPLANATIONS GIVEN

SCIENTISTS DIFFER AS TO
CAUSE OF TREMBLOR.

Kemp Thinks It Due to Contraction
of Earth's Crust—Stevenson
Calls It Explosion.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Opinions given here by two scientific men on the physical features of the terrible convulsion of nature in Calabria and Sicily are highly interesting.

Dr. James F. Kemp, professor of geology at Columbia University, prefaced his opinion with the statement that it was mere conjecture on account of the meager information at hand, but he added: "I cannot get away from the old theory that the earth was at one time a molten mass, the surface having cooled off sufficiently to form a crust. The earth is continually contracting, which causes the weaker portions on the surface to cave in, and it seems to me that this is what occurred in the case of the Italian earthquake."

"I should say that for about fifty miles parallel with the Straits of Messina, the land under the sea and along the coast caved in, causing the sea to rush with great force in on the land, sweeping all before it."

Professor John J. Stevenson, professor of geology at New York University, said in speaking of the disaster: "As a disturbance in the earth's crust, the Messina quake, terrible as were its effects, was only a small affair. It may be compared to the explosion of an immense dynamite bomb, which does frightful execution within a small area, but is without effect at a short distance away. Thus, while Messina and Reggio were entirely devastated, according to present reports, Palermo was only slightly shaken, Taormina was unharmed, and at Naples the shock was not felt at all."

Professor Stevenson then compared the Italian earthquake with the Charleston, S. C., earthquake, which, he said, was felt from the Atlantic Ocean to Arkansas and Minnesota and New York and Maine.

LODGE LAYS CORNERSTONE

Spokane Oddfellows Parade 600
Strong Before Exercises.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The corner-stone of the \$30,000 temple, to be erected by Spokane Oddfellows before June, was laid this afternoon after a parade of Patriarchs Militant, two Spokane cantons and three subordinate lodges in which 600 men took part. The building will be erected on First avenue between Madison and Monroe streets. Grand Master L. J. Birdseye, of the Grand Lodge of the state read the ritualistic service. Present were Grand Secretary L. F. Hart, of Tacoma; Grand Wardens Robert E. Lee, of Colville; Past Grand Masters A. G. Ansell and R. M. Waters, of Spokane; Grand Patriarch Stephen Adams, of Rathburn; Mrs. Belle Lee, president Rebekah Assembly, of Colville; Grand Senior Warden C. E. Luman, of North Yakima; Grand Representative L. M. Bove, of Colfax.

The exercises, postponed because of a flurry of snow, were held tonight in Oddfellows Hall, the principal address being given by Grand Secretary L. F. Hart.

BRAKEMAN ROASTED ALIVE

Meets Frightful Death in Wreck on
N. P. Near Toppensish.

SEATTLE, Jan. 1.—Following a collision of Northern Pacific freight trains in the yards at Toppensish, Brakeman Garrison was burned to death at 2 o'clock this morning. The wrecked freight trains were destroyed by fire and the road was tied up all day.



"PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT."

GREET PRESIDENT AT WHITE HOUSE

(Continued from First Page.)

As he passed into the Blue Room, President Roosevelt shook his hand and assured him of the sincere sympathy of the American people for his stricken countrymen. Mrs. Roosevelt also expressed her sympathy. The mourning which also kept Special Ambassador Tong away prevented Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese Minister, from attending the reception. Chief Justice Fuller and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States led the judiciary party, after which came the Senators and Representatives in Congress. Brigadier-General J. Franklin Bell, chief of staff, led the Army, which was fully represented, all of the officers being in full dress uniform. The Navy was also well represented.

The officials of the Government, representing all important bureaus of the Government, many of whom will retire to private life on March 4, were followed by representatives of various patriotic societies which had been given places of honor in the line.

As the rear of this procession entered the White House, the policemen who had struggled for hours to keep the stream of humanity in the line were almost completely exhausted. The President had a friendly word of greeting for each visitor and seemed to enjoy the time spent at his arduous task. After the public reception, the President led the way to the dining-room, where refreshments were served.

Filipinos There, Too.

Attending for the first time a reception at the White House were the Philippine Commissioners, Legarda and Ocampo, who mingled with the crowd in the state dining-room. They were among the first to wish the President a happy new year. They talked much with the representatives of other insular governments of the United States.

In the Congressional party, Speaker

Canon was a conspicuous figure. His greeting to the President was particularly cordial. Many of the Senators and Representatives had parties with them. Mrs. Roosevelt, too, took an unusual interest in the public feature of the reception, remaining at the side of the President longer than at any previous reception. The reception closed at 2:30 o'clock, when President Roosevelt shook hands with Chief Usher Thomas Stone. The number attending the reception was announced by the automobile counter to be 6997, which is more than last year.

Uniforms Add to Scene.

The brilliant court dress of members of the diplomatic corps gave a picturesque aspect to the annual function, which throughout was marked by an absence of formality. The number of small children who were brought by their parents to shake hands with the President was unprecedented. The weather was cool and bracing, and the thousands of people who assembled to greet President and Mrs. Roosevelt, showed the utmost good nature during their long wait in the White House grounds before they gained admission to the mansion. There was less haste than is usual in urging the callers past the receiving party. Contrary to the custom of recent years, Mrs. Roosevelt and the ladies of the cabinet remained in the room throughout the function. There were receptions at the home of Vice-President Fairbanks, Speaker Cannon and the members of the cabinet.

The closing of all the Government departments and of local business concerns enabled thousands of officials and employees to participate in celebrating the day.

President Roosevelt, after receiving at the White House, took a long cross-country horseback ride.

HUNT FOR PEARL NECKLACE

New York Police Seek Cab-Drivers
Who May Have Stolen Gems.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Detectives are looking for the drivers of several cabs in which Mrs. George D. Hamlen, of Central Park West, made trips to the shopping district yesterday when she lost a pearl necklace valued at \$14,000. Mrs. Hamlen did not miss the necklace until after returning home.

STORMS DELAY LINERS

EVEN LUSITANIA LATE FIRST
TIME IN HISTORY.

Tempestuous Weather on Atlantic
Prevents Big Steamers From
Making Usual Speed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The big fleet of westward-bound liners due here toward the week's end has for the second successive week been delayed by the tempestuous weather in the North Atlantic. Even the big Lusitania, for the first time in her history, failed to make port on Friday. She is anchored below tonight and will dock tomorrow, as will the Celtic, from Liverpool, tonight reported off Fire Island but further behind time than the Lusitania. She was due to arrive Thursday and will be two days late. Three vessels due on Sunday will not make port until the following day. They are the St. Louis, from Southampton, the Caledonia, from Glasgow, and the Rhineland, from Rotterdam.

BOTH TAFTS LOSE AT GOLF

President-Elect and Brother Take
Long Auto Ride.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Jan. 1.—The President-elect had a complete holiday. He was defeated at golf by Austin Fox, a New York lawyer. Henry W. Taft confessed a similar ending to his game. After the golf a long automobile ride was taken. Mr. Taft was informed by wire today that \$5,000 had been raised in Boston and turned over to the Red Cross to relieve distress in Italy. Another telegram announced that the Christian Herald had raised \$30,000 for like disposition. Mr. Taft said tonight that he had made no Cabinet progress, and had nothing to announce in that connection.

Miss Helen Taft assisted Mrs. Landon Thomas at her reception, which was held in the pavilion of the Country Club.

M'ARTHUR AT UMATILLA

Said to Have Secured Support of
Mann and Mahoney.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—C. N. McArthur, of Portland, visited Pendleton today in the interest of his candidacy for the Speakership of the Oregon Legislature. He held a conference with Representative L. L. Mann, of this county, but declined to state whether or not Mann is supporting him. It is understood, however, that McArthur will receive the support of both Representatives Mann and Mahoney and

that a large majority of the other Eastern Oregon Representatives are supporting him. McArthur expressed himself as confident of his election to the Speakership.

LIBRARY WILL OPEN TODAY

Fine New Quarters of Albina Branch
Now in Readiness.

The new quarters for the Albina Branch Library, at the corner of Russell street and Rodney avenue, will be ready for opening this afternoon at 3 o'clock. At 4 o'clock there will be a children's story hour, when the children will be entertained with stories. In the evening at 8 o'clock there will be an informal reception to the public. A short programme and some appropriate remarks will then be made.

Miss Mary L. Davis is in charge of this branch library, which has in one year's time become the most important of any of the other branches that have been established. It was opened in a room on Williams avenue a year ago last September, the success of the branch being immediate, and very soon the room was constantly overcrowded. The new quarters are in the concrete building of L. T. Peery, which is centrally located, and are nearly three times as large as the room on Williams avenue. The room has been fitted up comfortably and covered with noiseless cork carpets. Tables and reading desks have been provided. The lighting of the room is excellent.

Miss Nellie Fox, of the Portland Library, says that the Albina Branch Library has even gone ahead of the Central East Portland and Sellwood Libraries, which were established before the Albina branch. At the new quarters there will be a greater number and greater variety of books and magazines than were kept in the Williams-avenue room.

SON-IN-LAW IS ARRESTED

Arthur Davis Suspected of Murder-
ing C. P. Essick.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Jan. 1.—Arthur Davis, son-in-law of C. P. Essick, the Woodmen of the World clerk who was found murdered in bed last Tuesday morning, was arrested today and will be held for the coroner's inquest. Mrs. Davis's action followed the finding by the coroner of the knife with which Essick was stabbed in a pocket of the murdered man.

HURLED TEN FEET IN AIR

Ex-Councilman Sharkey's Auto
Strikes Man at Full Speed.

At Grand and Holladay avenues yesterday afternoon an automobile driven by ex-Councilman J. P. Sharkey struck an unidentified man, who was crossing

the street, and sent him 10 feet in the air. He is said to have fallen on his head when he struck the pavement, and to have sustained severe injuries. Mr. Sharkey removed the injured man in his automobile to his residence. It is said the injuries will not result fatally.

SEEKS TO PROVE ALIBI

Night Riders Have Considerable
Difficulty in So Doing.

UNION CITY, Tenn., Jan. 1.—Testimony designed to establish alibi was introduced by the defense today in the trial of the alleged Night Riders accused of murdering Captain Quentin Ranken. Many witnesses testified that the defendants bore good reputations, but were forced to admit that they were generally believed to be Night Riders. One witness, who said the state's witnesses were men of bad reputation, admitted that he was a contributor to a purse to defray the expense of the defense.

Oregon Pioneer Passes Away.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary Goodman, an Oregon pioneer, died suddenly at her home, 870 High street, this morning, aged 83. She passed away quietly and without pain. Mrs. Goodman was the widow of the late J. H. Goodman and came to Oregon with her husband in 1852, crossing the plains by ox team. They settled in Benton County, later moving to Lane County where they lived for many years on their farm near Springfield.

Dies at New Year's Service.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Thomas Perkins, 69 years old, a member of the New York Cotton Exchange, died suddenly today in his pew in the First Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, just after making a speech at the New Year's service.

Body of Otto Link Recovered.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The body of Otto Link, the rancher who was drowned in the Washougal River, was found today.

Polish Factions Fight to Death.

WARSAW, Jan. 1.—Four men were killed and three wounded today in an encounter between Polish Socialists and Nationalists. The police did not interfere.



OLDEST IN YEARS—HIGHEST IN HONORS
MOST WIDELY USED

Baker's Cocoa

A good housekeeper says: "All the early years of my life were spent in the tropics of India; and in the many English and American homes with which I was familiar Baker's Cocoa was almost universally used. Since coming to this country I have experimented with other makes, but have put them all aside for Baker's, which seems so much more acceptable."

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