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SORA HAS SECOND SHOCK

Town With Population of 20,000 Reported Almost Entirely Destroyed.

FEW ALIVE IN AVEZZANO

Only 800 Survive and Majority of These Are Injured. Many Cities Stricken.

ROME, Jan. 14.—(Special.)—The disastrous nature of yesterday's seismic upheaval is becoming painfully clearer every hour in the territorial divisions of Latium, Campania and the Bruzzi.

Il Secolo estimates the number of victims at 20,000, despite fears earlier in the day that it would reach, if not exceed, 50,000. More than half the victims were killed outright.

Sora Has Second Quake.

Sora, 60 miles southeast of Rome, in the province of Caserta, suffered another shock today. The town, which had a population of 20,000, was almost entirely destroyed. Two-thirds of the houses collapsed under the shock and others which were cracked went down later.

Rossi Palace fell in, burying 20 laborers at work in the courtyard. Other victims include many of the town authorities and persons of note in the district.

At least 500 are dead altogether, 450 bodies having been recovered.

Only 800 Survive in Avezzano.

It is now confirmed that in Avezzano out of a population of 11,297 there are only 800 survivors, a majority of whom are injured. Signor Cerri, an ex-member of the Chamber of Deputies, was among the victims, as were the Sub-Prefect and his family, all the members of his staff, all the members of the municipal service and 95 members of a company of the Thirteenth Infantry.

Thus far 200 bodies have been recovered and 160 injured taken from the ruins.

King Superintends Rescue.

King Victor Emmanuel, who went to Avezzano direct from Rome, was making his rounds of the town when he reached a spot where the rescue of a child buried in debris was being attempted. He mounted a pile of wreckage and superintended the work until success crowned it.

Official reports from Ajelli, Cosenza province, say that about 1000 are entombed there. Several smaller towns report about 200 each entombed. There is not a house in Aquila City that has not been wrecked or damaged, while Cappadocia and Balsorano, midway between Avezzano and Sora, shared a similar fate.

Famous Abbey Suffers Heavily.

Immense damage was done at Magliano and Cappelle. Caserta province, in Campania, likewise suffered heavily. There are 10 dead and 150 injured at Siola del Lirls and many others at Cassino. The famous Benedictine Abbey at Monte Casino suffered heavily. The Cecano cathedral, in the Province of Rome, crumbled to dust, while those at Subiago, Atri and Teramo all suffered.

At Monte Roduni, where the Duke and Duchess of Aosta have gone to render aid, the 16th-century tower of the town hall crashed down, killing a professor and two collegians. The domes of the principal churches of Zagarolo and Pagliano, in the Alban Hills, have fallen.

Ovid's Birthplace Damaged.

Forty bodies have been recovered at Tagliacozzo, several hundreds having been injured. The railroads, bridges and a large number of houses

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THIEF ESCAPES BY LEAP OUT WINDOW

TWO SHOTS FIRED BY SECOND-STORY ROBBER AT PURSUER.

Burglar Found Rifling Room at 229 North Twenty-Third Street Gets Cash and Jewelry.

A burglar early last night robbed the home of Miss Eva Borglund, proprietor of a restaurant at 229 North Twenty-third street, obtained $27 in cash and several pieces of jewelry and made his escape after firing two shots at a pursuer.

The man entered Miss Borglund's room, which is in the second story at the rear of the restaurant, by climbing on a railing. Men in the restaurant below heard him rifling the dresser and started upstairs to investigate. The burglar leaped from the window as they entered the room and Harry Hill, a dishwasher in the restaurant, jumped after him.

The two sprawled together on the ground, but the burglar regained his feet first and fled down the street. Hill followed him for more than a block. Suddenly the robber turned and fired two shots, both of which struck near Hill. Hill then gave up the chase.

The burglar, a tall man, was dressed in a dark suit.

SUTHERLIN ADDS SALOON

Monopoly, Long Held by Company, Broken in Granting License.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—After having its saloon business monopolized for several years, the Sutherlin City Council last night decided to grant a liquor license to J. K. Bell, formerly with the Oakland Wine Company at Oakland.

The action of the Council was taken upon the receipt of an opinion of the Roseburg City Attorney to the effect that it would not be violation of the agreement existing between the Sutherlin Wine Company and the city to grant another liquor license.

Under a city ordinance, adopted by the Sutherlin Council several years ago, the number of liquor licenses were limited to two. In order to maintain a monopoly of the business the Sutherlin Wine Company took out the two licenses. It is understood that more saloon licenses will be issued at Sutherlin soon.

WOOLGROWERS ARE NAMED

Washington Association Protests Against Proposed Game Law.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—The Washington Woolgrowers' Association today re-elected George Prior, of this city, as its president for another year; Thomas Drumheller, of Walla Walla, was re-elected vice-president, and H. Stanley Coffin, of North Yakima, was elected secretary and treasurer.

The association adopted a resolution protesting against the measure proposed by the sportsmen of the state legalizing game shooting on the highways and giving hunters right of way over a strip ten feet wide on each side of a highway. Members of the association, with other stockmen who have been in conference with forest supervisors for the past two days, were guests at a banquet tonight.

FIVE GOVERNMENTS IN PIT

Individual Wheat Buyers Also Are More Numerous Than Ever.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—Five governments of Europe were reported today to be actively engaged in the wheat market on this side of the Atlantic in addition to a larger number of individual buyers from foreign fields than ever before known. The result was figured to be exportation at the rate of 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 bushels a week.

While the wheat market here was in a blaze of excitment, the minority of farmers who still own wheat were said to be in many cases hanging on for $2 a bushel, just twice the general ideal under normal conditions. Approximately 25 per cent of the 1914 crop is estimated by experts to be still in the hands of farmers.

RUN AFTER BATH FATAL

Haynes Inlet Man Contracts Pneumonia After Sprint in Rain.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 14. — (Special.)—Brushing aside his friends and running out into the rain in his underclothing following a bath to cure a cold, Arthur Johnson contracted pneumonia last night and died this morning in an isolated section of the Haynes Inlet country, six miles from the nearest town.

Johnson's friends left the city this morning to bring the corpse to Marshfield. They will have to carry the body three miles over a rough mountain trail. The news of Johnson's death was sent to town by a friend who walked four miles to reach a telephone.

GENERAL'S NEPHEW TAKEN

Relative of Officer Complimented by Kaiser Arrested in Canada.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 14.—Carl Mackensen, a nephew of a famous German General who recently was complimented by the Kaiser for his prowess in Poland, was arrested today by the police, acting on military instructions.

Mackensen, who was seized on his farm at Langley, will be kept a prisoner of war until the present struggle is over. Dr. Redlich, a German lawyer of Vancouver, was arrested at the same time, and both are prisoners in New Westminster jail.

ITURBIDE IN FLIGHT 15 DAYS IN DESERT

Exiled Mexican Reveals Sensational Escape.

TEXAS REACHED BY SWIMMING

Six Hundred Miles Traveled Afoot and on Horse.

GENERAL VILLA IS ELUDED

Official Forced to Flee to Avoid Arrest After Aiding Americans and Other Foreigners — Fortune of Millions Is Lost.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Eduardo Iturbide, once member of the Mexican Senate and later commander of the Federal district, revealed here tonight the story of his sensational escape from death in Mexico, the circumstances of which for a time threatened to cause a serious breach between General Gutierrez and Generals Villa and Palafox. He said he rode nearly 600 miles through deserts and over mountains to the American border, after leaving a train south of Chihuahua to avoid arrest.

The United States Government took an active part in negotiations for Iturbide's safety in appreciation of his efforts on behalf of Americans and other foreigners during the turbulent days in the Mexican capital following the abdication of Huerta. The efforts of American Consul Silliman and Leon Canova, special agent of the State Department, in his behalf aroused the anger of General Villa and Zapata chiefs.

Wife and Sister Are Safe.

Although Iturbide has been in the United States a week he withheld the details of his adventures until he learned tonight that his wife and sister-in-law also were safe across the American border.

The exile, who is a great-grandson of Agustin Iturbide, who proclaimed himself Emperor of Mexico in 1821 and subsequently was executed, is about 36 years old, an athlete, a crack revolver shot and polo player. He was a favorite with members of the foreign colony in Mexico City and had many opportunities to leave, together with other federal officers. Remaining as head of the district government, however, even after the departure of Carbajal, Huerta's star, he transferred the executive power in person to General Carranza. Later he was paroled by Carranza, with the understanding that he would be tried at some future date by the courts.

In the exciting days following the evacuation by the Carranza troops Itur-

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Hapsburgs, Aristocracy and Financiers Deposit Money With Swiss.

GENEVA (via Paris), Jan. 14.—Swiss banks are receiving large sums of money and scrip from members of the Hapsburg family, members of the Austrian aristocracy and Vienna financiers, as deposits and also large orders to buy American securities.

Recently one Austrian Archduke sold for cash a large estate in the Tyrol at virtually half its value.

BRYAN HAS EYE ON POLITICAL SPOILS

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Santo Domingo Used to Reward Friends.

FRANK LETTER IN EVIDENCE

"Workers" Valuable, Suitable Places Not Easy to Find.

OFFICE PICKED FROM SKY

Witness Tells How Secretary Was Influenced by Banco Nacional and How Partisans Fattened on Island Republic.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Testimony in which it was asserted that changes made by the present Washington Administration in the personnel of this Government's official colony in the Dominican Republic were due to the influence of interests seeking to exploit the finances of the country, was heard today at the inquiry conducted by Senator-elect Phelan, of California, to determine whether James M. Sullivan, American Minister to the republic, is fit to hold his position.

Bank Coterie Influences Bryan.

Secretary Bryan was accused of lending ear in appointing Sullivan to the Samuel M. Jarvis coterie of New York financiers, who controlled the Banco Nacional at Santo Domingo, alleged to have been an institution without standing on the island, and which sought to obtain for its coffers the deposit of the customs duties, whose collection is administered by the United States, and other Government funds.

William E. Pulliam, receiver-general of the customs at Santo Domingo during the Taft Administration, testified that F. J. R. Mitchell, president of the Banco Nacional, had caused to be published in a Dominican newspaper that W. T. S. Doyle, head of the department of Latin-American affairs in the State Department, had been removed on complaint of Mitchell and that Mitchell had subsequently said to him: "I told you so. There'll be several other changes and they'll extend to Santo Domingo."

Next Minister Predicted.

In June, 1913, Mitchell went to Santo Domingo and told him that Russell, American Minister under Taft, was returning.

"He told me," the witness testified, "that I was a good guesser, he'd tell me the name of the next Minister. It ends with an 'N,' he said."

That Secretary Bryan at that time had a high opinion of Mr. Sullivan was evidenced by a letter placed on record while Pulliam was testifying by Walker W. Vick, who succeeded Pulliam as receiver-general and who after his re-

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Thursday's War Moves

A REVERSE of the allies along the River Aisne in the neighborhood of Soissons is admitted in the latest French official statement, although the possible effect of the German advance is officially minimized.

After continuous engagements, which lasted nearly two days, the Germans forced the French to yield in front of Vregny, to the east of Crouy. It is explained by the French war office that the flooding of the River Aisne destroyed several of the bridges and thus rendered precarious the communications of the troops operating on the right bank. These troops were withdrawn, as it was thought impossible to send reinforcements to their support.

"The success is a partial one for our adversaries," says the French statement, "but will have no influence on the operations as a whole."

Emperor William himself was present at these operations, which resulted in the capture of several thousand French prisoners and were continued throughout January 12 and 13.

Petrograd says the Russian troops have progressed on the right bank of the Lower Vistula, where the German cavalry was repulsed. On the other front the fighting is made up largely of skirmishes and artillery duels.

The general staff of the Caucasus army devotes a statement to the operations in Azerbaijan, where, it is explained, it became expedient to regroup the Russian forces, necessitating the evacuation of certain places previously occupied. No important action took place, only an engagement by the Russian advance guard.

British aviators early in the week dropped bombs on the German positions in Antwerp, according to a Netherlands newspaper dispatch. The damage done by the bombs has not been ascertained.

Eighteen Russian Generals have been discharged from important positions, according to the Hamburg Fremdemblatt.

Geneva reports that numbers of the Austrian nobility and aristocracy and Viennese financiers are depositing large sums of money in Switzerland and are giving orders for the purchase of quantities of American securities.

Secretary of State Bryan has acknowledged in a friendly spirit the receipt of the preliminary reply of the British government to the American note protesting against the treatment accorded neutral commerce by British warships. No comment is made by the Secretary in view of the fact that it is Great Britain's intention to reply later in detail.

PARLIAMENT IS UPBRAIDED

French Senator Advises Body to Be Quiet While France Is Invaded.

PARIS, Jan. 14.—"Speeches must give way to the voice of cannon. The country is not with you; there is nothing for Parliament to do but to keep still when France is invaded."

With these words M. Delahaye in the Senate today demanded the postponement of all discussion of the war. His speech caused a great stir and protests on the part of several members.

Premier Viviani expressed regret such language had to be used, but some of M. Delahaye's colleagues upheld him.

After a brief but lively debate the motion for a postponement was defeated.

BANKING BILL INDORSED

Douglas Farmers in Institute Urge Action in Message to Wilson.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—"We have waited for 40 years for the bankers to help us. The tail has wagged the dog long enough; let the dog wag his own tail and give us the farmers' banking bill," was the substance of a telegram sent to President Woodrow Wilson today by the Grangers in attendance at the annual Farmers' Institute held in this city.

The farmers of Douglas County are heartily in favor of the proposed measure and have asked their Representatives in Congress to lend their support in bringing about its materialization.

W. H. MEREDITH TO LEAVE

Curry District Attorney Announces Departure for Missouri.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—District Attorney W. H. Meredith, of Gold Beach, announces that he will depart from Curry County in the Spring for Poplar Bluff, Mo., his former home. Mr. Meredith has been a resident of Curry County for the past six years and has been prominent in publicity work and general advancement of the county's interests.

Mr. Meredith was a candidate for the Congressional nomination in the first Oregon district in the 1914 primaries on the Democratic ticket but was defeated by Fred Hollister, of North Bend.

OREGON PUPILS ANSWERED

Corvallis Boy and Girl Get Letter From Secretary of Navy.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Secretary Daniels wrote today to a little boy and girl of Corvallis, Or., telling them he was sorry he could not grant their request that the schoolchildren of Oregon be permitted to make the voyage through the Panama Canal on the famous old battleship bearing their state's name.

Mr. Daniels said that as the Oregon was built to carry only 900 men, it would be impossible for her to take care of the 187,000 young people in the state's schools.

SPECIAL ELECTION MOVE ACCELERATED

Several Amendments Before Assembly.

TWO PROPOSED BY GOVERNOR

Day Would Limit Petition Signing to Registered Voters.

REFERENDUMS SEEM SURE

Clauses in Dry Act Are Deemed Unconstitutional — Legislators Try to Find Way to Alter Fiscal Period of State.

BY RONALD G. CALLVERT.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 14.—(Staff correspondence.) — Possibility that there will be six or more constitutional amendments submitted to the voters by the present Legislature is giving impetus to the proposal that a special referendum election be called again this year in terms somewhat similar to those of the special election bill of the last session. If the special election is called it is likely that the amendments and bills referred by the Legislature will go to vote next Fall instead of waiting until November of the following year.

Long Ballots Invite "No."

All of the amendments so far proposed have merit, but it is realized that when put upon a ballot encumbered with numerous measures that come from the people every election, the disposition of the voters is to vote "no." They become discouraged over the arduous task of digesting the laws submitted and good measures receive a large negative vote, which is nothing more than a protest against a lengthy ballot.

One extremely simple proposal, in which there is undoubted virtue, requires the submission of three distinct amendments. Under the constitution as it now reads legal voters are qualified to sign initiative, referendum and recall petitions.

Only Registered May Sign.

To safeguard the purity of petitions it is proposed that only registered voters be permitted to sign. Yet in this connection the words "legal voters" appear in three sections of the constitution. The three amendments necessary to bring about the change were submitted in the Senate by Senator Day, of Multnomah, today.

Today, also, Senator Butler announced that he would offer a resolution for the submission of a constitutional amendment providing for a divided session of the Legislature similar to that of California.

Governor Withycombe has asked for a constitutional amendment similar to one in the New York constitution authorizing the Governor to remove officials who are remiss in their duties. At present they may be removed only through the medium of the recall or upon conviction in criminal proceedings for incompetency, corruption, malfeasance or delinquincy in office. In addition the amendment providing for the single item veto is likely to come up for consideration. Thus are six amendments already in sight and it is not unreasonable to expect that there will be more.

Referendums Most Probable.

The special election law, adopted two years ago, left the holding of an election contingent upon the filing of a referendum against any bill adopted by that Legislature. The election may

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ADDITION OF HOULTON IS TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS AT ST. HELENS.

ST. HELENS, Or., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—Early in the year, the first wave of 1914 prosperity hit this city when the town of Houlton was annexed, thus increasing the population 600. This addition now is known as East St. Helens.

During the Summer $25,000 was expended in sewer construction. A dock landing for smaller boats was built, also.

A one-story business block was erected and now is occupied by confectionery, jewelry and merchandise stores. J. Ramsey constructed a hall into a store and soon filled the apartments above. W. B. Dillard opened picture show house. H. Morgus enlarged a rooming-house into a commercial hotel.

The St. Helens Milling Company spent several thousand dollars in the construction of a modern steel wood-burner. The Methdist Church was rebuilt. The School Board provided a school gymnasium and the fire department built a large athletic club hall.

The postoffice quarters were doubled. A decision of the Supreme Court gave to property owners clear right to valuable building and business property fronting on the river, known as the Strand.

MARS—COME, NEVER MIND A LITTLE THING LIKE AN EARTHQUAKE.