

MANY STILL LIVE IN RUINS OF AVEZZANO

Desolation Reminds Observers of Battlefield After 100 Days' Bombardment.

SUPPLIES ARE POURING IN

Scores of Survivors Almost Starve Before Help Comes, Though 100,000 Bushels of Grain Are Buried Under Debris.

AVEZZANO, Italy (via Rome), Jan. 17.—Twenty thousand bodies, it is semi-officially estimated, are buried under the fallen walls of this earthquake-ravaged city. Rescuers believe there still are many living beneath the tons of debris and desperate efforts are being made to rescue them.

Most of the irregular masses of stone have not yet been touched with pick or shovel. This is the fault of no one, because it would take a thousand workmen several days to turn over and excavate what has been slowly quarried and built up during centuries. Captain Pisani Vettori, who has charge of the relief work here, estimated that there are 15,000 dead in Avezano, Capelle, Magliano and the villages in this immediate district. Up to mid-night Saturday only 500 bodies had been taken from the ruins. These were laid out irregularly in open spaces all over the city.

Supplies Are Pouring In. Supplies are pouring into Avezano. Trainloads of timber also arrived, as well as tents for 12,000 persons and materials for illumination.

In the midst of this desolation, which reminded correspondents who had been at the battlefield of Soissons after 100 days bombardment by German and French artillery, are camp fires, around which parties of survivors are cooking army rations which have been distributed to them. They sit shivering in the sharp winter air on this high table land of the Apennines. "In a square," said Captain Vettori, "I saw a father place the bodies of his wife, three sons and three daughters. I think that was the saddest incident I have seen. One little boy stood beside the father as he arranged the bodies. The child seemed not to realize what had happened. This man, so terribly afflicted, stares vacantly at those who speak to him. He has not eaten for two days."

Wheat Buried Under Debris. Scores of survivors were half starving yesterday before food arrived from outside, although the fallen walls of Prince Torlonia's granary, there were 100,000 bushels of wheat.

The correspondent of the Associated Press, going about last night with two soldiers bearing torches, came across the bodies of a family of seven, father, mother and five children. There was a ghastly row of more than 100 lying in the splendid villa of Prince Torlonia, in which were found the bodies of 32 domestics and employees on his estate. Neither the Prince nor any member of his family was in the great country house which was destroyed. There were 32 schoolmasters in Avezano before the earthquake and only four survived, while only one of the 15 schoolmistresses is living. All the professors are dead.

Massive Walls Are Levelled. Churches with massive walls, the ancient castle of Orsini, new structural steel and brick business blocks—all were leveled by the earthquake, which lasted only 21 seconds. The castle of Orsini was used as a local administrative building. Twelve gendarmes happened to be in the guardroom when the earth rocked. Eleven were killed and the twelfth was seriously injured.

A railway carriage had been transferred into a residence and officers of the authorities, who wish to leave all available tents for the survivors. Another car is used as a telegraph office.

Valuables already removed from the ruins are estimated to be worth \$4,000,000 and it is expected that much more will be found as the excavation continues.

QUAKES STILL CONTINUE

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The church, apparently undamaged. Above the debris in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, which destroyed, hangs the undamaged crucifix.

Rev. B. M. Tiplie, of Syracuse, N. Y., pastor of the American Methodist Church here, has organized a committee to aid those suffering from the earthquake. Dr. Tiplie himself has gone to the earthquake zone, where he is visiting every afflicted village where it is possible to distribute aid.

Miss Martha Vickery, of Leland Stanford University, and Miss Alice Lieberman, of Shattuck, Pa., directors of the Grand Institute of the American Methodist Church, have lent their villa to the municipality. This villa recently was occupied by the two women as a school. It is equipped with 80 beds and the rooms are flooded with sunshine.

TREMORS CONTINUE AT SORA

More Than Thousand Victims Believed Still Buried in Debris.

SORA, Italy, Jan. 17.—(Via Rome).—Slight earth tremors have not ceased here and the local authorities say that not a single house in town is safe for occupancy. Captain Fusi, who is directing the work of rescue, is convinced that more than 1000 victims are buried in the debris.

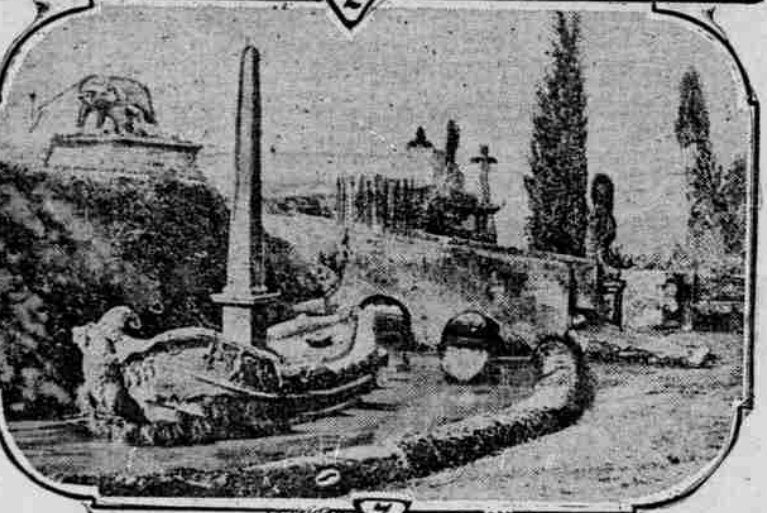
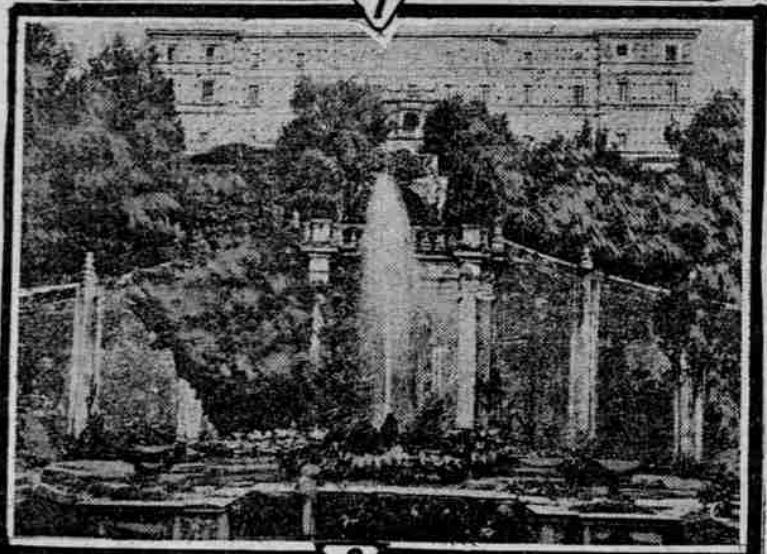
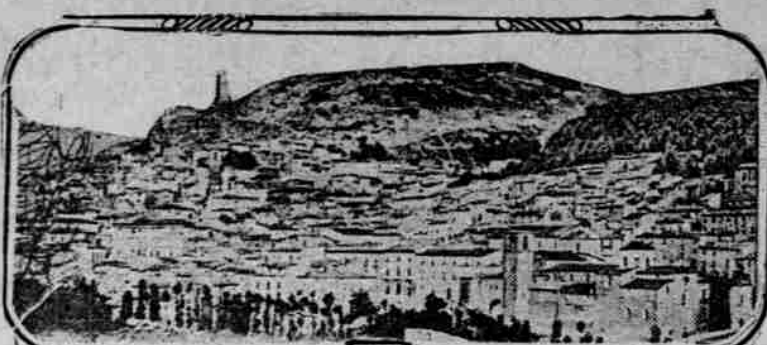
The church of Santa Restituta, protectress of the town, was full of worshippers when the first shock occurred. Members of the congregation rushed out, thereby saving their lives, for a moment later a second shock leveled the edifice, destroying everything except a statue of a saint, which was injured. The peasants believe they were saved by a miracle.

Mountain Village Destroyed.

PESCOLOLIDO, Italy, Jan. 17.—In this village, high in the mountains, a short distance northeast of Sora, the ravages of the earthquake have been severely felt. Many of the houses which clung to the side of the mountain were completely demolished, their location on the precipitous crags rendering their destruction more complete than in the cases of the houses in the valleys. The population was greatly dejected over the loss of their all.

It is feared the loss of life in Pescocolido has been great. Two hundred persons of its population of 1100 are reported to be missing. Here, as everywhere else in the earthquake zone, the people are without shelter and are suffering acutely from the cold of the mountains, whose summits, only a few hundred feet higher than the village, are covered with snow.

SCENES IN ITALY'S QUAKE-SHAKEN ZONE.



1. View of Pescara, Where More Than 4000 People Were Killed. 2. Ponte Gregoriano (Tivoli), Which Was Destroyed. 3. Villa D'Este (Tivoli), a Prominent Residence, Destroyed by Quake. 4. Villa D'Este (Tivoli), a Park Scene.

KAISER RULES AISNE

Generals Victorious at Soissons Are Decorated.

ATTACK SURPRISES FRENCH

Advantage Lost to Germans Temporarily, After Violent Hand-to-Hand Fighting, Is Regained Under Emperor's Eyes.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 17.—Emperor William, who witnessed the battle north of Soissons, in which the French were driven back across the River Aisne, decorated on the field General von Lochow and Lieutenant-General Wislura, who commanded the victorious troops. On General von Lochow he bestowed the Order of Merit and on Lieutenant-General Wislura a command of the Order of the House of Hohenzollern.

According to the German accounts of the fighting the French during the past month had occupied the region of Soissons a network of trenches on the right bank of the Aisne, which extended away to the north. On January 13 the French commenced a heavy bombardment in which the Germans suffered severely, some of their trenches being wrecked and their machine guns buried.

The following day the French attacks had penetrated into the German trenches from which they could not be driven. Heavy fighting, man against man, followed day and night until January 11, the Turks battling bravely with rifle, bayonet and knife.

The authorities say they are not opposed to street speaking and did not offer any protest until the spokesman of the transients began to upbraid a number of Roosevelt citizens. Sympathizers of the Industrial Workers today attempted to distribute a semi-anarchist publication about the city, but were stopped by the police. The I. W. W. say they are bound for Salem to file a protest with the State Legislature. If necessary, they say, they will serve "Mulligan stew" on the grounds of the State Capitol.

JOHN D'S. PARTNER DIES

L. V. Harkness, Extensive California Land Owner, Passes.



HOLISTON, Cal., Jan. 17.—L. V. Harkness, an early associate of John D. Rockefeller in the oil business, died today on a ranch near here. He was 64 years old and formerly had his home in New York City. Mr. Harkness was an extensive owner of California lands and, it is said, paid the largest income tax west of Chicago.

Mr. Harkness had been ill for several weeks, suffering from infirmities incident to his age. A specialist from San Francisco was summoned several days ago, but the decline into which the patient had fallen could not be checked.

For six weeks the aged millionaire had been living at Palmdale, an estate owned by his son-in-law, Dr. H. J. Macomber, 15 miles south of Holiston.

Professor Sheldon to Speak.

"The Teaching Profession in Germany" will be the subject of a lecture tonight by Professor H. D. Sheldon, who will speak in Room B, Library. The lecture is one of the series of University of Oregon extension course addresses that are being given this winter. The meeting is open to the public.

PASTOR PLEADS FOR UPRIGHT OFFICIALS

"Elect Swine and You Will Have Pork Barrel," Says Dr. F. L. Loveland.

"POLITICIAN" IS SUBJECT

Rector of First Methodist Church Declares Progressivism Holds Sway and Democratic Ship of State Is Rocking.

"As long as you elect a lot of swine to office, you will have a pork barrel," said Dr. Frank L. Loveland, pastor of the First Methodist Church, last night in discussing "The Politician, the Problem of Public Efficiency."

"The initiative, the referendum and the recall—these are blows at political inefficiency," said Dr. Loveland. "These are indictments of the old system. We are going to demand in future that before a man runs for office he shall show his fitness for the position, and shall prove himself efficient."

"Both church and state are now asking themselves, 'Is the battle to come from within or without?' The politician of today is facing the problem as to whether the things we prayed for and fought for, such as liberty and wealth, shall not prove the undoing of the Nation. The church not long ago had no wealth, but now it is beginning to tremble in the possession of the things it once prayed for."

Progress in Decade Noted. "This Nation of ours, I think, will never die at the hands of wicked war. For we were born in the midst of battle, but the question is whether Socialism and political firebrand will not smother us."

"I question rather the good sense than the piety of the pastor who holds all-day prayer meetings on the date of the primary elections. While the church is praying the Republicans nominate Budweiser and the Democrats nominate Anheuser, and we have to take our choice between them."

"The past 10 years measured the period of the passing of the old-time politician and preacher and the ushering in of the new. When the history is written of the time when Democracy became Democratic and Christianity became Christian, that story will deal with the beginning of the 20th century."

"The past 10 years have been the beginning of progressivism in this country, but by progressivism I do not mean any political party. We are beginning to ask whether our politics are efficient and whether our churches are efficient. We are beginning to ask why, in the midst of plenty, so many hands are idle."

Plea for Efficiency Made.

"I read a half-column statement recently of a Senator from Multnomah County who proposed to cut the salaries of all state officials 20 per cent in the interests of economy. When the railroads have a big job to be done they want a big man and they pay him a big salary. But they demand efficiency. The corporations pay a high-priced man is the cheapest. The American people are willing to pay good prices for good goods. The demand is for efficiency. The American Nation will always be ready to pay the bill, but we are not ready to be robbed."

"The old ship of state is rocking today. Our task is to see that modern Democracy does not commit harakiri. The battle is from within. The type of life that is seeking to shape American affairs is one that holds too little to the old ideals our fathers knew."

"There was never a time when you ought to take heed of your doctrine as today. Public morals, decency and efficiency should be your guiding stars and not a party shibboleth. These should drive you forward and not a party lash."

Oregon City Rector Says Farewell.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Tonight Rev. C. W. Robinson preached his last sermon as rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, before leaving for New York, where he will take up post-graduate work in Columbia University. "The Value of a Soul" was the topic selected by Rev. Robinson. But brief mention was made of his plans for the future. Rev. Robinson will leave Oregon City with his family next Thursday. He will attend the reception to Bishop W. T. Sumner in Portland.

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