DISASTER TAKES 32,069 LIVES DURING MONTHS OF 1905

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HEN 1905 takes its place in history, it will figure not only as the year of Mukden and Portsmouth-of war and peace. It must also claim attention on the scroll of recorded fact because of its appalling record of disaster. Nineteen four had brought violent death to 6141; the toll demanded by 1903 had been \$625-but the twelve-month just dead went far seyond either of these with a frightful total of 22.069 ..

This includes no accident, however tragic, which brought not at least five deaths in its train. It takes no account of the ravages of war-not of that Mukden which dwarfed 200 such holocausts as that of the Iroquois Theater or of those Russian massacres which have counted their victims by the thousands. Merely the "nsuni" fatal happenings of a busy world have shown one short year an average loss of 2672 lives a mosth, 617 a week, and nearly 88 a day.

Death at the Threshold.

hold. On January 1, the barque "Marpesia" was blown up at sea, bringing 11 fatalities to form the first item in that longest list of the year's disas-For maritime accidents have since New Year's day numbered 63. 12 Hailway collision near Rigon, N. M. with 1493 deaths, though it is to be 15 Fire New York City of Spidend and the Spidend orth has to show has in 1905 been surpassed in mortalities by both

table is due solely to the two most 21—Mine explosion, Governor, England 22—Rathway collision, Shawner, Tonn. 22—Rathway c China, snatching away within seven of 19,330 lives, was bad enough, but the earthquake which visited British In-

Only three times within a century has the world known a tremor worse in its appalling results. St. Pierre (1902) nimed 20,000; Peru and Ecuador in Aleppo lost 20,000, But, barring only 12these, the disaster which centered on April 3, with the death list total- 15-Ac

27,906 in Sixteen Days.

These two, then, contributed mainly to that fearful sum which 1955 has seen built up, but read the 15 items which follow them on the disaster roster. Human life is, indeed, "of uncertain certainty."

April 3. Earthquakes in Southern British India ... 14,428 These two, then, contributed mately

Natal July 2 Cloudburst above Guanajuato, Mexico Mexico
Sept. 7. Edythquake in Calabria, Italy
Aug. 27. Hurrican off Motto Isle.
Corean Channel
June 18. Mine explosion at Khartaisk. Russia Sept. 11. Fire and explosion on the 'Mikasa' Sept. 26. Typhoon over the Philippine Sept. 26. Typhoon over latands Anell S. Reservoir collapse, Madrid, Spain
June 2. Reservoir collapse, Pinetown,
Natal
May 23. Fishing-beat foundered off

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182 follows might roudily become more ter rible, were all these other figures available at this time. Below is the year's full list, giving the

1-Sleigh struck by train, Hornellaville, 3-Wreck of syster-boat, Cambridge, 12-13 Extreme cold in Oklahoma, L. T. tental asphysiation, Cleveland

Total

479 2-Avalance above Quessarvillgrafen,

on April 5. With the Board and the Common of the sort since the mediaeval days of the Explosion on British submarine A 5. Queenstown Harbor - To Landalbo, Gretto Ferrata, Raly - 18—Bine cave in near Pottsville Fa. 18—Fire, Howe Brook Plantation, Houl-

15-Storm along Irish and English counts
16-Sibhing at sea of schooner Pearl.
18-Mine explosion, Rush Run, W. Va.
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18-Corlapse of Lyric Theater, Santiago de Chill
29-Fire and explosion, since factory,
Brocknon, Mass.
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22-Powder explosion, Princeton, Ind.
25-Caysine of pleasure craft, near
Rockledge, Flu.
26-Landstide at Semiin, Hungary.

exact dates of the ndshappenings, as well as the number of fatalities accruing from

"THE GLORIOUS FORTH

Pa.

24-Capsized ferry, River Minho, Spain
25-Schooner Georg Stage rammed by
steamer Ancona, Copenhagen.

26-Collision of train and trolley near
Baltimore

July.

1—Capsizing of sailhoat. Dublio Hay.

1—Tenemuni fire. Williamsburg. N. Y.

2—Condituret. Gunzajuato, Mex.

Naphtha explosion and fire. Rome.

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Wind storm, Milan, Haly.

S—Tornado over Montague and Nacona,
Texas

—Sinking of lifeboat of Typic near

Constitucian. Chili.

Sinking of French submarine, Sizerta.

Total 1,396

July.

1—Capsiring of saliboat, Dublin Ray 6

When Virtues Are Conquered, the Game Becomes Spiceless-By Marcus W. Robbins

bor, Pa. September. 1 Burnting flywheel, McKeesport, Pa., 1 Railway wreck at Witham, Eng.... 1 Capetaing of ferryboat, Morecambe Bay, Eng. 2 Wreck of schooner Pearl off Alaskan 2—Wreck of schooler reari on Analysis on State of Schooler Penning China 9.0 1.3—Storm over Lake Superior.

2—Fire in foreign quarters of Afrianople, Turkey.

4—Carstains of pleasure-boat, Boologne harbor — Lamistide, Havre, France.

7—Lamistide, Havre, France.

8—Explosion of Rand Mills, Connellsytile, Fa.

16 Boiler explosion, Pinconning, Mich... 17 Wreck of trawier Lincoln off the 21-Landstip on Mount San Paoline, Sle-21 - Railway collision, Mount Bolly
Springs, Pa.
22 - Fire, Jacksonville, Fla.
25 - Hailway collision, Paoli Station, Pa.
25 - Fireworks explosion, Green Point,
N. V. 28—Cyclone dver Maimesbury, Cape Town, Africa. 30—Steamer Lebo strikes floating mine I - Earthquake at Kalu and Mandi, British India 5 Landsite at Spence's Bridge, Vancou-October.

G-Quarry cave-in near Troy. N. Y.
G-Building collapse. St. Petenburg.
G-Wreck of achoaner Van Name & King
off South Carolina
G-Gale off the coast of Japan.
T-Ballway wreck near Rostoff-on-Don,
Eussia
9-Pleasure-boat capsined, Garraneen

Total

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25. Steamer Zuria wrecked on South Rocks, Heltgoland.
29. Mine explosion near Pittsburg, Pa.
30. Railway collishin. Casey, Ia.
30. Railway wreck near Kannas City.
31. Cave-in in gangstone nine, near Beilaire, O. November.

4 - Mine explosion, Vivian, W. Va.....

4 - Tornado over Mountain View, Okia.

8 - Rallway collision, Hunlock's Creek, 13—Mine cave in Johannesburg South
Africa
14—Wreck of steamer Ravaria, Monongahela City, Pa.

sion, Japanese flagship

December.
1-Wreck of steamer lin H. Owen, Lake 1-Burning of pullboat, Middle River, 2-Rallway collision near Aranjuas,

Wreck of steamer Lunenberg, near Magdalien Isles, R. C. T. Rallway collision near Rock Springs, Wyo. Wyo.
7 - Sinking of steamer Fram, Christiana Fjord, Norway.
11 - Flat house fire, New York City.
12 - Residence fire, Lindsey, Fa.
13 - Wreck at sea of achooner Florencia.
15 - Wine atoem over Venice, Italy.
15 - Powder explosion, Vancouver, B. C.
16 - Nitro glycerine explosion, Marquette, Mich.
16 - Residence fire, Red Lake Falls, Mon. Mich.

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22. Oreally in mige at fromwood, Mich.
23. Mine fire near Pachuca, Mex.

The Record by Months and Days. It needed nothing beyond the South In dian earthquakes to make April by far

the most fatal of the months; even its fellow in Calabria and the storms which devastated the Tonquin Delta, and the Philippine and Marshall groups, failing to raise September to within 2000 of that April total, June and July, respectively third and fourth on the list, differed one from the other by only one life. The rest fall away from August's 66 to October's 20%.

The Labore-Mysore disaster, again, has made the third of the mouth the most fatal of dates; 14,5% all told, leading the Second of the month by 3305. The 39th was least disastrous, seeing but 11 killed during its 11th appearances. In the number of accidents rather than in lives lost the third has to show 14, against the 15th 15: the 29th and 31st witnessed

ably well marked. Just half of its ar pearances were free from deaths. 145 fail-ing during the courses of the other six. Also can almost anything be proved by the record of the Fridays, Forty-two accidents befel on this black week-day, putting the period to 1277 lives-but then 22 Fridays passed unmarked by any un 'had" and four "good. n the Marpesia on New Year's day was followed by the sinking of the Natorig-awa (94) on Lincoln's birthday; by an Iceland storm and a metropolitan asphyxiation tragedy on April Fool's day (21); a Colorado mine cave-in on Decoration day (5); an explosion as well as the usual mortality due to fireworks on Independence day (ISS); and, on Labor day, the capsizing of a pleasure craft in Boulogne barber (7)—326 lives in all on those half dozen days when the American world at least lays by its cares and labors.
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myself and her defeat rather rankled braid, and fuss and feathers cut no los.

There are no street parades, and junkers the night of Thanksgiving was one are scarce.

The night of Thanksgiving was one George B. Cortelyou, the present Post of the clear, bright nights that Eastern Oregon is famed for and I thoroughly enjoyed the five-mile ride to
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out. She had had the same ambition as ments work. Here brass buttons, gilt