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TIDAL WAVE AND QUAKE KILL 75,000

FRISCO DISASTER OUTDONE IN SOUTHERN ITALY AND SICILY

Terrific Loss of Life and Property Along Straits of Messina.

REGGIO AND MESSINA ALMOST WIPED OUT

One of the Worst Holocausts of the Kind in World's History.

(By Associated Press.)
MONTE LEON, Calabria, Dec. 29.—The town of Palmi was practically destroyed and also the town of Bagnara. The dead at Palmi is over one thousand and it is impossible to estimate the number of injured.

(By Associated Press.)
ROME, Dec. 29.—Tidal wave at Rhioisto was twenty-five feet high.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 29.—A special from Rome says the Pope has been notified that the entire religious communities at Messina and Reggio, including the bishops, priests, monks and nuns have been wiped out by the earthquake and fire.

(By Associated Press.)
PALERMO, Dec. 29.—Refugees from Messina say that there were one hundred foreigners at the hotel Trinacria and all lost their lives. The hotel was completely obliterated. It was patronized almost exclusively by tourists.

(By Associated Press.)
Messina was destroyed in 1783 by an earthquake and forty thousand people in that city perished.

(By Associated Press.)
ROME, Dec. 29.—The Minister of Marine at 5 p. m. received a wireless estimating the dead in Messina at fifty thousand. No news has been received from Reggio.

(By Associated Press.)
ROME, Dec. 29.—The disaster in the province of Calabria and the island of Sicily today assumed staggering proportions. Messina alone reports twelve thousand victims and it is feared that this is only a partial list of the dead and wounded. Reports from other towns estimate the dead from five hundred up to several thousand.

Reggio is isolated and it is impossible to get word from the stricken city and the silence gives rise to fearful apprehensions.

Vandalism of the worst kind is prevalent and the looters are being shot on sight. Officials in many places are among the victims and much disorder prevails.

Soldiers have been stationed at many points and are doing good work in rescuing and restraining the people who are panic-stricken. Martial law will be declared.

Messina spent a night of horror, fire succeeding the earthquake. Many courageous acts were performed by soldiers and citizens alike. Toward morning, several of the worst fires were extinguished.

The finest palaces, churches and theatres in Messina are heaps of ruins. The devastation of the entire district has been more or less complete. No part of the province of Reggio di Calabria escaped.

The disturbance was most severe along the shores of the straits of Messina where the cities of Messina and Reggio are situated.

The tidal wave which completed the destruction by the earthquake,

RULERS RUSH TO THE SCENE

King and Queen of Italy Will Aid in Relief Work Among Stricken People.

(By Associated Press.)
NAPLES, Dec. 29.—King Victor Emmanuel will at once proceed to Calabria and to Sicily to assist in the work of rescue and relief.

Queen Helena has refused to allow her husband to go alone since the disaster and consequently both, she and the king left Rome this afternoon for the south.

HELP RUSHED TO MESSINA

Refugees From Stricken City So Maddened by Horror That They Can't Describe It.

(By Associated Press.)
PALERMO, Sicily, Dec. 29.—Railroad communication with Messina has been restored and a trainload of refugees came in today, but they were so maddened by terror that they were unable to give any account of the catastrophe. All agree that Messina was destroyed and that the victims will number into the tens of thousands. A trainload of doctors, nurses and hospital equipment has gone from here to Messina. The refugees declare the entire country around Messina is devastated. Telegraph reports coming from all parts of the island of Sicily add to the horror of the situation.

Reggio is described as a vast sepulchre.

RUSH SHIPS TO SCENE.

England and France Hasten to Extend Aid.

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, Dec. 29.—The Minister of Marine has ordered several French warships to proceed to Messina.

(By Associated Press.)
MALTA, Dec. 29.—Three British warships sailed for Messina today to render every assistance possible to the survivors of the disaster. A number of other British vessels are already on the scene.

Messina In Ruins.

A dispatch from Palermo says the number of dead at Messina as a result of the earthquake and tidal wave yesterday, is estimated at twelve thousand. Scores were imprisoned in the ruins and owing to the inadequate means of rescue must perish.

Other dispatches from Messina place the dead at even more appalling figures. The Tribuna publishes a telegram estimating the loss at 75,000 persons.

Premier Giolitti has received a telegram from Deputy Felice at Messina which confirms the reports of the complete destruction of Messina by the fire following the earthquake. The deputy says the dead at Messina must be counted by the tens of thousands.

(By Associated Press.)
ROME, Dec. 29.—The Tribuna estimates the total casualties in Calabria and Sicily will be between sixty and seventy thousand.

PITCHED BATTLE IN VENEZUELA

Battle Between Gomez and Castro Factions Results in Twenty Deaths and Many Being Wounded.

(By Associated Press.)
PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Dec. 29.—Fighting is in progress at Maracaibo on the Venezuelan coast between the adherents of Former President Castro and the crew of a gunboat working in the interests of the new president, Juan Vicente Gomez. About twenty men were killed and many wounded. The Gomez party was obliged to withdraw temporarily but later returned and resumed the engagement.

ALLIANCE AND M. F. PLANT IN

Steamships Arrive From Portland and San Francisco After Rough Trips.

The Alliance arrived last evening from Portland after one of the roughest trips she has had this season, a severe southwest gale fighting her progress from the time she crossed out over the Columbia river bar until she entered Coos Bay. The M. F. Plant also arrived yesterday and while the southwest wind was favorable to her progress, she was badly tossed about by the rough seas.

Alliance Incoming List.

The Alliance's incoming passenger list was as follows:
Mrs. Smithers, W. C. Osborn, Mrs. E. K. Carey, Fred Kraul, H. Florrich, J. S. Thornton, Mrs. Thornton, V. Kamelo, C. S. Hallon, M. Mann, J. Schultz, P. Preston, E. Johnson, S. Miller and twelve steerage.

M. F. Plant Arrives.

The incoming passenger list of the M. F. Plant from San Francisco was as follows:
L. W. Shaw, Mrs. Shaw, E. N. Smith, Jas. H. Noble, Jas. H. Savage, Mrs. Nasburg, Herbert Lockhart, Mrs. Lockhart, A. I. Hall, Robert White, Mrs. F. Beal, A. E. Whan, Leah Taylor, Bessie Taylor, Dinnie Taylor, E. D. Taylor, E. Kellog, J. A. Wilson, T. Dawb, Alvin Taylor, Bill Taylor, A. Pallui, Thos. Martineux and eighteen steerage.

California and Sicily will be between sixty and seventy thousand.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 29.—A special dispatch from Canzora says that only a few thousand out of the entire population at Reggio escaped death or injury. Martial law will be instituted in the earthquake zone. The population of Reggio was fifty thousand.

RED CROSS HELPS.

Issues Appeal for Funds to Care for Victims.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—The American National Red Cross today sent out telegraphic requests to all its branches for relief funds to be applied for the earthquake sufferers in southern Sicily.

SORROW IS EXPRESSED.

Roosevelt Sends Telegram to King of Italy.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—President Roosevelt through the state department today sent to King Victor Emmanuel of Italy a dispatch expressing the sympathy of the American people over the disaster which has befallen Southern Italy and Sicily.

TOURISTS ARE CAUGHT.

Seventy English and Thirty Germans Victims.

(By Associated Press.)
ROME, Dec. 29.—The Minister of Interior received a telegram from Messina that seventy English travelers and thirty Germans were buried in the ruins of the hotel Trinacria.

DIFFER OVER THE FRANCHISE

Seymour H. Bell and Coquille City Council Unable to Get Together.

Seymour H. Bell returned today from Coquille where he has been negotiating with the city council for an electric power and light franchise. They were unable to get together and the negotiations have been temporarily called off.

Mr. Bell says that the council refused to pass the franchise in the form he desired and that he would probably reject the one that the council there enacted. He is given thirty days to accept it. He said there was not much difference between them, only about forty cents per light but that he had offered them the best he could do.

Mr. Bell says that he is rather discouraged trying to do things down here and that he will leave Thursday morning for Washington and Idaho which will be the scene of his operations during the summer.

He says that the new electric plant here will be completed within a week or so.

GET \$5,000 IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Masked Men Hold Up County Treasurer at Woonsocket and Escape.

(By Associated Press.)
WOONSOCKET, S. D., Dec. 29.—County Treasurer Michael Meier was held up and robbed in his office last night by two masked men, of \$5,000. The robbers escaped but posses are on their trail and it is believed that they will be caught soon.

THREE KILLED IN COLLISION

Fourth Man Injured In Head-On Wreck On Big Four Today.

(By Associated Press.)
KNIGHTSTOWN, Ind., Dec. 29.—Three were killed and one seriously injured in a head-on collision between two freight trains on the Big Four, near here, today.

Warranted Axes at MILNER'S.

German cough syrup for colds and coughs at the RED CROSS.

Cross cut saws at MILNER'S.

Hunting licenses expire December 31. Renew them at THE GUNNERY.

Steamer BREAKWATER sails from Coos Bay for Portland SATURDAY, 7 A. M.

HARRIMAN PROMISES TO GET BUSY VERY SOON

SILVER CITY FIRE SWEEP

Idaho Mining Town Badly Damaged By Conflagration Early Today.

(By Associated Press.)
BOISE, Ida., Dec. 29.—Eight business buildings in Silver City, a leading mining camp of Southern Idaho, were destroyed by fire and dynamite today, with a loss of \$40,000 with practically no insurance. The fire started in a Chinese restaurant. The dynamite was used to prevent the spread of the flames.

JOHN B. DULLEY DIED MONDAY

Coos County Treasurer and Pioneer Succumbed After Long Illness.

COQUILLE, Ore., Dec. 29.—John B. Dulley, the Coos county treasurer, died yesterday after a long illness. He was one of the best known pioneers of Coos county, having come here nearly sixty years ago. He was 84 years old.

The funeral arrangements have not been announced and probably will not be announced until all of the members of the family are communicated with.

The county court will probably appoint a county treasurer today to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Dulley for a long time had been troubled with paralysis of the throat and tongue, it becoming so bad that he could scarcely talk audibly for a year or more.

Orvil Dodge in his history of Coos and Curry counties gives the following sketch of Mr. Dulley:

"John B. Dulley, one of the oldest settlers in Coos county, was born in Pennsylvania in 1824. He was the father of nine children. Mr. Dulley came to Oregon in 1850 and finally settled at the junction of the north and south forks of the Coquille river where W. E. Rackleff's mill now stands. There were few settlers on the river, hence the improvements were scattering but rapid advancements were made after the arrival of Dr. Hermann and his band of people who were determined to hew out homes in the lovely valley and those who have survived note a wonderful change in the country that was then but little short of a wilderness.

"Capt. Harris was classed by Mr. Dulley as a great friend of the people who arrived on the scene for the purpose of settlement. No settler in early days applying to him for help was turned away, his genial heart and open hand are remembered with gratitude by scores who enjoyed his hospitality. Mr. Dulley was proud to be called a pioneer and the early settlers of Coos are equally gratified to acknowledge him as one of the first to make way for civilization.

"He represented Coos county at the state legislature and was always held in high esteem by the citizens of Coos county. Mr. Dulley laid out the town of Sumner, a nice village on the Coos Bay and Roseburg wagon road, at the head of Catching Inlet, and gave it the name of that famous statesman, Sumner, who was famous throughout this land."

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Era of Railway Building Will Open In Oregon In Near Future.

MANY NEW LINES ARE BEING PLANNED

Coos Bay-Drain Line Not Mentioned But Must Be Included In Operations.

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—A Chicago special to the Oregonian says: "Oregon bids fair soon to come into its own with respect to transportation facilities. Alarmed over the activity of other railroad corporations in surveying and constructing lines of road through various portions of the Pacific Northwest, Edward H. Harriman and his aids have decided actively to occupy all of the territory in the Northwest which bids fair to become of value from a traffic standpoint. Plans have been perfected by Mr. Harriman for the construction of between 750 and 1,000 miles of railroad in the state of Oregon alone, and that surveys have been ordered of a great deal of territory which is now without means of transportation. Julius Kruttschnitt, director of maintenance and operation for the Harriman lines, and J. D. Isaacs, consulting engineer for Mr. Harriman, have recently returned from New York, where these plans were perfected. It is admitted by the Chicago officials that there are such plans, but it is stated that the management is not yet ready to give out detailed information regarding them.

Cross-Oregon Line Planned.

It is a fact plans were well under way more than one year ago for the construction of an east and west line across the State of Oregon, but the financial depression sidetracked them. This much is admitted by Mr. Kruttschnitt, who also says:

"Of course other lines will be built in the state of Oregon, but not just now. The financial situation will have to clear a little before all of the work which has been planned or is being planned will be begun. As soon as these projects are ripe I shall be glad to give them to the public, but just now nothing definite can be said about them."

It is well known among Mr. Harriman's lieutenants that his Summer vacation spent in his new lodge on Pelican Bay on the Upper Klamath Lake, had a good deal to do with his determination to give the state of Oregon more transportation facilities. At that time all of the Harriman operating and traffic officials spent some time at the lodge and it was then that the comprehensive campaign of railway construction in the state was laid out. The entire ground was gone over personally by Mr. Harriman, who at that time agreed to build several lines in the state.

"Agreed" is the proper term, for the agreement was with the governor of the state who spent some time at the Harriman lodge last August. At that time the governor and Mr. Harriman had a long, heart-to-heart talk regarding railroad affairs in general and the Harriman system affairs in particular. It is understood that Mr. Harriman informed the governor that he desired to be known to history as a great railroad builder, one who had made possible the full development of hitherto unproductive territory by the construction of the best railroads possible under modern science of railroad building.

Accordingly he is said to have asked the governor what, in his judgment, the state of Oregon needed most for the next few years to make a commensurate development of the state's resources necessary. The governor outlined then and there several lines of railroad building.

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