



AMERICA WILL SEND IMMENSE SUM TO STRICKEN ITALY

Liberal Response From Every City is Received

PORTLAND HAS \$2,000

\$50,000 of Surplus San Francisco Disaster Fund Will Be Given

BRITISH CONSUL INJURED

Report Also Received at Washington That Ninety Americans in the Trinacria Hotel at Messina Have Perished.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The British consul at Messina reported injured and his wife and children are dead. Ambassador Griscom at Rome says it is reported that 90 Americans in the Trinacria Hotel at Messina which is said to be totally destroyed. It is known, however, that some of the guests escaped. Griscom has dispatched consular officer to earthquake region the information.

\$50,000 From Frisco.
The executive committee of the American National Red Cross today decided that as the California relief of the society in connection with the San Francisco disaster will terminate tomorrow \$50,000 from the surplus of the fund that work now in the hands of the Red Cross to be appropriated for relief of the sufferers in Southern Italy. This money may be transmitted tomorrow through the State Department direct to the Italian Red Cross at Home.

Red Cross Busy.
From all parts of the country the Red Cross are receiving reports of the work for the relief of the Italian earthquake sufferers. From many cities and towns and from individuals in every section, come reports that the funds are being collected and it is expected that citizens of the United States will subscribe an immense sum to aid the stricken people in Southern Italy.

Griscom Will Send All Information.
Every effort is being made by the State Department to obtain news of all Americans citizens in the earthquake zone of Italy. Ambassador Griscom at Rome was directed to cable promptly any information obtainable and send some of the American vice-consuls in Italy to the scene of distress to render whatever aid possible. The State Department was

advised that the winter tourist season has not yet fully begun in Sicily.

Many From Stricken Land.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—Of 30,000 Italians in San Francisco about 8000 are from the districts which has been stricken by the disaster which has befallen their country. Many came here leaving part of their families behind and grief suspense prevail in many homes. Committee is composed of the Italian consul, presidents of four Italian banks, and 20 Italian societies and the editors of Italian newspapers have been formed to aid the Red Cross collecting money for relief of the sufferers.

Portland Has \$2000.
PORTLAND, Dec. 30.—Public subscriptions have been opened in this city for the relief of the Italian earthquake sufferers. Colonel David M. Dunne, who was chosen by the Italian residents of this city will act as treasurer. The relief fund reports nearly \$2000 subscribed today before committees were really organized. Colonel Dunne has selected the Hibernia Bank as the depository and the money collected will be telegraphed to the Minister of Finance at Rome.

Ambassador Issues Proclamation.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Baron Edmondo Mayer Des Planches, Italian Ambassador to the United States, tonight issued a proclamation to the Italian people of the United States appealing to them for aid for suffering countrymen in the earthquake region.

Messina on Fire.
ROME, Dec. 30.—Messina is a furnace. The straits of Messina are now choked with corpses of men and animals. At present time 12 warships, for Italian, four British and four Russian as well as a number of smaller war vessels and steamers are in the vicinity. Reggio cannot be reached by land and the coast is so torn and rent that it is impossible to approach by water. Frightful looting and pillage at Reggio is going on.

Horrors Grow.
NAPLES, Dec. 30.—Time only confirms the unspeakable horrors of the overpowering catastrophe earthquake. History perhaps never will divulge its supreme individual tragedies for the earth and sea ruthlessly claimed thousands of human beings and the flames mercilessly completed the uncompleted devastation. Naples, vibrant with the memory of Vesuvius, is prostrated anew at the misery and woe from Messina, confided to her care. The hotels and home are crowded with refugees and people vieing with one another aiding the stricken. The disturbance extended along the Eastern coast of Sicily nearly 1000 miles.

Progress Slow.
CATANIA, Dec. 30.—The latest news from Messina says that some progress is being made in the work of succoring the wounded survivors but

no attempt is being made to remove the wreckage. Troops and sailors have been obliged to shoot down the robbers who persisted in looting. The entire amount, \$2,000,000, of the Messina branch of the Bank of Italy, has been saved and is aboard an Italian warship. Fires have not been put out and there is no water with which to combat the flames.

Russian Ship Arrives.
NAPLES, Dec. 30.—The commander of the Russian battleship Majharoff who arrived here with refugees from Messina brings word that Arthur S. Cheney, the American consul at Messina and wife, died under the debris of the consulate.

Emperor Gives \$10,000.
VIENNA, Dec. 30.—Emperor Francis Joseph has contributed \$10,000 to the relief of the earthquake sufferers.

RACE RIOT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Italians and Swedes engaged in a race battle last night 60 feet underground. Over a hundred police were summoned and finally separated the combatants and placed three ring-ladders under arrest. The fight started when a Swede accidentally knocked an Italian off a scaffold into a sandpit. About 20 men joined in the fight before it was over.

CHICAGO HAS TROUBLE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The Chicago Law and Order League wants the lid clamped down upon the annual carnival of lawlessness which it says has become the distinguishing feature of Chicago's New Year's eve celebration. Chief of Police Shipley declares that his force is too small effectively to stop the noise and general disorder. He announces, however, that the laws will be enforced as far as is reasonable and practicable and that liquor must not be sold after 1 o'clock in the morning.

W. L. MATHUES DIES.

MEDIA, Pa., Dec. 30.—Former State Treasurer William L. Mathues died suddenly this afternoon at his home here. One of the men recently sentenced to the penitentiary in connection with the Harrisburg capitol scandal. Physician states that pneumonia caused death.

INSURANCE COMPANY TO RECEIVERS

THE WALLA WALLA CONCERN HAS LIABILITIES EXCEEDING \$50,000.

ASSETS CLAIMED \$400,000

The Company Say Their Assets Exceed Liabilities But They Cannot be Turned Into Cash Therefore Receiver is Necessary.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 30.

—John W. McGhee, assistant secretary of the Walla Walla Insurance Company was today appointed receiver of that company on application of Holland Parker Co., creditor to the extent of several thousand dollars. In answer to a complaint, states that liabilities exceed \$50,000, but the assets exceed \$400,000, though they cannot be turned into cash. A confession is made that the receiver is necessary because of suits threatened in about 25 states.

MAKING A WAR DEPOT.

HONOLULU, Dec. 30.—The plans for the extensive fortifications which the United States is constructing at Diamond Head have been changed slightly. Two tunnels are now being driven from the fortifications through the wall of the mountain to the center of the crater to connect the fortifications with the observation stations.

LIST OF DEAD GROWING

Earthquake Victims in Italy Now 110,000

MESSINA WIPED OUT

Fire Follows Quake and City is Reported to be a Mass of Ruins

REGGIO CANNOT BE REACHED

Frightful Looting and Pillage Going on at Reggio—Scenes of Horror Visited by King Victor and Queen Helena.

ROME, Dec. 30.—The immensity of the disaster in Southern Italy and Sicily can be measured only by the fact that it is now estimated that 110,000 persons perished in Messina and Reggio alone. Scores of other towns have been devastated and thousands of victims in these places must be added to the roll.

Telegraphic communication has been re-established with Messina but messages that have come over the line, though meagre, show hope is gone. Nothing remains of the city but a mass of ruins that have been swept by fire. Of Messina's 90,000 population it is believed fully 70,000 perished. Forty thousand people died in Reggio.

King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena were in Messina today. The king, reckless of personal safety, explored the ruins. The queen spent the day in improvised hospitals visiting the wounded many of whom have lost all that was dear to them. Both king and queen were frequently moved to tears by the scenes that met their eyes.

The Minister of Marine tonight received word that the steamships Taormina and Campania loaded with 45,000 beds and a large supply of provisions have left Genoa for Messina. Other steamers are also on the way to the stricken cities with supplies from other ports.

Late dispatches state that the city of Palmi contains 1500 dead, twice as many are injured. All the villages adjacent are destroyed.

WHY NOT CHARGE?

Tuberculosis Exhibit in New York Short of Funds.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Unless aid is promptly offered the International Tuberculosis Exhibit which has been opened in this city for several weeks past, and been visited by thousands daily will have to close. The committee on the prevention of tuberculosis has announced that all of the \$21,000 appropriated partly by the city and partly by generous citizens has been exhausted. Although originally planned to close much earlier, the universal public demand was great it was wise to extend the time of the exhibit until January 17, 1909, but to do this \$16,000 is necessary. The attendance to date has exceeded 450,000 persons.

SWEPT THE DEBT AWAY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Pursued and captured by waiters after he had eaten a meal in an uptown cafe which called for a payment of \$5.85, which he was unable to pay, a well dressed young man who said his name was Richard DeLaurey, volunteered to make good his bill by sweeping. As the proprietor saw no other means of collecting the debt the stranger was put to work in the kitchen.

OLD SOLDIER DEAD.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The funeral of Captain Bartholomew Quirk, a Civil War veteran, who died yesterday on the eve of his fifty-second wedding anniversary, will be held Friday. His death removes the last of six brothers, members of the famous Irish brigade, mustered in under command of Colonel Mulligan. All served with distinction.

NO TAFT CLUBS.

AUGUSTA, Dec. 30.—Taft has effectually put a quietus on the plan to organize "Taft clubs" throughout the South. Taft doubts the wisdom of such a course and is supported in the contention by Hitchcock, the Republican national chairman.

HALTS THE DUKE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—One of the most sensational attempts to interfere with the right of a diplomat to do as he pleases occurred when the Duke of the Abruzzi was visiting in Washington. Accompanied by the Italian Ambassador, the Duke went for a motor ride in Maryland along what is known as the "Conduit road." This road was built and is maintained by the Federal government and follows the course of the conduit which brings the capital's water supply from the Great Falls of the Potomac.

In its course the road runs through a small hamlet known as Glen Echo, and the village had recently elected as its marshal a young man who did not propose just a trivial thing as international law should stand between him and his duty as he discerned it. When the Duke and the Ambassador came scorching along, therefore, they were promptly halted by the marshal who proposed to place them under arrest for violating the laws of the sovereign State of Maryland.

The situation was really serious for a time and threatened diplomatic complications with Italy, but it finally was adjusted to the satisfaction of everybody except the Glen Echo marshal. Disgusted at his inability to place royalty under arrest, he resigned his job and became a streetcar motorman in Philadelphia.

TRADE WILL FEEL EFFECTS OF QUAKE

NEW YORK MERCHANTS ARE GRAVELY WORRIED FOR THEIR BUSINESS.

MESSINA SENDS OLIVE OIL

Estimated That Italy Imports About \$50,000,000 Worth of Merchandise to America and About \$10,000,000 Worth of it From Stricken District

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Impressed not only from humanitarian reasons by the earthquake in Italy, merchants and importers in this city who had relations in the stricken districts are greatly worried at their inability to get into communication with correspondents there. It is estimated that of the \$50,000,000 worth of merchandise imported to this country from Italy, at least \$10,000,000 worth came from the district now practically in ruins. Messina is a great depot for olive oils and wines, and a great variety of foodstuffs comes from Calabria. The effect on trade will evidently be far-reaching. As far as can be ascertained, no steamships which run from this port to the Mediterranean were any nearer the earthquake zone than Naples, hence sustained no damage.

EXPLAINS EARTHQUAKE.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 30.—Professor W. H. Brewer, of Yale, today stated that he believed the earthquake in Sicily was due to conditions as those which caused the San Fran-

JAMES A. FINCH CONVICTED OF MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE

cisco quake, namely, a fault in the earth's surface. He thought that what has been described as a tidal wave was a disturbance of the bottom of the straits which caused a recede and then rush back, terribly engulfing land that had slipped.

DISCUSS DIVORCE.

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 30.—Arguments by expert students of the social conditions took sides for and against divorce, made lively ending of the meeting of the American Sociological Society here today.

NIGHT RIDERS' WIVES TESTIFY TO ALIBIS

NOT PERMITTED TO SPEAK IN HUSBANDS' BEHALF, HOWEVER.

MURDERS WERE ALL PLANNED

Evidence Introduced Shows That Half of the Population of Reelfoot Spent Night of October 19 With the Other Half.

UNION CITY, Dec. 30.—Although the wives of some of the accused night riders are not allowed to testify in behalf of their husband today, they were permitted to testify to an alibi for other defendants. As the evidence was introduced, it became evident that half of the Reelfoot population spent the night of the murder, October 19th, with the other half. The state admits that but offers another explanation. It contends that the various male inhabitants of the families, knowing they were going to kill Rankin and Taylor, took their wives to the house of friends in order that the women might not be left alone.

BUCHANAN ARRIVES.

CARACAS, Dec. 30.—W. I. Buchanan, special commissioner of the American government to the government of Venezuela, arrived at Caracas today from La Guayra. He was given a cordial reception by officials of the new government. It is decided to begin at once a series of conferences on the question of the re-establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and Venezuela.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The police department and the Law and Order League has joined hands in a crusade to prevent society women from gambling. The edict applies to cinch, whist and euche parties, in which the trophies are cutglass and china-ware, as well as to bridge and poker parties in which high monetary stakes are the prizes. It is declared that private residences as well as public halls will be raided if necessary.

AL KAUFMAN WINS FROM JIM BARRY

Latter's Seconds Throw up Sponge in Thirty-fifth Round of Slow Fighting

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30.—Al Kaufman of Los Angeles, won from Jim Barry of Chicago in the 39th round of a 45 round fight before the Jeffries Athletic Club tonight. Barry's seconds threw up the sponge when their man was all but out. Slow as it was Barry had the best of it up to the 30th round when his strength began to fail him. Neither showed championship form and both took a lot of punishment.

Jury Returns Verdict After 28 Minutes

FINCH IS HARD HIT

Judge Bronaugh Announces That He Will Pass Sentence Saturday

MAY GO TO U. S. SUPREME

Convicted Man Declares From His Cell That he Will Fight His Conviction to the United States Supreme Court.

PORTLAND, Dec. 30.—James A. Finch, the slayer of Ralph B. Fisher, late prosecutor for the State Bar Association, was convicted of murder in the first degree at 3:26 o'clock this afternoon, after 28 minutes' deliberation, by the jury. Only one ballot was taken. Finch was visibly affected when the verdict was read, but soon recovered his equanimity.

Judge Bronaugh announced he would pass sentence on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock and after the customary motions had been made by the defense, Finch was led to a steel cage in the county jail reserved for prisoners convicted of murder in the first degree.

Finch, from his cell declared, later in the day, that he proposed to fight his conviction clear to the United States supreme court and though they will not be able to for two years to come.

When court opened today Deputy District Attorney J. J. Fitzgerald began the closing argument for the prosecution. His address was but little over an hour in length. He summarized the case from the standpoint of the State and then turned upon the lawyers for the defense, who, yesterday bitterly arraigned the attorneys for the State, and denounced Finch's counsel in vitriolic language. Judge Bronaugh declared his charge upon the convening of court at 2 o'clock; he required little less than an hour for its delivery handing the case over to the jury at 2:58 o'clock.

The crime for which Finch stands convicted was as wanton and atrocious as has ever been committed. Finch, who was recently disbarred by State Supreme Court for a period of a year, on complaint of the Bar Association, held the idea that Prosecutor Fisher was inspired by vindictive motives. Finch went to the prosecutor's office on November 28th, and without warning, shot Fisher, attacking him from the rear.

22 BODIES REMOVED.

ROANOKE, Dec. 30.—The latest news received from the Lick Branch coal mine disaster says that 22 bodies has been removed. Eighteen crawled out of the mine unaided and five were brought out alive by rescuers. It is now believed that 35 to 50 remain in the mine, but little or no hope that any of them are alive.

URGENT APPEAL TO ALL OREGONIANS

Governor Chamberlain Issues Proclamation Requesting Relief Funds for Earthquake Sufferers

SALEM, Dec. 30.—Governor Geo. E. Chamberlain tonight issued the following proclamation: "To all the people of Oregon: The terrible calamity which has visited the people of the Southern part of Italy and adjacent islands has excited the tender sympathy of the whole world. Following in the wake of the most terrible earthquake, fire and famine threaten with destruction the remaining population of the devastated section unless necessities and people be promptly relief. Oregon has never been slow in responding to calls upon her generosity and I appeal to her sons and daughters to come to relief of the afflicted of other lands as promptly and as generously as their ability will permit. Remittances sent to Colonel D. M. Dunne, of Portland will be received and forwarded at once to the sufferers." (Signed), "GEO. E. CHAMBERLAIN, Governor."