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MANY TOWNS IN ITALY ARE NOT YET HEARD FROM

Feared When Reports Received List Will Swell

LUPTON MAY BE DEAD

American Vice-Consul at Messina Reported to Have Perished—Not Credited.

ROCKEFELLER SENDS \$10,000

American Red Cross Has Approximately \$100,000 For Earthquake Sufferers and Much of the Money Has Already Been Sent to Rome.

ROME, Dec. 31.—The estimates of the death toll of the earthquake now cease to concern the Italian people. It is enough to know that the catastrophe is overwhelming. The figures would add nothing to the grief of the stricken nation, nor a move to greater effort of those on whom the work of relief and rescue has fallen. Most important of all now is the question of the living. Thousands of those who escaped the falling walls or swell of the tide, are now starving, without food or shelter. They cannot long survive their sufferings. The latest reports at Rome state that there had been many intermittent shocks following the first of which the greater part of the destruction is attributed.

The British warship Minerva reported by wireless that two severe shocks occurred at Messina last night. Professor Riccio, director of Mount Enna observatory states that his instruments recorded 42 distinct shocks after the first but that during the last 12 hours the instruments had been almost motionless. Etna and Stromboli are quiet and he is positive that the earthquake is not of volcanic but of geological origin, similar to that of 1785. The horror of the situation in Messina and Reggio grows with every fresh dispatch. One of the correspondents places the death toll throughout at 300,000 but this appears to be extreme. Others make their outside estimates at 200,000, but the official estimate as made by Minister of Marine still holds at 115,000.

Relief expeditions that have been making their way to Reggio have encountered tremendous obstructions all along the route. They report 18 provincial villages besides those already mentioned in Calabria as having been completely ruined. This would indicate that the earthquake did not confine its work of havoc to the coast. What has become of inhabitants of those villages is not known. Those that were left alive after the destruction of their homes doubtless joined

the great army of refugees seeking safety or having fallen by the wayside. Calabrian coast for 30 miles has been torn and twisted. From Bagnara to Reggio, a distance of 25 miles, the country is half demolished. Assistance has reached but few of the villages and they are practically without supplies of any kind. At one place pruning knives are used to perform operations. Thieves infest the country as the despair of the unaided villages is complete. Hunger supplies is the motive for the shocking violence and robbery.

Anarchy Prevails.
REGGIO, Dec. 31.—The state of most frightful anarchy prevails. The mobs of ruffians roam among the streets giving full vent to their vilest instincts. They are pillaging the wrecked jewelry stores and banks and do not hesitate to shed blood of those who oppose them. A few soldiers who escaped unhurt have been impelled by admirable spirit of discipline to organize patrols of their own initiative. They are endeavoring to protect the property that was left intact, but the criminals fight them. The number of criminals has increased to such an extent that the soldiers on several occasions have been forced to fire on them. It was only after a pitched battle in which several killed that semblance of order was restored. All entrances to the city or what is left of it, are guarded by soldiers.

STRANGE KILLING OF SEATTLE MAN

SHOT DOWN WHEN HE TOLD STRANGER THE WRONG TIME OF DAY.

FILIPINO DOES SHOOTING

George A. Brown Killed by Joe Nicholas, a Man Whom he Had Never Before Seen, Dies Later of Injury.

SEATTLE, Dec. 31.—George A. Brown, who was shot down in the streets of Port Blakeley Tuesday night died in this city today. He was killed for no other reason than that he told Joe Nicholas, a Filipino, the wrong time of the day and endeavored to correct himself a second later. So far as he could tell he had never seen Nicholas before. Mrs. Brown was at his side when the shot was fired.

HAVE BIG TIME.

PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—The year 1909 was ushered in tonight with the accustomed bedlam of cowbells and tin horns, accompanied by shouts of tens of thousands of merry-makers who paraded the principal streets from shortly after nightfall until after midnight.

KENTUCKY CITIZENS ON WAR PATH

Jackson Terrorized by Armed Bands—County Judge Takes to the Woods

JACKSON, Ky., Dec. 31.—This town tonight is terrorized by armed bands of Sheriff Ed Callahan and of James T. Deaton and Rash Sabastain for the shooting of whom Callahan is to be tried. The main street lies between the court house where the Callahan faction is located, and the general store of the late Judge Hargis, in

which are the Deaton's. In the woods near Lost Creek is County Judge Taulbee, declaring he will not return to try Callahan unless the governor sends troops to protect him from the two bands of armed men in Jackson. Governor Willson is out of the state and Lieutenant-Governor Cox has so far refused to send troops.

THANKS AMERICANS.

Baron Also Gratiated For Aid Rendered by Red Cross.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Baron Des Planches, Italian Ambassador, called on Secretary Root and Assistant Secretary Bacon today and expressed gratitude of his government and people over the sympathy of the United States with Italy. The baron was profoundly gratified for the aid rendered through the American Red Cross.

Red Cross Active.
Active work on the part of the American Red Cross was characterized today when approximately \$100,000 already available by it from previous funds and those that have been promised, much of it has been already cabled to the American embassy at Rome to be turned over to the Italian Red Cross.

Lupton Reported Dead.
Ambassador Griscom has cabled from Rome that a local newspaper has a telegram from Messina that Stuart K. Lupton, the American vice-consul there, is dead, as well as Consul Cheney. Some doubt is expressed at the State Department as to correctness of the report because since the disaster a message has been received from him.

Rockefeller Gives \$10,000.
John D. Rockefeller today telegraphed \$10,000 to the Red Cross for the earthquake relief fund.

ITALY IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—It is expected that all the Italian organizations combined is expected to send at least one million dollars to the earthquake sufferers. None of the American fire insurance companies does business in Italy, it is said, and only a small sum is carried by British concerns.

FIGHT STOPPED.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 31.—The Hart-Schreck fight was prevented by police officials this evening. It may be pulled off secretly.

NEW TROUBLE BEFORE CHICAGO POLICE

STRONG DESIRE AMONG THE WOMEN FOR GAMBLING IS APPARENT.

MAY PLAY DAY AND NIGHT

Women Neglect Their Homes and Families to Visit Gambling Halls—Law and Order League is Kept Busy.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Detectives of the Law and Order League were busy last night collecting evidence of gambling on the part of women in various halls throughout the city. The entrance of the detectives turned the assemblages into mass meetings denouncing the so-called "spotters."

The women in their indignation gave the detectives valuable information concerning the other games. They urged the detectives to visit a certain West Side game, promising them that the women who conduct it would throw them down the stairway. "This gambling among women of all classes of society," said Arthur Burroughs Farwell, of the league, "has taken such a strong hold upon them that they neglect their homes and families. Some of them play both afternoon and evening and we shall be compelled to arrest some of them before they will stop."

PULLMAN PEOPLE LIABLE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Judge Seawell decided yesterday that the franchise of the Pullman Company is exactly the same as that of any railroad corporation, and must pay the state \$36,519.93, its delinquent taxes.

BURTON IS EASY WINNER

Will be Named by Acclamation for Senator

SUCCEEDING FORAKER

All Opposition to His Nomination Disappears—C. P. Taft Withdraws Name.

FORAKER ADMITS HIS DEFEAT

Advice Received That Roosevelt Was Alarmed Last Fight Between Taft and Burton Would Give Foraker a Chance of Re-election.

COLUMBUS, Dec. 31.—All opposition to his nomination having disappeared during the last 24 hours, Representative Theodore Burton will be named by acclamation for United States Senator succeeding Joseph B. Foraker, at the Republican caucus called for Saturday afternoon. C. P. Taft, brother of the President-elect, formally announced his withdrawal from the race today. All other candidates followed. Foraker learning that the delegation from his home county of Hamilton, pledged to Taft, would be turned over to Burton admitted for the first time that he is no longer in hope for re-election. Within two hours all of the "favorite sons" and "dark horses" have been swept from the field and Burton was left supreme.

The caucus Saturday so far as it has to do with the nomination of Senator will be perfunctory. Burton's election will come on Tuesday, January 12. He will serve out his congressional term ending March 4. There was talk that Taft might again be a candidate in 1911 and would have the support of the United party if he so desired, but Taft declared he had no thought of what the future might hold and did not desire his friends to drive a bargain.

Former State's Attorney Wade H. Ellis returned today from Augusta where he went to consult with the President-elect and brought a reply from him. Advice has been received at Augusta that Roosevelt was alarmed lest the fight between Taft and Burton would give Foraker a chance of re-election. In spite of this, however, it is expected that President-elect sent word that so long as his brother's believed he could win he desired they would stand by him. He would not have anything done that would injure the party in the state.

C. P. Taft, with the assurance, his friends say, of 35 votes as against 38 claimed for Burton, was reluctant to withdraw. Late yesterday, however, he determined to get out of the race. Taft and Burton parted today in cordial relationship. Burton called on Taft and the latter repaid the courtesy. Burton also called on Foraker.

RECEIVES FIRST WIRELESS.
Minister of Marine Has Dispatched a Torpedoboot to Ascertain Facts.

ROME, Dec. 31.—The Vita states that a wireless message from the straits of Messina reports that Lizard Islands, a group of volcanic islands near the coast of Sicily have disappeared. The total population of these islands numbered 28,000 and must inevitably have perished. The minister of marine has rushed a torpedo boat to ascertain the facts.

Towns Still Unheard From.
There are still numerous small villages in Calabria from which no news has been received. Many of

them are inaccessible and it is feared when reports come in they will only swell the fatalities. Every fresh dispatch received is monotonous in its recital of death and desolation. The same heartrending story doubtless will come from practically every village and hamlet in the doomed area.

Hotels Collapse.
It has been impossible to ascertain whether there were many Americans at the hotels in Messina. The Hotel France collapsed and 60 guests were killed. It is said none of these are American. The Continental Hotel was destroyed but it is said no Americans were there. Almost all the guests at the Hotel Trinacria, including J. C. Mertens, the Swedish consul, are dead. Nothing has been learned definitely as to the number of Americans in that hotel, which was the leading one of the city.

DIRTY AND DANGEROUS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Eggs filled with carbolic acid were hurled at a taxicab last night driven by James McGregor, a non-union driver employed by the New York Taxicab Co. McGregor successfully dodged the missiles, but several struck his cab. The matter was reported to the police but the guilty persons had not been arrested early today. Marks of the acid were visible on the vehicle. The hurling of the eggshells filled with acid is believed by the police to have been inspired by the now waning strike of chauffeurs and cab drivers.

GRAND AUTO SHOW.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The ninth annual international automobile exhibition opens here this evening at the Grand Central Palace. There will be more than 300 exhibits, comprising machines and equipment valued at more than a million dollars. The racing cars, it is expected, will attract the greatest attention and among them there will be the Fiat in which Wagner won the recent grand prize at Savannah. The Benz car, in which Hemery took second place, will also be on view.

PRESIDENT TO TESTIFY AT INQUIRY

REGARDING THE OPERATIONS OF SECRET SERVICE, SAYS SENATOR HALE.

SENATORS NEVER SHADOWED

Investigations Into the Secret Service Will Not be Conducted in a Sensational Manner—Inquiry to be Prolonged Until After March 4.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—That the proposed inquiry by the Senate committee on appropriations into the methods of the secret service will be comprehensive was stated today by Senator Hale, acting chairman of the committee. This announcement was called out in intimation that the inquiry might be prolonged until after March 4, to permit summoning of President Roosevelt before the committee as private citizen to testify regarding the operations of secret service.

Prefacing his remarks that the investigation will not be conducted in a sensational manner, Hale said that the work of the secret service has been greatly and startlingly amplified during the last years and it is this situation that has attracted the attention of the Senate in the foundation of its investigation. The President's message is only secondary in its importance as affecting this investigation. He says his report will not be limited as the answer to the message. He also said that there is very little in the Senate investigations that has to do with intimations that members of Congress in either House have been shadowed or spied upon by emissaries of the secret service.

GENERAL HAINS AND HIS WIFE ON WITNESS STAND

ROAD DEEPLY CONCERNED

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—President E. P. Ripley, of the Santa Fe, says the Interstate Commerce Commission in the inquiry now being made by that body into the lumber industry of the Southwest. It has been shown during the investigation that Mr. Ripley, as president of the Southwestern Land Company, was interested in the lumber situation in the Southwest, and that his road has built 130 miles of track in order to reach a mill owned by the Industrial Lumber Company, which had bought 65,000 acres from Mr. Ripley's land company.

AMERICA IS READY.

If Need be U. S. Battleships Will be Ordered to Italy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—A memorandum showing the location and proposed disposition of the Atlantic battleship fleet is now before the State Department, for use when the decision is announced to offer the Italian bereavement assistance of these vessels and their crews in caring for the sick and wounded. The matter has not yet been taken up with the Italian government.

JACOB MEYER PASSES TO GREAT BEYOND

AGED PORTLAND MERCHANT STRICKEN AT AN EARLY HOUR YESTERDAY.

AFTER VERY SHORT ILLNESS

Head of Big Portland Wholesale House Succumbs After Short Period of Unconsciousness—Family All Present at the Death Bed.

PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—Death has still the heart of one of Portland's greatest men. This morning, at 4:15 o'clock, Jacob Meyer, pioneer, constructive genius of the local business world, philanthropist and one of the foremost Masons of the West, breathed his last. The end was so peaceful, so painless that none who has ever stood beside the dying bed of a loved one and "caught the flutter of shadowy wings" could have wished for easier passage from the weighty cares of earth. From the moment when he was stricken, yesterday afternoon until Dr. Giesy turned to the anxious family surrounding the death-bed and whispered, "the end has come," the venerable patriarch experienced no suffering. Consciousness had fled with the fatal stroke, and he lay calmly, as if in slumber, and his passing was only the folding of the hands of sleep.

TROLLEY ROBBERS GET LONG SENTENCE

Judge Gantenbein Makes Quick Work in Jailing Al Miller and Herman Schwartz

PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—Landed in the penitentiary at Salem in 18 hours after the commission of their crime, is the speedy manner in which justice was meted out today to Al Miller and Herman Schwartz, the pair who stole a Rose City Park car last night after robbing the car. Judge Gantenbein sentenced Miller to 12 years imprisonment and Schwartz to 13 years. Following is chronological experience of the paid, ending with their incarceration in the penitentiary:
Robbed and stole a car at 11:30 p. m.; Miller was arrested at 1 o'clock; Schwartz captured at 2:45; arraigned, 10:30; indicted, 3 o'clock; pleaded guilty and sentenced at 3:30; left for the penitentiary at 4:15 p. m.

Testify on Behalf of their Son C. T. Hains

GIVE STRONG EVIDENCE

General Declared His Son's Wife Confessed That She Loved Annis.

WAS MENTALLY DERANGED

Both General Hains and His Wife Testify That Their Son's Mind Was Unbalanced at the Time of the Shooting of Annis.

FLUSHING, N. Y., Dec. 31.—General Peter C. Hains, of the United States army and his wife, who are the parents of C. T. Hains, now on trial as a principal in the slaying of Wm. E. Annis, were witnesses in their son's behalf today and testimony brought out full detail of the relationship of Mrs. Claudia Hains and William E. Annis, that caused the estrangement of Hains and his wife.

General Hains declared that in his presence and before his two sons, Peter and Thornton, the captain's wife made a full confession of her misconduct and that subsequently Captain Hains manifested such poignant grief from disclosures that his mental condition became affected. The confession which the general declared his son's wife had signed on the day following Hains' return from the west was read to the jury. The general made a strong witness for his son and counsel for defense asserted tonight that evidence was conclusive and that Captain Hains was mentally unbalanced when he shot Annis and that the act was his sole doing. The general will be under cross-examination again Monday.

Through the wife of General Hains, who wept many times during the story, the defense drew facts that Hains in his early life evinced physical weakness, which his counsel will endeavor to prove through three experts were pre-disposing to insanity.

General Hains was permitted to say that his father died from insanity. Justice Crane directed District Attorney Darrin, whose term of office expires tonight to continue as prosecutor in the case.

The direct testimony of General Hains was in no wise shaken by the long cross-examination. Justice Crane held that the general had only been permitted in his direct examination to state what he told the captain and what the captain had told him. General Hains said he never heard his son Thornton express any enmity towards W. E. Annis.