

# THOUSANDS INJURED AND DESTROYED IN APPALLING DESTRUCTION

(Continued from Page One.)

with clearers comes close to the sea. High up on the cliffs lay the great city of Taormina, which was founded in 735 B. C. Here were fortifications and a flourishing colony. Moia stands still higher and from it Mount Etna is in full view. Etna, which was once an isolated volcano, has completely filled the surrounding sea with lava and its regular cone projects beyond the circle of the Sicilian mountains. At its foot is a circle of towns and luxurious plantations. On the east flank of the mountain is the barren gorge of Valle del Bovo, at which the lava bursts forth. In ancient times the lava flowed into the sea and threatened Catania. In 1669 the south side of the mountain and Catania were devastated by the vast lava flow from the Monte Rossi. In the first half of the nineteenth century the lava broke through the district of Valle del Bovo. Lava streams of from six to ten miles in length, extending from 600,000 to 70,000,000 feet in area by no means rare on Etna. In 1868 the southern end of Sicily and was a port of export. In 1669 the eastern part of the town was destroyed. At this town was situated the observatory of the Italian government, whose especial duty was to report on the moods of Mount Etna. A newly completed railroad encircled the mountain.

## ITALIAN MARINER TELLS OF WHAT HE SAW ON THE SEA

(United Press Leased Wire.) Rome, Dec. 29.—The captain of the Italian ship Washington, which arrived at Palermo, Sicily, today, said he believed he was entering the Straits of Messina just as the first shock occurred. "The ship quivered as if she had lost one of her screw propellers, and immediately we were enveloped in a fog," he said. "We continued toward Messina, but soon came upon floating wreckage of ships and houses and furniture that was washed out to sea from the city. There was so much debris in the water that it was dangerous navigation and we escaped collision with the greatest difficulty. Soon many small boats about, filled with men begging for aid. We went in toward the city and stopped for a short time. It seemed the city had been utterly swept away. Near Gazi, the mayor of the town came out and met us in a small boat. He said 1000 had been killed and 500 injured."

## OPERA COMPANY TO GIVE BENEFIT AT LOS ANGELES

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Dec. 29.—Arrangements are being made by the management of the Lambarini grand opera company, who are filling an engagement here, to give a series of performances for the benefit of the Italian earthquake sufferers. Several members of the Lambarini company formerly lived in the devastated districts. Local Italians have already started a relief fund for the aid of their suffering countrymen.

## RED CROSS WILL ISSUE A CALL

(United Press Leased Wire.) Berkeley, Dec. 29.—Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president of the University of California, who is president of the California branch of the Red Cross, has issued a call for a meeting of the society. "The society will make arrangements for an immediate organized appeal for funds for the Italian earthquake sufferers," he said. "Committees will be appointed to undertake the work in a systematic fashion and the funds will be forwarded to the National Red Cross society at Washington to be sent to Italy."

## NEW YORK PLANS TO SEND AID

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Dec. 29.—Benefit performances for the Italian earthquake victims and survivors were planned today for early dates by the Metropolitan opera company. Many of the members of the company are from the devastated regions. Signor Caruso reiterated his intention of donating his week's salary of \$2,500 to the fund. Other operatic stars subscribed generously.

## SAN FRANCISCO PLANS FOR RELIEF FUND

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Roused by the increasing death toll reported from the Italian and Sicilian cities shaken by the great earthquake of Monday, and swept by a tidal wave, prominent Italians of San Francisco are planning the issuance of an appeal for contributions to aid the victims of the disaster. The knowledge of the suffering that the Italian refugees must undergo has deepened a devotion on the part of San Franciscans to aid in the work and contribution rolls will open this afternoon. Mass meetings are being planned.

**LOSS OF Appetite, Dizziness, Headache, Indigestion and Insomnia are Nature's warnings of impending sickness. Be wise in time—this very day—and take a short course of**

**HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS**  
CELEBRATED  
You'll be surprised at the good it will do you. It also prevents Colds and Grippe. Be sure to get a free copy of our 1909 Almanac from Druggist.

## FROM "A SICILIAN VILLAGE"

The following is from George Porter Fornal's "A Sicilian Village."  
"We admire the unrestrained grandeur of the Mount Etna scenery and great expanse of sea none the less for loving the sea and as long as we make a home on those mountains we should choose it to be on or within sight of that road. The very sound of the name of Taormina brings to our mind the thoughts of those sunny days in the Teatro Greco, peering through the promontory at the majestic mountains of 11,000 feet."

for the purpose of recording expressions of sympathy for the victims and public expression of condolence will be made probably tomorrow. Bearing in mind the contributions poured into stricken San Francisco in 1906, particularly the prompt aid sent from Italy, the citizens here are planning to raise a great fund. Mr. Taylor said today that he would appoint committees to formulate plans for aiding in the relief work and that he would announce them as soon as the appointments are made. Andrew Sharboro, president of the Italian bank and head of the local Italian colony, conferred during the morning with the Italian consul here and a subscription list in a Latin quarter will be opened immediately.

## ROOSEVELT SENDS MESSAGE TO KING

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Dec. 29.—President Roosevelt sent a cable message of condolence to King Victor Emmanuel today expressing the sympathy of the American people in the misfortune that has befallen the Italian government, and the American National Red Cross society would issue an appeal for contributions and would communicate with the Italian Red Cross.

## FRANCE GOES TO RESCUE WITH SHIPS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Paris, Dec. 29.—France today ordered the battleships Justice and Verite, together with three destroyers, to proceed to Messina under forced draught to aid in the work of rescue.

## NO NEWS FROM AMERICAN CONSUL

(United Press Leased Wire.) New Haven, Conn., Dec. 29.—Friends here have received no word from Dr. Arthur Cheney of Yale, class of 1889, American consul at Messina. It is feared that he may have been killed.

## MESSINA HAS BEEN DESTROYED

(Continued from Page One.)  
The food supply is insufficient and the army officials report that unless supplies are received almost immediately there will be many deaths from starvation. The wounded are being given attention by monks and nuns.

## WOMEN NERVOUS

The women are kept in a state of nervous fright by movements of the earth which have followed the big quake, so that practically nothing has been done since the destruction of Messina. The soldiers who have the town under martial law have forced men to work, but they have gone about the labor in a dazed fashion.

## CRIMINALS ATTACK

A refugee camp outside Catanzaro was attacked this morning by a band of half insane criminals who escaped from the prison when the walls were shattered by the quake. The fiends fell upon the women and children and stole from them the little trinkets that they wore. They showed no mercy for the women and children who were killed and not more than two escaped.

## NO WORD FROM TORPEDO BOATS

No word has been received from the Italian torpedo fleet which was off Messina at the time of the quake and it is feared that some of the ships may have been swamped and lost with all on board in the tidal wave. The naval minister has sent out boats to val. It is believed that the torpedo fleet undoubtedly would have been heard from by this time if they were not in the wave. The British battleship Exmouth, with the cruisers Euryalus, Minerva and others, has been ordered to proceed to Messina from the station at Malta. The tremor was felt throughout the length of Italy and even reached over the Alps.

## BEATS THIEF

(Continued from Page One.)  
as he was going over the edge of the window I grabbed him by the arm. I was trying to hold him with one hand and smash him in the face with the other. He struck several blows but he did not try to strike back at me.

## DOWN WITH THE LADDER

"Just then one of the rungs of the ladder broke and he and the ladder went to the ground, 12 feet away. He got nothing but an amethyst ring and a brooch, though he had gone through all my things. He struck several blows but he did not try to strike back at me. The burglar had first attempted to enter the Collins residence next door. Finding a ladder there he put it up to one of the second-story windows at the Dekum residence, but was unable to force the window. Then he dragged this ladder into the mecum yard, but finding under a children's tent a ladder which suited his purpose better he discarded the Collins ladder. The window he entered was the only one open at the house. At the Collins residence an attempt to enter was made Sunday night, but the burglar was scared away. The flashlight was turned over to the police by Mr. Dekum. It is fully charged and of the better class of flashlights.

## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION MEETING

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, Dec. 29.—The baseball magnates of the American association had a busy program ahead of them when they met in annual session behind closed doors at the Auditorium shortly before noon today. The scheduled business included the awarding of the championship pennant to the Indianapolis club, the election of officers, the appointing of a schedule committee and the choice of a chairman of the board of direct-

## TRAGEDY AND BURLESQUE

(Continued from Page One.)

pressions of opinion of what the "imaginary editor" might have said. All of this was done in the hope of evading the order of Judge Bronough in keeping newspaper accounts of the Finch case out of the trial. When Lord reached the climax and picked up the paper, the court interrupted.

## REBUKED BY COURT

"Mr. Lord, you have been particular to have the court instruct the jury that it must read nothing about this case in the newspapers. I do not wish the pains that I have taken to put in this respect to be rendered in vain at this time by the reading of newspaper accounts of the case. You are permitted to read newspaper accounts to the jury."

## WANTS ONLY JUSTICE

"All we want is justice," declared the attorney. "The American flag may as well be torn down as it is to be used if a man on trial for his life cannot have the evidence in his behalf presented to the jury. You can't convict poor Jim Finch, because you could not go home and face your families if you did. Some of you have poor mothers, and how would you feel? This old mother, with the wrinkles of a life that has few years to go, has nothing but her boy. If you hang him you hang them both. What good would it do to hang him? The justice of one man because of the sins of another, because one man died of his own foolishness, his own improvidence, his own carelessness, is a woman worth \$12,000. He was pictured by Lord as a penniless man, "without a dollar to his name."

## LORD OPENS ARGUMENT

Lord then launched out on the final argument for the first time, having to the contradiction of his opening statement by the testimony of Finch. He admitted that he had made some mistakes in telling what the defense expected to prove, and he said he hoped that this would make no difference to any of the jurors.

## UNCLE SAM IS THERE WITH A PEACEMAKER AND A WARSHIP

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Dec. 29.—The arrival of Special Commissioner W. I. Buchanan to treat on behalf of the United States with the officials of Venezuela, and the arrival of the Admiral Arnold at Guayra, were announced today in messages to the navy and state departments here.

## ISSUE OF CITY JAIL BONDS IS ASKED

but I know nothing about that. But this is fine justice and consideration by the district attorney for you. It is an indignation that you are dishonored you have been watched, sneaked, Pinkertoned. Here Judge Bronough interrupted by saying that there has been no evidence before the court that the jurors have been watched, and Lord was forced to desist from further incursions into the Pinkerton field.

## SPEECHES OF YESTERDAY

The first argument in the case on both sides was made yesterday afternoon and last night, an evening session being held after the court adjourned. Spencer, the special prosecutor, began his address to the jury at 2:30 o'clock and spoke for an hour and twenty minutes pointing out the inconsistencies of the defense, denouncing Finch as a cold blooded murderer who gave Fisher no chance for life, and making an effective plea for the penalty of the law. For nearly two hours in the afternoon of this night W. H. Holcomb harangued the jury for the defense. He spent much of his time abusing Spencer and in casting imputations in the manner in which the court conducted the trial. Several times he was rebuked by Judge Bronough, who threatened to order him for contempt unless he moderated his language.

Spencer appeared to enjoy the vituperation from the other side, and once in the manner in which the court conducted him, he informed the court that he had no objection to allowing Holcomb to make an exhibition of himself. The abuse of Spencer was grounded on the fact that he is an attorney for the O. R. & N., a "soulless corporation." Again and again he referred to the fact that railroad hiring that has come to try to railroad this man's soul to hell.

## MAKES JUROR WEEP

While Spencer was addressing the jury, Charles J. Fisher, one of the 12 men who must decide whether Finch shall live or die, wept when the prosecutor alluded to the tragic scenes in the manner in which the court conducted with set faces, but followed the words of the speaker with evident interest. The abuse of Spencer was grounded on the fact that he is an attorney for the O. R. & N., a "soulless corporation." Again and again he referred to the fact that railroad hiring that has come to try to railroad this man's soul to hell.

## INVITES GOVERNOR OF KENTUCKY TO INVESTIGATE CERTAIN "GOOD" CITIZENS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 29.—Berry Simpson, an alleged leader of the striking miners at Stearns, Ky., who fought deputy sheriffs and United States marshals, in a letter read on Christmas day to the United Press defends himself and declares the miners are unjustly pictured. Simpson writes that if the governor would investigate the troubles he would find that some "good citizens" were guilty of crime, instead of the miners.

## SQUARING AWAY FOR VENEZUELA

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Dec. 29.—The arrival of Special Commissioner W. I. Buchanan to treat on behalf of the United States with the officials of Venezuela, and the arrival of the Admiral Arnold at Guayra, were announced today in messages to the navy and state departments here.

## CHOKED TO DEATH

Is commonly said of babies who have died of the croup. How unnecessary this is. No child ever had the croup without having a cold or cough at the start. If you will stop the first symptom of the cough with Ballard's Horebound Syrup there is no danger whatever of croup. Sold by Skidmore Drug Co.

## ISSUE OF CITY JAIL BONDS IS ASKED

On motion of Councilman Cotel the ways and means committee of the council voted this morning to instruct the city attorney to prepare a charter amendment providing for a bond issue of \$250,000 with which to build a new city jail and municipal courthouse. The amendment will be submitted to the council tomorrow morning, and that body will decide whether or not the question of issuing bonds shall be placed on the ballot at the next election. Mayor Lane addressed the committee after Dr. Cotel's motion had carried, and earnestly recommended that before any further bond issues be authorized a sinking fund be created to pay off old ones. The committee will take up the sinking fund discussion this afternoon before it adjourns.

## SIMPSON SAYS MINERS WRONGED

(United Press Leased Wire.) Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 29.—Berry Simpson, an alleged leader of the striking miners at Stearns, Ky., who fought deputy sheriffs and United States marshals, in a letter read on Christmas day to the United Press defends himself and declares the miners are unjustly pictured. Simpson writes that if the governor would investigate the troubles he would find that some "good citizens" were guilty of crime, instead of the miners.

## RUNNING DOWN BRIBE RUMORS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Redwood, Cal., Dec. 29.—Unofficial charges of giving and receiving bribes of money having been made against the proprietors of the Northern road house, a gambling place at Colma, and certain county officials of San Mateo county, the grand jury of San Mateo is investigating.

## SAN MATEO GRAND JURY INVESTIGATES GAMBLERS AND COUNTY OFFICERS

It is asserted that gambling has been carried on openly at the Northern road house and that certain county officers have been bribed to overlook the alleged condition of affairs. George R. Smith, foreman of the grand jury, conferred with District Attorney Langdon of San Francisco regarding the matter.

## CHOKED TO DEATH

Is commonly said of babies who have died of the croup. How unnecessary this is. No child ever had the croup without having a cold or cough at the start. If you will stop the first symptom of the cough with Ballard's Horebound Syrup there is no danger whatever of croup. Sold by Skidmore Drug Co.

A. B. Steinbach & Co.  
A Brook Hat  
would make an ideal  
New Year's Gift  
The new greens in several different shades; THE BROOK comes in both soft and stiff shapes, over 50 styles to choose from—

THE PEER OF ALL \$3.00 HATS  
YOU MAN'S SILK AND OPERA HATS

The Eilers Way  
Better Pianos for less money

**B**ETTER pianos for less money, because the House of Eilers has greater buying power, better facilities for handling, a more perfect shipping system, and more complete arrangements for distribution over a wide extent of territory, than any other piano firm in America.  
Better pianos for less money, too, because the House of Eilers sells 72 3/4 per cent of all the pianos sold in this territory, all other dealers combined handling only 27 1/4 per cent, giving us an advantage in the matter of trade relations with the world's foremost makers that is not enjoyed by any other house.

**"The Eilers Way"**  
Of piano selling is the popular way—the liberal way. Small profits, quick sales, small payments, strictly one-price—every salesman's price the same, and the same to everyone, whether man, woman or child together with a guarantee that adds worth to the maker's warranty, so broad and substantial that there is no chance for dissatisfaction.  
And when you choose from the Line of Highest Merit, you select from the best pianos in the world—the Weber, Kimball, Hazleton, Steck, Hobart M. Cable, Bush & Gerts, Wheelock, Pease, Crown, Haddorf, Lester, Schumann-Story & Clark, the glorious Chickering, and other equally well-known and famous productions.

Eilers Piano House  
dispensers of pianoreliability  
THE HOUSE OF HIGHEST QUALITY  
Stores in Every Important City in the West  
353 Washington Corner Park  
READ THE SUNDAY JOURNAL  
LARGEST, BEST SUNDAY PAPER IN THE OREGON COUNTRY

# FORGOTTEN!

LEASE EXPIRES JANUARY 1. STORE RENTED OVER OUR HEADS

For weeks we have been negotiating for a renewal of our lease (five-year term), but owing to the fact that Olds, Wortman & King are about to build a large department store on the opposite corner from us, and the raising of all rents in this locality, we were unable to renew our lease on a basis satisfactory to us or within reason. Thursday we were notified that all further negotiations were off, and that our store had been rented to others.  
Our immense stock of the FINEST PIANOS AND PLAYER-PIANOS on the Coast must find homes immediately. "WE'VE GOT TO SELL 'EM, AND SELL 'EM QUICK."  
We know of no other store available suitable to our business, so have decided to give the public the benefit of our misfortune and a chance to buy fine pianos and player-pianos, in fact, our whole line of goods, at such SACRIFICE PRICES as were never dreamed of before in this or any other city. We must lose no time.

- \$900 Player-Piano for..... \$650
- \$750 Baby Grand for nearly ONE THIRD OFF.
- \$750 Player-Piano for..... \$545
- \$600 Upright Piano for..... \$412
- \$350 Upright Piano for..... \$235
- \$275 Upright Piano for..... \$172
- Square Pianos..... \$35, \$50, Etc.
- \$250 Cabinet Piano-Player..... \$45
- Another one..... \$65
- Slightly Used Upright Pianos, \$125, \$140 and \$165

NOTHING RESERVED—OUR ENTIRE STOCK TO GO AT THIS FORCED OUT SACRIFICE SALE

DO YOU WANT A TALKING MACHINE OR CABINET? If so, our prices will surprise you. This is your one REALLY GREAT OPPORTUNITY to snap up a fine instrument at a tremendous saving. Sale now under way—come early. Not necessary to pay all cash; we will extend liberal time payments to responsible parties. Open every evening.

**HOGGENDEN PIANO CO.**  
CORNER MORRISON AND WEST PARK STREETS