

FOOTPAD ROBBS WOMAN OF PURSE

Highwayman Neatly Dressed
and With Polished Man-
ners Holds Up Mrs. P. Lar-
sen on Twentieth and
Northrup Streets—Gets
32 Cents.

While returning home from her work at 6:30 o'clock last evening, Mrs. P. Larsen, a widow, employed as a tailoress by H. B. Litt, was held up, robbed of \$2.74 cents and frightened nearly out of her wits.

Mrs. Larsen is in the habit of walking from her work to her home, 489 North Twenty-third street, when the weather permits, and was walking rather quickly along North Twentieth street last night when she heard rapid footsteps behind her. A moment later a voice beside her said, "Hands up."

Mrs. Larsen says that the man she saw on turning her head was dressed respectably and appeared to be too much of a gentleman to be a thief. Therefore she hesitated a moment. "Have you got your money with you?" inquired the robber, handling a big revolver a trifle impatiently.

Mrs. Larsen, too surprised to say anything, simply handed over her purse. The polite highwayman thanked her and walked briskly away toward Northrup street. Then it was that Mrs. Larsen, realizing what had taken place, became frightened and to her amazement found that her throat was so dry that she could not possibly scream.

Tells Among Friends.
She hastened up the front steps of the nearest residence and asked for a drink of water. She does not know who the hospitable people were, but they insisted on her coming in and eating supper with them. It was from this house that the police were notified. Sergeant Goltz was sent to the scene and accom-

panied the victim of the robbery to her home.
Mrs. Larsen does not mind losing the 32 cents, but the loss of the half penny which she had carried for several years as a pocket piece spoils for her all the enjoyment of a first class holdup. The coin bore the picture of Queen Victoria as she looked as a girl when first ascending the throne. It was an old coin and the date was worn off. This, the police believe, will give them a clue to the polished highwayman. A silver thimble which Mrs. Larsen uses in her work was also in the purse which was taken. The pocketbook was of black leather about six inches long, with a brass clasp.

The robber is described as of slender build, about five feet eleven inches in height and good looking, according to Mrs. Larsen. The gun used in the hold-up was a large one and was held very close to the face of the victim.

Victim Tells Story.
"He put it so near my face," said Mrs. Larsen, last night, "that I could not have turned my head. Still he was so polite, so respectful in appearance that I couldn't believe at first that he was really holding me up. He didn't think you could hold up a woman. I told them about the affair and a man there called up the police station and told them about it."

"He must have been broke. I can't think of any other reason why he would do such a thing. He asked me if I had my money with me, and I just handed him my purse. He took it and said 'Thank you very much.' That's all, you may go now."

"I was badly frightened after it was all over and I went to the first house and asked for a drink of water. I don't know who the people were, but they made me come in and insisted that I take supper with them. I told them about the affair and a man there called up the police station and told them about it."

"The police sent a sergeant out and he came with me until we got to Thurnup street, about five blocks from here. Then I came on home alone."

GRAPHIC TALE OF ITALY'S HORROR

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ant, renders the atmosphere absolutely pestilential.

People Dumb, and No Help.
It is pathetic to see the survivors clustered stupidly, gazing at the ruins of their homes. Always there is the wailing of hungry children, vainly seeking their parents.

Reggio suffered two scourges. The sea quake destroyed the lower portion of the town and the earthquake ruined the higher parts.

I do not care to criticize the authorities, but I merely state that the most lamentable feature of the disaster is the fact that after four days almost nothing has been done to relieve the appalling miseries of the survivors. Already troops landed in the ruined towns are beginning to suffer from hunger, having brought insufficient rations to sustain themselves. The urgent necessities of the moment are sufficient men to bury or burn the dead, immedi-

ate succor for the wounded, and food for the survivors.

QUEEN HELENA SLIGHTLY INJURED IN THE PANIC

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)

Rome, Jan. 2.—Queen Helena was very slightly injured during a panic following a heavy earthquake at Messina last night, according to dispatches received here today from Signor Orlando, minister of justice, who accompanied the king and queen. At the time of the shock the queen was in one of the temporary hospitals and attempted to alight from the ambulance. She was not hurt, however, and the queen was caught in the open, sustaining slight bruises.

The king proceeded this morning to Scylla and Bagnara. Though seas prevented him from landing there, but he was able to go ashore at Catanzaro, which is lying in ruins, and also at Villa San Giovanni, which is in a terrible condition.

All the Injured Reached.
Subsequently he went to Reggio, where he conferred with Commander Canale. The injured have all been reached and many survivors have also left Reggio. Three thousand survivors yesterday. The work of conveying assistance to the inland villages has begun, but only bare necessities can be sent so far.

Conflicts with pillagers continue. A party of plunderers had a conflict with the troops and two soldiers were killed. The Duke of Aosta is slightly injured today at Palmi by the collapse of a wall of a wrecked building in the morning. The Duke was crossing the street when the wall fell and several flying fragments of stone and plaster struck him in the face and on the hands, inflicting several slight wounds.

Palaces Made Hospitals.
King Victor Emmanuel directed that the palaces at Naples, Caserta and San Ferdinando be placed at the disposal of the injured. Over a hundred victims are already at the latter place.

No news of the death of any American consul at Messina, and his wife and the members of the Pierce family, has been received from anywhere. J. H. Pierce was formerly American vice-consul at Messina. He perished with his wife and children.

Stuart K. Lupton, special vice-consul at Messina, is reported safe. He was seen tonight alive and safe, according to a hotelkeeper at the city.

The Archbishop of Messina, who was given up for dead, was found today in the ruins of the chapel of the cathedral. He had escaped injury in the crash of the building and had spent the long imprisonment in prayer.

Estimates of the Dead.
Professor Riccio, director of the observatory on Mount Etna, estimates the total number of dead at 200,000. In the Messina commune alone 115,000 are believed to have perished.

It is as yet impossible to obtain exact statistics of the number of dead, because all the bodies are not recovered. Ruins have not yet been recovered. It is equally impossible to make any accurate count of the survivors, for they are today scattered from one end of the country to the other. The only figures that can be given are reached by estimating the population before the disaster and subtracting therefrom the numbers that are supposed to have survived. The result is, of course, only approximate.

On this basis is made the estimate that about 25,000 people have left Messina and the Messina commune. The total population of the city and commune was about 165,000, and as there are about 15,000 people still in the district, the dead probably amount to 115,000. The victims are increasing daily, not only through the dying of the injured but also by many suicides.

The Pope Is Disturbed.
Pope Pius has added \$200,000 to his contributions for the relief of the sufferers. He has also ordered that he cannot possibly go to the scene and aid in the work of rescue. He is said to have expressed his belief that the earthquake is another continuation of the famous prophecy of Malachi regarding his motto, "Ignis Ardens," a burning fire.

The prediction was of disastrous calamities during the pontificate of Pope Pius, and the recent wars, eruptions, earthquakes and fire disasters at San Francisco, King, Valparaiso and in Calabria and the present calamity at Messina have so impressed his holiness that he is unable to eat or sleep and fears are entertained that his great age may have serious effects upon his health. He admits that he is wrong to be superstitious, but unable to help thinking of the coincidence between his motto and the calamities in which he sees the hand of God.

Injured Die Lacking Help.
The mortality in the stricken district of Italy, is far from complete. They were fortunate who died from the first shock. Messina and Reggio still quake. In the after throes of convulsion that threw them into ruins on Monday morning. Slight shocks are felt every few hours.

The injured are dying off, unrescued. In great numbers, wherever the piled up condition of the ruins makes it difficult to remove them. The overtaken rescuers have had to abandon such sufferers for more immediate cases of relief. Starving survivors assault the guards at the landing of provisions at the water front of Messina.

The king of Italy is sending repeated orders to Prime Minister Giolitti for more ships, more men and more supplies. The rescue equipment is utterly inadequate. There are no means of getting help to the stricken district.

Brins Their Only Tomb.
The presence of the unburied is rapidly making the position of the living untenable. Hundreds of tons of quicklime have been spread, with no apparent effect.

It is reported in Rome that as soon as there remain no more living in the ruins of Messina they will be bombed by the warships, that the dead may be as far as possible covered up by the remains of their dwellings.

Every hour's delay in the sending of supplies, workmen and quicklime, according to the grim word sent out yesterday from Messina, costs hundreds of lives. Quicklime is called for by the relief forces, even before provisions. Pestilence is making headway in the land of the calamity than starvation.

War vessels of England, France, Germany and Russia are busy leading every aid to the Italian authorities in their staggering task of relieving present conditions.

The returning United States battleship fleet is due to arrive at Messina on January 6. If it makes every effort at speed, it will take up its part there in the work of relieving the sufferers.

The funds raised for the relief work in many countries already run into several million dollars and yet it is feared the utmost amount that may be raised will fall short of what is needed. The Italian government, it is thought, will attempt to arrange an immediate national loan.

Search for the Injured.
A number of specially picked men are silently and slowly crawling among the ruins at Messina, looking for survivors that may indicate the presence of wounded persons still unrescued. They have acquired such experience in their hearing that they can detect the faintest murmur and thus buried victims of

the earthquake have often been recovered. The searchers on hearing a sound mark the place with a red cross and summons the salvage squad, which hurries to the spot and unearths the sufferer. Many have been almost miraculously saved, something having fortunately prevented the mass of debris from crushing them to death.

In some cases four or five bodies have been discovered heaped together, some dead and others living. Many of the rescued are in a horrible condition. Sometimes the mere exposure to the air brings to a close a life hanging by a thread, and sometimes the sudden restoration to the sunlight brings on blindness.

One man who had been taken out of the ruins unconscious, asked for bread when he recovered his senses, and died while eating it. The soldiers who were present took the Italian crust from the dead man's hand and gave it to a starving sufferer.

HALF MILLION OF RED CROSS FUNDS IN SIGHT ALREADY

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 2.—The American Red Cross had in its treasury about \$250,000 as a surplus from the contributions made for the relief of the San Francisco earthquake and fire sufferers. All of this surplus with the exception of \$100,000 has been made available for use in the relief of the Italian sufferers, and \$50,000 of it has been sent to the Italian Red Cross. Money for the Italian sufferers is now pouring into the Red Cross and \$120,000 of this specific fund has been forwarded.

It is believed the response to the first call from the Red Cross will total more than \$500,000. If the American Red Cross should learn that more than its total contributions to Italy is needed, it will send the remainder of the San Francisco fund, about \$150,000, to the Italian Red Cross.

Major General George W. Davis, chairman of the central committee of the American Red Cross, explained today that the contributions to the fund administered by the California Relief and Red Cross corporation was about \$2,000,000, received through the Red Cross and \$5,000,000 at large.

The surplus unexpended in relief work under the supervision of the Red Cross was about \$250,000. This surplus was returned to the Red Cross treasury and Red Cross officials think the charity that prompts the contribution for San Francisco sufferers will be met in its donation to the sufferers in stricken Italy.

The \$50,000 reserve is set apart for use in settling any claims that may grow out of the winding up of the affairs of the California corporation, which are now in litigation.

It has been reported to the Red Cross officials that the California corporation has in its treasury a balance of \$397,000 of the \$6,000,000 contributed through other channels in the Red Cross and this surplus the Red Cross has no control.

National Agent Becknell of the Red Cross has been sent to San Francisco to assist in winding up the affairs of the California corporation and straightening out the misapprehensions of the public. He will confer with the administration of the two funds for the relief of San Francisco.

NEW YORK ROLLING UP HALF MILLION FUND FOR ITALY

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)

New York, Jan. 2.—More than \$500,000 was added to the earthquake relief fund in this city today. Contributions poured in all day to the various relief agencies. The American Red Cross received \$150,000. The Italian chamber of commerce received \$70,000 from members and the Italian consulate collected \$132,000. All these sums came unsolicited. The Italian newspaper, "Il Progresso," added \$40,000 to the \$8000. The mayor's fund increased \$100.

The total relief fund of this city to date is over \$1,000,000. A quarter of a million is expected to be raised this week. Benefit performances are scheduled at most of the theatres and opera houses.

The Salvation Army joined the corps of active relief workers today. Subscription lists are being formed in principal street corners and a cablegram from General Booth in London apprised the army here of a party of officers and trained nurses under Commander Cassander and Major Dr. Turner had left for the stricken district.

The Italian-American line announced today that it would deliver all supplies intended for earthquake victims free of charge. The line will be in charge, sailing at 3 p. m. next Tuesday, to arrive at Naples on January 17.

The Catholic and Episcopal churches to-morrow.

LUPTON LIVES; HE ASSISTS IN SEARCH FOR CONSUL CHENEY

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 2.—The state department tonight received a long dispatch from Ambassador Griscom, at Rome.

A Swiss refugee named Sarauw, a prominent merchant of 40 years' residence in Messina, arrived in Rome today. He informed me that Lupton (vice-consul) at Messina had escaped uninjured. Sarauw went with Lupton and found the remains of our consulate building crushed to the ground. It was impossible to search the debris thoroughly, but Cheney, consul at Messina, and his wife must have perished. Sarauw and Lupton took refuge on the Standard oil steamer Chesapeake and later on a British mail ship. Lupton was alive and well when last seen on December 31. Sarauw informs me that he does not know of a single American citizen residing in Messina. The travelers staying in the Hotel Trinacria were all saved except a Swede and one Italian, who were escaped. Sarauw said that Taormina escaped uninjured. A number of Americans there are reported to be doing splendid relief work.

**ARCHBISHOP CONNELL
ISSUES APPEAL TO
BOSTON CATHOLICS**

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Boston, Jan. 2.—Archbishop Connell tonight issued the following appeal to all the Catholics of his diocese to aid the Italian quake sufferers:

"We feel that those of the faithful who can afford to do so will wish to contribute to the immediate relief of the earthquake sufferers in southern Italy. There are many plans on foot for collecting funds for an opportunity for those who wish to show their catholic fellowship with these poor sufferers will be given on Sunday, with the collection at all the masses.

"Those who cannot at this time aid the sufferers by their donations can help them immeasurably by their prayers. In this hour of their affliction our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the grief-stricken people of Italy."

ELKS OF AMERICA FORWARD \$5000

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)

Colorado City, Colo., Jan. 2.—L. H. Hollander of this city, grand exalted ruler of the Elks, today wired \$5000 to the American National Red Cross association at Washington for the relief of the Italian sufferers and will send more money in behalf of the Elks if necessary.

NO TIDINGS OF AUTHOR OR CONSUL

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Naples, Jan. 2.—Nothing has been heard of J. T. Trumbull, the author, or of Consul Cheney and his family and it is regarded as certain that they

are dead. Consul General Hall declared tonight that in his opinion there was not the remotest possibility that they escaped.

The later stories from the devastated district add to the horror. Crowds are looting shops and fighting for bread or anything that will sustain life. Stocks of spoiled fish are being devoured raw by the famished multitudes. Representatives of some of the oldest and wealthiest families are in their misery fighting with street beggars for miserable pittance of the spoiled food.

WASHINGTON HEARS FROM GRISCOM

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 2.—The following telegram was received at the department of state today from Ambassador Griscom:

"Have postponed going myself to Messina until arrival of Scorpion, when I will cause less inconvenience to the Italian government and will have completed my purpose of securing immediate transportation for our Consul Cutting and others mentioned in my telegram of yesterday and have sent Military Attache Landis as my personal representative. They left Naples this morning and should sail from Naples this evening. Have not yet received names of any Americans killed or injured."

On Wednesday the following was sent by the navy department:

"Lieutenant Commander Logan, care American Ambassador, Constantinople, Turkey. Proceed immediately to Messina, offering assistance of ship and resources to render aid there or elsewhere in stricken district. Report progress to you received at the department. Home, when practicable."

"NEWBERRY."
It was as a result of this telegram that the Scorpion left Constantinople Thursday for the scene of the earthquake.

WOMAN TELLS TALE

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Price in Philadelphia 12 years before she married Erb.

"Yes, sir, for appendicitis," she replied.

Were Very Happy.
Then she stated she first met the captain in 1901. They traveled about together and she was very friendly to him. They were very happy, she declared, and until she went to live with him at Red Gables. In May, 1906, he had always used her "as well as she could expect."

"Were you married to the captain when you went to Red Gables?" she was asked.

"No, sir, we were married at Roslyn, N. Y., on November 3, 1907," she replied.

She denied that up to the time of her

marriage the captain had ever accused her of improper conduct.

Until July, 1908, she swore, they had lived fairly happy and there were no accusations by him. On that date, according to her story, he had violently accused her and then applied to her the stocks of spoiled fish as being devoured raw by the famished multitudes. Representatives of some of the oldest and wealthiest families are in their misery fighting with street beggars for miserable pittance of the spoiled food.

TO FACE GOOD BRIDGEWORK

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"On the day of the shooting did you not receive a letter from Mr. Horwitz, Captain Erb's attorney, ordering you to leave Red Gables?"

"Yes, there was drinking there, not excluding myself."

"On the day of the shooting did you not receive a letter from Mr. Horwitz, Captain Erb's attorney, ordering you to leave Red Gables?"

"I did."

"Why did you not go?"

"My attorney told me to remain there, that would have no claim for support if I left."

The trial will continue Monday.

Friends of Captain Erb declare that the widow's story is untrue. They declare that none of the scenes she described could actually have happened and insist that her tale was devised for jury consumption. On the other hand, the defense promises to have every word of it corroborated Monday by her brother, her sister and the servants in the Erb household.

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