

MANY PERISH IN EARTHQUAKE

THE MOST TERRIBLE DISASTER IN HISTORY OCCURS IN SOUTHERN ITALY.

50,000 REPORTED LOST

At Messina 12,000 Perish in Earthquake and Fatal Waves—King and Queen Go to Sicily.

Rome, Dec. 23.—(Special Telegrams and Pressed News.) Messina, on the island of Sicily, and Reggio and a score of towns in Southern Italy were wholly or partly destroyed by the earthquake which occurred on the night of Dec. 28. Messina, the capital of the province, was the worst off. The earthquake occurred at 10:45 P.M. and was followed by a series of smaller shocks. The king and queen, who were in Sicily at the time, escaped unhurt. The king and queen, who were in Sicily at the time, escaped unhurt.

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ORCHARD TO TESTIFY

His Evidence May Bring About Return of \$70,000 to Gas Company. San Francisco, Dec. 23.—By a ruling of the supreme court, the issuance of a commission was granted, authorizing the taking of the deposition of Harry Orchard, self-confessed slayer of the late Governor Stanford, of Idaho, as to the circumstances surrounding the explosion in this city on November 17, 1906, in the house of W. H. Lincoln, then thought to have been caused by a leak in the gas main, but which resulted from the firing of a dynamite bomb, according to the charges made in Orchard's confession.

The purpose of the commission is to determine the amount of the gas company's liability for damages done to the house on the night of a party. Orchard, who is serving a life term in the state prison, was taken to the Lincoln house in an attempt to kill Captain Beardsley, who then resided there.

Stockholders Complain. San Francisco, Dec. 23.—The action of the Northern Pacific in refusing to accept shipments of stock over the new Great Northern line is causing great inconvenience to stockholders. A number of buyers have been unable to buy their shares and many who have bought are unable to get their shares.

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EVENTS IN 1908

Notable Occurrences the World Over.

CRISES IN GOVERNMENT.

A Carefully Classified Summary of Affairs as Home and Abroad—Miscellaneous Happenings—Fatal Explosions on Land and Sea—Losses by Fire—The Field of Sports.

POLITICAL AND PERSONAL

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DISASTERS AT SEA

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