

## EARTH SHOCKS KEEP ITALIANS IN TERROR

Detailed Reports Increase List of Dead and Injured and Property Loss.

Rome.—A renewal of seismic disturbances has served to add to the terror of the people in parts of the district that was visited by the heavy earthquake last week.

Although the shocks were light, buildings which had been cracked and were tottering from the effects of the first disturbance, were completely raised. In Avessano and Sora, the towns which suffered most from the disaster, the people left their temporary shelters and took refuge in open places.

Detailed reports received in the capital regarding Italy's stupendous earthquake disaster increase rather than diminish the appalling list of the dead and the enormous property loss.

The Messaggero, after making a careful compilation of all the figures it has been able to gather from the districts and villages hitherto isolated, announces that the number of dead and injured in the Abruzzi district alone is 30,000, without including the Sora district.

San Atollio has 200 dead and 500 injured, Morino 1500 dead, Canlatro 600 injured, Cervaro 300 victims, Borgo 50 dead and Valleroveto 1800. At Civitella Roveto almost the entire population escaped because they were at work in the fields when the shock occurred.

Twelve thousand bodies, it is semi-officially estimated, are buried under the fallen walls of the earthquake-ravaged city of Avessano.

## ALLIES GAIN IN FLANDERS

Paris and Berlin Agree Artillery Dues Are Chief Activities.

London.—Official German and French reports agree in saying that late activities of the armies on the western front have been confined chiefly to artillery engagements. The German account tells of the blowing up of a foundry at Blangy, east of Arras, and the French version admits losing this position, but asserts that it was promptly regained and is still held.

A feature of the German report is the estimate it makes of the losses of the allies since the general advance was reported to have been decided on in December. These are given by Berlin as 20,000 killed and 17,860 prisoners, and it is added that the grand total, including wounded, sick and missing, must have been 150,000 men.

"Our total losses for the same period," says the Berlin account, "do not amount to one-quarter of that number."

## American Loan to Russia Ready.

New York.—The loan of the group of New York bankers to the Russian government has been perfected.

The amount of Russian bills accepted by L. P. Morgan & Co., and their associates, reaches \$25,000,000 for 90 days, subject to renewal for an additional 90 days, at a rate of 5 per cent per annum.

## RUSSIANS DESTROY NEW TURKISH CORPS

London.—A Petrograd dispatch to the Central News says:

"An official communication says the Eleventh Turkish army corps has been exterminated near Kara-Urgan."

This is the third Turkish corps destroyed by the Russians.

The following official statement regarding the operations in Poland, Galicia and Bukovina, was issued from general headquarters:

"On the right bank of the lower Vistula we are still making successful progress."

"In the other sections we repulsed the enemy and forced them to fall back on their positions."

"In Bukovina our advanced columns captured by storm the Kiribabs Pass, on the Transylvania frontier, situated on the road from Kimpolung (in the southern part of Bukovina) to Marsmaros-Salgat (northeastern Hungary) and Dees."

## Profits Promised on Dominican Job.

New York.—James M. Sullivan, American minister to the Dominican republic, was pictured at the inquiry conducted by Senator-elect Phelan into his fitness to hold the post, as having been associated with interests who for money consideration would guarantee to obtain profitable contracts from the Dominican government.

President Wilson is grandfather.

Washington.—A son was born at the White House to Mrs. Francis Bowes Sayre, President Wilson's second daughter. Mrs. Sayre and the child were reported to be doing well.

## GOVERNMENT TRIES TO STOP RISE IN PRICES

President Orders Inquiry into Possible Illegal Combinations in Background.

Washington.—With the department of justice, under instructions from President Wilson, seeking to determine whether any illegal combinations are back of the recent sudden rise in foodstuffs prices and the departments of agriculture and commerce compiling figures showing the amounts of food supplies in the United States and the recent increases in exports, the government began vigorous efforts to cope with the food price situation.

In addition, legislation giving the president power to stop the exportation of foodstuffs whenever necessary and other bills designed to lower the prices were discussed informally at the capital, but there were no indications that anything along this line will be done during the present session of congress.

Supply Bills May Fall This Season. Fears that no general legislation, including the government ship purchase bill, can be passed in the senate before adjournment of congress by March 4 are now being supplemented by apprehension on the part of administration leaders that some of the general supply bills also will fall unless a plan can be devised to expedite legislative business that has been dragging at a snail-like pace for several weeks.

Fifteen appropriation bills, including the District of Columbia measure, with its prohibition rider, now before the senate, are to be disposed of within six weeks, if the necessity of adopting joint resolutions to continue existing appropriations is to be averted.

Naval Bill Reported.

The naval appropriation bill, carrying \$148,000,000, was formally reported to the house by the committee on naval affairs. It does not alter the two-battleship program. The submarine is declared to have proved its great value, but it is pointed out that battleships have been shown to be necessary for control of the sea in war. The bill increases the building program of the navy department by \$8,492,000.

The total number of vessels in the United States navy on July 1, the report summarizes, was 396, with a total displacement of 1,958,647 tons, of which 336, with displacement of 1,354,884, are "fit for service," including those under construction or authorized. Those listed as fit for service include 19 first-line battleships, 25 second-line battleships, 10 armored cruisers, 24 other cruisers, nine monitors, 50 destroyers, 19 torpedo-boats, 30 submarines and numerous other craft.

## Turkey Meets Demands of Italy.

Rome.—The Turkish government, according to a semi-official communication published in the Giornale d'Italia, has renewed its order sent through Rome to the Vail of Yemen, Arabia, instructing him to give complete satisfaction for all the demands presented by the Italian government in connection with the incident at Hodeida, where Turkish officials forcibly removed the British consul from the Italian consulate, where he had taken refuge.

## Former G. A. R. Chief Dies.

Newburg, Ore.—Major Thaddeus Clarkson, formerly commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic and ex-postmaster of Omaha, Neb., died here aged 74. He had lived here with a daughter for several years past.

## NEW PRESIDENT IN MEXICO

Colonel Garza Named When Gutierrez Flees From Mexico City.

Washington.—Colonel Roque Gonzales Garza, one of General Villa's principal officers, is the executive head of that portion of Mexican territory controlled by the Villa-Zapata forces.

Advices to this effect reached the state department from American Consul Sillman. Details of the terms of office which Garza will serve were lacking, but the general belief in Mexican circles here was that he had been appointed temporarily to meet an emergency created by the sudden departure of General Gutierrez and members of his cabinet from Mexico City. The reasons for the departure of Gutierrez are unknown here, but the belief prevails that he declined to be continued in office under the restrictions suggested by the Zapatistas.

## Gutierrez is in Flight.

El Paso, Tex.—General Bulatto Gutierrez, deposed as provisional president of Mexico by the convention, which named General Roque Gonzalez Garza as his successor, fled from the capital with several members of his cabinet to escape assassination at the hands of Zapatistas, according to reports received here.

## SEE AMERICA FIRST.

Europe Has Nothing to Equal the Wonders of This Country.

For several years past the expenditure by Americans traveling in Europe has been nearly \$300,000,000 annually. This is not saying we did not get our money's worth at that, for quite the contrary is true. Not 1 per cent of returning travelers regret what it cost them to see the works of art, historical monuments, beautiful cities, and how the other nations live.

Europeans who have visited us are constantly amazed at the utter indifference with which Americans confess to a lack of acquaintance with the natural wonders of our own country, which they had seen when on our side. It is high time we did know our own country, and while our town halls and churches are not a thousand years old, our Niagara falls and Rocky mountains and Glacier park are older than either Rome or the ruins of Herculaneum. And where on earth can one go in a palace car and find a Yellowstone park, or a Grand canyon of the Colorado, or a Yosemite or a Mammoth cave, or a Great Salt lake?

Ours is a land of wonders, and though new in a constructive sense is not lacking in interest. The south is full of surprises, the vast prairies of the central west have no counterpart in Europe; our great lakes float steamers with all the luxuries of an ocean liner.

Even the adventurer need not miss the excitement of mountain climbing. Both Washington and Alaska furnish all the danger the most reckless might desire, and the explorer may spend years among the ancient cliff dwellers' towns in New Mexico and the petrified forests of the bad lands. He may search for gold and precious stones in the Death valley, or for diamonds in the Ozarks, and hidden treasures which the pirates who sailed the Spanish main buried along the Florida coast. — Popular Mechanics.

## Thumbs of the Gorilla.

The gorilla and chimpanzee, which belong to the higher order of apes, have many points of resemblance to man; but there is one thing they cannot do—that is, twiddle their thumbs. In the gorilla the thumb is short and does not reach much beyond the bottom of the first joint of the forefinger. It is very much restricted in its movements, and the animal can neither twiddle his thumbs nor turn them round so that the tips describe a circle. There are the same number of bones in the hand of the gorilla as in the hand of a man, but the thumbs of the monkey have no separate flexor or bending muscle. This is why a monkey always keeps the thumb on the same side as the fingers and never bends it round any object that may be grasped.

## Each Had What the Other Wanted.

An interesting anecdote is told of the meeting of Evangelist Moody and Mr. Gladstone in England. Mr. Gladstone attended the Moody and Sankey meetings and was deeply impressed. Heartily grasping Mr. Moody's hand, the old statesman said to him:

"I wish I had your body."

Mr. Moody immediately replied, "I wish I had your head."

"Mr. Gladstone responded, 'I mean I wish I had your lungs,' to which Mr. Moody again replied, 'I wish I had your brains,' and with hearty good wishes they parted.

## England's Roman Canals.

England can claim equality with Belgium in the matter of possessing canals of Roman origin. During their stay in England the Romans cut the Foss dike in Lincolnshire, probably for water supply or drainage. The dike was deepened and made navigable by Henry I, and then allowed to decline until 1840, when it was so widened and deepened that it now forms the connecting link between the Witham and the Trent. — London Chronicle.

## Alibi Not Complimentary.

A prisoner at the sessions had been duly convicted of theft, when it was seen, on "proving previous convictions," that the accused had actually been in prison at the time the theft was committed.

"Why didn't you say so?" asked the judge of the prisoner angrily. "Your lordship, I was afraid of prejudicing the jury against me." — Stray Stories.

## Naturally.

Little Lillian proudly displayed some shaving curls she had picked up from the floor of a carpenter shop. "I wouldn't wear those," said brother Bruce. "Why not?" asked the little girl. "If you do," said Bruce, "folks'll think you are a blockhead." — Kansas City Times.

## SINGING THE HAIR.

As a Measure of Protection It is Practically of No Use.

Ridiculing the practice of singeing the hair, the Journal of the American Medical Association says editorially:

"This is recommended to overcome splitting at the ends and to prevent falling of the hair, the reason for the latter being that it 'closes the pores and keeps the fluid in the hair.' With the long hair of a woman, which has a tendency to split at the ends, it is possible that singeing the tips may be of some use. It substitutes a charred blunt end of fused horn for one tapering to a point or cut clean across. But even in cases of this sort it is less useful than greasing lightly the hair and thus supplying the fat which is lacking in such hair.

"For the hair of men, which is kept short, singeing is not of any use in preventing splitting. Hair which is not allowed to grow to its natural length does not split unless it has a deep seated disturbance, for which there is no such simple remedy.

"Of course singeing the hair ends in order to prevent the fluid in the hair from escaping, like sap from a tree, is based on an entire misconception of the hair's structure and nutrition. The hair does not contain any more sap than a buggy whip. It is not nourished by any fluid in it, but by the blood plasma that reaches only the hair root. The hair above the skin surface is a spine of horn, which is even oiled from without, and singeing its tips has no effect whatever on either its nourishment or its growth.

"It is certain that singeing the hair is of no great value in preventing its fall. In fact, the only value the procedure has is to the zealous hair dresser, who gets his little fee for doing it—unless it is worth a quarter to the seker after hair to think he is doing something, even if he is not."

## Sight Lost and Restored.

A farmer's wife who had had much trouble with her servants was accosted by one of them.

"I fear I shall not be able to work much longer. I think I am going blind."

"Why, how is that? You seem to get along pretty well with your work."

"Yes, but I can no longer see any meat on my plate at dinner."

The farmer's wife understood, and the next day the servants were served with very large and very thin pieces of meat.

"How nice!" the girl exclaimed. "My sight has come back. I can see better than ever."

"How is that, Bella?" asked the mistress.

"Why, at this moment," replied Bella, "I can see the plate through the meat." — London Scraps.

## Halley's Comet.

Halley's comet has an enviable history, but its chief claim to distinction rests in the fact that it was the first periodic comet whose return was predicted. Edmund Halley, an English astronomer, observed its behavior in 1682 and made calculations which led him to conclude that it was the same comet which had been seen and noted several times before. He figured it would come back in seventy-five or seventy-six years, and although he did not live to see the event, the comet did return according to schedule. Consequently it is called Halley's comet.

## Boiling Water.

Why is it that water will not always boil at the same temperature? Water boils whenever the outward pressure of the steam balances the inward pressure of the air, but the latter is not always the same. The barometer shows that. When the air presses heavily the steam will necessarily have to exercise greater force to overcome it than when it is low. This is why water boils at a lower temperature on the top of a mountain than at sea level. Water boils at sea level at a temperature of 212 degrees F.

## Fit to Kill.

Grandma's guest was elegantly but simply dressed in black chiffon voile handsomely trimmed with silk over lace. Little Birdie, aged four, climbed on her lap and patted the many gray hairs and smoothed the soft lace and silk, then peered lovingly into her face and said: "You're dressed up good enough to be killed, ain't you?" — Delineator.

## A Convert.

Little Minkley had talked for an hour on the subject of evolution. "And now, my dear Miss Blister-ton, do you believe in the missing link?" he said in conclusion. "Yes, I do now," replied the fair maiden, "though I didn't until I saw you." — Judge.

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