

QUAKE REGION PICTURESQUE SPOT AMID MOUNTAINS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—The National Geographic society has prepared the following description of the region in Italy just devastated by the great earthquake:

"In the Abruzzi district of east central Italy, where the recent earthquake shocks have worked in seconds a destruction equal to weeks of war, there are no great cities and few monuments of the country's brilliant history or its more famous works of art. Abruzzi is a grazing, wine-growing, farming district. It is a mountainous and hilly land, comprising the wildest and most rugged portion of the Apennines. Some of Italy's most picturesque scenery is to be enjoyed here, although travelers from America seldom seek it, as the railway connections are bad and the inn accommodations, for the most part, sadly primitive and severe.

Supports Two Million People

"The district contains some 6380 square miles, or is about equal in size to the states of Rhode Island and Connecticut. It supports some two million people, most of whom make their livings in farming, orchard and vine culture, and in raising sheep and swine raising. There is considerable important manufacturing within the district, but little or no industry. Rarely beautiful tapestries and hand-made lace are worked in the hilly villages as home work. Many of the Abruzzi peasants, untaught in the methods of design and unaided by any but the simplest mechanical contrivances, display the highest order of artistic appreciation in their hand-lace productions.

"Vast forests of oak, beech and pine cover the jagged mountain groups, and their area serves as a feeding ground for large herds of swine. The raising of swine and the preparation of their meat is one of the important endeavors of this country, and among the master works of Italy, the vigorous, seductive, thrilling Abruzzi sausage deserves honorable mention. These sausages were formerly—that is, before the war—exported occasionally into Germany, where to be a foreign sausage and to compete successfully, means to be a sausage of distinctly superior sort.

A Mountainous Region

"There is little flat land within Abruzzi, beyond a narrow strip along 100 miles of coast. The uplands and the hills are used for pasture lands, the valleys are very fruitful and are famed for olives, rice, almonds, grain and wine. Nature has contributed most to the backward state of the Abruzzi region's industries for its hills and valleys lie within the trough of ever-recurring earthquakes, while the small rivers and creeks which irrigate its valleys do a regular damage by their sudden floods. The rivers are mostly very short, with a considerable fall to the sea. Many of them have been harnessed in the last few years to electric installations.

"Four provinces are contained within the division—Abruzzi, Teramo, Chieti, Aquila and Campobasso, and there are about twenty medium-sized towns scattered throughout them. A sample of every superstition that has ever flourished in European land since the founding of Rome is to be found still flourishing in hardy strength somewhere among the people of Abruzzi, who are ultra-conservative in matters of belief and in their devotion to custom."

ASK EXAMINATION FOR THAW'S INSANITY

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—A motion to have Harry K. Thaw sent to Bellevue hospital so that it might be determined there whether he were sane, was made today by Thaw's attorneys at his arraignment in the supreme court here on a charge of conspiring with others in effecting his escape from the Matteawan asylum in August, 1913.

Decision on the motion was reserved.

No attempt to obtain Thaw's release on bail was made. He was remanded back to the Tombs to remain there until Justice Davis should notify the lawyers of the date to be selected for Thaw's pleading to the indictment.

Justice Davis announced later that Thaw would be arraigned next Wednesday. The justice will, on that date, decide the motion to have Thaw sent to Bellevue.

A Good Resolution

To help build up Medford payrolls by smoking Governor Johnson or Mt. Pitt cigars.

WHERE MR. BRYAN WILL BUILD A SUMMER HOME.



SECRETARY W. J. BRYAN INSPECTING HIS NEW NORTH CAROLINA ESTATE. Secretary Bryan has recently purchased ten acres of land on Sunset Mountain in Asheville, N. C., where he will build a summer home. The photograph shows him examining one of his spruce pine trees. In the picture is shown the partially completed house of his neighbor, F. L. Seely.

ASHLAND FRUIT EXCHANGE RENEWS SELLING CONTRACT

ASHLAND, Jan. 25.—The local Fruit and Produce association had a lively meeting Saturday in the Commercial club rooms, the attendance being large. One solitary woman stockholder was present, and in this respect the gathering resembled a session of the legislative assembly at Salem, with Miss Towne responding to roll call. Chairman Milner presided. Expert Accountant Dickerson explained that the auditing of the books would cost from \$300 to \$1000, depending upon how far back investigations were made. He recommended hereafter a double entry system of bookkeeping.

By way of assets the corporation has its building listed at \$6000; merchandise on hand, \$7000; cans, \$800; canned goods, \$1000; accounts, \$4500. Liabilities are \$1600 due the banks and \$4500 in accounts good, bad and indifferent. Some sharp discussion was indulged in regarding sharp practices in the past. A chief cause of complaint is due to the fact that some stockholders overstep the bounds of safety in purchases made of the association, while others dispose of their choice fruit on the side and tender the calls to the manager in the expectation of finding a ready market.

In the face of the statement by the chairman that on Christmas day every Belgian, French and English soldier at the front received as a ration portion a Rogue river apple, one dissatisfied stockholder offered to part with his shares at 50 cents on the dollar, with no takers. Three motions were unanimously carried, first one providing that there be no auditing of accounts and that the double-entry system be introduced as of date January 1, 1915; second, that no retroactive measures be entertained on claims for damaged fruit or on contracts previous to January 1, 1915; and, third, that existing contracts with the North Pacific Fruit Distributors be continued.

A meeting to choose a manager opens January 25. Manager Briggs resigns positively. Among names mentioned for the place are Ralph Hedges, orchardist, and Professor Metcalf, member of the Polytechnic school faculty.

CLAIM ROUT OF VILLA'S FORCES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Dispatches to the Carranza agency today claimed the rout of Villa troops at Guadalajara, second largest city of Mexico, and its capture by Carranza forces after several days' severe fighting.

Consular Agent Carothers reported to the state department today from Aguas Calientes there was no basis whatever for recent rumors that he had been shot or that an friction existed between himself and General Villa.

OFFER TO SELL ELECTRIC POWER TO ASHLAND CITY

ASHLAND, Jan. 25.—With the numerous proffers of electric current on file, the city promises to have light and power to burn. A recent proposition is from the Rogue River Public Service corporation to supply power in wholesale quantities, the city to make distribution to consumers. Specifically and technically the rates are as follows:

Kw. hours.	Price per kw. hour
80,000 to 120,000	\$.01850
220,000 to 300,000	\$.01975
300,000 to 450,000	\$.0205
450,000 to 600,000	\$.021
600,000 to 750,000	\$.0215
750,000 to 900,000	\$.022
900,000 to 1,000,000	\$.0225

The guarantee required is a minimum of \$8400 per year, payable \$700 per month, with final auditing at end of each year. The corporation is perfecting both its plants on the Rogue river and agrees to have current available within six months.

There are also all sorts of rumors, with none of them authentic, regarding offers from the Oregon-California Power company, negotiations between which concern and the city are as yet a secret. One of these stories is that for a stated consideration per annum, coupled with a fifty-year franchise, the power company will vacate city territory as far as retailing current is concerned and wholesale it to the city plant at a greatly reduced rate. Another yarn is that the power company in the event of taking over full light and power privileges, will also assume the bonded indebtedness of the municipal plant, and furthermore abide by a commission ruling as to fixed charges.

THREE CHINESE KILLED, TONG WAR

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—Three Chinese are dead today and two seriously wounded, the result of a tong war last night between the Sen Suey Ying and Suey Sing tongs. The outbreak came as a peace conference was being called to order in Chinese Peace Temple.

Simultaneously there was tong shootings in Oakland, Stockton and Holt.

Among the dead is Quong Quock Wah, president of the Sen Suey Yings. He was shot four times as he was entering the peace temple.

Another member of the same tong was killed in San Francisco and a third in Stockton.

The police have made seven arrests.

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TRAIN AND AUTO RUN OVER VICTIMS ASHLAND VICINITY

ASHLAND, Jan. 25.—Two accidents, one of which was very serious, while the other might have resulted fatally, occurred Friday. The first happened to a young Greek about 28 years old named Gus Roosevelt, who was run over by an extra freight which was leaving the yards southbound. His left foot was crushed, necessitating amputation between the knee and ankle. He was removed to the sanitarium by the railway company's surgeon, Dr. Boslough. The victim is a young man of intelligence and was quite well dressed. He was heading his way over the road in company with a hobo who witnessed the accident and gave the alarm to employes in the ticket office. He is reticent about his home or antecedents and not much is known concerning his previous whereabouts.

The second accident was when George Caldwell, a lad about 12 years old, was run down by an automobile while in the neighborhood of his home, 165 North Main street. He was crossing the pavement on a small wagon when the machine bore down upon him before he knew it. George grabbed the front axle of the car and was dragged a short distance, being somewhat bruised, but not seriously hurt. It was a narrow escape. The driver was the only occupant of the car. He did not give his name, but his number was 8874. He was much more scared than the boy, and when he realized the seriousness of the case, turned pale as the traditional ghost.

NEWSPAPERS NEED NOT BETRAY SECRETS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Contempt of court sentences imposed on William L. Curtin and George Burdick of the New York Tribune, because they refused to divulge sources of information of a printed story of grand jury investigation of customs frauds in New York, were set aside today by the supreme court.

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CLAIM BRITISH RAN AWAY FROM BATTLE

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The Central News has received a dispatch from its correspondent from Amsterdam, who telegraphs that the Berlin Lokai Anziger, drawing particular attention to the German official statement that

the British warships in the North sea fight of Sunday were compelled to retire from the action, expresses itself as fictitious. The British fleet, notwithstanding their greater strength, broke off their action, proof that our gunners had them in hand.

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50 YEAR OLD MEN ORDERED TO FIGHT

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 25, via London.—A telegram received here from Berlin sets forth that in the province of Brandenburg, in which Berlin is located, there have been called up for medical examination the fifty-year-old untrained men of the landsturm of the 1886, 1887 and 1888 classes.

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