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## THE LIST OF DEAD GROWS LARGER HOURLY ANOTHER SHOCK TODAY VIOLENT AS FIRST COMPLETES RUIN

### CALIFORNIA AROUSED OVER INCREASED RATES

Mass Meetings Held Throughout the State Today To Protest Against Raise in Freight Rates Proposed by the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe.—Shippers Are Preparing to Put Up a Strenuous Fight.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
San Francisco, Dec. 30.—A great cooperative mass meeting will be held today throughout California to protest against the proposed increase in freight rates by the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe railroads on the first of the approaching year. A final meeting of the executive committee was held here last night and it was decided that the silence of the railroads should be taken as an indication that the increase would be placed in effect. It was decided before appealing to the courts for injunctions to restrain the roads from enforcing the rates, the ship-

pers should lay their claims before the interstate commerce commission and endeavor to secure redress through that body. The shippers have issued a final call and it is expected that the meetings today will bring forcibly home to the railroads the feeling of the shippers and consumers. Interest in the approaching arrival of William R. Wheeler, who is coming to take charge of the traffic bureau of the Merchants' Exchange, is growing more intense as the struggle between shippers and the roads become more bitter.

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### CONSUL CHENEY AND WIFE

#### KILLED IN QUAKE AT MESSINA

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Washington, Dec. 30.—The state department today received the following dispatch from Consul William H. Gale at Malta today:

"Consul Arthur S. Cheney and wife both dead at Messina. Bodies not yet recovered."  
The state department is informed that the American consulate is in ruins. Cheney is a native of Illinois. He was appointed from Connecticut as consul at Messina August, 1907.

Sutart Lupton, of Tennessee, vice-consul at Messina, is among the survivors.

### TWENTY CITIES IN FLAMES DEAD MAY NUMBER 200,000 VOLCANO IN FIERCE ERUPTION

#### City of Reggio With 35,000 Inhabitants Swept By Tidal Wave And Almost Entire Population Drowned—Sea Opened And Let Ferry Boat Drop to Bottom—Most of Inhabitants of Reggio Temporarily Insane—Bodies Being Buried By Military.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Rome, Dec. 30.—Following is a summary made tonight of the main events of the day in the earthquake destruction. The estimates of the number of dead are placed as high as 200,000. Some of the ultra conservatives say that the total will not be more than 35,000. Accurate estimates are impossible, but it is believed that between 100,000 and 125,000 are dead.

At least 20 cities in Southern Italy and Sicily are in flames. Another earthquake shock was felt today at Palermo, but did not do much damage.

General Foccea de Cassate has been burning the bodies in the streets of Messina to prevent plague. This has to be done under guard of soldiers to prevent citizens from interfering.

All wagon roads and railroads into the stricken city have been destroyed and the only direct means of communication is by water or on foot.

The volcano on the island of Stromboli, north of Sicily, became active during the day, and sent up great volumes of smoke.

The misery of the wretched refugees in several of the most seriously affected districts was increased by chilling hail storms that beat down on the wounded lying unprotected on the ground.

The devastated region in Calabria and Sicily is believed to cover 6000 square miles. It extends from the neighborhood of Monteleone throughout the southern half of Calabria and in Sicily from Messina to a point well beyond Catanzaro far into the interior of the island. General de Cassate, in charge of the troops at Messina, and temporarily a practical dictator, requested more soldiers, and expressed his advisability of asking other countries to send troops. The Messina situation is almost beyond control. The survivors are almost insane, and the dead are everywhere. Only the most rigid action and the most fearless steps will save the city from pestilence, which threatens to visit it as the final chapter of its terrible misfortunes.

Palermo, Sicily, Dec. 30.—The officials of the Bank of Sicily at Messina, today sent the following wireless message to Palermo.

"General Foccea de Cassate is taking the strongest possible measures to prevent the catastrophe from becoming worse through disorder and for the present will maintain a practical dictatorship.

"The chief danger now is from plague, as thousands of bodies, he buried in the streets and have received no attention since death.

"General Cassate advocates the cremation of all bodies immediately but the people already beside themselves, will not permit this. They cling to the dead in wild insanity and say they will not allow the bodies to be burned.

"The trouble is greatly exaggerated owing to the utter loss of nerve by the inhabitants through the stupor that seems to affect every one.

"The authorities regret the presence of the king and queen. The of-

ficials say their royal highnesses will be unable to help, and that their presence will only serve to tie the hands of other officers better fitted to deal with the situation.

"It is feared that some insane person will attempt to assassinate the king or queen."

This message is taken as absolutely authentic, having come direct from Messina to the wireless station here.

Train loads of refugees, nearly all of whom are fearfully wounded, are arriving here today. Many died on the way. The trains are loaded at a point twelve miles from Messina, which is the nearest approach to the city by rail.

All the refugees are stupefied and are unable to give any coherent accounts of the disaster. Most of them chatter like small children.

It was learned today that several bluejackets were killed in a clash with outlaws soon after the earthquake at Messina. The outlaws made a desperate stand but practically all of them were killed, it is said.

Queen Rescues Child.

Catanzaro, Sicily, Dec. 30.—Queen Helena, at the risk of her life, rescued a wounded child from a wrecked building in Messina, according to an authentic report received here through official channels this afternoon.

The king and queen were passing near the building, when the pitiful wails of the wounded child were heard by the queen, and she rushed into the ruins and dragged the little victim to safety.

King Emmanuel protested against her entering the building, but she had done so before he realized it. The structure had been badly shattered, and was in constant danger of collapsing.

The queen carried the child to a relief boat which was waiting nearby. After her first collapse Helena gained strength rapidly and heroically aided in the rescue work.

Fires Raging in Ruins.

Rome, Dec. 30.—Fires are raging in many of the ruined cities in the earthquake districts, according to reports received here today by the minister of marine.

It is believed the fires at Messina have done their worst, and now have been controlled by the soldiers. Rigid enforcement of the law at Messina today failed to bring about much semblance of order. Looters are at work. The soldiers shoot down any man they see in the act of stealing from the dead or looting wrecked buildings, but in many instances the fiends seem to be unaware of the danger of death from the rifles, or are unmindful of it.

The deputies are gathering in Rome today for a special session of parliament, at which relief measures will be adopted speedily.

The minister of marine received messages from the warships at Messina, saying that the rescuers are so badly swamped with work that it will require many days to establish any adequate relief system. The refugees are scattered for miles in every

direction. Pneumonia and meningitis has broken out in the refugee camps. The food supply is utterly insufficient, and the danger of hundreds starving to death is serious.

Many Driven Insane.

Palermo, Sicily, Dec. 30.—Queen Helena swooned as she and King Victor Emmanuel approached the ruined city of Messina today. Medical assistance was summoned, and it was some time before the brave queen regained her senses.

The king and queen wept bitterly as they saw the destruction spread out before them.

Scores of almost insane survivors gathered about the royal couple and threw themselves in the mud screaming.

Queen Helena, terror-stricken, both by the horrifying sight of the destroyed city and the wild actions of the people, clung to the arm of the king.

Many tried to kiss the hands of the king and queen and prayed to them as if they were saints.

If the horrible suffering in the city is gradually driving those who survived into insanity. Days and nights without food, in the presence of death and destruction everywhere, with no possibility of sleep and rest, have left the living as helpless as the dead.

The king will take charge of the rescue work as soon as he is able to form an organization. Trains of supplies and volunteers are arriving, and it is hoped that some sort of order may be brought out of the chaos tomorrow.

The queen is constantly near collapse, but refuses to leave her husband for a moment, insisting that wherever his duty takes him, she also will go.

With 50,000 dead, the city in ruins and on fire, it is almost impossible to make a successful start.

The fires have been controlled to a great extent by the soldiers. It is thought that many may still be alive in the ruins of the shattered dwellings.

Practically 100,000 men, women and children, who escaped death, are encamped on the hillsides outside of the city.

Many Moved by Sea.

Rome, Dec. 30.—All New Year's celebrations throughout Italy have been abandoned. All theaters and public places of amusement have been closed.

The railroads and the telegraph lines have been placed under the supervision of the government.

The minister of marine received reports tonight that many of the wounded and half crazed survivors have been removed by ships from Messina to other coast towns.

Friends and relatives of persons in the affected districts are being given free transportation by the government but are being warned not to go unless prepared to aid in the rescue work.

Tidal Wave Destroys Reggio.

Catanzaro, Italy, Dec. 30.—The

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## SALE OF STUPENDOUS MAGNITUDE

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