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MANY VILLAGES SWALLOWED BY THE SEA

Stricken Italian Cities Are Vast Charnel Houses

BODIES BURNED IN STREETS PNEUMONIA AND MENINGITIS ATTACK STARVING VICTIMS

Number Killed Will Never Be Known But Will Probably Be At Least 240,000—
More Than a Million Homeless And Without Food—The Living Unable To Bury
The Dead, Or To Care For The Injured—The World Rushing To Aid Stricken Italy

Messina, Italy, Dec. 31.—With the government's official estimate of the number killed over 120,000 and many newspapers estimating the loss of life to be over 200,000, the whole of southern Italy and Sicily is one vast charnel house today. Before night it is estimated that 60,000 refugees will have been landed at Naples. The stricken in Messina and Reggio is so bad that the rescuers can make slow progress.

bandages are going about the wrecked streets, giving aid to the injured wherever they are found. The streets are being made temporary hospitals as there is no means of moving the injured and no shelter to which they could be taken. Soldiers raised the roof from the railway station in Messina and found scores of corpses packed solidly together. The people after the first shock had rushed to the station in hope of getting out of the city, but the second and following quakes

destroyed the building and killed everyone in it. General Feccia de Cassato, in command of the troops at Messina, notified the government that no effort was being made to count the dead. The rescuers have more important work to do. Under orders of General De Cassato the burning of bodies continues today. **Burn Corpses in the Streets.** A merchant named Poloni who arrived at Naples today told of the scenes in Messina. He said that the

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- O Results of Earthquake. O
- O Killed, 100,000 to 200,000. O
- O Injured, 200,000 to 500,000. O
- O Homeless, estimated at 1,000,000. O
- O Cities over 10,000 population destroyed, 15. O
- O Smaller towns destroyed, estimated, 50. O
- O Warships sunk (torpedo-boats), 12. O
- O Ships sunk by tidal wave, 600 O
- O Many American and other tourists killed. O
- O Formation of Straits of Messina changed. O
- O Historic Scylla and Charybdis destroyed. O
- O Etna and Stromboli, volcanoes, in eruption. O
- O Cable to Aeolian Isles cut; disaster feared. O
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crazed people fought bitterly against the burning of the dead bodies. The soldiers found it necessary to burn the corpses in the streets and the odor of the burning human flesh has given the stricken city a new horror. Poloni said that he saw the soldiers take the body of a man and place it in a fire. A woman had been sitting near the corpse and had fallen into a dazed sleep. She was aroused just as the body was enveloped by the flames. With a wild scream, she rushed toward the soldiers and before they became aware of her purpose, had flung herself into the fire beside the body of her husband, where she was burned alive.

Few of the people who escaped from Messina had sufficient clothing and cases of pneumonia and meningitis are following their exposure. The soldiers may prevent a pestilence, but it seems impossible to reach half the dead and each day makes the situation worse. The condition of the refugees who have arrived at Naples is pitiful in the extreme. They have lost every worldly possession and most of them are injured or their minds are impaired. Relief ships from Reggio indicate that the situation there is more utterly hopeless than at Messina. The numbers of survivors at Reggio is so small that the city is nothing more than one great tomb. The refugees have encamped on the hills outside Reggio and a few have made their way to Palmi. The rescue parties have found but few living.

Estimates of the Dead. Rome, Italy, Dec. 31.—The government today gave out the following estimate of the dead in the earthquake district: At Messina, 50,000. At Reggio, 40,000. At Monteleone, 1800. At Santa Eufemia, 1500. At Bagnara, 1000. At Gazzi, 1000. At Palmi, 600. At Seminara, 400. At other towns in the country districts, 24,000. Total, 120,300.

The press estimates are higher, some of them showing the aggregate over 200,000 dead. **Coast Line Sinking.** Reggio, Calabria, Dec. 31.—(Via wireless from the cruiser Coattit Emmanuel)—It is apparent that not more than five or six thousand out of the population of nearly fifty thousand could possibly survive the earthquake and tidal wave. The lower part of the city is 25 feet under water, and the upper part is in complete ruins. The coast line is sinking continually, and moved

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FOR THE HONOR OF OREGON PLEDGES MUST BE KEPT

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—The San Francisco Bulletin in an editorial, "For the Honor of Oregon, the pledge must be kept," says: "The honor of Oregon is involved in the question whether the Republican members of the legislature of that state will stand by their pledges to elect as senator the man designated by the popular vote."

"To the surprise of the Republican machine, the people elected a Republican majority in the legislature, but declared themselves in favor of Governor Chamberlain, a Democrat, for United States senator. The shocked machine gang is very reluctant to hand such a fine plum to a Democrat. The machine press, headed by the Portland Oregonian, which ought to be ashamed of itself, is inventing sophistical arguments to justify a breach of faith on the part of the members of the legislature. The casuistry of the politicians and the newspapers who are advocating a breach of the pledge is, however, so thin and so easily answered that it fails to convince even the most willing members of the legislature. Any pledge member that refuses to vote for Chamberlain will have to do it defiantly and contemptuously in violation of his pledge; will have to break his word of honor in presence of the whole state. There is no excuse that will hold water; no apology that any honest citizen will hearken to for a minute. Any Republican who would accept a seat in the senate in such a situation is a bad man."

Withdraw from Outlaws. Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 31.—Managers Curtin and Graham, of the Sacramento State League team, have decided to withdraw from the outlaw league and accept a coast league franchise for Sacramento next season. At the State League conference in San Francisco they gave the other state league managers a final chance to see things their way, and go into organized ball. The State League determined to remain outlaw, and Curtin made the formal announcement today that Sacramento will be in the Coast League next year with an additional team at Los Angeles to make it a six-club league. Curtin says the franchise will be awarded to Sacramento shortly.

A Constitutional Amendment. Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 31.—Copies of a proposed constitutional amendment to be submitted to the next legislature, reserving to the people initiative powers, have been sent to every legislator by the Direct Legislation League of California. Some members of the legislature have promised to support the measure when it is introduced. George B. Anderson and E. A. Dickson of Los Angeles, of the League, are coming here today in the interest of the proposition.

FOLLOW MODERN THOUGHT RECENT ENGLISH LAW-MAKING

London, Dec. 31.—English law-makers are taking six weeks' rest, one of the busiest sessions the parliament has ever had. Except a short summer recess they have been unconsciously since January 29, 1908. For their labors, however, legislators have considerable to show. Perhaps their most important enactment was the Old Age Pensions Law, under which 600,000 men and women of more than 70 begin receiving allowances of \$1.25 weekly with the first of the year.

The children's act is also of far-reaching effect. It establishes special courts for minors that they may be kept from contact with evil adults, forbids admittance of boys or girls of less than 16 to barrooms and prohibits smoking under the same age. The Crimes Act, a third new law, makes the "indeterminate sentence" a feature of the English criminal court procedure.

The Port of London Act appropriates \$115,000,000 for government acquisition of all London's privately owned docks and creates a board to improve another so managed as to build up the metropolis' decaying shipping business. By establishing a university at Belfast for Protestant patronage and another at Dublin for Catholics, a long standing Irish grievance is removed.

Other measures limit the working day in English mines to eight hours, prohibit the use of white phosphorus in match manufacture as a means of protecting match-girls from necrosis, grant \$50,000 to aid the involuntary idle and impose heavy penalties for attempts to break up public meetings—a direct thrust at the suffragettes.

BLACH HAIGIS AGAIN

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 31.—Governor Willson today received an urgent message from the county judge and other officials of Jackson county, asking that he order troops to proceed there immediately. The message merely said that the presence of troops was necessary for the protection of the lives of the citizens but gave no particulars.

It is thought that Beach Hargis, recently released on bond, after a jury failed to agree in his trial for the murder of his father, may have caused the trouble. Beach Hargis is a member of the family of that name, which took a prominent part in the recent mountain feuds. There was bad feeling at his trial.

Will Ask Congress to Aid.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—It was learned here authoritatively today that President Roosevelt will send a message urging that a liberal appropriation be made immediately for the Italian earthquake victims as soon as congress reassembles.

SALE OF STUPENDOUS MAGNITUDE

is now in progress at the Chicago Store. The entire stock must be closed out, as we are going to make our store double its present size and we don't want to have our goods spoiled with mortar, sand, dust and lime. This is a chance of a lifetime to buy the newest and best goods for about Half Price

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This is the way we are selling our goods now

50c full size sheets now	29c
15c pillow cases now	9c
Standard Calico, yd	4 1/2c
Best apron gingham, yd	5c
\$1.00 white bed spread	65c
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85c fancy waisting silk, yd	39c
Ladies' \$12.00 coats now	\$5.90
Ladies' \$8.00 coats now	\$3.90
\$5.00 dress skirts now	\$1.90
Girls' \$5.00 long coats for	\$1.90

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Men's 65c wool fleeced underwear now only	35c
Women's and misses' shoes, about half price.	
50c corset covers now only	23c

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