VICTIMS, HUNGER MAD, MURDER FOR FOOD IN EARTHQUAKE RUINS

Famished Men in Messina Use Pistols and Knives Holding Scraps Raked From Debris When Attacked by Others Crazed by Hunger.

STARVATION AND EXPOSURE ADD TO LONG LIST OF DEAD

Italy's King, After Heroic Work With the Queen in Messina and Reggio, Gives Orders for Relief of the Suffering—American Fleet to Aid.

President Roosevelt is expected to order the battleships now on the way around the world to Japanese ports to give aid. American troops are reported among the dead in Messina and other places.

The Italian authorities will figure the number killed at 55,000, although there is reason to believe this figure may be greatly exceeded. A great drama played by the earthquake left Reggio and a rush of people from the earth solidified rubble.

It is feared that William Henry Bishop, of New Haven, Conn., American Consul at Palermo, perished in the stay in the city.

An army of 25,000 men will be needed to rescue victims still in the rubble and bury the dead.

Congress will be asked by President Roosevelt next Monday to make a liberal appropriation for the relief of the sufferers in Italy.

ROME, Dec. 31.—The terrifying spectacle of death caused by the earthquake has now added the desire of starvation and the fear of a spread of pestilence. In the ruins of Messina, Reggio and various towns in Sicily and Calabria are the bodies of the dead which it has been impossible to remove, while everywhere thousands of hungry and homeless persons are hungry and homeless.

A reign of terror occurred in Messina today until the town of the modern world. Batches of starved victims of the earthquake were found among the debris in the hope of discovering food. The first of

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VICIOUS CONCLUSION TO STAND-OFF BETWEEN HEROIC BATTLESHIP AND SMUGGLERS

The Queen Mary, the warship stationed in the harbor past 15 hours, was the last word in the stand-off in a Southern California harbor where a warship was held as a precautionary measure until the arrival of a United States Attorney to prosecute the smugglers. The Queen Mary had arrived too late to take part in the stand-off. She is a second-class battleship of 15,000 tons. Her engines have been turned down and she is a second-class battleship of 15,000 tons. Her engines have been turned back. She is a second-class battleship of 15,000 tons. Her engines have been turned back.

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