MESSINA SEA WALL WRECKED

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE CAUSES PANIC AMONG SURVIVORS.

Storm Wrecks Refuge Tents at Catania—Alive in the Ruins a Fortnight—Socialists Raise Trouble in Italian Parliament Over Relief Measures.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—A despatch from Messina to the *Telegraph* says that a very severe earthquake ruined part of the sea wall at 1 o'clock this morning. The survivors were panicstricken.

The famous triptych, painted by Antonello da Messina, which was the best work exhibited in the local gallery, has been recovered undamaged.

CATANIA, Jan. 10.—A severe storm at Reggio wrecked the improvised huts there to-night and scattered the meagre belongings of the refugees. Many boats were wrecked. The telegraph office was damaged.

Many of the damaged walls left standing by the earthquake were thrown down. A collision between two Italian warships off the shore was only averted by stranding the Re Umberto.

It is reported that six persons were rescued from the ruins at Messina to-day, all of them desperately weak.

NAPLES, Jan. 10.—The steamer Verona arrived off here at noon to-day with refugees from Reggio, and $2,600,000 for the Bank of Naples. She was unable to enter owing to the rough sea and a tug went out to her. While she was being towed in, the towing hawser broke. The tug was so badly damaged that she sank. Her crew was rescued. The Verona was nearly wrecked.

The first division of the American battleship fleet is supposed to have arrived at Messina, from which place the Consul here has been notified that the arrival of the battleship Connecticut at Naples is imminent. A tug has gone to meet her. The Mayor has suspended the festivities that had been arranged in honor of the fleet.

Surgeon-Major Metcalfe, U. S. A., and G. W. Blake, who volunteered and went to Messina on the hospital ship Campania, have returned to Capri. They state they attended to 600 injured and buried 300 of the victims. The latter were specifically disinfected by the Americans' own system. They took twenty survivors to Capri at their own expense.

It is stated here that the American battleships Vermont, Kansas and Minnesota have coaled at Gibraltar and gone to Marseilles, and that they will not come to Naples.

MESSINA, Jan. 10.—After being a fortnight beneath the ruins of his home, a butcher 43 years old was rescued today, in comparatively good health. He had witnessed the prolonged sufferings and death of his wife and four cildren, who were beside him during his entombment.

ROME, Jan. 10.—Bayard Cutting, Vice-Consul at Milan, who was sent to Sicily by Ambassador Griscom, telegraphs that no information has been found concerning the following Americans:

Mrs. Mark A. Debart, Miss Blanche Kane, Dr. G. W. P. Mead, Miss Helen Bent, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jones and Mr. Stuart Knott.

William H. Bishop, Consul at Palermo, has traced there the following Americans:

Mrs. and Miss W. G. Best, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Franzer, Mrs. Grant Winfield Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Welcock, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Storkes, Mrs. Dougherty and children, Mrs. F. W. Higgins and son, Mrs. G. D. Cameron and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Goodwin, Mrs. Nimisk, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Henderson, Mrs. Degnarine, Mr. and Mrs. K. Rogers, A. Clinton, L. N. Hammenway, P. M. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hapgood, Mrs. M Williams, Mrs. T. Crehore, Miss Bent, Miss Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Parkes, Mrs. A. E. Gorgan, the Misses Eppes, Mrs. Hunt and daughter and Mrs. B. Peck

Parliament has voted a special law authorizing the expenditure of money and the enforcemnet of special measures in the earthquake area. It was hoped that the bill would be passed without discussion, but slight amendments were introduced by the Socialists, who criticised the projects and deplored that no legislation was proposed on behalf of those made orphans by the calamity.

Prime Minister Giolitti assured the House that the orphans had not been forgotten, and said that a special commission would be appointed exclusively to consider them.

Then Signor Faranda, the surviving Deputy for Messina, lamented the establishment of a state of siege, declaring that it was too harsh a measure, especially for the neighboring country districts, to which it extended. It was, he added, as bad as a second earthquake.

Signor Giolitti defended the action of the Government in declaring a state of sege, saying it was indispensable to prevent plunder.

Signor Denava, a Calabrian Deputy, thanked the British navy for the assistance it had rendered. His speech caused the House to applaud.

Signor de Felice, a Socialist, attacked the Government. He said the rescue work had been insufficient and that many victims perished who could have been saved.

The criticisms led to the modification of a few clauses of the bill, which was then passed with only five dissentients in a full House.

The following delayed despatch has been received from Messina:

The American relief steamer Bayern arrived here on the night of January 8 and reported to Gen. Mazza, commanding in the earthquake zone.

Early on January 9 she landed a party who assisted in the rescue of a woman and two children, alive and strong, in the presence of the woman's husband. All walked to the harbor and were taken on the Bayern.

The steamer landed supplies for the American and British Consulates and then went to Catania. Ambassador Griscom, who accompanied the Bayern, visited the Archbishop, giving him money and a large quantity of supplies. He visited the earthquake ruins.

Rear-Admiral Sperry, on the American flagship Connecticut, arrived in the evening, and accompanied Mr. Griscom on a brief visit to Gen. Mazza, when the Ambassador expressed the universal sympathy of the American people.

The efforts to hasten the evacuation of Messina have been only partially successful. It has been found impossible to exclude the survivors by force, while the plan to cease the distribution of food ashore, limiting its distribution to the ships, has proved to be practically useless.

The survivors obstinately cling to the ruins. They say they would rather die from starvation than abandon their native city. Moreover the soldiers share their rations with the hungery sufferers. The refugees, who are now scattered throughout Italy, are clamoring to return.

Notwithstanding the burials, disinfection is still going on, but the efforts to kill the odor are unavailing.

Prof. Rocco, director of the observatory at Messina, told a Deputy here that a few months ago he happened to read a book on astrology published in 1700 in which the author explicitly predicted the complete destruction of Reggio and Messina by an earthquake in 1908.

In accordance with instructions from the Archbishop priests are now traversing the ruins of Messina praying for the dead with uplifted hands.

COLLECTING FROM THE POOR.

Second Day of Parading for Coppers and Old Clothing.

Yesterday, like Sunday a week ago, was a day for the collection of Italian relief money from the very poor. Pounds of small coins to the value of $900 came into the office of *Il Progresso*, the Italian newspaper, yesterday afternoon as the result of the efforts of three bands of paraders who covered the lower East Side, the middle West Side and the Williamsburg district in Brooklyn.

There were six big tin boxes in each parade, and they came back heavy with coppers and nickels. They ran about $50 apiece. Besides the money that the Italians collected there were seven or eight cartloads of clothing to add to the 170 cases that have already been gathered, most of which is already far on the way to Sicily.

Frederick Mirti of *Il Progresso* has been guiding the downtown parades, and he intimated yesterday afternoon that he doesn't want to undertake any more such missions if he can help it. They aren't good for one's spirits. The people, he says, feel so very badly, and then too they give more than they ought to give—with the generosity of the poor. He told of a man who took off his hat—a very good hat, as Signor Mirti assured—and threw it on the wagon. Another did the same with his coat, and everywhere the people threw money and clothing from the windows. He said that all the money found its way to the boxes too. A horde of youngsters followed the parade, gathered up the nickels and coppers as they fell and kept not a one.

There were some other incidents. Old women came out with money tied up in handkerchiefs, and most of them gave all that they had. A Jew on Orchard street didn't have any money, so he tore a gold locket off his watch chain and dropped that into the box. Two boys came out of a tenement. Between them they had five coppers and a shirt. The money and the shirt went the way to Sicily. Somebody else contributed a beer check good for half a pint at a Second avenue saloon.

It took three bands to keep the parades going and Lorenzo Vola of 55 James street gave them all. They worked all day. The wagons and carriages came from the stables of Italian truckmen and the clothing all went to the office of the Italian Central Express at 181 Worth street and almost filled it up.

The great concert which was given last night at the Metropolitan Opera House brought in several thousand dollars.

During an intermission in the concert Max Hirsch, treasurer of the theatre, auctioned off an old silver snuffbox from the stage. It had been sent to a newspaper by a woman who said that she was too poor to give money but that the snuffbox was a family heirloom and very old. Those in the audience and the principals in the concert entered into the bidding, which was lively. Caruso finally got the snuffbox for $400. A programme autographed by the performers in the concert was auctioned off by Mr. Hirich and brought $160.

For to-morrow night the *Bollettino della Sera*, the Italian evening newspaper, announces a theatrical performance at the Manhattan Lyceum at 66-68 East Fourth street for the benefit of the Italian relief work. The Sicilian Dramatic Company will present "Maredda, ovvero, La Vigilia del Matrimonio," a three act play. The company is under the direction of Archimede Parisi.

GIRL SHOOTS GIRL; KILLS SELF.

Jealous When Chum Accepted Young Man's Attentions.

CHICAGO, Jan. 10.—Bullets ended a strange romance when Anna Rubinowitcz, known to her friends as Anna Rubin, to-day shot and probably fatally wounded Bertha Yablonsky, with whom she was infatuated and then fired a bullet into her own breast from which she died a few hours later.

In her dying statement Miss Rubinowitcz said only: "I held her love until that young man stepped in between us. I had full control over her mind. She loved me and I loved her, but when she began going with him she changed. He got control over her and she loved him."

The young man was the first person of the opposite sex to come between her and the chum of her youth in Russia and that prompted Miss Rubinowitcz's attack on Miss Yablonsky and her own suicide. The immediate cause was that the young man had taken Bertha to a dance Saturday night.

The Weather.

Threatening and rainy weather prevailed yesterday over all the Atlantic and Southern States and the Tennessee and Ohio valleys. Snow fell in parts of the central States, the Lake regions and the upper Mississippi and Missouri valleys.

There was a storm forming in the Rocky Mountain region and moving eastward, attended by high winds and extremely cold weather on its northern side. Temperatures below zero prevailed over the Northwest and much warmer weather east of the Mississippi River.

There was fog with light to fresh onshore winds on the middle Atlantic coast and the New England coast.

In this city the day was cloudy and threatening; warmer; wind, light east to northeast; average humidity, 81 per cent.; barometer, corrected to read to sea level, at 8 A. M., 30.26; 3 P. M., 30.16.

The temperature yesterday, as recorded by the official thermometer, is shown in the annexed table:

	1909.	1908.		1909.	1908.
9 A. M.	38°	17°	6 P. M.	38°	29°
12 M.	38°	22°	9 P. M.	38°	28°
3 P. M.	38°	29°	12 Mid.	38°	28°

Lowest temperature, 35°, at 12:10 A. M.

WASHINGTON FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

For eastern New York, rain to-day; partly cloudy and much colder, with snow in northern portion to-morrow; fresh southerly, shifting to northwesterly winds.

For New England, rain to day; rain or snow and much colder to-morrow; fresh southerly, shifting to nortwesterly winds.

For eastern Pennsylvania, rain to-day and colder by night; partly cloudy and much colder to-morrow; fresh southerly, shifting to northwesterly winds.

For New Jersey, rain to-day; partly cloudy and much colder to-morrow; fresh southerly, shifting to northwesterly winds.

For the District of Columbia, Delaware and Maryland, rain to-day and colder at night; partly cloudy and much colder to-morrow; fresh southerly, shifting to northwesterly winds.

For western New York, rain, turning into snow, and much colder to-day; cold wave in western portion; partly cloudy and colder to-morrow, with snow near the lakes.

For western Pennsylvania, rain, turning into snow, with a cold wave to-day; partly cloudy and continued cold to-morrow, with snow near the lakes.

CALIFORNIA-MEXICO.

A series of First-Class Personally Escorted All-Expense Tours from twenty-one to fifty-three days' duration, have been arranged by the Tourist Department of the Chicago Union Pacific & North-Western Line to include Old Mexico, California and Colorado via a choice of the most desirable routes, leaving Chicago and other points during the months of January and February, 1909. Direct Southern Routes are used to California and Old Mexico, returning through California, Utah and Colorado. Correspondence solicited. Address or call on S. A. HUTCHINSON, Manager, Tourist Dept., Chicago Union Pacific & North-Western Line, 461 Broadway, New York.—Adv.

FIND THAT METZ IS HUMAN

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONERS THINK HE MIGHT IMPROVE.

Not Going to Do Anything to Him While the State Machines Set So Bad an Example and He Sticks to the Letter of the Law Though Grieving the Spirit.

Comptroller Herman Metz, whose manner of making appointments was investigated by the State Civil Service Commission as a result of charges brought by the Civil Service Reform Association, has been exonerated on most of these charges in the report of the commission which was made public yesterday. The commission reserved its decision on the charge that Mr. Metz had violated the law in making appointments to exempt places, though it says that the practice of appointing persons of your own political faith to these berths is not confined to the Comptroller and that the latter hasn't disobeyed the spirit of the law any more than many other heads of departments in both the city and State governments.

Commissioners Milliken and Brown sign the prevailing report and they say on the charge that Mr. Metz had made appointments to exempt places for political reasons:

On the strength of the evidence secured we should not be warranted in saying that any particular appointment was made for political purposes and that any single person who was appointed having a political recommendation would not have been appointed on a non-political recommendation of like respectability. Nevertheless when a large number of exempt places and temporary places excepted from competition are filled with a greatly preponderating number of the members of one political organization and leaders of that organization habitually make successful recommendations and are told by the appointing officer, as he testified, that when there was a vacancy he "would give an organization man the preference at any time, all things being equal," the inference of political influence to some extent at least is unavoidable. It is impossible to review the methods which have prevailed in the Finance Department in the filling of places free from competition without reaching the conclusion that, however faithfully the Comptroller may have sought to select fit men for his work, such fitness being established, the places were considered a legitimate means of granting political favors.

The commission quotes from Mr. Metz's own testimony to the effect that he followed recommendations of the organization and says that it is antagonistic to the law and "a survival of the time when all offices were considered to be legitimate spoils."

"It cannot escape observation," says the report, "that after an election to State offices the party leaders of the successful party openly confer with the appointing powers as to the distribution of the exempt places within their gift, and a similar course is followed when by a decree of the courts a number of places formerly filled by competition are opened to personal appointment."

The commission says that however general the practice it must uphold the law and call the attention of officers to the obligation of disregarding all political influence.

"The commission," it says, "is unprepared to concede that the plain requirements of the Constitution and the statute are a counsel of perfection which it is hypocrisy to enforce."

The charge of removals for political reasons, in which was invloved the discharge of some of the anti-McCarren men, the commission says was not proved.

In concluding its report the commissioners recommend that the municipal body require more extended and detailed records of recommendations and qualifications of persons appointed to places in the exempt class. It instances Patrick J. McCann, exempt as a "bank messenger," who isn't a bank messenger at all.

Commissioner Kraft in a minority report absolved the Comptroller from blame on all points.

MANILA EDITORS JAILED.

Convicted of Libelling Dean C. Worcester—Gov. Smith Coming to U. S.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

MANILA, Jan. 11.—When W. Cameron Forbes, Vice-Governor of the Philippines, arrives here from the United States Governor-General Smith will sail for home.

Two editors of the *Renacimiento*, an organ of the immediate independence party, which for a long time has been making vicious attacks on Americans, have been sentenced to six months imprisonment and fined $1,000 each for libelling and venomously attacking the character of Dean C. Worcester, Secretary of the Interior, whom they charged with grafting.

The paper declared that his administration was a general failure. Two other editors of the *Renacimiento*, who were tried on the same charge, were acquitted.

PERU SEEKS NEW LOAN.

$3,000,000 Bond Issue May Be Authorized to Refund Old and Pay New Debts.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LIMA, Jan. 10.—The Government has asked the Congress to authorize a loan of $3,000,000 in order to cancel the balance of the loan of November, 1905, and to pay debts amounting to $400,000 left by the former administration.

CUBA IN GOOD SHAPE.

Gov. Magoon Satisfied After Tour of Inspection in the Eastern Provinces.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

HAVANA, Jan. 10.—Gov. Magoon has returned from his tour of the eastern part of the island

He says he is well satisfied with the conditions there.

The Court-Martial on Major Fremont.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

HAVANA, Jan. 10.—The court-martial of Major Francis P. Fremont of the Fifth Infantry will begin to-morrow at Sagua la Grande.

The Major is charged with making derogatory statements regarding Major Clark of the same regiment

STARVING ON BROADWAY.

Austrian Miner Who Came Here Seeking Work Four Days Without Food.

Stos Worock, an Austrian miner, who said that he had no home, was taken to Bellevue Hospital last night suffering from starvation. The doctors at the hospital said that the man had been at least four days without food.

Worock was found at Broadway and Fourth street by Policeman McKeon. He was staggering and the policeman thought that he was intoxicated. The man found a barrel outside Fleischmann's restaurant at Fourth street and began eating pieces of stale bread. McKeon took him to the Mercer street station house.

All that could be learned from the man himself—he speaks no English—was that he had come here a week ago from the coal regions of Pennsylvania, as he was told that men were needed in New York at good wages.

A New Divver Club.

James Divver, son of the late Patrick Divver, former Democratic leader of the Second Assembly district, is going to start a club to open next Saturday night at 59 Madison street, where the old Divver clubrooms were. He will call it the Madison Social Club.

MORTGAGE LOANS.

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WORK FOR THE IDLE ACTORS

AUGUSTUS THOMAS SUGGESTS A SPECULATIVE THEATRE.

If a Manager Will Lend It and a Staff Will Work for What They May Get and the Actors Will Take a Chance, Some Unacted Plays Might See the Light.

Augustus Thomas, the guest of honor of the Actors Society of America last night at 133 West Forty-fifth street, suggested a plan by which actors now out of work might be benefited. Mr. Thomas was introduced by Thomas A. Wise, the president of the society.

"I would suggest," said the playwright, "that a reading committee be appointed by the society for the purpose of reading plays that have been rejected. With the cooperation of the authors they might select plays that would seem to have a chance of success. Then they might secure a manager who would consent to take a chance, a theatre that would be loaned to them for a performance or two and a staff who would work on spec.

"If the play was a success and the public showed a willingness to patronize it, the rent of the theatre could be paid, the manager could get his salary, the author his commissions and the actors proper pay. If it failed, why nobody would be worse off than at present."

Mr. Thomas's suggestion brought out a good deal of applause. It was said afterward that the society would consider the proposition seriously and look around for a complaisant theatre owner and manager.

Mr. Thomas gave it as his opinion that the stage in these days was more important than the church in that its teachings were more easily comprehended by the people generally. Often the teachings of the church, said Mr. Thomas, are not comprehended or are misunderstood, while the teachings of the stage are so clear and vivid on essential points that none may misconstrue them.

For that reason he believes that actors and actresses should try to lead lives as respectable as they could make them. The time has passed, Mr. Thomas thought, when an actor may be the devil of a fellow without loss of reputation and even of ability. The profession of the stage has taken rank with what were formerly more dignified vocations, and Mr. Thomas believed that stage people should endeavor to keep up a certain standard of conduct.

"It will make you better actors, believe it," said he.

HENRY A. APPELIUS A SUICIDE.

Retired Manager of the New York Life Shoots Himself.

Henry A. Appelius, a retired insurance man, once general manager of the metropolitan department of the New York Life, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by shooting himself through the head in his apartments on the fifth floor of St. James Court, Ninety-second street and Broadway. The act was attributed to temporary insanity. Mr. Appelius was 70 years old.

In the apartment at the time were his young wife and his nephew, Thomas James, 10 years old. They were in the kitchen when they were startled by a noise as of a door being smartly clapped to. Neither knew what to make of it, as Mr. Appelius had gone out but a few minutes before and they had not heard him return. They ran to Mr. Appelius's bedroom, whence the noise had come, and there they found him lying in a heap on the floor, shot through the head. By his side was a revolver, so new that the price mark had not yet been removed from it.

It is believed that the suicide was not premeditated. Only the day before Mr. Appelius had been planning a small dinner, to be given at the Waldorf this evening to his wife and three or four of their friends, on the occasion of his seventieth birthday anniversary. From this circumstance it is thought that the fit of suicidal mania came upon him very suddenly. Mr. Appelius had not been exactly in his right mind for the last year or more, his friends say.

Some months ago he began to carry a revolver around with him and his friends took it away from him.

Mr. Appelius was born in Berlin, Germany, and came to this country fifty years ago. He set up as a general insurance broker at first, but later specialized in life insurance. After a while he entered the service of the New York Life, finally becoming its general manager for the metropolitan department, a place he held for thirty-seven years. He retired about six or seven years ago and since then had been living on the commissions derived from current policies which he had secured for the companies and from their renewals. He married Miss Harriet Simpson, the daughter of J. A. Simpson, a confectioner, about ten years ago. His first wife had died some years before. Miss Simpson was 22 years old at the time of her marriage. Mr. Appelius has two brothers in Berlin.

May Be Pastor Who Is Charged With Murder.

CLEARMONT, Ont., Jan. 10.—A demented man, answering the description of the Rev. J. H. Carmichael, the supposed murderer of A. G. Browning of Adair, Mich., was picked up near here at 9 o'clock to-night and is now locked up in a railroad oil house. He weighs 200 pounds, has full brown, closely clipped beard, walks with a limp and toes out extremely. He could give no satisfactory account of himself and talked religion.

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ONLY ONE PERSON, A BOY, ESCAPES EXPLOSION.

Spark From Electric Motor Ignites Accumulation of Gas—Mr. Leiter Leads Relief Party Into Mine—Expert Had Pronounced Mine Free From Gas.

ZEIGLER, Ill., Jan. 10.—Joe Leiter's ill fated mine, located here, was the scene of another disastrous explosion shortly after midnight last night, in which twenty-seven men lost their lives

The only survivor of the explosion is an Italian boy who escaped unharmed. The following is a list of the victims whose bodies have been recovered:

Willis Warner, foreman; Albert Kerr, foreman; James Patterson, Joe Richardson, Fred Morgan, J. O. Evans, M. Gilbert Jones, Joe Tate, James Phillips, Aaron Jereoll, Thomas Hubbard, Cebe Puckett, Charles Smothers, Apostle Hudaloss, Stephen Izaneoss, Joe Duleno, Joe Wallo, Stephen Doaneff.

Eight bodies have not yet been recovered, and all of these are thought to be Americans. The search for the bodies will continue until all have been found, and the task will probably be completed by midnight.

It is understood that the explosion was caused by a spark from an electric motor which came into contact with an accumulation of gas. The explosion was not attended by any considerable concussion, as is evidenced by the fact that but little damage was done to the interior of the mine.

Joseph Leiter, who was on the scene shortly after the catastrophe, headed a relief party into the mine.

A member of the party, Joseph Husband of Pittsburg, a personal friend of Mr. Leiter, who has been visiting him in Zeigler the past week, was overcome by gas and was revived after much effort.

An expert who has been experimenting with the gases in the mine during the last week left on Wednesday, confident that he had put the mine in safe condition to be operated.

The men who were caught in the explosion were cleaning away the débris resulting from the fires which have been burning recently, and mining operations were to have been resumed this week.

Mr. Leiter was much affected by the loss of life and remained about the mine all day assisting the workmen.

The explosion is similar to the accident four years ago, in which sixty men were killed.

NEW FRUIT, CUCUMBER ORANGE.

New England Man Gets a Cross That He Says Is Delicious.

GARDNER, Mass., Jan. 10.—A New England man has procured a vegetable which is a cross between a cucumber and an orange. The new cucumber is fine grained, delicious in taste and of a perfect yellow color, and it was produced in crossing the blossom of a cucumber and an orange by Howard S. Hill of this town.

"I had an orange and a cucumber one day and without thought mixed together some of the pulp of the two," tells Mr. Hill. "The product was mostly cucumber, but the orange gave it a most delectable flavor.

"Instantly the idea came to mind to blend the two into one growth. Then I began my experiments. The first year the product of my cucumber vine changed slightly in color. The second year they took on the almost round shape of the orange. The third year the cucumber took the perfect round shape, the spines or little prickles dropped off and the cucumber had the unmistakable orange flavor. I picked the cucumber orange ten weeks after planting. From a single vine I had five perfect ones.

"The cucumber orange is of goodly size, even larger than an orange. On the inside of it nearest the skin it is mostly orange and has the little cells similar to that fruit. The centre of the orange cucumber is the same as that of a cucumber, but the seeds are not like those of either an orange or a cucumber.

"At the present time, at the end of the third year, I have upward of sixty seeds, and propose to plant all these when I put my next crop into the ground. I hope soon to raise seedless cucumber oranges."

AUTO ACCIDENT VICTIM DEAD.

Girl Hit by Same Car in Serious Condition—Driver Held.

STAMFORD, Conn., Jan. 10.—Mrs. Jacob Howe, who with her fourteen-year-old daughter Gertrude was hit by the automobile of Dr. Amos J. Given here last night, died in the Stamford Hospital this morning. The car turned turtle after the collision and was wrecked. Theodore Goetz, the driver, and Dr. Glover, whom he had taken for a pleasure ride, had a narrow escape. Gertrude Howe's condition was reported as serious to-night.

Goetz is being held without bail pending the Coroner's inquest.

Charles Taylor, Oldest Jockey, Dead.

WORCESTER, Mass., Jan. 10.—Charles Taylor, known throughout the United States as the oldest driver and trainer of trotting horses in the world, is dead at White River Junction, aged 103. He drove his first trotting race at the age of 15 and his last race in competition at the age of 96 in 1902. His last appearance against time was at the Greendale track in Worcester last fall. Taylor was born at Williamstown, Canada. Taylor never married. In his career he won 1,700 races.

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Swiss Farmers in America Go Back to Find Real Helpmeets.

Two naturalized American citizens, Rudolph Rothlesberger, who owns a farm near Elgin, Ill., and Fritz Burgi, a farmer of Canton, Ohio, arrived yesterday in the second cabin of the French liner La Bretagne with vigorous and fresh looking Swiss spinsters whom they will marry to-day. Rothlesberger had looked over the American women of his neighborhood and decided that none was fitted to be the wife of a Swiss farmer, so he went back to his native country and announced that he was in need of a helpmeet who would be willing to bear some of the burdens as well as the joys of his life. He is 42, and he said he wanted no young things to apply.

He was introduced to several young and middle aged women and selected Emma Gusset, a pink cheeked, tall and raw boned maiden somewhat past 30. They decided that they were made for each other. Rothlesberger said the legal formalities necessary in Switzerland before a couple can be married there involve advertising and other delays and that he and Miss Gusset decided to wait until the arrival of the ship in New York before getting the knot tied. He paid her expenses for the trip.

While Rothlesberger and his sweetheart were making love in Swiss fashion on the Bretagne they ran across another couple who apparently were doing likewise. Rothlesberger recognized Fritz Burgi as an old friend and asked him if he too had been seeking a bride in the old country. Burgi introduced his friend to Rosetti Beschel, aged 37 but not looking it. Burgi said he too had been unable to find in America a woman who would make a Swiss farmer happy while helping him to do the work of the farm. Burgi resorted to a weekly paper in Berne to get him a wife. He advertised for an attractive woman past 30 with a robust constitution, willing to help a farmer, who had a good piece of property all paid for, to increase the value thereof. Among a large number of women who answered the advertisement was Miss Beschel, a trained nurse in the Government hospital at Berne. Burgi said that after they had been introduced they decided that they were pretty close to being affinities. They also put off marrying until they got here because they would be required to stay too long in Switzerland before getting the sanction of law

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