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Holiday

GOODS

AT

Reduced Prices.

After the usual holiday business is over it is our custom to close out all unsold holiday goods—odds and ends or any merchandise soiled or mussed during the busy days preceding Christmas. This big reduction sale began

Monday, Dec. 28

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HORRORS OF EARTHQUAKE.

Messina, the second city of Sicily, with a population of 30,000 people, was shaken on Monday to its foundation and swept by a tidal wave 30 feet high. Fifty thousand people are reported killed in that city. The Straits of Messina were twisted out of their well-known shape, high houses were thrown down and their foundations have been rendered extremely hazardous. In many of the stricken cities the shocks caused the gas meters to explode and disastrous fire increased the horror of the situation. The quake, which lasted at Messina 22 seconds, was accompanied by a terrific deluge of rain into which the half-clothed people rushed, trying to escape from the falling buildings. The geography of southern Italy was changed by the earthquake and the government has official notices that the contour of Sicily has been changed materially. Arthur S. Oboney, United States consul, and his wife are believed to be among the victims.

Refugees from Messina are pouring into Catania by trains, steamers, and automobiles. They are half naked and stupefied with terror and suffering. Some of them appear almost insane from the horrors through which they have gone. In the beginning they could only babble. "Messina has been devastated; the city has been annihilated."

Little by little some of the indescribable horror at Messina was obtained from these unfortunates. They declare that thousands of demented survivors are wandering about among the ruins of the city. King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena have sailed from Naples for Sicily. Aid is being sent to the sufferers from all parts of the world.

A wounded soldier said: "The spectacle was terrifying beyond words. Donato's Inferno gives you but a faint idea of what happened Monday morning at Messina. The first shock came before the sun had risen. It shook the city to its very foundations. Immediately the houses began to crumble. Those of us who were not killed at once made our way over undulating floors to the streets. Bombs were crashing down through the rooms and the stairs, were equally unsafe."

"I found the streets blocked by fallen houses, balconies, chimneys, bell towers and entire walls had been thrown down. From every side of me arose the screams and moanings of the wounded. The people were half mad with excitement and fear. Most of them had rushed on in their night clothes. In a little while we were all shivering under a torrential downpour of rain. Everywhere were dead bodies, nude, disfigured, and mutilated. In the ruins I could see arms and legs moving helplessly. From every quarter came piteous appeals for aid."

"The portion of the town down near the water was lousiered by the tidal wave. The water rushed to the shoulders of the fugitives and swept them away."

"The city hall, the cathedral and the barracks crumbled, and other public buildings and dwellings without number were literally razed to the ground. There were 200 customs agents at the barracks; only 41 of them were saved. At the railway station only 8 out of 280 employees have been accounted for. "Many of those who succeeded in escaping with their lives are incapable of relating their experiences coherently. I questioned all who were in a condition to talk. Most of them told the same story. They said the first thing they knew they were thrown out of bed, and amid crashing ceilings and falling furniture managed to make their way to the street. Then in the blackness of night and amid a pouring rain, they added to their horror and distress, they rushed blindly away amid the crash of tumbling buildings and the shrieks and groans of those buried in the ruins. Many while trying to escape were struck down by falling balconies and masonry, and still many others lost their reason and are today wandering aimlessly in the open fields outside the city or up and down the ruined streets they know so well. "The looters and the robbers were shot down dead by the rifles of the soldiers."

For that Dull Feeling After Eating. I have used Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets for some time, and can testify that they have done me more good than any tablets I have ever used. My trouble was a heavy dull feeling after eating—David Freeman, Kemp, Nova Scotia. These tablets strengthen the stomach and improve the digestion. They also regulate the liver and bowels. They are far superior to pills but cost no more. For sale by W. F. Creighton and Richard Gibson.

PANIC IN A CHURCH.

A panic threatened the lives of more than 400 children, and in which Mrs. John Driver was seriously injured and several of the little ones were badly burned, occurred last night in Dexter street Baptist Church, Richmond, during a gathering to enjoy a huge Christmas tree, laden with presents and presided over by women of the church. The panic was caused by the church catching fire from a defective fuse. Before anyone in the audience realized that there was a fire the building was enveloped in flames, and the children stampeded for the doors. The church building is old-fashioned, with but few exits, and this made the exit something of a task. The church was damaged to a considerable extent, and the Christmas tree, with all of the presents it contained, is a total loss.

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CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK,

Alexandria, Va., Dec. 17, 1908.—At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Citizens' National Bank, of Alexandria, Va., held this day, the regular semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent, was declared, payable on and after January 2nd, 1909, to stockholders of record, December 31st, 1908, and also an extra dividend of 1 per cent, payable as of the same date.

RICHARD M. GREEN, Cashier.
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