



EARTHQUAKE KILLS 100,000

A. S. CHENEY, U. S. CONSUL, REPORTED AMONG DEAD

Score of Towns in Southern Italy Overwhelmed by the Disaster

PESTILENCE IS FEARED FOR

On Account of the Vast Havoc Bodies Will Lie Unburied for Many Weeks—Warship's Heroic Service

ROME, Dec. 29.—One hundred thousand dead, in Messina, on the island of Sicily and Reggio and a score of towns of Southern Italy are overwhelmed; entire Calabrian region is laid to waste—that is the earthquake's record so far as at present is known.

Reports are coming slowly into Rome on account of almost complete destruction of lines of communication to stricken places. The death rate at Messina ranges from 12,000 to 50,000; that of Reggio, which with its adjacent villages numbered 45,000 includes almost the entire population. At Pali, 1000 are reported dead; at Cassano, 1000; at Cosenza, 500; and half the population of Bagnara, about 4000. Monte Leon region is devastated and Riposa, Seminara, San Giovanni, Scilla, Lazzaro and Cannitello and all other communities and villages on the straits are in ruins.

King and Queen on Way.
The king and queen of Italy are now on the way to Messina. The pope has shown great distress at the calamity and he, himself, was the first to contribute \$200,000 to the relief of the afflicted. British, French and Russian warships are steaming toward the south and already several of the ships of Great Britain and Russia have performed heroic service in the work of rescue.

It is feared many foreigners are killed, as a number of hotels in Messina and doubtless all other places were crowded with tourists. Little is known of the fate of diplomatic representatives of powers stationed at these posts, although the Italian government is using every effort to relieve any anxiety in fault on his account.

There is the gravest danger that pestilence will follow the destruction. On account of the vast havoc wrought many bodies will lie unburied for weeks. Those who are uninjured are making their way to the nearest places of refuge.

Messina on Fire.
Messina was the center of yesterday's terrestrial molstrom and was

shaken to ruins. Flames burst forth to complete the city's destruction and to burn alive untold numbers hopelessly pinioned beneath fallen stones and broken timbers. The Strait of Messina was shaken and twisted, mariners reporting that the channel is altered beyond recognition. Ports and villas on both continental and Sicilian sides were wrecked and inundated and all lighthouses along the coast swallowed up. In Calabrian district of Reggio was the center of the upheaval. The loss of life on both sides of the strait and in Eastern Sicily was enormous. One of those who escaped from Messina said:

"The earth shook suddenly to drop and then turn violently upon its axis. The whole population who were practically precipitated from the houses when they were rent in twain, were spun around like tops as they ran through the streets."

Rescue Work Slow.
The work of rescue at Messina according to meagre details received here tonight presented harrowing scenes. Hundreds of people are buried under walls and rafters alive but were terribly injured for 30 hours.

One of the rescuers was found under the ruins of a house with five children alive but was unable to speak, lying around the corpse of their mother. In some instances, heroic rescuers met death in falling debris. In one house, 20 persons were suspended on the fifth floor and unable to reach safety because the floors had been torn away. These were rescued with a rope by the clothes.

Reports received state that 4000 soldiers from various barracks at Messina were buried under the ruins.

SEATTLE WILL HELP.
SEATTLE, Dec. 29.—The Italian-American Club tonight held a special meeting to consider plans for relief of those who suffered in the Italian earthquake. Each member constituted himself a committee to bring in as many contributions as possible at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

36 MINERS BURIED IN DEATH TRAP

Horrible Coal Mine Disaster at Lick Branch Virginia—Four Taken Out Dead

ROANOKE, Va., Dec. 29.—A coal mine disaster at Lick Branch occurred today. Forty to sixty are imprisoned. Rescue was prevented by fire and smoke.

Later.—The message received at 10 o'clock at the general offices of the Norfolk & Western Railway, says 14 men have been taken out of the mine and that four are dead. It is practically settled that 50 miners were at work when the explosion occurred

and that there yet remains 36 in the death pit. The rescue work is very slow. The damage to the mine is reported great. The cause of the explosion is not yet determined.

STANFORD WINS AGAIN.
VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 29.—Stanford today administered the second defeat to Vancouver on Rugby field, winning Keith Cup with ten points to three.

GIRL AND OSTRICH.

LONG BEACH, Cal., Dec. 29.—Miss Bertha Proctor, secretary of the Long Beach Ostrich Farm, is suffering from a muffled nose, the result of an encounter with one of the old birds at the farm. She was viewing the creatures and one of them attempted to take a nail she was holding in her fingers. Being repulsed, it attacked her, snapped her nose and held on to it for two or three minutes. The marks of the injury will remain some time, but the attending physician does not think they will be permanent.

CAT AND EAGLE SCRAP.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A lusty young eagle, probably from the Catskill Mountains made its appearance in Harlem last evening where it engaged in a combat with a cat in the rear of a butcher shop over some meat scraps. A boy in the shop hearing the cat's cries, rushed out and caught the bird by throwing his sweater over its head. Followed by a cheering crowd of 200 children he then carried his captive to a nearby police station. It will be given to the Central Park Zoo.

COURT DECIDES CASE IN DUNBAR'S FAVOR

JUSTICE EAKIN REVERSES DECREE OF JUDGE WILLIAM GALLOWAY.

NOT ACCOUNTABLE TO STATE

Suit Brought by State Against F. I. Dunbar For Sum of \$103,926 he Collected as Fees While Secretary of State.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 29.—On the ground that the State has no right or title to the fees and perquisites exacted by the defendant under the statutes referred to in the complaint and that the defendant is not accountable to the state therefor, the Supreme Court, in an opinion written by Justice Eakin, reversed the decree of Judge William Galloway, of the Circuit Court, and dismissed the suit of the State against former Secretary of State F. I. Dunbar, which was brought to compel him to reimburse the State for the amount of fees and perquisites collected by him during his two terms of office and converted to his own use.

The suit was brought by the State upon relation of District Attorney J. H. McNary, substituted for J. K. Sears, and a decree was obtained from Judge Galloway against Dunbar for the sum of \$103,926, collected as fees for filing articles of incorporation, issuing notarial commissions, recording trade marks, copying laws and journals, issuing appointments of commissioners of deeds, other commissions, agents' certificates to fire insurance companies, licenses to life insurance agents, annual licenses to life insurance companies, requisitions and warrants of arrest, registering titles in insurance matters, issuing powers of attorney, issuing certificates of authority to insurance companies, and filing statements of mutual fire insurance associations.

The largest items in the list of fees collected are \$35,560 for issuing certificates to fire insurance companies, \$21,488.16 for issuing annual licenses to life insurance companies and \$17,186 for issuing notarial commissions.

SAYS MRS HAINS LOVED ANNIS

Sensational Testimony Given by Witness

SMOKED CIGARETTES

Testifies That She Turned Somersaults While Annis Smacked Her

OFTEN BECAME INTOXICATED

Cook in Hains Household Tells How She Referred to Annis as "Papa" and "Affinity" and Often Stayed Away All Night.

FLUSHING, Dec. 29.—In Thornton Hains' trial today Samuel C. Reid, building inspector of United States training station at North Chicago gave sensational testimony. Reid said Hains told him that when he returned from the Philippines, Mrs. Hains told him gossip connecting her name with Annis was ridiculous. Afterward Hains invited Annis to dinner to show he did not believe the gossip. Witness said Hains' father told him there were things that ought to be investigated and when Hains again spoke to his wife she replied, "I do love Billy Annis." Reid said that Captain and Mrs. Hains then told him all; that she loved Annis and not him.

Witness said Hains frequently expressed a wish to die and quoted from Kipling's "Vampire" and said he never understood the poem before, but did now.

Minnie Rhone, a negro cook in Hains' household, related occurrences in Hains' home, which she said she told Hains on his return from the West. Witness said Mrs. Hains was intoxicated at the house with Annis and that the wife of the army captain turned somersaults and Annis smacked her. The cook said she told the captain that his wife smoked cigarettes and that she went automobiling with Annis and stayed away all night. The witness said she told the captain that Mrs. Hains had told her that she loved Billy Annis for five years and that she did not know what love was when she was married. The cook further testified that Mrs. Hains called Annis "papa" and her "affinity"

missions. District Attorney McNary, for this district, and Attorney L. H. McMahon, of this city, prosecuted the case; and G. C. Fulton, of Astoria, and C. G. Bingham, of this city, appeared for the defendant.

The foundation of plaintiff's right of recovery, as disclosed by the complaint, is that these sums of money were collected by the Secretary of State for the use and benefit of the State, the contention of plaintiff being that the constitution prescribes a salary for the Secretary and fixes that as his whole compensation, and that therefore the statute which allows to him certain fees and perquisites for work is unconstitutional and void. The constitution provides an annual flat salary of \$1500.

and on one occasion Captain Hains' young son called Annis "papa." Witness said she told all this to Captain Hains. She said she told Captain Hains that Annis made himself at home in the house and she hid when someone called at the house.

SHE CAN LIVE, ALRIGHT!

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Seven hundred dollars a month alimony is allowed Mrs. Mary Bogardus Tower, a former telephone girl in a final decree of separation from her husband, A. Edward Tower, the wealthy ironmaster of this city.

BOB AGAIN ON WARPATH.

SYDNEY, Dec. 29.—Bob Fitzsimmons, former heavyweight champion, and Jack (Twin) Sullivan, today challenged Jack Johnson for a fight for the heavyweight title.

RED CROSS TO AID.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—American Red Cross of which President-elect Taft is the head, has offered its services in co-operating with the Italian Red Cross. The New York state branch today issued a call for aid.

PORTLAND SOLICITING RELIEF FUNDS

FOR THE EARTHQUAKE SUFFERERS IN ITALY—MANY ALREADY CONTRIBUTE

ITALIANS BEHIND THE MOVE

One Thousand Dollars Already Received—Contributions May be Sent to David M. Dunne, U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue at Portland.

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—Members of the local colony of Italians today selected a committee to secure subscriptions for the earthquake sufferers and active solicitation of funds will begin tomorrow. Unsolicited contributions have been already pledged, amounting upwards to \$1000 (Oregon points only). The committee announce that any that desire to contribute to the fund should remit to David M. Dunne, United States Collector of Internal Revenue at Portland, who is acting as treasurer.

MUCH MONEY, NO BREAD.

Pitiful Story of a Homesick Chinaman Homeward Bound.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—With a great roll of money in his pockets with which he intended to return to China, an unfortunate Chinese died of starvation on a Southern Pacific train yesterday shortly before the Arcade depot was reached. The man has not been identified as yet, but railroad employes stated that he had worked a small vegetable ranch near Colton for several years. He had nearly \$15,000 in money and was on his way to China. He had denied himself sufficient food to keep himself alive in order to have as large a sum as possible when he got back to his native country.

HISTORIANS MEET.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The American Historical Association held its final session in this city today. The principal speakers were Joseph A. Hill, William Nelson and J. F. Rhodes.

American With His Wife May Have Succumbed With Messina Victims

LUPTON SENDS MESSAGE

Official Dispatch From Vice Consul at Messina is Received at State Department Fears For Other Americans

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Arthur S. Cheney, American Consul at Messina and wife are among the reported killed by the earthquake.

The following dispatch, sent by Stuart Lupton, American vice-consul at Messina, came via Malta, via wireless, by Consul H. W. Gale and transmitted by him to the State Department:

"The Messina consulate is destroyed and the consul and his wife are supposed to be dead. Signed, 'LUPTON.'"

Cheney was appointed from Connecticut, August 15, 1907. Lupton was only recently appointed and just arrived at his post.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—News of the earthquake with its appalling loss of life was received in several Italian colonies in this city with evidences of the keenest distress. Of the half million of Italians there were fully 200,000 that came from the stricken districts while thousands upon thousands have families, relatives and friends in Calabria and Sicily.

Though the regular Mediterranean tourist season has not yet started, there doubtless were hundreds of Americans in Calabria and Sicily and there are grave fears for their safety.

KILLS ONE, INJURES OTHERS

Armed Posse Has Jose Nicolos Surrounded.

SEATTLE, Dec. 29.—Special to Post Intelligencer from Port Blakeley says that after quarreling with Jose Santos, a fellow workman, Jose Nicolos, an Italian, tonight killed Santos' four-year-old son, fatally wounded the baby girl and shot Geo. B. Brown, a workman through the back. The attack on Brown occurred first, in Port Blakeley Mill, where Nicolos was apparently waiting for Santos. Nicolos asked Brown the

time of day and after Brown replied and walked past him, accompanied by Mrs. Brown, the Italian fired without warning. Nicholas then rushed to Santos' house, jumped in through an open window, shot out the lights and began firing indiscriminately, apparently under the impression that Santos was at home. Santos followed him behind Nicolos and ran for help. The man was later located at Pleasant Beach, where an armed posse has him surrounded.

CAUSE IS INVESTIGATED.

Misunderstanding of Orders Responsible For Train Wreck.

GREAT FALLS, Dec. 29.—At coroner's inquest into the cause of the Mid Canyon wreck yesterday, it developed three seats of orders for one ore train had been issued. One ordered it run an hour late, another an hour and twenty minutes and the third an hour and a half late. Conductor Somerville testified he overlooked the last two orders and this caused the wreck. Engineer Murray said he forgot the last order and was running on the second order.

O. R. & N. ROBBERS SENTENCED

Jack Hays Gets 12 Years—Burke Let Off With Four Years.

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—Jack Hays, alias Walton and William Burke today pleaded guilty to the charge of holding up the O. R. & N. passenger train December 17 and was sentenced by Judge Gantenbein. Hays, as the ring leader, was sentenced to 12 years in the penitentiary. Burke, whose confession implicated Hays, was sentenced to serve four years. The third man concerned in the hold-up, known as "The Swede" is still at large, but it is believed he will soon be apprehended.

ABE RUEF GETS FOURTEEN YEARS

Is Sentenced to the Maximum Penalty—Defense Attempt for New Trial All in Vain

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Fourteen years in the penitentiary was the maximum sentence meted out today to Abe Ruef, who for four years directed the political destinies of San Francisco as adviser of the administration of former Mayor Schmitz.

Judgment was pronounced at the close of the day after which a legal battle wherein the defense sought to introduce many reasons for a new trial. When Judge Lawlor denied this and other motions involving delay,

defendant at the court's command, arose and stood unmoved throughout the recital of judgment. There was no demonstration on the part of the spectators during the proceedings in the court room, not later when Ruef having entered the prison van in custody of a deputy, started at dusk on his long ride to jail. The crime for which Ruef was convicted was bribing of former Supervisor Furey in favor of the award of an overhead trolley franchise to the United Railroads.