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HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS HALF CLAD AND STARVING

Fearful Gales and Cold Wave Intensify Appalling Misery of Homeless People—Ruins Rooked with Stench

(Continued from Page Two)
 than 10,000 persons. Many of these are dying of hunger. The people still in the city have broken open the restaurants and grocery stores and are feeding themselves as they may. The duke of Aosta left here this morning on a torpedo boat for Messina and Reggio. Thousands of Sicilians and Calabrians are in Naples today. The ground, seeking means of communication to the south by which to get news of friends and relatives. The Russian cruiser Admiral Makarov came in here today with Messina with 400 wounded on board, and the steamer Theraphie likewise has brought hundreds of refugees.

Hundreds Seek Loved Ones
 Hundreds of Sicilians who have come over to the continent for Christmas invaded the piers to learn if their loved ones were among the people on board. Others are seeking vainly for a way to get down to Messina. While the destruction of Messina and Reggio was due primarily to the earthquake, the tidal wave caused numerous damage. In the narrow strait the water formed into a huge wave thirty feet high.

It then drew back from the coast, as if gaining strength for an onslaught that would obliterate the land. So violent was the motion of the atmosphere coincident with the tidal wave that several workmen engaged in digging a pit on the Calabrian side of the strait were carried bodily up into the air. Suddenly stopping in its backward sweep, the water of the strait hurled itself upon the two coasts. Inexorably they advanced, and piers, houses and gardens were swallowed up in the flood.

Above some places on the coast of Sicily the water swept over the earth for a distance of ten miles. The ground for a great distance trembled under the shock of the impact. A naval officer who witnessed this awe-inspiring spectacle described it in these words: "It seemed as if two mountains, one of water, the other of land, fell furiously, the one toward the other, and as if the land vomited human habitations into the sea." Nine thousand tents, each capable of housing six persons, and 2000 pieces of blankets, have been shipped from here to Sicily and Calabria.

NINETY AMERICANS IN COLLAPSED HOTEL AT MESSINA, SAYS CABLE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Ninety Americans were in the Messina hotel that was destroyed, and Italians and Americans are co-operating in the search for information regarding the missing. A cablegram reached the state department today from Ambassador Griscom at Rome. The ambassador cabled that he has received no word from the American consuls at Messina and Palermo. He has asked the foreign office for information, and that office, he adds, will use every effort to bring news of the state of affairs to obtain definite news. The British consul at Messina is reported injured and his wife and children dead. The ambassador says it is reported ninety Americans were in the Trinacria hotel at Messina, which is said to be totally destroyed. It is known, however, that some of the guests escaped.

The foreign office reported that several foreign nations are hurrying warships to the scene to offer assistance. The ambassador has dispatched consular officers in quest of information. Every effort is being made by the state department to obtain news of American citizens who were in the earthquake zone.

Ordered to Send Consuls
 Ambassador Griscom at Rome was directed to cable promptly any information obtainable and send some of the American consuls in Italy to the scene of distress to render whatever aid possible.

Efforts also are being made to keep in communication with Deputy Consul Lupton at Messina to the end that prompt advice may reach here regarding any Americans in trouble. The state department announced that it will give promptly to the press any information received from its officials in Italy. The department's information is that the winter tourist season has not yet fully begun in Sicily.

The impression among officials is that those Americans who were in the earthquake zone in that island were mainly at Taormina. Many inquiries have come to the department regarding those believed to be in the earthquake region. In addition to those already announced those inquired about include the following: Mrs. Martha C. Kirtledge, her two daughters, Ethel and Clarissa, and Miss Margaret Mendell, all of Brookline, Mass., and all of whom are at Taormina; Miss Blanche Kane of Philadelphia, whose probable whereabouts in the disturbed district are not stated; and David Sessums, Protestant Episcopal bishop of Louisiana, believed to be at Messina.

SURVIVOR SAYS ONLY FEW ESCAPED DEATH IN RUIN OF MESSINA

CATANIA, Dec. 30.—One of the Messina survivors says that only a small proportion of the population escaped. Thousands of the injured and injured human beings, unable to extricate themselves, are being burned alive, others dying of their injuries, while many are starving. The streets are filled with confused masses of brick and mortar, beams, furniture and chimneys. In many cases the streets are twisted into fantastic shapes.

The celebrated Avenue Palazetti, which runs along the sea front from the university to the postoffice, is quite impassable. All the public monuments that were there have entirely disappeared. All the water pipes, sewers and gas pipes of the city have been destroyed and water and gas are flooding the streets. Gas explosions occur frequently and result in the breaking out of scores of small fires. For several hours after the first destructive shock Messina was absolutely

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A Delightful Trip for New Year's Day

If you do not go to Pasadena to attend the Tournament of Roses, why not enjoy an outing among the orange groves, seeing Riverside, San Bernardino and Redlands. Train leaves First St. station, Salt Lake Route, at 8:35 a. m. and returns at 6:50 p. m. Stopover two hours and a half at Riverside, take lunch at The Glenwood Mission Inn, then to San Bernardino and by electric car to Redlands. Round trip fare to San Bernardino is \$2.35, December 31 and January 1, good to return until January 4. Full particulars at 601 South Spring street and station about this—

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4 PEDESTRIANS HELD UP; ROBBED

FOOTPADS SECURE A SMALL SUM FROM THREE
 Aged Man Is Found in Arroyo Seco with Leg Broken—Is Unable to Give Any Details of Accident

Despite the extraordinary precautions taken by the police to put an end to the wholesale depredations by criminals great and small in Los Angeles, two holdups, two burglaries and one supposed holdup were reported last night to the police.

At Avenue Thirty-eight and Pasadena avenue last night shortly after 10 o'clock Jeff Bixley and Louis Bixley, who live at 208 Avenue Thirty-eight, and Benjamin Goldston, who lives at 210 Avenue Thirty-nine, were held up by two men and robbed of an aggregate sum of \$11.

The three young men were confronted without warning by the two bandits, who were masked and armed with blue automatic pistols, and ordered in true Dick Turpin style to stand and deliver. They put up their hands promptly, and from Jeff Bixley was taken \$4, from his brother Louis the sum of six dollars and from Benjamin Goldston \$3. After the robbery the boys were ordered to go down the street and make no alarm. They obeyed, and the robbers disappeared in the darkness.

At Avenue 37 and Dayton street a few minutes later Edward Street, who lives at 435 Cedar street, was ordered to stop and hold up his hands by two masked men. Instead of complying with the order he ran, and as he dashed away in the darkness one of the robbers fired at him, the bullet whistling by his ear so close he felt the concussion. Both crimes were reported to the police shortly after they occurred, but while the motorcycle policemen and detectives were on the scene in a few minutes, no trace of the holdup men was found.

The residence of A. M. Arnaz at 133 West Twenty-first street in the University police district was entered by burglars during the absence of the family last night and diamonds and jewelry to the amount of \$800 stolen. Included in the missing property was three diamond rings, one diamond pin, two gold watches and a lot of less valuable jewelry.

The house of G. B. Johnson at 303 East Twenty-first street, also in the University police district, was entered by a burglar who forced an entrance through a rear door and secured money totaling \$50. No trace of the men who committed these robberies was found by the University police.

While searching for the holdup men on the east side Motorcycle Policemen Coe and Humphrey found Charles Clark, an aged laborer employed in a grading camp at Avenue 38 and Arroyo Seco, lying in the bottom of the ravine with his right leg fractured near the thigh.

The old man is supposed to have been held up by highwaymen and because he resisted or because he had no money was either knocked or thrown from the narrow foot bridge which crosses the arroyo at that point, landing in the canon twenty feet below. When found the old man was delirious with pain and could give no intelligent description of the men who attacked him or tell anything about the particulars of his mishap. He was taken to the county hospital.

Wants Boundary Line Data
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Representative Cook of Colorado has been requested by President Roosevelt to submit to him by next Tuesday morning in time for the cabinet meeting on that day a brief of his contentions and arguments concerning the veto of the bill fixing the boundary line of Colorado, New Mexico and Oklahoma as the thirty-seventh parallel of latitude.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

SENTENCE DELAYED—Owing to the absence of a Latin interpreter in Judge Cook's court yesterday the sentencing of In Whan Chang in San Francisco, convicted of murder in the second degree for killing Durham White Stevens, was postponed until Saturday.

DENIES APPOINTMENT—The reported appointment of Bishop Dennis O'Connell, rector of the Catholic university at Washington, as coadjutor bishop of San Francisco, with the right of succession to Archbishop Riordan, was officially denied at the Vatican yesterday. It is probable, however, that Bishop O'Connell soon will be made auxiliary bishop of San Francisco.

LEPER IN CUSTODY—His body covered with the peculiar eruptions characteristic of the disease and with his hands and fingers half gone from its ravages, Elias Olsen, a Norwegian, walked 2500 miles for the purpose of seeking refuge in the leper home in Iberville parish, Louisiana. He came here from San Francisco, and when taken in charge by officers was penniless and half starved.

BIG GOLD SHIPMENT—According to a story printed in San Francisco \$222,500,000 in gold coin has been shipped from the mint there to New York since last August. It is said that the shipment was made a measure of precaution against a possible invasion of the Pacific coast by a hostile power. The shipment of the treasure was in charge of United States Marshal Elliott assisted by a number of deputies.

CANADIANS PROSPER—Canadians are accumulating money faster than the banks and business men can dispose of it in profitable investments, declares Consul Seyfert, commenting on a remarkable condition in Canadian financial affairs, as reflected in the October bank statement issued from Ottawa. It is probable, however, that the business of the country absorbed in current and past months.

PETITION DENIED—The petition of Count Boni de Castellane that the custody of his three sons be given to his mother, the Marquise de Castellane, was denied yesterday in Paris. The court ruled that the children remain in the custody of their mother, Princess de Sagan, formerly Miss de Sina Goulet. The court ruled further that the children should not leave the continent without its permission. Beginning October 19, 1908, they are to be placed in a college situated within 100 miles of Paris.

ROBBED BY JEWELS—Mrs. Helen M. Kelly, mother-in-law of Frank J. Gould, it has become known in New York was robbed of jewels valued at \$5000 last week. The robbery occurred in Fifth avenue after Mrs. Kelly and a woman companion were forced to abandon a cab after the horses had fallen in the street. Mrs. Kelly did not resist the idea of walking to the hotel where she was staying and said so to the driver, but he failed to get another vehicle, however, and as Mrs. Kelly and her companion stepped forward and offered to escort them to the hotel.

FIRE IN SALT LAKE—A fire occurred yesterday in the building occupied by Walker Brothers on Main and South streets, Salt Lake City. The upper part of the building is used as a lodging house and several of the occupants had narrow escapes. Two women were carried down a ladder by firemen while a third woman was carried down the stairway in a fainting condition. United States Collector of Customs Greenwald, roomed in the building and the police had to pound on his door vigorously to arouse him. The fire originated in the furnace room. The loss amounted to only a few thousand dollars.

Need Doctors and Nurses

Messina's crying need today is for doctors, nurses, food and firemen to combat the flames that still ravage the city. Doctors, nurses and firemen are being hurried there by the wrecked city, but the lack of food and water makes the rescue work difficult.

The Russian and British warships at Messina have sent crews ashore and the vessels have been transformed into hospitals. All the hospitals in Catania are crowded and even the schools have been turned into infirmaries.

The less seriously injured of the survivors at Messina are being dispatched by the dozens to Palermo. Missed of Public Works Bertolini has arrived at Messina and organized several corps of volunteers for rescue work.

It is asserted that half the fatalities occurred because it was quite impossible for the survivors to render prompt assistance. Not the least of the suffering was caused by the downpour of cold rain.

Some of the refugees from Messina passed through San Giovanni, Palmi, Scilla, Cannitello, Favizzani and Bagrara and found most of the towns deserted. A boat moored at one of the docks seemed suddenly to be thrown high in the air.

It landed on top of the dock and was left hanging extricated from the wreckage. This was the first intimation to the crew that anything had happened. The captain said a huge cloud of dust obscured the city. The captain and his men landed and tried to make their way into the city, but the fallen buildings and the twisted streets made progress impossible.

RULERS OF ITALY AID IN WORK OF RESCUING EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

CATANIA, Dec. 30.—King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena, who arrived at Messina today, immediately joined a rescue party and labored as unremittingly as the others. Any information received from its officials in Italy. The department's information is that the winter tourist season has not yet fully begun in Sicily.

The queen devoted her attention principally to little children. She rescued with her own hands a 3-year-old boy, who was bleeding from many cuts and bruises. She herself carried him to the dock, where she handed him to members of the hospital corps.

At the dock were many small boats sent to take the wounded out to ships in the harbor. Every available steamer in port has been fitted as a temporary hospital. People wept from emotion when they saw the king and queen of Italy come to them.

Women threw kisses to her majesty. Both were practically carried up the pier in the arms of their subjects. The presence of the king has acted as a general inspirator. Even the wounded found fresh strength when they learned officially that his majesty had come among them.

An aged man who had been abandoned under a beam that apparently had crushed out his life revived for a moment at the shouts of greeting to the royal pair. He stretched out his hands and raised his head long enough to call out: "Now I can die happy."

"Long live the king!" he shouted, and then fell back and expired. An overpowering stench is beginning to arise from the ruins of Messina. Thousands of injured and injured human beings, unable to extricate themselves, are being burned alive, others dying of their injuries, while many are starving.

The streets are filled with confused masses of brick and mortar, beams, furniture and chimneys. In many cases the streets are twisted into fantastic shapes.

Appeals for Rescuers

"Organize a squad of volunteers for rescue work. Send us food, for we are dying of hunger. A number of the survivors are leaving today for Catania. "Receive them with love and fraternity. It is the duty of every family in Catania to shelter a family from Messina."

Only two members of the municipal council of Messina survived the disaster. The bluejackets from the Russian warships at Messina have performed valorous services.

They risked their lives recklessly in the work of extricating the wounded. Hospitals have been improvised in the railroad station, which is partially standing, in another building and on board the steamer Reina Margherita, but these are already full.

A roll call of the Eighty-ninth infantry reveals the fact that there are only ten survivors. A man named Roberto, the sole survivor of his family, became crazed from grief in Catania today and committed suicide.

A dispatch received here from Deputy Felice at Messina says: "The Russian and British warships at Messina have sent crews ashore and the vessels have been transformed into hospitals."

CABLEGRAM DECLARES AT LEAST 125,000 ARE DEAD; PROBABLY MORE

ROME, Dec. 30.—The earthquake which has devastated the Italian departments of Calabria and Sicily has wrought the greatest tragedy which ever has befallen the Christian world. Its measure cannot be calculated.

It is known in general terms that out of a population of 1,750,000 in the devastated area at least 125,000 perished. Latest reports received here state that 4000 soldiers in the various barracks at Messina were buried under the ruins.

This makes no account of a dozen towns near the center of the disturbance whence no word comes and where there is only too good reason to fear that there are no survivors to describe their fate. The destruction of property cannot be as great as at San Francisco, for Messina and Reggio, the two principle cities destroyed, were not rich nor magnificent, from the metropolitan point of view.

TEN THOUSAND DIE IN DESTRUCTION OF TOWN NOT FAR FROM REGGIO

CATANZARO, Calabria, Dec. 30.—A report received here early this morning says the town of Bagnari on the coast to the north of Reggio has been completely wiped out, fire finishing the work of destruction. The report says that "all the inhabitants are dead."

The town contained about 10,000 people. In a few days time will be scattered over the heap of ruins which alone mark the site of a once populous town.

Bishop May Be Dead
 NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 30.—Right Rev. David Sessums, Protestant Episcopal bishop of Louisiana, is believed by members of his diocese to have been at Messina at the time of the earthquake. Nothing has been heard from him.

Relief from Russia
 ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 30.—A public subscription has been opened here for the sufferers in the Italian earthquake. All the newspapers publish most sympathetic articles.

Train Loads of Seats to Pasadena January 1, for Tournament of Roses

Santa Fe trains will leave Los Angeles—La Grande Station for Pasadena at

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| 7.45 a. m. | 9.30 a. m. |
| 8.30 a. m. | 9.45 a. m. |
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