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AMERICANS EAGER TO ASSIST ITALIAN SUFFERERS

NEW YEAR BORN 'MID SCENES OF WILD HILARITY

CROWDS THRONG STREETS TO GIVE HIM WELCOME

LEADING HOTELS ENTERTAIN WITH QUAINT CONCEITS

Cafes Turn Away Hosts of Would-Be Visitors and Revelry Is Kept Up Long After Stroke of Midnight

IF FATHER TIME really tried to slip through Los Angeles last night in the hope of escaping detection while deposing the old year and setting up the new year he failed utterly and hopelessly. From the very moment that the streaks of night began to show themselves in the eastern skies until midnight there was an ever-increasing din which reached its climax with the chiming of the hour of 12 o'clock, when pandemonium was let loose and the city was given over to a frenzy of noise and tur-

[illegible] shoppers, business men and women were still crushing for their car cars around 6 o'clock last night, the festive small boy armed with a fiendish horn, a clicker or a rattler, was already out in force. As the shopper and the worker stopped at a hasty dinner the crowd of boys was rapidly augmented, by 9 o'clock, great throngs were in the brilliantly lighted streets. No one was on pleasure bent, and in the delighted faces it was apparent that no one sought in vain.

At 10 o'clock the thousands of tourist cars had added their numbers to the crowds, literally thousands of automobiles, and conspicuously the White Steamers, were screeching their unholy sirens, tens of thousands of horns and other unearthly instruments of noise which belong to the Satanic hosts were belching their incessant din, and from that hour until midnight the din on the noise tanks threatened complete exhaustion of current supply and an overdraft on the future. Richly dressed parties of men and women in faultless evening dress and in evening gowns vied with the horns and the rabble in the production of sheer noise, while the vast army of idle class people served as an army to join the two extremes and make the noise superlatively complete. In the desideratum, the climax of all effort, [illegible] the [illegible]ed.

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In [illegible] hotels and cafes of the city the [illegible] year died in a blaze of glory, and many a roystering assemblage bid a rollicking welcome to the new.

There was hardly a cafe of prominence in the city the entire seating capacity of which had not been reserved by "watch parties," numbering from three and four up to a dozen, and even two dozen, comprising, in many cases, little knots of stylishly gowned members of the fairer sex. Special decorations, embodying widely varied conceits, had been employed to beautify the tables and create a holiday air for the benefit of the happy revelers.

Of all these elaborate arrangements those at the Hotel Alexandria were doubtless the most unique, requiring the most painstaking efforts.

In both the Alexandria cafe and the Indian grill room fantastic schemes had been carefully worked out by Assistant Manager Reichl, and these elicited the wildest enthusiasm on the part of the hundreds of diners who had remained to see the old year to the end. In the cafe adjoining the marble lobby a clever conceit, strikingly apropos of the day and the hour, was enacted.

Most Appropriate Concert

At the south end of the spacious room a monster clock had been installed, with real hands and real clock movement, the face being a translucent glass with the figures painted in heroic size. Beneath the clock was a raised dais, while, enveloping both clock and dais, were wreaths of Yuletide green. The general multitude decorations of the room radiated from this central point, and the entire cafe glowed beneath the sparkle of hundreds of vari-colored lights. As the hour of midnight approached the scene took on an awakened animation, the anxious watchers riveting their attention on the giant hands of the clock as they crept nearer and nearer the midnight hour.

As the hour reached to within five minutes of 12 a stir ran through the room as Father Time, bearing his scythe and beneath the weight of years, his silken white beard flowing venerably to his waist, was seen to enter the crowded room and pass slowly through the aisles, making his way toward the cabalistic clock.

Stalking majestically to the dais, he pointed his long index finger at the hands just as they touched the hour of midnight. Instantly the room was in utter darkness, and a deathlike stillness settled on the immense assemblage. A minute passed, then a second one, and again the lights appeared. Father Time had disappeared, and through an aperture beside the clock the tiny form of a Cupid had appeared, dainty in the softest of pink, with little bows and tiny wings, while through the now illuminated face of the big clock were flashed the words "Happy New Year, 1909."

As the significance of the pretty little scene dawned on those present the stillness gave way to noisy hilarity, and a perfect storm of ovations was directed toward the little cherub who had so materially assisted in ushering in the happy New Year.

A scene somewhat similar had been enacted meanwhile in the Indian grill room, which also contained an immense crowd. Here again Father Time moved through the seated hundreds, his appearance being a signal for the turning off of lights. As the reappeared they shone first from a huge ball which swung from the ceiling, containing a little pink cherub, who, as he swung

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AGED INDIAN WIDOW FOUND DEAD; HOUSE BURNED BY SLAYERS

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Dec. 31.—A search of the ruins of the farmhouse of the late pioneer Edward Tumner, on Port Discovery bay, which was burned last night, brought forth the body of his aged Indian widow.

A deep wound in her forehead caused by a terrific blow from a blunt instrument in the hands of her assailant indicated sae had been murdered and the house fired to remove evidence of the crime.

The aged woman was an inoffensive person, and the cause for her murder is a mystery. There is no trace of her assailants.

SHORTAGE IN FUNDS REVEALS HOMICIDE

CLERK OF W. O. W. AT COLORADO SPRINGS SLAIN

Murdered Man Had Kept Money of Lodge at His House and $600 of This Trust Has Disappeared

COLORADO SPRINGS, Dec. 31.—A sensation was caused here today when it was announced that the auditing committee of the Pikes Peak lodge, No. 5, Woodmen of the World, of which camp for twenty years C. P. Essick, recently found dead, was clerk, had detected a shortage of $600 in Essick's funds. Essick kept the funds at his house.

The police believe the money was taken by the person who had slain Esseck, and that murder may have been committed to cover the theft.

Essick kept the funds in a desk which could be easily opened.

Coroner Law today filed a death certificate, stating Esseck was a victim of homicide, but no warrants yet have been sworn out. The coroner's certificate gives the stab wounds as the cause of death, but makes no mention of the gunshot wound, which is believed to have been made several hours after death.

NOTED OHIO LAWYER PUT UNDER ARREST

Charged with Peculations Aggregating $35,000—Has Been Living in Poverty and Under an Assumed Name

[Special to The Herald.]

SAN BERNARDINO, Dec. 31.—Attorney Israel S. Donnell, for many years a prominent lawyer of Mansfield, Ohio, was arrested here this afternoon by Under Sheriff S. W. McNabb and Deputy Sheriff Charles Ward, charged with being a fugitive from justice. He fled from Mansfield after an indictment had been returned against him charging forgery and obtaining money under false pretense.

Donnell's peculations, it is said, will aggregate $35,000, the victims being his clients. He was staying here under the name of W. W. Woodford. He admits his identity, but declares he can defeat the charge.

At present Donnell is penniless, and since his disappearance from Mansfield, December 15, he has suffered, he says, many privations. Sheriff Baer of Mansfield wired tonight that a reward of $1000 will be paid to his captors.

THE NEWS SUMMARY

FORECAST

For Los Angeles and vicinity: Increasing cloudiness Friday; probably showers by night; light north winds, changing to south. Maximum temperature yesterday, 62 degrees; minimum, 41 degrees.

LOCAL

New year ushered in amid scenes of wild hilarity.

Company formed to build a line to Pasadena.

All night bank will open its doors Monday.

Italian relief committee having good success in raising funds.

Mayor will send chief of police's name to the council Monday for appointment on board of public works.

Civil service stenographer, Mrs. Connelly, may escape punishment for attending races.

Driven insane by study of psychological problems.

Street vendors of flowers receive orders to move.

Fire department will buy adams street poles from Home Telephone company.

Business man procures arrest of former employe for threatening his life.

Chamber of commerce will meet Wednesday and elect officers.

Long and short man holds up grocery store on West Sixth street.

New year brings formidable rise in freight rates.

COAST

Labor leaders at Goldfield, Nev., have filed application for pardon for M. R. Preston, who slew restaurant keeper at Goldfield a year ago, and who is serving a twenty-five year term in the penitentiary.

EASTERN

Woman inspector of prisons for Oklahoma charges prisoners sent from her state to the Kansas state penitentiary are mistreated and subject to "crib" and "water cure" punishments. Investigation will be made.

Shortage of money in W. O. W. funds held by clerk at his home in Colorado Springs, Colo., leads to belief that lodge's custodian, who was found dead, was murdered.

Congressman Burton will be elected United States senator from Ohio by acclamation, Taft and others having withdrawn from race.

Aged parents of Hains brothers, charged with slaying W. E. Annis, testified at trial of Thornton J. Hains, and related story of Capt. Hains' wife's relation with Annis.

FOREIGN

Italy's great concern is to provide food and raiment for the thousands of survivors who have been bereft of homes and everything. Many are starving and scenes enacted to get food are horrible. Relief is being sent from all parts of the world. America doing her share.

CONGRESSMAN BURTON TO BE NEXT SENATOR

C. P. TAFT WITHDRAWS FROM RACE IN OHIO

FORAKER CONCEDES HIS OWN DEFEAT AT POLLS

Minor Candidates in Contest for Toga Have Wiped Their Names from the Slate or Will Do So

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 31.—All opposition to his nomination having disapepared during the last twenty-four hours, Representative Theodore Burton of Cleveland will be named by acclamation for United States senator, succeeding Joseph B. Foraker, at a Republican caucus called for Saturday afternoon.

Charles P. Taft, brother of the President-elect, formally announced his withdrawal from the race today. All other candidates followed.

Senator Foraker, learning that the delegation from his home county of Hamilton, pledged to Taft, will be turned over to Burton, admitted for the first time that he would no longer hope for re-election.

Within two hours all of the "favorite sons" and "dark horses" had been swept out of the field, and Mr. Burton was left supreme.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 31.—Congressman Theodore E. Burton was today looked upon as the next senator from Ohio.

Charles P. Taft withdrew from the race and Senator Foraker issued a statement later that his defeat for re-election is certain.

All the minor candidates have either withdrawn or will get out of the race.

It is said Mr. Taft will remain in virtual control of the Republican organization, and that he will have the united support of the party for the senatorship in 1911 if he desires it.

The election of Mr. Burton, it is said, will eliminate Senator Dick and Myron T. Herrick from the 1911 senatorial situation.

Senator Foraker will again oppose Mr. Taft in that year, but some of the leaders here were inclined today to interpret Mr. Foraker's statement as in the nature of a valedictory.

Later in the day Governor Andrew L. Harris and Gen. J. Warren Keifer also withdrew, and it was stated former Lieutenant Governor Harding would drop out.

Senator Dick's Friends Worried

Friends of Senator Charles Dick were deeply concerned over the developments of the day.

It has been an invariable rule in Ohio politics that northern and southern ends of the state should alternate in the naming of senators. As both Mr. Burton and Mr. Dick are from the north it is said the senatorship will go to a southern man in 1911.

Many believe Mr. Taft will renew his candidacy at that time.

Senator Foraker's friends believe he, too, will make the race two years hence.

Senator Foraker said in part, in a statement issued by him late in the day:

"The withdrawal of Mr. Taft simplifies the situation. Under all the circumstances, I would have been glad to have been re-elected, but inasmuch as that seems impossible, I feel there is a great compensation for any personal disappointment involved for myself in the result that has been reached.

Lesson Has Been Taught

"If nothing more had been accomplished, a lesson of lasting value has been taught in the demonstration that a party organization is powerful only when it confines itself to its legitimate business and duties as the agency and representative of the whole party, and that it loses its force and power when it becames a personal asset of an individual."

Mr. Taft's statement in part follows:

"My candidacy from the beginning seems to have been misunderstood. I have been represented as urging my own personal ambition at the expense of Republican harmony and success. The imputation is unjust; but that is of no moment now.

"The cause of it shall exist no longer. I yield the personal ambition for the accomplishment of better and more important things.

"I have been a sincere and consistent Republican all my life. I have served my party and the people of my community as a member of the legislature of Ohio, and of the congress of the United States. It was my privilege to be one those who, nearly forty years ago, in the general assembly of this state, stood for the authority of party judgment as formed in public sentiment and expressed in party caucus, when John Sherman was sent to the senate of the United States.

Ambitious to Be Senator

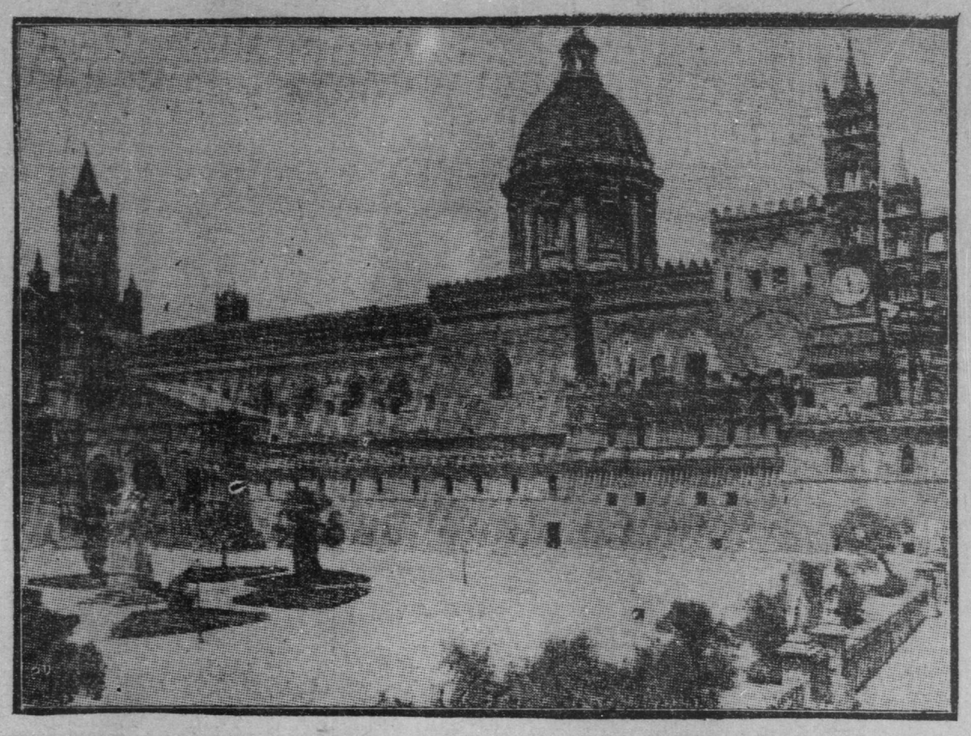
"I have long had an ambition to be a senator from Ohio. I have sought this great honor without reliance upon the popularity or prestige of any other man, and especially without any expectation that my motives would be misinterpreted, or any personal desires would endanger that harmony among Republicans everywhere which is so essential to the success of the incoming national administration.

"I withdraw as a candidate for senator, and with grateful appreciation release my friends from further effort in my behalf. I will resume my place in the councils of the Republican party and give to its welfare and to the splendid policies for which it stands the same service and devotion which have been the great privilege and pride of my life."

Senator Dick Refuses to Talk

AKRON, O., Dec. 31.—Senator Charles Dick refused today to discuss the withdrawal of Charles P. Taft and Senator Foraker from the senatorial contest.

Magnificent Cathedral at Palermo Which Has Been Demolished by the Earthquake



SEEK TO HAVE PRESTON FREED

Application Filed with State Board for Slayer of Restaurant Keeper Who Is Serving a Twenty-five Year Sentence

CARSON CITY, Nev., Dec. 31.—Application for pardon was filed with the secretary of state today by those representing M. R. Preston, Goldfield labor leader, who is serving a twenty-five-year sentence in the state penitentiary for the slaying of John Silva, a Goldfield restaurant keeper, in 1907.

Preston and a man named Smith were jointly tried and convicted last year, Smith being sentenced to five years' imprisonment as an accessory to the crime.

An appeal for a re-hearing of the case was denied by the state supreme court some time ago.

Since that time many of the Goldfield labor leaders have been in this city preparing to file the application for the pardon, which will be considered at the January meeting of the board of pardons, and it is stated that they are prepared to offer at that time new evidence in behalf of the prisoners.

Preston was chosen as presidential candidate of the Socialist Labor party during the last presidential campaign, but owing to his imprisonment was represented by a proxy during the campaign.

HAINS' PARENTS GIVE TESTIMONY

Thornton J. Hains Will Take Stand, as Counsel Desires to Establish Facts Regarding Sanity of Brother

FLUSHING, N. Y., Dec. 31.—General Peter C. Hains, U. S. A., and his wife, Mrs. Virginia P. Hains, parents of Thornton J. Hains, now on trial as a principal in the slaying of William E. Annis, were witnesses in their son's behalf today, and their testimony brought out in full detail the relationship of Mrs. Claudia Hains and William E. Annis that caused the estrangement of Captain Hains and his wife.

General Hains declared that in his presence and before his two sons, Peter and Thornton Hains, the captain's wife, Claudia Hains, made a full confession of her misconduct, and subsequently Captain Hains manifested such poignant grief from the disclosures that his mental condition became affected.

The confession which General Hains declared his son's wife had signed on the day following Captain Hains' return from the west was read to the jury.

General Hains made a strong witness for his son, and counsel for the defense asserted the evidence was now conclusive that Captain Hains was mentally unbalanced when he shot Annis, and the act was his sole doing.

The general will be under cross-examination again Monday.

Though the wife of General Hains

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SAYS PRISONERS BADLY TREATED

Prison Official of New State Says Convicts Sent from That Commonwealth Are Abused—Inquiry Instituted

LEAVENWORTH, Kas., Dec. 31.—The "crib" and the water cure have been used until recently in the Kansas state penitentiary at Lansing to subdue refractory prisoners, according to a statement made here last night by Warden W. H. Haskell at a joint meeting of an investigating committee appointed by the governors of Oklahoma and Kansas.

The investigation is the outcome of charges made by Miss Kate Bernard, state inspector of prisons and charities of Oklahoma, who alleged the prisoners of that state sent to the Kansas institution are mistreated.

Warden Haskell spoke with feeling in defending the prison management, and urged a full and prompt investigation. He said:

"The 'crib' is something which has been in use here for a great many years, but which we have used little, and recently we took it from the room where it was kept as we considered the room more desirable for other purposes.

"So-called water cure has been used only in a very few instances, and then only on incorrigible prisoners. It consists of handcuffing a man and confining him in a sitting posture and turning water on him from an ordinary garden hose.

"The water was never forced down his mouth, nor did it ever result in any physical injury, it always having been used under the direction of prison physicians."

Dr. S. J. Crumbine this morning personally examined an unusually large number of men who were reported sick. He promptly charged a number with shamming and ordered them sent to the coal mines operated by the state.

Later the committee made a trip through the prison, talking informally with the prisoners. They ate lunch with the prisoners and pronounced the food good.

The committee today wired Attorney General Fred S. Jackson at Topeka to come to Leavenworth and act in the capacity of master.

It is desired to put all witnesses under oath.

WOMEN OF CHICAGO SAID TO NEGLECT HOMES TO GAMBLE

Matrons Indignant Because Detectives Visit Rooms Where They Are Alleged to Play—Arrests Threatened

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Detectives of the law and order league were busy last night taking evidence of gambling on the part of women in various halls throughout the city.

The entrance of the detectives turned the assemblage into mass meetings at which the so-called spotters were denounced vigorously.

The women in their indignation gave the detectives valuable information concerning other games. They urged the detectives to visit a certain west side game, promising them the women who conduct it would throw them down the stairway.

"This gambling among women of all classes of society," said Arthur Burrage Farwell of the league, "has taken such a strong hold upon them that they neglect their homes and families. Some of them play all afternoon and evening, and we shall be compelled to arrest some of them before they will stop."

Guests Poisoned, Loses Bonus

VALLEJO, Dec. 31.—At a meeting today of the joint committee which had charge of the entertainment in connection with the launching of the government collier Prometheus, an order was made withholding the payment to Caterer Leon Cohn of San Francisco of the remaining $[illegible] due him. A bonus of $75, promised the caterer in the event of the luncheon being satisfactory, was refused on the ground that a wholesale poisoning of guests followed the meal.

Program for Tournament of Roses at Pasadena

FLORAL PARADE, 11 A. M.

Guard of Honor — Mounted Police, H. H. Favour, Chief of Police, Police Aides.

First Division—Walter S. Wright, grand marshal; aides to grand marshal; J. A. B. Scherer, H. H. Sinclair, S. Hazard Halsted, Harry Shlaudeman, H. I. Stuart, Henry Newby, William R. Staats, J. W. Edminson; band; mayor of Pasadena and city council; directors of Tournament association; equestrian division, Revel L. English, marshal; Out West club riders, W. A. Hammel, marshal.

Second Division—E. J. Sheehan, marshal; aides; band; schools; historical or representative character; two-horse vehicle; one-horse vehicle; tandem horses, driving; tandem ponies, driving.

Third Division—F. H. Long, marshal; aides; band; six-in-hands; four-in-hands; historical or representative characters.

Fourth Division — Dr. Arthur Savage, marshal; aides; band; floats; two-pony vehicle; one-pony vehicle; tandem saddle horses; tandem saddle ponies.

Fifth Division—Lloyd Killian, marshal; aides; band; marching clubs; novelties; burros.

Sixth Division—W. J. Taylor, marshal; aides; band; autos; fire department; police.

TOURNAMENT PARK, 1:30 P. M.

1. Cowboy Sports—
   By members of the Out West club. J. S. Hendrickson, director.
2. First Heat in Four-Horse Roman Chariot Race—
   This race is for $1000 first prize and $500 second prize, best two out of three heats.
   Contestants—Richard Carman. White chariot, E. Hogaboom driver. E. J. Baldwin. Red chariot. C. C. West driver.
3. Push Ball on Horseback—
   Two halves of fifteen minutes each.....Prize $100

BLACK CROSS.		CIRCLE STAR
J. S. Post (C.)	Back	C. E. Post (C.)
Dr. L. C. Deming	Center	Joe Daly
Dr. A. S. Savage	Right Guard	Dick Hanna
Wm. Biedebach	Left Guard	Joe Rouse
Carol Peck	Goal	William Tait

Revel L. English, Referee.

4. Second Heat of Roman Chariot Race.
5. Oremond Mountain Stage Robbery—
   By members of the Out West club. J. S. Hendrickson, director.
6. Final Heat in the Roman Chariot Race.

THOUSANDS OF QUAKE VICTIMS ARE STARVING

ITALY'S GREAT CONCERN IS FOOD AND RAIMENT

SHIPLOADS OF REFUGEES TAKEN TO UNHARMED CITIES

Nations of the World Rush to Aid of Italy's Stricken Inhabitants. United States Cables Big Sums

[By Associated Press.]

ROME, Dec. 31.—Estimates of the death roll of the earthquake now cease to concern the Italian people.

It is enough to know the catastrophe is overwhelming. Figures would add nothing to the grief of the stricken nation, nor more to greater efforts those upon whom the work of relief and rescue has fallen.

Every channel open to government has been utilized to this end and other nations have been quick to come to its assistance, even before the cry for help went up. Shiploads of food have been carried out to the stricken zone to Naples, Palermo, Catalina and other points, and according to the minister of marine, rescue vessels to the number of thirty-six are now in the Straits of Messina, and soldiers are being landed at two coasts.

Most important of all is the question of the thousands of those who escaped falling walls and the seething tide are starving and without clothes or shelter.

Food and Raiment Needed

The thought has been to carry food and covering for those helpless people, and it has been decided by the government to send a fleet of emigrant steamers to transport them to other places.

The latest reports received at Rome state there have been many intermittent shocks following the first, to which the greater part of the destruction is attributed. The British warship Minerva reported by wireless to Malta that two severe shocks occurred at Messina last night.

Prof. Ricco, director of the observatory at Mount Etna, states his instruments recorded forty-two distinct shocks after the first, but that during the last fourteen hours the instruments have been almost motionless.

Etna and Stromboli are now quiet, and M. Ricco is certain the earthquake was not of volcanic but geological origin, similar to that of 1785.

Ambassador Griscom will leave here tomorrow and will proceed to Messina and other places in the south on an Italian warship in search of information concerning missing American travelers.

Estimates as Many as 300,000 Dead

The horror of the situation at Messina and Reggio grows with every fresh dispatch. One of the correspondents places the death roll throughout the entire territory as high as 300,000, but this appears to be extreme.

Others make their outside estimates 200,000, but the official estimate, as made by the minister of marine, still holds to 115,000.

Relief expeditions which have been making their way to Reggio have encountered tremendous obstructions all along the route. They report eighteen provincial villages, besides those already mentioned in Calabria as having been completely ruined. This would indicate the earthquake did not confine its work of havoc to the coast. What has become of the inhabitants of these villages is not known. Those that were left alive after the destruction of their homes doubtless joined the great army of refugees, seeking safety, or have fallen by the wayside.

The Calabrian coast for thirty miles has been torn and twisted.

From Bagnara to Reggio, a distance of twenty-five miles, the country is half demolished. Assistance has reached but few of the villages, and they are practically without supplies of any kind.

At Bagnara surgical operations are being performed with pruning knives, but at Reggio even that is impossible. Thieves infest the country, and the despair of the unaided villages is complete.

Hunger supplies the motives for scenes of shocking violence, and robbers defy the few surviving policemen and soldiers.

ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TO UNITED STATES IS PROFOUNDLY GRATIFIED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—A memorandum showing the location and proposed disposition of the Atlantic fleet is before the state department for use when the decision is announced to offer the Italian government the assistance of these vessels and their crews in caring for the sick and wounded. The matter has not been taken up yet with the Italian government.

Baron Des Planches, the Italian ambassador, called on Secretary Root and Assistant Secretary Bacon today and expressed the gratitude of his government and people over the sympathy of the United States with Italy in her misfortune. The baron is profoundly

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