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SCORES PERISH AMID RUINS OF CALABRIA QUAKE

Two Hundred Bodies Are Found and Deaths May Surpass 500

VILLAGES DESTROYED

Torrential Rain Increases the Misery of Panic Stricken People

CAMP IN THE OPEN

Several Famous Structures Are Razed by the Temblor

ROME, Oct. 24.—At 6 o'clock this evening about 200 bodies were taken from the earthquake ruins in Calabria. It is now estimated that the deaths will surpass 500, but it is impossible to get accurate information on this subject, as many villages are still cut off by the floods and the destruction of roads and telegraph lines, and no word from them can be had.

The earthquakes continue, but they are slight. The people are still in a condition of apprehension, which is increased by each tremor. In spite of the torrential rain that is falling, they absolutely refuse to remain under any cover. They have made their beds in the open. Mattresses have been spread about the squares and the fields surrounding the stricken villages, and the people are covering themselves and their children as best they may.

Many thousands will pass the night in this manner. The only buildings that the frightened people will consent to use are the churches, and even there they will not stay long. Sacred relics have been exposed in the cathedral of Catanzaro and this served in a measure to calm the population.

No bodies had been recovered from the ruins until 6 o'clock this evening. At that hour about 200 were taken out. This earthquake bids fair to rival that of 1905.

The details received here during the day regarding the earthquake in Calabria yesterday in every way tend to show that the damage done was much more extensive than at first estimated.

The first shock fortunately brought the entire population of the villages into the open, many succeeding in making their escape to the hills or open spaces.

To add to the desolation caused by the earthquake it was raining in torrents yesterday, which greatly increased the suffering among the homeless people.

Half the houses at Ferruzzano and Brancalione collapsed and many persons were buried in the ruins and at Sinopoli and Stilaro more lives are said to have been lost. Panic prevailed everywhere.

Half the houses of the village of Gerace are in ruins and similar conditions prevail in a number of other points in Calabria. During the confusion caused by the first earthquake the prisoners in the jail at Catanzaro mutinied and were only subdued with great difficulty. The female prisoners were particularly alarmed, screaming, shouting and beating the doors until the whole place was in a terrible uproar. The prison officials did everything possible to calm the inmates, but they broke out afresh every time another earth shock was experienced.

The cathedral at Torre Di Ge Race was thrown down, as was an ancient tower which had withstood all the earthquakes for centuries. The confusion caused by the earthquake was increased by a mutiny of the prisoners in the Catanzaro jail, which was subdued with difficulty. The troops sent with the relief trains to the scene of the disaster had a calming effect on the population.

Only two days ago the finance minister inaugurated two entirely new villages in Calabria, which had been built by the relief committee of Milan for the victims of the earthquake of 1905. These villages withstood the shock, which was so severe in the southern end of the peninsula that half the houses at Ferruzzano and Brancalione collapsed and buried many persons in the ruins. At Sinopoli and Stilaro several persons were buried and everywhere panic prevailed.

Rocella, Reggio, Cosanica, Baradolo, Cittanova, Palmi, Gerace, Marina and other towns suffered, but not severely.

FEDERAL ATTORNEY APPOINTED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—After an extended conference with President Roosevelt today, in which he said that New York subjects had not been discussed, Attorney General Bonaparte announced the appointment of Elmer E. Todd to be United States attorney for the western district of the state of Washington. Todd succeeds Peter C. Sullivan, resigned.

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MAGNATE RIGKEY IS LIABLE TO LOSE MILLION DOLLARS

President of Nevada Banks Makes Plea for Time to Adjust Affairs

BLAMES LABOR WARS

Declares Industrial Strife Caused the Closing of His Branch Houses

GOES HOME TODAY

Interviews Financiers Here, but Apparently Fails to Obtain Help

"I stand to lose \$1,000,000 in the state of Nevada as a result of the financial stress," said Thomas B. Rickey yesterday, "but I do not believe I will lose a single dollar. I don't believe anybody is going to lose anything unless the entire country goes plumb to smash. All we want is a little time to adjust our affairs and realize on our securities. The trouble is purely psychological. Confidence has been withdrawn and the banks got pinched, but the money is in the mines; the stocks we have as securities are worth many times the sums loaned on them, and unless we are forced to peddle our securities, and almost give them away we will be running again in due time."

Rickey, who is president of the State Bank and Trust company of Nevada, whose branches in Carson City, Tonopah, Goldfield, Blair and Manhattan have suspended payment, spent yesterday interviewing local bankers with a view to obtaining assistance from them in tiding over the difficulty until the financial market rights itself.

Rickey was informed by some of the bankers that money in this city was tight. "But," he said, "there is a great deal of money in your banks, just the same. If it is needed, I am told, to move your crops, to assist in the building of your city and for the transaction of your tremendous volume of other business."

It was apparent that he hoped that, when the true state of affairs was placed before the local bankers and the securities to be proffered were examined carefully, enough cash would be advanced to loosen the Nevada banks from the grip of ruin. He will go to Nevada this morning and return as quickly as possible to discuss the situation more fully. He admitted that he lacked full information from his banks.

SAYS BANKS ARE SOLVENT

"The only authentic information I had received up to this morning was what I read in 'The Call,'" he said. "From my personal knowledge of the situation I do not see how a single depositor could lose a cent. The banks are solvent; the securities they hold are ample, and it will require only a little time to adjust the present trouble."

President Rickey said that unceasing labor troubles were mainly responsible for the financial depression in Nevada mining camps. "As a result of these industrial disturbances," he said, "we noticed a gradual withdrawal of funds by depositors, who, disgusted with the strife, took their money to other places. Lessors of mining properties, unable to prosecute their work, threw up their leases and went away. In two months more than \$2,000,000 was taken from our banks by disappointed miners and speculators who left the state because of the industrial unrest. I went after my cashiers and told them to collect my notes; then came a series of letters from clients who had notes with us and who, if compelled to sell their securities on a broken market, would have been ruined financially. Then came the break in stocks all over the country, affecting collaterals of all varieties."

WANTS LONGER HOLIDAY

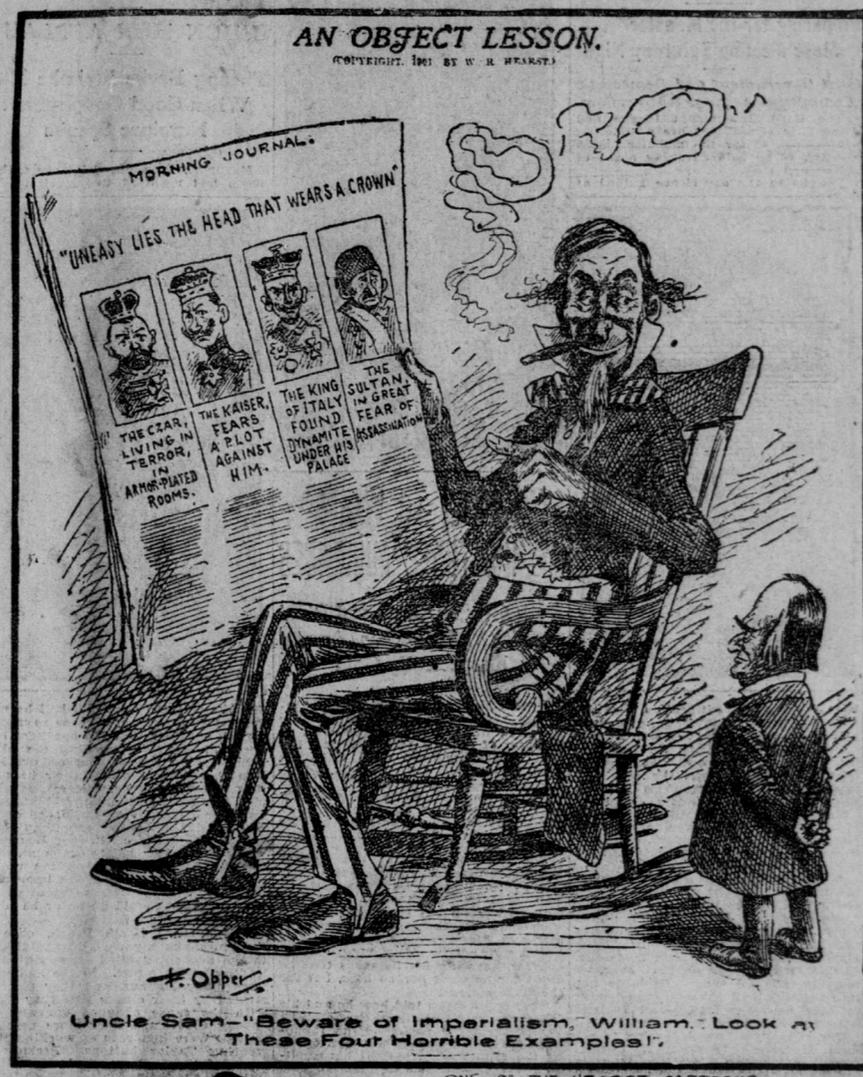
Referring to the holiday which Governor John Sparks had declared in Nevada, Rickey said: "It was a wise move, but the time given is far too short. Nothing can be done in two days. It would take fully a week to present Nevada's case in the financial centers and I hope that Governor Sparks will extend the holiday time that long."

The condition of the Nevada banks which suspended payment was pronounced by local bankers yesterday to be good. The policy pursued by Governor Sparks in declaring a holiday of two days was commended, on the ground that time would thus be afforded to have the actual situation more completely understood by the public and so allay excitement that was to some extent unreasonable.

"The standing of the Nye and Ormswooth county bank," said F. B. Anderson, manager of the Bank of California, "is excellent. Our bank is the San Fran-

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Remember McKinley!



Railroad Telegraphers Will Aid Strikers

Forty Thousand Men to Refuse to Handle Commercial Messages

That the railroad telegraphers of the United States had decided to take up the cause of the striking commercial telegraphers and, at a date already set, would refuse to handle commercial business, was the statement made last night by W. W. McCandlish, acting deputy national president of the strikers' organization. It was based upon a telegram from Deputy National President Copps, delegate to the special convention which convened in Milwaukee yesterday to consider the situation and devise means for a continuation of the struggle against the Western Union and Postal telegraph companies and the Associated Press.

News of the intention of the railroad telegraphers to aid in the strike movement is of tremendous import to the commercial interests of the country. These men, 40,000 in number, have relieved the pressure upon the business world resulting from the partial stoppage of the commercial telegraph companies and enabled commerce to be carried on unchecked. Should they refuse to handle messages not pertaining to railroad business the disastrous effect upon all forms of traffic would be immediate.

Mutual Life Official Guilty of Perjury

Jury Recommends Mercy for Man Who Attorney Says Is Scapegoat for Others

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—The first conviction in the cases based on the disclosures in the legislative investigation of insurance affairs in 1905-06 was obtained by the district attorney's office here, when a jury in the criminal branch of the supreme court found Dr. Walter R. Gillette, former vice president of the Mutual Life insurance company, guilty of perjury in the third degree. The verdict was accompanied with a recommendation for mercy. The maximum penalty for this degree of perjury is 10 years' imprisonment.

One Hundred Dollars for Election Guesses

HOW do YOU figure out the result of the coming election in San Francisco?
Whom do YOU forecast as the people's choice for mayor?
By what vote do you predict he will be elected?
Here's some easy money for YOU—all you have to do is to guess and guess better than your competitors.
Down below is a coupon for you to fill out with your forecast, your name and address and then to mail to Election Returns Editor, The Call.

NO PREDICTION WILL BE CONSIDERED THAT REACHES THIS OFFICE LATER THAN MIDNIGHT, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1907.

KNIFE SHOWN BY FOES OF LANGDON

Two Ryan Men Now Come Out in the Open

Champions of McGowan in the Gumshoe Brigade

County Jail Ticket Backed by Foul Tactics

Voters Not Deceived Flock to Taylor's Banner

Political Meetings Today

TAYLOR-LANGDON

Noon—End Fourth street.
8 p. m.—Mission rink, Mission street between Nineteenth and Twentieth.

MCCARTHY

Noon—Oregon dock.
Night—Duvencock's hall, Twenty-fourth and Church streets.
Devisadero hall, 321 Devisadero street.

RYAN

Noon—Fulton iron works.
Night—Dremmler rink, Sutter and Steiner streets.

By George A. Van Smith

With two members of Ryan's county committee openly opposed to District Attorney William H. Langdon and half his campaign machine working more or less secretly for the election of Frank McGowan, the rally of the graft interests to Ryan and the disposition of the funds that Calhoun and the anti-Langdon influences have poured into San Francisco are explained.

John D. Daly, member at large of the new Ryan city and county committee of 36 members, and Dominic J. Behan, committeeman from the forty-third assembly district, have quit dissembling and are openly opposing the re-election of District Attorney William H. Langdon, upon whom depends the continuance of the graft prosecution.

UNASHAMED CHAMPIONS

Daly and Behan are not the only members of Ryan's specially selected county committee working against Langdon, but they stand alone as open and unashamed champions of McGowan and his anti graft prosecution policy. Other members of the Ryan committee belong to the anti-Langdon gumshoe brigade and are swinging their knives industriously, if with a semblance of secrecy.

Daly is an old warhorse of the Southern Pacific's flying brigade and bears the scars of several well directed kicks