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## NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK

LATEST NEWS OF THE WORLD  
TERSELY TOLD.

## NORTH, EAST, SOUTH AND WEST

Foreign Lands. Throughout the Nation and Particularly From the Great Southwest.

Queen Helene was injured while trying to stop a panic caused by a slight earthquake shock Friday night at Messina, Italy.

Greeks, Japs and Chinese now want to take a hand in the framing of the new tariff bill. The San Francisco Chinese Chamber of Commerce, through Tang Mint, its president, has submitted to the ways and means committee a brief asking that the duties be reduced on soy, rice, fish, meat, type and firecrackers.

Preliminary steps have been taken toward the capitalization of the Pacific coast extension of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Co. which will provide for a total bonded debt of \$200,000,000 covering the extension should that amount be found necessary.

John Sergieff, known as Father John of Cronstadt is dead. Father John was leader of a sect of fanatics, by whom he was regarded as a saint. At one time his influence among the ignorant classes of Russia was enormous and even of late years, notwithstanding that Father John's leading satellites has been proved guilty of immorality and drunkenness and of exploiting their leader's alleged sanctity to their financial advantage, he had a following that numbered many thousands.

Referring to a report that C. P. Taft was likely to succeed Ambassador Whitelaw Reid, at the court of St. James, President-elect Taft said that there was no foundation for it. He had not, he added, given any consideration whatever to appointments abroad or changes in the corps of ambassadors and ministers of the United States and should not do so until his cabinet had been selected.

Harry and Theodore Mercer, brothers 30 and 34 years old respectively of Oakland, Cal., were taken to New York by officers who had arrested them in the California city. The men were arrested on a bench warrant issued on complaint of James A. Howard, a lawyer, who charges them with larceny of \$4,000 through alleged false representation on settlement.

On Jan. 1 in three southern states—North Carolina, Mississippi and Alabama. Georgia is the only other southern state wherein satutory prohibition exists, the law having been in operation one year.

The inaugural step toward re-establishment of the Cuban Republic was marked with the New Year's reception at the palace at Havana, when Gov. Magon formally presented the diplomatic representatives, consular officers and other officials to the president-elect, Jose Miguel Gomez, and the vice-president elect, Alfredo Zayas.

After a continuous service for forty years as a conductor with the Illinois Central railroad, missing but four days in that time, Billy Bryan, whose train is named for him, has resigned. Bryan was the oldest man in service on the line.

An hour after he had wished his former sweetheart, now a bride of less than a week, a "long life and a happy one," Ray Reese returned to her home in Kansas City, Kas., and shot her through the breast, after which he stepped into an adjoining room and committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. The woman, Mrs. Clyde Setzer, 19 years old, is not expected to live.

Several persons were reported to have been killed and the lives of a number of others endangered when a frame dwelling at North Sixty-fourth and Madison avenue, Irving park, Chicago, blew down.

The "biggest theft" ever recorded in Vermillion county, Ill., was enacted when six residents of Brownville, carted away the town hall and six persons are under arrest. It is said plans were made to use the municipal home for a dance hall following a wedding celebration.

Wilbur Wright made another astonishing flight in his aerodrome, sweeping in a great circle at a high altitude for one hour and fifty-three minutes and covering fifty-eight miles.

Lloyd Thorpe and Otis Leggett were arrested at Minden, Neb., on suspicion of being implicated in the Keene and Ceresco bank robberies by "automobile bandits" 10 days ago.

After stabbing his aged mother to death in their apartments in New York, Arthur Cotter, 33 years old, attempted to kill himself by jumping from the window. Cotter was taken a prisoner, charged with homicide to Bellevue hospital.

Thomas F. Gilroy, receiver for the Fidelity Funding company, whose former president, Patrick J. Keiran, is wanted by the police, testified before a referee that the total liabilities of the company amounted to more than \$6,000,000 and the total assets to about \$24,000.

According to advices from Central America, there is prospect of an early upheaval there, and President Belaya of Nicaragua will be hard put to it to maintain his sovereignty in his own country.

Wilbur Wright, the American aeroplanist, gave his final demonstrations here carrying with him in four different flights members of the Aero club of Sarthe. Mr. Wright will go to Pau for a month, where he will give instructions as to the handling of his machine. Then he will go to the United States.

His wife's request that he start the new year by doing something to support his family drove August Bloom, of No. 307 East Eighty-third street, New York, to swallow muriatic acid. He was taken to the Presbyterian hospital, but will recover.

Open rebellion is threatened among the Oklahoma prisoners at Lansing, Kan., as a result of the charges of Miss Barnard of Oklahoma, state superintendent of charities and corrections, that the prisoners were mistreated.

Pat Dineen, of Boston who recently won the seven day go-as-you-please race in Kansas City, defeated five other professional racers over the full marathon distance, 26 miles, 385 yards, at the Park Square coliseum in Boston. Dineen finished after two hours, 45 minutes and 26 3-5 seconds of hard running, during which he did not stop once.

Beach Hargis, charged with the murder of his father, Judge James Hargis, was admitted to \$25,000 bail.

Great anxiety is being felt by the inhabitants of Greenbank, in West Virginia, over the steadily increasing activity of a burning crater of seemingly volcanic nature on the side of a neighboring mountain within a half mile of that place, flames being distinctly visible at intervals, accompanied by a low, rumbling noise, while the air is strong with sulphur fumes.

New Year's Day was marked by a battle, in which one man was killed, another fatally shot and two women wounded. The battle started in Bellevue, Ky., and ended in Dayton, Ky., and only the prompt action of the mayors of the two towns across the river from Cincinnati prevented a mob from lynching the men who did most of the shooting.

Edgar Parrish, the young man who was arrested Monday charged with the killing of George Rider at Louisville, Mo., Christmas eve, will be given a preliminary hearing January 14. Parrish was captured at the home of his father, four miles from the church in which the murder took place.

The British authorities have started an investigation of the capture of the British steamer Tai On by two Chinese cruisers near Kum Chuka.

Abraham Ruef, former political boss of San Francisco, was sentenced to San Quentin prison. Sentence was pronounced by Judge William P. Lawlor who presided over Ruef's trial on the charge of bribing members of the Schmitz board of supervisors in the award of an overhead trolley franchise to the United Railways.

It will be several weeks before the report of the board of engineers which made a survey of the proposed lakes to the gulf deep waterway reaches congress. The report may not be in the hands of Chairman Burton of the rivers and harbors committee before the end of the present session.

Walter Scott who is better known to the public as "Scotty the Millionaire" filed in Chicago his application for enlistment in the United States navy. Scotty, who attracted considerable interest about two years ago when he traveled by special train from the West to Chicago, and tried to break the speed record, says he has spent enough of his one time apparently unlimited fortune.

President Roosevelt, it was officially announced has invited the following engineers to accompany President-elect Taft on his trip to Panama, the last of January: Arthur V. Davis, chief engineer, reclamation service, Washington; John R. Freeman, Providence, R. I.; Allen Hazen, New York; Isham Randolph, Chicago; James D. Schuyler, Los Angeles; Fred D. Stearns, Boston.

President-elect Taft will have an opportunity to deliver a message to the entire South while he is in Atlanta, Ga. While there he is to be a special guest at a banquet at which every section of the South will be represented.

Two masked men held up and robbed Michael Meir, treasurer of Sanborn county, S. D., of \$5,087 in cash, locked him in a money vault and fled. The robbery occurred at Woonsocket, county seat of Sanborn county. Posses are pursuing the robbers.

A colonization scheme of vast importance is seen in the operations of a syndicate headed by James J. Hill and B. F. Yoakum in the consolidation of 7,000,000 acres of Gulf coast land, valued at \$75,000,000, which is being arranged at Kingsville, Tex.

There has been a decrease in the number of the clergy in the Episcopal church of the United States, due to the large number of defections from the church and also to the high death rate. The annual statistics show a decrease of 13 per cent from 1907, with 135 deaths and forty-one depositions.

Hearing that physicians were coming to perform an operation for paralysis, Mrs. Charlotte Rufner of Clarence, Mo., hanged herself in a shed in the rear of her brother's home at Abilene, Kas.

## MORE HORRIBLE AND TERRIFYING

### Disaster Unprecedented in World's History---Two Hundred Thousand Die---Dogs and Swine, Enraged by Hunger, Spring Upon the Injured and Devour Them.

Rome.—South Italy and the island of Sicily have been visited by an appalling calamity, the extent of which cannot yet be grasped. An earthquake Monday wrecked city after city and obliterated smaller towns and villages without number.

Then a tidal wave swept along the Strait of Messina and added to the horror, drowning the people in their helplessness and panic. Fire came to complete the work of destruction.

Flames broke out in the devastated cities and countless numbers of wounded men, women and children were burned to death.

The finest palaces, churches and theaters of Messina are heaps of ruins. Countless dead bodies are scattered through the wreckage and their decomposition will doubtless bring pestilence to add to the horrors of the situation.

The devastation over the entire district was more or less complete. No part of the province of Reggio Calabria escaped. The disturbance was most severe along the shores of the Straits of Messina, where the cities of Messina and Reggio are situated.

As mankind can do nothing against the work of nature, it only remains to raze Messina to the ground in which the bodies of the dead will be forever buried. So the place where Messina once stood will thus become a huge cemetery.

Rome.—Although graphic stories are coming into Rome of the horrors in Southern Italy and Sicily, these are but repetitions of individual tragedies already recorded. What chiefly concerns the government and people is the progress that is being made toward the relief of those who have suffered by the dreadful visitation. Considerable advance in this respect has been made at Messina, where, according to official reports received here, the supply service is beginning to work satisfactorily.

So far as has been possible quicklime is used on the dead; many bodies have been burned and other buried.

One feature of the disaster at Reggio is the large number of homeless children. In some cases little babies were found creeping about in the ruins, and it seems impossible to restore them to their parents, even if the parents were alive. A sailor who went ashore at Reggio relates that during his work of rescue he was attracted by a sound of infant voices. Looking under a fallen beam, he found twins about a year old in a basket.

In many cases survivors recovered consciousness to find themselves far away from the scene of the disaster. Large numbers of survivors have become insane.

What has taken place at Reggio has been a repetition of the scenes at Messina, but the proportion of the population to perish at the former place is higher. The conditions at Reggio are worse than at Messina, owing to danger of epidemic from decomposing bodies.

It has been proposed in small villages where not a house remains standing to set the debris on fire as a means of purification.

Messina.—The city is absolutely destroyed. The spectacle is a terrifying one. A great conflagration broke out immediately after the earthquake and devoured all that the earth shocks had spared. Nearly the entire population is buried in the debris. The latest calculations place the total number of survivors at only 10,000. The dead at Messina alone reach the stupendous figures of nearly 100,000.

Help from the outer world is at last beginning to reach the stricken city. The British cruiser Sutfel steamed in Wednesday from Malta and was followed by the Russian battleships Slava and Czarewitch and the cruiser Admiral Makarouf. The officers and men of the two navies are giving every possible aid, yet their task is a fearful one.

Under the pelting rain, in open air, hospitals are being installed in what were once the streets of the town. The sights on every hand are so moving, so tragic, that it is almost impossible to describe them adequately. The utmost depths of anguish and suffering seem to have been sounded.

Many cannot escape from the vast smoldering tomb in which their kinsmen, wives, husbands, parents and children lie. The sea is closed to them from want of ships, and they are suffering the cruel extremities of hunger and thirst. Here and there they can be seen searching eagerly in the debris and universal ruin for some morsels to eat or for water to drink, but the heaps of dust and debris yield them nothing.

At every turn some lamentable scene meets the eyes. Men and women half naked and terribly injured are imploring relief. The hospitals and chemists' shops have disappeared, and there are neither drugs nor surgical instruments at hand.

The configuration of the Straits of Messina has been materially altered. The tidal wave that completed the destructive work of the earthquake was thirty-two feet high.

### \$300,000 IN SUPPLIES RUSHED TO SURVIVORS OF EARTHQUAKE.

Washington.—President Roosevelt announced that he has sent two supply ships with \$300,000 worth of supplies to Italy; that he will ask Congress for additional aid, and that he has offered the use of his battleship fleet to Italy.

The announcement was contained in a telegram, made public at the White House, which the president sent to Patrick F. McGowan, chairman of the American-Italian general relief committee, New York City. The telegram follows:

"I earnestly wish success to the American-Italian general relief now in its great mass meeting at Madison Square Garden. It is, of course, not possible for me to attend in person. I am doing everything that can be done to get aid to the suffering, and on account of the extreme urgency of the case, have sent two supply ships with \$300,000 worth of food and provisions, without waiting for the authority of Congress, being confident that Congress will approve of my action."

"I shall also ask Congress for additional aid, and throughout the coming week will keep in the closest touch with Congress and through the state department with Italy, so that everything possible to be done by the United States may be done."

"Furthermore, I have cabled the Italian government, proffering the services of any or all of the battleship fleet, if such can be of use in this crisis."

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

### SUPPLY SHIPS HURRYING AT FULL SPEED TO MESSINA.

Suez.—The United States Atlantic battleship fleet, completing two days ahead of its schedule, the next to the longest run of its world-girdling cruise, arrived here Sunday morning from Colombo, a distance of 3,440 knots, from which place the fleet sailed on December 20.

The converted cruiser Yankton and the supply ship Culgoa, with a number of doctors and a large supply of provisions and stores aboard, will go to Messina at full speed. All arrangements were made by wireless for the ships of the fleet to pass through the canal as quickly as possible and to coal at Port Said, where 25,000 tons are stored. The authorities have made arrangements for the battleships to have right of way for a clear run through the canal.

At Port Said the crews will coal the battleships with all possible speed, so as to be in position to go promptly to Messina.

In reply to a message from the navy department, Rear Admiral Sperry said he had supplies available for distribution to the Italian earthquake sufferers as follows:

Beverages, 50,000 gallons; bread, 690,000 pounds; cereals, 80,000 pounds; fruits, 90,000 pounds; fresh meat, 90,000 pounds; other meats, 100,000 pounds; vegetables (canned), 80,000 pounds; milk, 50,000 pounds, and numerous other items.

The Culgoa will distribute these provisions. There are six surgeons and a number of hospital men on board the Culgoa and Yankton, and they are taking with them supplies of cots, blankets, etc.

### QUEEN GOES WITH EMANUEL TO SCENE.

Rome.—Queen Helena has refused to allow her husband, the King, to go alone to the scene of the disaster. She said she would not give up her privilege of sharing her husband's dangers, and consequently both King and Queen left Rome on a special train for the south.

The royal couple arrived earlier in the day from Naples. The Queen explained to a member of her entourage that she considered it her duty to do all in her power to comfort and help her afflicted subjects.

It was announced here Wednesday that the Pope will inaugurate the establishment of an international committee of Roman Catholics the world over, to assist the survivors of the catastrophe. The Pope heads the subscription list with \$200,000.

## MORE HORRIBLE AND TERRIFYING

Paris.—The Figaro of Saturday publishes the following dispatch from Rome: "As each day goes by the disaster appears more horrible, terrifying and immense. It is without precedent in the history of the world. In my earlier dispatches I spoke of over 150,000 dead. This number doubtless will be exceeded, for now it is conservatively estimated that 200,000 persons perished miserably in this staggering catastrophe and the worst is not yet known. The scourge has not yet done its final work."

"The tremblings of the earth continue with sinister rumblings, and at times jets of boiling water surge from the crevasses. The sources of the streams are poisoned by putrid water."

"In spite of herculean efforts, the succor still is insufficient. In the more remote regions the unhappy injured are dying for want of food and medical treatment. Dogs and swine, enraged by hunger, spring upon the wounded and devour them. Insatiable fire and uncontrolled famine will inexorably claim their victims."

### HUNG BY SKIRTS FOUR DAYS.

Horrible Experience of a Girl Earthquake Victim.

Naples.—Harrowing episodes from Reggio continue to flow in. A girl, in a frantic effort to escape, attempted to leap over a balcony of her home. Her skirts caught in the iron work and she hung there swaying in the wind for four days. A woman buried under the debris of her house, although slightly injured, was unable to move, while her husband and children, crushed on the floor above, slowly bled to death, their blood dropping on her breast and arms. She was finally taken out alive, but was demented, not even knowing her name.

### NOT A WHOLE HOUSE.

Destruction of Messina Terrible and Complete.

Rome.—It is beginning to be possible to obtain something of a precise idea of the extent of the catastrophe caused by the earthquake. Messina is said to look like a town that had been bombarded for hours by a great war fleet. Not a house remains standing. Of the city's 160,000 inhabitants, it is still impossible to say how many perished. There is a possibility that a third survived, a quarter or fewer still. In any case, it is safe to say that 100,000 persons were buried beneath the wreckage.

In thirty seconds Italy lost more of her children than did Russia in a whole year of her war with Japan, which was the most sanguinary in history. It seems certain that all the small towns and villages that dotted the shore and without counting the lesser centers of population, the following have been almost entirely destroyed.

Messina, 160,000; Reggio, 60,000; Lazzaro, 3,000; Scilla, 5,000; Gagliara, 10,000; Villa San Giovanni, 12,000, and Palmi, 14,000. Inland towns and villages, too, have suffered enormously.

### CASTOREALE DESTROYED.

Survivors of Shock at Catanzaro Are Raving Maniacs.

Catanzaro, Calabria.—The prefect of Reggio, after the first shock, rushed about like a mad man, seeking help to save his wife and children, who were buried in the ruins of the prefecture. Two workmen finally reached them and brought them out, but the two children died in the arms of their father.

A young girl arrived here Friday from Reggio after walking 18 miles, practically without clothing. Finally, on the outskirts of Catanzaro, a monk stripped off his habit and gave it to the unfortunate. Another young woman of Reggio was a prisoner for 48 hours on the fifth floor of her home. She called for help, which none dared give her because of the unsafe condition of the walls. Finally, when a fireman braved the danger and brought the girl down, she was found to have gone raving mad. Her mother and father, two brothers and a sister were lying dead in a room beside her.

Rome.—There is every reason to be pessimistic over the situation. At Palmi 425 bodies have already been discovered. It is said the deaths at Baginara are 1,000, at Santo Eufemia 1,500 and at Seminara 400.

Orso, the prefect of Reggio, sends the following from Gerace Marina: "As a result of the earthquake the town is almost entirely destroyed. Many thousands are killed. The prefecture and other public buildings are in ruins. Other towns in the province are almost entirely destroyed. Send help at once, especially food and medicine, as the town contains nothing."

A man who escaped to Catania from Messina declares it is impossible to describe the spectacle presented. The town is in ruins and reduced to a mass of smoking debris.

### SCORE OF TOWN LAID LOW.

Immensity of the Disaster Can Hardly Be Estimated.

Rome.—The immensity of the disaster in Southern Italy and Sicily can only be measured by the fact that it is now estimated that 110,000 people perished in Messina and Reggio alone. A score of other towns have been devastated and thousands of victims in these places must be added to the roll. In the face of these awful totals Italy stands appalled.

## COUGHS AND COLDS.

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Peruna Drug Co., Columbus, Ohio.

Gentlemen—I can cheerfully recommend Peruna as an effective cure for coughs and colds.

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### Could Not Smell Nor Hear.

Mrs. A. L. Wetzel, 1023 Ohio St., Terre Haute, Ind., writes:

"When I began to take your medicine I could not smell, nor hear a church bell ring. Now I can both smell and hear."

"When I began your treatment my head was terrible. I had buzzing and chirping noises in my head."

"I followed your advice faithfully and took Peruna as you told me. Now I might say I am well."

"I want to go and visit my mother and see the doctor who said I was not long for this world. I will tell him it was Peruna that cured me."

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### HAD AN EYE TO BUSINESS.

Romance Clearly Had Little to Do with Silas' Marriage.

Preston Kendall, the actor, tells a story of a ne'er-do-well in a little New England town, where he has often spent his summers. "I was walking down the main street one day," said Kendall, "when I saw old Silas grinning from ear to ear. I hardly thought that he was that glad to see me. So, after speaking to him, I said: 'Why the devil are you so happy?' 'I've been a-gittin' married this morning,' was the unexpected reply. 'Married! You? I exclaimed. 'Why, Silas, what on earth have you done that for? You know you can't even support yourself as it is.' 'Wall, said Silas, 'you see, it's this way: I ken purty near support myself, an' I kind of figured out that she could finish up the job.'"

### The Unexpected.

The judge was about to pass sentence upon the condemned man.

"In view of certain contingent circumstances," he said, "I'm inclined to treat you with leniency."

A veiled woman who was sitting at a little distance suddenly burst into tears.

"Are you the prisoner's wife?" his honor inquired.

The woman could only nod.

"I think that in view of all these mitigating influences," the judge resumed, "I will fix three years—"

The veiled woman suddenly gasped.

"It ain't half enough, judge; it ain't half enough!" she wildly shrieked.

### Royalty on Exhibition.

In the eighteenth century the Londoner could look at royalty on Sunday for a modest fee. In a guide to London, published in 1767, it was said: "At St. James' chapel royal by knocking at the side door and slipping a shilling for each person into the hand of the verger who opens it, you may have admittance and stand during divine service in presence of their majesties; and for one shilling each person more, you may sit in their royal presence, not in pews, but in turn-up seats on the side of them."

### THEN AND NOW

Complete Recovery from Coffee Ills.

"About nine years ago my daughter, from coffee drinking, was on the verge of nervous prostration," writes a Louisville lady. "She was confined for the most part to her home."

"When she attempted a trip down town she was often brought home in a cab and would be prostrated for days afterwards."

"On the advice of her physician she gave up coffee and tea, drank Postum, and ate Grape-Nuts for breakfast."

"She liked Postum from the very beginning and we soon saw improvement. To-day she is in perfect health, the mother of five children, all of whom are fond of Postum."

"She has recovered, is a member of three charity organizations and a club, holding an office in each. We give Postum and Grape-Nuts the credit for her recovery."

"There's a Reason."

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