

TERROR FOREVER THREATENS SICILY

A people with gay hearts but faces marked by the dreadful events of centuries, are the Sicilians.

Dark bowed, sad visaged peasants tell the story of thousands of years of war, of pestilence, of horror that comes no man knows when or where from. A people living in the eye of earth's most dreadful volcano, Etna; walking on a crust that has always trembled; swept by the plague perennially and the playthings of war since history began, the mark of suffering comes with the babe's birth and never passes until the tomb hides it.

The Sicilians and their brothers, the Calabrians, across the straits of Messina in Italy, can hardly be blamed then if they try to shake off the hereditary gloom by a frequent succession of feasts. Their holidays enliven the spirits of a people who might otherwise become superstitious desponds—gloomy fanatics.

During one of these celebrations a mass is said in the morning, and the rest of the time is about evenly divided between feasting and dancing. Great quantities of wine are consumed.

The most picturesque peasantry in the world are those of Sicily and Calabria. Men, women and children are all clothed in rags, the like of which can be found nowhere else under the sun.

Multi-colored and faded into a grotesque sort of harmony, the garb of the Sicilian is never to be forgotten by a beholder. These tatters reminded one artist of autumn leaves. They would probably impress the ordinary observer in a much different manner.

Gilt jewelry and gaudy colored glass beads are worn lavishly by even the humblest in station.

The home of the average Sicilian peasant is wretched. Filth is a matter of course. There is always a plague of fleas. Families sometimes dwell in empty tombs. In the cities a good sized family often is found dwelling in the cellar under the house of a more prosperous countryman.

The tremblings of the earth are

so frequent in Calabria that the people think little more of them than do the Americans of thunder storms.

In Sicily the people instinctively rush to an archway or window at the time of an earthquake shock. Sicilians have done this for centuries because they know that the arch is the strongest part of any wall and will remain when the rest of the building is thrown down.

Terrible signs generally precede a violent earthquake. The volcanoes become still, there is a strange

A Sicilian Beauty.



SICILY IS NOTED FOR ITS BEAUTIFUL WOMEN, OF THE LUSTROUS EYED LATIN TYPE.

heat, not from the sun but from the earth. Terrible rumblings terrify the people. Quaking with fear, men, women and children form processions, make the sign of the cross and fall to their knees in the streets. The church doors are thrown open and people rush there.

Most Sicilian peasants are the sons or grandsons of the famous banditti of the last century. In those times the honest shepherd tending his flocks was the molly-coddle of his neighborhood. The man held in most esteem was the picturesquely dressed bandit, who robbed the rich and held in ransom the unwary traveler. The tourist who took a notion to view the scenery of the Sicilian hills generally saw other things. His relatives had to put up a stiff ransom, or, failing, the tourist either found a grave in the hills, or returned minus his nose or ears.

The days of this unrestrained lawlessness were brought to an end several decades ago by the interference of the Italian government which sent soldiers to suppress the banditti. In the name of law and order the most shocking brutalities were visited upon outlaws and unoffending peasantry alike.

Men in the fields and highways were shot down and mutilated with as little regard as though they had been beasts of prey. The hunted banditti, crazed by these cruelties, retaliated with ferocity whenever occasion presented itself.

The slow progress of modern civilization and education among the peasantry has had one peculiar effect upon growing generations. Children who instinctively loved and revered their fathers for a long time resented the education which taught them that their paternal heroes were bad characters whose example should not be followed.

Of late years the beckoning glamor of the new world has awakened a spirit of unrest among southern Italians and Sicilians. No other portion of Italy gives up so large a percentage of its population to the emigrant ships. Not alone in the ports and large villages is the fever of emigration so strongly felt, but also in the little settlements of the interior. The cafes are always full of eager, gesticulating men talking of the new world.

COLD SNAP DOES FEAZE BILLY SUNDAY

The cold yesterday lessened the usual crowds at the Billy Sunday revivals, but it didn't cool Billy. Part of the night talk was on spiritualism, which he described as the rottenest and carrionest of all rot and carrion. Although Billy confessed he has had his bumps felt and his palms read, he never yet has crept into a spiritual medium's quarters for a demonstration. The title of his talk was "Nuts for Skeptics to Crack." Billy delivered a warm talk on



"IT'S UP TO YOU, REPENT OR GO TO HELL."

those who do not assist in the saving of souls. Of church people he said:

"You church people will have to have a change of mind. I never have seen a card-playing, dancing, theater-gadding, neighborhood-gossiping, beer-drinking church member who was worth a snap of your finger as a soul winner."

He told the people to be natural, and said he never could understand why a fellow should have one voice for the pulpit and another for everyday life.

In this connection it is remembered that Billy Sunday seldom talks slang in everyday life, but uses it profusely from the pulpit. Fred Wischer, Sunday's chorus leader, urged the people yesterday

to assist in the neighborhood prayer meetings. The city has been divided into 87 districts, but in only 27 of them were there any meetings yesterday.

BANQUET GREAT SUCCESS

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RE-TAINS TRUSTEES AND GIVES AN ACCOUNTING OF GREAT RECORD OF BOOSTING.

The greatest gathering of Spokane business interests which ever attended the annual chamber of commerce banquet assembled in Masonic temple last night. Spokane was boosted and boosted some more in characteristic addresses. The retiring trustees, Dave Ham, E. F. C. Van Dissel, F. R. Culbertson, H. L. Bleeker and L. McLean were re-elected.

R. B. Paterson spoke on "Past and Future from a Commercial Point of View"; Mayor Moore on "Government"; N. W. Durham, "Getting Results from Our Publicity Work"; Judge Edward Whitson, "Irrigation in Washington and the National Irrigation Congress."

The following members made extemporaneous three minute speeches: W. W. Tuttle, mayor of Fernie; B. C.; C. M. Fasset, A. A. Kraft, S. R. Stern and E. J. Cannon.

Moving pictures of scenes in the Inland Empire which are to be shown at the A-Y-P exposition were exhibited.

President F. E. Goodall opened the banquet with an address in which he dwelt on the city's growth during the past year.

WINS A \$500 HIKE

George Dwyer, a Spokane steamfitter, won a \$500 wager from Joe Ryan yesterday by finishing a walk from Spokane to Lewiston in 60 hours. Dwyer averaged three miles an hour, made eight stops for refreshments and slept an hour in Pullman. The distance is 147 miles.

LOST WIFE AND 10 CHILDREN.

ROME, Jan. 6.—In visiting the refugees in the vatican hospital, the pope found a man whose wife and 10 children were lost in the disaster.

FOOD FOR SUFFERERS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The liner Hamburg sailed for Naples with thousands of pounds of supplies for earthquake sufferers.

FURS TRIM STREET GOWNS



Soft, supple velvets and cloths are used for the handsomest street costumes. Long lines of fur as edging and rolling collars, with embroidery and braiding, make suitable garniture. Large muffs and occasionally a toque of the same fur accompany these very distinguished toffets.

DEAD FROM INJURIES

From injuries sustained about noon yesterday in a fall from the Great Northern trestle near the west bank of the river, John J. Bergman of Dubuque, Iowa, died about 4 o'clock in the afternoon at the emergency hospital. Bergman's skull was horribly fractured by the fall.

UNION DELEGATES ON WAY TO CONVENTION

About 25 delegates from the various local labor unions left over the O. R. & N. this morning for Walla Walla, where they are to attend the convention of the State Federation of Labor, in session at that place from tomorrow morning till Saturday night. Members of committees having special work to do before the opening of the convention, left over the O. R. & N. yesterday morning. The delegates were furnished a special coach for the trip.

SENATOR IN BROKERAGE FIRM

With George A. Ohren for a partner, State Senator R. A. Hutchinson has opened a brokerage business in the Exchange Bank building. Mr. Ohren, was formerly United States consul in Rossland, B. C.

TACKLE JOHN D. AGAIN.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Bonaparte has announced that the government will retry the case involving the \$29,000,000 fine against Standard Oil.

UNCLE SAM TO AID.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Roosevelt signed the bill appropriating \$500,000 dollars and \$300,000 worth of provisions to the earthquake sufferers.

It is easy to affect to despise the things we cannot understand.

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A New Line of Enamelware

We have just opened a new line of steel kitchen ware, pleasingly enameled in a rich blue and white.

This is a triple coated ware of excellent wearing quality, being guaranteed for five years. It is moderately priced, too. You can buy an eight quart tea kettle in this ware for \$1.25, a four quart preserving kettle for 50c, a three quart rice boiler for \$1.35, a four quart pudding pan for 40c, a two quart tea or coffee pot for 85c, and any other pieces that you may need at equally small prices.

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\$1.75 Scotch Plaid Wool Tweeds Sell for 89c; \$1.98 Cloakings Sell for \$1.19

After our great fall business we find several broken lines, some with only one piece and one color, which must be cleaned out to make room for spring goods soon to arrive. Be sure and see this line if you desire to secure some extra special bargains.

Half pieces and short ends, popular colors and fabrics, 54 and 56 inches wide and worth up to \$1.50. Some are chevron striped, tan and gray mixed with green stripes, olive chevron with navy stripes, Scotch plaid tweeds, brown and green, green and red mixed, mixtures of black stripes with red bars of navy and green overstrips, etc., etc. Regular value \$1.75, on sale **89c** for a yard.....

\$1.98 CLOAKING FOR, YARD, \$1.15
54 inch, all wool cloaking, per yard, \$1.15; all wool, heavy material, in small checks and plaids, principally dark shades; regular value \$1.98; will sell for, per yard..... **\$1.15**

54-INCH SUITINGS, YARD, 49c
750 pieces of colored dress goods on sale for 49c per yard. If you are looking for good values visit our dress goods section; extra special values in 36 and 54 inches wide suitings, in gray, tan, navy, etc. No short ends will be found in this lot, and all will be offered for, a yard..... **49c**

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27 inch peacock moreen skirting, per yard, 25c; regular value 35c. Moreea skirting, a good line of colors, including black, gray, red, brown, navy and tan. Your choice, per yard..... **25c**

\$2.75 W. B. Corsets Thursday \$1.75

Ladies' short-hip W. B. corsets, with medium bust, made of plain or fancy brocade materials; hose supporters attached on the front; colors white, pink and blue; sizes 19 to 24. These are regular \$2.75; we are closing out **\$1.75** for.....

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Ladies' eiderdown and blanket robes in red, navy, light blue, lavender and gray, with sailor collars or kimono necks and heavy cord to belt them in at the waist; long or short sleeves; a good assortment of sizes; worth up to \$8.00; on sale for..... **\$5.00**

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