

20,000 ARE DEAD, 20 TOWNS RUINED IN ITALIAN QUAKE

Avezzano, Town of 6,000, Where Thousands Perished, Hit Hardest.

MESSINA DISASTER, ONLY, WAS GREATER

Refugees Reach Rome, Tell Tales of Suffering and Horror.

TROOPS GO TO SCENE

Cabinet Sets Aside \$50,000 for Immediate Relief—30,000 Injured.

By United Press.
ROME, Jan. 14.—Approximately twenty thousand persons died in the earthquake in the Abruzzi province, officials estimated this afternoon after the arrival of trainloads of refugees. These brought in tales of suffering and horror.

All the towns in the province suffered, but Avezzano, a town of 6,000 inhabitants about 100 miles east of Rome, was hit hardest. In all, twenty towns were demolished. The quake centered in the region of the Lago di Fucino.

By United Press.
ROME, Jan. 14.—Premier Salandra said in the cabinet today that deaths as the result of the earthquake would probably reach 20,000, making the disaster second only to that of Messina. The cabinet set aside \$50,000 for immediate relief work and instructed the minister of war to send 2,500 additional troops to aid those already sent and to carry tents and provisions. Railroad and telegraph communication in the most stricken section has been completely severed. The army medical force has been ordered to help in the relief work. Engineers are working to restore the railroads.

A partial list of the stricken cities follows:
Avezzano, destroyed, thousands killed; Aella, 1,000 reported dead, 500 hurt; Arpino, 150 dead; Aldino, many dead, town damaged; Ariccia, forty reported dead; Campobasso, town partly wrecked, twenty dead and many said to be buried; Pofi, 500 reported dead; Sora, 100 reported dead; Torres Cajenti, 150 dead; Ciprano, Cori, Cervetri, Filacliano, Galiano, Megliana, Monterotondo, Naples, Potenza, Poppi, Palestrino, Rome, Ripa, Terrachino and other towns were badly damaged. Many persons were injured, and some of the towns have death lists of from one to ten.

The first train carrying the injured arrived here this afternoon. The highways are blocked. Vacant buildings are being equipped to house the refugees. A relief fund has been started.

Another tremor shook Rome at 3 o'clock this morning. Thousands fled from their homes in panic, clad only in night attire.

Martial law is being enforced throughout the devastated region. The soldiers are rendering every possible aid to the injured. The government is today devoting its efforts to compiling a list of the dead. Plans for the aid of the injured were considered by the cabinet. The death list has reached ten thousand, according to reports, while thirty thousand are injured, many of whom will die.

That the death toll is not so large as has been feared is the opinion of officials at this city. The report from Potenza states that there are none dead and no serious damages. The greatest loss of life is in Avezzano. Other towns in the Abruzzi district report a loss of about four thousand.

By United Press.
NAPLES, Jan. 14.—There has been no loss of life in the province of Potenza, said a brief dispatch this afternoon after communication had been restored. Great damage has been done to property. The tower at Arpino, built in commemoration of Cicero's birthplace, collapsed yesterday, killing many persons. One hundred were reported dead at Arpino and another hundred at Sora when communication was interrupted.

AND STILL THEY COME

At 10:30 This Morning 1,868 Visiting Farmers Had Registered.

At 3 o'clock today, in the office registration of visitors, it was found that Cooper County leads with 138 delegates; next comes Jackson County with 70. Saline County has 65, Pettis County 62 and Johnson County 51.

There were 342 more Farmers' Week visitors enrolled last night than at the close of Wednesday's registration last year. Last night, when the books were closed, 1695 names had been turned in as against 1353 for Wednesday night of last year.

This morning the registration was proceeding as rapidly as ever. During the first two hours more than two hundred visitors registered. At 10:30 o'clock this morning the number had climbed to 1868.

They are still busy down at the Commercial Club Rooms. Nelson Trimble, secretary of the club, said this morning that more than one thousand visitors had been cared for and assigned rooms since last Saturday night.

The boys' and girls' stock judging contest at the Live Stock Judging Pavilion this morning seemed to attract more visitors than any other exhibit or any of the lectures. The latter, however, are being very well attended, and no lecturer can complain of the number or attentiveness of his hearers.

This afternoon the University Elementary School's exercises at the Rothwell Gymnasium attracted many of the visitors, especially the children and their mothers.

Last year the Farmers' Week registration ran over 2,200. This year these figures should be beaten more than 300. The registration includes only visitors from outside Columbia. Columbia people can register only tomorrow afternoon.

AWARD BABY PRIZES

Melvin Raines White of St. Joseph Wins Championship Ribbon.

The champion baby of Missouri is Melvin Raines White of St. Joseph, seven months old son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. White. He has a blue ribbon to prove his superiority. This ribbon he won in the "baby health contest" held during January 11, 12 and 13, under the auspices of the Home Makers' Conference. The contest was open to babies of the state between the ages of one and forty months. First prize winners from counties of the state were entered at the expense of their own county. The total number entered was sixty and of this number, fifty-four were from Columbia.

The babies were judged in three classes according to their age. The first class was for those under 18 months; the second, for those between 18 and 30 months and the third for those between 30 and 40 months.

In the first class, N. C. Ficklin, Jr., of Boone County received first prize. He lives a short distance out of Columbia. First prize in the second class went to Donald Meyer of Columbia. He is the son of A. J. Meyer, 204 Edgewood Avenue. First prize in the third class went to Floyd W. Tuttle, Jr., of Mt. Leonard.

CHICAGO SPEAKER COMING

Address at Commercial Club Luncheon by G. D. Doud.

Guy D. Doud, secretary of the Chicago Civic Bureau, will be the speaker at the Commercial Club's Thursday luncheon next week. Mr. Doud represents an organization the purpose of which is the solution of problems that have to do with business men's interests.

Mr. Doud will talk to the Commercial Club on "Tying the Country to the Town; How to Double the Membership of the Commercial Club."

Thursday night he will speak to the Retail Merchants' Association in the Commercial Club rooms. His subject will be "Mail Order Competition and How to Beat It by Home Town Loyalty."

Mrs. Dell Hart Worse.
Mrs. B. W. Jacobs received word today that her sister, Mrs. Dell Hart, who is ill in a hospital at Moberly, had suffered a relapse. Mrs. Hart was formerly a resident of Columbia and is well known here.

BOY AND SISTER WIN IN CORN STRINGING

Contest in Auditorium Precedes Speakers and Amuses Crowd.

S. M. SAWYER TALKS

Kansas City Banker and Colonel Clay of Chicago Address Farmers.

TONIGHT.

Music, University Cadet Band.
Address, Miss Helen Louise Johnson, Watertown, N. Y., head of the home economics department of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Illustrated lecture, "The Harmony Community," The Rev. C. R. Green, Ravenwood, Mo.

Address, "The Present and Future of Beef Production," Prof. Herbert W. Mumford of the University of Illinois.
Illustrated lecture, "Field Crop Pests," Prof. Leonard Haseman of the University of Missouri.

A corn-stringing contest, in which each county was allowed three teams of two persons each, opened last night's program at the University Auditorium. Ten ears were to be strung on each string and each team was to fill ten strings and hang them up. Strings were cut from a ball of binder twine. Jasper County entered one team, Cooper two, Buchanan one, Saline one, Marion two, and Jackson three. The third team of Jackson County contained a boy and his sister, the only girl in the contest.

"Hurrah for woman suffrage!" someone in the house called, and frequent applause greeted the fast work of the team. They were awarded first prize, having completed stringing one hundred ears of corn in five minutes and thirteen seconds. The Johnson County No. 1 team finished in twenty seconds longer and the Jackson County No. 2 team won third.

"Bankers are mighty glad to stumble over what pleases the farmer," said one in the audience to his neighbor, and the bankers on last night's program made admissions to this effect.

The Banker and the Farmer.
S. M. Sawyer, governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, said a great deal of the bank's business depends on the farmer. "But the banker's interest in the greater efficiency of the farmer is not alone from a selfish motive," he said.

He said consumption in this country had almost overtaken production and spoke of Europe as an example of the result.

As an example of American improvidence and lack of thrift, he spoke of the procession of delivery wagons in the cities that follow one another through the same streets and to the same houses. "But in no line," he said, "is there a greater waste of labor than on the farm."

He asked the farmers in the house to make their own investigations. The crop produced, he said is no greater than the weakest component of the soil will produce, and it would require but little more work and care and but little more capital to supply what the soil lacked and raise a full crop. Simply a 10 per cent increase in production in Missouri he found would amount to sixteen millions of dollars.

Denmark's System.
After a system of recording the production of cows had been used in Denmark, Mr. Sawyer said, one cow equaled three before. Silage would save the 40 per cent food value in the stalks and leaves of corn.

An efficient farm adviser, Mr. Sawyer said, is the farmer's solution. He told of increased production where a competent farm adviser was employed. To the young men he said, "The chances are only a bare existence awaits you in the city." He recommended that young men equip themselves to be farm advisers.

The banker, he said, is the man who should perfect organizations among farmers and further their interests in every way.

"Now speak up good and loud, Mr. Clay," someone in the gallery called as Colonel John Clay of Chicago was introduced. Mr. Clay did. He said speaking to so large an audience reminded him of a mongoose show in Salt Lake City. Single admission cost 25 cents, for families it was 50 cents. A family of twelve wives brought on a discussion which the manager settled by saying if they all wanted to

see the mongoose he was sure the mongoose would be glad to see them.

Canada Too Small for Him.
"Canada wasn't big enough for me," said Colonel Clay, "so I came to the United States."

He told of range life in California and Wyoming, where he spent life as a young man. The range man, he said, was the first to really settle the West. He spoke of the movement of cattle north after the Civil war, of Dodge City as a row of saloons. He had a great deal, he said, to do with cowboys and found them to be silent, independent, and above all, loyal men.

He told of a stage coach ride to Deadwood, S. D., with a lawyer, a cowboy and a schoolm'am for fellow travelers. They all sat close to keep warm, because it was near Christmas—and the schoolm'am didn't object.

He said he was going to read one of the many cowboy songs to the audience.

"Sing it," called the audience.
"Gentlemen," replied Colonel Clay, "I sang once, and the house was empty."

Cattle were bought by the herd, he said, and the range man's word was taken for the number. Hard winters killed many cattle, but the books didn't always freeze.

A Christmas-Day Picture.
Colonel Clay drew a word-picture of a family of "nesters," who had asked for food and been refused by the cook, who hated nesters. He asked them in, for it was Christmas day. There were a man and a little worn wife, he said, and some children, and the children made a never-to-be forgotten picture in the ranch house, their faces covered with maple syrup and their hands filled with oranges.

Then the sheep men came.
Colonel Clay closed his address with a plea that Missouri farmers raise more cattle. He spoke of the falling off in production in all land and the great need both of cattle and the resulting greater fertility of the soil. In ten markets in which his firm buys, cattle have fallen off 8 per cent, hogs 8 per cent and sheep 5 1/2 per cent.

"The way the Government has treated this question," he said, "is simply abominable." The vacant lands of the West, he said, should be thrown open to the small rancher, for the big man is a thing of the past.

A system of farm credit was discussed by George Woodruff, president of the First National Bank and the Woodruff Trust Company of Joliet, Ill. Mr. Woodruff was sent to Europe to investigate systems of rural credit for the Southern Commercial Congress. Because the small town banks of Europe are just a branch of some large city bank, he said, the agricultural bank was a real necessity and hence a system of rural credit banks had grown up.

Mr. Woodruff said the present banking system of the United States was the best and most adequate in the world, so far as personal loans were concerned, but that when it came to long time mortgage loans much was to be desired. Every country in the world, but the United States, he said, has a system of rural credit banks.

The new Federal Reserve banks and the two bills now before Congress, he thinks, are steps in the right direction, but will not entirely solve the problem. Under the Federal Reserve system, farmers may borrow for six months instead of ninety days and a per cent of the capital stock and deposits of the National banks may be loaned for five years, secured by a farm mortgage.

The United States, he said, does not need a new system of personal credit banks, except that a system of cooperative small loan banks might be of value to the small farmer of the South. Little banks of this nature, especially in Germany, sometimes have no office, and the money is kept in the cashier's hip pocket, he said. The directors meet once a week to make the small loans and transact other business.

Mr. Woodruff explained a system of amortization loans used in France, with which he was much impressed. Mr. Woodruff consulted influential men on Wall Street concerning the possibility of using this system in the United States. They told him the system was perfect and that the only fault lay in the fact that Americans didn't borrow for that length of time.

Mr. Woodruff advised young men, especially young married men, to stay on the farm. "A wife and kids," he said, "are assets on the farm, and a liability in town." He said his bank was glad to make long time loans to the young married man on the farm.

Mrs. Belle Van Dorn Harbert told the audience she considered the honor of president of the International Congress of Farm Women as being bestowed upon American farm women rather than upon herself. She represented herself as just a plain American farm woman and said before she attended

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Friday; not much change in temperature—lowest tonight about 26. For Missouri: Generally fair tonight and Friday; not much change in temperature.

Weather Conditions.
The eastern storm has moved out into the Atlantic, and is on its way to Europe. There still is considerable cloudiness over the coast states, but the precipitation of the past twenty-four hours was confined to New York and New England.

Islands continue along the Pacific coast, but the interior of the country has been free from precipitation for several days. Temperatures are not abnormally low for the time of the year, save in Alabama, Georgia and Florida.

The general arrangement of atmospheric pressure is such as to indicate continued fair weather in Columbia for the next thirty-six hours.

Local Data.
The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 52 and the lowest last night was 29; precipitation, .00. A year ago yesterday the highest was 46 and the lowest 16; precipitation, .00 inch.

The Almanac.
Sun rises today, 7:27 a. m. Sun sets, 5:10 p. m.
Moon rises at 6:53 a. m.

The temperatures for today are:
7 a. m. 30 11 a. m. 40
9 a. m. 30 12 (noon) 45
1 p. m. 30 1 p. m. 48
10 a. m. 35 2 p. m. 50

THE CALENDAR
Jan. 14.—Addresses by Miss Helen Louise Johnson, head home economics department, General Federation of Women's Clubs, and Prof. Herbert W. Mumford, University of Illinois. University Auditorium, 7:30 p. m.
Jan. 15.—Schweitzer Chemical Society reorganization meeting, 7:30 o'clock, Old Chemistry Building. All students invited.
Jan. 15.—Farmers' Week closes. Farmers' banquet.
Jan. 15.—Phi Mu Alpha Concert: Mark Hambourg, pianist. University Auditorium, 8:15 p. m.

Jan. 16.—The Women's Athletic Association vanderbilt program will be given in the University Auditorium at 8:30 p. m.
Jan. 16.—Basketball: Tigers versus Central College.
Jan. 23.—Close of first semester.
Jan. 23-30.—Mid-year examinations.

Jan. 19.—Tuesday Club tea and open meeting to all who care to attend, 3 to 6 p. m.
Feb. 1 and 2.—Registration, second semester.

The International Congress she had pruned with her own hands, 1,100 cherry trees.

"I don't know anything about such crowds at farmer's meetings," she said speaking of last night's audience, "and I consider the honor bestowed most especially upon Missouri farm women, because they seem to be most interested and enlightened here."

"The farm woman," she said, "is just beginning to come into her own." She explained that this was most true in America and gave very interesting pictures taken in foreign countries to show conditions there. She spoke of seeing Russian women harvesting wheat, whose suppers were a handful of the wheat, a drink from their knees at a brook side, and who slept in the open field without covers. The women of the world look to America for a solution of their problems, she said, referring to the hundreds of letters she receives asking her how American women do things.

HIS HAM IS BEST

First Prize in Annual Show Goes to Norborne Man.

John P. Burrus of Norborne won the first prize of \$25 in the Third Annual Ham and Bacon show; H. G. Windsor of Boonville, the second prize of \$15; and Isaac Tyson of Skidmore, the third prize of \$10. This is the first time that the first prize for ham has gone to a man outside of Boone county. Thirty-seven hams were entered.

There were seventeen entries of bacon. James A. Bellville of Ferguson won the first prize; T. B. Ingwerson of Bowling Green, the second, and James Bachler of Fredericktown, the third.

Five home cured shoulders were shown. Walter Bachler of Fredericktown won the first prize of \$12.50, and James Bachler of Fredericktown, the second of \$7.50.

A Traxler of Columbia was the first prize of \$10 in the 15 entries of fresh country sausage. A. J. Caldwell of Columbia won the second prize of \$5.

There were only three entries of cured sausage. James A. Bellville of Ferguson won the first prize of \$10, and H. G. Windsor of Boonville, the second prize of \$5.

Miss Grace Gilpin and Ira Wren Wed.
Miss Grace Gilpin of Sapp, 19 years old, and Joseph Ira Wren of Ashland, 21, were married last night by the Rev. H. P. Cheavens at his residence a few miles south of Columbia.

Illness Will Keep Lecturer Away.
H. G. Weaver of the Hayne Automobile Company, Kokomo, Ind., who was to lecture tomorrow night in the Engineering Building will not be here on account of illness.

Here to Visit Mr. and Mrs. Boggs.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ballew of Centralia are visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. James E. Boggs and attending Farmers' Week.

FRENCH FALL BACK ACROSS AISNE RIVER

Paris Reports Move Necessary Because of Floods in Vicinity.

GERMANS REINFORCE

Russians Abandon Efforts to Cross Nida After the Heavy Losses.

By United Press.
PARIS, Jan. 14.—That the French forces have retired from the position north of the Aisne River to one on the south bank was admitted by the officials here today. This move, they say, has been made necessary by the floods in this vicinity and not by any moves of the enemy. Otherwise the situation is unchanged along the Aisne and in Alsace. The artillery fire is heavy.

Despite mass attacks of the Germans the French report additional advantages at several points in the vicinity of Soissons. Under cover of a heavy fog the artillery duel still continues in the north. It is especially violent in the Neuport and Ypres regions.

The Belgians are reported to have dynamited an ammunition station killing many of the German infantry.

By United Press.
VIENNA, Jan. 14.—The government claimed today that the Russians had been decisively defeated and had abandoned their efforts to cross the Nida following heavy losses.

By United Press.
BERLIN, Jan. 14.—There were artillery duels today at Neuport, Duner and southwest of Ypres. The Germans captured 1,400 men, eleven officers, and a number of guns, according to the government.

The Germans recaptured the trenches at Verthes and took many prisoners. Many were captured at Argonne. The situation in Alsace is unchanged. The Russians were repulsed near Gumbinnen and Loetzen.

FARMERS ATTEND LUNCHEON

Many Visitors Hear Talks at Commercial Club Meeting.

Major F. H. Crowell of Butler, Mo., spoke to the Commercial Club at their weekly luncheon today. He praised the work that has been done for civic improvement since his first visit here twelve years ago. Major Crowell is an extensive raiser of corn in Bates County.

Judge W. H. Wallace of Kansas City told the Commercial Club how he had increased the yield of wheat on his farm to thirty bushels an acre by scientific methods. Judge Wallace came to Columbia in 1863 with an ox team.

The members of the club and the people of Columbia were thanked for their cooperation with the State Board of Agriculture in caring for the people who visited Columbia during Farmers' Week, by Jewell Mayes, the secretary. Mr. Mayes said that the Commercial Club had furnished the badges and had given other financial assistance. Farmers' Week is worth \$10,000 to the people of Columbia, according to Mr. Mayes, besides bringing many families here to make their homes.

Dr. J. T. M. Johnston of Kansas City, who was to speak on "Business Stability," was unable to attend the luncheon. About half of those who attended were Farmers' Week visitors.

Mad Scenes in Wheat Pit Today.
By United Press.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—There were mad scenes in the pit today as wheat left one and five-eighths over the close, reaching \$1.40 at two and three-eighths on May options.

Pardoning Governor of S. C. Resigns.
By United Press.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 14.—Governor Cole Blease resigned at noon today, five days before the expiration of his term of office. Blease had pardoned 3,000 convicts while he was governor.

Newspaper Men Press Club Guests.

J. E. Pickett, special writer on agricultural subjects for the Kansas City Star, and H. R. Nelson of the Farmer and Stockman of Kansas City were guests of the Dana Press Club for dinner Wednesday.