

ISLAND OF SICILY IS ALSO SCENE OF TERROR

As Lost, Property Destroyed and Tidal Wave Rushes on One City--Shipping Overwhelmed --Praying People Fill Streets and Churches

Associated Press.
Rome, Dec. 28.—Southern Italy was visited by a serious and fatal earthquake this morning.

The center of disturbance was in Sicily and the greatest loss of life and property was on that island.

Reports are yet incomplete, but people everywhere were thrown into panic.

At Catania, a Sicilian town of 30,000 people, a number of houses were broken down and inhabitants fled to the streets.

Large crowds gathered in parks and squares.

At Mineo, a small town southwest of Catania, several houses collapsed and the scene of panic was repeated.

At Catania the docks and shore front were overwhelmed by a tidal wave. Much damage was done to shipping, but details are lacking.

At Agosta two houses were demolished, but no lives lost. Prisoners in the local jail made their escape as they dashed through praying crowds of the streets.

Troops were called out to restore order.

The latest reports from Calabria say three are dead and sixty injured have been reported and removed from the ruins of St. Anconi.

Several were injured at Sanfriso. Troops are engaged everywhere in the work of rescue.

At Catania, Dec. 28.—A tidal wave swept into this port today as the result of an earthquake.

People on the water front were thrown into indescribable condition of fear.

The approach of the water was seen and sharp cries of warning rang out.

Then the people fled from the docks and water front.

Wherever sailors could get ashore vessels of all kinds were abandoned. The water came and sent confusion and damage in its wake.

It is not known how many lives were lost.

A number of fishing boats were swamped and three steamers in port more or less damaged.

The Austrian steamer Budatwo was nearly overwhelmed. Merchandise on the docks was washed away.

Reports from Palermo say the shocks lasted fifty-two seconds.

THE RAILROAD WORLD

C. Davis is visiting in Clovis.

Engineer Fred Stearns is down on his ranch near San Antonio.

All locals were annulled out of Amarillo, Christmas, on all lines.

W. H. Burdick is laying off the Plainview a few days and Conductor Gould is on his run.

Conductor J. A. Reedy is resting for 30 days and has gone to Fort Worth to visit his family.

Brakeman J. L. Morrow and "Ikey" Wirthelm have been assigned to the Clovis-Roswell local.

Conductor Baker is spending the holidays in Amarillo with Harry Goslin protecting his local run.

Nos. 27 and 28, the Plainview passenger, and vacancies on the Canadian-Woodward and Canadian-Amarillo locals are advertised for brakemen.

Another large consignment of new freight cars for the International & Great Northern arrived today, so far some 250 of the 500 cars ordered having been turned out. About 30 cars are being turned out daily at the factory.

Active preparations are in progress toward putting in the steam shovel to get out ballast for use between Canyon and Clovis. Roadmaster John Henry Stenson is in active charge and will be ready when the shovel returns from the Albuquerque shops.

The Gulf, Texas & Western has planned to extend to Texico or Roswell, N. M., thus putting Fort Worth jobbers in close touch by a direct line to one of the finest trade territories of all western Texas. It will traverse practically the same territory surveyed over by the old Fort Worth & Albuquerque railroad.

The usual preliminary surveys have been made from Jackboro to Benjamin and all but eight or ten miles finally and permanently located. A force of men is now working on the right of way near Jackboro and preparing for cross-sectioning. The building of this railroad and the large crops already harvested in this

of F. A. Gerling, manager of the Moultonham Mechanical Manufacturing company and is truly one of the most marvelous of recent inventions. As has been said before the engine pulls plows breaking from fifty to sixty acres of land per day and at a cost not to exceed twenty-five cents per acre for fuel. The engine is about thirty-five horse power and carries a sufficient supply of fuel for a run of twelve hours, and is so constructed that it is but a matter of seconds to place in operation. Steering gear is so simple and perfect that the massive machine may be turned upon as little ground as an ordinary spring wagon, and is operated at 2 speeds, one low and one high, the change being made with no loss of time.

It may be interesting to note at this time that the manufacture of this wonderful machinery may be carried on in Amarillo in the future. This would mean much to the city, of Amarillo as the company expects to do almost a half million dollars business the first year of its establishment. This equipment may well be expected to revolutionize farming—it opens up that newer and better way of farming, and comes at a time when the Panhandle is undergoing its transformation from a grazing to an agricultural country. Many thousands of dollars will be saved to the Panhandle by the location of this factory in Amarillo.

The company proposes to operate a grey iron foundry and a machine shop in connection with its plant in the event of locating here. The plant will be modern and from a rather modest beginning it is the aim of the promoters to have at no distant date after establishment, three or four hundred men in its service. Machinery is now being shipped into this country for the farming of Panhandle lands that should and may be manufactured in Amarillo. This company proposes to turn out much of such machinery, all of which will be explained by Mr. Gerling tomorrow afternoon at the demonstration. No one interested in the welfare of the Panhandle and Amarillo should fail to see the demonstration.

section of the country, insures an abundant prosperity for the year 1909.

At the request of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad company, the interstate commerce commission has agreed to grant a rehearing of the case in which that body ruled against the railroad's right to transport free of charge supplies to hotels, along its lines with which it had contracts. When the hearing will be begun is not stated.

The ruling, if adopted, it is said would make it impossible to maintain more than ten hotels which have been established between Chicago and the Pacific coast with a view of taking care of transcontinental travelers on the Santa Fe route. The railroad company explained that it was found impracticable to carry diners clear across the continent and had provided the hotels for the convenience of the public. Many of the hotels are located in sections which are practically deserted and consequently the supplies have to be carried long distances.

Because Fort Worth has made no effort to retain the national headquarters of the American Brotherhood of Railway Trackmen, located temporarily in the Dundee building, the officers are seriously considering the proposition of Little Rock, Ark., and other towns which have made flattering proposals. This city is naturally preferred by the organization because of its excellent railway facilities, but these facilities do not compensate for the advantages which other cities are offering and the men who build the track are thinking of "hitting the road" for other quarters.

It is their opinion that the board of trade and the enterprising citizens of Fort Worth do not realize the significance of this newest of railway organizations. They point out that they represent 350,000 workmen in all parts of the United States, their national headquarters, having been in existence only six months, employs twelve men, ten of whom have families and the forces here will grow as the local lodges are bound to increase. The next convention in 1910, composed of 7,000 delegates, will meet in the home city of the headquarters, whatever that may be. There are two lodges in Fort Worth, their respective memberships being 66 and 42.

Although the meeting of Rock Island superintendents here this week did nothing toward the inauguration of additional train service on the Amarillo division of the road, it is stated that the putting on of an additional daily train is still a probability. The distance from Amarillo is such over the Rock Island east that a fast train from there to St. Louis over the Frisco could beat all present schedules over other lines into St. Louis by many hours and could make connections with fast eastern trains which are not now possible. Arrangements of the same kind could be made to give train service to Kansas City which would compete with the Santa Fe, and connections at El Reno could probably be arranged so that the Rock Island from Fort Worth to Amarillo and Panhandle points would compete in time with the Denver. Such arrangements, however, are not likely now to be attempted before spring.

Record.

Equalization of wages is the movement in which every railway mail clerk in the United States is enlisted, and the recent banquet at the Albany hotel was a part of this national movement.

Railway mail clerks are classed and the pay varies according to the class, and it frequently happens that one man in the same class is out on the road only one day or one night, and another is out two or three days and nights. Naturally the expenses of the first are less than of the second. What the clerks are seeking is a payment of their expenses when on the road.

The clerk is a low paid expert. These facts were brought out at the Albany banquet by George H. Fair, president of the Seventh division of mail clerks, living in Topeka, Kan., the division including Denver.

"During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1908," said Fair, "out of 29,000,000,000 separation made of letters and papers there were but 1,950,000 errors."

He outlined the classification of the men in the service, stating that for the responsibility assumed and for the number of men under the di-

PRESIDENT-ELECT TAFT WRITES HE WILL VISIT TEXAS

Special to Daily Panhandle.
Dallas, Dec. 28.—The Dallas Commercial club today received a personal letter from President-elect Taft saying that he will visit Texas and Dallas after adjournment of the next congress following his inauguration.

IT'S A CRIME
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officially. They will make their home at Stephenville. The groom was formerly of Denison, but is now a traveling salesman with headquarters at Stephenville.

Granger, Dec. 23.—Jesse Harris of Temple, and Miss Alice Lamb of Granger, were married at the home of the bride today, Rev. N. E. Gardner of the Methodist church officiating. The bride party left on the northbound "Katy" for a visit to Seymour, Texas.

Red Oak, Ellis County, Dec. 23.—Married at the home of the bride's parents this morning at 9 o'clock, Miss Ethel Andrews to Lee Bynum, Rev. C. E. Lindsey officiating.

TEXAS DEATHS.

Granger, Williamson County, Dec. 23.—Linnie, the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McPeely of Whitney, died here last night after a few hours' sickness which was brought on from eating fresh meat. Mrs. McPeely was here to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jackson.

Granger, Williamson County, Dec. 23.—S. A. Scott, who died at the home of his son-in-law, Judge W. M. Key, at Austin, this morning, was 83 years old, and had lived at his home place near Granger for more than 50 years. He was a brother-in-law of Captain J. W. Posey of this place and has a large circle of friends throughout Williamson county.

Hillsboro, Dec. 22.—Lee Rushing, who had been a resident of Hillsboro nearly a quarter of a century, died at his residence here Saturday morning, aged 75 years 9 months and 27 days. His death resulted from an attack of paralysis received about eighteen months ago. The remains were shipped over the Katy to Prescott, Ark., for interment, accompanied by his son, Randolph Rushing, of Murfreesboro, Tenn. Deceased was a native of Tennessee.

Corsicana, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Izora Pollow, aged 71 years, died near Kerens, Navarro county, December 20.

Corsicana, Dec. 23.—Tom Harris, a well known young man of the Cryer Creek community, near here, fell dead at his home.

Waco, Dec. 23.—Ralph Connally, a young traveling man, son of Dr. Connally of Tyler, died yesterday of pneumonia. The remains were sent to Tyler for interment.

Clarksville, Dec. 26.—After a brief illness, S. T. Pocker, a prominent merchant of this city, died this morning. The cause of his death is said to have been acute indigestion. A wife and little son survive.

Denison, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Lizzie Milan, aged 27 years, who came here from Cooke county, to spend Christmas with her sister, 1217 South Rusak avenue, died at 6:30 p. m. yesterday from black jaundice. She had been ill about two weeks. The funeral was held this morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. G. M. Jeffrey of the First Methodist church held the service. The body was buried in Bloomfield cemetery.

Groesbeck, Dec. 25.—Mrs. Sallie Foster, widow of the late S. J. Foster, died in Teague at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Proctor, Tuesday night, December 22, at an advanced age. The remains were brought here, where funeral services were conducted at the Methodist church by Rev. J. W. Head, and burial made in Faulkner cemetery.

Mrs. Foster has been in failing health for several years, and the death of Mr. Foster some months ago, it is thought hastened the end. She is survived by several children and grandchildren.

JAMES J. HILL BEGINS WORK IN TEXAS

Special to Daily Panhandle.
Kingsville, Texas, Dec. 28.—A gigantic colonization scheme was disclosed here today and it is reported that James J. Hill and B. F. Youkum are behind the project.

Seven million acres of land along the gulf coast are to be apportioned into farms for settlers, who are to come from the east and north. The land is valued at \$75,000,000.

FARMERS DEMAND LOWER COTTON FREIGHT RATE.

Special to Daily Panhandle.
Fort Worth, Dec. 28.—General managers and general attorneys of Texas railroads will meet in Houston tomorrow to consider the proposed reduction in rates on cotton shipments.

Several officials of the Texas Farmers Union will attend and urge a lower rate.

The proposed reduction is a Farmers Union measure and its officials declare they are entitled to the reduction because the Union opposed the law to reduce Texas passenger fares to 25 cents. The farmers also declare they will fight any future effort to reduce passenger fares.

MARKED FOR DEATH.

Three years ago I was marked for death. A grave-yard cough was tearing my lungs to pieces. Doctors failed to help me and hope had fled, when my husband got Dr. King's New Discovery," says Mrs. A. G. Williams, of Bac. Ky. "The first dose helped me and improvement kept on until I had gained 55 pounds in weight and my health was fully restored." This medicine holds the world's healing record for coughs and colds and lung and throat diseases. It prevents pneumonia. Sold under guarantee at L. O. Thompson & Co's. drug store, 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

MEXICAN VETERAN DIES.

Special to Daily Panhandle.
McKinney, Texas, Dec. 28.—R. S. Cromer, aged 85, a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, died late yesterday at his home here. He is believed to have been the oldest Mason in Texas, having belonged to that order for sixty years.

Bad Symptoms.

The woman who has periodical headaches, backache, sees imaginary dark spots or specks floating or dancing before her eyes, has growing distress or heavy full feeling of stomach, faint spells, dragging-down feeling in lower abdominal or pelvic region, easily startled or excited, irregular or painful periods, with or without pelvic catarrh, is suffering from weakness and derangements that should have early attention. Not all of these symptoms are likely to be present in any case at one time.

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