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## SEARCH OF RUINS BEGINS.

### Italy With World Helping Organizes Rescue.

#### ESTIMATED 200,000 ARE DEAD

These Are the Figures Given by Professor Ricco, Director of Observatory at Mount Aetna—Slight Shocks Complete Ruin of Buildings.

Rome, Jan. 2.—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 the people is the progress that is being made towards the relief of those who have suffered by the dread 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. The different regions on the coast have been allotted to various warships and other ships as centers from which torpedo boats and launches convey and distribute rations and water to the different villages.

The minister of justice has wired from Messina to Premier Giolitti that large bodies of troops have arrived and are now occupying all parts of the town. The appalling extent of the disaster renders anything like a systematic search of the ruins impossible, but persons are being dragged out all day long and are quickly transported to the relief ships as soon as their wounds have received attention.

There were further slight shocks felt in the earthquake zone, completing the ruin of the crumbling buildings. These shocks are contributing to keeping up of the alarm of the population. One quite severe shock was felt at 3 a. m. and another at 9. Fires are still burning.

The latest investigations on both sides of the straits make it certain that many more than half the population of the coast towns and villages have been killed.

Professor Ricco, director of the observatory at Mount Aetna, estimates that the victims of the earthquake exceed 200,000.

Hundreds of dangerous criminals have been arrested by the troops and are under close guard.

Lipari Islands Not Damaged.

Great relief was felt here when the announcement was made that the Lipari islands, which were reported to have disappeared, with their population of 28,000, suffered little or no damage from the earthquake. Public opinion is concerned with regard to the safety of the king and queen and the possible danger from tottering walls. The king frequently has tried to persuade the queen to return to Rome, but she always refused, declaring that it would break her heart to abandon her husband in his labors for the country in its anguish. The king has been indefatigable. He has shown wonderful activity and endurance, leaving no point in Messina unvisited. He has supervised the entire work in the fallen city and his presence has infused new courage and energy into the rescuers and the survivors, hungry and wounded as they are. Often he is surrounded by a crowd of victims, who, as though the sight of the king had restored their strength, cheer enthusiastically and shout: "We have a king; we have a protector."

A large number of soldiers have been landed from the various steamers arriving at Messina and other stricken places, and all efforts are being directed toward embarking the wounded refugees who are crowding all available places. Some of these will be sent as far as Genoa.

A touching feature of the material aid offered by all classes of people in Rome is the donation of clothing and bedding, which the workmen are freely giving to college students. Reports from all parts of Italy indicate the same generous spirit. The king has placed the royal palaces at Naples and Caserta at the disposal of the injured.

Refugees Crowd Into Naples.

Vessels loaded with refugees continue to stream into Naples and Palermo, and each day sees the arrival of additional steamers in the Strait of Messina. The big emigrant steamer Nord America has arrived there. She can accommodate 1,500 persons, and four other vessels which are following her will be able to take off altogether 6,000 more. Signor Chimiri, a leading Calabrian deputy, in an interview, advised the concentration of all the injured at Naples and Rome, on the ground of the impossibility of accommodating them, as in 1905, near their own homes. It is the government's intention to remove all the survivors possible to the various ports in Italy.

As an instance of his quick grasp of the situation, the king soon after his arrival at Messina wired to Premier Giolitti: "Send ships and men; above all, send ships loaded with quicklime."

Lime Used on Dead.

So far as has been possible quicklime has been used on the dead; many bodies have been burned and others buried. In the relief work the officers and men of the foreign warships have

been untiring and their courage is beyond words. The crew of the British cruiser Drake gave up everything they possessed for the benefit of the refugees and practically forgot rest and sleep for more than sixteen hours in their devotion to duty.

Reports are published that it is the king's intention to sell his property in Sicily and devote the proceeds to the assistance of the sufferers. It is also stated that the pope will suppress the dioceses of Messina and Reggio, adding them to Catania and Catanzaro respectively. A dispatch from Catania says that it is proposed to build a new suburb to that city and christen it Messina, quartering therein all the survivors of the fallen city.

Iowa Asked to Aid Italy.  
Des Moines, Jan. 2.—Governor Garst has issued a proclamation appealing to the people of Iowa to be liberal in their donations for the benefit of the suffering Italians in Sicily. State Treasurer W. W. Morrow has been appointed chairman of a committee to receive contributions and forward them to the authorities in Italy. Already notices have been received of liberal contributions in several parts of the state.

## AUDIENCE SAVED FROM THEATER FIRE.

### Erie Opera House Panic Prevented by Fireman's Wit.

Erie, Pa., Jan. 2.—A fire broke out in the Park opera house during the performance last night, but owing to the cool work of fireman Abraham Louch a panic was averted and all escaped.

Before the big audience realized the situation the house had been almost emptied. There were many narrow escapes and a dozen women fainted and had to be carried out, but no one was seriously injured and much of the building was saved from destruction. Every one of the 1,500 seats in the theater was occupied. Louch saw smoke issuing from the floor of the gallery and sent in a still alarm. He reached the rear of the stage before the audience was advised of the danger and, speaking just loud enough for the actors to hear, appealed to them to continue. Then he stepped to the front and asked the audience to retire, giving them to understand that the fire was in an adjoining structure.

No one tried to crowd until smoke began to fill the building. Then a crush began. The fire department saved scores from jumping from the third story fire escapes by getting ladders up.

West Virginia Crater Active.  
Richmond, Va., Jan. 2.—Great anxiety is being shown by the inhabitants of Greenbank, a small town across the border in West Virginia, over the steadily increasing appearance of a burning crater of seemingly volcanic nature on the side of a neighboring mountain. Flames are distinctly visible at intervals, accompanied by rumbling noises, as from internal disturbances. The air in the vicinity is strong with sulphur fumes. The area of the molten mass has spread until it now covers some fifty square yards.

Wright to Leave for France.  
Dayton, O., Jan. 2.—Orville Wright has announced his intention of leaving this city for Pau, France, Tuesday. While recuperating from the effects of the accident at Fort Myer he has employed his time in devising several improvements on the aeroplane, which will be tried out when he reaches Europe. One of these is an enclosed cabin for the machine, in which the aviator may manipulate the machine at high altitudes without exposure to the intense cold.

Alleged Highwaymen Are Captured.  
Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 2.—The two masked highwaymen who held up twenty-five men near Tulsa were captured by a posse of officers and landed in jail. They proved to be Hershel Wolfe and Charles Haubach, young men of this city. They were overtaken several miles from here, where they had taken refuge in a small hut. They made little resistance.

Rioters Storm Seattle Jail.  
Seattle, Wash., Jan. 2.—Every reserve policeman at headquarters was needed to drive back a mob of rioters that stormed the jail following the arrest of Thomas Peterson for disorderly conduct. The mob, consisting of more than a thousand men and boys, surrounded the jail and called for the release of the prisoner.

Scientists Favor Vivisection.  
Baltimore, Jan. 2.—The governing council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science adopted a resolution, offered by Dr. William H. Welch of the Johns Hopkins university, condemning the anti-vivisection movement.

Aged Brother Dies in Church.  
New York, Jan. 2.—Thomas Perkins, sixty-nine years old, a member of the New York Cotton exchange, died suddenly in his pew in the First Presbyterian church, Brooklyn, just after making a speech.

Governor Hoch's Daughter Weds.  
Topeka, Kan., Jan. 2.—The first wedding ceremony ever performed in the executive mansion at Topeka took place when Miss Anna Hoch, the daughter of E. W. Hoch, was married to James W. Reed of Chanute, Kan.

## DEATH PENALTY FOR STRIKERS.

### Forty-one Sentenced to Die by Russian Military Court.

#### TWELVE GIVEN LIFE TERMS.

Convictions Grow Out of Railroad Troubles in 1905, When Many Persons Were Killed in Demonstrations at Yekaterinoslav.

Yekaterinoslav, Russia, Jan. 2.—The military court pronounced forty-one death sentences, nine for recent crimes. Thirty-two of the condemned men were strikers in the railroad troubles of October, 1905. In addition to the death sentences, twelve strikers were condemned to penal servitude for life, forty-eight to lesser terms of exile and thirty-nine were acquitted.

These sentences grow out of the events of 1905, when strikers attempted to tie up the whole railway system, telegraph lines and gas and electric light plants. The demonstrations at Yekaterinoslav were particularly desperate, many persons being killed and injured. The criminal prosecution in these events was only recently commenced. Most of the strikers until lately enjoyed full liberty, some of them being employed by the municipality.

Slayers of Prince Chavodze Killed.  
Tiflis, Jan. 2.—During a fight between the police and a band of brigands on the outskirts of Tiflis, two men were killed, who later were identified as the leaders in the murder of Councilor of the Empire Prince Chavodze, who was killed and his home plundered on the night of June 27, 1907.

Four Killed in Warsaw Fight.  
Warsaw, Jan. 2.—Four men were killed and three wounded in an encounter between Polish socialists and nationalists. The police did not interfere.

AGRICULTURAL SHORT COURSE.  
Experts on Special Lines Will Address Gathering at Ames Next Week.

Ames, Ia., Jan. 2.—Intense interest has developed in the agricultural short course, which will begin at the agricultural college next Monday.

Some of the best authorities on special lines in the country will be present. Among these is Professor J. E. Rice, head of the poultry department at Cornell university, who will address the gathering Tuesday. Professor Rice is authority on all lines of poultry and is expected to give information of great importance to the short course.

Indications are for the best attendance of any special course ever held at the state institution. From all parts of the state come notices that delegations will be present. Every department of agriculture will be taken up with experts in attendance who have made special study of various departments.

Iowa Students Will Ask Appropriation.  
Marshalltown, Ia., Jan. 2.—A movement has been started by the student body and alumni of Iowa agricultural college at Ames to secure an appropriation of \$150,000 for a gymnasium at that institution. The work has been going on during the holidays, when those interested held banquets and mass meetings in every county in the state in the effort to arouse enthusiasm. The next legislature will be met by a strong lobby of students who will ask for the appropriation.

Iowa College Adds to Endowment.  
Grinnell, Ia., Jan. 2.—Iowa college has just closed one of the hardest campaigns ever made to raise an endowment fund, and succeeded in starting off the new year with a clear half million added to its endowment. The campaign was started to raise \$350,000 by the college authorities, and to this is added the Rockefeller educational fund of \$100,000 and Carnegie Iowa college fund of \$50,000. The campaign has been going on for more than six months.

Train Strikes Buggy.  
Marshalltown, Ia., Jan. 2.—A Chicago Great Western train struck a buggy in which John Van Dreak and his brother, Henry, were riding and demolished the rig and killed the horse. The men jumped, each receiving dangerous injuries.

Prohibition in Southern States.  
Atlanta, Jan. 2.—State-wide prohibition laws went into effect in three southern states, North Carolina, Mississippi and Alabama. Georgia is the only other state wherein statutory prohibition exists, the law having been in operation one year.

Missouri Bank Cashier Arrested.  
Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 2.—Roy Bane, cashier of the people's bank of Tipton, on complaint of the state banking department, on the charge of embezzling \$21,000 of the bank's funds.

De Luxe Case in Jury's Hands.  
Chicago, Jan. 2.—The Patten "De Luxe Edition" book fraud case, in which book agents were accused of swindling Mrs. J. A. Patten, wife of a millionaire board of trade dealer, out of \$23,000, was given to the jury.



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## THE BENEFIT BALL A LARGE SUCCESS

### Quite a Sum Realized for Each of the Deserving Families.

The big benefit ball tendered to Jos. McCarthy, the young man who was injured in the explosion at the Burlington shops, and the family of the late Jas. Skounal, Jr., Thursday night at the T. J. Sokol hall on West Pearl street was a great success. The attendance was very large and all who were there enjoyed themselves immensely. Dancing continued until a late hour when the tired but happy guests retired to their homes well satisfied with the result of their benevolence.

A neat sum was realized for each of the two deserving families. The management of the affair was more than good. Acting Mayor John P. Sattler distinguishing himself as floor manager, being ably assisted by Anton Kanka, Jr. These two gentlemen took every precaution to see that the dance went off nicely and without friction and to them much of the credit is due.

One particularly pleasing feature of the evening was the singing of "America" by the assembled host. The singing was led by Victor Anderson.

The special features were the general excellence of everything in connection with the management of the dance. The preliminary arrangements were made by a committee consisting of F. G. Egenberger, John P. Sattler and John J. Swoboda. In addition to these gentlemen a number of others took part in the arrangements. Councilman John W. Bookmeyer taking a very active interest especially in the matter of selling tickets, disposing of seventy himself and realizing a neat sum for the deserving. Val Burkel officiated at the door and handled his end of the business in excellent shape. Albert Reinbackel took charge of the check room and none of the guests lost a thing, despite the immense crowd and the arduous task of looking after things. His management was most excellent and reflects great credit on this gentleman.

In addition to the work of the Eagles the members of the Sokol as well as the Odd Fellows were responsible for a great measure of the success which attended the affair.

**A New Year's Gift.**  
The Nebraska City News says that a marriage license was granted in that city on Thursday to August A. Lindell, of Murdock and Miss Peri Irene Earl, of Syracuse. The young people were united in marriage on New Year's day at the home of the bride's parents. The bride is a well known young woman of the county and the groom a prosperous farmer living near Murdock. The happy couple will make their home near Murdock.

**Manley Items.**  
Charley Jenkins and wife, of Sutton, Neb., are spending the holidays with his parents.  
Walter Jenkins and wife spent Christmas with his parents.  
Troy Ward of Elmwood is visiting Clyde Jenkins this week.  
Ed Fleschman, of Hallam, is spending the holidays with his mother and brothers.  
Leo Tigue was an Elmwood visitor Tuesday evening.

The Missouri Pacific Railway has just completed putting down a well at the stockyards for the watering of stock handled in the yards for shipping.  
Wm. J. Rau was visiting in Ultonia over Christmas.

D. D. Brann and wife took their Christmas dinner in Atchison, Kas.  
The Manley foot ball team have been doing some good practicing the past week.

Andrew Krecklow and family spent Christmas day with his wife's parents near Greenwood.  
Two more wolves were captured in last Monday's hunt, in which about two hundred men were engaged.

Mrs. Bish spent the day with Mrs. Spear Tuesday.  
Florence Andrus came down from Omaha Tuesday evening.

School commences next Monday. The eleven year old son of John Pritchard, Missouri Pacific section foreman of Weeping Water, while out hunting with two other boys was accidentally shot and killed Tuesday afternoon, two miles south of Manley, on the right of way. They had shot guns and revolvers and one of the revolvers would not work easily. The boy was examining it and was looking down into the barrel and working the cylinder and trigger when it discharged shooting him through the eye and killing him instantly.

The other two boys ran to Keckler's house for help. Ralph Keckler came upon the scene as soon as possible, but the boy was dead and Dr. Butler of Weeping Water was called.

**MANY UP FOR SPEAKER.**  
Nothing Done on Organization at Lincoln as Yet.

Lincoln, Jan. 2.—Seldom has there been so many candidates for speaker of the house in the Nebraska legislature as have announced their intention to make the race when that body convenes Monday. At no time has there been a greater lack of organization by any one member's forces, with the result that it is apparently anybody's race. Several efforts at combinations, whereby different candidates may pool issues, have been talked of, but so far as known no one of them has managed to get the inside track.

Many proposed laws have been drawn ready for introduction into the two houses as quick as the legislature meets. The agrarian class of legislators is expected to make early demands for the proposed bank guaranty law. Thus it is plain that the new legislative body will find itself confronted with plenty of important legislation when it meets, and candidates for speaker of the house are already giving their views on the bills which are expected to be introduced early in the session.

**Dahlman to Have Opposition.**  
Omaha, Jan. 2.—Although Mayor James C. Dahlman has declared himself a candidate for the Democratic nomination for mayor, without apparent opposition, it has just developed that David J. O'Brien, president of the Omaha Candy company and one of the best known Democrats in the city, will probably make the race for the nomination.