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## NEWS NOTES FOR THE BUSY MAN

Most Important Happenings of the World Told in Brief.

### THE EARTHQUAKE.

Reports from the earthquake-stricken district of southern Italy and Sicily indicate that about 200,000 persons perished in the appalling disaster. In Messina and Reggio alone the dead number 140,000. Another severe shock completed the destruction of Messina and it was feared killed more persons. The survivors were reported to be suffering terribly for food, clothing and surgical attendance. The king and queen personally aided the victims. It was feared many Americans perished, as there were 99 in one Messina hotel. The report of the death of Consul Cheney and his wife was confirmed. The American Red Cross society voted \$50,000 to the relief fund. J. Pierpont Morgan sent \$10,000 and the king of Italy gave \$40,000.

Wireless reports from the Strait of Messina, received at Rome, stated that the Lipari islands, a group of volcanic islands in the Mediterranean, near the coast of Sicily, have disappeared. The total population of the group numbers 28,000 and must inevitably have perished. The Italian government, aided by other nations, devoted its efforts to relieving the starving, suffering survivors of the earthquake. No definite word of the fate of Americans was received. The United States supply ship Celtic sailed from New York with a cargo of food and supplies for the Italians that had been destined for the Atlantic fleet. Large sums of money were collected and forwarded by the Red Cross association.

Good progress was made with relief work in southern Italy and Sicily, many soldiers and sailors being utilized, and hundreds of refugees being taken to Naples and other cities. The report of the destruction of the Lipari islands was unfounded. Two more earthquake shocks were felt at Messina. The king and queen were tireless in the work of aiding the suffering. American contributions were steadily and rapidly growing. Taormina, where there were many Americans, was uninjured.

### PERSONAL.

Wanted in Chicago on a charge of embezzlement of moneys intrusted to his care for deposit in a bank three months ago, Herman Paley, a theatrical agent, was arrested in Seattle, and admitted his guilt.

W. M. Williams, bishop of the Apostolic African Methodist Episcopal church, was arrested in Omaha, Neb., charged with fraud.

Wilbur Wright, the aeroplane, won the Michelin cup by a flight that covered 73 miles and lasted two hours and nine minutes.

E. A. S. Blake, the San Francisco contractor convicted of attempting to bribe J. M. Kelly, a prospective juror in the Ruef bribery trial, to vote for acquittal, was sentenced to four years' imprisonment in the penitentiary at San Quentin.

The Paris court ruled against Count Boni de Castellane in his suit for the removal of his three children from the custody of their mother, Princess de Sagan.

Abraham Ruef, former political boss of San Francisco, was sentenced to 14 years in the state penitentiary at San Quentin.

### GENERAL NEWS.

Ralph E. White, 18 years old, son of a wealthy merchant of Lentz, Ill., committed suicide by shooting.

Charles Weatherhead of Peoria, Ill., was drowned while skating.

With his wife and 12-year-old son as horor-stricken witnesses, Rudolph Witte, 39 years old, an electrical worker, was stabbed to death at his home in Chicago by Daniel Rogers, 46 years old, a boarder.

Arizona's output of finished copper for 1908 was 274,000,000 pounds, Michigan's 220,000,000 pounds and Montana's 244,000,000.

Fearing that the governor of Kentucky would send troops to Breathitt county to preserve order, the Callahan and Deaton factions agreed to a truce and disbanded.

Since August \$225,500,000 in gold has been safely moved from the San Francisco mint to the Denver mint.

With a roll of \$15,000 in his pockets, with which he intended to return to China, an unknown Chinese died of starvation on a Southern Pacific train in California.

The long war with Yaqui Indians in Mexico, in which scores have been killed at different times, including many Americans, has been terminated in a treaty of peace agreed upon by three Indian chiefs and 166 of their followers, and the governor of the state of Sonora, Mexico.

Gen. Torres and 500 adherents of Castro fought the crew of a Venezuelan gunboat at Macuro and were defeated, 20 men being killed and 50 wounded.

A fierce blizzard swept over all western Europe, the snowfall being heavy in France and Great Britain.

About 50 miners were entombed by an explosion in a colliery at Lick Branch, Va., and it was feared many of them were killed.

The executive council of the G. A. R. fixed August 9 to 13 as the dates for the national encampment in Salt Lake City.

**WASHINGTON NOTES.**  
Mary Evelyn Moore Davis, a popular southern authoress and wife of Maj. Edward Davis, editor of the New Orleans Picayune, died.

More than six thousand persons attended President Roosevelt's New Year reception.

The court of claims has announced its findings in the case of the state of Oregon against the United States, and awards \$200,000 to the state for moneys expended by it during the civil war in protecting the adjoining territories of Washington and Idaho.

In the Ohio senatorial contest C. P. Taft withdrew for the sake of party harmony and his example was followed by Foraker and the minor candidates, leaving a clear field for Theodore E. Burton.

The first detachment of homeward bound troops of the American army of pacification sailed from Cuba for Philadelphia.

Count von Bernstorff, the new German ambassador, was formally presented to President Roosevelt.

Beckman Winthrop of Massachusetts has accepted the place of first assistant secretary of state under the Taft administration.

Twenty thousand union workmen in the Wilkesbarre (Pa.) region petitioned the president in favor of Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison.

The steamship Texas, on her maiden voyage from Christiana, Norway, to Havana, put in at Savannah, Ga., with her cargo of paper and carbides afire. The passengers were landed safely, but it was feared the vessel would be destroyed.

Great anxiety is being felt by the inhabitants of Greenbank, a small town in West Virginia, over the steadily increasing appearance of a burning crater of seemingly volcanic nature, on the side of a neighboring mountain.

The Park opera house at Erie, Pa., caught fire during a performance and a terrible panic was barely averted. No one was seriously injured.

The two masked highwaymen who held up 25 men near Tulsa, Okla., were captured.

The Tom Jones restaurant in Chicago was totally wrecked by an explosion of gas.

An aerial warship 700 feet in length with accommodations for 100 passengers, food and fuel enough for a voyage across the ocean, and a full complement of guns, is to be built immediately at the Nixon yards, according to Lewis Nixon, the designer and constructor of many warships.

Prof. J. P. Gordy of New York university and his wife committed suicide a few hours after the death of their daughter.

Passenger travel across the Atlantic in the year of 1908 shows a shrinkage of nearly 1,000,000 persons as compared with the preceding year.

Forty-eight bodies were taken from the colliery at Lick Branch, W. Va., and it was certain that the explosion killed about 60 men.

With the beginning of the new year the state-wide prohibition law in Alabama went into effect.

Fire destroyed the Whitwell hospital at Tucson, Ariz., all the patients being saved.

Because he swore around the house, Lee Marshbanks, living five miles east of Catoosa, Okla., shot and instantly killed his brother, John.

A disaffected Corsican fired several shots at M. Clemenceau, the French premier, but failed to hit him.

Ray Reese of Kansas City, Kan., shot Mrs. Clyde Setzer, his former sweetheart, and killed himself.

Five robbers dynamited the bank at Wellston, Okla., and after exchanging many shots with the citizens escaped with \$5,000. No one was hurt.

Arthur Trotter, 33 years old, supposedly insane, killed his aged mother, Mrs. Ann Trotter, by beheading her with an ax and a knife in New York.

Fire in the wool warehouse district of Philadelphia caused a loss of \$200,000.

Al Kaufmann of San Francisco stopped Jimmy Barry of Chicago in the thirty-fifth round of their scheduled 45-round fight in Los Angeles.

A. W. Troutman, an employee of a Kansas City, Mo., produce company, committed suicide after confessing that he had embezzled \$720 of the firm's money.

John Emerson Stone, aged 22, highly connected in Boston and New York, graduate of Holy Cross college, Worcester, Mass., was shot and killed in Washington by May Woolard, who then shot herself twice and may die.

The will of the late Amos H. Van Horn, a furniture merchant of Newark, N. J., disposing of an estate worth \$1,000,000, will be one of the most important matters to come before the Illinois general assembly, which meets next Wednesday.

**HOT FIGHT AHEAD.**

Sacramento—That United States Senator George C. Perkins will be re-elected by the California state legislature, which convenes next Tuesday, is considered practically certain by the members of both houses who have arrived at the state capital.

## KING ENDS HIS VISIT

RETURNS TO ROME FROM THE EARTHQUAKE DISTRICT.

### A CONTINUANCE OF SHOCKS

Guards Having Difficulty in Protecting Survivors and Treasury in Ruined Buildings.

Rome.—Having done all that it was possible to do in the districts laid waste by the earthquake the king and queen of Italy are returning to Rome. They have passed the last four days among the ruins of Sicily and Calabria, the king directing the work of rescue and relief and the queen ministering to the injured. There is a feeling of relief in Italy that their majesties are coming home.

The American ambassador, Lloyd C. Griscom, has appointed a committee of Americans to which were intrusted the work of utilizing the money received from the United States to the best advantage of the earthquake sufferers.

Both at Messina and Reggio the guards are having difficulty in protecting the survivors and the vast treasure in the ruined buildings from the hands of thieves that are swarming everywhere. It is reported that six Russian sailors have been shot by looters at Messina and that sixteen criminals have been killed at the same place within the last twenty-four hours. Six hundred persons engaged in pillaging have been arrested. In an engagement at Reggio between the police and bandits two of the police were killed.

Reports still reach here of the continuance of earth shocks, some sufficient to do further great damage.

According to these reports new shocks yesterday at Peiaro precipitated the entire population into the sea, including both the dead and living victims of the first quake.

Pope started fund for sufferers.

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## EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY KILLS 100,000 PERSONS

Messina, Reggio and Many Other Cities Ruined by Shocks, Tidal Waves and Fire--Appalling Disaster Described by Eye-Witnesses--American Consul Dies.

### LATEST NEWS OF QUAKE

Latest estimate of dead, 100,000.

Latest death estimate in Messina, 50,000.

Mount Etna in eruption, adding to terror.

Whole southern Italy and Sicily panic stricken.

Fire in many towns killed hundreds.

Message of sympathy from President Roosevelt.

President Fallières of France sent message of sympathy.

King and queen of Italy at work in stricken district ministering aid.

United States Red Cross sent aid and will raise fund.

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from the ruins in order to avoid a pestilence. Steamers with doctors, drugists, firemen and workmen have arrived at Messina from Catania and other places.

All Nations Offer Aid.

The hands of all the nations have been extended to Italy in her affliction. From rulers have crossed messages of condolence and from the peoples spontaneous promise of that aid which brings the world closer together in times of great calamity. Great Britain, France and Russia have sent their warships quick as the flash of the telegraph to lend assistance to the stricken cities. Relief funds have already been started and a hundred ships and trains are on their way carrying supplies and reinforcements to the south. Rome, Milan, Florence, Naples and other cities are sending physicians, police and firemen.

King and Queen Go to Sicily.

King Victor Emmanuel and the queen, who left for the scene of the calamity, reached Naples last night and proceeded at once to Sicily. A large number of people saw their majesties depart from Rome and one among the number of deputies at the station observed to the king: "The presence of your majesty will suffice to console the stricken population."

The king turned sharply upon the speaker and said abruptly: "Don't talk nonsense."

Described by Naval Officer.

At the time of the earthquake the torpedo boat Sappho was lying in the harbor of Messina and one of the officers told of the occurrences as follows:

"At half past five in the morning the sea suddenly became terribly agitated, seeming literally to pick up our boat and shake it. Other craft nearby were similarly treated and the ships looked like bits of cork bobbing about in a tempest. Almost immediately a tidal wave of huge proportions swept across the strait, mounting the coasts and carrying everything before it. Scores of ships were damaged and the Hungrian mail boat Andrassey parted her anchors and went crashing into other vessels. Messina bay was wiped out and the sea was soon covered with masses of wreckage, which was carried off in the arms of the receding waters."

Many prisoners from the jails made their escape and looted right and left.

American Consul and Wife Die.

Washington.—That Arthur S. Cheney, American consul at Messina, Sicily, and his wife lost their lives in the earthquake disaster which devastated that city Monday, is indicated by an official dispatch received last night by the state department from Stuart Lupton, American vice-consul at Messina.

Terrible Scenes at Messina.

Starving, bleeding from injuries and almost insane from their terrifying experiences, Messina's survivors are fleeing in all directions. The spectacle presented by the ruined seaport is described as terrifying. Tumbling buildings both killed and mutilated, while hundreds of the injured imprisoned in the wreckage were abandoned to their fate by the fleeing populace. One man said: "The earth seemed to drop and then turn violently on its axis. The whole population, who practically were precipitated from the houses rent in twain, were spun around like tops as they ran through the streets. Many fell crushed to death and others, bewildered, took refuge for breath beside the tottering walls, where they soon met the fate of their companions."

Brave Work of Rescuers.

Already British and Russian squadrons have arrived at Messina. Sailors and marines have been disembarked and they have performed courageous acts in rescuing the injured and removing the wounded. A large number of survivors have been transferred to the warships, which are transformed into great floating hospitals. It is imperative that the dead be removed

The following dispatch came via Malta, Maltese Islands, in the Mediterranean, being received there by wireless from Messina by Consul William H. Gale, and transmitted by him to the state department:

"The Messina consulate destroyed and consul and wife supposed to be dead—Lupton."

Arthur S. Cheney is a native of Illinois, but was appointed consul to Messina from Connecticut August 15, 1907. Stuart Lupton, who is from Tennessee, was only recently appointed vice and deputy consul at Messina.

The Home Telephone company, which operates at Gretna, Papillion and Springfield, has given permission by the railway commission to increase its rates as follows: Residence telephones, from \$1.25 to \$1.50; rural telephones, from \$1.25 to \$1.50; business telephones, from \$1.50 to \$2 month.

Adjutant General-to-be Hartigan was in Lincoln and announced that the public is invited to the inaugural ball to be given on the night of January 7 in honor of Governor-elect Shallenberger. There will be no invitations.

Mrs. Bell is also in custody.

A destructive prairie fire burned over hundreds of acres of good grass range northeast of Dickens. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it started about fourteen miles northeast of Dickens and burned twenty-four hours before it was under control. Much property was destroyed.

The official vote of Morrill county, the recently organized county, has been received by the secretary of state. For county seat Bridgeport received 575, Bayard 275, Northrop 5, Irvington 2, Ongara 5, and Cleman 1. Thirty votes were cast on this question.

copies on to silk and satin in oils—London Tit-Bits.

Has Traced River Bed.