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## RELIEF WORK PROGRESSING

### FIRES STILL BURNING IN SMIT-TEN ITALIAN TOWNS.

Deaths Number Over 200,000—Relief Work of Government Beginning to Tell, Though Hundreds of Thousands are Destitute.

Rome, Jan. 1.—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 dreadful earthquake in southern Italy and Sicily. 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 centres from which to reach other towns, 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 towns. 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 slight shocks felt in the earthquake zone today, completing the ruin of the crumbling buildings. These shocks are contributing to the alarm of the population. One quite severe shock was felt at 3 o'clock in the morning and another at night. Fires are still burning, although much rain has fallen.

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

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 seriously 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 retreat or return to Rome, but she always refuses, declaring that it would break her heart to abandon her husband in his labors for the country in its anguish.

New Year's day in Italy is usually the occasion of festivities and rejoicing as widespread as on Christmas. Imposing ceremonies are celebrated in the churches where the people crowd to give thanks for past mercies and to implore still further mercies for the new year. The king spends his day receiving greetings from the foreign diplomats, his ministers and officials of state; the pope admits privileged hundreds to his mass and during the remainder of the day receives good wishes. But these ceremonies and the festive spirit were wanting today. Instead of rejoicing Rome is filled with lamentations, pictured on the countenance of all is grief for the destruction of two beautiful regions of the mother country where thousands now lie dead. The flags wave at half mast and the bells of a thousand churches ring, not for the "Te Deum," but toll sad knells for requiem masses.

Reports from all parts of Italy indicate a generous spirit in aiding the stricken. The king has placed the royal palaces at Naples and Caserta at the disposal of the injured. Princess Yolanda, the 7-year-old daughter of the king, having had the reason explained, carried about a contribution box among her little friends at a party given in her honor at the Quirinal this afternoon. She put in the box her tiny gold ring, which was given to her on Christmas by her grandmother, Dowager Queen Margherita; her younger sister, Princess Mafalda gave a gold chain, while Prince Umberto, the heir apparent, who is now 4 years old, contributed a headless doll.

As an instance of his quick grasp of the situation, King Victor Emmanuel, soon after his arrival at Messina, wired to Premier Giolitti to send ships loaded with quicklime. 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 36 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.

## NICARAGUA GOES TO WAR?

### Report That an Invasion of Honduras Has Been Begun.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 3.—The Times-Democrat publishes today a story based on reports received from Central America, which are to this effect: "Nicaragua is marching troops from the frontier into the vicinity of Choluteca, Honduras, to overthrow the government of Miguel Davilla, President of Honduras. It is reported that the Nicaraguan, Dr. Arras, has recently received almost \$40,000 in army supplies, medicines, etc., shipped by secret agents of Zelaya in this city, and that all preparations are being made for a long campaign.

"The informants of the Times-Democrat stated that it was generally understood that the revolution was a four-cornered affair, with the Honduran malcontents attacking the Zelaya forces, backed by supplies and men from Salvador. It is also alleged that the Guatemalan Government had supplied men and arms."

The consular representatives in New Orleans of the Governments concerned deny any knowledge of the movement reported.

## SENATOR TILLMAN'S ADDRESS.

### Compulsory Education Law Opposed in Remarks Before the State Teachers.

Columbia, Jan. 2.—Senator Tillman last night delivered an address before the State Teachers' association, in which he opposed the passage of a compulsory education law. Senator Tillman held that the passage of this law would give the negro the same chance for an education as the white people and therefore, although he believed in education, he felt that the situation confronting the people of the South was such that such a law should not be passed on account of the danger to the white people.

Passing on to the address by Mr. Taft in which the president-elect stated that he would break the solid South, the senator dwelt on this as the promise of negro equality and the threat that with federal offices he would buy off the influence and opinion and principle of the South and thus create a Republican party.

The address was listened to with closest attention and at times applauded.

## BEACH HARGIS RELEASED.

### Court Directs That He Be Granted Freedom on Bail in the Sum of \$25,000.

Irvine, Ky., Jan. 1.—Beach Hargis, charged with the murder of his father, former Judge James Hargis, was ordered released on \$25,000 bail today by Judge J. P. Adams, the jury at the first trial of the defendant having disagreed.

Mrs. Louellen Hargis, widow of Judge Hargis and mother of his slayer, and her two brothers, Floyd and John Day of Johnson, will sign the bond on Monday. A number of wealthy citizens of Estill county also will sign it. Young Hargis will be released that day.

## SUICIDE IN ANDERSON.

### Anderson County Farmer, Aged 60 Years, Cuts His Throat—No Cause Assigned for Rash Act.

Anderson, Jan. 1.—News reached the city today of a suicide which occurred in the northern section of Garvin township, near the Pickens county line, yesterday. Mr. W. A. Young, a white man about 60 years old, with apparently no reason except that he was tired of life, slashed his throat with a razor and was found by members of his family a short distance from the house gasping for breath. He was taken into the house and died within a short time. Mr. Young was a farmer and last year was a tenant on the plantation of Dr. W. A. Trippe.

## LEAKS IN FARMERS CRUST.

### THIS IS BASIS OF PROF. SEE'S THEORY OF SEISMIC PHENOMENA.

Old Idea of Volcanic Origin of Quakes Now Displaced, Contends Mare Island Expert.

New York, Dec. 30.—The New York Sun today prints the following article:

According to a report from Rome "the Straits of Messina have shifted materially" and the "geography" of Southern Italy has been changed by the earthquake. As Prof. J. T. T. See, of the Mare Island Observatory, writes, "magnificent experiments are constantly going on in the great laboratory of nature." He contends that there is a constant leakage of water through the bed of the ocean in places—that is to say, through the earth's crust, resulting in earthquakes and tidal waves. In explaining his theory Prof. See says:

"If we admit on the basis of experimental evidence that water can penetrate thin layers of granite the question naturally arises: Can it also penetrate a layer of granite 15 or 20 miles thick? It seems obvious that it can, because for small or moderate pressures water is nearly incompressible and would not sensibly increase in density if it went down into the globe. The fluid which passed through the upper layer of granite would therefore keep on descending, under the increasing fluid pressure from above, and at length the whole layer would be saturated and perspiring below with a steady leakage which would give rise to tremendous steam power in the underlying molten rock. Thus great stresses due to slow accumulation of steam would develop in the layer just beneath the crust and this would give rise to earthquakes and mountain formation."

This theory that the source of earthquakes is the bed of the sea and that the water leaking into and coursing under the crust of the earth is converted into steam that seeks and rends the strata apart wherever it finds a vent or wherever the crust is thin and porous is not new, although Prof. See is its most industrious and able advocate. It is opposed to the volcanic origin of earthquakes and to the theory that they result from the subsidence of the earth's crust where there is a fault.

In his work on "Seismology" Prof. Milne, a great authority, says that an analysis of some 10,000 observations in Japan shows that by far greater number of earthquakes originated beneath the ocean or along the seaboard, "and as they radiated inland they became more and more feeble until on reaching the backbone of the country, which is drilled by numerous volcanic vents, they were almost imperceptible."

Prof. Milne gives the following description of a topography where earthquakes and tidal waves are likely to occur:

"Districts where earthquakes, often followed by submarine disturbances are most frequent are regions like the northeast portion of Japan and the South American coast, between Valparaiso and Iquique. Here we have a double folding. The seabed, as it approaches the shore line, instead of rising gradually, sinks downward to form a trough parallel to the coast after which it rises to culminate in mountain ranges. The South American trough, which lies within 50 or 60 miles off the coast, like the Tuscara deep off Japan, attains depths of over 4,000 fathoms, and the bottoms of these double folds are well known origins of earthquakes and sea waves."

To recur to Prof. See, he observes that "999 in 1,000 parts of the vapors emitted by volcanoes are steam, as if produced by the leakage of the oceans, near which the volcanic vents are always situated." The tremendous upward force of the steam in volumes inconceivable has in the past torn the earth's crust apart and hurled it into mountain ranges. Prof. Milne, in a lecture before the Royal Society on March 12, 1906, stated that the chief seismic region lay "on the westward suboceanic frontier of the American and the eastern frontier of the Asiatic continents . . . and on a band passing from the West Indies through the Mediterranean to the Himalayas."

The seismologists therefore will not be surprised to hear that the "geography"—that is to say, the earth surface, of Southern Italy has been changed by the recent convulsions, and that the Straits of Messina have been shifted by a submarine earthquake.

## MISS NANCE RESIGNS.

### Efficient President of Rural Improvement Association, Declines Re-Election.

Columbia, Jan. 2.—Miss Mary T. Nance yesterday announced her resignation as president of the South Carolina School Improvement association. The announcement came as a surprise and shock to not only the members of the association but to the educators who had gathered in the senate chamber to attend the business session of the association. Miss Nance announced that on account of personal reasons necessitating her presence at her home she would be compelled to give up the active work connected with the presidency, and although twice nominated for the place over her protests the members of the association finally saw that she would not again assume charge of the work. Miss Nance's record in this department is too well known to those who have followed educational work to need reviewing. She has constantly pushed the rural school work and school improvement work and as a result, with the assistance of many who took similar interest, she has organized every county in the State and there is hardly a district in which improvement has not been shown as a result of her efforts. After the resignation of Miss Nance had been received the following officers were elected for the year:

Miss Theodore Dargan, Stateburg, president; Miss D. N. Walker of Thomas, vice president; Miss Lizzie Rogers, Bennettsville, recording secretary; Miss Laura Bethea, Latta, corresponding secretary; Miss Elsie Rudd, Saluda, treasurer.

It was decided to assess each county association \$1 per annum for the benefit of the association. The following resolution was then adopted before adjournment:

"Resolved, That the thanks of the South Carolina School Improvement association be tendered the officers and executive committee and specially our president, Miss Mary T. Nance, for their unselfish devotion to the work of this association; to our retiring State superintendent of education, O. B. Martin, for his help and encouragement throughout his term of office, and to his excellency Gov. Ansel for his interest and presence; to the local executive committee and Misses Nance and Selby for arranging so pleasing and instructive a programme; to the speakers who so readily responded to the invitation of the executive committee, thus contributing so greatly to the success of the meeting, and to all who added pleasure with their delightful music; to the sergeant-at-arms for his courtesies; to Mr. Smithdeal and Miss Smithdeal for use of pianos and orchestral music; to Mr. Stork for use of plants and flowers, and to all who assisted in the decorations; to Dr. Griffith for his help and use of teams; to the Chamber of Commerce and to Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Moore for the delightful reception tendered the association; to the newspaper men for their courtesies and the generous use of their columns in helping to make the meeting the most successful in the history of the association.

"Elsie C. Rudd,  
"Caroline L. Dickinson,  
"Elizabeth Dominick."

## INCOME TAX LAW UPHELD.

### Judge Watts Sustains State Statute in Clarendon County Case.

Columbia, Jan. 2.—The constitutionality of the income tax law is sustained by the decision which Judge Watts was filed in the case of D. W. Alderman against the County Treasurer of Clarendon. Mr. Alderman, who is a wealthy lumber manufacturer of Clarendon at Alcolu, paid the income tax under protest and sued for recovery of the amount on the ground that the tax was unconstitutional. The case was argued for the County Treasurer by Assistant Attorney General DeBruhl, and for Mr. Alderman by Chariton Durant.

## Bullet Pierced Brain; Still Alive.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 2.—Conscious, although his brain is pierced with a bullet, Norwood Graydon, ten-year-old son of State Senator W. N. Graydon, of Abbeville, South Carolina, is here tonight for an operation in the hope of saving his life. He was shot accidentally Thursday with a toy rifle.

The deepest hole in the world has been bored in Silesia. It has reached a depth of about 7,000 feet, and passes through 83 beds of coal.

A man can't very well lose all his money and retain all his confidence in mankind.—New York Times.

## IMMEDIATE RELIEF NEEDED.

### AMBASSADOR GRISCOM CABLES PLAN TO MEET EMERGENCY.

Suggests, in a Message to Root, That a Ship or Ships be Chartered at Marseilles or Genoa and be Used to Distribute Food, Clothing and Medical Supplies—There is No Time to Wait for Battle Fleet or Naval Supply Ships—Relief Measures Very Difficult.

Washington, Jan. 3.—To assist the American people in their efforts to extend relief to the stricken Italian earthquake sufferers, Secretary Root has made public a cablegram received today from Ambassador Griscom presenting the first feasible plan of meeting the present great emergency. There is no time to spare in awaiting the arrival on the scene of distress of battleships now in the Suez Canal, or of the naval supply ships crossing the Atlantic. The need for help is immediate, and how that help can be rendered is told in the cablegram, dated at Rome, which follows:

"January 2.—I have today drawn on you for seventy thousand dollars and paid equivalent to Italian Red Cross, in two sums: Fifty thousand from American Red Cross and twenty thousand from Christian Herald.

"I have today seen president Italian Red Cross, who desires me to inform American Red Cross as follows:

"Problem of relief very vast. Includes feeding, clothing destitute on scene immediately and quickly removing nearly whole surviving population from stricken district to other parts of Italy. Transportation involves special difficulties. Much money needed, but if America desires to offer practical aid immediately, a ship could be chartered by telegraph at Marseilles or Genoa, and loaded with blankets, clothing, linen, preserved meats, condensed milk, medical supplies and similar useful material, or more such ships under the direction of the Italian Red Cross would be useful as transports, and at the same time could deposit stores where needed along the coast. The Italian Red Cross has not yet clearly worked out how all the difficulties of relief are to be solved. Supplies are now needed in Sicily and Calabria, but in about two weeks, when the destitute have been removed, will be needed in Naples, Rome, Florence and other cities, where the sufferers are being distributed."

"I will be personally glad to cooperate with our Red Cross to carry out plans. There are many Americans in Rome anxious to assist in relief measures."

("Signed) Griscom."

## RED CROSS GIVES \$150,000.

### President Confers With Root and Bacon About Earthquake Situation.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The text of the message which President Roosevelt will tomorrow submit to Congress in behalf of the earthquake sufferers in Italy, was the subject of a conference tonight at the White House between the President, Secretary Root and Assistant Secretary of State Bacon. The earthquake situation generally was referred to at tonight's conference and it was decided that the amount that the National American Red Cross should cable to the Italian Red Cross for immediate fitting out of a relief ship should be \$150,000, instead of \$100,000, as had been considered earlier in the day. This amount was cabled tonight through Ambassador Griscom at Rome.

## Charlestonian Commits Suicide.

Greenville, Jan. 1.—Mr. P. B. Traylor, a native of Charleston, who moved to this county in 1875, committed suicide last night by jumping into a well at his home near Pelham mills, 10 miles from Greenville. No cause is assigned other than that the man's mind had been affected for some time.

Soon after 9 o'clock last night Mr. Traylor was missed and his family instituted search, finally locating his body in an old well on his country place.

## METEOR FALLS IN ALABAMA.

### Distinct Shock Follows Impact of Body.

Marion, Ala., Jan. 1.—A large meteor fell in the western part of Percy county at 10 o'clock last night. It came from the southwest and could be seen throughout the county. A short time after it fell a distant shock was felt over a large part of the county that caused windows and doors to rattle.

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