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SECOND SOUTH SCENE **OF WORST FIRE OF YEAR**

Disastrous Blaze Tackled in Good Shape by Chief Glore And His Men, Who Rescue Women in Their Night Clothes and Save Stock Exchange, Walker's Bank And Adjacent Business Houses From Destruction at An Early Hour This Morning - No Estimates of Losses Forthcoming, But it is Believed Will Exceed \$20,000.00-Several Theories Advanced Regarding Origin.

Fire broke out in the basement of have originated on the floor next to the Walker block, at the corner of the top, or the top floor.' Main and Second South streets, at 6 EXCITEMENT IN KITCHEN.

o'clock this morning, starting in the In the kitchen of the Louvre operations had just commenced preparatory to the morning meal when the fire broke out. An at-tempt was made to save what portable boiler room and ranging up through the elevator shaft until it reached an outlet on top of the three story structure. At this hour the damage can not property possible, but the stock room material could not be got at for the fire. The work of the firemen saved be estimated, but that it is considerable there is no doubt, as half a dozen firms surrounding the place had propfurther damage. erty damaged by the flames.

The firemen were on the scene a very few minutes after the alarm was turned in, and their heroic work is all that saved from destruction the Salt Lake Stock & Mining exchange, together with invaluable books and papers connected with the institution; the Louvre cafe, a portion of which is destroyed as it is; the Mahan Liquor house; the Bank saloon; the Henry McGee Shoe house; James A. Pollock & Co., stock brokers; Jeff's Smoke House cigar store; the LaVielle Cigar store; Walker Bros.' bank and offices occupied by dentists, etc., on the upper floors, which were for an hour or more in extreme danger of being consumed by the waves of flame-which enclosed the elevator shaft of the building and would have spread to all the rooms and appartments adjoining had it not been for the good work of the fire depart-

PORTER TURNS IN ALARM.

The alarm of fire was turned in by William Parks, the colored porter of the Bank saloon, according to his own statement, at one or two minutes past 6 o'clock this morning, "I had just come on shift for the day," said Parks, "and had just changed my clothing ready to go to work, when I noticed smoke coming up through the ven-tilating shaft. I thought that was un-usual, and went over to the snaft to see what was the matter. It was filed with smoke and hot air, and at that I ran down into the basement to see what was the matter. Arriving at the basement, I saw the boller room alight with a blaze, and the flames shooting up the elevator shaft. T immediately ran back up the stair, shouting 'lire' and ran over to the White House hotel corner where a fire alarm box is placed and broke in the glass and turned on the alarm." The colored man offered as evidence of his work, a cut hand and blood stains on his fingers. The department was on the scene in an incredibly short time. Engines and apparatus from four stations were brought into requisition and under the personal direction of Chief W. H. Glore, the work of extinguishing tha-blazo was begun. It was rather a difficult job, for the flames had found their way to the roof before any check was beed on the flames had found their way to the roof before any check ready to go to work, when I noticed

to cinders. These rooms were putted but the front rooms were not dam-aged to any great extent, the harm be-ing done by smoke and water. The stock exchange, Hartwick's saloon, "The Bank," Pratt & McBeth's, R. Hudson & Co., the Griswold dental lab-oratory, and the sleeping apartments on the second and third floors were greatly damaged by smoke and water. But for the hesitency, or negligence, of a white man and a Jap, the fire would have been quickly under control and thousands of dollars worth of proptheir way to the roof before any check was placed on their progress. For two hours the firemen worked, the burning alstrict being roped off from the pas-rage of street and sidewalk traffic, and at the end of that time not only the building, but most of the contents of the various stores and offices sur-rounding the fire, were saved. 5:35.

asiecp. They were awakened by the smoke and the shouting and clanging of beins and their registened screams added to the general nub-oub. The women were miss ander adding-er, who has charge of the rooms, arts. or, who has charge of the rooms, ark, hambaugh, ans. wooney and hite lour-year-old Nell Munnger, Mr. Mun-inger was also in the apartments. One ow the women managed to get down the stairs in spice of the neat and smoke and took the little girl with her. The other two women tried to follow but the smoke drove them back. Their Screams could be heard on the sirect below and they rushed to the windows and cried for help. By this time the frem-a were on the scene and were doing good work. Ladders were quickly raised to the third floor and Capt. Andrew Elikrem of the truck and Lieut.

Andrew Eikrem of the truck and Lieut. Lorenze lost no time in running up the ladders to the terrined women. Their appearance quieted the women to some extent and they displayed courage in doing as the hremen toid them. In a few minutes Capt, Eikrem got a fire-man's hold on one of the women while Lieut Lorenze did the same with the other, and in safety they were carried to the sidewalk below, clad only in their night clothes. They were quick-ly placed in the patrol wagon and taken to a Main street roominghouse where they were cared for. Furniture, bed clothing, books, brie-a brac, clothing and other articles were scattered about the rooms, and the carpets were water soaked while drap-crics were blackened with smoke. WANTED HER DOILLIES.

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After the fire was out, little Noll Mullinger, treinbling and crying, rush-ed into the rooms and cried pietiously for her "dollies." The little girl was trembling violently and would not be pacified until two handsome dolls were found on the bed. They were not dam-aged in the least and the child was not comforted until this fact was as-certained. While this was going on one one of the women rushed excitedly in-te the room, and demanded to know, if further damage. In the Mahan place, D. W. Meskill had just come in to take the day shift. Just as the clock across the way struck six, he opened the front door. William Nobbs, the porter, came in from the rear and shouted, "there's a fire in the stock exchange." Mr. Meskill ran for the telephone, but the line was dead. The shouting, however, awakened Mr. Mahan, who rooms just west of the premises, and he rushed into the room, ready to secure some valuable papers in his place of business, but his store and stock were also saved, with trifing damage to the rear of the premises. Mr. Wille, proprietor of the Louvre cafe, came into the building soon after the fire started, and amid the rush and bustle of the working firemen and skurrying attendants and the excited to the room and demanded to know, if

The cause of the furnaded to know, if any one had seen her "rats." not a "rat" could be found but a newspaper man picked up a dead mouse and ask-ed if that would do. At the sight of the mouse the woman uttered a shriek and ran down the stairs. The cause of the fire is not known. The department officials are inclined to believe that it started among some rubbish near the furnace. That it started in the basement near the fur-nace is certain and it spread to the elevator shaft and then up to the roof. If a prompt alarm had been turned in the loss would have been nominal.

ASST. CHIEF COLLAPSES.

Shortly before noon today Assistant Chief Fitzgerald collapsed from the effects of smoke and heat and it will be several hours before he recovers. Capt, Elkrem had a narrow escape after carrying one of the women down the ladder. "When I heard the woman scream-ing" spid he "I burried up the lad-

"When I heard the woman scream-ing," said he, "I hurried up the lad-der and took hold of her. She was getting ready to jump from the win-dow but I grabbed her and started down the ladder. At first she resisted and I got this scratch on the face. After I got her safely to the sidewalk she screamed that there was a baby in the room. I rushed back and hunted around in the rooms and was overcome by the smoke. I felt around overcome by the smoke. I felt around on the beds and got hold of a great big doll. I was so blinded and chok-ed from smoke that at first I thought I had the child and was staggering toward the window before I found what I had in my arms. I then Marn-ed that the Jittle girl had been taken down the status

down the stairs. FOUND DEAD ON **BAILROAD TRACKS**

David Thomas Werrett of Bing-

ham Junction Killed by Salt

Lake Route Train.

EITHER FELL OR WAS STRUCK

ous Bruises Tell Silent Story

Of Untimely End.

(Special to the "News,")

mail clerk on arriving at this place

about 9 o'clock this morning. Accord-

ing to the story of the mail messenger.

the man lay face downward, about 12

feet distant from the track, apparently

WELL KNOWN CHARACTER.

Stokes, left town and soon brought back the body, which was found to be that of David Thomas Werrett, a well known character about town, about \$5 years old. That he had either

fallen from a coach or had been struck

by a moving train was apparent from a terrible gash in the back of his head,

and numerous cuts and bruises about

was of a roaming and restless disposi-

tion, and was most always on the move

Yesterday he is known to have gone to Sandy, but at what time he returned

and when he boarded a train can only

NO INQUEST NECESSARY.

be conjectured.

A party of men, under Deputy Sheriff

dead.



zen to Help Italian Sufferers.

NEWS TAKES CONTRIBUTIONS

Money Left at All Newspaper Offices Will be Turned Over to General Committee.

In response to the request made this morning by Governor John C. Cutler, Governor-elect William Spry and Mayor John S. Bransford, the Deserct News will accept contributions to be sent to · the sufferers in southern Italy and Sicily. The contributions so received will be accounted for and turned over to the committee appointed by the above named.

Active scteps to raise a large fund to be sent to the victims of the earthquake in southern Italy and Sicily were

taken this morning when a committee from the local Italian colony waited upon Governor Cutler and Mayor John S. Bransford and later a meeting was S. Bransford and later a meeting was held at which were present Governor Cutler, Governor-elect William Spry and Mayor Bransford. As the result of this last meeting, the following letter to the public was issued:

of this last meeting, the following let-ter to the public was issued: To the Public: At a meeting held in the governor's office on Wednesday, Des. 30, at which were present Governor John C. Cutler, Governor-elect William Sury and Mayor John S. Bransford, of Salt Lake City, the matter of the terrible disaster that has befallen southern Italy and the duty and privilege of Utah citizens in the premises, was fully discussed. As a result of this discuston, it was de-cided that a committee should be ap-pointed at once, to take steps to ame-liorate the condition of the unfortu-nates who have suffered so severely The following were appointed mem-bers of this general committee: Wil-liam J. Halloran, C. W. Nibley, P. A. Simpkin, Joseph E. Caine, Tony Yac-chiatta, Frank Lettier, and Mose Pag-gr, all of Salt Lake City It is hoped that this committee will take immedi-ate steps to collect funds and forward them to the stricken district: and the support of all citizen. of the state is earnesity requested h. his movement for suffering humanit " The mayors of cities and incorporated towns and the presidents of town coun-cils were appointed as local committees to assist in this work in their respec-

consist and the presidents of count count of a solution of the president of the count of the cou mittee named above, to be forwarded to Italy.

The various newspapers and other organizations throughout the state are also asked to assist in this work by receiving contributions and forwarding them to the central committee.



The "News" is the Home Paper of People Who Are Careful and Ap-

FIFTY-EIGHTH YEAR

preciative Readers.

Impossible to Exaggerate Horrors Following Earthquake In Calabria and Sicily-Number of Victims Estimated From 100,000 to 150,000-Messina Completely Destroyed, Ruins Blazing Despite Torrential Rains-Thirty-five Towns and Villages Wiped Out-Stromboli is Active, Seas Around Island Being Greatly Agitated--Crazed Survivors Subsisting on Roots and Bark of Trees.

Earthquake Horrors of History Year. Lost. Place. Year. Lost. Place. Cantania City1137 15,000 8.000 1,000 20,000 5,000 30,000 70,000 5,000 80,000 5,000 14,000 3,000 5,000 6,000 7,000 1,000 1,000 25,000 14,000 40,0003.000 100,000 5,000 200,000 15,000 20,000 6,000 100,000 1,900 18,000 40,000 4,000 40,000 50,000 3,000 2,300 4,00) 12.000 20,000 1,600 45,000 5,000 30,000 1,100 30,000 40,000 Bolivia 1797 Naples 1805 Kutch, India 1819 Aleppo 1822 Murcia, Spain 1823 452 1,100 6.000 2,00020,000 6.000

Rome, Dec. 30 .- Half the population of Calabria and the eastern part of Si-

cily are dead; the other half is weeping. As the great extent of the selsmic disturbances becomes apparent it seems impossible to exaggerate the horrors which have followed them. The calamity which has overwhelmed Italy is almost beyond the grasp of the imagination, not only because of the dead, now said to number tens of thousands, but because of the innumerable wounded buried in the rulns, many of whom will perish because it is impossible to

rescue them from the wrecks of their ormer homes. The whole of Italy is absolutely stunned, and at the scene of the disaster the bulk of the people are literally demented with the suddenness and extent of the blow. The total num-ber of victims is variously estimated

rom 100,000 to 150,000. QUEEN HELENA SWOONED.

King Victor and the queen arrived at Messina today. As they made their way into the ruined town, the scene of disaster and horror was too much for the queen, who almost swooned. Crowds of terror-stricken persons swarmed about the royal party, throw-ing themselves in the mud and scream-ing to pity and aid

ties will be sufficient to condole the unhappy people." "Don't talk nonsense." the king re-

35 TOWNS WIPED OUT. Persons arriving at Catanzaro from the coast state that Messina is still blazing, despite the torrential down-pour of rain. News reaching Catanzaro from the outlying districts in Calabria indicates that 35 towns and villages have been w ted out, while the number of dead in that district alone exceeds 30,000. The few survivors are mad with terror and have fied to the forest and mountain tops where they are subsist-ing on roots and the bark of trees, predato is No MORE.

REGGIO IS NO MORE. Paris, Dec. 30.—A special dispatch from Palermo says that a torpedo boat which went to the aid of the earth-quake sufferers at Reggio has returned, reporting that nothing remains of the city but a heap of tangled ruins.

ALL THE INHABITANTS DEAD. Catanzaro, Calabria, Dec. 30.—A re-port received here early this morning says that the town of Bagnara, on the coast to the north of Reggio hus been wind, out, firs finishing the work of wiped out, fire finishing the world destruction. The report says that "All the inhabitants of Bagnara are dead." The town contained about 10,000 people. In a few days lime will be scat-tered over the heap of ruins which alone mark the site of a once populous town.



troyed and consul and wife supposed to be dead. (Signed),

AT MESSINA A VICTIM

Washington, Dec. 29 .- That Arthur S. Cheney, American consul at Messina, Sicily, and his wife lost their lives in the earthquake disaster which devastated that city yesterday is indicated by an

city yesterday is indicated by an

official dispatch received tonight

by the state department from

Stuart Lupton, American vice

The following dispatch came

consul at Messira.

department:

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AMERICAN CONSUL

Consul Gale, in forwarding the dispatch by cable, added that Lupton is supposed to have escaped. He stated that a British warship had left Malta for Messina to assist in the work of rescue.

Arthur S. Cheney is a native of Illinois, but was appointed consul to Messina from Connecticut Aug. 15, 1907. Mr. Lupton, who is from Tennessee, was only recently appointed vice and deputy consul at Messina, and had just arrived at his post, succeeding J. Pierce, an Italian.

CHENEY'S DEATH CONFIRMED. Washington, Dec. 30 .- A dispatch re ceived at the state department today from American Consul Gale, at Malta, Confirms the reported death of Consul Cheney and his wife at Messina. The body, the dispatch says, has not been

ecovered. sage through to Messina. When the shoemaker returned from the cable of-fice with the information that the comshoemaker returned from the cable of-fice with the information that the com-pany could not assure them that their message would reach its destination, the suffering of the men increased un-til it was truly piteous. The men all had their families in Messina and the news from Rome increasing in horror with every hour their suspense grew upon them. From the cable offices one word of cheer was received and that was that within the next day or so they hope to have their breaks repaired, at least temporarily, or land lines con-structed to connect with the nearest cable stations to replace the lines destroyed by the quake. The appeal of the Italian colony to the public spirited people of the com-munity, they believe, will be responded to. The colony believes that the con-tributions of its members to the fund raised for the San Francisco refugees will be remembered and that the Am-crican people will now rise to the oc-casion and aid the sufferers in this new quarter of horror.

OHIO SENATORIAL FIGHT GETS HOT

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 "The Messina consulate des-"LUPTON."



Many survivors at Cantania, Sicily, temporarily lost their roason and when questioned concerning the disaster glared at their questioners and mur-mured incoherently and ceaselessly: "Messina is destroyed."

35 TOWNS WIPED OUT.

COSTLY SALVAGE.

All the woodwork in the basement was badly burned. The doors and tramework, forming the basement parpitions, were consumed. The stock yoom of the Louvre cafe, owned by D. stock E. Wille, was damaged beyond repair, The stock room of the Bank saloon, just west of the boiler room was saved together with thousands of donars

worth of goods. All telephone and telegraph and light wires connecting up in the basement for the rooms above, were damaged and broken, so that the telephone inworth of goods. and broken, so that the telephone in-struments, recourse to which was im-mediately had for the purpose of turn-ing in the fire alarm, would not work. In fact the basement and boiler room of the Walker building was a tangled network of different kinds of service wires and the work of the firemen network of different kinds of service wires, and the work of the firemen was complicated thereby to the extent that they were forced to tread genty or the fear of coming in contact with a live wire of high tension which might

That the mining and stock exchange scaped with little damage is a matter of great wonder, from the fact that the elevator shaft through which the the elevator shart through which turns fiames were conducted upward, runs through the heart of the room. The chest and cupboards containing the papers of the exchange is just next the shart, but the fire was extinguished before damaging them to any great ex-

tent. ENGINEER'S STORY.

Stories of the origin of the fire are conflicting. The night fireman, a young man by the name of Ed Baker, declares man by the name of Ed Baker, declares that when he left the boiler room of the Walker building at 5:30 this morn-ing, there was no sign of fire, and everything was in its usual working order. "I left the boiler room at 5:30 o'clock," said Mr. Baker, "to go over to the Union block, on Main street, near Third South, to attend to the boilers there. We have two buildings to fire for Everything was all right when I there. We have two buildings to fire for. Everything was all right when I left at that time. I attended to the fires in the Union block and then, just at 6 o'clock—I looked at the clock as I left—I started back for the Waker block. I had only three-quarters of a left so and made the distance in block. I had only three-quarters of a block to go, and made the distance in two or three minutes. When I arrived at the Walker block I saw the place was on fire, and the firemen were soon on the scene. I was not neglecting my duty when I left the Walker build-ing; it is my duty to keen the fires ing; it is my duty to keep the fires of the boller room of the Union block going, too.'

FLAMES AWOKE HIM.

FLAMES AWOKE HIM. William Sharp, day fireman at the Walker building, said he saw the flames on the roof of the building, coming up through the elevator shaft, at 5:45 this norming. Mr. Sharp is a man well ad-varced in age, and rooms in the build-ing, on the second floor, "I was awak-ened by the noise of the flames," said Mr. Sharp this morning, "and by the cracking of the glass skylight above my bed. I know it was a quarter of 6. because I looked at the clock. I am supposed to be on duty in the boiler room at 6 o clock, and I got up and was going down to go ou shift. The flames were spreading and appeared to mo to going down to go of appeared to mo to a child were on the floor above sound

erty saved. In the opinion of Assistant Chief Fitzgerald, the loss will reach about \$20,000 and possibly more According to his statement the alarm was turned in at 4 minutes past 6 o'clock, but the fire wasd iscovered by the white man and the Jap, both of whose names could not be learned, at

LOSS MAY REACH \$20,000.

skurrying attendants and the excited crowd, Mr. Wille calmly surveyed the wreck with the complacent remark:

"Ten thousand clears in the store room

gone." The remainder of the cafe property.

UPPER FLOORS BURNED.

'That this morning's fire was the most

disastrous of the year for Salt Lake City there can be no doubt. It was

impossible to get any accurate infor-mation as to the damage done for the

mation as to the damage done for the reason that those who suffered losses refused to make any statement what-ever or give an estimate of the dam-age done until the Insurance adjusters have completed their work. It was 9:45 o'clock before the signal was given to "cut off" the water and the fire was officially declared out. The greatest damage done by fire was on the second and third floors of the main building. The east and rear rooms on the third floor and the eleva-tor and elevator shaft were reduced to cinders. These rooms were reduced but the front rooms were not dam-

however, was unscathed, even kitchen utensils being saved.

"I talked to the white man and also to the Jap," said Chief Fitzgerald, "and they both told me they saw smoke is-

suing from the boller room. When I asked them why they didn't send in an alarm at once they said that the Jap was sent out tofind a policeman. If they had promptly turned in an alarm Bad Cut on Back of Head and Numerinstead of losing valuable time looking for a policeman to do what they should have done instantly we could have easily gotten into the basement and had the fire under control in a few minutes. They both said the fire was discovered at 25 minutes to 6, but we did not get the alarm until between four and five minutes after 6 o'clock. Bingham Junction, Dec. 30 .- The body of a dead man lying on the main track When we rushed down Main street flames were shooting through the root and the sky was well lit up. It was of the Salt Lake Route, about threequarters of a mile south of Bingham Junction, was reported by a railway

a roaring furnace when we got there but all the men dld splendid work. Think of only two men to handle a line of hose on the third floor!" DAMAGE BY WATER.

Water seeped through the third and

water seeped through the third and second floors and the ground floor into the basement and did great damage. All the floors are soaked and the paintings in Hartwick's saloon and the wall decorrections are milled until the wall decorations are ruined while much damage was done to the stock in the basement and to papers in the stock exchange and bokers' offices. In four of the sleeping rooms on the third floor the fire got in its work to the extent of reducing the furniture to ashes. The fire worked toward the north and thus saved the front rooms

where people were sleeping. Had it gone the other way there would have been at least four or five fatalities, but his head and face. How long the body had been lying beside the track could not be ascertained, as Werrett been at least four or five fatalities, but fortunately no one was hurt. The entire department was called out to master the blaze and four com-panies were on constant duty while one was at headquarters to answer an emergency call and to protect other property should another alarm be turned in. Companies Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, with the big truck, chemicals and steamers Morris and Roosevelt were soon at the fire and eight lines of hose The body was taken in charge by Justice J. J. Williams, who, after ex-amining the remains, decided that au steamers Morris and Roosevelt were soon at the fire and eight lines of hose besides the chemical and house hose were brought into use. Three lines were taken in from the front through windows and onto roof while five were taken in from the rear. The firemen to a man worked like Trojans and did not stop for a second until amining this remains, declared that all inquest was unnecessary, as the cause of death was apparent. Werrett had been killed by a blow in the back of the head, caused apparently by a fail from a train, or by being struck by a moving train on the Salt Lake Route tracks not stop for a second until the blaze was out.

SPECTACULAR FEATURES.

WOMEN RESCUED. In the meantime three women and

tracks. The deal man was unmarried, and his only relative in this neighborhood is an aged grandfather, between 80 and 90 years old, who is very sick at this time. The unfortunate man was somewhat addicted to the use of in-toriants, and it is supported that this There were many spectacular and sensational features and one that was quite pathetic but fortunately no one was hurt. Some one ran through the halls on the second floor yelling "fire." toxicants, and it is suspected that this Whoever the person was knew that Jake Greenwald was sleeping on that floor. He pounded on the door but as baneful habit may have had some-thing to do with his untimely death. The body is now in charge of De-puty Forbes, and will probably be buried by the county. Mr. Greenwald's hearing is not good he did not hear the commotion and slept on in ignorance of the great danslept on in ignorance of the great dan-ger he was in. Patrolman Emil John-son entered the hall while the man was trying to arouse Greenwald and quick-ly taking in the situation broke in the door and dragged Greenwald from his bed. The latter lost no time in get-ting out of the burning building and hustling to another place.

tracks.

PATENTS FOR WESTERNERS.

(Special to the "News.") Washington, D. C., Dec. 3).-Patents issued: Utah-G. Ipson, Huntington, sta-tion indicator; W. H. Wallace, Salt Lake City, single delivery mail box. Idaho-W. F. Bath, Murray, swinging device for all railways. Wyoming-W. O. Hardman, Freedom. disk shareaner. disk sharpenor.

The appeal o suffering peopl citizens of Utah has never been in vain, and we feel confident that the call here made will be promptly and generously responded to.

Sincerely, JOHN C. CUTLER, Governor.

WILLIAM SPRY. Governor-Elect. JOHN S. BRANSFORD, Mayor of Salt Lake City. APPEAL TO OFFICIALS.

Headed by Mose Paggi, editor of El Minitore, the local Italian publication, and Joe Fratello, a local Italian mer-chant, active work among the colony started last night when an informal meeting was held and an appeal to the governor and mayor decided upon. When the committee members waited upon the two officials they were greet-ed cordially and pledges of hearty co-operation in the effort were made.

We want to thank the governor, the we want to thank the governor, the governor-elect and the mayor for their great kindness in taking up this mat-ter in the way they have," said Mr. Fratello this morning, "I am sure the entire foreign colony in Utah will express the same sentiment, for in a strange country, or at least so far away from our homes, all of us feel most appreciative of the attitude so readily assumed by these officials in this proving

this affairs." "There is not an Italian in this state, or in this country, in fact," said a member of the committee today, "who is not effected by this terrible catas-trophe. Every one of us has some one back in the old country whose safety of us here come from the region af-fected by the disaster, from the south end of Italy and Sicily. It is the best part of Italy, and is more thickly popu-lated than the northern portion. The meanle coming from this country are a people coming from this country are a home-loving people, that is they like to be with their families. They have come to America to save enough money to bring their families here and now it may be too late for most of us." NOW IN STRICKEN REGION.

Alphonso Scarcelli, with Mrs. Scar-celli and their daughter, left this city about one month ago for a trip to Cozenza, right in the heart of the stricken discricts. They were planning a visit with their friends there and then to make a tour of France and northern Italy before returning to this city. Mr. Fratello, a business partner of Mr. Scarcelli's cabled him yesterday, but has received no reply and he doubts very much whether the mes-sage could be delivered on account of

but has received no reply and he doubts very much whether the mes-sage could be delivered on account of the break in communications. Many messages were filed with both cable offices in this city yesterday and in most of the cases were accepted at sender's risk, their delivery being much in doubt. In a West Temple shoe shop conduct-ed by an Italian there was gathered this morning a little knot of anxious foreigners. They had gone to the shoe shop, thinking that the business of the proprietor being with English speaking people to a great extent would assure him familiarity with American business methods, appealing to him to communicate with their na-tive town, Messina. They had their savings with them so that nothing for which money was required would be left undone. There was quite a small fortume represented among the gath-ering of eight or nine Italians, two of whoon were soloon proprietors from would assure him familiarity with American business methods, appealing to him to communicate with their na-tive town, Messina. They had their savings with them so that nothing for which money was required would be left undone. There was quite a small fortune represented among the gath-ering of eight or nine Italians, two of whom were soloon proprietors from Bingham who had drawn liberally up-on their bank accounts. in their bank accounts. They asked him to get a cable mes- at Foraker headquarters.



with Representative Theodore E. Burton, of Cleveland, Charles P. Taft, of Cincinnati, brother of the presidentelect, and Senator Joseph E. Foraker elect, and Senator Joseph E. Foraker as the ceneral figures, is in many ways one of the most interesting political struggles the country has ever wit-nessed. The complexities of the situa-tion are such as to cause the oldest of the political leaders to hesitate about medicing the outcome Mr Taft and the political leaders to destate about predicting the outcome. Mr. Taft and Mr. Eurton are doing the bulk of the fighting, while Senator Foraker is look-ing on with no small agree of satisfac-tion over the active hostilities between the two men who are opposing his re-election. Senator Foraker hopes the fighting will continue for some time yet and is composed to the caucus of the ngnung will continue for some time yet and is opposed to the caucus of the Republican members of the legislature prior to Jan. 12, when the first ballot for senator will be taken at the state

Mr. Burton has also announced him Mr. Eurton has also announced him-self as opposed to a caucus at this time, but Mr. Taft and his adherents are still hopeful of bringing matters to an early issue before a binding conference of the Republican state sen-ators and representatives. In the shadow of the senatorial strug-gle all of the old differences of the Comblican party in this state are her

Republican party in this state are being threshed out. Mr. Taft is sup-ported by the "organization" and con-sequently is opposed by the men who for years have been fighting the organization.

President-elect William H. Taft, President-elect windlin in alto whether he would have it so or not, is a dominant figure in the struggle, and oddly enough friends of both Mr. Burton and Mr. Charles Taft, are claiming his sympathy with their cause. The Vorys-Hitchcock incld-

lent added interest to his candidacy, and there was also a report that Mr. Harding was not unfavorably regarded

Many terrible stories are related in Many terrible stories are related in connection with the rescue work. The rescuers had to contend with a super-stition so deep rooted in the Sicilian mind, that in many instances injured mind, that in many mathematics induces men and women clung to crumbling walls, refusing to let go their hold and seek a safer position. As further facts concerning stricken Messina become available, they corroborate in every will be they corroborate in every available, they corroborate in every detail the worst fears heretofore ex-pressed. The cathedral, municipality buildings, barracks and prisons are all destroyed and presumably all the small-er buildings shared the same fate. Of 250 railway employes in the station at Messina, only eight are known to have

Messing, only eight and which do not of survived. At Reggio the silence of death still reigns, leaving to the imag-ination the terrible havoc wrought by the catastrophe, with the horrible in-rush of the sea, the swallowing up of boats, the crushing of ships and the base of the sea and walls. The destruction of bridges and walls. The sea became almost instantly covered with debris after the upheaval, containing refuse of every description, dotted with human bodies.

WHEN DAY DAWNED.

When the day dawned the entire shore line of the surrounding country was utterly changed in appearance. The coast line was greatly altered, while of all the magnificent houses along the shore only a few tottering ruins re-mained. From these ruins from time to time there sprang jets of flame and moke. King Victor Emmanuel and the queen

who left yesterday for the scene of the disaster have won the hearts of their subjects by continuing in this noble nanner the traditions of the house of Savoy, which makes the sovereign act-ually share in all the sufferings of his

A national committee has been form-ed to collect funds for the victims. The committee is headed by the Duke of Aosta and includes the presidents of the senate and the chamber of deputies, the mayor of Rome and all prominent men in the leading towns. The list has been opened with \$400,000 contributed by King Victor Emmanuel. All banks, clubs, clvic and commercial associa-tions and the newspapers have opened

subscription lists. The premier has received a telegram from Signor Felice, a deputy at Mes-sina, summing up the situation as fol-

lows: MESSINA DESTROYED.

Messina is completely destroyed-razed to the ground. The victims may be numbered by tens of thousands. The conflagration which is still raging is completing the destruction of the city. Salvage implements, firemen and soldiers must be sent immediately. The disaster exceeds the wildest imagina The tion.'

The volcano of Stromboli is active and the seas around the island are very agitated and dangerous to navigate.

The pope has telegraphed the archbishop at Palermo a large sum of money and instructed him to proceed to Messina immediately to help the sur-

vivors. From the latest estimates today it is reared that the total number of vic-tims in Sicily and Calabria will reach more than 100,000, while the damage to property will be several hundreds of

Just before the departure of the king yesterday one of the crowd of notables seeing their majesties off exclaimed: "Surely the presence of their majes-

ANOTHER SHOCK AT PALERMO. Palermo. Dec. 30.-There was a slight, undulatory shock of the earth-

slight, undulatory shock of the earth-quake at 7:30 o'clock last evening, which, in view of the disastrous results of the recent carthquake was suff-clent to create a terrfble panic. The population invaded the churches and carried out the images of tho saints and sacred vessels, then march-ed in a processional through the streets, imploring cessation of the earthouake scourze. earthquake scourge.

FEARS FOR THE AEOLIANS.

Rome, Dec. 30.-Cable communica-tion with the Acolian islands, 25 miles north of Sicily is interrupted. It is evi-dent that the line is broken, and it

dent that the line is broken, and it is feared that the islands also have been devastated. The largest of the group is the island of Lipari, and the capital town has a population of 12,000. J. Plerpont Morgan has sent \$10,-000 for the relief of the earthquake

000 for the relief of the earthquake sufferers.

WORLD'S GREATEST TRAGEDY. Chicago, Dec. 30.-The Tribune to-day, under a Rome date, says: The earthquake which has devastat-

ed the Italian departments of Calabria and Sicily has wrought the greatest tragedy which ever has befallen the Christian world. Its measure cannot

be calculated. It is known in general terms that out of a population of 1.750,000 in the devastated area at least 125,000 perished.

Latest reports received here state that 4,000 soldiers in the various bar-racks at Mossina were buried under the ruins. This makes no account of a dozen towns near the center of the disturbance, whence no word comes and where there is only too good reason to fear that there are no survivors

to describe their fate. The destruction of property cannot be as great as at San Francisco, for Messina and Reggio, the two principal cities destroyed, were not rich nor magnificent from the metropolitan

magnificent from the metropolitan point of view. As a great cataciysm of nature, how-ever, this disaster is on a far greater scale than the California phenomenon. The whole face of the country and the coast line have been altered. Even Scylla and Charybdis have changed the positions they have occupied since Aeneas' legendary voyage.

'N. Y. MERCHANTS WORRIED.

New York, Dec. 30,--Impressed not only from humanitarian reasons by the earthquake in Italy, merchants and importers in this dity who had rela-tions with the stricken districts are greatly worried at their inability to red, jute communication with corresget into communication with corres-pondents there. It is estimated that of the \$50,000,000 worth of merchan-dise imported to this country from Italy, at least \$10,000,000 worth came from the district now practically in ruins. Messing is a great depot for olive oil and wines and a great variety of food stuffs comes from Chabria. The effect on trade will evidently be far-reaching. As far is not be ascertain-ed no steamistics which run from this port to the Mediterraisent were any get into communication with corres-

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