

# TAORMINA, SICILY, ESCAPED UNINJURED

Good News for Many Americans  
And Answers Many Inquiries.  
Says Ambassador Griscom.

## TO MAKE SYSTEMATIC SEARCH

Receives Contribution of \$50,000 for  
Sufferers—All Over United States  
Money Being Raised for Them.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Good news for many Americans was received at the state department today in a cablegram from Ambassador Griscom at Rome, who reported that the Italian foreign office had assured him that Taormina, Sicily, had escaped uninjured. This, Mr. Griscom says, answers many inquiries received from friends of the Italian foreign office. Mr. Griscom adds, has received a dispatch saying there is no official information with regard to the American consulate at Messina.

## TO SEARCH FOR AMERICANS.

Rome, Jan. 1.—Ambassador Griscom this morning sent to Messina Maj. J. F. Reynolds Laidla, the American military attaché, Bayard Cutting, Jr., the American vice-consul at Milan, Winthrop Chandler and the interpreter of the embassy with full instructions concerning the methods to be adopted in the search for Americans supposed to have been in Sicily and Calabria at the time of the earthquake.

The ambassador has communicated to the government the receipt of a contribution for the sufferers of \$50,000, from the American Red Cross, as well as a first contribution of \$20,000 from the Christian Herald.

## GOVERNMENT AIDING.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The government and private citizens are co-operating to relieve the Italian earthquake sufferers. Altogether \$110,000 has been made available in this country through the Red Cross which today forwarded \$40,000 to Italy. Congress will be asked for a liberal appropriation.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR SUFFERERS.

New York, Jan. 1.—The spontaneous action, throughout the country to succor the distress of Italy has assumed the character of an imposing national movement. Reports from all sections of the country show cities, individuals, societies, religious bodies, Red Cross organizations, private corporations, commercial bodies and all branches of public and private life joining in this humane and practical expression of American sympathy for the victims of the earthquake.

Governors of states and mayors of cities issued appeals and a message from the president to Congress is expected when that body re-assembles on Monday. The New York total is upward of \$150,000,000; Boston is raising \$50,000; Chicago is raising \$100,000; San Francisco has already contributed \$75,000; St. Louis exceeds \$25,000. The Canadian government has appropriated \$100,000 and the city of Toronto has added \$5,000. About \$250,000 worth of supplies are already on the way to Italy on the United States supply ship Celtic. With the appropriation which the American Congress is expected to make, the aggregate from the United States and Canada will run into the millions.

## FROM PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Jan. 1.—In response to an appeal for earthquake sufferers, \$25 was subscribed in Pittsburg yesterday. Collections will be taken in Italian Catholic churches Sunday; a car of oranges donated by the California Fruit Growers' association to be sold at auction Monday morning is expected to yield a large sum.

## DENVER GENEROUS.

Denver, Col., Jan. 1.—Generous responses are coming in to the appeal issued by the Italian consul at Denver for relief for the Italian earthquake victims. Italians throughout New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado and Wyoming are pouring in their subscriptions to help their stricken countrymen. Generous responses have also been received to the appeal of the United Catholic societies of Denver.

## KANSAS HELP.

Topoka, Kan., Jan. 1.—Gov. E. W. Hook, to whom Kansas was to send earthquake relief funds, today stated that only one check for \$5 had reached him up to last evening. The governor, however, stated that he thought the population did not understand to whom the funds should be sent and today will issue a more urgent appeal.

St. Louis, Jan. 1.—The Red Cross chapter in St. Louis has collected \$145.53 for the relief of the Italian earthquake sufferers. Adolphus Schmitt has given \$25,000. The Italian societies have collected \$50. Father Spiguel, of the Italian Catholic church, has forwarded \$1,000 to the pope.

## WILL RAISE \$100,000.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—"One dollar now will do the work of \$10 a week from now." Thus urging immediate help the Chicago board of trade also a society of prominent women and half

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a dozen other organizations today started in determined to raise \$100,000 or more for the sufferers in Italy before Sunday night.

## SEATTLE'S CONTRIBUTIONS.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 1.—The contributions in Seattle for the benefit of the earthquake sufferers now amount to \$1,719. To this will be added proceeds of benefits at all the theaters Sunday, collections in all the churches and a general collection to be taken up today.

## AID FROM NEVADA.

Reno, Nev., Jan. 1.—Nevada is making organized collections to swell the Italian relief fund which was started yesterday. So far only scattering contributions amounting to less than \$200 have been reported.

## HELENA APATHETIC.

Helena, Mont., Jan. 1.—With the exception of the colony in Butte, there are comparatively few Italians in Montana. A majority of these being employed as railroad section hands. Among the latter, so far as known, no concerted action has been taken to forward relief funds. That individual subscriptions are being forwarded admits of no doubt. It is expected that the legislature which convenes Monday will take some action in the matter.

## SAN FRANCISCO LIBERAL.

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—San Francisco has responded quickly and generously to the call for aid from stricken Italy. The total of contributions made in two days is \$78,720, and to this amount additions are being made every hour. A collection for the Italian earthquake sufferers will be taken up in all the Catholic churches.

## MGR. FALCONIO'S APPEAL.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Monsignor Falconio, the apostolic delegate, has issued an appeal to the church for contributions for the vast multitude of sufferers from the Italian earthquake. The appeal urges generosity and says offerings may be sent to the Vatican either through the apostolic delegation or through Cardinal Merry del Val.

## FROM CANADA.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 1.—Substantial aid for sufferers from the earthquake in Italy will be given by Canada. The government has granted \$100,000 which will be supplemented by generous contributions from unofficial sources.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 1.—The board of control has unanimously decided to grant \$5,000 for the relief of Italy's earthquake sufferers. Public subscription lists have opened.

## FROM BRAZIL.

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 1.—This senate has passed a vote of condolence with Italy on the terrible calamity in the province of Calabria and Sicily. The Italian, Brazilian and German banks have subscribed \$1,600 for the sufferers and this amount, together with that raised from the subscription being taken by the journal of commerce and those that have been opened all over the state will amount to a handsome sum.

Madrid, Jan. 1.—The government has ordered the cruiser Catalina to Messina to assist in succoring persons in distress there.

## ONE DIVORCE TO EVERY FOUR MARRIAGES

Kansas City, Jan. 1.—That there was an average of less than four marriages to every divorce granted in this country during the year 1908 is shown by the records of the circuit clerk's office. There were 1,000 marriages and 4,000 divorces granted.

## FIRST CHEERING

## NEWS FOR ITALY

(Continued from page one.)

and the people have responded with true enthusiasm. The members of the aristocracy have loaned their motor cars and carriages for the transportation of the injured from the docks to the hospital, and when these methods failed, the aristocracy have offered all they had, strong arms, to carry the injured. A Neapolitan lawyer has been asked to help. He was given an injured child, and tenderly he carried his burden to a hospital and deposited it on a bed in a crowded ward. He then returned to the docks seeking further medical employment. An old woman enveloped in a shawl was carried through the streets by a sturdy barefooted fisherman. The crowd divided respectfully to make them a passage and many eyes filled with tears at the sight.

The British and Russian sailors who worked so devotedly at Messina, the heroes of the day, whenever they pass through the streets of Naples hats and caps are raised in their honor. The desolating earthquake at Messina recalls the similar prophesy found in an old Sicilian legend "the day will come." The oracle answered a question: "when the navigator shall make his way through the strait saying: 'There once was Sicily.'"

To the destruction of Messina, Reggio, Calabria, Bagnara, Palmi and Rosarno must be added the following towns and villages:

Up to the present time it is not known that any Americans lost their lives in the disaster, excepting of course, Alfred R. Cheney, the American consul at Messina and his wife, who were crushed beneath the walls of the consulate. A man who made his escape from the Hotel Trinacria at Messina, said that as far as he knew there were no Americans in the hotel at the time of the shock. He was careful to explain, however, that his statement should not be taken as final.

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Convention of Elks at Los Angeles to Be Record Breaker—Ohio Man Has Money and Brass Bands.

## HE HIMSELF CHOSE THEM

Length and Breadth of the Persimmon Land Will be Searched for Hundred Fattest 'Possums.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 1.—One hundred opossums with the usual accompaniment of sweet potatoes will grace the banquet table of the Atlanta chamber of commerce on the evening of Jan. 15, when President-elect Taft will be the guest of honor of the city.

When a delegation of prominent Atlantans called upon Mr. Taft a few days ago in Augusta to arrange the details of his visit to this city, the spokesman courteously asked the next occupant of the White House if he had any suggestions to offer relative to the preparation for the banquet.

"Just one," amiably replied the big Ohioan. "I have had a life-time longing to taste 'possum and 'taters. My visit to the south would be incomplete unless this wish is realized."

Mr. Taft's wish will be gratified and there will be 'possum and 'taters enough to spare for the more than 600 guests of the evening.

Southerners are traditionally partial to this dish and it may be said that when the president-elect announced his desire for the favorite dish he but further endeared himself to the people of the section and it is confidently predicted that he will experience an even more kindly feeling toward the south after he has partaken of the juicy meat and Georgia yams.

From the Atlantic coast to the southern border of Oklahoma, throughout the length and breadth of the persimmon land, will the opossums be gathered and a selection of an even hundred of the largest and fattest will be made for the banquet board, that the proverbial hospitality and cuisine of the south may be maintained on the occasion of the visit of the next president.

## WARRANTS FOR ARREST OF BUNYON FOR SALE

London, Jan. 1.—One of the two warrants issued in 1907 for the arrest of John Bunyon was submitted to sale by auction yesterday afternoon in London and evoked a bid of only £25. The other warrant presumably a duplicate of the specimen offered yesterday is owned by P. J. Morgan, who is said to have paid £200 for it.

## STAKE CONFERENCES.

Appointments from Jan. 5, 1909, to March 28, 1909:

Hyrum, Jan. 5 and 10.  
Beaver, Utah and Emery, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 16 and 17.  
Weber and Liberty, Sunday, Jan. 17.  
Herman, Wasatch, San Luis and Alpine, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 23 and 24.

Propper, Sunday, Jan. 24.  
Woodruff, Cache, Summit, Millard and Juab, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 24 and 25.  
Casas, South Sanpete, Bingham, Wayne and Blackfoot, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 6 and 7.  
Ogden, Sunday, Feb. 14.

San Juan, Snowflake, Hannon, Taylor and Teton, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 13 and 14.  
Jordan, St. Johns, Uintah, Alberta and Star Valley, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 20 and 21.  
Nebo, Panguitch, Big Horn, Marion and Garfield, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 27 and 28.

Onelia, St. Joseph, Morgan, Kanab and Boxelder, Saturday and Sunday, March 6 and 7.  
Union, North Sanpete, St. George, Juarez, Bear Lake, Saturday and Sunday, March 13 and 14.  
Salt Lake, Sunday, March 14.  
Richy, Parowan, Boxer and Fremont, Saturday and Sunday, March 20 and 21.  
Egmont, Sunday, March 22.

Hyrum, Pocatello, Malad, Davis and Tootie, Saturday and Sunday, March 27 and 28.  
North Weber, Sunday, March 28.  
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# TWO BIG GETS RELIEF FUNDS

President Joseph F. Smith Makes Contribution of One Hundred Dollars.

## APPEAL TO THE ENTIRE STATE

Relief Committee Sends Out Letters to All Organized Societies in Utah Urging Prompt Action.

## Fund for Italian Sufferers

The Deseret News has received the following contributions:

Joseph F. Smith, trustee in trust	\$100.00
Hamilton G. Park	5.00
James E. Tolman	5.00
Michael P. King	1.00
John Herst	1.00
Cash	5.00
Previously acknowledged	41.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$168.00</b>

The Commercial club board of managers has authorized a contribution of \$100, bringing the total so far subscribed to \$268.

The total contributions to the relief fund being collected in this city has reached \$258. This, in spite of the holiday among business men and the consequent lack of people in the downtown district, is most gratifying to the committee. The members expect to do the real work of collecting a large relief fund tomorrow. The fund will not be held until the work is completed, but as soon as a large enough amount is on hand it will be sent to the relief of the sufferers and then more urgent and that sent in. The need for immediate contribution is most urgent and the committee is hopeful that Salt Lake's people will realize the gravity of the situation and respond promptly.

As indicated in the table above, President Joseph F. Smith, as trustee-in-trust, has subscribed \$100 to the fund. Another subscription of like amount is today authorized by the Commercial club.

## LETTERS SENT OUT.

The state relief committee mailed this morning to every public institution, society and club in the state the following letter:

At a meeting of this committee, held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 30, your institutions was designated to receive donations for the relief of the sufferers from the recent terrible earthquake and tidal waves which have devastated the Province of Calabria, the Island of Sicily and other districts in the kingdom of Italy.

You will find enclosed an official subscription blank, which the committee has placed in a conspicuous place in your office. It is also requested that you collect all sums subscribed upon your list and forward the same to Joseph E. Caine, secretary of the relief committee, Commercial club, Salt Lake City, Utah. You will then be furnished with an official receipt by Charles W. Nibley, treasurer of this committee, and the funds so collected will be forwarded through the proper channels to the authorities at Rome.

We enclose herewith copy of the letter of Governor John C. Cutler, Governor-elect William Spry and Mayor John S. Bransford of Salt Lake City, under which this committee acts.

Very respectfully yours,  
WILLIAM J. HALLORAN, Chairman.

This committee has designated the Alta, Elks and University clubs as agencies authorized to receive contributions.

SOLICIT AMONG COUNTRYMEN.

J. B. Fratello, John Serna, Peter Targhetta, Pasquale Fiore, and Rafael Mauro, Italian merchants, have been appointed by the general relief committee authorized by Governor Cutler Wednesday, to canvass among local Italians for funds to be sent to the relief of the sufferers from the Sicilian and Calabrian earthquake and fire. They began work this morning among their countrymen carrying circulars and giving receipts for funds subscribed.

Other Italians in other parts of the state will be authorized by local banks, commercial clubs and newspapers to solicit relief funds from their countrymen.

The general relief committee appointed by the conference in the governor's office Wednesday has again appealed to the citizens of this state to be generous in their contributions in the aid of suffering humanity. They point to the good accomplished by public contribution to the San Francisco relief fund when a foreign country is afflicted with greater disaster than was the fate of San Francisco, they believe that the people of Utah will not be slow to carry the work on.

The printed matter ordered by the committee was delivered to it last night and is now to be found at local newspaper offices and the Commercial club and sent to the good intention it has heretofore made in its varied performances. There is a holiday mailings on this afternoon there will be the usual Saturday mailings, and tomorrow night will witness a scene of the bill.

With the passing of the old year, watch-parties passed around and enjoyed McDonald's Merry Widow chocolates.

## NEWS BOYS FEAST TODAY

At noon today, in Bond's restaurant on east First South, the newsboys of the city who make their livelihood by causing the welkin to ring every day in the week, with a double dose for the Saturday News, will assemble as the guests of the Deseret News and the Herald. The master of ceremonies will be Kid Bernstein, who will see

that each of the 150 youngsters is given all the delicacies that his youthful physique is capable of standing away.

Mr. Bernstein will continue to see the good fairy to the boys by escorting them to the Colonial theater both tonight and Tuesday night, when they will be the honored guests of the generous management of the house.

night robes and who are still trying hard to exist in this thin garb. There are thousands who are suffering for the want of food and medicine. The need is for aid to these unfortunates at once that the death roll may not increase with the hours.

The local branch of the Red Cross society has not been requested to take any part in the work of relief, though Mrs. C. H. McMahon, president of the Woman's league, which has its Red Cross branch, of which Miss Florence Jennings is chairman, expressed her desire this morning to undertake active work in the collection of a relief fund.

## GOOD ROADS DELEGATES.

The Salt Lake Automobile club received a letter from Gov. Cutler yesterday asking its co-operation in the matter of the good roads convention to be held in this city on the 14 and 15 inst. The club has appointed as delegates to this convention Caleb S. Tanner, state engineer; O. W. Fowler, Joseph H. Swasey, county surveyor; O. H. Hewlett, A. C. Ellis and D. R. Roberts. These gentlemen will meet at the Commercial club Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock to discuss preliminary plans for the automobile club with co-operation in the matter of entertaining delegates to the convention as they arrive in the city at the Commercial club.

## REPORT ON DES MOINES PLAN.

President W. Mont Perry of the Civic Improvement league has called a special meeting of the directors to be held at the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The committee sent by the league to Des Moines to inspect the work of the plan of municipal government in force there will at that time render its full report of the league's director. This committee was composed of Frank B. Stephens, Carl Badger and W. H. Wallace. It returned to this city last week and a summary of its report has already appeared.

## LEHI BANK CHANGE.

T. R. Cutler Retires from Presidency In Favor of Ira D. Wines.

The end of the year 1908, brought a change to the Utah Banking Co. of Lehi, which has been in contemplation for some time past. This was the retirement of Thomas R. Cutler from the presidency of the bank, which he founded 19 years ago, and his succession by Ira D. Wines. Since his removal from Lehi Mr. Cutler has found it impossible to give banking matters the attention they deserved, and his numerous duties at General Manager of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company are making more and more demands on his time. Mr. Cutler's resignation was received with regret by the board of directors, and last evening as a testimonial of their regard, they presented him with a beautiful \$250 silver service.

Mr. Wines, the new president, has lately moved to Lehi, though he has been heavily interested in the town for some time. He will continue as the cashier and active manager of the institution.

## BOY LOAFERS ROUNDED UP.

This morning Patrolmen Kast and Pierce made a raid on a Japanese pool-room on Commercial street, and rounded up eight youths, ranging in age from 15 to 22 years. The youngsters have been in the habit of loafing about the place and the police had decided to put a stop to the practice. The boys were herded to police headquarters where they were talked to by the police, their father, and ordered them to be more careful in their habits in the future.

## LOCAL AGENT HAS DOUBT.

The dispatch from Walla Walla, Washington, published yesterday which contained a statement to the effect that a receiver had been appointed to take charge of the Walla Walla Fire Insurance company's affairs, is not credited by the local agent of the company, E. H. Pierce, who stated today that he had wired the home office of the company for a confirmation or denial of the dispatch.

If know of nothing that could have given rise to the dispatch as published yesterday, said Mr. Pierce, unless it is the fact that the Walla Walla company has recently combined with the Seattle company, and the two are now merged under the name of the American Home Fire Insurance company of Seattle, to which the local office have been moved, and we are now writing policies under that title. There should be nothing in this merging to give rise to such a report.

## LOCAL COMMITTEE GRATIFIED.

The local relief committee expresses gratification in the fact that the government has sent the supply ship Celtic with a cargo of food and clothing for the victims of the quake and fire and that the Atlantic fleet of battleships is to render assistance to the refugees. The generosity of the United States Steel corporation, the Standard Oil company and Mrs. Russell Saxe, from which sources \$100,000 was sent to the Red Cross society for the use of the sufferers, is commented upon in most laudatory terms by the local committee and they urge upon local corporations the necessity of extending the helping hand to the sufferers in Italy and Sicily.

They point to the fact that countrymen living here contribute daily to the receipts of these corporations and they urge a reciprocal spirit upon them.

No sum is too small to contribute, the committee urges upon the private citizen and the people not fortunate in the possession of great wealth. "If you can't give a dollar, give a dime," is the sentiment they are spreading, but they add to this, "Give as much as you can and remember that he gives twice who gives quickly." Immediate relief is the necessity of the hour.

In the stricken district there are victims who lack clothing, people who were driven from their homes in their



## MEATS TAKING A JUMP

The Retailer, and Not the Consumer, Is the Sufferer as the Consequence.

As is usual at this time of year, meats are taking a rise in price, although dealers say this does not necessarily affect the consumers. It is the retailer who has to suffer, as he must pay more for his goods to the wholesaler who in turn pays more to the grower and producer. Dressed beef will advance 1/2 cent, mutton about 1/2 cent, and other beef and sheep products in proportion. However, smoked and cured meats may not be advanced right away, depending on trade conditions. If there is a lull, the latter products will remain quiescent; if there is a brisk demand, they will be advanced, as may suit the packers in Omaha and Chicago.

Dealers here report the reasons for the present advance are the scarcity of feed, fat cattle, and the fact that corned stock is now coming into the markets, and feeders must be paid higher prices on account of the high prices for hay and grain on which the stock is fed. Prices are likely to steadily advance until September. It costs a great deal more now to maintain a business than a few years ago. Said one prominent meat market man today, "Eight years ago I could get good, reliable delivery men for \$10 and \$12 per week; now they command \$20 and over. Rents are way up, as compared to what they were; and to my mind the greed of landlords and property owners in demanding the rentals they do, is largely responsible for the high cost of the necessities of life. Here I pay \$250 per month \$1,000 per year, on property for which the owner paid \$15,000. This is equivalent to 6 2/3 per cent on \$45,000. The fact is, that all I have done this year is to work for my landlord."

"Then, another cause for high prices is the greed of the grower, which is excited by sensational reports. I had contracted the other day with a farmer for turkeys at 25 cents. He told me in the papers that turkeys were bringing fancy prices in this city, and he immediately held off for 27 cents. I cancelled the order, and the man still has his turkeys. I have seen scarce yesterday that people were paying 30 cents and over, just to get them. There are none left now."

## PERSONALS.

George S. Young, a real estate man from Driggs, Idaho, is at the Windsor. Mr. Young was formerly a resident of this city and makes several trips here every year.

Frank Daly, superintendent of the Silver King Cotton company's mills at Park City, is a guest at the Windsor.

Mrs. Q. B. Kelly and daughter have gone to Montpelier to spend the holidays with friends.

Dr. E. V. Silver is registered at the Wilson hotel at present, as his home is under scarlet fever quarantine.

## DIED.

BYWATER.—Dec. 31, 1908, of diphtheria, Ruth Bywater, daughter of W. J. and Amelia Bywater; born July 25, 1907.

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## Announcement!

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The warehouses having been undamaged by the fire of today make it possible for them to continue their business with a full line of stock. The place of business for the present will be on West Temple just around the corner from the store on First South west.