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SEVENTY THOUSAND PEOPLE DEAD IN ITALY.

Victims of the Earthquake and Tidal Wave that Visited Southern Italy-Messina Reports 12,000 Dead and Wounded-Great Wave that Swept Inland Was 32 Feet High-Whole Religious Communities Wiped Out-Vandalism of Worst Kind Has Broken Out-Severe Measures Taken to Repress It-Robbers and Looters Shot on Sight.

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death list.

Messina.

Syracuse.

Countelss dead bodies are scattered through the wreckage and the decom-position will doubtless bring pestilence

to add to the horrors of the situation

The devastation over the entire district was more or less complete. No part of the province of Reggio de Calabria

STRAITS OF MESSINA.

Rome, Dec. 29 .- South Italy and the island of Sicily have been visited by an appalling calamity, the extent of which cannot yet be grasped. An earthquake yesterday morning wrecked city after city and obliterated smaller towns and villages without number. Then a tidal wave swept along the Straits of Messina and added to the horror, drowning the people in their helplessness and panic. Fire came to complete the work of destruction. Flames broke out in the devastated cities and countless numbers of injured men, women and children were burned to death.

Any adequate estimate of the total cusualties is as yet quite impossible, but the Rome Tribuna places the number at between 60,000 and 70,000.

The horror and destructiveness of this visitation probably will exceed that of any earthquake in Italy since 1783, when 40,000 persons perished at Messina alone.

Reports of heavy loss of life are coming in every hour from city and town and nearly every village in the stricken zone, and the story in its detail has only begun to be told. The horror grows as further reports come

in. Messina has been fire-swept, The dead there alone will run into the tens of thousands. Reggio is a sepulchre of the dead. Catania suffered heavily.

Mount Etna, the volcano on the is fand of Sicily, is active. The detona-tions are reverbrating over Catania and add to the teror. Volumes of smoke are pouring from the crater. The work of rescue is being pushed

The work of rescue is being pushed forward with every possible energy. Troops are being poured into the zone, but the efforts at succor are as yet utterly inadequate. France, Great Britain and Russia are hurrying war-ships to the scene. King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helema have left Rome for the south. His majesty will superintend in person the work of relief. The queen, refus-ing to let her husband go alone, in-sisted upon sharing his dangers. The pope has made an appeal to Roman Catholics the world-over for help. He has headed the relief sub-scription list with a donation of \$20,-000.

000. There is consternation in Rome. The telegraph and newspaper offices are desleged by weeping crowds de-manding news. Every fresh telegram tells the same story of death, destruc-tion and desolation.

Ambassador Griscom has telegraph ed to Messina and Palermo inquiring as to fate of Arthur S. Chenoy of Con-necticut, the American consul, and as to late of Arthur S. Chenoy of Con-necticut, the American consul, and Joseph H. Plerce, the American vice-consul at Messina. Up to 3 o'clock this afternoon no answer had been re-

PALMI DESTROYED. Monte Leon, Calabria, Dec. 29.—The town of Palmi has bene practically de-stroyed as has also Bagniara. The dead at Palmi number 1,000 and it is impossible to estimate the number of the injured. Large numbers were killed at Bagnara, and the list of wounded there also will be heavy. The tidal wave inundated a villa at San Giovanni, 2,500 feet from the shore line.

Palmi has 10,000 inhabitants and Bag-ONLY A FEW ESCAPED.

London, Dec. 29 .- A special dispatch received here from Canzora says that only a few thousand out of the entire population of Reggio have escaped looting was partially under con-trol and order had been es-tablished. Everything possible is being done to succor the wound-ed, but the relier measures are still ut-trails to decompare to the immore death or injury. Lieut. Gen. Flerra Di Cossatto has ordered that all looters and robbers be shot on sight. Martial law will be in-stituted in the carthquake zonc. The population of Reggio is placed at about 50,000 by the authorities. The city is south of Massius terly inadequate owing to the immen-The finest palaces, churches and theaters of Messina are heaps of ruins.

south of Messina. TENS OF THOUSANDS DEAD. Rome, Dec. 29.-Premier Gioletti has received a telegram from Deputy Fe-lice at Messina confirming previous re-ports of the complete destruction of Messina by fire following the earth-quake. The deputy says that the dead

or the province of Reggio de Catabra escaped. The disturbance was most se-vere along the shores of the Straits of Messina where the cities of Messina and Reggio are situated. In more than one town the shocks caused gasmeters to explode and disastrous fire resulted. The fiames helped greatly to swell the at Messina will be counted by the tens of thousands. R ELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES DE-The flames helped greatly to swell the STROYED.

London, Dec. 29 .- A special dispatch from Rome says the pope has been noti-fied that the entire religious commu-nities of Messina and Reggio, including bishops, priests, monks and nuns, have The configuration of the Straits of Messina has been materially altered. The tidal wave that completed the dabeen wiped out by the earthquake and

structive work of the earthquake was 32 feet high. Wireless telegraphy has been one of the greatest assistance in PRESIDENT EXPRESSES HORROR getting in reports from the devastated regions and in helping the authorities to realize the extent of the disaster and Washington, D. C., Dec. 29 .-- Presi-Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—Presi-dent Roosevelt through the state de-partment, today sent to King Victor Emmanuel of Italy a dispatch express-ing his horror and that of the Ameri-can people over the disaster which has befallen southern Italy and Sicily by the earthquake visitation and tender-ing sincere sympathy. to send help to the places where it was most urgently needed. A flying squadron of the Italian navy, composed of the three best bat-Atlantic before the first news of the disaster came to hand. Through the

The president also notes that the American National Red Cross has is-sued an appeal for contributions to aid the sufferers and that the organi-zation has notified him that it will im-mediately communicate with the Itamedium of wireless telegraphy it was possible to reach these vessels and or-der them to proceed at full speed for A British squadron that was at Syra-cuse, has jeft for Messina, taking doc-tors and supplies of medicines, etc. There also are several Russian ships at zation has notified him that it will im-mediately communicate with the Ita-lian Red Cross. • As private cablegram after cable-gram confirmed the frightful extent of the catastrophe the Italian embas-sy attaches freely expressed their grief. The delay in receipt of official an-nouncement of the news to the em-bassy from the Italian government is It is repoted from Catania that the It is repoted from Catania that the bishop of Messina is buried under the ruins of his residence. Signor Fulci, a member of the cham-ber of deputies from Messina, together with the members of his family also is reported dead. The Fulcix family was one of the most prominent in Catania bassy from the italian government is taken by the embassy to mean that the officials in Rome are giving all their at-tention to the alding of the stricken

one of the most prominent in Catania. The dome of the cathedral at Catania collapsed and other churches as well as the city hall threaton to fall at any tention to the alding of the stricken region. "I am sure that every one, from the king 'down to the humblest soldier, will do everything in his power in this great calamity," said Signor Roberto Cenaro, secretary of the embassy. Ambassador Meyer des Planches is hastening to Washington from New York state, having left the city for a brief rest during the holidays. moment. The tidal wave sank a number of small vessels in the harbor of Catania. At Riposto the tidal wave was 25 feet high. It swept in with appalling power and last for 42 second.

Railroad communication with Messi-APPEAL OF RED CROSS. na has been restored. A train-load of refugees came in here this morning, but they are all maddened with terror and no one is capable of giving a con-nected account of the catastrophe. All agree that Messina has been destroyed

Washington, Dec. 29.—The American National Red Cross today sent out telegraphic requests to all of its branches for relief funds to be applied to the sufferers from the earthquake in southern Italy. CARUSO'S CONTRIBUTION.

agree that Messing has been destroyed and that the victims will be counted by the tens of thousands. The Triancria hotel, with 90 guests, was demolished. The city hal, the bourse, the telegraph offices and the New York, Dec. 29.—Enrico Caruso will contribute a week's salary to the earthquake sufferers in Italy, his nabarracks also were destroyed. A tidal wave, 30 feet high, swept up three streets of the city in the height of con-



Nearly Ready to Drop Into the **Basket of Political** Reward.

BIG CROP OF APPOINTMENTS.

Roster of the Governor's Staff Will Probably Be the First Named-Unauthorized Guesses Today.

"No appointments will be announced until in the session," said Governor-elect William Spry this morning, when asked it he had made up his mind on any of the state appointive offices under his control, "And with the exception of a few of the state boards, most of the appointments will not be announced until late in February."

Governor Spry will have his hands full in figuring out the numerous appointments to be made in the different state positions and two months is evidently not too much time in which to select the fittest persons for the places. Among the positions to be filled are those of state engineer, state coal mine inspector, state bank examiner, fish and game commissioner, state chemist, and state food and dairy examiner. Then there are eleven members of the governor's staff, the members of the latter number, however, serving without compensation, and comprising honorary positions.

Then there are the various state boards, some of the members which are appointive, and some already provided for by statute. Among these boards are five members of the state board of pardons; three members of the state board of examiners; three members of the board of loan commissioners; three members of the insanity board; three members of the state board of corrections; five mem-bers of the state board of land commissioners; five members of the state board of education; four members of the state board of equalization; nine members of the board of regents of the state university, some of whom hold over; seven members of the Agri-cultural college board, some of whom hold over; three trustees of the state industrial school; five trustees of the school for deef and durby four man school for deaf and dumb; four mem-bers of the state board of horticulture; seven members board of health and vital statistics; five members state board of pharmacy, pize members of state board of medical examiners; five members state dental examiners; three

members state board of labor concilia-tion and arbitration; 12 members state fair association; seven members state art institute directors; three commis-sioners on uniform legislation; three members state board of accountancy; three members state board of barber examiners; three members of state

board of optometry; two members state park commissioners; three members state board of sheep commissioners, and three members of state board of veterinary examiners.



OR A HUGE SWINDLE?

Chicago, Dec. 29.—What is either a huge Christmas joke or a swindle of considerable dimensions, has come to light here. Secret agencies are trying ingni here. Secret agencies are rying to ascertain the whereabouts of a stranger of benevolent appearance who recently busied himself distributing "free scholarships" in a Texas musical onservatory. Whether the stranger is a new kind of Andrew Carnegie, a harmless crank

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of Andrew Carnegie, a harmless clashs or a dangerous forger, is a matter that has not as yet been cleared. Thus far one promissory note, signed under a misapprehension, has come to light, several persons have been informed that their names are signed to other names that they known nothing about notes that they know nothing about and the signatures of at least 20 others are known to be in their hands of the alleged swindler.

CHICAGO GREATEST USER OF TELEPHONES IN WORLD

Chicago, Dec. 29.--According to the annual report of the Chicago telephone exchange more householders have tele-phones here than in any other city in those here than in any other city in the world. There is enough "live" telephone wire in the city to girdle the world 18 times.



San Francisco, Dec. 29 .- By a ruling of the supreme court handed down yesterday, the issuance of a commis sion was granted authorizing the taking of the deposition of Harry Orchard, self confessed slayer of the late Gov. Steunenberg, of Idaho, as to the cirsteunenberg, of ruano, as to the chi-cumstances surrounding the explosion in this city on Nov. 17, 1904, in the house of W. H. Linforth, then thought to have been caused by a leak in the gas main, but which resulted from the firing of a dynamite bomb, according to statements made in Orchard's con-fession. The issuance of a commission follows

The issuance of a commission follow: the attempt of the gas company in this city to recover \$10,800 paid to Linforth for the damage done his house on the finding of a jury that the gas company was responsible. The gas company was responsible. The gas company attempted to re-open the case when Orchard's confession was made public, but was forced to go to the higher court to secure its authority for the taking of the deposition. Orchard, who is serving a life sentence in Idaho, states that he blew up the Linforth house in an attempt to kill Capt. Brad-

KROHN, THE WALKER,

lfas Finished 4,500 Miles of a 9,000 Mile Tramp.

San Francisco, Dec. 29 .- J. A. Krohr of Portland, Me., arrived in this city today on a walk of 9,600 miles which he is to make on a wager in 400 days. According to the conditions of the bet, Krohn, who is better known as "Colonial Jack," must push a wheelbarrow en route and cover the distance in the time named. He has alrady walked 4,660 miles, an average of 26 miles a

day. To complete the walk on schedule time he must walk a fraction of over 22 miles a day in spite of 11 days lost on account of illness he is far ahead of the requirements. The "Sphinx," the wheelbarrow,

CANCEL LAND PATENTS Portland, Or. Dec 29-- A suit instituted by the government in the United States circuit court yesterday for the cancellation of 46 patents to tracts of land in eastern Oregon, is interesting because of the fact that the

teresting because of the fact that the Heppner flood played an important part. The defendants named are J. W. Scriber, S. W. Spencer, Asa B. Thomp-son, Harrison Hale, Vawier Crawford, G. W. Rea, David Wilson, Alfred Cool-ide, Trustee Frank Melvin, A. S. Crowder and A. M. Ross. The land is valued at about \$100,000. The complaint alleges that in March 1903, William Ayres, P. B. McSwords, Spencer, Hale and others conspired to defraud the government out of lands which are described in the complaint under the timber and stone laws. On June 14, 1903, the complaint states that William Ayres, and P. B. McSwords were drowned in the Hep-pner flood. These, the complaint states, were the principal conspirators and "hose left did not desire or were un-able to carry out the conspiracy, and thereuron Scriber, Spencer, Thompson, Wilson and Hale undertook to carry it out.

COUNTERFEIT FIVE DOLLAR SILVER CERTIFICATE

Washington, Dec. 29 .-- A counterfeit 5 silver certificate which made its appearance in Philadelphia has just been discovered by the secret service bureau. It is of the series of 1899, and bears

It is of the series of 1899, and bears the portrait of an Indian chief. Possibly the easiest way to identify the counterfeit is by the fact that the shading under the words "United States of America" looks like a picket fence in very bad repair instead of being regular in its formation. Part of the note is lighter in color than that of the genuine while the color of the back is a triffe darker green. Some of the words are imper-fectly formed, the words "This certififeelly formed, the words "This certifi-cate is receivable," etc., being very badly reproduced according to the secret service authorities.

ROBBER CONFESSES.

Nacogodches, Texas, Dec. 29 .- Arthur Accogodches, Texas, Dec. 29.-Arthur Berdy, a negro wanted at Taft, Okla., on a charge of having stolen \$18,000 in currency at that place on Friday last, was arrested here today. About \$12,-000 of the money was found, Berry, it is declared, has confessed. stating that an accomplice had the re-maining part of the stolen money.

PENETRATING POWER OF **TORPEDOES INCREASED**

Washington, Dec. 29 .- The ordnanc department is now experimenting with the device invented by Comman r Cleland Davis, United States navy, for

CASTRO AND GOMEZ **ADHERENTS FIGHT**

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

FIFTY-EIGHTH YEAR

preciative Readers.

Partisans of New President Forced to Retire Temporarily But Returned to the Conflict.

BATTLE LASTED FOUR HOURS.

Engagement Was Between Foilowers of Castro and Crew Of a Gomez Gunboat.

Casualties Not Very Heavy, Some 20 Being Killed and About 50 Wounded-May Resume Hostliities.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 29 .-There has been fighting at Macuro, on the Venezuelan coast, between adherents of former President Castro and the crew of a gunboat working in the interests of the new president, Juan Vicente Gomez. About 20 men were killed and some 50 wounded. The

Gomez party was obliged to withdraw temporarily, but later returned to resume the engagement. This news was brought in here by the

gunboat Miranda, which left Laguaira with men who are to take the places of the officials at Macuro. The Miranda arrived off Macuro yesterday

randa arrived oit Machino Vesterday, morning. Gen. Torres meanwhile had gotten together about 500 men and was prepared to resist a landing. The Mi-randa cleared and went into action. Under cover of her battery the men on obard tried unsuccessfully to land. The fighting lasted about four hours. When the captain of the Miranda saw the situation was impossible he saw the situation was impossible he withdrew and came to Port of Spain. The Miranda then took on coal. As soon as this news became known here the office of the Venezuelan consul was besieged by men anxious to return to Macuro and fight. A number were accepted and went on board the gun-boat which started back for Macuro, where the engagement will be con-tinued.

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PALEOLITHIC MAN.

Prof. G. F. Wright Says Medina County, O., Was His Home.

Akron, O., Dec. 29.—The discovery of what is claimed to be a paleolithic stone near Wadsworth, has led Prof. G. Frederick Wright, geologist and presi-dent of the state Archaelogical society, to declare that Medina county was the home of paleolithic man. Prof. Wright took the stone with him to Baltimora and will return to Wadsworth next Cleland Davis, United States navy, for improving the penetrating power of tor-pedces. This device was tested some time ago and the test was witnessed by representatives of the department. The report on these tests has never been made public, but it was so fav-orable that Admiral Mason, chief of ordnance, ordered an official investi-gation into the merits of the device. This is now in progress at Newport. It is fully expected that these tests will substantiate all claims made for the device and if that is done its formal adoption will probably follow in the near future.



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ceived. Rome, Dec. 29.—A special dispatch received here from Palermo, Sicily, says the dead at Messina as the result of the earthquake and tidal wave of vesterday are estimated at 12,000. Scores still are alive beneath the ruins of the city. Owing to the inadequacy of the means of rescue at hand, it will be impossible to bring these people out alive. Other dispatches received here place the dead at Messina at even more appalling figures. The Tribune pubappalling figures. The Tribune pub-lishes a telegram saying the casualties will reach a total of 75,000 persons. This report has not been substantiated. The Tribune estimates the total casaulties in Calabria and Sicily at be-twon 60 000 and 70,000 twen 60,000 and 70,000.

DISASTER IS STAGGERING.

Rome, Dec. 29 .- The disaster in the province of Calabria and the island of Sicily has today assumed staggering proportions. Each successive report received from the stricken region received from the stricken region makes it more apparent that the first stories of the widespread destruction were little, if any exaggerated. Mes-sing alone reports 12,000 victims but it is feared that this is only a partial list of the dead and wounded. Re-ports are coming in from other towns giving estimates of dead therein from 500 up to several thousand. Recip still 500 up to several thousand. Regio still remains in its isolation. It is impos-sible to get word from the stricken city and the silence gives rise to the most

fearful apprehensions. News has come from Messina, eight miles north of Reggio, but no reliable estimate of the dead there has been made.

VANDALISM.

Vandalism of the worst kind has broken out and the government has taken the most severe measures for its repression. Robbers and looters are epression. Reshot on sight.

repression. Robbers and looters are shot on sight. The prison at Messina collapsed some of the prisoners were killed, but he survivors, made their escape and olined the vandals who were sacking he city. Such confusion reigned that he robbers met with no resistance. The local chief of police lies dead in he ruins of his office. The barracks it Messina were demolished. The com-mander of the troops was killed out-ight and there are many victims among the enlisted men. The government last night sent Gen. Feiera Di Cossatto, an army corps formmander, to take full charge of the troops in the devasted territory. One

troops in the devasted territory. One of the first moves will be to declare martial law. The robbers pillaging the rains of shattered buildings even stole clothing and valuables from the corpses of the victims. They were not de-terred by the flames that broke out in everal sections of the city but took dyantage of the light for their vandal-sm. The night in Messina was one of orror indescribable—fire, robbery, dead nd dying on every side, the city in he utmost confusion and the people

mer a spell of terror. Tryops began to put into Messina last light, and this morning a number of teamers arrived from the peninsula with soldiers on board. Patrois were at once organized and efforts made by bring some order into the situation. Bands of citizens were formed and belped heroically in the work of rescue. MANY COURAGEOUS ACTS.

Many courageous acts were per-formed by soldiers and citizens alike and in some cases the rescuers them-selves lost their lives in trying to help others. Toward morning several of the worst fires had been extinguished, the

fusion following the shock. Hundreds of half-dressed men, women and chil-dren who had fled from their houses to the streets were caught in the onush of waters and drowned or in

jured. A train-load of doctors, nurses and hospital equipment has been sent out from here for Messina and the steamer Marguerita, loaded to the guards with persons who had relatives in the doomed city, and others who will join in the relief work, also has left. The refugees declare that the entire country around Messina has been de-matter and that envent villages have

vastated and that several villages have disappeared. Telegraphic reports have been received here from all parts of the island of Sicily. They say the inhab-itants everywhere are terror-stricken and product in the strads and churchs and praying in the streets and church-

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cs. Reggio is described as nothing but a vast sepulchre. The captain of the steamer Wash-ington, which was in the Straits of Messina at the time of the earthquake, says his vessel shuddered as if she had run aground. A thick fog prevailed at the time, and it was impossible for him to see the Messina lighthouse or the Calabrian coast. The Washington was soon surrounded with boats ap-pealing for aid. The people were taken on board. The sea was littered with wreckage in every direction. Among those who lost their lives at Messina are Commandant Passino and all the members of his family.

The Russian warships that were at Syracuse also have left for Messina to

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aid in the work of rescue.

50,000 DEAD AT MESSINA.

Rome, Dec. 29.—The minister marine at 5 o'clock this afternoon ceived a wireless dispatch estimating the dead at Messina at 50,000. No news has yet been received from Reggio.

REFUGEES FROM MESSINA.

Palermo, Dec. 29.--Refugees from Messina say that there were 100 for-eigners in the holel Trinacria, and that they all lost their lives. The holel has been completely obliterated. It was one of the best in the city and patron-ized amost exclusively by tourists. It was situated in the Via Galibaldi. KING AND QUEEN THERE.

Rome, Dec. 29 .-- Queen Helena has Rome, Dec. 23.—Queen Heiena ras refused to allow her husband, the king, to go alone to the scene of the disaster. She said she would not give up her priviledge of sharing her husband's dangers, and consequently both king and queen left Rome this otherways for the south

The royal couple arrived earlier in the day from Naples. The queen ex-plained to a member of her entourage planed to a member of her entourage that she considered it her duty to do all in her power to confront and help her afflicted subjects. The king and queen left the railroad station here at half past one. A number of ministers, senators, and deputies together with the meyor of Pome were at the stathe mayor of Rome, were at the sta-

the mayor of Rome, were at the sta-tion to bid them farewell. It was announced here this after-noon that the pope will inaugurate the establishment of an international committee of Roman Catholics the world over to assist the survivors of the cetastrophe. The none besis the the catastrophe. The pope heads the subscription list with 1,003,000,

(\$200,000.) It is said that King Victor Emman-uel will give 2,000,000 lire for the relief of the victims. DEAD AT CASSANO.

Rome, Dec. 29 .- Reports have just | turbas ces.

tive land. Caruso is said to receive \$2,500 a week at the Metropolitan Opera House.

WOMAN'S GRAPHIC STORY OF HER EXPERIENCES

Catania, Dec. 29 .- The following graphic story is told by a woman who arrived here from Messina this morn-ing, badly injured:

"'Infernal' is the only word that will adequately describe the fearful and terrifying scene," she said. "When the first shock came most of the city was

fast asleep. I was awakened by the rocking of the house. Windows swayed and rattled and crockery and glass crashed to the floor. The next moment I was violently thrown out of my bed to the floor. I was half stunned, but knew that the only thing to do was to make my way out doors. The streets were filled. Everybody had rushed out in their night clothes, heedless of the

rain ifalling in torrents. Terrified shrieks arose from all sides and we heard frantic appeals for help from the unfortunates pinr 1 beneath the "Walls were tottering all around us and not one of our party expected to escape alive. My brothers and sisters were with me and in a frenzy of terror

we groped our way through the streets, holding our own against the panic-stricken people, clamboring over piles of ruins, until we finally reached a place of comparative safety. But this was not done before I was struck down out before I was struck down and badly injured by a piece of furni-ture that fell out of the upper story of house.

"All along the road we were jostled All along the road we were jostide by scores of fleeing people, half clad like ourselves. The houses seemed to be crashing to the ground in whatever direction we went. "Suddenly the sea began to pour into

the town. It seemed to me that this must mean the end of everything. The incoming waters rolled in a huge wave, "The sky was aglow with the reflec-tion of burning palaces and other buildings, and as if this was not enough there suddenly shot up into the sky a huge burst of flame, followed by

a crash that seemed to shake the whole town. This probably was the gas works blowing up. "Eventually we reached the principal square of Messina. Here we found two or three thousand utterly terrified peo

ple assembled. None of us know what to do. We were all in agony of fear, Men and women prayed, groaned and shrieked. I saw one of the big build-ings on the square collapse. It seemed to me that scores of persons were bur-ied beneath the ruins. Then I lost con-sciousness and I remembered no more."

MOUNT ETNA SHOWS

Catania, Sicily, Dec. 29 .- Mount Etna is this morning showing considerable activity and the detonations, which can be plainly heard in this city, together with the volume of smoke rolling out of the crater, have added to the panic

of the people. According to the director of the local observatory this activity is directly connected with the earthquake of yes-terday which wrought such havoc in Calabria and Sicily but a great erup-tion is not expected. Such phenomena seldom accompany violent seismic dis-

for the list of appointments on his staff, but has not received acceptances from all the gentlemen named. These are expected, however, in time for the executive inaugural ball, to be held next month Another position which is being hot-

Another position which is being hot-ly contested is that of state fish and game commissioner. Candidates are in the field from Provo, Ogden, Salt Lake, besides the present incumbent, Mr. Cromar, who is willing to accept reappointment, it is understood.

COUNTY OFFICES

Mrs. Margaret Zane Witcher, county clerk-elect, stated this morning that the announcements made in some of the announcements made in some of the morning papers of appointments made in her office were wholly un-authorized and incorrect. "The story of a clash between the clerk's office and the county commissioners in the matter of appointments," said Mrs. Witcher, "was absolutely without foundation."

"I will further state," continued Mrs. Witcher, "that the appointments for my office have not yet been completed, and I am not yet prepared to announce

The appointments to be made in the office of county clerk consist of a chief deputy of probate and chief deputy of civil division, and four court deputies. The above named deputies will be men. Then there is a deputy for the com-missioners' side and a deputy for the clerk's side of the office, and three stenographers, these positions being filled by women.

SHERIFF'S LIST.

Sheriff-elect Joseph Sharp, when seen, said he had not yet completed the list of 26 deputies and assistants under his jurisdiction, but expected to have them ready for approval by the commission-ers by the time of the meeting of the new board.

Sheriff Sharp, if the present force is maintained and not increased, will name one chief deputy; five deputies name one chief deputy, ne deputies for the criminal division; two deputies for the civil division; four court bail-iffs; four jailers, three deputies for Bingham; two deputies for Bingham Junction; one deputy for Garfield, one deputy for Lark, one deputy for Alta, license collector. No changes have been announced in

No changes have been announced in the force of the county treasurer, and none up to date in the county recorder's office, although some changes may be expected in this office as the recorderelect is not the present incumbent.

PROTEST AGAINST RAISE IN TRANSCONTINENTAL RATES

SIGNS OF ACTIVITY

The Spinix, the wheelbarrow, which the pedestrian trundles on his long walk, is covered with the post-marks of 635 postoffices. It also has a speedometer attached to register the number of miles covered. The wager number of miles covered. The wager on the outcome of the walk is \$1,000 against 2,000 copies of the book which Krohn will write on the completion of his walk.

BOY CAPTURES EAGLE.

New York, Dec. 29.—A lusty young eagle, probably from the Catskill mountains, made its appearance in Harlem last evening where it engaged in a

NO HEIRS TO WALDEN ESTATE.

Los Angeles, Dec. 29.-No heirs to the estate of Mrs. Matilda Walden, who died in August, have been found, and Judge Rives has granted letters of administration to Frank Bryson, public administrator.

Mrs. Walden's property was valued at about \$100,000 at the time of her death, the greatest interest being real estate with a forty-foot frontage on Main street at the corner of First. After her death a search extending

After her death a search extending through many states and reaching in-to England and Scotland, where she once lived, was made by the public administrator and the British vice consul to find possible heirs, but the efforts were futile. Unless an heir presents himself or herself within a mean the monerty will be sold and year, the property will be sold and the proceeds turned over to the state school fund.

YAQUIS RENEGADE

REVOLT ABOUT OVEP

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 29 .- According to the latest advices from Sonora. Yoqui renegades' revolt seems to be about over. That negotiations for peace have been on and are now before President Diaz is known. An answer is ex-pected from him early in January when the truce existing will be up, but it is thought unlikely that hostilities

will be resumed. Of late a few Yaquis who were transported to Quintana Roo, the territory formed from the southern half of Yu-catan, have succeeded in escaping and getting back to their tribe.

They have told stories of terrible hardships and from what they have learned of the government's power as seen in the country they have gone through, they have been convinced that further struggles are vain.

FIRE IN SILVER CITY, IDAHO.

Eight Business Buildings Destroyed,

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—One hundred mass meetings will be held at various points throughout the state today to protest against the proposed increase in transcontinental freight rates which are scheduled to go into effect Jan. 1. The organized remonstrance against the action of the transportation com-panies has been handled by an execu-tive committee appointed by the ship-pers of the state who have joined in the movement and the day of the meet-ings has been designated as "Rate day." According to the estimates made by the committees in charge of the meetings, a general attendance of between 50,000 and 100,000 persons is ex-pected. Every important city in the state will have a meeting and the

MARY M. ADAMS DEAD. Chicago, Dec. 29 .--- Mrs. Mary M. Adams, one of the first pupils of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy in Chicago, is dead in Hihgland Park, after an illness of several months. Mrs. Adams was born in Lowell, Mass



Italian Boy Only Returned to Parents On Payment of Money.

New York, Dec. 29 .-- The arrest of

wo men and a woman last night revealed the details of a rather remarkable kidnapping case in which a child was kept from his parents for a month but during which time the father, Giusseppi Randazzo, an Italian barber, was afraid to make any complaint to the authorities. The child was re-turned only after Randazzo had paid over \$350 in cash to the alleged abduc-tors and transforred to them a half interest in his barber ship. It was on Nov. 27 that the child was

It was on Nov. 27 that the child was restored, but the father cowed by pre-vious threats still kept the matter secret and the police knew nothing of the affair until yesterday when, after an investigation, they arrested Fran-cisco Catarinichi and his wife and another Italian. The woman is charged with kidnapping and Isadora Campisi, an alleged accomplice of the pair with kidnapping and extortion. The father has identified Campisi as the man to whom he had paid the \$350 and to whom he had transferred a part in-

terest in his barber shop.

REASON RESTORED BY SURGICAL OPERATION

Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 29 .- George Mc-Cluskey of this city has been restored to reason by a surgical operation per-formed on his skull yesterday. Some years ago McCluskoy suffered an ac-cident in a machine shop, since which time he has been afflicted by periodical attacks of violent insanity. After the latest attack, which took place Christ-mas eve he was removed to a hospital, where an examination by physicians revealed the fact that a piece of bone was pressing against the brain. The bone was found to be firmly imbadded in the brain, but by the delicate oper-ation of treppanning it was success-billy memored. According to the latest fully removed. According to the latest reports from the hospital the man will

FISHERIES COMMISSION.

Postponed to June 3.

Stanford University, Cal., Dec. 29-By order of the state department and the foreign office of Great Britain, the date for the report of the international fisheries commission has been post-poned from Jan. 1 to June 3. This postponement is rendered necessary by by the resignation of S. T. Bastedo, the British member of the commission, who has been made a deputy minister. who has been made a deputy minister. Prof. Edward T. Prince of the Uni-versity of Toronto, his successor, has asked for more time to acquaint him-self with the work before making the report. Dr. David Starr Jordan is the American member of the commission.

TO AN END LAST SUNDAY New York, Dec. 29 .-- A special dispatch to the World from York, Pa., says that "Prophet" Lee J. Spangler. who created mixed wonder, fear and amusement at Nyack, N. Y., by de-claring that the world would come to an end at high noon Sunday, last, then

an end at high nooh sunday, last, then suddenly disappeared, has arrived here and is preparing to make more prophe-sies when he recuperates: The dis-patch adds that Spangler denies that he ran away from Nyack and said that if any warrant had been issued there for his arrest he was ignorant of it for his arrest he was ignorant of it. He is credited with making the fol-lowing statement with reference to the apparent general scepticism as regard his predictions:

his predictions: "It only serves to show how few people will be watching when the time does come. God has only deferred the end a little longer. The real reason for this is that New York ministers and people learned through my prophecies that the time had come and they all that the time had come and they all got down on their knees and prayed so hard that they saved the city like Ninevah, for the time being,"

DIED OF STARVATION.

But Dead Chinaman Had \$15,000 In His Pocket.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 29.-With a roll of \$15,000 in his pocket with which he intended to return to China. an unknown Chinese died of starva-tion on a Southern Pacific train yeswas reached. The man has not been identified as

yet, but railroad employes stated that he had worked a small vegetable ranch near Colton for several years. He had denied himself sufficient food to keep alive in order to have as large a sum as possible when he got back to his native country.

Date for Meeting of International One

Loss \$40,000.

of Wadsworth. It is Prof. Wright's belief that at one time the site of Wadsworth was cov-ered with a large glacier which was a mile high and extended to Millersburg. The paleolithic stone found near Wads-worth is an elliptical shaped flint stone weighing about a half or three-quarters of a pound, and is a fine specimen of one of the instruments used by man during the glacier period.

BOY RUN DOWN BY CAR SHOWS GREAT NERVE

New York, Dec. 29.—"Gec whiz, i guess you never before saw a kid hit by a car." remarked 8-year-old James McVicker last night after he had been run down and a leg cut off by a trol-

run down and a leg cut on by a trol-ley car. Displaying phenomenal nerve, the boy directed the movements of the motorman and conductor as he lay pinned under the car. Despite tho seriousness of his injuries, he signalled when to move the car up, and it was through the little fellow's advice that he was at last avtificated. When car

he was at last extricated. When carthe arrival of the ambulance, he did not lose consciousness and keyt up

his nerve even during the ride to the

hospital. Amputation of the leg was necessary, but the surgeons say the boy's pluck will pull him through. His

parents live at Green Point, L. I

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