

TYPICAL ITALIAN CITY AND MAP OF EARTHQUAKE ZONE WHERE THOUSANDS MET AWFUL DEATHS

WORST QUAKE OF THE CENTURY

ALL ITALY IS IN GLOOM

Province of Calabria Scene of Awful Engulfing Seismic Disturbance.

MANY THOUSANDS MEET DEATH

Sicily in Ruins and Entire Kingdom Terrorized, Fearing Greater Disaster May Come.

Many thousands of persons met death Monday as the result of an earthquake that devastated three provinces in the southeastern extremity of Italy and part of the Island of Sicily.

Reports from the devastated regions indicate that the death list probably will reach over 70,000 and may be swelled to much larger figures.

Incalculable loss to property resulted from the quake and a tidal wave that followed, buildings being tumbled in ruins and rich country laid waste.

Practically all the information so far received has been brought by boat from the ruined sections to telegraph points.

The three provinces of Calabria, Campania and Reggio di Calabria, comprising the southwestern part of Italy, or "the toe of the boot," suffered most severely.

At Catanzaro, a Sicilian town of 20,000 people, a number of houses were shaken down and the inhabitants fled for safety to the streets.

At Catania the quake and shore front were overwhelmed by a tidal wave that rolled in from the sea.

At Agosta, in the province of Syracuse, two churches and several houses were demolished, but no lives were lost.

Serious damage is said to have resulted and some casualties are reported at Mileto, Geraci and Stefanconi.

NEW COAL SUPPLY IN FAR WEST

Yosemite Park Said to Cover an Extensive Deposit of Fuel.

Cleveland Hibson, manager of the Montana Coal and Coal Company of Edridge, says a large deposit of coal lies under the Yosemite park.

MARY HURT IN TERRIBLE PANIC

Five on Stage at Altoona, Pa., Starts Spectators in Hysteria.

Following the close of an act at the Keith Theater in Altoona, Pa., where a moving picture show was being presented, five started on the stage.

MAY SHAW'S LIFE IN DOUBT

Illness Reported That Two Men Fled at Peruvian Rules.

There is no confirmation from any source of the reported attempt upon the life of the Shah of Persia, A. G. Peabody, publisher of the Vecker, said two men disguised as priests had made an attempt to kill the Persian ruler Dec. 26.



PALERMO - ON THE NORTH COAST OF SICILY - A TYPICAL COAST TOWN.

TOWNS WRECKED BY THE QUAKE

The towns in Sicily and southern Italy reported wrecked by the earthquake are as follows: Messina, Sicily—Population, 150,000; wrecked by earthquake and swept by tidal wave; loss of life enormous.



MAP OF SICILY AND LOWER ITALY, SHOWING LOCATIONS OF TOWNS WHICH SUFFERED GREATEST DAMAGE.

INVITES TWO NATIONS

President Roosevelt Asks Canada and Mexico to Aid in Conservation.

Announcement has been made at the White House in Washington of a proposed plan for a conference looking toward the conservation of the natural resources of North America.

ODDS & ENDS OF SPORT

The Australian tennis players won the Dwight F. Davis international cup, finally defeating Messrs. Wright and Alexander, the American contestants.

INDIAN COMMISSIONER RESIGNS

Francis E. Loupp Will Retire from Office, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Has Announced His Retirement from the Service at the Close of the Present Administration on March 4.

PASTOR ENDS LIFE WITH RAZOR

Searching Party Finds Minister Dead in Apartment.

LOW WATER DELAYS COAL SHIPS

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TRADE OF WORLD FALLS OFF

United States Not Alone with Decreased Exports and Imports.

The United States is not alone in the record of smaller imports and smaller exports that will characterize the history of our foreign commerce in 1908.

WILL GIVE UP CUBA JAN 24

Provisional Government of Island to Terminate on That Date.

BLIND; HAS \$200,000 SAVED

Shoeing Peddler Tells of Prosperity in 6 Years' Work.

TORTURED; YIELDS TO ROBBERS

Ohio Farmer's Feet Burned Until He Agrees to Open Safe.

MARGIS JURY IS DISMISSED

The jury in the case of Beach Hargis, charged with the murder of his father, James Hargis, reported its inability to agree and was discharged at Irvine, Ky.

CARDINAL VICTOR LUCIAN SUIPICE LECOT, ARCHBISHOP OF BORDEAUX, DIED AT CHAMBERY, FRANCE.

Date culture in the Imperial valley, California, is declared to be a success by J. W. Jennings, an experimenter.

JUSTICES OF THE COURT OF SPECIAL SESSIONS IN NEW YORK JUST ALMOST ALL NIGHT IN EFFORTS TO CATCH UP ON CASES.

Forty-two steam and thirteen sailing vessels were built in the United States and officially numbered during November.

A SPECIAL COMMISSION FROM PORTO RICO IS IN WASHINGTON FOR THE PURPOSE OF INDUCING CONGRESS TO IMPOSE A DUTY OF 5 CENTS A POUND ON FOREIGN COFFEE, THE PRINCIPAL INDUSTRY OF THE ISLAND.

A bridge three miles in length will be built by the Pennsylvania road over Hell Gate, from Post Mountain, a suburb of New York, to Long Island.

THE REV. JOHN P. MCCLOSKEY, ASSISTANT PASTOR OF THE CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TOLEDO, IS THE PAINT ANNOUNCIER THAT HIS DAYS WERE NUMBERED, ACCORDING TO DOCTORS, WHO WOULD LABOR TO THE LAST.

PRESIDENT OF FRANCE ATTACKED IN STREET

Man Throws Arms About Fallieres' Neck and Tries to Pull His Beard.

ROYALIST PLOT IS SCENTED

Insult Generally Believed to Be Act of Vainglorious Seeker After Notoriety.

While Armand Fallieres, the President of France, accompanied by M. Ramondou, his secretary, and Colonel Lasson, military attaché at the Elysee palace, was taking a morning stroll near the Rue de l'Etrole in Paris, a poorly clad individual, who evidently had been lying in wait, suddenly jumped upon the President from behind and threw his arms about M. Fallieres' neck in an effort to seize his beard.

Despite his advanced age Mr. Spreckels had devoted a large share of attention to the various enterprises in which he was interested, and it is not more than a month since he appeared before the Ways and Means Committee of the House in Washington as an authority on the subject of sugar duties.

SUGAR KING SPRECKELS DIES

Founder of Hugo Refineries Is Victim of Pneumonia.

Claus Spreckels, widely known as the "sugar king of the Pacific coast," died at 4:30 o'clock Saturday morning at his home in San Francisco in his eightieth year.



FREEMONT FALLIERES.

hours the President's assistant proved to be Jean Mattis, a cafe waiter, 24 years old and a native of the department of Meurthe, Meudals of General Mercier, the former Minister of War; stamps bearing the head of the Duke of Orleans, a card of membership in the Patrie Francaise and other Royalist documents were found on his person.

OBSCURE FARMER'S FEET BURNED UNTIL HE AGREES TO OPEN SAFE

Tortured by lighted matches applied to his bare feet, H. A. Schabow, a farmer near Cortice, Ohio, turned over to robbers \$100 belonging to an insurance company. The money was in a safe which Schabow opened when he could stand the pain no longer.

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"You know, Henry, the groceryman, who had charged me the bill."

"I know two or three who called the pretty one."

"You'd say that anyway, the pretty one, indifferently wouldn't be nothin' new."

"His other name was Clay, and it's used," replied the groceryman chuckling.

"I thought you said it was the pretty one, indifferently wouldn't be nothin' new."

"Don't you waste no time on that jathy on her," said the groceryman.

"I s'pose he don't have to marry if he don't want to," said the groceryman.

"You know all about it. Why do you ask me?" said the cook.

"She looked mighty innocent, and the groceryman."

"It's one good way to make a stop," said the cook.

"You don't see a woman, a certain amount after a woman."

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