

POLICE FIERY WITH GIRLS WHILE MERION IS AT CROOKS' MERCY

Hold Feasts, Take "Naps" and Have Good Time in General, Citizens' Probe Shows.

The surprise sprung by Edward Bok, president of the Merion Civic Association...

POLICEMEN STEAL FOOD. With these servants the police on duty regularly to their employers' homes...

TELEPHONE GIRLS CO-OPERATE. Meantime, a goodly procession of girls came to the Merion station...

OFFICIALS VERIFY EVIDENCE. When all the facts were carefully collected, several of the officers of the Merion Civic Association...

TRAP IS SPRUNG. For six weeks the investigation went on, and then Chief Donaghy, the head of the police...

POLICE ON "TIP-TOE". A radical change was at once made in the police assigned to the Merion station...

TO ENLARGE FORCE. The result of this excellent piece of civic work has opened the eyes of the Lower Merion Township Commissioners...

at Merion. The question was thrust out in executive session. The board would not disclose the nature of its further action, however.

CONVENTION OF PAINTERS INDORSES PAPER ON LIQUOR

Pittsburgh Delegate's Plea for Temperance May Start Crusade. The convention of the Master House Painters and Decorators' Association...

There was much discussion today of the paper read yesterday by Frank Brown, of Pittsburgh, advocating the abolishment of intemperance among employers of the trade.

"A COUSIN OF CHARLIE'S" SWINDLES HAVERFORD FOLK

Poses as Relative of Governor Carey at L. Leeds Miller's Home. The police are today looking for a suave gentleman with a broken front tooth...

WALTER ERBEN, JR., KILLED WHEN AUTO HITS WAGON. Young Radnor Man, Socially Prominent, Loses Life in Accident.

PHILADELPHIA SOCIAL CIRCLES were shocked today by news of the death of Walter Erben, Jr., of Radnor, who was killed when his auto ploughed into a bakery wagon on the Lancaster pike near Wynnewood...

500 LEFT TO ORPHANS' HOME

Will of Alexander B. Cunningham Admitted to Probate. The will of Alexander B. Cunningham, late of 1224 Judson street, bequeaths \$500 to the Huntington Home for Orphans and Friendless Children...

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DESTRUCTION LEFT IN PATH OF ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE



This is a view of the ruins caused in Messina in 1908, when one of the worst earthquakes in Italy's history took more than 77,000 lives. The city of Avezzano, 50 miles from Rome, has now been visited by a similar shock and doubtless like scenes will be left in its trail.

LIST OF TOWNS IN ITALY IN EARTHQUAKE ZONE WHICH SUFFERED LOSS

ROME, Jan. 14.—While details are still lacking the reports of the various officials in charge of the relief work show the following cities and towns affected: Albe, 1000 reported dead in and near town. Avezzano, 10,000 inhabitants; at least 1000 dead and 1500 injured; town completely destroyed; death list in adjoining territory very large. Aielli, 1000 reported dead; 500 hurt, many fatally. Arpino, 150 known dead, many hurt. Albano, some dead, number unknown; town badly damaged. Ariccia, 40 reported dead. Bussi, reported destroyed. Campo-Isauro, partly wrecked; 20 known dead; rumored that many are buried in ruins. Caserta, buildings damaged. Ciprano, many houses destroyed; no loss of life reported. Cast. partly demolished; no loss of life reported. Cervetri, seven reported dead. Cuccullo, reported destroyed. Galliano, three reported dead. Galiano, several dead in ruins of noted cathedral; others reported buried in ruins of their homes; no details as yet obtainable. Mezzano, entire city reported demolished; feared death list will be large; no details obtainable. Monte Rotondo, three known dead, including the noted Professor Luigi Megalini. Naples, none dead; many injured. Potenza, 50 miles east of Naples, entire city reported badly damaged; population about 20,000; no loss of life reported. Pofi, 600 out of total population of 4000 reported killed; town practically demolished. Paliano, slight loss. Perete, buildings damaged; several killed. Pozzillo, buildings damaged. Poggioreale, reported heavily; no details as yet obtainable. Palestrina, five dead; many hurt. Rome, none dead in city, but many hurt; 89 buildings destroyed. Tivoli, 15 reported dead; many injured. Sorra, 100 reported dead; town reported completely wrecked. Sarno, Sonnino, Subiaco and Sanvita, many reported injured in these towns, but none dead. Torra Cajenti, at least 150 believed to be dead and many injured. Tivoli, one dead; many hurt. Terra Chino, ten dead; many hurt. Trevi and Torrice, many reported injured; none dead. Viroli, two killed; 40 injured. Velletri and Vicovara, many injured; none known dead.

GIRLS BURIED IN RUINS OF AVEZZANO SCHOOL. REFUGEE DECLARES

ROME, Jan. 14.—A refugee from Avezzano, an employee of the normal school and college there, brought the first story of an eyewitness of the effects of the earthquake to Rome. "Avezzano is a mass of ruins," he said. "In the normal school there were 140 girl students. The building was shaken down like a house of cardboard. The college was destroyed in the same manner. Houses standing upon the shore of Lake Pucino were thrown into its bed and disappeared into great chasms that opened. Other houses were overthrown and smashed into heaps of dust that buried their occupants, who died without knowing what had happened. "I believe that not a single student at the normal school escaped. I was caught among the debris near the college and was unable to get out for several hours. For a long time I heard the heart-rending screams of the girls as they shrieked for help. These gradually became weaker and then died away altogether. Those who were not crushed to death were suffocated by the dust. Several survivors fought to reach the imprisoned girls even after their voices had been silenced, but they had to abandon the task finally, owing to the dust-laden air that prevented their breathing."

25,000 MAY HAVE PERISHED IN ITALY

Continued from Page One zano were crushed in the ruins of their homes. The Government reports say that the houses collapsed under the violence of the shock as though they were made of cards. Fire broke out in the ruins shortly after the initial shock, but it was quickly extinguished. The uninjured immediately started the work of rescue. It is stated that more than 1500 persons were injured, many seriously. There was no way of getting word of the tragedy to the outside world except by messenger, and it required nearly all day for the courier to reach a point where he could get into communication with Rome. The King at once ordered cavalry and infantry to the rescue and virtually all the territory affected is now under martial law. Not only has railroad traffic in the stricken district been interrupted, but it is reported that in many instances the roads along the mountain sides have been turned into deep gullies that are almost impassable. The various bridges and tunnels along the railroad were all destroyed, and reports current here today say that at least one train filled with passengers fell into a gully.

THOUSAND DEAD AT ALBE.

Nearly 1000 persons are reported to have been killed in and around the village of Albe, near Casano. Celano lies 23 miles southeast of Aquila, near the former bed of Lago Fusino. At Trevi, in the Province of Perugia, two lives were lost. A dispatch from Naples says there has been no loss of life in the Province of Potenza, where the full strength of the earthquake was believed to have been felt. Communication was restored for a brief interval today, and officials report that what has been done in great property damage, it is not believed that any one has been killed. The gravest anxiety had been felt for this province, because all communication with it has been cut off since the earthquake.

KING VISITS STRICKEN TOWNS.

Announcement was made at noon that King Victor Emmanuel had left Rome for the interior to visit the points where the earthquake was most severe. Two special trains left here early today carrying physicians to rescue the victims and medical supplies. The King will take personal charge of the relief work.

In one of these trains was the Duchess d'Aosta, personal representative of Queen Helene, whose health prevented her from going to the sufferers. The Duchess will make a tour of all the damaged towns and assist in the relief work. The Government is taking energetic steps to rescue the victims and to restore the shattered towns. Troops are being rushed to the devastated area with all possible speed. Doctors and medical supplies are already on the way.

POPE BENEDICT PRAISED.

There is nothing but the highest praise everywhere for Pope Benedict, who when the first shock was felt was reciting the thanksgiving after the morning mass. He immediately directed that every effort be made to aid the sufferers, and by his example finally quelled an incipient panic among his attendants and guards. His Holiness immediately gave orders for a Solemn High Mass in the Cathedral, and had an investigation made of the damage sustained at St. Peter's. The Premier Salandra, who also holds the portfolio of Minister of the Interior, canceled a trip that he had intended to take to Naples today and stayed in Rome to superintend relief measures here. A Cabinet meeting was held this morning at which it was decided to appropriate \$5,000 at once for the relief of the suffering caused by the earthquake.

"SECOND ONLY TO MESSINA."

At the conclusion of the cabinet meeting the Premier said: "We fear that this disaster is second only to that at Messina in which more than 77,000 perished. We are hoping, of course, that the restoration of communication will show that the disaster was

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VILLA PLANS COUP; CARRANZA'S FORCES REPORTED IN CAPITAL

With Obregon Said to Have Replaced Zapata, First Chief's Rival Seeks His Overthrow.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Villa has cast the die to win or lose all in Mexico, according to advices reaching here today. His plan of campaign, the messages stated, is to wipe out the Carranzistas in the northern section. Then sweeping on to Tampico and Puebla, he hopes to crush the remaining forces, thus compelling Carranza to give way permanently to Gutierrez.

This information comes simultaneously with a report from El Paso emanating from Carranza headquarters at Vera Cruz, to the effect that General Obregon, first lieutenant of Carranza, had entered the suburbs of Mexico City, from which General Zapata was said yesterday to have withdrawn. The report was emphatically denied at the Villa headquarters in Juarez, where it was alleged no Carranza troops were in the vicinity of Mexico City. Carranzistas here today asserted that their leaders had massed 25,000 troops for the Torreón-Saltillo campaign, with 9000 arriving fresh yesterday at Tampico. At the same time the Villistas maintained they had added 8000 new troops to their Tampico forces, and were predicting that the impending battles will be the turning point in the internal struggle. Simultaneous attacks at Torreón and Puebla, who were imminent today, together with a "clean-up" battle in the Saltillo region. State Department officials were awaiting confirmation of the reported re-election of Gutierrez by the new peace convention. In the meantime they were inclined to credit the report and to believe that Villa still supported him. Trouble from Zapata over this move, however, was feared, although the Administration is inclined to pin its faith on Villa in this crucial moment of Mexico's warfare.

RISE WATERS OF DELAWARE THREATEN

Continued from Page One devices for elevating the platforms could not raise them enough. No injuries were reported as a result of this, but John Harper, who works around the dock with the steam barge Hercules, moored at Pier 24, fell into the icy water while trying to climb into his vessel.

At Camden the water is up to Delaware avenue. At Federal street the flood extends to Van Selver's furniture establishment, nearly a block from the ferry, and passengers are obliged to take cars to pass it or wade through it. Conditions are worse at Kalen's Point. The wharves there are dilapidated as a result of the recent fire, and the water finds little resistance. Several sewers have overflowed and one collapsed near the ferry. The boathouse of Herbert Ducher at Gloucester was flooded and sunk. Many families who occupy boathouses the year round were compelled to move to the second floors for safety.

The trolley tracks were completely submerged and service from Woodbury north was interrupted at Timber Creek, while the southbound cars from Camden could go no farther than Jersey avenue. Wreckage floating down the stream indicated that houses had been swept away at other points. Traffic on the West Jersey and Seashore Railroad is threatened. Wrecking crews were sent to several points along the line and are making barricades of railroad ties along the river banks in a final effort to stem the tide. The Public Service Railway Company hopes to be able to continue its service.

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SNOW AND ICE JAM SUSQUEHANNA

Hamlets along the banks of the river were almost obliterated by the gorging of the ice flow. The house here shown is at Safe Harbor, and shows its condition when the occupants were taken out during a midnight storm in a boat. A score of other homes in the same town suffered a like flooding.