



EARTHQUAKE SHOCK PRECEDES TERROR AND PANIC IN ROME

Historic Buildings in Central Part of City Are Reported Damaged

CHURCH BELFRY IN DANGER

As Far as Can Be Learned There Were No Deaths in the Italian Capital

Rome, Jan. 13, 7:50 A. M.—A terrific earthquake, the strongest ever felt in Rome, occurred early to-day. It lasted several seconds and caused a serious panic, people everywhere rushing from their houses in terror. Many buildings were damaged by the shock.

So far as could be learned one hour after the quake no lives were lost. Nor was it possible to reach any definite idea of the degree of the damage suffered by the city.

Confusion in City

There was confusion throughout the whole of Rome. In some cases it amounted to terror, and bordered on panic. The telephone was resorted to by a number of people at the same time to inquire of the safety of relatives and friends and then to learn the extent of the damage to the city.

The telephone girls did their best to meet the emergency. A system of gathering and giving information was hurriedly inaugurated. It was learned early in the day that among the old buildings damaged was the Palazzo Chigi, as well as the famous column of Marcus Aurelius. Historic buildings on the Piazza Colonna, in the center of Rome, also were damaged, as was also the famous Parnese palace, occupied by the French embassy. Here a piece of the stone cornice had fallen.

The belfry of the Church of St. Andrew is in danger of falling and the building has been surrounded by a cordon of police to prevent the people from approaching it.

A large crowd gathered this morning in the square in front of the Column of Marcus Aurelius. At a point about halfway up it was seen that the column had been broken and twisted. It was at least six inches from its true axis. The immense bronze statue of St. Paul on top of the column also inclines to one side.

The last serious earthquake in the Rome district occurred July 19, 1899. Rome, Frascati and other towns on the Alban hills felt the shock and many buildings were damaged, but there was no loss of life. Further south in Italy and Sicily, however, earthquakes are frequent and very severe. Great loss of life and heavy damage to property have occurred in these regions.

Bill Is Presented to Make Washington "Dry"

Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.—A resolution to amend the Senate rules to permit a vote on prohibition for the District of Columbia was introduced favorably to the Senate yesterday. Senator Stephen D. Duggan, author of the resolution, gave notice he would ask for action on it to-day, and predicted its passage.

The prohibition measure is proposed as an amendment to the district appropriation bill. The rules amendment was referred to the rules committee by a vote of 37 to 24, and three hours later the committee, by a vote of 5 to 2, reported it back with a favorable recommendation.

The Senate struck out of the appropriation bill a provision inserted by the House to abolish the system by which the United States Government sends the District of Columbia each year the expenses of the district government.

WILL GIVE AID TO POLAND

Berlin, via The Hague and London, Jan. 13, 10:55 A. M.—Dr. Wickliffe Ross and Ernest Bloknell, belonging to the American Red Cross mission, departed to-day for Poland, where succor for the civil population is equally as urgent as it is in Belgium.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and colder to-night; Thursday forecast, fair. For the Pennsylvania: Fair and colder to-night; Thursday fair, diminishing northwest winds. River. The North Branch, lower portion of the West Branch and the main river will rise slowly this afternoon and to-night and remain nearly stationary or fall slowly Thursday. The Upper West Branch and the Juniata will fall slowly or remain nearly stationary during the next thirty-six hours, a stage of about 12.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Thursday morning.

Lawyer Rogers, Woman Who Killed Her Two Babies, and Former Husband



These are the first photographs of the leading characters in the strange tragedy of Loris Elton Rogers, the New York lawyer, and Mrs. Ida Sniffen Walters (Rogers). This peculiar case has been in the newspapers for nearly two weeks and the country has been secured for pictures of Mrs. Walters and her husband without result until recently. Mrs. Walters was married to Arthur Walters some twelve years ago. She was then Ida Sniffen. A divorce was obtained later, and she went to Suffern, N. Y. There Rogers, who had been married to an Alabama woman some twenty years ago, met her. He had then been divorced from the southern woman, but kept up his acquaintance with Mrs. Walters resulting in the birth of two children, one about two years old and the other less than a year old at the time of the tragedy.

But prior to this Rogers had married Miss Catherine Giddings, sister of Professor Giddings of Columbia University, perhaps the best-known man in that institution. Professor Giddings has, in fact, been mentioned several times as a majority possibility in New York City. It was Rogers' custom to leave his downtown law office early in the day for the home of the woman who had divorced him. Then he went on further uptown to Mrs. Walters' home, where he remained until 8 or 9 o'clock. Later he went to the home where his wife lived on Riverside Drive. This peculiar situation continued until Mrs. Walters, giving up hope of having Mrs. Rogers get a divorce so she might marry the lawyer, gave her two children poison and took some herself. She got well, but the children died, and now she must face charges by the grand jury of Bronx county.

PARK IMPROVEMENTS AMOUNTED TO \$8,600

Commissioner Taylor's Report Shows Changes Were Made From His Appropriation

While the annual report of the city's parks and playgrounds, submitted yesterday by City Commissioner M. Harvey Taylor, superintendent, recites in detail the various improvements, alterations, etc., in the development of the recreational department, the feature that attracted particular attention is that permanent improvements to the extent of \$8,600 were made during the year from maintenance appropriation.

HUNTS OWN SHADOW WITH BROOM-GUN

Sommambulist Scours Home; Two Sergeants, Desk Officer and Other Policemen Summoned

Taking his own shadow for a burglar during a somnambulist trip early this morning, Charles Fisher, 227 North Fifteenth street, had the police summoned for a time. Two sergeants, a desk officer, one motorcycle officer and a patrolman made a hurry call to the Fisher residence at 4 o'clock. They found the somnambulist in the cellar hunting the burglar with a broom for a gun. According to the police, while Fisher was walking about in his sleep he saw a shadow on the door and later on the wall of the bathroom. Thinking it was a burglar, he went to his wife's room and mumbly asked for a gun. He picked up a broom standing in a corner and started a search, telling his wife there were robbers about.

GALE CAUSES LOSS IN PA. AND JERSEY

Atlantic City Suffers; Many Textile Mills Closed Along Schuylkill

WIND RESULTS IN ONE DEATH

52-Mile-an-Hour Wind in New York; Lower Susquehanna to Raise

Reports received to-day from the storm-swept sections of Pennsylvania and New Jersey show that considerable damage was done by high wind, while in many places the heavy rain caused rivers and creeks to overflow. The weather to-day was clearing and the high water was rapidly receding. The Schuylkill river was high from its source in the anthracite coal region to Philadelphia where it empties into the Delaware. In many places it was out of its banks, causing considerable damage. Textile mills along the Schuylkill in Philadelphia were closed because of water in their basements.

In the northern parts of Pennsylvania railroad traffic was impeded by deep snow. Exposed places at Atlantic City were again damaged by high water and severe gales. The music hall on the ocean end of the Steel Pier which was wrecked during the storm last month, was further damaged to-day when high seas crashed against it. Portions of the boardwalk south of Atlantic City were damaged and higher water flooded a part of the upper end of the city at the inlet.

Storm Causes One Death

The derailment of the Washington-New York Express at Ferryville, Md., last night resulted in the death of the engineer and injuring of the fireman, was due to the locomotive hitting the roof of a box car which had been tipped off by the wind ten minutes before the passenger train came along.

Harrisburg and Dauphin county are not suffering much inconvenience from the heavy rains of the past 24 hours. Minor damage was reported throughout this section and many of the smaller streams in the county are high but will recede within the next 24 hours.

A stage of about twelve and one-half feet is estimated for the river at this point to-morrow morning.

At the Central Iron and Steel company the water backed up in the sewer, filling one of the driver pits but no damage was done.

30-Mile Gale Here

The wind velocity for the city was about 20 miles an hour when at its highest last night, but caused no serious damage. At New York city the wind was traveling at a rate of 52 miles an hour this morning. The storm which has just passed over the eastern section of the country is now at sea passing off the northern New Jersey coast. Fair and colder weather with the lowest temperature about

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TURKS TAKE IMPORTANT POSITION FROM RUSS; PERSIAN CITY CAPTURED

One Turkish Regiment Captured and Another Partly Destroyed, According to Petrograd Dispatches; Obsolete and Bitter Fighting Still in Progress in West; Austrians Claim Successes

Dover, Jan. 13, via London, 4:55 P. M.—Two German submarines were to-day fired upon and sunk by the coast batteries off Dover, according to persistent rumors current in the city.

Further importance successes in the campaign against Turkey were announced to-day by Russia. It is asserted that one Turkish regiment was captured, another partially destroyed, and a Turkish position seized with guns and ammunition. Notwithstanding the statement it is evident that large bodies of Turkish troops are still on Russian soil, and the recent statement from Petrograd that an overwhelming defeat has been inflicted on the Turks, involving the capture of one army corps and the cutting up of another, is denied officially at Constantinople. The statement to-day of the Russian staff attached to the Caucasian army says that resistance has not been broken, stating that obstinate and bitter fighting is still in progress.

Turkish forces which invaded Northwestern Persia and reported unofficially to have occupied Tabriz, an important Persian city within the sphere of Russian influence where a Russian military station was maintained. A Constantinople dispatch last night said that the Russians had retreated from Tabriz.

In Southern Poland the Russians have made another attempt to push across the Nida river, apparently in an effort to advance once more on Cracow. An official Austrian statement says the Russians were compelled to withdraw under the fire of the Austrian artillery.

Allies' Advance Checked

The assaults of the allies against selected positions in the German line, gaining grounds for them at several points during the last week, have led to German counterattacks in force and the heaviest infantry fighting of some time. To-day's official communications from Berlin and Paris indicate that the Germans, having brought large bodies of troops into play, have checked the advance of the allies and have themselves made important gains.

The heaviest fighting occurred yesterday to the east of Soissons. The Germans state that they definitely repulsed the allies and gained possession of two of their positions, capturing 1,700 prisoners and several guns. Attacks near the canal of La Bassée, it is said, were defeated, while the allies were compelled by German artillery fire to evacuate trenches near the Belgian coast in the neighborhood of Newport.

The French statement admits that the allies were driven back near Soissons, being compelled to yield ground to the Germans. In the Argonne, where desperate fighting has been in progress for some time, the opposing armies temporarily have relaxed their efforts. There, as elsewhere in the west, bad weather hinders military activities.

No change is recorded from either Petrograd or Berlin in the campaign in Poland.

11,000 GERMANS DESERT RANKS

Strict Guarding of Frontier to Stop Crossing of Deserters

Paris, Jan. 13, 4:50 A. M.—The real reason for the strict guarding of the Belgian Dutch frontier, says the Martin's correspondent at Havre, "is an epidemic of desertion which began in the German ranks after the battle of the Yser. From November 15 to December 15 there was 11,000 desertions from the garrison of Bruges alone."

VALUE OF ANTI-TYPHOID VACCINATION IS SHOWN

Paris, Jan. 13, 4:40 A. M.—The war has demonstrated beyond all question according to members of the medical commission, the value of anti-typhoid vaccination. Most of the members of the active army had been vaccinated before the war but the reservists and territorialists drafted and sent to the front later had not and as a result, towards the end of October, a large number of cases of typhoid developed. The medical commission sent doctors to the firing line and they vaccinated a whole army corps of 40,000 men.

By the end of December the good results of this treatment became apparent as typhoid had practically disappeared, the only cases remaining being among the men of two regiments 1,700 prisoners and several guns. Attacks near the canal of La Bassée, it is said, were defeated, while the allies were compelled by German artillery fire to evacuate trenches near the Belgian coast in the neighborhood of Newport.

STORM DAMAGE IN NEW ENGLAND

Boston, Jan. 13.—The storm which reached New England yesterday attained its maximum strength off the south-east coast to day, causing much damage in Rhode Island, Connecticut and Southeastern Massachusetts. Summer residences on Massachusetts bay from Sandwich to Cape Ann were badly damaged. Damage was reported also at Nantucket, Cohasset and other points on the south shore.

CHILD STARTS FIRE

A five-year-old daughter was responsible for a blaze at the home of Earl D. Williams, 2023 Penn street, this afternoon. The child set fire to curtains and pillows. The Rely chemical wagon was called. The damage amounted to \$25.00.

BIG NAVAL INCREASE IN SIGHT

Washington, Jan. 13.—A naval building program of two battleships, six torpedoboat destroyers and seventeen submarines was adopted and incorporated in the naval bill to-day by the House Naval Committee. The bill was reported at once to the House.

FORESTERS MUST NOT PAY

Watertown, N. Y., Jan. 13.—Supreme Court Justice C. Emerson handed down a decision to-day in a test case which affects all Foresters in the United States who joined the order prior to 1899. The decision holds that such Foresters need not pay extraordinary assessment levied in 1912 which amounts to virtually \$250 on \$1,000 of insurance. The case is that of Henry McClement vs. the Supreme Court of Foresters.

VIOLATES RESTRICTION ORDER

Aberdeen Scotland, Jan. 13, via London, 5:13 P. M.—Adolph Dietze claiming American citizenship and in possession of an American Passport was remanded here to-day on the charge of violating the Aliens restriction order.

Delhi, India, Jan. 13, via London, 4:05 P. M.

—The Viceroy, Baron Hardinge in a speech to-day at the opening of the Viceregal council disclosed that the troops which India has contributed to the war numbered 200,000. These soldiers are distributed in France, Egypt, Africa and along the Persian Gulf.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

John Sylvester Etter, Dauphin county, and Eliza Gertrude Gelsinger, Union Deposit.

Anson H. Bricke Lebanon county, and Mary A. Ebersole, Dauphin county.

How Would You Like to Hug One of These Belgian Refugees, Huh?

None of the members of the Home and War Relief Committee is posing as a model for the women's gowns which are being sent to the European war refugees. The reason? Waist measurement of the refugee gowns fluctuates between the 40 and 42 inch mark. That little detail slipped out this morning when the ladies of the supplies division began assembling parts for the home relief division to issue.

The "word" came from the Red Cross of Europe that the average European waist required the 40 or 42 inch band to make a comfortable fit.

Red Cross Chairman Miss Anne McCormick and Mrs. Carl Ely are in Mechanicsburg to-day giving the Irving College girls a demonstration in the art of preparing Red Cross supplies.

Relief Committee Warns Against Making Gowns Too Narrow 'Round the Waist

Volunteers to work on the materials on hand or to buy material and work it up are wanted. There is room—and work—for five more women each day. Additional supplies for the foreign and Red Cross divisions were turned in to-day by the Mrs. E. Z. Gross Pine Street Sunday School Bible class, which was first in the field to sew for the war sufferers. These volunteers have been sewing for four weeks.

Children's hoods are now being manufactured by the Red Cross division. The necessary blanks, in warm materials, are on hand and may be bought by volunteers and sewn together, either at headquarters or at homes. Just 15 dozen surgical shirts were turned over to the Red Cross division yesterday by the supplies division for shipment this week.

MRS. SARAH BLUM'S DEATH

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Blum were held Monday in Baltimore. Mrs. Blum died Saturday, January 9, at her home in that city after a brief illness, in her eighty-first year. She was the mother of Mrs. Kaufman, wife of David Kaufman, proprietor of the Kaufman Underselling Store, residing at 1728 North Second street.

\$137,456 IN COFFERS OF DAUPHIN COUNTY

All Indebtedness but \$30,000 Could Be Cleared From Cash Balance

If Dauphin county just now wished to wipe out its entire net bonded debt it could pay off all but about \$30,000 of it from the balance in the treasury alone. The net bonded indebtedness is \$167,974.81; the cash amounts to \$137,456.33.

That is only one of the interesting possibilities shown by County Controller Henry W. Gough's first annual report submitted today to the Dauphin County Court and the County Commissioners.

Other high-lights in the county's financial status as set forth in detail by the report are:

That the county has a thousand dollars

BRUMBAUGH TO SPEND FRIDAY WITH TENER

Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh will visit Harrisburg on Friday and will spend the afternoon at the Executive Department at the Capitol, meeting various state officials and members of the Inaugural committee who wish to lay their completed plans before him for approval.

Dr. Brumbaugh will arrive here late Friday morning and will be the guest of Governor Tener. He will go direct from the Pennsylvania station to the Executive mansion where he will be a guest of Governor and Mrs. Tener at luncheon. During the remainder of his visit he will be at the Executive Department, following the

MAKE SHIPPERS FEED BAD MILK 'TO HOGS'

A more rigid inspection of milk and stricter attention to the supply sent by express from the surrounding country to city dealers, with condemnation of milk at the depots that does not come up to standards, will be among the recommendations presented in the report of the City Bureau.

GARRISON SAYS PLAN IS SOUND

Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.—Sound in principal and eminently satisfactory to the War Department is the comment by Secretary Garrison, in answer to an investigation from the Senate committee on military affairs, to express his opinion upon the Chamberlain bill to create a reserve of officers in the army.

WAR IN BALKANS DOUBTED

Berlin, via The Hague and London, Jan. 13, 10:55 A. M.—The correspondent of the Cologne Gazette at Sofia, Bulgaria, declares that the leading circles in Bulgaria do not share in the belief that there is to be an immediate extension of the war in the Balkans. All decisions, it is said, depend on the results of the great battles now progressing.

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