

# Thousands of People in Towns Between Rome and Naples Killed by Earthquake

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## EARTHQUAKE CLAIMS TOLL OF 50,000; DIVINE WARNING NOT TO ENTER WAR, ITALY'S BELIEF

## RUSSIAN FORCES HAVE AGAIN UNDERTAKEN AN OFFENSIVE MOVE

### LIST OF CASUALTIES STEADILY INCREASES AS DETAILS OF LATEST HORROR ARE RECEIVED

Thousands of People Are Buried Beneath Ruins of Buildings in a Dozen Towns Between Rome and Naples

### KING OF ITALY GOES TO AVEZZANO TO OFFER AID

Pope Benedict Expresses Desire to Go to Scene to Help Distressed People; Relief Committees Being Organized

Rome, Jan. 14.—With every hour as additional and more accurate details are received, the horror of yesterday's earthquake increases, threatening to place it in the list of similar catastrophes in Europe second only to the Messina disaster of 1908.

The list of dead, dying and injured has increased from a relatively small figure last night to more than 50,000 according to an official announcement to-day and it is expected this number may grow before the day is over.

The full extent of the property loss has not yet been determined. Here in Rome priceless statues, century-old buildings and structures that for years have been the mecca of all visitors have been destroyed or injured.

Some expressed belief that the earthquake was a divine warning to Italy not to take part in the war and this conclusion was not confined to the masses. It was heard even in official and palace circles throughout the day. The superstitious looked upon the disaster as an omen which the Italian nation should heed.

Traffic Is Suspended  
The greater part of the territory in Eastern Italy affected by the disturbance is mountainous country. In some places railway tunnels were destroyed and it will be months before rail traffic can resume its normal way.

The region most deeply affected extends for about 280 miles from north to south and about 100 miles from Mediterranean coast, east toward the Adriatic Sea with the heart of the most terribly stricken area being in the valley of the Central Apennines.

These mountains are not volcanic and the earthquake was not of volcanic origin, although from Naples it is reported that Vesuvius has been showing more than usual activity during the past twenty-four hours.

Rome appears to have escaped fatalities although some persons here were injured. Though the loss of life, and possibly the damage may be less than it was in 1908, the area of the disturbance greatly exceeds the Messina earthquake. It covers the central portion of Italy, extending from Naples on the south to Ferrara on the north.

The most disastrous disturbance.  
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### THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and slightly warmer to-day, with lowest temperature about 35 degrees; Friday fair. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night, slightly warmer; Friday fair; gentle to moderate east to southeast winds.

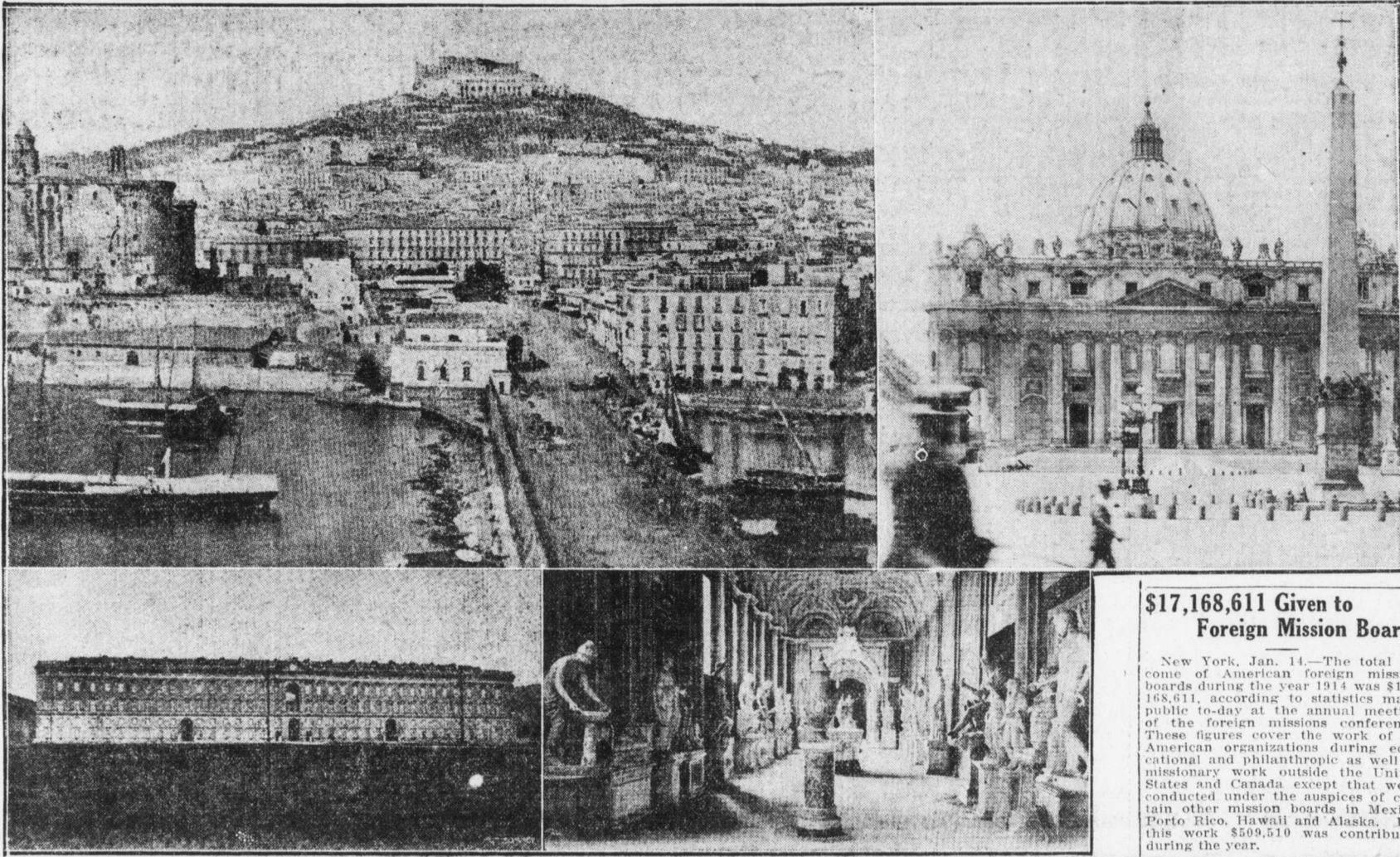
River  
The Susquehanna river and its principal tributaries will fall slowly or remain nearly stationary to-night and Friday. A range of about 9.0 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Friday morning.

General Conditions  
The Atlantic coast storm has passed off seaward and the high pressure area from the Ohio and Lower Mississippi Valley has moved eastward to the coast. Pressure is below normal over the Lake Region and nearly all the territory west of the Mississippi river with two storm centers, one over the Lake Superior region and the other over Northwestern Oregon. No precipitation has occurred east of the Rocky mountains since last report, except along the immediate Atlantic coast from North Carolina northward to Massachusetts.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 44.  
Sun: Rises, 7:26 a. m.; sets, 5:02 p. m.  
Moon: New moon, to-morrow, 9:42 a. m.  
River Stage: .55 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather  
Highest temperature, 44.  
Lowest temperature, 37.  
Mean temperature, 40.  
Normal temperature, 29.

### SCENES FROM ROME AND NAPLES, IN EARTHQUAKE ZONE, WHERE THOUSANDS LOSE LIVES



Scenes from Rome and Naples in the earthquake zone show some of the well-known places affected by the disturbance. On the upper left is a view of Naples, where great panic seized the populace when the shocks came. On the upper right, is a view of the famous Obelisk in St. Peter's Square, Rome. Below on the left is seen the Palazzo Reale, in Caserta, where great loss of life has been reported. On the right is the Vatican Museum showing the Galleria Delle Statue where costly images have been toppled from their pedestals to ruin.

### TENER TO LEAVE FOR CHICAGO ON TUESDAY

Train Leaves Just 58 Minutes After Inaugural Ceremony; In Federal Suit

Governor Tener will leave for Chicago next Tuesday immediately after Governor-elect Brumbaugh makes his address. It is the plan of the Governor to accompany Dr. Brumbaugh to the inaugural stand and to listen to his address and to extend his best wishes. The ceremony is to take place

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### 600 ITALIANS HERE FEAR FOR RELATIVES

Scores Have Friends, Parents, Brothers, Sisters Where Thousands Are Dead

More than 600 people of Italian birth and descent residing in this city have relatives and friends living within fifty miles of Rome and right in the midst of the territory which was shook by the earthquake.

Casimiro Gaeto, a tailor at 212 Locust street, has an aunt, Victoria Gaeta, living at S. Elna A. Pianisi, about 30 miles southeast of Rome, and is anxiously waiting some word from her. Nicola Contone, employed by V. F.

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### Christian Who Remained in Miandoab Massacred

Petrograd, via London, Jan. 14, 9:15 a. m.—The correspondent of the Bourse Gazette at Tiflis sends a statement made to him by Schoda Ed. Davutich, the former governor of the province of Azerbajan, Persia, who has arrived in Tiflis. He is one of four survivors of a guard of 400 horsemen who defended the bridge at the entrance of Miandoab, "the gateway of Persia." He fought the Turks for ten hours, enabling refugees to escape to Maragha, 50 miles south of Tiflis. All Christians who remained in Miandoab, he stated, were massacred.

"When I heard that the Turks were advancing," he said, "I posted 1,500 troops in one of the Miandoab forts and 1,200 in another. I myself with 400 relatives and friends fought a hopeless battle at the bridge until all but four were killed by the Turks' quickfiring. I then fled on horseback from Tabriz to Julfa.

### EARTH SLIPPED, SAY 2 LOCAL GEOLOGISTS

Professors Henchen and Smyser, of Central High, Explain Cause of Earthquake

"The earth slipped," "This," declared Professor George N. C. Henchen, instructor of physics at Central high school, and one of the leading geologists of this city and the State of Pennsylvania, "is the cause of the earthquake which has devastated Italy from Rome to Naples."

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### Wheat Prices Take Jump and Reach New High Price of \$1.42 3-8 Per Bushel

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 14.—Grabbing up of Spring wheat by exporters swept the wheat market to-day to a new high record war level prices. May wheat easily reached \$1.42 3/8 a bushel, thus surpassing the former tip-top quotation, \$1.41 1/2, which was reported January 8, before the bulls had been intimidated by rumors that the Dardanelles would quickly be forced and that an attack by Italy on Turkey would hasten the end of the war.

### Girl, Terribly Burned, Dies in Much Agony

Miss Zena Bangert, 16 years old, who was seriously burned a week ago at her home, 435 South Cameron street, died shortly before noon to-day at the Harrisburg Hospital where she had been taken for treatment. Miss Bangert was in the kitchen washing dishes near the stove when they heard the screams and put out the blaze. Her lower limbs and parts of the body were horribly burned. She died in extreme agony.

### Two Conductors Killed Under Same Circumstances

Wilmington, Del., Jan. 14.—Though at widely separated points, two freight conductors on the Pennsylvania railroad last night met death under circumstances almost identical. The victims were Thomas O. Butler, 50 years old, this city, and William E. Sill, 54 years old, of Chester. Both had served 25 years in the service of the company. Butler was killed at Harrington, Del., and Sill at Thurlow, Pa. Each was taking a manifest and was standing near his train when he was run down by a locomotive.

### BACKBONE OF HARD TIMES BEING BROKEN

Penna. Steel Co. Receives Orders For 10,000 Tons of Material; Forerunner of Others

The Pennsylvania Steel Company to-day received orders for about 10,000 tons of steel rails, girders and castings. While the orders are not unusually large for this time of the year, company officials say, it is indicative of larger orders to come within the next few weeks.

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### King Forgets War in Effort to Carry Aid to His Stricken People

Rome, Jan. 14.—King Victor Emmanuel at a late hour last night, left in a motor car for Avezzano, accompanied by General Brusati, one of his aids. Before leaving the city the king was reminded of the international situation, it being thought this might keep him in Rome. To this suggestion the king replied: "The sufferings of my people are nearer my heart than anything else."

### Wilson Favors Suffrage For New Jersey Women

Washington, D. C., Jan. 14.—Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, Mrs. Medill McCormick and Mrs. Winston Churchill, woman suffrage leaders, called on President Wilson to-day and discussed the suffrage amendment to the constitution in New Jersey, now pending in the legislature. After their meeting Dr. Shaw issued a statement, saying they had not discussed the national issue and which concluded as follows: "We have come away from our interview with the distinct impression that very shortly the President will come out with a statement favorable to suffrage in the state of New Jersey."

### PITTSBURGH ATTORNEY IS HELD ON BRIBERY CHARGE

Parkersburg, W. Va., Jan. 14.—A. Leo Well, of Pittsburgh, chief counsel for the Manufacturers' Light and Heat Company, was arrested on a train at Williamson, W. Va., early to-day by Sheriff Banner Hill, of Charleston, charged with attempting to bribe C. H. Bronson, of the Public Service Commission, in an effort to influence a decision in which the light company is interested. Well was brought here and soon afterward started for Charleston with the sheriff. Bronson is a brother-in-law of Governor Hatfield.

### STORM DAMAGE AT SEA BRIGHT

Sea Bright, N. J., Jan. 14.—A few more mornings like this, and there will be no Sea Bright. A high tide wrecked cottages already weakened by previous inundations and swept out of thousands of cubic yards of solid earth.

### CONFIDENT SUFFRAGE BILL WILL BE PASSED

Leaders Here Feel That Measure Is Sure to Pass the State Legislature

Victory for woman suffrage in Pennsylvania is the confident anticipation of the officials of the Pennsylvania Woman Suffrage Association, whose headquarters are in the Arcade building, Walnut and Court streets, this city. Final passage of the bill submitting

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### FATHER CHARGED BY DAUGHTER ON TRIAL

Criminal Attacks Upon Her, She Says; Only Spanked Her, He Says

Father and daughter faced each other as defendant and prosecutrix in January quarter sessions to-day when John H. Schell, 2116 Derry street, was tried upon charges growing from his alleged criminal attack upon Anna Schell.

According to the girl's story, her father made two different attempts; at one time she fought him off, she said, and the next time he succeeded. Schell, who most of the time quietly cried as he sat beside his counsel, denied the charge and said the only time he had raised his hand against her was when she had been impudent, calling him a liar and some other unprintable names. On these occasions, he frankly admitted, he had spanked her in the old-fashioned way.

Other witnesses of the neighborhood testified as to the honesty and integrity of Schell, while the veracity of his daughter Anna was said to be of a questionable character.

The case was concluded with the noon adjournment and was given to the jury this afternoon by President Judge Kunkel.

Attorney John R. Geyer, of Fox & Geyer, was engaged to defend H. R. Mercer, who was arraigned with Henry LaBrun for forgery and false pretenses. Judge Kunkel tried this case, too. One witness for the State is James E. Madigan, a bookkeeper of the Barnett National Bank, of Jacksonsville, Fla., who will testify that the check given by Mercer and LaBrun on that bank and signed "John A. Redmond" is valueless, as there is no one in that bank or in the city, so far as he knows, who bears the name.

In No. 2 room Andriy Loncarevic was acquitted of a charge of assault and Steve Kanear got a \$10 fine on an assault and battery charge. Mike Stophanic got a month on a similar charge.

### \$17,168,611 Given to Foreign Mission Boards

New York, Jan. 14.—The total income of American foreign mission boards during the year 1914 was \$17,168,611, according to statistics made public to-day at the annual meeting of the foreign missions conference. These figures cover the work of all American organizations during educational and philanthropic as well as missionary work outside the United States and Canada except that work conducted under the auspices of certain other mission boards in Mexico, Porto Rico, Hawaii and Alaska. For this work \$509,510 was contributed during the year.

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### MAY SURPASS MESSINA CATASTROPHE

London, Jan. 14, 4:27 P. M.—A news dispatch received here from Rome says that the members of the Chamber of Deputies for Lipari has telegraphed to the capital that the disaster of yesterday surpasses the Messina catastrophe. The ruin is more widespread and the injury to life and limb will be greater.

### BLEASE RESIGNS AS GOVERNOR

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 14.—Governor Cole Blease, whose term of office expires January 19, to-day filed his resignation with the secretary of state.

### 15,000 DEAD IN AVEZZANO

Rome, Jan. 14, 1:15 P. M.—Official reports received from Avezzano declare that the dead in that city and in its vicinity in the earthquake yesterday number more than fifteen thousand persons.

### COLONEL MANN TO BE BRIGADIER GENERAL

Washington, Jan. 14.—President Wilson to-day nominated Colonel William A. Mann, third infantry, to be a brigadier general.

### WHEAT GOES UP ANOTHER CENT

Chicago, Jan. 14.—Before business came to an end May wheat ran up another full cent a bushel higher to \$1.43 3/8. A rush of profit taking however, led to a sudden reaction and the market closed unsettled at \$1.42 3/4 and \$1.42 1/2, a gain of 2 and 2/8 compared with last night.

### ALLIES DROP BOMBS ON ANTWERP

Amsterdam, Jan. 14, via London, 5:30 P. M.—The Telegraaf in its issue of to-day says it has learned that British aviators last Monday dropped bombs on the German positions at Antwerp. The damage inflicted has not been learned.

### DESTRUCTION OF CITY COMPLETE

Rome, Jan. 14, via London, 4:47 P. M.—The destruction of the town of Avezzano, a community of some 12,000 people in Aquila province, by the earthquake yesterday is very complete. There is good authority for the statement that not more than ten per cent. of the population survived the disaster.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harris Arthur Yarnall and Agnes Clarissa Brislin, Tyrone. Warren Alger Eschelman and Anna Harriet Wilson, Steubton. Joseph E. Gons and Ida M. Beers, Enola.