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50,000 DEAD AND WOUNDED IN ITALY'S APPALLING DISASTER

Official Reports From Avez- THE TERRIBLE SCENES IN zano Place the Number of Persons Killed in the Earthquake in That City and Its Environs at More Than 15-000--- Avezzano Has Been Completely Destroyed and the Nearby Towns of Celano and Pezzina Are Partially Wrecked, Many Victims Being Buried in the Ruins -- Zone of Disturbance Extends Over a Territory of Nearly 300 Miles

Rome, Jan. 14, 8.45 A. M.—The victims of the earthquake disaster, according to latest reports received here, pitals. number about fifty thousand, including dead and wounded.

Rome, Jan. 14, 1.15 P. M.—Official reports receved from Avezzano declare that the dead in that city and in its vicinity in the earthquake yesterday number more than fifteen thousand persons.

London, Jan. 14, 7.35 A. M.—The "Express," in an edition issued at 7 o'clock to-day, estimates the dead at Avezzano, Italy, as a result of the earthquake at more than fif-

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Paris, Jan. 14, 4.50 A. M.—A dispatch to the Havas Agency from Aquila, Italy, says that later news received there confirms the report that Avezzano has been completely destroyed by the earthquake. The towns of Celano and Pezzina, close to Avezzano, are partially wrecked and many victims are buried in the ruins.

London, Jan. 14, 12.40 P. M.—A news agency dispatch from Rome says that a further distinct earth shock was felt in Rome about 3 o'clock this morning. In several quarters of the city the people fled from their houses into the open air.

Rome, Jan. 14.—With every hour as additional and more accurate decils are received, the horror of yesterday's earthquake increases, threatening to place it in the list of dead, dying and injured has increased from a meletizate week of the complete standard and injured has increased from a many list of dead, dying and injured has increased from a many and were only slightly wounded insisted upon returning to search the ruins of their homes for relatives and friends. Survivors dug frantically into heaps of place and stone, often stained with blood. The gruesome stained with blood. The proposed of the lone, Then the heart-broken searcher had to be cared for by the nembers of the home. Then the heart-broken searcher had to be cared for by the nembers of the home. Then the heart-broken searcher had to be cared for by the nembers of the home. Then the heart-bro

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 ex-

pected 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.

Though the loss of life, and possibly the damage may be less than it was in 1908, the area of the disturbance

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greatly exceeds the Messina earthquake. It covers the whole central portion of Italy, extending from Naples on the south to Ferrara on the north.

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.

Rome, Jan. 14.-Late reports from Rome, Jan. 14.—Late reports from the zone which suffered from yesterday's earthquake, while still fragment ber of nearby towns and villages, is reported as having been destroyed.

AVEZZANO AS DESCRIBED BY YOUNG ITALIAN DRIVER President of Organization Here Says

Rome, Jan. 14, 2.50 A. M .- A young talian driver who left Avezzano a few Italian driver who left Avezzano a few minutes before the earthquake gave a brief account of his experience when he reached Rome at an early hour this morning. His first intimation of trouble was when the horses of his carriage suddenly refused to go further. They stood trembling and at the same moment there came a deep rumbling like the roar of a railroad train going over a bridge. Three minutes later the standing walls of some quarries along the road had crumbled and were lying in dust covered heaps.

From Avezzano there came the cries of the frightened people. Amid the roar of falling houses could be heard the voices of women calling on the saints to help them. The city was under a cloud of dust. To the driver it looked as if the earth had opened to emit columns of white smoke.

This young man tried to drive back to Avezzano, but he could make no headway. He and his horses were blinded by the dust. Soon he saw survivors struggling to make their way from the city. Many had received in juries and were dragging themselves through the dust and confusion in pitiable plight. Some were so weak they fell by the roadside. The objective of the refugees was the railroad station, which was soon crowded with half frantic men, women and children. Before the driver left the vicinity organized efforts were being made to canyey the deforts were being made to captwy the deforts were being mad inutes before the earthquake gave a

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The center of the disturbance appears now to have been the extinct volcano of Fucino in the province of Annila

The work of rescue and the search of the rains in the hope of finding people still alive was continued all through the night. Bonfires were made and torches brought into use. The soldiers who early were ordered to the scene of the disaster did excellent work.

Medical mean are partinning to talk.

LOCAL ITALIANS READY TO AID 'QUAKE SUFFERERS BANKER DOESN'T

Assistance Will Be Given If Needed -None From Here Known to Have Been in Stricken Area

WHEAT PRICES AGAIN SOAR Grabbing Up of Spring Cereal Sends It

Up to \$1.43 3-8

CRUESOME SEARCHES FOR DEAD IN AVEZZANO RUINS

Rome, Jan. 14, 12.45 A. M.—From the most recent reports it appears that comparatively few escaped from the city of Avezzano. Those who got away and were only slightly wounded insisted upon returning to search the ruins of their homes for relatives and friends. Survivors dug frantically into

end of the war.

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, a 7-8, a gain of 2 a 2 1-8 compared with last night. The July option seemingly influenced by opinions that the war might unexpectedly terminate after a crisis in the spring, finished at exactly the same price as 24 hours ago, \$1.25 7-8.

Rye, which may be used as a substitute for wheat in making flour, sold to-day in Chicago at \$1.17 a bushel, the highest price since the American Civil war and 1 1-2 cent up since yesterday. end of the war.

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HOUCK NOT AFTER THE POST

Denies That He Aspires to Becom Private Secretary to New Governor

The announcement that I am an as pirant for the position of private secretary to Governor Brumbaugh," said R. Houck, Chief of the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of La-bor and Industry, this morning, "is to-

the stricken district and consequently is the story that Mr. Houck was an and property are impossible to obtain. Railroad traffic between Avezzano and Tagliacozso still is interrupted.

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Mr. Houck is a son of Henry Houck, Secretary of Internal Affairs, for many years a close personal friend of the new Governor.

GOVERNOR BLEASE RESIGNS

Witness Brought Here From Florida Says "Redmann" Is Not a Depositor in His Bank

TRIAL NOT TO BE DELAYED

Mercer and LeBrun, Accused of Trying to Defraud Harrisburg Financial Institution, Obtain New Lawyer in Place of Beidleman, Who Is Ill

Because of the illness of Senator E. E. Beidleman, of counsel for the defense, the trial of H. R. Mercer and Fred LeBrun, charged with forgery and false pretense in connection which an alleged fake check for \$1,000 depositions. false pretense in connection which an alleged fake check for \$1,000 deposit-ed in a local bank, was halted yester-day afternoon and continued for twen-ty-four'hours. John R. Geyer since has been retained by Mercer and he will be assisted by Arthur H. Hull and Victor Braddeck, as counsel for LaRrun.

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GIRL DIES FROM HER BURNS

Miss Bangert Succumbs To-day as th Result of Her Clothes Catching Fire on January 6

Miss Zena Bangert, 16 years old, 435 South Cameron street, died at noon today in the Harrisburg hospital from burns received when her clothing caught fire from the kitchen stove in her home on January 6. The front of her body, from her ankles to her face, was covered with hurns. was covered with burns.
Coroner Eckinger, after an investigation, released the body to her father John Bangert, early this afternoon.

LYKENS MINER KILLED

Emanuel Peters' Head Crushed by Fall

of Prop

His Name, Sends to the Mayor a Focketbook Containing Valuable Passes. Which His Son Had Found

Pinched by hunger, apparently, and in actual want, an old colored man, who did not reveal his name, sent by mail to the Mayor's office to-day a pocket million dollars from Mrs. Russell Sage, ground. to the Mayor's office to-day a pocket-book his son had found. It contained a pass on the Pennsylvania railroad, but the old man admitted he had kept one dollar and a few cents that had con-

JAMES G. M. BAY. GERMANS IN

cier and Business Prominent Local Finan-Man Is a Victim of Pneumonia

ASSOCIATED WITH MANY COMPANIES

Was One of the Oldest Directors of the Harrisburg National Bank, and Was Early Identified With Street Car LOSSES HEAVY Interests in Harrisburg

James G. M. Bay, who for many years has been financially connected General Von Kluck Now in Command with various corporations in this city, died at 5.15 o'clock this morning at his home, 9 North Fifth street, at the age of 83 years. The cause of death was

Mr. Bay was one of the oldest directors of the Harrisburg National Bank, of the Harrisburg City Passenger Rail-



JAMES G. M. BAY

Prominent Financier Who Died Here To-day at the Age of 83 Years

any and of the West Harrisburg Market Company, in each of which he succeeded his brother, the late Wil-liam F. Bay. He was closely identified with early street car interests in this

Mr. Bay was a member of the old Harrisburg board of Water Commission-ers in 1888-89.

Mr. Bay was born in Cooptown, Har-ford county, Maryland, October 27, 1831. He left no immediate family, but is survived by one brother, Thomas

RETURNING A LOST PURSE

The street of Pine Street Presbyterian church, will officiate. The body will be taken on Saturday morning at 7.45.0 clock to Cooptown, Maryland, for burial.

TO GIVE PRINCETON \$250,000

College Must Raise Like Amount to Get Mrs. Sage's Donation By Associated Press.

provided a like amount is raised by July 1, was the chief item of interest July 1, was the enter item of interest their brought before the trustees at their meeting to-day. The offer of Mrs. Sage the north are ready to penetrate from two directions into East Prussia,

Kaiser's Troops Appear to Have Advantage of Position in Fight at Soissons

ON BOTH SIDES

of the German Forces-Another Sharp Fight in Progress at Perthes Without Results

London, Jan. 14, 3.45 P. M .- Like the stubbornly contested battle in the early days of the war, on which hinged the German occupation of West Flauders, the struggle for the knoll of ground northeast of Soissons known as 'Spur 132," still remained undecided to-day according to information received in London. The Germans, however, their counter attacks, appear to be in the better position to the eastward

of the spur. In view of the relatively small amount of ground gained the have been heavy on both sides, but the Germans show no sign of giving ap their attempts to retake the hill. In fact, it is said that General Von Kluck himself is now in command of the Ger man forces which would seem to lift

the battle out of the ordinary run of conflicts along the western battle front. Farther east, near Perthes where another sharp fight is still in progress, the situation has not changed materially, judging from dispatches received

In the eastern theatre of war, in the absence of any radical developments in Poland and Galicia, the Turks' operations hold the foreground of interest with the much heralded but equally doubted reports of a Turkish advance into Egypt that is said to be virtually

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ember of the old LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

Within a two-hour motor ride about Paris Emperor William is directing a violent attack on the French line. The Germans under the eyes of their ruler, won an important victory in the fight-

Lykens, Jan. 14.—His head crushed against the side of the mine when a prop gave way, Emanuel Peters, a miner, 30 years of age, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon. He leaves a widow and four children.

KEEPS \$1 AS REWARD FOR RETURNING A LOST PURSE

RETURNING A LOST PURSE

Note that the survived by one brother, Thomas Bay, of Jarrettsville, Maryland, and important victory in the fighting the sister. Mrs. Thomas Street, of Baltimore, is a sister-in-law. Former Judge W. F. Bay Stewart, of York, and Ambler Stewart, of New York (city, are nephews, and Mrs. John Hoover, of this city, is a niece.

Funeral services will be held to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock at 9 North Fifth street. The Rev. Dr. Mudge, pastor of Pine Street Presbyterian church, will officiate. The body will be taken on Saturday morning at 7.45 o'clock

In the east also furious fighting has the least also furious fighting has

and capturing 1,130 prisoners.

In the east also furious fighting has been resumed. The Russian forces in East Prussia have been driven back, the Berlin war office states, but the Russians advancing toward the Prussian frontier from the Mlawla region have captured several towns from the Germans.

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