

HUNDRED THOUSAND DIE IN AWFUL EARTHQUAKE

Seismic Shocks, Tidal Waves and Fires Devastate Messina, Reggio and Scores of Other Cities and Towns of Calabria.

Horrible Scenes in the Stricken District, Described by Eye-Witnesses--All Nations Offer Sympathy and Aid--King and Queen Go to Sicily--American Consul Arthur S. Cheney and His Wife Are Reported to Be Among the Victims of the Terrible Disaster.

ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE.

"His Majesty Vittorio Emanuele, Rome:

"With all my countrymen I am appalled by the dreadful calamity which has befallen your country, I offer my sincerest sympathy. American National Red Cross has issued appeals for contributions for the sufferers and notified me that they will immediately communicate with the Italian Red Cross."

—Theodore Roosevelt.

teous promises of that aid which brings the world closer together in times of great calamity. Great Britain, France and Russia have sent their ships quick as a flash of the telegraph could carry the orders to lend assistance to the stricken cities. Relief funds have already been started and a hundred ships and trains are on their way carrying supplies and reinforcements to the south. Rome, Milan, Florence, Naples and other cities are sending physicians, police and firemen.

Described by Naval Officer.

At the time of the earthquake the torpedo boat Sappho was lying in the harbor of Messina, and one of the officers told of the occurrences, as follows:

"At half past five in the morning the sea suddenly became terribly agitated, sending literally to pick up our boat and shake it. Other craft near by were similarly treated and the ships looked like bits of cork bobbing about in a tempest. Almost immediately a tidal wave of huge proportions swept across the strait, mounting the coasts and carrying everything before it. Scores of ships were damaged and the Hungarian mail boat Andrasia parted her anchors and went crashing into other vessels. Messina bay was wiped out and the sea was soon covered with masses of wreckage, which was carrying calmly and ordering the saying of prayers. He asks also what money is required, as he desires to contribute funds to help with the situation."

Premier Giolitti has appointed a national committee to organize aid for the unfortunate. The president of the organization is the duke of Aosta. The king has made a generous contribution to the relief fund. Minister of Public Works Bertolini and Minister of Justice Orlando have left Rome for Sicily. Sig. Orlando is a Sicilian.

Rome.—Stunned at the magnitude of the calamity which has overtaken its fellow countrymen, all Italy mourns for the stricken province of Calabria and the island of Sicily. Accustomed for centuries to earthquakes, Italy stands ever in dread, but none was prepared for the disaster which in the fraction of a minute Monday day had devastated cities and towns and caused the death of thousands. Late estimates put the number of dead at 100,000.

Messina, whose traffic history has been marked by tidal waves and war, and which was the center of Monday's terrestrial maelstrom, was shaken to ruins. Flames burst forth from everywhere, the city's destruction and to burn alive untold numbers helplessly pinned between fallen walls and broken timbers. The Strait of Messina was wrenched and twisted by the earth's trembling, for mariners report the channel altered beyond recognition. The ports and villages on both the continents and the Sicilian sides were wrecked or inundated and all lighthouses along the coasts were swallowed up. Navigation now is dangerous and in some places impossible.

MAKES A RICH DESSERT.

Recipe for Cream Nut Pie That Will Serve Eight Persons.

One baked pastry shell, one pint milk, three whole eggs, one whole one-tablespoonful cornstarch, one cupful sugar, one teaspoonful almond extract, one pint whipping cream, and one cupful English walnuts, ground fine.

Way of Preparing.—Beat the whole eggs and the whites until thick, then add the sugar and the cornstarch sifted together. Then add the milk. Place this mixture in a double boiler and cook, stirring all the time. When thick remove from the fire and allow it to cool. When cold add the flavoring and nuts and fold in one half of the cream whipped until stiff. Then place this in the shell. Flavor and sweeten remaining half of the cream and whip very stiff. Place this on top of the cream nut mixture, sprinkle with chopped nuts and serve.

This is very rich and will serve eight persons.

Report of Reggio Wiped Out.

In the Calabria district, which was only beginning to recover from the effects of the earthquake of 1905, Reggio was the center of the earth's upheaval. The report of Reggio is reported as no longer existing and the city proper is in ruins. The loss of life on the sides of the strait and in eastern Sicily was enormous.

One of the refugees from Reggio who was the first to bring the news of the city's destruction tried to make his way to Sicily in a sailboat, but was compelled to return, and finally found safety at a peninsula port. In describing his experience he said:

Surprise Potatoes.

Roll until nearly white potatoes, then mash and boil until free from lumps. Season with salt and butter per and add a little butter. Make them into balls about the size of a large egg; with a teaspoon make a cavity in each ball into which drop three creamed oysters, cover the cavity and, after making the ball as round as possible, roll it first in a well-beaten egg, then into the flour, and drop into boiling fat in which should be deep enough to cover the balls without letting them touch the bottom of the pot. Fry a little brown, season each ball with a sprig of holly and serve hot with oyster sauce. The same can be stuffed with chicken or turkey.

King and Queen Go to Sicily.

King Vittorio Emanuele and Queen Elena, accompanied by the king's youngest son, Prince of Salerno, reached Messina last night and proceeded at once to Sicily. A large number of people saw their majesties depart from Rome and among the number of deputies at the station observed to the king: "The presence of your majesty will suffice to console the stricken people."

The king turned sharply upon the speaker and said abruptly: "Don't talk nonsense."

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KING OF LUNCHEON DISHES.

Chicken Sautés a Real Delicacy Prepared in Following Manner.

Remember in preparing this dish that it is only one course of your luncheon menu, so when you have drawn and wiped your chicken dry, put it into small sections, discarding the back and neck for future use in making stock. Cut the breast into at least three pieces, and do not use the ribs at all. Melt two tablespoonfuls of clear bacon drippings and fry the chicken in this, turning it often so that it mellows in the bacon grease, but does not fry brown. Cover, set on the back of the stove, and let it steam half an hour. It should not be permitted to burn down. Roll each piece separately in the fine breadcrumbs directly seasoned with salt and pepper. Pour off any liquid or broth that may be left in the skillet to use in the gravy, and add fresh bacon grease or a little butter or both to the chicken in this grease, remove, drain and arrange on a hot platter. To the left in the pan add one tablespoonful of flour, rub smooth, and then add whatever liquor you may have poured from the chicken and half a cup of milk, sweet milk or thin cream. When this comes to a boil add one cup of canned asparagus tips which have been drained, a pinch of onion maca, a few drops of lemon juice and the yolk of one egg. Just as it comes to a boil, and before the yolk of the egg curdles, pour over the chicken and serve piping hot.

WHAT'S NEW

George Crawford Away Off in Los Angeles, Cal., Longs For the Eccentric

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 19, 1908.

Dear Sir:—

I came away and forgot to pay you for one year's subscription to the ECCENTRIC. I will now enclose you \$1 for payment for last year's subscription, hoping this will make it all o. k. When you get this dollar, you will send me a paper and see how long it takes it to come from Birmingham. It will also be a receipt for me.

I have bought a fine home here and it is just fine. Out here the flowers are all in bloom, the potatoes about 12 inches high, and I have tomatoes every day right off my own vines, also radishes, lettuce, cucumbers, green peas, beans, musk melons, water melon and all kinds of garden stuff, strawberries, oranges and lemons by the bushel, best ones sell for 10 cents a dozen.


A fine sight is the Old Gray Back around mesa, 10,600 feet high. We can see it from our house, there is snow banks 100 feet on its sides, so they say. I went through the tunnel, 1½ miles long, say I was glad when I got out you bet.

Well, say, wonders never cease; they are plowing down a mountain here to straighten it and have 20 span of mules hitched on one plow, they plow the dirt and load it all at the same time, think of plowing at home.

I must close for this time, but will write again.

Yours truly,
GEORGE CRAWFORD.

He's From Missouri; You Have to Show Him.



Governor Folk is from Missouri. He's regarded as a pretty good citizen himself. See what he says about a certain sort of citizen:

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Notice to Taxpayers of Southfield Township.

I will be at home for the collection of taxes on December 11, 18 and 26, 1908, and January 2, 1909.

At Fred Haack's store, Tuesday, December 23.

At Town Hall, Southfield, Tuesday, December 29.

At George Bingham's store, Franklin, Wednesday, December 30.

At Erty's Mill, Thursday, December 31.

At Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Monday, January 4.

C. A. BINGHAM, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S NOTICE.

Beginning Tuesday December 8, '08 I will be at the Exchange Bank of Birmingham every Tuesday and at the First State Savings Bank of Birmingham every Thursday and at the County Treasurer's office at Pontiac every Saturday until January 10, 1909, for the purpose of receiving taxes for Bloomfield township.

C. H. CARTER,
Township Treasurer. Jan 10, 1909.

Notice of Review of Assessment.

Notice is hereby given that Assessment Roll No. 46, containing the assessment of property for the opening and extending of Forest Avenue west to Davis Street, in the Village of Birmingham, was filed in the office of the Village Clerk, on the 11th day of December, 1908, filed in the office of the Village Clerk, where it remains for inspection by the property owners until January 7, 1909, at 7 o'clock p. m., the Common Council will hold a special session of said Village Council in the Councilroom for the purpose of reviewing said Assessment roll and of hearing any objections thereto.

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Village Clerk.

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