

HUNDRED TOWNS AND VILLAGES DEMOLISHED

The Great Catastrophe in Italy is Increasing as Details Filter Through
—The Casualties Are Estimated at Between 25,000 and 50,000
—Thousands of Persons Perished in the Ruins
Long After the Shock

ROME, Jan. 15.—From 25,000 to 50,000 still remains the unofficial estimate of the casualties resulting from the earthquake which rocked Southern and Central Italy early Wednesday morning.

As yet it has been impossible to determine, from the brief descriptions of the catastrophe that have reached Rome over the hampered lines of communications, the amount of the damage done by the disturbance, but such details as have come through leave no doubt that nearly 100 towns and villages have been utterly demolished or badly wrecked, and that a great loss of life resulted.

THOUSANDS IN RUINS.

Thousands of persons have now lain for nearly three days beneath crumbled buildings throughout the earthquake zone—some of them dead and others alive—while others have

been removed from the twisted wreckage and brought to Rome hospitals for treatment of injuries, or are being cared for in temporary structures in their home towns, which are presided over by physicians and nurses rushed thither from the Capital and other cities in the Kingdom.

It is believed that many of those who were caught in the wreckage and were uninjured perished later from cold or lack of food, or else were burned to death in fires which broke out in various places amid the ruins. This is especially true of Avezzano and Magliano-Di-Marsi, where fires started, and there seemed little chance of quenching them owing to lack of water.

TEN THOUSAND PERISHED
Avezzano, from all accounts, still holds the position of chief sufferer through the disaster. Ten thousand persons in that district are said to have perished, and the entire town has been levelled.

Sora and Pescini has 4,000 dead, while the fatalities at Giosimarsi reached 3,500 and at San Benedetto 3,000. Numerous other towns report fatalities running upwards from ten to over two thousand.

In the stricken districts the people are camping in the open. Those are guarding the demolished, or partly demolished towns to prevent looting.

Caste everywhere has been laid aside, and members of the nobility, Senators, Deputies and high officials are working shoulder to shoulder with the laborers in their efforts to rescue the living or unearth the bodies of the dead.

A phase of the political situation in the Kingdom brought out by the earthquake is that the call for conscripts in the damaged zone has been rescinded by the military authorities.

MARCONI WAS IN AVEZZANO
ROME, Jan. 15.—William Marconi, who returned here today from Avezzano on board the train with King Victor Emmanuel, declared that words were insufficient to describe the horrors he had witnessed. The town had been absolutely levelled, he said, and those of its populace who had escaped death in the disaster were now destitute.

"King Victor Emmanuel told me," said Mr Marconi, "that he had visited the scenes of all the earthquake disasters in Italy since he was a

child, but that this one surpassed all others, even including Messina. The King said the survivors of Avezzano were only between two and three per cent. of its population, while in Messina one-third of the people escaped."

GROUND TO POWDER

Describing the damage done in Avezzano, Mr. Marconi said: "Avezzano has absolutely ceased to exist. In Messina some buildings, especially the palaces along the sea front, gave one the impression that they are still intact, their facades having survived the shock while only their interiors fell in. Not so with Avezzano. No wall there remained erect. It seemed as though the town had been ground to powder by some gigantic machine."

ABANDONED SEARCH FOR DEAD.
The people of Avezzano, according to Mr. Marconi, have abandoned their efforts to take the bodies of the dead from the wreckage, and are giving their entire attention to trying to rescue the living who are prisoners in the debris. The catastrophe was of such vast proportions, Mr. Marconi added, that no organization of men could possibly have done anything to give immediate relief. The people were in despair at their powerlessness to render aid to those whose voices cried out from their places of entombment, for assistance.

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The petition upon which this application is based is on file at the office of the Clerk of this Board, Fredericton, N. B. Dated this 23rd day of December, 1914. By order of the Board.

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