

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS IN ITALY

TO WIPE OUT STRONGHOLD OF SLAVERY

Britain to Put a Stop to Sacrifice of Human Beings.

WILL WARN THE TRIBAL CHIEFS

Will Be Told That Britain Abhors Their Practices.

(Special cable to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

Rangoon, Jan. 2.—The British Government intends to attempt soon to wipe out in the Hukawng Valley Burma, one of the last strongholds of slavery and sacrifice of human beings.

I. T. O. Barnard with three Burma frontier service men and two military police officers will penetrate the malarial and almost inaccessible valley to tell the tribal chiefs of Britain's abhorrence of their practices. Slave owners will be offered compensation for their slaves and land will be provided for those free.

It is believed that the chiefs will yield the threat that their flow of supplies through native agencies will be cut off if they fail to heed the requests.

SQUID MADE AN EXIT AND THEN RETURNED

London, Jan. 2.—Keepers at the London Zoo were puzzled recently by the disappearance of an octopus from one of the tanks there.

Close scrutiny of another of the "fish" seemed to exonerate it on any charge of cannibalism, but the octopus was gone. The tank had not been disturbed, and who would want to steal an octopus anyway?

Then the truant was discovered returning home. A slit three inches long and one-third of an inch wide at the rear of the tank led into a small cavity behind some false rock-work. The squid had squeezed his jelly-like body as large as an electric light globe, and his 18-inch tentacles through this slit.

To accomplish a comparable feat, a policeman would have to mail himself through the slit in a corner post box and then return to his duties by the same route.

CUSTOMS COLLECTIONS STILL DECREASE

The returns for Customs and Excise Collections for the Port of Fredericton for December as issued by Collector L. C. Macnutt show a continuation of the decrease which has been marked throughout 1925. The decrease for the month was about \$34,000 compared with December 1924.

The returns are as follows:

Customs Import duty	\$29,387.03
Customs Sales Tax	4,288.66
Customs Excise	500.00
Excise tax (domestic)	8,237.90
Excise duty	5,238.21
Sundry collections	1.01

Total revenue \$47,652.81
The revenue for December, 1924 was \$81,574.93, a decrease of \$33,922.12, for the past month, as compared with the corresponding month of 1924.

Why is it a woman, who constantly complains that she has nothing to wear, has to have six closets to keep it in?

LOSS OF LIFE FROM FLOODS IN EUROPE

Two Persons Reported Drowned at Coblenz, Germany.

TOWN OF LIEGE UNDER WATER

Thousands of the Inhabitants are Without Food and Light.

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

Berlin, Jan. 2.—Two persons have been drowned at Coblenz, the first victims of the heavy floods in the Rhine. The Prussian Government has appropriated \$125,000, for relief of the Rhine and Moselle regions. A slight earthquake was felt at Munich yesterday.

Liege Under Water

Brussels, Jan. 2.—The King and army and cabinet ministers today went to the relief of the town of Liege nearly all of which except on the hills is under floodwater. Thousands of the inhabitants are without bread and the town is without lights. The damage is estimated at several million of dollars.

TWO BABIES WERE BORN HERE NEW YEAR'S DAY

Young Son at Home of Mr. Ernest Beatty is Likely Winner of List of Gifts.

Fredericton secured two new citizens on New Year's Day, and both seem to have been entered in the race for the list of useful gifts offered by business men of the city through the columns of The Mail. The first a bouncing boy arrived at 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Beatty at 256 Saunders street and while no decision has yet been reached in regard to the disposal of the list of gifts published in The Mail, it looks as if the Beatty youngster had won out. The father of the new arrival is a returned soldier and is at present employed in the Provincial Government School Book Department. Dr. Allan Sterling was the attending physician and had the assistance of Mrs. A. C. Fleming a professional nurse. The latter promptly telephoned the news to the Mail office and expressed the opinion that the Beatty child was the rightful claimant for the list of gifts set forth in The Mail.

At 11.35 o'clock last night a baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Currie, 572 King street. The birth was reported to the Mail office this morning by Dr. W. H. Irvine the attending physician.

GRANDMA IS FULL OF GRIEF

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

Rome, Jan. 2.—Former Queen Olga of Greece, grandmother of the Prince Carol's wife told the United Press today she doubted that there would be any divorce of the couple. "I am full of grief at the news about Carol," she said.

London, Jan. 2.—James Orton and his wife each 85 years old, stayed below deck on their voyage from Canada to avoid seasickness. "We have seen enough in our time," Orton said, "to make a look at the ocean superfluous. It's only a lot of water after all."

A Number of Cities Felt Shocks but no Deaths are Reported

In Venice Roofs and Ceilings Collapsed in a Twelve Second Shake—A Panic Was Created Among the Populace at Trieste and There Was a Rush to the Seashore.

ROME, Jan. 2.—Several Italian cities were visited by earthquakes on the New Year, but reports today indicate that the damage was very slight. Venice, Calabria, Milan, Bologna, Ravenna, Padova and Trieste reported feeling the shock but no reports of casualties have been received.

In Venice a number of roofs and ceilings collapsed in a twelve second shake, but no deaths resulted.

From Trieste came reports of considerable panic among the populace which rushed to the seafloor. Damage there was limited to the crashing of a number of roofs.

Padova Udine and Ravenna reported that the tremors there were minor.

ST. JOHN POLICEMAN KNOCKED DOWN AND KILLED BY DRUNKEN SAILOR AT SEAMAN'S INSTITUTE

Saint John, Jan. 1.—Police Officer Stephen P. McCavour was fatally injured yesterday morning, while quelling a disturbance which arose at a drunken brawl in the Seamen's Institute. The officer, according to information given the police by a witness, was struck by Murdoch Evoung, of Prince Edward Island, and knocked down a stairway, fracturing his skull in the fall. He died six hours later in the General Public Hospital, without regaining consciousness.

The Seamen's Institute was raided by the police immediately after the fatal occurrence and twenty-two men were arrested and lodged in the Central Station for investigation. As a result of information given by Wallace Steele, who was present at the fracas, a charge of murder is expected to be laid against Evoung. Sergeant Detective Power said last night that no charge had yet been laid, and that it was probable that none would be made until after the inquest.

Coroner H. A. Power viewed the body yesterday morning at the General Public Hospital. No arrangements for the inquest had been made last night, but Mr. Porter said that it was probable that it would be held this evening.

The tragedy occurred in the early hours of the New Year. When the blow was struck hundreds of the citizens of Saint John were dancing and merrymaking within a few blocks of the scene of the crime, little dreaming that death was already abroad in the year which had dawned with such merriment only a few hours before. It was not until after daylight that news of the catastrophe became generally known and citizens on their way to the various city services were shocked to learn of the death of the young officer.

Charge Against Manager.

As a result of the occurrence a charge of being illegally in possession of liquor has been laid against Wallace Brindle, jr., manager of the Seamen's Institute.

Festivities in the Institute began on New Year's eve and continued after midnight. The earlier portion of the night was devoted to a dance which broke up about 1 o'clock. A number of men remained about the premises and considerable liquor was in evidence. The party became boisterous and it is

said that the officer entered and stopped an argument.

Later on proceedings again became rough and it is alleged that Evoung and another man got into a fight. Policeman McCavour entered again and went upstairs. He was standing near the top of the stair when, it is alleged, Evoung struck him, knocking him to the bottom of the steps.

Police Informed.

Walter Steele, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., made his way to the street, being struck or kicked in the face while doing so, and informed Officer Covey of what had happened. Additional officers were summoned and the dying man removed to the hospital. Those found in the Institute were then taken to the station in the police patrol. In all 24 men were locked up, including Steele, who is being detained as a material witness, and Brindle, who was taken on the liquor charge.

Leaves a Family.

Officer McCavour is survived by his wife and four small children. The pall of gloom cast over the New Year's celebration of the city was deepest at his late residence, 258 Watson street, West End.

The young widow, while deeply affected by her crushing blow, was bearing up bravely yesterday for the sake of her orphaned family from whose head the father and breadwinner had so rudely been removed. In spite of her efforts to retain self control, Mrs. McCavour several times broke down and sobbed bitterly while relating the circumstances of her loss to press representatives.

Native of Lorneville.

The murdered policeman was a native of Lorneville. He came to Saint John five years ago and had been on the police force for two years and ten months. His wife was formerly Miss Bessie Ferguson. They were married eight years ago. The children are Robert, aged seven; Doris, aged four; Murray, aged two, and Baby Eileen, who was born six weeks ago. Officer McCavour was a son of the late John and Sarah McCavour. He was 30 years old.

Neighbors and other friends were with Mrs. McCavour yesterday doing what they could to lighten her sudden burden of sorrow, but their ministrations could not lessen the bitterness of the future to be faced by the bereaved wife and family whose husband and father had laid down his life in the

POTATO PRICES ARE KEEPING UP VERY WELL

The Stock is Moving Freely Out of Hartland.

NOW WORTH \$5 TO \$6 BARREL

Enquiries are Coming in From Upper Province Points.

Hartland, N. B., Jan. 2.—Potato prices were on the rise again today and ranged from \$5.60 to \$6 a barrel. Hatfield and Company shipped 40 cars this week to United States points.

H. H. Hatfield, in conversation with the representative of the press said that although he thought this was not the peak, the market would show before the week was out, if the cold weather continued, he felt certain that the farmers who sold at this price would receive as much as if they held off for two weeks longer. At the present time the weather in this section of the country is very cold. This morning it was 28 below zero at certain points, and the farmers are unable to haul their potatoes to the warehouse.

Hatfield and Company Ltd., have shipped about 10,000 barrels this week, this being a large percentage of their stock on hand and if the cold weather persists, there is a chance that the market price will range between \$5.50 and \$6.

Mr. Hatfield stated that at the present time his firm was receiving numerous inquiries from Quebec and Ontario points even though reports in newspapers from those points indicated that the markets were well supplied.

The largest shipments made to date have been to the New England market. The Associated Shippers of New Brunswick are loading four steamers in January at Saint John for the Cuban market.

Week of Prayer.

The Ministerial Association of Fredericton has made the arrangements for the usual Week of Prayer which will take place next week beginning Monday night. The pulpit exchange will take place on Sunday the 10th. The offering is to be for the Victorian Order Nurse. The services are to be as follows:—Monday, Reformed Baptist Church, The Church and the World Task, Rev. F. H. Holmes, Major Hiscock; Tuesday, George street Baptist, The Church and the Nation, Rev. G. C. Warren; Wednesday, Wilmet Church, The Church and Prohibition, Rev. Thomas Marshall, Rev. Dr. Sutherland; Thursday, Brunswick street Baptist, The Church and the Bible, Bible Society Meeting, Rev. J. S. Bonnell, Saint John; Friday, St. Paul's Church, The Church and Young People, Rev. I. A. Corbett; Saturday, Salvation Army, The Church and Home Life, Rev. I. F. Keirstead.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—The price of golf balls is going up. A large manufacturer has announced that standard balls which have retailed for 75 cents are to sell for 85 cents, and the 50-cent variety for 60, the advance being due to the high price of rubber.

Prices were still higher during the war, the standard kinds selling for \$1 each and the fancy ones at \$1.25. The pre-war price was as low as 35 cents or three for a dollar.

course of his duty for the service of the public.

he shocking occurrence made a profound impression upon the public and was the chief topic of conversation about the streets. The general opinion was that the investigation into the case and its surrounding circumstances should be exhaustive and that no effort should be spared to bring home the crime to the guilty party.

PRINCE HAS RENOUNCED THE THRONE

Carol Does Not Want to be the King of Bulgaria.

GIVEN TIME TO CONSIDER

Love for His Morgantic Wife Said to be the Cause.

Special cable to The Daily Mail by the British United Press.

Bucharest, Jan. 2.—A week end period of grace in which he could reconsider his renunciation of his royal succession rights was reported today to have been granted Crown Prince Carol. The privy council has been ordered by King Ferdinand to promulgate a decree Monday declaring Carol's four year old son Mihay successor to the throne on the king's death, and the parliament has been summoned to act thereon but at the same time it is understood the prince can change his mind before Monday and resume his right to succeed later to the throne and to remain in the royal family.

While reports today still claimed that the Crown Prince's spectacular step had been taken out of love for his morganatic wife the vivacious Zizi Lambruni. Other versions claimed that politics played a heavy role in the renunciation.

May Start a Coup.

Bucharest, Jan. 2.—Rumors were current here today that Crown Prince Carol intended, after using his renunciation as evidence of "Martyrdom" by the Bratianu regime, to start a coup of his own if he succeeds in winning sufficient support for the martyrdom idea it is claimed that he will set up his own Government ousting his aged father, King Ferdinand. The peasants are reported taking an increasingly unfavorable attitude towards the Bratianu government, while Carol himself is bitterly opposed to Bratianu and at odds with the beautiful Queen Marie and King Ferdinand.

It is further reported that in renouncing his Throne Rights, Carol demanded a large money allowance and a divorce from Princess Helen whom he is reported never really to have loved.

RESIGNS AS CAPTAIN OF NO. 1 HOSE CO.

J. Duff King who recently was appointed to the Prohibition Enforcement staff as Sub-inspector has tendered his resignation as Captain of No. 1 Hose Company in the Fredericton Fire Department his new duties preventing him from performing those required of the firemen.

The resignation of Mr. King as tendered to Chief Smith is as follows:—

Fredericton, N. B., December 30th, 1925

R. W. Smith, Esq.,
Chief of Fredericton Fire Dept.,
Dear Sir:—

I hereby tender you my resignation as captain of No. 1 Hose Co., as my new duties will not permit me to act as fireman.

I regret to take this step as I have a kindly feeling for all the boys of the Department. I wish you all a Happy New Year.

Yours truly,
J. DUFF KING.

ENOUGH TO ASK.

The girls are content if they only get a permanent wave that's fair; But we poor men would be satisfied if we only had permanent hair.