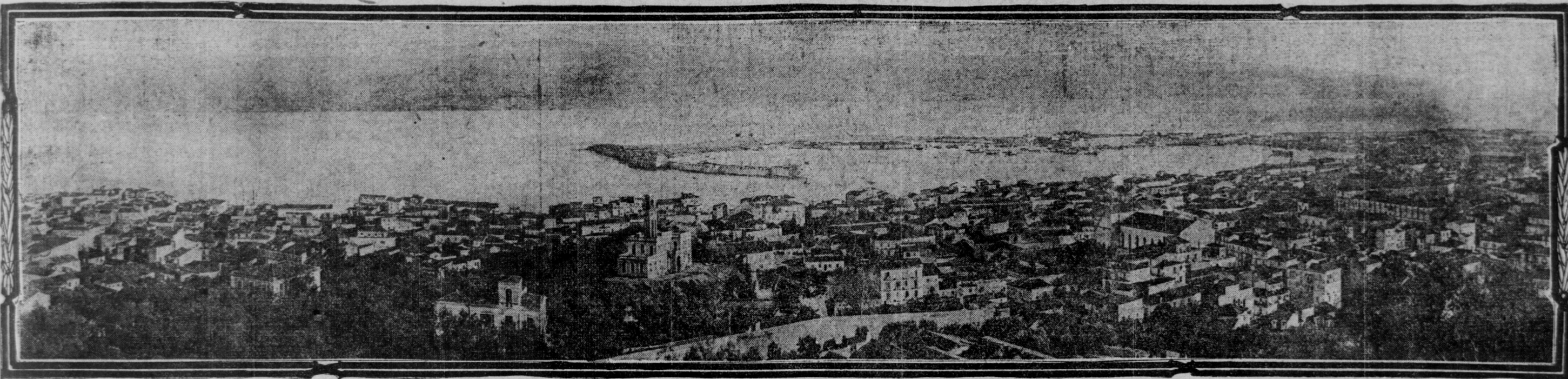


Rigid Censorship of Press Correspondence Conceals the Real Conditions in Messina



Panoramic View of Messina, Sicily, Which Was Destroyed by the Terrible Earthquake on December 28, 1908

AMERICAN SHIPS
TAKE SUPPLIES
TO SUFFERERS

Sailors Search Ruins of the Consulate for Bodies of Cheney and Wife

Wonderful Vitality Is Shown by Unfortunates Rescued in Messina

The following dispatch from Messina passed through the London office of The Call's correspondent. The London correspondent reports that it was received in such mutilated form as to suggest rigid censorship and numerous omissions. What the conditions are in Messina to necessitate concealment of facts can only be surmised.

By James E. Norton

MESSINA, Jan. 9.—With the arrival of the American men of war Chicago and Yankton today the United States and British consulates opened joint headquarters on the tennis grounds in the north end of Messina. Hospital tents and supplies of all kinds were brought ashore by bluejackets from the newly arrived ships. The gunboat Scorpion, which had been the first to arrive, was relieved and sailed for Constantinople.

Search for Lost Consul

Sailors from the Chicago and Yankton, assisted by hired laborers, attacked the ruins of the American consulate. They uncovered and removed the bodies of a man and woman who had been buried and crushed under piles of fallen material.

The man was identified as a Sicilian named Philippo, who occupied a room on the third floor of the consulate. The woman's body could not be identified, but undoubtedly was one of several female servants sleeping on the same floor.

Clothing, a hat and a coat identified as belonging to Mrs. Cheney were found in the ruins this afternoon, but the bodies of the consul and his wife have not yet been discovered. The ruins of the consulate are piled high, and it is proving most difficult work digging into the mass of stone and beams. It is feared that the floor of Mr. and Mrs. Cheney's room gave way first, before the walls fell, sending them to the very bottom of the house.

In various parts of the city a few bodies are being removed from near the surface of the ruins, but there is no system of identification or enumeration.

Show Great Vitality

Numerous instances of extraordinary vitality are related among the victims, who, even today, are being dug out of the ruins alive. Three women and one man were taken out today very much emaciated and suffering many bruises, yet alive, after having been buried 12 days.

Another extraordinary case was that of a woman and her two infants rescued yesterday. They had been buried under a collapsed house, but there is no record of their rescue. The woman had kept the children alive for 11 days by nursing them, but one of the infants died today.

Those surviving under ruins but pinned down into almost immovable positions by huge beams and boulders, often show amazing vitality. One man dug out today after long imprisonment without food or drink, under piles of debris, was put on a stretcher and carried to the hospital ship Savoia. When the bearers reached the dock the man rose from the stretcher and walked to a cabin on board the ship.

These are the exceptional cases, for the death rate among the injured is terrible. Many are dying daily on the ships and in the ambulance trains.

EARTHQUAKE ZONE WILL
ESCAPE ALL TAXATION

ROME, Jan. 9.—The parliamentary committee, which is examining the relief measures proposed by the government in the chamber of deputies has

PEOPLE OF STATE CONTRIBUTE
LARGE SUM FOR THE AFFLICTED

CALIFORNIA'S DONATION TO DATE TO ITALIAN SUFFERERS

Contributions from San Francisco through Red Cross.....\$ 77,431.91
From San Francisco relief and Red Cross funds.....50,000.00
Contributions from San Francisco sent direct.....500.00
Contributions from other cities of state through Red Cross.....19,380.34
Separate fund collected in Los Angeles to January 7.....14,124.80

Total contributions to date from California.....\$161,437.05

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|-----------------------------------|------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Sacramento | \$3,000.00 | Mt. View | 20.00 |
| Santa Cruz | 1,501.25 | Ross Valley | 20.00 |
| Santa Barbara | 1,355.00 | Rodeo | 20.00 |
| Stockton | 1,312.25 | Agnew | 20.00 |
| San Diego | 1,000.00 | Cleo | 20.00 |
| San Jose | 846.00 | Centerville | 15.00 |
| Marysville | 780.64 | Coalinga | 15.00 |
| Napa | 714.15 | Long Valley | 13.00 |
| San Luis Obispo | 613.00 | Palermo | 10.00 |
| Berkeley | 564.75 | Oakdale | 10.00 |
| Oakland | 545.50 | Auburn | 10.00 |
| Grass Valley | 505.00 | Dayton, Nev. | 10.00 |
| Merced | 504.50 | Tonopah, Nev. | 10.00 |
| Santa Rosa | 388.60 | Ft. Bragg | 10.00 |
| Fresno | 357.40 | Redding | 10.00 |
| Stockdale Ranch, near Bakersfield | 325.00 | Madera | 10.00 |
| Monterey and Pacific Grove | 297.00 | Ft. Bidwell | 10.00 |
| Cloverdale | 263.00 | Meridian | 10.00 |
| Cayucas | 260.50 | San Quentin | 10.00 |
| Martinez | 218.75 | Salado Beach | 10.00 |
| Sausalito | 217.65 | Soquel | 10.00 |
| Gilroy | 216.75 | Bakersfield | 10.00 |
| Palo Alto | 212.75 | Fallout, Nev. | 10.00 |
| Banica | 209.50 | Santa Clara | 10.00 |
| Oroville | 200.00 | Downieville | 8.00 |
| Goldfield, Nev. | 192.00 | Susanville | 8.00 |
| San Rafael | 162.50 | Pinnerville | 5.00 |
| Headlandsburg | 149.00 | Jamestown | 5.00 |
| Woodland | 140.25 | Hanford | 5.00 |
| Occidental | 110.00 | Martell | 5.00 |
| Los Gatos | 105.00 | Menlo Park | 5.00 |
| Selma | 102.40 | French Gulch | 5.00 |
| San Leandro | 100.00 | Raymond | 5.00 |
| Chico | 100.00 | Palladas, Nev. | 5.00 |
| Bishop | 100.00 | Talmage | 5.00 |
| Fulace | 87.50 | Jolon | 5.00 |
| Fulton | 81.00 | Round Mountain, Nev. | 5.00 |
| Murphy | 76.75 | McCloud | 4.40 |
| Salinas | 75.00 | Petaluma | 4.00 |
| Redwood City | 74.00 | Oakdale | 4.00 |
| Sisones | 73.50 | Middletown | 3.50 |
| Johnsville | 73.10 | Steg | 3.00 |
| Alameda | 65.00 | Camino | 3.00 |
| Hamilton City | 67.00 | San Martin | 2.50 |
| Yosemite | 65.50 | Melrose | 2.50 |
| Etna | 61.50 | Pescadero | 2.00 |
| Los Banos | 61.50 | Newman | 2.00 |
| Hayward | 61.00 | Angels Camp | 2.00 |
| Riverside | 60.00 | Corte Madera | 2.00 |
| San Mateo | 46.00 | Elmhurst | 2.00 |
| Mare Island | 38.10 | Elridge | 2.00 |
| Lytton Springs | 36.10 | Acampo | 1.00 |
| Schastopol | 35.00 | Belmont | 1.00 |
| Lindsay | 30.00 | Campbell | 1.00 |
| Mill Valley | 25.50 | Oakville | 1.00 |
| Milton | 27.00 | Marietta | 1.00 |
| Watsonville | 25.00 | Michigan Bluff | 1.00 |
| Lamanda Park | 25.00 | Bucks | 1.00 |
| Selma | 25.00 | Cement | 1.00 |
| Wells, Nev. | 25.00 | | |
| Alturas | 24.00 | | |
| Total | | | \$19,380.34 |

modified them with the consent of the cabinet.

The changes provide that the building tax on the 5 per cent for five years instead of 5 per cent for two years and that the earthquake zone be exempted from all taxation on buildings for four years. Further provision is that all unclaimed values in the devastated district be devoted by the government to the relief of the survivors.

Miss May Sherman of Elizabeth, N. J., who was active in the measures undertaken in Taormina for the relief of the earthquake sufferers and was in Rome today, gave further details of the conditions of the refugees who came under her observation. Some of the wounded, she said, were so seriously hurt that there was very little chance of their reaching Catania alive. They were, therefore, taken from the train and given every attention possible at Taormina.

Employment for Refugees

NAPLES, Jan. 9.—Caspar S. Crowninshield, the American consul, and Mrs. Crowninshield, director of the fund collected from the American visitors here, have started a workroom to give employment to the women earthquake refugees.

POPE THANKS FARLEY
FOR GENEROUS RELIEF

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Archbishop Farley has received a cablegram from Cardinal Merry del Val, extending thanks on behalf of the pope for the \$20,000 that the archbishop cabled for the Italian earthquake sufferers.

"The holy father is deeply grateful for your most generous contribution for the earthquake sufferers, and desires me to express his heartfelt thanks."

Escapes From Reggio

LONDON, Jan. 9.—The foreign office has been advised from Malta that an American named Paul Richards, of

QUAKE DAMAGES HOUSES
IN CANARY ISLANDS

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, Jan. 9.—Telegrams from the Canary Islands report severe earthquake shocks yesterday, especially at Las Palmas, where several of the oldest houses in town were damaged. No casualties have been reported.

EARTHQUAKE SHAKES
UP WESTERN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 9.—The entire western coast of Mexico was shaken by an earthquake yesterday, which was most severely felt at Acapulco in the state of Guerrero and at Oaxaca, in the state of the same name. The damage was trivial and no fatalities have been reported.

RAILROAD ACCUSED
OF OVERCHARGING

Eleven Complaints Against the Southern Pacific and Others

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 9.—A special to the Express from Washington says that the Pacific Purchasing company of this city today filed 11 complaints with the interstate commerce commission against the Southern Pacific and other railroads, alleging overcharges on furniture freight shipments to various points. It is stated in the complaints that the railroad companies charged the marked car capacity instead of the actual weight of the shipments.

FIXES A HIGH
MARK FOR ALL
CONTRIBUTIONSTreasurer Knight of Red Cross
Expects Total of \$175,000
for ReliefFirst Benefit Nets Large Sum
and Seats Sell Fast for the
Valencia Performance

A total of \$175,000, including the \$50,000 donation from the San Francisco relief and Red Cross funds, is the goal which Treasurer Allen Knight of the California branch of the Red Cross has set for California's contribution through the Red Cross for the relief of the Italian earthquake sufferers. With \$6,695.20 reported yesterday the Red Cross total amounted last night to \$56,812.25, leaving a little more than \$28,000 still to be raised by voluntary contribution if the mark is achieved.

The separation of the San Francisco account from those of outside cities yesterday showed that San Francisco's total contribution to date through the Red Cross amounts to \$77,431.91, while the smaller cities of the state have together contributed \$19,380.34. Treasurer Knight said the San Francisco donation ultimately to reach a grand total of \$100,000 and that of the outside cities to amount to \$25,000, which, with the \$50,000 from the relief and Red Cross funds, will give the desired \$175,000.

Los Angeles' Offering

This is exclusive of \$500 reported as sent direct from San Francisco, and does not include the offering raised in Los Angeles, which is being forwarded direct to Italy instead of being sent through the state Red Cross organization. The Los Angeles collections up to the close of business Thursday night were reported to amount to \$14,124.80. Gathering these various funds into one total the contribution from California amounts to \$161,437.05.

There was no cessation yesterday in the receipt of funds at the Red Cross headquarters, the money continuing to come in, not alone from San Francisco, but from all parts of the state. The next few days, however, probably will constitute a lull in the collection of funds, for the bulk of individual subscriptions already have been received and the sums raised through the medium of the larger benefit performances will not begin to be reported before the latter part of the week. Already eight daily installments of \$10,000 each have been telegraphed from San Francisco to the national Red Cross headquarters in Washington and another one is ready for Monday morning.

First Benefit Held

The first of the large benefits in aid of the Italian sufferers was given last night at Garibaldi hall in Broadway by the allied Italian societies of San Francisco under the auspices of the Garibaldi society. Hundreds of Italians attended the grand ball, which lasted well into the morning hours, and the receipts from admissions and from the sale of refreshments, liquors and cigars reached a large sum. Everything necessary to the complete success of the ball was donated, and all money collected was clear profit. Several other smaller benefit entertainments were given last night by various organizations, and the receipts from these will be turned into the Red Cross fund Monday.

The auction sale of boxes for the benefit performance to be given Tuesday afternoon at the Valencia theater was held at the Merchants' exchange yesterday morning and netted a sum of \$225. The first box put up for sale was taken by James Kolp Jr., owner of the exchange, for \$75. J. L. Vermeil, J. J. Sullivan and M. J. Hynes, who acted as auctioneer, took the next three boxes at \$50 each. Another box was sold to Miss M. L. Phelan for \$35 and the last to J. J. Sinsheimer for \$25. Sinsheimer immediately returned the box he had purchased, and it was resold to A. J. Beyfuss for \$10.

For Sale of Seats

Seats for the Valencia benefit are to be placed on sale Monday evening at the meeting of the Mission Promotion association, which will be held in the association hall at Sixteenth and Valencia streets, this method being taken by the association to co-operate with the Salesian fathers of Corpus Christi church, under whose auspices the benefit is to be given. A committee from the association, consisting of James Kolp Jr., A. B. Maguire, Supervisors William Broderick and George L. Center, Rev. D. O. Crowley, W. N. Kelly, P. Broderick, C. L. McEnaney and F. J. Churchill, has been appointed to take charge of the ticket sale and is being assisted by a committee from the Glen Park Ladies' Outdoor Art League, composed of Mrs. A. J. Blevins and Mrs. L. B. Tuohy.

This afternoon at 2 o'clock a mass meeting will be held at San Bruno hall, 2470 San Bruno avenue, by the San Bruno avenue improvement club to interest people of that district in the benefit.

Among the individual subscriptions made yesterday was \$217.75 raised by the Societa Dante di Mutuo Soccorso of Martinez, and \$100 donated by the San Francisco brotherhood of teamsters local No. 8. W. B. Hearst gave a check for \$1,000, and \$250 was received from the California-Hawaiian sugar refining company.

LAKE GENEVA'S STRANGE RISE AND
FALL BEFORE TERRIBLE TREMBLOR

GENEVA, Switzerland, Jan. 9.—The inhabitants of this city state that the waters of Lake Geneva rose and fell for two days with a curious siphonlike action three weeks before the earthquake at Messina. The same phenomenon was noticed before the San Francisco disaster, and was attributed to seismic gases.

great principles rather than petty rules. The movement will be referred to in several pulpits tomorrow. At the Baptist convention Rev. J. O. A. Henry will ask for volunteers. Rev. Mr. Smithers of the First Baptist church will take up the movement.

CALL FOR \$25,000,000
OF GOVERNMENT CASH
New Administration to Have
Ample Funds on Hand

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The secretary of the treasury today announced a call on the national bank depositories for approximately \$25,000,000 of government deposits, \$15,000,000 to be paid on or before January 23, 1909, and the remainder to be paid on or before February 10, 1909.

This call on national banks for the return to the treasury of \$25,000,000 is not made necessary by any urgent need of cash, the balance on hand and available for any purpose being fully \$29,000,000 with the revenues showing slight increases over one year ago.

The secretary's desire to provide ample funds for treasury needs at the beginning of the new administration, is believed to be the only purpose in making a call at this time. The banks are said to be in condition to spare the cash without any embarrassment.

The government deposits today in the national banks were \$113,234,255, exclusive of disbursing officers' balances.

RATE FIGHT TO SEATTLE
EXPOSITION THREATENED

Burlington Starts War by Reducing Fare From Chicago

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—A warm fight among western railroads over the rates to the Alaska-Yukon exposition, which will be held at Seattle this year, has been started by the Burlington road, which has announced a rate of \$2 for the round trip from Chicago.

The other roads had been waiting for a general agreement to be made among the lines of the Transcontinental passenger association as to what the rate should be. Although there is no legal reason why the Burlington should not act independently, its action is entirely contrary to the custom of the industry.

Representatives of other roads declared that if the Burlington proposed taking independent action before rate matters have been settled, the association it would mean a serious break in the heretofore harmonious relations existing among the western roads.

"HAIL TO THE CHIEF"
TO BE PLAYED ONCE

Music of Inaugural Parade to Be Relieved of Monotony

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—If President elect Taft has a sensitive musical ear it will not be jarred on inauguration day with a constant repetition of the tune "Hail to the Chief."

Heretofore it has been the custom for every band, drum corps and other musical aggregation taking part in the inaugural procession to strike up this tune honored air in passing the president's reviewing stand. But this will be tabooed in the forthcoming inauguration. Instead the musical salute will be played but once and then by the band first passing in front of the president.

This advance step taken by General Bell, grand marshal of the inaugural parade, will afford Mr. Taft a more varied musical program than his predecessors have enjoyed. At the same time this will eliminate a heretofore monotonous feature of inaugural parades.

FAMILY PEDIGREES WILL
BE PUBLISHED IN BOOK

Genealogical Society to Provide
Official Registration

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Official registration of pedigrees in order that persons who have traced the branches of their family trees may have the records published in book form is to be provided by the New York genealogical and biographical society.

By this compilation it is hoped to present a standard authority on American pedigrees.

Details of the plan were discussed at the annual meeting of the society last night.

"BISHOP RING"
SURROUNDS SUN
AFTER QUAKE

Aged Honolulu Physician Observes Phenomenon for First Time Since Discovery

Haziness in Atmosphere and
Gorgeous Sunsets Follow
Temblors in Italy

[Special Correspondence of The Call]

HONOLULU, Jan. 2.—Dr. Sereno Bishop, whose theory as to the cause of the haziness in the atmosphere which followed the eruption of the crater of Krakatoa in 1883, is accepted by the scientific world as the Bishop theory and the ring about the sun, noted by him at the same time, being styled the "Bishop ring," yesterday observed for the first time since the Krakatoa disaster the same phenomenon of the sun ring and ascribes this to the great earthquake in Italy and Sicily. His rediscovery of the "Bishop ring" is the first time this phenomenon has been noted since its appearance shortly after the original discovery.

The Bishop theory accounted for the gorgeous sunsets observed throughout the world for months after the Krakatoa disaster, and for the same effects in a lesser degree following the Martinique eruption. The theory is that impenetrable dust is discharged by a volcano in very active eruption into the higher air levels, 20 miles and higher above the earth, and that this dust spreads rapidly through the rarified air until it encircles the globe.

Dr. Bishop is now 82 years old and very frail. He is the oldest living white person born in the Hawaiian Islands and has made a life study of volcanoes.

BROKERS FIGHT ON CURB;
FINISH IT IN BASEMENT

Row Over Mining Stocks Settled in Battle With Fists

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—The usually dull Saturday market on the curb had some ginger put in it today by a physical encounter on Broad street, followed by an adjournment to the basement of an office, where a ring was formed and a fight to a finish was pulled off without police interference.

The unusual activity started when Fred Schwed, who was trading in Rawhide Coalition, became annoyed by efforts of W. G. Gallagher to outbid him.

Words brought a challenge to fight. An irregular surging ring was formed as Schwed led back with his left for Gallagher's head. He was countered and his opponent landed heavily on the chin. The crowd broke in and the men were separated, but found a friendly shelter at 40 Broad street, where they fought for 10 minutes with honors about even.

POPE DID NOT SEND
BLESSING TO TAFT

Archbishop Says Correspondent Drew Conclusions

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Archbishop J. J. Glennon of St. Louis reached here today from Rome. He had told a correspondent in Rome that he had said to Pope Pius X that Mr. Taft was a fair man, who treated Catholics and Protestants alike. Thereupon the correspondent had cabled to New York and St. Louis that the pope was sending through the archbishop the pontifical blessing to Taft, "which," Archbishop Glennon is quoted as saying, "wasn't true. The holy father did not send his blessing to Mr. Taft by me."

Archbishop Glennon added he went to Rome to attend the pope's jubilee, present him a St. Louis world's fair medal and give him a verbal report on the church census in America.

Pope Pius told Archbishop Glennon that America did things on a large scale and did them right.