

**An Earthquake in Calabria Drawn**  
by Signor Matavia an Eye Witness.



**NOTABLE EARTHQUAKES TAKES A MILLION LIVES.**

Place	Year.	Lives lost.
Catania, Sicily	1137	15,000
Syria	1158	20,000
Chile	1208	60,000
Naples	1456	40,000
Lisbon	1531	30,000
Naples	1626	70,000
Ragusa	1667	5,000
Schamakia	1672	80,000
Port Royal, Jamaica	1692	3,000
Sicily	1693	100,000
Aquila, Italy	1703	5,000
Jeddo (Aotearoa)	1703	200,000
Abruzzi, Italy	1706	15,000
Algiers	1710	20,000
Palermo	1726	6,000
China	1731	100,000
Naples	1732	1,900
Lima and Callao	1746	18,000
Grand Cairo	1754	40,000
Kaschan, Persia	1755	40,000
Lisbon	1755	50,000
Fes, Morocco	1757	12,000
Syria	1759	20,000
Martimico	1767	1,000
Tauris	1780	45,000
Calabria	1783	25,000
Bolivia	1797	40,000
Naples	1805	6,000
Kutch, India	1819	2,000
Aleppo	1822	20,000
Murcia, Spain	1828	6,000
Canton, China	1830	6,000
Calabria	1835	1,000
Martinique	1839	700
Cape Haytien, South Domingo	1842	5,000
Point-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe	1843	5,000
Great Sanger	1856	3,000
Calabria, Italy	1857	10,000
Quito	1859	5,000
Erzurum, Asia Minor	1859	6,000
Mendoza, S. America	1861	7,000
Massilia	1863	1,000
Mitylene	1867	1,000
Pera and Ecuador	1867	25,000
Santander, Colombia	1875	14,000
Sicily	1882	4,000
Cashmere	1885	3,000
The Riviera	1887	2,200
Yunnan, China	1888	4,000
Valparaiso, Chile	1890	1,500
San Francisco	1890	452
Kingston, Jamaica	1897	1,100
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,192,552</b>

Rome, Dec. 29.—Fifty thousand persons were killed, according to one estimate, by an earthquake which this morning destroyed most of the human habitations on the island of Sicily and in the department of Calabria, Italy. It is believed to be the greatest disaster of modern times.

Reports arriving late tonight all tend to confirm the statement that the catastrophe possibly will equal that which occurred in 1783, when 40,000 persons perished at Messina. Thousands are believed to have been killed in other places.

According to late advices tonight the city of Messina, Sicily, was terribly damaged by the first shock at 5 o'clock, and later three-fourths of the town

**EAST CHICAGO COUNCIL LETS FIRE STATION CONTRACT**

Architect J. T. Hutton of Hammond Draws Plans for New Fire Station There Which Will Complete East Chicago's Municipal Buildings.

(Special to THE TIMES) East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 29.—The fondest hopes of Fire Chief Nelson De Lors are about to be realized and the city given an adequate fire station. At the regular meeting of the common council last night it was decided to thoroughly remodel the old Water and Light company's plant, in the rear of the new city hall. Plans have already been submitted by Architect J. T. Hutton of Hammond, and in accordance with these plans, A. H. W. Johnson, a local contractor, was awarded the reconstructive plum. There were three bidders for the work. Mr. Johnson offered to complete the contract for \$8,365, while Fred Stewart of East Chicago bid \$8,450 and Eric Lund of Hammond \$8,650.

In Mr. Hutton's plans the exterior of the building remains unchanged. The inside, however, will be remodeled to permit the use of the building for the city stables as well as a substantial engine and hose house. The second story of the building will be used for the storing away of the city's hay and feed. With a new city hall, a new police station at Indiana Harbor and a

**ANGRY FATHER SEEKS ELOPING DAUGHTER**

Nineteen Year Old Gary Boy Marries Rich Ohio Girl.

**GOES HOME FOR A VISIT**

Norman Cole, Son of Druggist, Said He Would Visit Mother—Takes a Wife Instead.

It was learned today from a reliable source that Norman Cole, the 19-year-old son of W. H. Cole, proprietor of the Borman-Watson Drug company, 718 Broadway, had stolen a march on his parents by eloping and marrying Miss Mary Walker of Dillonvale, O., girl the day after Christmas.

The story was given further credence this morning when it was learned that J. C. Walker, who is said to be the wealthiest man in Dillonvale, O., had arrived in Gary last night, and was looking for his daughter, but could not trace of her here.

Norman Cole left Gary on the 17th of December to spend the holidays with his mother and other relatives in Dillonvale, O. Mr. W. Cole and son have just recently purchased the Borman-Watson Drug company on Broadway. Their home was in Dillonvale, O., before moving to Gary about a month ago. It was here that young Cole met Miss Walker, who is but 16 years of age. Both attended high school together and had known each other for years. When the young man came to Gary, it is said, that the two kept up a secret correspondence together through the aid of a "best friend" in both cities. This gave both the young people a chance to lay the plans for their elopement and marriage.

**Were in Toledo.**

Cole left Gary for Dillonvale the week before Christmas, and in the meantime Mr. Cole arrived in Gary to take his son's place in the store. On Saturday, the day after Christmas, Norman left home as did Miss Walker. Nothing save a telegram from Toledo, O., has been heard of them since except a short letter and several postal cards, which hinted that the two had married and would probably arrive in Gary some time this week. Mr. Walker arrived in Gary last night, and hoped to find that he had arrived in time to head off the marriage, as he considered his daughter too young to take such a step. But he counted without cost, for the young couple are now spending their honeymoon and by the time they arrive in Gary the wrath of the irate parent will have subsided and instead of giving vent to their feelings they will shower their blessings

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(Special to THE TIMES) East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 29.—The city fathers need now but to install a private police and fire alarm system to put the city on a strictly metropolitan basis. This matter, it is understood, will be considered at an early meeting of the council and appropriation secured for the purpose.



subject to earthquakes and probably 250,000 persons have been killed by these phenomena in Sicily and Calabria in the last three centuries.

**WILL THEN BE A DRY CITY**

After April 30 There Is to Be an Awful Gurgling in the Steel City.

**BAD ON PARCHED THROATS**

People of Gary Will Then Become Very Sociable With North Township Tavern Drunks.

On the thirtieth of April, 1909, Gary will be so dry that it will parch one's lips and call forth nothing more than a rasping whisper to even mention the name of the new steel city.

Five saloons went out of the business yesterday, seven will quite the latter part of January, ten will close up shop in February, eleven will become drug stores or bind tigers in March, and in April eighteen saloons will either board up the front doors or start to doing business in the woodshed just for the novelty of it, don't you know.

The daughter of innocent little saloons for the next few months in Gary and vicinity will simply be horrible. There will be a general taking down of the bars, and the thirst parlors in Hesville, Gibson and Indiana Harbor will do all the Calumet township business.

**Expect a Lot of Sociability.**

It is expected as a result that the people of Gary will become much more sociable with the people of North township than ever before. In the future, the people of Hammond must not suspect that every time a Gary lawyer comes to Hammond he is after the superior courthouse.

The men who will be compelled to close this month are John F. Farrell, Mike Mandish, Anton Smit, Fred Stuckman and Charles Van Guilder. Some of these are among the best known in the business.

Gary will be the first city in this part of the state which will have an opportunity to try the blessings of being dry. The people of Hammond, East Chicago and Indiana Harbor will be able to look over the corporation line in a few months and say: "Hello, Gary, how do you feel since you have sworn off?" and the people of Gary will wince and squirm and reply weakly, "I never felt better in my life."

The Union saloon, which was located on Broadway, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, closed Saturday night. The saloon is owned by Martin Bennett and was run by Bob Wilkins for the past month under Bennett's name. Bennett's license does not expire for several months and there is no explanation made as to his reason for closing. Bennett is known to have left Gary several weeks ago and has not been seen since.

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(Special to THE TIMES) East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 29.—The city fathers, who was arrested this morning on the charge of wife desertion, charges having been preferred by his wife, who was compelled to make her own living in a little shack in the neighborhood of Eighteenth avenue and Washington street. Levi will have a hearing today in Justice Townsley's court.

Mrs. Levi has the sympathy of all the people, who know the facts in the case. She has tried hard to make a living for herself and her four children, and the episode of several months ago is still fresh in the minds of some people, especially the Jews of Gary, when Levi tried to produce testimony to the effect that his wife was insane. The entire Jewish community stood by the wife, with the result that she was exonerated of the charges that her husband tried to prefer against her.

D. W. Caine of Indianapolis, grand master of the state, was present and officiated at the installation and later made a short address. One of the pleasing numbers on the evening's program was a vocal selection by Mrs. Oscar Byrd, Mrs. Emmett Bell and Mrs. Mary Champ.

The arrangement committee consisted of John Ghoston, chairman; Henry Travis, secretary, and John H. Jones, treasurer.

**FIGHT IN SALOON NOW IN COURT**

Piechocki Bros. of Indiana Harbor Are Made Defendants.

**S. KOWALSKI IS THE PLAINTIFF**

Says He Was Relieved of a Gun and \$75 in the Place—Provocation Case Up.

Indiana Harbor, Ind., Dec. 29.—Judge G. E. Reiland will today preside at the hearing of several flagrant statute violation cases. The participants in every occasion are residents of the foreign district and their fights were evidently occasioned by too great an indulgence in "Christmas joy."

Stanley Kowalski yesterday appeared before the court and asked for a warrant for the arrest of Leo and Stanley Piechocki, the Alder street saloon-keepers. Kowalski had two beautifully decorated optics, swollen so badly that he could not even peep from beneath his eyelids and had to be led into court by his brother. Kowalski recited a pitiful story which, if true, will mean a heavy fine for the Piechocki brothers. On Christmas eve, he declared, he entered the Piechocki saloon, intending to buy a few drinks. No sooner had he entered the door when Leo, who was evidently half-full, stepped up and relieved him of his gun and \$75 in cash.

**Another Provocation Charge.**

He was then beaten, bruised and battered and his battle-scarred body thrown into the street, where he was later found by friends and taken to his home. Piechocki brothers resent the assertion that they robbed their victim, declaring that Kowalski attempted to draw his gun in their saloon and that they merely took it away from him and gave him a lesson that he will long remember.

As a new angle in the troubles of John Ondrak and Mike Christian, the latter has Ondrak arrested on a charge of provocation. The defendant in the new case recently charged Christian with the theft of a valuable gold ring and on Saturday evening demanded its return. Christian maintained his innocence and declared that he knew absolutely nothing about the jewelry. He was then met with a voluminous attack of curses, "much to his disgust and dismay." Instead of striking Ondrak, Christian resorted to the natural course of the law and will secure legal redress. The case will be defended by Attorney J. D. Kennedy of Magoun avenue.

**GARY MASON'S INSTALLATION**

Colored Lodge Men Have a High Time at Gregory Hall.

St. Luke's Lodge, Gary colored Masons, last night gave a public installation of officers and a most pleasing entertainment to the lodge members and their wives.

The ceremonies took place at the Gregory hall, on Washington street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth avenues and were well attended. A stringed orchestra provided the music for the evening while the wives of the Masons prepared and served an excellent luncheon.

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Two cases of typhoid fever are reported from Miller. The two children of George Buckingham, George and Clara, are said to be dangerously ill, the condition of the little girl being especially serious.

**COOKED HIS GOOSE ALL RIGHT**

Amusing Petit Larceny Case Is Brought Up for Trial in Judge Fitzgerald's Court in Gary Yesterday Afternoon.

Wouldn't it make you angry if you bought a goose for Christmas, had it cooked at a friend's house for your affinity so your wife wouldn't get "wise" and then have your friend get drunk and permit the goose to cook for twelve hours, until it resembles a cross between an old shoe and a platter of tripe?

That was exactly what happened to Robert Burnett, erstwhile janitor in various Broadway buildings and who resides at the corner of Seventh avenue and Washington street. The friend who "cooked his goose" as far as the affinity part of it was concerned, is Henry Pettit, who appeared before Judge P. L. Fitzgerald yesterday, charged with petit larceny to the extent of a \$1.76 goose.

The case created a great deal of amusement in Gary yesterday afternoon when the case came up for trial. Much pro and con evidence was introduced at the trial until finally the facts were sifted to the bottom and the real cause for his arrest of Pettit was discovered. Attorney Clarence Bretsch drew from the prosecuting witness the fact that Pettit really had not been arrested for stealing the goose, but for the way in which the fowl was cooked.

**This Is How It Was!**

The story of the unique affair is as follows:

Bob Burnett purchased a Christmas goose for the sum of \$1.76. The goose he intended to serve to his affinity, a buxom colored Miss of the south end. Not wishing his wife to discover this fact he had the defendant, Henry, slip into his house the night before Christmas and take the goose from the table and carry it home, where he was to have parboiled it so that it could be easily cooked the next morning.