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EARTHQUAKE HITS CYPRUS

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Over to the eastern extremity of the Mediterranean,
to the lovely island of Cyprus, moved the Seismic shocks
still afflicting that part of Europe. Cyprus was not
20 devastated on the scale of the Ionian Islands. But
several villages were almost completely destroyed; at least
30 ~~four~~ ^{three} thousand people are homeless. As in the Greek islands
the Navy came with prompt aid. So did the Army. Troops
of the garrison set up tents as quickly as sailors brought
45 them ashore from the destroyer Saintes. From the aircraft
carrier Theseus medical supplies were flown in.
The town of Ktima, really a large village of three thousand
people, had 150 buildings destroyed though,
15 surprisingly, water and electricity ~~supplies~~ ^{services} still function.
The people salvaged what they could from their wrecked
25 houses, ~~as soon as they felt confident there would be no~~
~~mere shocks.~~ Army and Navy bakeries are keeping the
35 population supplied with bread. The ^{winter} climate is milder
here than in the Ionian Islands, so the tents may
45 serve the homeless without too much hardship. More ~~food~~ ^{food}
are being flown from Britain. ~~for the first time~~
55 ~~less.~~ Forty people are dead. More than a hundred in
hospital.