

FLOOD AT SALERNO

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Fourteen hours of rain falling in torrents have caused huge destructions and a great number of victims in the Zone of Salerno (South Italy).

The appalling distaster was that four landslips from Mt. Anedola have slipped swept away a whole quarter in Salerno, causing 90 dead persons, more than 100 wounded and 5000 homeless people.

Mud, 3 meters ^{high} ~~thick~~, has filled up the streets shutting everything up in a mortal vice.

Somewhere the paving has sunk down, letting earth-quake-like deep hollows.

Some spots of desolations along the way between Vietri and Cava dei Tirreni.

The bays among the rocks are crossed by wading to bring the few left things to safety.

Sentinels of the Marine and Customs-House keep in connection with the isolated villages. They recover the bodies carried into the sea by violent torrents.

President Scelba and Min. Romita visit the wounded in the hospitals.

The first immediate aids from the Government, from Red Cross, and from the papal Assistance-Commission, consisting in victuals, blankets, garments and medicines, are distributed to the injured populations.

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