

BOSTON TOURISTS IN ITALIAN QUAKE ZONE



PANORAMIC VIEW OF BARGA.

Twenty-six Americans, most of them from Boston, are known to have been in the town of Barga, Italy, at the time of the recent earthquake in which hundreds were killed and thousands injured, and their relatives and friends in this country, having received no word of them as yet, are extremely anxious regarding their fate.

This was made known to the Globe last night by Hugh DaPrato of Waverley House, Charlestown, who called at the Globe office seeking news of his father and mother and two sisters, all of whom were visiting at the popular Italian summer resort at the time of the earthquake.

According to Mr DaPrato, who was recently in Barga himself, and who, before joining the aviation branch of the American Army, served for five months as an aviator in the Italian Army, the town of Barga is located on a plateau near the foot of the Alps, and during August and September is crowded with tourists, principally Americans.

According to Mr DaPrato the following Americans are known to have been in Barga at the time of the earthquake:

Mr and Mrs DaPrato and their two daughters, Mr and Mrs Alexander Poll of Winthrop and their two daughters, Humber J. Rigale of Charlestown, Mr and Mrs John DaPrato of Charlestown and their three daughters and one son, Mr and Mrs Emilio Caproni and their

daughter of Boston, a Mr and Mrs Cardosi and two daughters of Muncie, Ind; Amedeo and Louis Pieroni of Eliot st, Boston; Amerigo DaPrato of 38 Essex st, Charlestown, and Mr and Mrs Serafino Nardini with one daughter and one son, formerly of Greenfield and now of Charlestown.

Mr DaPrato said that each year about this time Mrs Thomas J. Preston, widow of President Cleveland, with the President's sister, were in Barga, but he does not know whether they were there this year or not.

The houses in Barga are principally of stone, between two and three feet thick, but DaPrato says that an earthquake splits the walls of the houses wide open and crumbles them to earth as though they were sawdust. He added that there was a large Italian munition factory near Barga.

Boston Italians are looking to the American Red Cross, which is still in France, to take up relief work among the people of the stricken area. Mr DaPrato has sent a cable to Count Carlo Sardi of Lucca, who has charge of American affairs in the vicinity of Barga, asking for word of his relatives, but as yet he has received no reply.

He said that the body of Ubaldo Stefani, formerly of Eliot st, who recently died of wounds in a New York hospital after serving in the 328th Infantry, 82d Division, was buried in the cemetery at Barga a few days before the earthquake, which split the cemetery wide open.