# EARTHQUAKE HAS 100,000

# Messina and Reggio Overwhelmed by Great Convulsions.

# WHOLE PROVINCES WASTED

Almost Entire Population of Reggio Exterminated in Instant.

#### TOURISTS

Sicilian Hotels Crowded With Foreigners at Time.

## KING AND QUEEN TO RELIEF

Hasten to Southern Italy on Warship-Pope Leads Subscriptions With \$200,000-Foreign Warships Hasten to Rescue.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* THE EARTHQUAKE.

Diseased nature oftentimes breaks In strange sruptions; oft the teeming

By the imprisoning of unruly wind Within her womb; which, for enlargement striving, Shakes the old beldame earth, and

topples down steeples, and moss-grown towers. -King Henry IV, Scene 1, Act 3.

ROME, Dec. 28.-One hundred thousand dead; Messinn, on the Island of Sicily, and Reggio and a score of towns in Southern Italy, overwhelmed; the entire Calabrian region laid waste-that is the earthquake's record so far as at present known. Reports are coming slowly into Rome on account of the most complete destruction of lines of communication to the stricken places.

The death total in Messina ranges from 12,000 to 50,000; that of Reggio, which, with its adjacent villages numbered 45,000 people, includes almost the entire population; at Pall, 1000 are reported dend; at Cassano, 1000; at Cosenza, 500, and half the population of Bagnara. about 4000. The Monteleone region has been devastated and Riposa, Seminara, San Glovanni, Scilla, Lazzaro and Cannitello and all other communes and villages on the straits are in rulns.

The King and Queen of Italy are now on their way to Messina, having sailed to-night from Naples aboard the battleship Vittorio Emmanuele. The Pope has shown the greatest distress at the calamity and he himself was the first to contribute a sum amounting to \$200,000 to the relief of the afflicted. British. French and Russian warships are steaming toward the south and already several of the ships of Great Britain and Russia. have performed heroic service in the work of rescue

It is feared that many foreigners have Messina and doubtless all other places were crowded with tourists. Little is known of the fate of the diplomatic representatives of the powers stationed at these posts, although the Italian govern ment is using every effort to relieve the anxiety felt on this account.

There is the gravest danger that a pestilence will follow the destruction of the towns. On account of the vast havoe wrought, bodies will lie unburied for days and weeks. Those who escaped death, many of whom are badly injured, are making their way by the thousands to the nearest place of refuge. Their sufferings even now must be intense, as they are without food or clothing.

Stunned at the magnitude of the calamity which has overtaken fellow-countrymen, all Italy mourns tonight for the stricken province of Calabria and the Island of Sicily. Accustomed for centurles to earthquakes, Italy stands ever in dread, but none was prepared for the disaster which in the fraction of a minute yesterday devastated cities and towns,

#### and caused the death of thousands. Messina in Ruins and Flames.

Messina, whose tragic history has been marked by tidal waves and war, and which was the center of yesterday's terrestial maeistrom, was shaken to ruins. Flashes burst forth to complete the city's destruction, and to burn alive untold numbers helplessly pinioned beneath fallen walls and broken timbers. The Strait of Messina was shaken and twisted by the earthquake's trembling, for mariners

#### months.

Anaconda Dividend Same. (Concluded on Page 4.)

## ROOSEVELT AND HIS SON QUARREL

REPORT PRESIDENT OPPOSED TEDDY'S NEW VOCATION.

Embryo Carpet-Weaver Is Major on Governor's Staff, but Can't Afford Gaudy Uniform.

WATERBURY, Conn., Dec. 29 .- (Speial.)-"Teddy" Roosevelt, Jr., is not good terms with his father, accordng to a story printed "on good author-ty" in today's issue of the Waterbury Republican. He accepted a position as a carpet weaver in the Thompsonville nill despite the objections of the Pres ident, and was informed when he left home, so the story says, that he could expect no assistance from that quarter. The story is printed under the heading "Major Teddy Saving Money for a Uniform." It occupied a prominent place on the front page.

"It leaked out today," the story reads, "why young Roosevelt, of Gov-ernor George Lilley's staff has not appeared at numerous gatherings of that party. He has been saving up his peniles to buy an expensive uniform and After he has paid his board and clothing out of his salary as a weaver in the Thompsonville carpet mill, the story goes on to say, he has very little left. The uniforms worn at receptions cannot be bought for less than several hundred dollars, and "Teddy," Jr., the story says, could not raise the "wherewithal." It is not true, the story says, that the young fellow ate his Christmas turkey at the White House. He went out of Connecticut so as not to cause any suspicion, but never reached Washington.

#### PRAYERS SAVED NEW YORK

So Says "Prophet" Spangler in Explaining Why World Still Exists.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.-A special dis patch to the World from York, Pa. says that "Prophet" Lee J. Spangler, who created mixed wonder, fear and ent at Nyack, N. Y., by declaring that the world would come to an end at high noon Sunday last, then sud-

rant had been issued there for his arrest he was ignorant of it. He is credited with making the following statement regarding the skepticism with which some receive his prophecies:
"It only serves to show how few people will be watching when the time does come. God has only deferred the end a little longer. The real reason for this is that New York ministers and people learned through my prophecies that the time had come and they all got down on their knees and prayed so hard that they saved the city like Nineveh, for the time heing."

#### REBEL WINS BOSTON BRIDE

Sarabia, Mexican Revolutionist, Marries Rich Miss Trowbridge.

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 29 .- Manuel Sarabia, an alleged member of the Mexican yesterday afternoon to MIss Elizabeth Trowbridge, a wealthy Boston girl. Sarabia's acquaintance with the young woman commenced when she paid a visit to the Los Angeles jail, where he was confined. Sarabia was transferred to Tucson and she followed him here. Sara-

bla is out on \$1000 ball at present. The bride visited Los Angeles with her nother, the widow of a prominent bydraulic engineer of Boston. She was attracted to Sarabla by her interest in So-

#### FLEET ENTERS RED SEA

American Battleships More Than Half Way Home Again.

SUEZ, Dec. 29.-The American battleship fleet under Rear-Admiral Sperry, passed Perim at the entrance to the Red Sea at noon today. All on board the fleet are well. The vessels are due here the morning of January 2.

It is expected that they will make a quick passage through the canal and then will disperse to the various Mediterranean ports, according to their itinerary, with the least possble delay. Christmas was been killed, as a number of hotels at fittingly observed on board the 16 ves-

#### ROB COUNTY TREASURER

Masked Men Get \$5000 and Lock Officer in Vault.

WOONSOCKET, S. D., Dec. 29 .- County Treasurer Michael Meier was held up in his office last night by two masked men and robbed of \$5000 in cash. The robbers locked him in a vault, but the door was not securely fastened and he was able to escape and give an alarm.

#### COSGROVE MUCH BETTER

Washington's Governor-Elect Able to Be Up and About.

PASO ROBLES, Cal., Dec. 29.-(Speclal.)-Governor-elect Cosgrove shows remarkable improvement. Yesterday afternoon he interviewed friends in the sun parlor and last evening he chatted with the guests in the hotel lobby. His general condition is better than for many

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.-The direc tors of the Anaconds Copper Company declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents This is unchanged

# WIFE LOVED ANNIS, DECLARESWITNESS

Story of Hains' Grief Told in Court.

### WOULD NOT BELIEVE GOSSIP

After Hearing of Scandals, Hains Denied Them.

INVITED ANNIS TO DINNER

When Details Were Later Told Officer His Control Vanished and He Acted Like Man Demented, Says Colored Cook.

FLUSHING, N. P., Dec. 29.-The marital roubles of Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., and his story of the estrangement with his wife, Claudia Hains, came out in the trial of Thornton J. Hins today, when Samuel C. Reid, a Government building inspector at North Chicago, related conversations he had last June with Captain Hains, making known the causes that led to the separation of the Captain and his wife. The testimony of what Captain Hains said was permitted by Justice Crane as having a bearing on the mental condition of the Army officer at that

Mr. Reld stated that Captain Hains told him that his wife had confessed that she loved Annis. Captain Hains evinced signs of great mental distress in the narration of his troubles, the witness

Mr. Reld is said by counsel for the defense to be a brother of Princess Rospiglosi, of Rome, and comes from Kentucky. He is a grandson of S. C. Reid. who commanded the privateer General Armstrong in the battle at Fayal, Azores, during the War of 1812. Mr. Reid said:

#### Alarmed at Gossip.

"Captain Hains told me he went to Fort Hamilton and found his wife, who wanted to know why he had returned 'Why, Claudia, your reputation is ends of the earth to save you. I have heard gosslp of you and Annis, the Captain said. His wife told him that the gossip was ridiculous."

Mr. Reid said that the Captain stated that he invited Annis to dinner to show that he did not believe the gossip, Witness said that Captain Hains said his father told him there were things to be again spoke to his wife and she replied: do love Billy Annis.'

Mr. Reld testified further: "The Captain said that his wife then told him all: that she loved Billy Annis and not him. "'I could not understand it,' said

"GEE! THAT OLD

SPORT'S SLOW!

#### ANNUAL NUMBER OF WIDE INTEREST.

As a resume of the varied activities of the State, the New Year's Oregonian will be found of great value. You will want it for reference, for data will be given that are valuable. This information may be always available if you keep the number. The issue will mirror the industrial progress of Oregon to a remarkable degree. It will show what is being done, the great opportunities that exist and what may be accomplished in the years to come. Avenues that are open to the newcomer will be emphasized and the edition is profusely il-lustrated. You will want to send copies of the New Year's number away to your friends in the East. The price is 5 cents a copy and postage to any point in the United States, Canada, Mexico or the Iusular Possessions is 4 cents copy additional; foreign countries, 7 cents.

#### DOLPH SET FREE AGAIN

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Tennessee Man Released From Jail After Much Red Tape Was Spun.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.-Will liam A. Dolph, against whom an indictaccusing him of embezzlement from the Memphis, Tenn., humber firm of which he was a member, caused his arrest in this city, the sending of an officer here from the East to take him back for trial, and the institution (, extradition proceedings, was discharged from custody to-day and the case against him dismissed by Police Judge Conlan. This was done on a motion made by his attorney, Samuel Shortridge, after it had been shown that the Chief of Police of Memphis had wired the police of this city that the indictment against Dolph there had been dismissed.

#### SON OF NOTED NATURALIST

Actor Killed in Denver Came of Excellent Family.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 29.-Charles Cuv ter Dury, Jr., who was shot and killed by C. Burdette Bell in Denver yesterday was the son of Prof. Charles Dury of this city, an ornithologist who has a national reputation. Prof. Dury is taxidermist of the University of Cincinnati and has written many books on bird lore. Dury was 25 years old, and before leaving this city was regarded as an amateur actor of ability. He was married four years ago and left with his wife for Denver two years ago.

Hell, who is charged with the shooting of Dury, was married in Cincinnati two years ago.

#### at stake. I have come from the utter MAY HAVE BEEN MURDERED

Under Suspicious Circumstances.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Dec. 29.-Charles P. Essick, the aged clerk of Pikes' Peak Camp No. 5, Woodmen of the World of Colorado Springs, was found investigated and that he (Captain Hains) dead in his bed this morning. The tragedy at first was supposed to be the re sult of having brooded over the confine ment of his son, Charles Essick, a boy scarcely out of his teens, who was sentenced to a life term in the penitentiary in 1905 for the murder of Frank Scott, Captain Hains. "The night before she shot and killed in this city early in that I free list. gave me her caresses and told me that year. Later, however, it was intimated quests to that he might have been murdered. 

# TARIFF FRAMERS TALK ABOUT POTS

Take Up Second Section of Schedule Work.

#### SUGGEST CHANGE IN VALUING

In Order to Prevent Perjury, New Plan Is Offered.

FEW INCREASES ARE ASKED

Some Reductions Wanted by Importers, and Other Chages Desired Include Duty on Fire Clays and Crude Gypsum.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.-The tarif ramers today began work on schedule B of the tariff law, which deals with earths earthenware and glassware. The change sought in this schedule apply particularly to the tariff on pottery and the testimony of the witnesses who appeared before th committee when the subject was under suggestion to change the method of collecting ad valorem duty on an article which is being seriously considered by the committee, was brought out during the discussion on pottery.

While Jerome Jones, of Boston Mass., was on the stand. Chairman Payne explained a plan to collect ad valorem duties based on the wholesale selling price of the article in the United States, instead of on the sale price at the place of manufacture abroad. The object of the suggested change is to avoid undervaluations, which result in a loss of revenue to the Government.

#### Appeals for Honesty.

Mr. Payne explained that the wholeale market price here can be easily

'The Government calls your people be ore the appraisers," he said, to the im porter on the witness-stand, "and puts them under oath as to what the wholesale price is, and if your competitors should make a faise oath they would be amenable to the law of the United States for perjury; but as it is now, there is n one to call before the Board of Appraisers who knows the actual market price abroad. We cannot send and get these vitnesses here. If we take their statenents we cannot punish them if the make false ones."

#### Two Increases Asked.

The manufacturers of pottery in this country asked for few increases in the present duties, but urged the committee to protect them in some was against undervaluations on the pottery and china imported from abroad. Reductions in the duties on pottery were asked for by the importers. Other changes in the schedule on earths earthenware which have been asked for are increased duties on firebrick, clays, crude gypsum, and that manu-factured pumice stone be placed on the There have been several re quests to place gypsum on the free list, where it formerly was.

# BAY STATE TRIES FOR CABINET JOB

WANTS MEYER OR WEEKS IN TAFT'S CABINET.

Senate Will Insist Hitchcock Resign Chairmanship and Crane Urges Meyer Be Retained.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 .- (Special.)-Repeated assertions by President-elec-Taft that only one member of his forthcoming Cabinet has been selected o date, and the positive information from leaders of the Senate that Frank H. Hitchcock will not be confirmed by that body for a Cabinet position until he has resigned his post as chairman of the Republican National Committee, have led Massachusetts political leaders to re-enter the field on both of the other Cabinet possibilities from that state.

Tremendous pressure is being exerted by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge and his friends to have George von La Meyer, the present Postmaster-General, either retained in that position o made Secretary of the Treasury or Secretary of the Navy. Representative John W. Weeks, of the same state, is, it is understood, being pressed with equal vigor by friends of Senator Murray Crane for Secretary of the Navy Mr. Weeks is a graduate of Annapolis and present commander of the Massa chusetts naval militia, as well as a power in the House of Representatives.

#### ERBS TRIED FOR MURDER Widow and Sister Charged With

Slaying Captain Erb.

MEDIA, Pa., Dec. 29.-Mrs, M. Florenc Erb and her sister, Mrs. Catherine Beisel, were placed on trial in the Delaware County Court here today, charged with the murder of Mrs. Erb's husband, Captain J. Clayton Efb, at his country home "Red Gables," near Village Green, on the night of October 6.

Captain Erb,, who was secretary to Israel W. Dunham, the Republican leader, of Philadelphia, and who was a wellknown National Guardsman, was shot during a quarrel in which Mrs. Erb and Mrs. Beisel participated. Mrs. Beisel is charged with having fired the shot that killed the Captain, but both she and Mrs. Erb have been jointly and separately indicted on a charge of murder. Mrs. Beisel admitted firing the shots,

but declared she did so in self-defense, and that will be her plea. Since the shooting Mrs. Beisel has been in fall, but Mrs. Erb has been out on

ball, having secured her release on habeas corpus. Mrs. Erb was well known to patrons of horse shows, where she rode and was recognized as a clever horse-

#### DISASTER IN COAL MINE Betwen 40 and 60 Men Reported

ROANOKE, Va., Dec. 29.-Meager reports of a coal mine disaster at Lick Branch, Virginia, reached here tonight. Between 40 and 30 men are said to have been imprisoned and up to 6 o'clock this evening rescuing parties have been un able to get into the shaft because of the fire and smoke.

Lick Branch is the name of a coal mine in operation on the Pocahontas divi sion of the Norfolk and Western Rail road. It is without commercial telegraph facilities.

A message received at 10 o'clock at the general offices of the Norfolk & Western Railway in this city says that 14 men have been taken out of the mine and that four of this number are dead. It is practically settled that 50 miners were at work in the mine when the explosion occurred and that there yet remain 36 in the death pit. The rescue work very slow. The damage to the mine i reported to be great. The cause of the explosion has not yet been determined

#### PREFERS DEATH TO COURT St. Louis Business Man a Suicide

Rather Than Face Charges.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.-David F. Maloney, a wealthy business man and prominent in caub life, killed himself here today. Maloney's suburban home was destroyed by fire last Sunday and the fire is said to have been of incendiary origin. While viewing the rules of the place, Mr. Maloney was arrested on complaint of his father-in-law, F. E. Nelsen, a real estate dealer. Maloney

# ORPHAN WEDS CHINAMAN

was to have been tried on January 6.

Beautiful Southern Girl Violates Mississippi Laws.

MERIDIAN. Miss., Dec. 28.-Miss Ollie Patton, granddaughter of the late W. S. Pation, a Confederate General and past grand master of the Mississippi Masons, t developed today, married a Chinaman here last Sunday. The marriage violates the state law forbidding intermarriage between whites and persons of negro or Mongolian blood. Miss Patton is young and beautiful and an orphan.

#### DEPRIVE NEGROES OF VOTE

Leading Oklahoma Democrats Prepare Bill to Disfranchise.

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Dec. 29.-Several of the leading Democrats of Oklahoma met here this afternoon for the pur-pose of preparing a bill to be introduced in the Legislature next week to disfrancelse the negro. Governor Has-kell was represented by J. E. Wyand,

# RUEF'S SENTENCE

Maximum Term Given Deposed Boss.

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Lawyers Use Technicalities in Effort at Delay.

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Transfer to Penitentiary Delayed Till Final Decision-Climax of Long Struggle Marked by Several Dramatic Events.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29 .- Fourteen years in the penitentlary, the maximum s the sentence meted out today to Abraham Ruef, who for four years directed the political destines of San Francisco as adviser of the administration of Eugene E. Schmitz, Mayor of the city.

Judgment was pronounced at the close of a day devoted to legal battle, wherein the defense sought to introduce many reasons for a new trial. When Judge William P. Lawlor had denied this and other motions involving delay, the defendant arose at the court's command and stood unmoved through the recital of judgment. There was no demonstration on the part of the spectators during the proceedings in the courtroom, later, when Ruef, having entered the prison van in the custody of a daputy sheriff, started in the dusk on his long

ride to the County Jall. Before the adjournment of court neice of appeal had been filed on behalf of the defendant and the court had signed a writ of probable cause, which

will not us a stay of execution. In a trial that was prolonged through a period of nearly four months Ruef was convicted, December 10, or bribing John J. Purey, an ex-Supervisor, to fafor the award of an overbead trolley franchise to the United Rallroads, This was one of 114 indictments returned against Ruef by the Oliver grand jury, which heard 16 Supervisors confess the acceptance of bribes in several matters involving public service corporations.

One of the many incidents that tended

to make the trial of Ruef remarkable was the shooting of Assistant District storney F. J. Hency by Morris Hans an ex-convict, whose past record was exposed by the prosecutor after the would-be slayer had been accepted as a member of the jury. Hans subsequently committed suicide in the County Jail.

#### BOYLE'S SHAMEFUL CONDUCT

Head of Education Board "Fired" for Associating With Schmitz.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.-President Thomas F. Boyle, of the Board of Education, was removed from office this afternoon by Mayor Taylor for conduct characterized by the latter as "bold, gross indiscretion and shameful," and "not to be borne with teleration by the Mayor of San Francisco."

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