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RUSSIAN TELLS OF MESSINA'S RUINS

Estimates Dead in City Alone at 80,000.

FOUR TIDAL WAVES CAME UP

Found Babes Playing Where Parents Were Dead.

GRISCOM GOING TO SCENE

American Ambassador to Seek Missing Americans--Lipari Islands Destroyed With Whole Population of 28,000.

ISLES GONE, 28,000 PERISH. ROME, Dec. 31--The Via states that a wireless message from the Strait of Messina reports that the Lipari Islands, a group of volcanic islands in the Mediterranean near the Coast of Sicily, have disappeared.

ROME, Dec. 31--The commander of the Russian cruiser Admiral Makharoff, which arrived at Naples yesterday with refugees from Messina, says of the earthquake.

"Hearing of the disaster, I hurried to Messina. The city was literally nothing but a heap of ruins. Every building there has collapsed, but in many cases the outward shells remain standing and as a result the general contour of the city is less changed than might be expected.

"The harbor is filled with refuse of every kind and at one end lies the wreck of a sunken steamer.

"Narrow Escapes of Rescuers. "It is impossible to give even a faint idea of the desolation of the scene. Every now and then we heard the crash of falling floors and walls. This constitutes the greatest danger to the rescuers. It is not safe to approach any standing masonry. Men from my vessel had many narrow escapes, and I saw several horrible accidents to brave Italian soldiers who were doing more than their duty.

"Dead at Messina 80,000.

"I estimate the deaths at Messina conservatively at 80,000. The mind shrinks from contemplation of the present condition in the stricken city; that there are thousands of persons still alive in the ruins and that countless numbers must die.

"The tidal waves lasted much longer than the earthquake. During all the time we were in the harbor of Messina our vessel shivered intermittently, as though shaken by some marine monster.

"Babes Amid Ruins.

"I could relate pathetic stories without number. Under some wreckage inclosed in a kind of little cubbyhole and protected by some heavy beams, I discovered two little babes, safe and uninjured. They were comfortable as possible and laughing and playing with the buttons on their clothes. We found no trace of their parents, who undoubtedly lost their lives. It made a terrible impression to see the bereaved children. Many of the little ones live, while their parents are dead, while we saw many mothers with dead babes in their arms.

"It was also indescribably painful to see the many who had gone crazy with grief. They searched and searched aimlessly for their loved ones, keeping up the quest even after they had been brought on board the ship."

"Griscom Going to Rescue.

"The Foreign Office has completed final arrangements for Lloyd C. Griscom, the American Ambassador, to leave Naples tomorrow on board an Italian steamer for Messina. Mr. Griscom's purpose is to gather information regarding the fate of the Americans who are supposed to have been in Calabria and Sicily at the time of the disaster. The Ambassador will take with him several consular officers, among whom he will divide the work. As soon as the investigation is started the Ambassador will return to Rome.

"Bayard Cutting, Jr., American Vice-Consul at Milan, will take charge of the consular service at Messina. Winthrop Chandler, of Philadelphia, will accompany the Ambassador to the south. Large numbers of telegrams addressed to people in Messina have been forwarded from here by mail because of lack of wire facilities. There is no chance of the messages being delivered.

"Many Villages Destroyed.

"There are still numerous small villages in Calabria from which no news has been received. Many of them are inaccessible."

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FAIR LILLIAN TO PRINT LOVE NOTES

TWO VOLUMES OF FERVENT AND AMOROUS LETTERS.

"Of Course There Are Some I Can't Publish," Says Miss Russell, Modestly.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31--(Special)--Lillian Russell has another surprise in store for the public. She has just announced that love letters which she has received during her long and wonderful stage career will be published within a short time.

"That the letters will make interesting reading goes without saying, for no one, on or off the stage, has been the recipient of more attention and admiration than the eternally youthful Lillian. By the publishing of these letters the actress will give the public a knowledge of her



Theodore E. Burton, Way for Whose Election as Senator for Ohio is Now Clear.

love affairs, the number and fervency of which have kept the world gaping for many years.

OFFICE CHANGES AWAITED

Cosgrove and Mead Appointees Arranged to Turn Over Work.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 31--(Special)--Governor Mead has advised two of Cosgrove's appointees to get busy and frame up an agreement with the present officeholders so that appointments of the new men may be made. J. H. Davis, of the State Board of Control, has gone to Walla Walla to confer with Eugene Lenton, who will succeed him, and they will "close" comes in.

GOPHERS CLAIM VICTORY

Defeat Orecons in Basketball by Score of 29 to 28.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 31--(Special)--A game that was nip and tuck from start to finish tonight ended in the first defeat of the champion Orecons on their home ground. The local Holcomb quint, champions of the city league, scored a victory over the formidable invaders by a score of 29 to 28.

DYING REQUEST PECULIAR

W. O. Mack Begs There Be No Funeral Services Over Dead Body.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 31--(Special)--"Regarding all forms of religion as superstition I hereby direct that no religious rites or ceremonies be held at my burial."

FIND THIRTY-SEVEN DEAD

Death List at Lick Branch Mine Expected to Increase.

BLUEFIELDS, W. Va., Dec. 31--The work of recovering the bodies from the mines of the Lick branch colliery is being pushed rapidly. Thirty-seven miners have been taken out dead, and it is thought there are six still in the mine.

Refreshments for 300 Homeless. At their headquarters, 246 Couch street, the Volunteers of America served refreshments to 300 homeless men in the North End last night from 9:30 to 11 o'clock. With the luncheon each man received a hearty handshake of encouragement and good wishes for the coming year.

OHIO SENATORSHIP GOES TO BURTON

Taft Forces Give Way for Party Harmony.

LONG FIGHT COMES TO END

President-Elect Taft Advises Plan Finally Adopted.

WINNER HAS CLEAR FIELD

Foraker, Last Candidate to Resign, Delivers Scorching Denunciation of Machine in So Doing--Contest Two Years Hence.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 31--(Special)--Theodore E. Burton will be the next Senator from Ohio. This is the result of the remarkable and intensely interesting developments of the last 24 hours in the Senatorial contest which came to an end today.

Early this morning, after nearly all night conference, Charles P. Taft announced he would not continue in the race in the interests of party harmony. The announcement brought on a stampede of the other candidates, Foraker holding out until nearly noon, however, before yielding to the inevitable.

To Save Party Harmony.

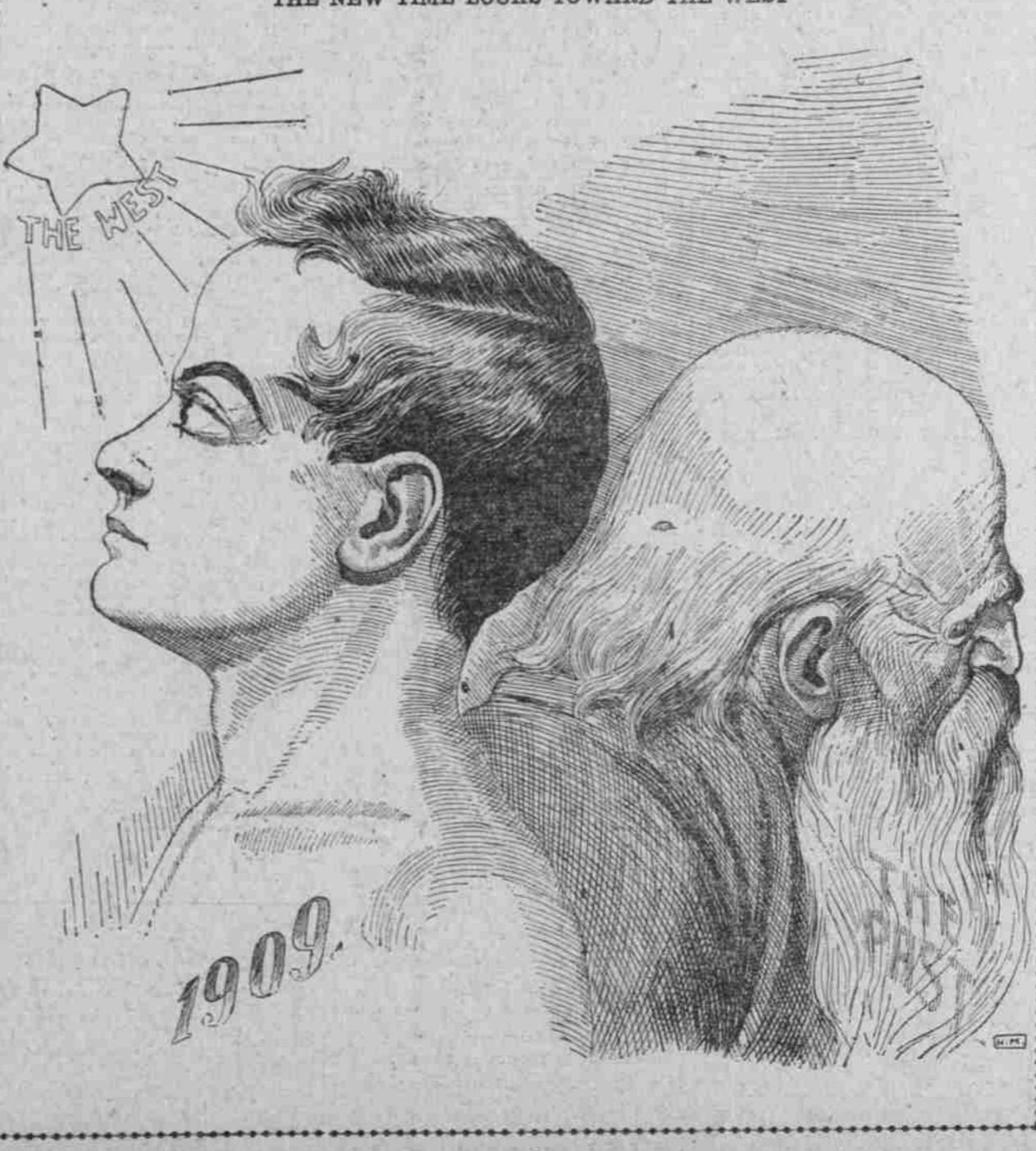
The struggle for the Senatorship, which had reached a point of serious party discord in Ohio, was settled by the master hand of President-elect Taft, who, after a conference with ex-Attorney-General Wade H. Ellis, at Augusta, reached the conclusion that the good of the party would be best served by the withdrawal of Charles P. Taft. Ellis, taking the broadest view of the situation, without any knowledge of the conference with Mr. Burton, presented the situation to the President-elect when he reached Augusta upon invitation of Judge Taft, and advised that Taft withdraw and throw his strength to Burton.

JOHN L.'S FATHER BURNED

Tenement-House Fire in Boston Injures Many, Fighter's Sire Badly.

BOSTON, Dec. 31--Thirteen persons were rescued from a burning tenement house in South Boston early today. Later John Sullivan died of injuries received in jumping into a net. The three-story building was ablaze when one of the lodgers awoke. He aroused others, but found no escape by the ordinary means. Every one had to be taken down over the ladders or by the aid of nets.

THE NEW TIME LOOKS TOWARD THE WEST



REBATES ARE PAID UNDER NEW NAME

CHICAGO GRAND JURY UNCOVERS IMPROVED SYSTEM.

Packers and Railroads Call Them Damage Claims--Morris & Co. Received \$100,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31--(Special)--That the Government expects to uncover a modern and extensive system of rebating which has grown since the enactment of the Hepburn anti-rebate law was revealed in the attitude of the officials who are conducting the present grand jury investigation of the traffic affairs of Morris & Co., after the adjournment of the grand jury until Monday.

The old straightforward system of rebating is declared to be an old-fashioned as the old methods of bribery by hand-



Lloyd C. Griscom, American Ambassador to Italy, Who is Taking Active Part in Relief Work.

ing over money in a closet. In accordance with President Roosevelt's mandate that the investigation shall be thorough, the Government has spent four days in the examination of one witness, Harry C. Dowling, traffic manager for Morris & Co.

It developed today that the 300 damage claims of Morris & Co., which are the basis of the investigation, amount to about \$100,000, instead of \$300,000, as previously reported. It is stated from an authoritative source that, Morris & Co. have unpaid claims amounting to \$300,000 pending and that an average of that amount is pending at all times.

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CONFESSION READ IN HAINS' TRIAL

Wife Signed Statement of Misdeeds.

LEADING REASON OF CRIME

Defense Asserts Proof Made of Captain's Insanity.

ENTIRE FAMILY ON STAND

Testimony Showing Hains Was Physically Weak and Hereditarily Hysterical Will Also Be Introduced in Effort to Aid.

FLUSHING, N. Y., Dec. 31--Captain Peter C. Hains, U. S. A., and his wife, Mrs. Virginia P. Hains, parents of T. J. Hains, now on trial as a principal in the slaying of William F. Annis, were witnesses in their son's behalf today and their testimony brought out in full detail the relationship of Mrs. Claudia Hains and William E. Annis that caused the entrapment of Captain Hains and his wife.

General Hains declared that in his presence and before his two sons, Peter and Thornton Hains, the Captain's wife, Claudia Hains, made a full confession of her misconduct, and that subsequently Captain Hains manifested such poignant grief from the disclosures that his mental condition became affected.

The confession which General Hains declared his son's wife, Claudia, had signed on the day following Captain Hains' return from the West, was read to the jury. General Hains made a strong witness for his son and counsel for the defense asserted tonight that the evidence was now conclusive that Captain Hains was mentally unbalanced when he shot Annis, and that the act was his sole doing. The general will be under cross-examination again Monday.

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WHITE SOX WILL CHARTER LIMITED

DUPLICATE OF FINE OVERLAND TRAIN FOR BALLTOSSERS.

Crack Chicago Club May Visit Portland Before Returning to Home City.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31--(Special)--When the White Sox went to California last February in their own special train they set a precedent for high-class travel among baseball teams. But next March they are going to make that trip look like a joke. Negotiations are under way, and it looks certain, that a duplicate of the Northwestern's overland limited will be chartered for the trip. A whole month will be spent in California, and the members of the Sox team may, before returning East, visit Portland and Seattle, which have of-



General Peter C. Hains, Who Testified in Behalf of His Son, Jenkins Hains, at Murder Trial Yesterday.

ferred President Comiskey some rich guarantees to bring his team up into the Northwest.

Last year the Sox went straight to Los Angeles in their special train. A switch in arrangements will be made this time and the former champions of the world will hike straight for Frisco, starting from here about March 1. A year ago the Sox spent most of their time in Southern California, headquarters being Los Angeles. This time the first squad will give the Frisco fans all the games they want. There will be plenty of time left over for a trip to Portland and Seattle.

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