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PESTILENCE AND HUNGER ADD TO QUAKE HORROR

Frightful Scenes Witnessed
Amid the Ruins of Grief
Stricken Messina.

FAMISHED MEN KILL IN
STRUGGLE FOR FOOD

Official Estimate Now Place
Number of Dead at 115,000
But Will Be More.

(By Associated Press.)
ROME, Dec. 31.—The official estimate placed upon the dead of Calabria and eastern Sicily is 110,000 but there is reason to believe this may be greatly exceeded. No news has yet been received of the Americans thought to be in the devastated district excepting Rev. David Sessums of New Orleans, and daughter Alice, who are safe in Rome. Ambassador Griscom is about to start from Rome for the south in an endeavor to secure information concerning all American travelers.

(By Associated Press.)
MESSINA, Dec. 31.—A frightful scene occurred here today amid the ruins of the custom houses. Bands of famished persons were grouping in the debris in the hope of discovering food. The first of the searchers who were successful were attacked by others with knives and revolvers and obliged to divide their findings. The struggle was fierce. Famished men threw themselves upon each other like wolves and several were disemboweled in defending a handful of dry bones or a few ounces of flour. One of the unfortunates was pinned to a plank by a knife while clinging to his hand was his child for whom he had sought food.

(By Associated Press.)

ROME, Dec. 31.—To the terrifying spectacle of the death caused by Monday's earthquake, now have been added the horror of starvation and fear of the spread of pestilence as it is impossible to obtain any news of the fate of many little villages along the coast many of which are believed to be entirely wiped out. In some small towns, the suddenness and completeness of the catastrophe is overwhelming. Of 14,000 living in Palmi only a few score are alive today. Yesterday 2,200 bodies were buried there. Reggio remains isolated in ghastly desolation, the railroads and roads throughout the surrounding country being utterly destroyed.

The visit of the king and queen to Messina and Reggio has aroused widespread enthusiasm. In spite of the universal mourning and distress, the sovereigns were saluted when they disembarked by the firing of the guns of the Italian and foreign warships at Messina. The troops are distributing rations wherever it is possible for them to get into touch with the stricken people. The waters of the Straits of Messina are covered with floating bodies of men, women, children and all kinds of wreckage.

PEOPLE FLEEING FROM MESSINA

Hundred Thousand Persons Are Hurrying to Other Sections.
(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 31.—A special from Palmi says that it is estimated that a hundred thousand persons embarked on warships and other vessels in the Straits of Messina or have otherwise left the devastated district. All towns and villages along the straits are rapidly becoming depopulated as there is widespread fears of further convulsions.

Cross cut saws at MILNER'S.

BODIES ARE BEING BURNED

Precautionary Measures Taken
to Prevent Pestilence In
Stricken City.

(By Associated Press.)
REGGIO, Dec. 31.—As a precautionary measure against the outbreak of pestilence, the bodies of persons killed in the earthquake are being burned and strong disinfectants are being strewn among the ruins of the city. The troops have set up field kitchens and are baking bread in the streets.

MAY SEND FLEET.

Plan Under Consideration For Sending
Warships to Stricken City.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The matter of dispatching the American battleship fleet to the stricken city of Messina and other Italian ports is now under consideration and a speedy decision in favor of such employment is expected. The sixteen warships are now making their way through the Red Sea and should arrive at Port Said, the eastern entrance to the Suez Canal, by Sunday. Owing to the fact that full supplies of coal and provisions must be taken on the fleet will hardly reach Messina before January 15. With fifteen thousand thoroughly disciplined American sailors, a splendid corps of medical officers and surgeons, abundance of supplies of medicines and food.

It is believed the American fleet will be a welcome visitor on the shores of Sicily even a fortnight hence.

ENTIRE REGIMENT DROWNED.

Indications That Many Soldiers Perished
In Tidal Wave.

(By Associated Press.)
REGGIO, Dec. 31.—There is reason to believe that an entire regiment of infantry was drowned in the tidal wave at Palmi. The bodies of three soldiers have already been recovered.

BROTHER CHAS. QUITS RACE

Taft Withdraws From Ohio
Senatorial Race In Favor
of Burton.

(By Associated Press.)
COLUMBUS, Dec. 31.—Definite announcement has been made that Charles P. Taft has withdrawn from the senatorial race "in the interest of harmony." The backbone of the Taft strength will be delivered to Burton as the successor of Senator Foraker.

FORAKER WITHDRAWS.

Ohio Senatorial Contest Is Now Practically Settled.

(By Associated Press.)
COLUMBUS, Dec. 31.—Senator Foraker at noon issued a statement formally withdrawing from the senatorial fight. That leaves the field practically clear for Burton.

GOV. COSGROVE IS
IMPROVING RAPIDLY

Washington's Chief Executive Will
Return From California
January 11.

(By Associated Press.)
PASO ROBLES, Dec. 31.—Governor-elect Cosgrove of Washington, who is ill at the Springs here, is greatly improved and without doubt will reach Olympia by January 11.

ANOTHER NEW OREGON COUNTY WAS BEST MEETING IN THE HISTORY OF OREGON

Movement Inaugurated to Take
Part of Douglas and Lane
For New County—Territory
Takes in Drain and Gardiner

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 31.—A movement has been set on foot by the people of Cottage Grove to form a new county with that city as the county seat.

It is proposed that the line should cross the Middle Fork of the McKenzie, run near Goshen and thence west to the present boundary of the county. This would leave the Blue River mining country in Lane, while the present Bohemia district, in both Lane and Douglas, would be included within the boundaries of the new county.

From the Bohemia district in Douglas the line would run west to the coast and include within the limits of the proposed Bohemia county the towns of Yoncalla, Drain and Gardiner, all of which are at present in Douglas county.

Eugene Is Willing.
Commenting upon this movement, the Eugene Guard says:

The people who have discussed the new move believe that a division is inevitable, if not during the coming

year at least in less than four years. They think that both the people at Roseburg and here in Eugene would readily give up a part of their counties to them. The only difficulty they seem to apprehend is the location of the new boundaries.

Rather than fight for the division, as the people of Hood River did, they wish to conciliate both Douglas and Lane county people, and for that purpose have broached the subject to a number of Eugene people. Business men at Cottage Grove want the help of Eugene influence, and purpose to arrange an amicable agreement between Cottage Grove and Eugene business men.

With the help of the representatives of Lane county and Douglas county they think the division can easily be made in the next legislature, and that there will be no need to attempt the initiative.

The great betterment that is expected is in the administration of the district affected. It is said that with a smaller executive district much better roads would be built in all three districts and that greater attention would be paid to the vital interests of the district.

The name for the new county has not yet been decided upon, but in case a unit is formed it would probably be Bohemia.

PORTLAND THIEVES STEAL CAR

Rose City Robbers Break All
Records By Holding Up
Motorman and Conductor
and Then Stealing Trolley
Car.

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—Robbers who last night held up and robbed a motorman and a conductor of Rose City Park car, and then stole the car, are in custody and have confessed to the crime. They will be indicted this afternoon. The arrested men give the names of Al. Miller and Herman Schwartz. Miller was first taken into custody. He confessed and took the police to the room he had occupied with Schwartz in a cheap lodging house. Schwartz thrust a revolver into Officer Keller's face and was shot in the arm for his trouble. He was taken to the city prison where he confessed. The arrests were made by police officers Keller and Kienlen, the same men who apprehended three desperate holdups last week.

UNCLE SAM SENDS RELIEF

United States Supply Ship With
Rations Started For Scene
of Suffering and Destitute

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The United States supply ship Celtic will sail today for Messina with \$1,500,000 navy rations for the Italian earthquake sufferers. The rations were intended for the American fleet, but the Navy Department authorized that delivery to destitute Italians and Sicilians.

NOT SUMMON PRESIDENT

Denial of Report That Roosevelt
May Be Called Before
Senate Committee.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Senator Hale, the acting chairman of the committee on appropriations, who is in charge of the investigation of the methods of the Secret Service, said today that there was no intention so far as he knew of summoning President Roosevelt before the committee after his retirement on the Fourth of March as intimated in some published reports.

Sportsmen—Your Hunter's License will cost you but \$1.00 at MILNER'S.

Steamer BREAKWATER sails from Coos Bay for Portland SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 7 A. M.

frisco man gets 4 years

FRISCO MAN GETS 4 YEARS

Prominent Contractor Sentenced
to Penitentiary For At-
tempted Bribery.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—E. A. S. Blake, the contractor convicted of attempting to bribe J. M. Kelly, a prospective juror in the Ruff bribery trial to vote for acquittal, was sentenced by Judge Dunne to four years imprisonment in the penitentiary.

NOT GUILTY; REARRESTED

An Everett, Washington, Bank
Cashier Arrested On Charge
of Larceny.

(By Associated Press.)
EVERETT, Dec. 31.—Chris Olson, formerly cashier of the Scandinavian Bank that was closed several months ago, is on trial charged with publishing a false statement of the bank's condition and was declared not guilty by a jury in the Superior Court. He was immediately re-arrested on the charge of larceny and embezzlement on complaint of the bank's receiver.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our thanks and gratitude for the many acts of kindness and sympathy shown us during the illness and death of Wm. Klahn. MRS. WM. KLAHN and family.

PORTLAND MAN PASSES AWAY

Jacob Mayer, Prominent Ma-
son and Business Man, Dies
of Old Age Today.

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—Jacob Mayer, a pioneer of Portland since 1857 and a member of the wholesale drygoods firm of Fleischner Mayer & Company of this city, the largest wholesale house on the Pacific coast with branches at Spokane and Seattle, died today of old age. He was one of the best known Masons in the United States and the oldest on the Pacific coast. He was the Pacific coast representative to the Grand Lodge in England, and was appointed to that honorable position by King Edward of England, when the king was Prince of Wales. He was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, May 7, 1826.

AGED WOMAN IS MURDERED

Charred Remains Found In
Ruins of House That Was
Burned.

(By Associated Press.)
PORT TOWNSEND, Dec. 31.—A search in the ruins of the farmhouse of the late Edward Turner, pioneer, on the shores of Port Discovery Bay, which was burned last night, resulted in the discovery of the charred body of his aged Indian widow. There was a deep gash in the head made with a blunt instrument. The house was fired to remove the evidence of the crime. The woman was inoffensive and why she was murdered is a mystery.

DETERMINED TO END LIFE

Logger Commits Suicide In
South Slough Smith-Powers
Logging Camp.

News reached Marshfield late this afternoon that an employee of the Smith-Powers logging camp at the head of South Slough had committed suicide by first cutting his throat and then hanging himself. No details of the crime could be learned. Coroner T. J. Lewis left at once for the camp to take charge of the body and hold an inquest thereon.

NOTICE TO PRESBYTERIANS.

There will be an important meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian church, held in the church immediately after services on Sunday for the purpose of considering, extending a call to a new pastor.

By order of THE SESSION.

NOTICE.

Parties owing me accounts are requested to call and settle as I am closing my books. All accounts outstanding after January 15, 1909 will be placed for collection.

ROBT. MARSDEN, Sr.

Warranted Axes at MILNER'S.

Oregon -Idaho Development
Congress Sets a High
Water Mark.

GIVES NEW HOPE
FOR NEW RAILWAY

Full Text of the Resolutions
Contain Many Good Words
For Coos Bay.

I. S. Smith, one of Coos Bay's representatives to the Oregon-Idaho Development Congress, returned home Wednesday. He reports the meeting one of the most enthusiastic and successful yet held. Mr. Smith made one of the most important addresses to the congress and he reports great interest by all eastern Oregon and Idaho in the Coos Bay harbor.

The Oregon-Idaho Development Congress held at Vale recently was not only the best, largest and most enthusiastic so far held, but is said by those familiar with such movement to have been the best meeting of the kind ever held in the state's history. This is encouraging and important news for Coos Bay for the growth of this movement is fraught with great interest to this section. This last session was a splendid index of the character of the men who are back of this movement. They are doing more than any one agency to build up the commerce and develop the resources of these two states. Their patience and persistence in presenting the railway needs of the great empire of central and southern Oregon and western Idaho must result in hastening the building of this greatly needed improvement.

Judge Lowell of Pendleton, made the opening address for the congress saying in part:

"That the purpose of this congress is to show the conditions that exist here and disenthral us from the pent up railroad positions and to open to Coos Bay a harbor which would give to Idaho and Central Oregon an open market. This territory of Idaho and Oregon not touched by railroads is larger than the state of Ohio. The soil is a lavaette which produces immense crops. Oregon and Idaho present great possibilities for future development. We demand the transportation lines that the country needs, we ask for a railroad from Snake river to Coos Bay; we ask for the improvement of Coos Bay harbor. Do we realize that there are but seven possible ports of importance on this coast. They are at San Francisco, Eureka, Sacramento, San Pedro, Puget Sound, Columbia River, Yaquina Bay and Coos Bay, that Coos Bay is the best entry with the exception of the mouth of the Columbia river. The west coast will in time be a greater market for shipping than is the eastern coast and this inland empire is the natural shipping grounds for the Coos Bay harbor. A great city will be placed in this inland empire, one at Portland, one at Coos Bay, one at the mouth of the Columbia and one at the head of navigation for the Columbia. Here will be the Manchester of the west. In closing his remarks he stated public sentiment would build cities and compel the development of Oregon and Idaho by forcing the building of railroads and the opening of our harbor."

Resolutions Adopted.

The following resolutions were adopted at the recent session of the Oregon-Idaho Development Congress, held in Vale:

"The Oregon-Idaho Development congress wishes to renew at this, its third regular session, its declaration in favor of state-aided railroads. We believe that it is the duty of the state government to extend all possible encouragement and assistance in the construction of steam and electric railroads, and we believe that the entire legislative and executive (Continued on page 4.)