FIX CITY TAX LEVY AT 6.6 MILLS

Council Adopts Recommendation of Ways and Means Committee—Cellars' Vain Attempt to Reduce Levy for Police Department.

At its session this morning the city council passed an ordinance fixing the city tax levy for 1909 at 6.6 mills. This will provide a little over $1,424,000 to meet all municipal expenses, including the interest fund. In addition to this the council will in all probability set aside a levy of 4-10 mills for a sinking fund to pay off bonded indebtedness at present outstanding. The ordinance was passed at it was recommended by the ways and means committee, but not until after a fight had been made by Councilman Cellars for a reduction of the police levy.

When the budget first came up for consideration it was moved that the ordinance be passed, as Mr. Cellars objected to this. He asked that consideration of the different levies be taken up separately. His object in so doing was soon apparent. He waited until the police levy came up, then moved that this be cut from 1.37 mills to 1.10. The levy last year was 7-10 of a mill. The increase this year is for the erection of an east side jail and among other items one asking for additional policeman.

Says Police Are Drones.

"What the city wants," said Mr. Cellars, "is not a larger force but a more efficient one. I am heartily in favor of erecting a new jail, but I do not think the city should pay salaries to officers in the police department who do no work. I understand there are four such men working for private interests. I refer to the ousted detectives."

The councilman continually eyed the mayor as he made these statements and took evident enjoyment in sarcastic references to the policy of the executive. Mayor Lane has repeatedly said that the city is better off without the four detectives in question, whether their salary goes on or not. He declares that the city would be money ahead if the sleuths were pensioned for life and at the same time kept off duty.

Mr. Cellars had the clerk read an editorial from an evening paper, in which the police department was severely criticised and the chief was characterized as a man who "is not to blame for the inefficiency of the police department. He can't help it. He is fitted by nature to fulfill the position of office boy and Harry Lane cannot improve on nature."

"Your honor," interrupted Councilman Vaughn, "we don't want to listen to any harangue. We are discussing the police levy."

"We've had many a harangue in years gone by," cut in Cellars, "and we will have many more. I insist that we do not need any more policemen, but we want to put what we have got to work. I am not in favor of increasing the levy just to add a lot of idle policemen."

Councilman Cellar's motion to cut the tax was not seconded and Rushlight's motion to increase it to 1.8 mills was defeated. The original levy of 1.37 as recommended by the ways and means committee was finally passed.

Dr. Cottel then asked the mayor if the article read by the clerk was true and also as to the truth of one read by Cellars from a weekly paper, charging that there is graft in the police department and that the mayor knows it.

The mayor answered at length and before he had concluded he charged the council with being responsible more than any other one cause for the existence of crime in the city.

Mayor on Defensive.

"I want to tell you, gentlemen, said the mayor in concluding his remarks, "that the work of this council makes for crime. You give licenses to dives and shooting galleries. Only last week you gave a license to one of the biggest thieves the city has ever seen. The man is an auctioneer and you know his name well.

"I tell you that I don't care if you appropriate a quarter of a mill for the police department, or if you give us nine policemen or 1900. You will get just such service from the department as you provide."

"Why don't you notify the council if any shooting galleries are illegally conducted?" asked Mr. Menefee of the mayor.

"Well, if the work of the liquor license committee is any criterion I don't see what would be the use," replied Dr. Lane, "but," he added, "I will see that you are notified if you direct me to. The question of policing this town is up to the council."

"Owing to the mild climate of Portland in the winter, criminals from all parts of the east are attracted here. The police run them out of the California cities and out of Seattle and they stop in Portland only to be harried by the local police force. A man can't reform if he wants to. This system is all wrong, and as long as it is continued crime will increase.

Forced Into Crime.

"Even if a man be honest and he stops in the city penniless on a cold, stormy night and asks for a night's shelter at the police station he can not get it. The jail is crowded to suffocation with drunks who have to be taken care of. Unfortunates without money are turned out on the streets where they must either die of exposure or resort to the bold hold up game.

"We need a new jail to accommodate this class of men. As long as the police are forced to continue the practices of the past so long must good citizens be knocked in the heads on dark nights."

Postoffice Robbed.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Fresno, Cal., Dec. 30.—Burglars entered the postoffice at Fowler last night and after dynamiting the safe took $800 in stamps and money. They rode away on bicycles. It is thought the same cracksmen looted the postoffice at Kingsburg and Lemoore.

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MANY AT OPENING OF CONFERENCE

Missionary Work Discussed by Ministers of State at Oregon Institute.

The fourth session of the Oregon Conference Institute opened this morning with a large attendance. Missionary work was again the general subject with the theme, "How to Create Missionary Spirit." In the absence of Bishop C. W. Smith, the new bishop for this section, who was yesterday called to the chair, Rev. W. B. Hollingshead, district superintendent of the Portland district presided.

The papers for the morning were: "Advantages of conventions and conferences," by R. C. Blackwell, secretary of Home Missions and Church Extension for the Salem district, and "The Work of the Board of Church Extension in the Oregon Conference," by F. S. Akin.

The leading address of the day was given by Dr. Fletcher Homan, president of Willamette university. He championed a college education and especially an education in a denominational school. He spoke of the importance of the religious influences surrounding young men and women in their youth and held that many missionaries and ministers are made through the influence of a denominational college, because only there can the religious side be emphasized.

Yesterday afternoon the Sunday school and the Epworth league came in for their share of attention. Rev. J. T. Abbott read a paper showing that 85 per cent of the church members are first Sunday school workers. More than $600,000 has been raised by the Sunday schools for church extension work. W. H. Warren followed with a talk on the Epworth league, and spoke of its importance in home mission work. He announced that a rally will be held in the Mount Tabor church January 8. Dr. C. T. Wilson spoke of the important place the district superintendents and the pastors held in missionary work in the church.

T. S. McDaniel was the principal speaker at the evening session treating of mission work among the foreign element. Following were short speeches by men representing the work among the different nationalities: E. E. Hertzler for the Germans, John Ovall for the Swedish work, H. P. Nelson for the Norwegian-Danish, Chan Sing Ki for the Chinese and H. B. Johnson for the Japanese.

RUEF RECEIVES THE MAXIMUM

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Abe Ruef, the convicted municipal grafter, was sentenced late last evening to 14 years in the penitentiary, the maximum term.

Sentence was pronounced at the close of a day spent by the defense in a last desperate attempt to interpose obstacles to the further course of the law.

When Judge Lawlor had denied motions involving delay, the defendant arose and stood unmoved through the recital of judgment. There was no demonstration on the part of the spectators during the proceedings in the courtroom, nor later, when Ruef started on his long ride to the county jail.

Before the adjournment of court notice of appeal had been filed on behalf of the defendant and the court had signed a writ of probable cause, which will act as a stay of execution.

HENEY SAYS RUEF WILL DO FULL TIME

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Dec. 30.—Francis J. Heney, who is in this city today, when asked his opinion of the sentencing of Ruef, said:

"Ruef certainly will serve the full 14 years. We have 114 indictments against him, charging 18 different crimes, and I am sure he will be satisfied to take his medicine.

"Ruef is not the most important. Neither is Schmitz. It's Calhoun, 'the business man,' that we're after. It's always the business man in politics who commits the greatest crimes. They make such men as Ruef and Schmitz. Pittsburg could well afford to let every councilman accused be bathed in immunity, to insure the conviction of one banker. Councilmen and politicians are simply the agents of men higher up."

Heney is returning to San Francisco to take charge of the trial of Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads.

CANDIDATES ON ANXIOUS SEAT

The speakership question is not to be settled until January 9, according the latest "dope." On that date all of the Statement No. 1 members of the house, and those who will affiliate with them in opposition to McArthur, are going to have a meeting in Portland to confer on the speakership. After that meeting it will be possible to draw some definite line of the result. Until then there will be nothing doing, say the opponents to McArthur. The Multnomah candidate, on the other hand, says it is all over and contends that he is practically certain of election. He places his strength at 22 votes, however, and it takes 27 to nominate in caucus and 31 to elect on the floor of the house.

Patton, of Marion, is still in Portland. Yesterday he went to Oregon City for a conference with Campbell. As a result of the numerous conferences which have been held during the past few days it is now said that Bean and his friends are to come to the meeting on January 9. Campbell is also to come. McCue has asked to be allowed to attend and has been promised that he will be notified when and where the conference is to be held. Eaton will also be on hand. This includes all of the candidates for the speakership, with the exception of McArthur.

Reports sent to the anti-McArthur candidates cast some shadow on the claim of 22 votes put out by the friends of McArthur. It is contended that some of the men claimed by the Multnomah candidate have stated in writing that they are not bound to him in any way, while a few have gone farther and said they did not intend to vote for him. If this contention is well founded there is nothing certain about the speakership.

All of the candidates with the exception of McCue have agreed to fight the question out in the conference of January 9 and stick to the candidate finally selected, so it is said. If this should work out as planned, McArthur will have to go some to win out, even with the definite lead which he now has. Everybody will know everything about it after the conference but not until then, according to the prophets.

Albany and Silverton Tie.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Albany, Or., Dec. 30.—Albany High and Silverton High divided honors last night in a double-header basketball game. In the girls game the score at the end of the second half stood 9 to 6 in favor of Albany, while the Albany boys were not so lucky, losing by the close score of 23 to 22. In both games the score at the end of the first half was a tie. The girls standing 4 to 4 and the boys 12 to 12.

THROUGH TWO CITIES OF DEATH

Man of Messina Fated to a Double Portion of Horror—Reggio and Messina Seen at Direst Hour—How Ships Were Wrecked.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Catania, Sicily, Dec. 30.—City Chemist Gregori of Messina arrived here this afternoon with one of the most remarkable stories yet told of the great disaster.

"I was on the ferry boat just outside Messina when the quake came," he said. "It was the most terrific shock that could be imagined. The sea in front of the boat opened in a great chasm and the water being suddenly withdrawn from beneath us, the boat went down and struck bottom with such force that it was shattered to pieces.

"The boat was crowded and I believe I am the only person that survived. I remember little after the boat went to pieces, except that I was caught in a great swirl of rushing, roaring water. In some way I managed to climb to a piece of wreckage and at length landed on the Italian side.

"I made my way to Reggio, where I found the streets literally filled with dead bodies and people absolutely insane. It was one long picture of ruin and horror. I had a hard time holding on to my senses. I thought for a time I had died and gone to hell.

Insane Singer Mourned Birds.

"In a public square I came upon Tina Marinia, the opera singer, seated among a great pile of bodies of women and men, crooning over a bird cage in which were two little canaries. Although the birds were chirping quite gaily, Marinia was bemoaning the death of all the birds in Italy.

"'All the birds—the sweet singers—they are all dead,' she said, looking up at me with a faint, sad smile, as if she recognized me.

"She was hopelessly insane, as was everyone else alive in Reggio. The dead and dying were everywhere. It was impossible to pass along the streets without stepping over the bodies of men and women.

"In some places—oh, how terrible it was—the bodies were so thick that I could not pass without actually stepping upon some of the prostrate forms.

Dead No More Seemed as Dead.

"The presence of so many dead seemed to numb the senses. Those bodies lost all personality. They became as so many bags of wheat after a while.

"I saw the body of one woman with two dead children in her arms, caught and crushed in a doorway. Beside her was a man, evidently her husband, who seemed to have been struck down while trying to release her. Such sights were so common that I hardly noticed them and I cannot tell what it was that impressed this group on my dazed brain.

"Every building in the city seemed to have been wrecked. I tried to get away as quickly as possible. I did not know or care where I went, but crowded into a boat bound for Messina.

Faces of His Friends, Dead.

"In my own city, Messina, I found destruction and death as general as at Reggio. Everywhere was ruin. The streets were blocked and it would have been impossible for me to have found my way to my home if it had not been burned.

"I kept recognizing familiar faces among the dead in the streets, until my mind began to lose its balance. I became seasick and felt that the earthquake was continuing. It seemed to me that the whole of Sicily was rocking to and fro with the movement of the sea.

"Perhaps I fainted; I cannot tell. I remember being pushed on by a soldier who placed a bayonet between my shoulders and told me to go to headquarters and report for duty.

Hundred Thousand, at Least.

"I then walked through the streets, making my way over ruins, which sometimes seemed to have blocked the streets entirely. I remember climbing upon a great pile of debris and there on top of it came upon the bodies of three little children beside which a small brown dog stood on guard. The dog had not been injured in the destruction of the city, but in some manner had found the children of the family to which it belonged. It charged me viciously and caught its fangs in my clothing. I was forced to retreat and seek passage through another street.

"Two soldiers at headquarters told me they had made an estimate from observations and reports, indicating that 50,000 were dead in Messina and an equal number were dead in Reggio. I believe this is not in the least exaggerated. It is impossible to exaggerate it. There is no way to tell of the horror of the disaster, much less exaggerate it."

Gregori cannot tell how he got into the ship which brought him here. He fainted after telling his story and is in a serious condition.

THIRTY BODIES OF TOURISTS RECOVERED

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Rome, Dec. 30.—A report from Missina late this afternoon states that 30 bodies of German and English tourists have been taken from the Hotel Triancria, where there were 90 guests. It is believed the remaining 60 will be recovered tonight or tomorrow. All showed evidence of suffocation.

A telegram tonight from the prefect of Messina said:

"The corpses in Messina number tens of thousands. It is impossible to describe the disorder. No amount of assistance could be excessive. Provisions are needed immediately."

The Russian battleship Admiral Makaroff arrived at Naples today with 400 survivors from Messina. The English tramp steamer Therapia brought a great number of injured, who were sent to the hospital. The survivors were all weak and half insane.

SAN FRANCISCO OPENS EARTHQUAKE FUND

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—It is announced that the Red Cross society and the municipal committee have received $5000 in contributions for the sufferers from the earthquake in Italy. In addition many prominent citizens have pledged themselves to increase the fund, which will be held to await instructions from the national headquarters at Washington.

Hughes Appeals for Aid.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Governor Hughes today issued a proclamation calling for contributions to the state branch of the Red Cross society for relief of the Italian earthquake sufferers.

WILL ASK LEGISLATURE TO ENLARGE THE COUNTY BENCH

Lawyers of Multnomah county and of other parts of the state who have to do business with the circuit court of the Fourth judicial district contend that there should be two additional judges for the circuit court provided for by the coming session of the legislature. The Multnomah county bar association has taken the question under consideration and will prepare a bill for submission to the legislature. It has asked the Multnomah delegation for an opportunity to urge the necessity of the proposed increase and Tuesday next has been set aside tentatively as a date upon which the conference can be held.

The association will have a meeting this afternoon to decide definitely when it will be best to present the bill to the delegation. It is probable that Tuesday will be selected as the date.

It is argued by the attorneys, virtually all of whom are in favor of the increase, that the great growth of the county and the consequent increase in legal business have made it necessary to increase the number of judges. The dockets are congested and the cases now pending have to wait for long intervals for a date for trial. This delays important litigation and is a source of great inconvenience.

It is pointed out also that unless the legislature takes action at this session, it will be two years before any increase can be made, and in that length of time the growth of the county and of the business coming before the court would completely swamp the tribunal. The whole question is summed up in the simple arithmetical preposition that if it took four judges to do the business of the court 15 years ago it certainly requires six at the present time.

Those who are backing the measure do not anticipate any serious opposition to the measure when it comes up for consideration by the legislature.

City Raises Fund for Earthquake Sufferers

Members of the Italian relief committee who are raising funds for the sufferers by the great earthquake in southern Italy are meeting with success and several thousands of dollars have already been raised. Meetings of Portland merchants and bankers are being held this afternoon for the purpose of discussing the situation and deciding upon the proper assistance to be offered the committee.

Furthermore, the movement to raise a fund for the refugees is to be made a state affair and the mayors of all cities, towns and villages in Oregon have been appealed to in order to interest the people of their respective districts in the charitable work. These funds from out of town are all to be sent to Portland to the committeemen and will be dispatched from here as soon as possible to the people in the ruined district.

Colonel D. M. Dunne is treasurer of the committee and all checks, drafts or cash donations sent to him at the Hibernia Savings bank will be receipted for, acknowledged and turned into the fund which is now being raised. Colonel Dunne and other members of the committee are anxious to impress upon the minds of the people the necessity of acting without delay. It is their desire that Portland be one of the first cities in the country to start money eastward for the relief of the thousands of sufferers. Money may be sent to Mr. Dunne by mail or delivered by the donor in person.

MARY J. NEEDS MANY LAWYERS

Must Face Multiplicity of Serious Charges in Municipal Court Next Week.

By the time Mrs. Mary J. Walker, proprietor of the Kingston rooming house, faces Judge Van Zante, January 5, it seems that there will be at least one charge to engage the attention of each lawyer interested in her defense. She was arrested last evening on a warrant sworn to by Officer Hyde, charging her with maintaining a house of ill fame. Two more charges will be placed against her today. One will be selling liquor without a license and the other will be contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Andrew Draffin, the English sailor, who says he lost $370 in the Kingston last week, told the district attorney that he had been given a glass of beer soon after entering the place. Draffin went to the Kingston, which is situated at Third and Taylor streets, in company with a messenger boy who had guided him from a downtown hotel at the direction of an elevator operator. The contributing to deliquency charge will be based upon the part the messenger boy played. Four lawyers are actively engaged in the case, defending either Mrs. Walker or Mr. and Mrs. Yank, who were arrested Friday and who were later married by a well known pastor.

ALLAN CAMERON IS SENT TO NEW YORK

Portland railroad men and shippers will hear with interest that Allan Cameron, formerly agent for the Canadian Pacific here, has been appointed district freight agent for the Canadian Pacific at New York, succeeding E. V. Skinner, deceased. Mr. Cameron left Portland to become district freight agent at Vancouver, B. C. Later he went with the O. R. & N., becoming their general freight agent for the orient, at Hongkong. He went back to the C. P. R. again as traffic agent in London, England.

MAY DEFEAT SEATTLE'S SCHEME

Commercial Club Moves to Obtain Headquarters of New Railway Mail Division for Portland—Sound City Fights for Honor.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska are to be grouped together as a new railway mail division by congress. Portland is to be the headquarters for that division, provided the Oregon delegation in congress makes the showing to congress expected of it by the Commercial club and other business organizations which have sent data to Washington showing that Portland receives and handles more mail on one mail train than is sent into Seattle over all the lines of road entering that city. The question is soon to be before congress and active steps have been taken by President Hodson of the Commercial club to acquaint the members of the delegation with the facts in the case.

Up to and at this time practically the entire Pacific slope has been included in one railway mail division with headquarters at San Francisco. This division reaches all of the Pacific coast states from Mexico to Alaska, and including the latter territory. The growth of the country, the great increase in the mail handled and other considerations of management and control have caused the postoffice department to recommend to congress that a new division, consisting of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska, be created.

This report is to be included in a bill which is to be submitted to congress at an early date. Because of the recommendation of the department there is no doubt but that the division will be made.

Question Left Open.

No provision has been made for the headquarters of the new division, however. This will either be made at the time the appropriation is made for the division, or else will be left to the discretion of the postmaster general.

The headquarters will have charge of the management of all the mail handled in the district. It will mean that approximately 50 families will be brought to whatever place is selected as the headquarters, besides all of the added work and official activity which will be caused by reason of the location of the headquarters.

Seattle wants the headquarters also, and the Washington senators and congressmen are now working, backed by business men and business organizations, to secure the prize.

Oregon's delegation is being urged to bestir itself in the behalf of Portland. Senator Bourne has written to the chamber of commerce asking for data. The commercial club, however, has been working for several weeks in preparing this information and it is already on its way to Washington, setting out the reasons why Portland should be chosen as the head of the division.

All With Harriman.

All of the mail contracts are with the Harriman lines, and the Harriman headquarters are in Portland. It has been pointed out by President Hodson of the Commercial club that the Chicago-Portland special alone carries a greater mail tonnage from day to day than is carried on all of the mail lines running into Seattle. These things and many other points give solid claims to the contention of Portland men that this city should of right be chosen as the headquarters of the new division.

Seattle is after everything. It has secured the assay office. It is after a sub-treasury. It wants the lighthouse offices moved from Portland to the sound, and it is even trying to secure the removal of the United States tea inspectors from its sister city of Tacoma to Seattle.

All of this time Portland has secured but little recognition. The Commercial club and kindred organizations will make a consistent effort, however, to secure the mail division headquarters for this city and will ask the delegation to aid in every manner possible.

TEAM RUNS AWAY AND TWO WAGONS SUFFER

The horses attached to a street sweeper's wagon driven by M. E. Casper ran away on Everett street last evening and after having practically all the street to themselves, thoughtlessly collided with a wagon of the Pacific Coast Biscuit company at Eleventh street. Both vehicles were somewhat damaged.

Special New Year's table de hote served at the Perkins grill, 5 to 8 p. m.

WIDOW OF ANNIS SCORNS WITNESS

Negro Girl Tells of Alleged Relations of Her Husband and Claudia.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Flushing, L. I., Dec. 30.—It was announced today shortly after court convened that the mother of Thornton Jenkins Haines on trial for participation in the killing of William E. Annis by Captain Peter C. Hains, had collapsed during the night at a local hotel and would be unable to testify.

Attorney McIntyre, for the defense, sent an assistant to ascertain her condition and announced that he would consider the presentation of Mrs. Hains' deposition.

At the beginning of the morning session Judge Crane revoked his former ruling excluding the prosecution's witnesses from the courtroom. Attorney McIntyre objected but the objection was overruled.

Minnie Ropne, a colored domestic, employed in the home of Captain Hains, today corrected her previous testimony given by her that she told Captain Hains of his wife's alleged misconduct on the day of his return from San Francisco. The witness said she first told the captain of the alleged misconduct on the Sunday following his arrival at home.

While the colored servant was testifying regarding the alleged relations existing between Annis and Mrs. Claudia Hains, Mrs. Annis, widow of the man for whose death Jenkins Haine is on trial, majestically entered the courtroom.

After comprehending the nature of the witness' testimony, Mrs. Annis plainly showed her scornful disbelief of the charges.

On account of the illness of Attorney McIntyre an adjournment was taken at noon until tomorrow morning.

Mrs. Annis declared her belief in the innocence of her husband and stated that her attitude toward Mrs. Claudia Hains was that of a friend.

AFTER ASSAILANT OF 7-YEAR-OLD GIRL

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Centralia, Wash., Dec. 30.—An armed posse was searching in the vicinity of Tenino, a few miles north of Centralia, all of last night for the assailant of Marie Hall, a crippled girl, seven years old. The child's home is a short distance out of Tenino. She started from Tenino to walk home yesterday evening about dark. An unknown man followed her and when within about 50 feet of the child's home assaulted her. He made his escape in the darkness.

The man was about 25 years old and wore a slicker hat and coat. A man answering his description was arrested in Centralia and later released. Feeling ran high in Tenino last night, and had the man been found he would undoubtedly have been lynched.

About 11 o'clock last night, while the searching party was out, Joseph Cordrey of Tenino, discovered a man in his chicken coop and fired three shots at him. The man escaped.

MARION DELEGATION TO GO UNPLEDGED

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Dec. 30.—The Marion county delegation in the house of representatives is unpledged in the fight for speaker. It is the impression among the members of the house from Marion that all the aspirants for the place are overestimating their strength and that the majority of the representatives over the state are pledged to the support of no candidate for speaker.

Representative Libby today said that he had learned from various candidates that they were all counting on the same support, more or less. He said further that there was a tendency among the members to be independent and not to ally themselves with one or another of those men who were vigorously prosecuting their own selfish ends.

As a result, said Representative Libby, the members will go into the house or caucus with ill feeling toward no one and the organization will be accomplished with a minimum degree of acridity.

DIRECTORS WILL PASS JUDGMENT

Definite news concerning the building of the Deschutes branch line of the O. R. & N. is expected at the headquarters of the Harriman lines here within a week. General Manager J. P. O'Brien of the lines in Oregon is in the east at present and will probably attend the monthly meeting of the directors of the Harriman lines to be held in New York the latter part of this week.

All large construction items are referred to the directors for approval before work is begun on them and the Deschutes line is awaiting their approval along with other large pieces of construction or repair work.

It is thought that the final word to go ahead on the construction of the Oregon & Washington, including the tunnel across the peninsula, may be given at the January meeting of directors.

ANOTHER BIG QUAKE IS FEARED

Cable Communication With Ionian Islands Is Interrupted—Many Miles of Railroad Sink Into Sea—Mainland Is Cut Off.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Naples, Dec. 30.—Late this afternoon the cable to the Ionian Islands went out of communication, and this, coupled with the fact that further seismic disturbances have occurred at Palermo and that the volcano Stromboli is active, leads to the belief that another great earthquake has occurred.

An official message to Rome this evening confirms the report that many miles of the Calabrian-Sicilian railway have sunk into the sea.

It is reported that three submarine cables connecting Corfu, Zante and the mainland were silenced late this afternoon.

Latest.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Rome, Dec. 30.—Dispatches from Messina late this afternoon state that another violent shock was felt today. Many additional fatalities are reported. King Emmanuel is in that city, but there is nothing to indicate that he was injured.

Buildings left standing, according to the dispatch, were toppled by this afternoon's shake.

It is believed the ruin of the city is now complete. The messages state that a large number of survivors awaiting shipment by warships were killed.

The shock is said to have been almost as violent as the first of the series preceding the tidal wave.

ERB HOUSEKEEPER TELLS OF SHOOTING

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Media, Pa., Dec. 30.—Beatrice Matsui, housekeeper for Captain Clayton J. Erb, for whose murder his wife and her sister, Mrs. Katherine Beisel, are on trial here today, related the events preceding and subsequent to the shooting.

She declared that she heard the voices of people quarreling in the captain's room as the convent bells were striking 10 o'clock on the night of the shooting. Then she heard six shots, and 15 minutes afterward Mrs. Erb told her and the other servants that her husband was dead.

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Dear Sir—It is with the greatest pleasure that I am able to announce to my friends my return to active business life. As is well known, my brother Frank and I, during our 25 years in the shoe business, were the introducers into this market of the best of the leading makes of the country. Now, as manager of the Protzman-Campbell Shoe Co., I am able to say that we offer to the people of Portland a line of men's footwear, complete in every particular, which for style, fit and comfort is the equal of any. And as for durability of wear, we will guarantee every pair to outwear anything, of like weight of stock, made in the United States.

Everything has been made to order expressly for us, and in addition to that fact every sole and upper has been the selected, choicest cuts from the highest grades of stock. The "best of the best." Each pair will be warranted to give you A1 all round wear. Yours,

PROTZMAN-CAMPBELL SHOE CO.
Eugene C. Protzman, Mgr.