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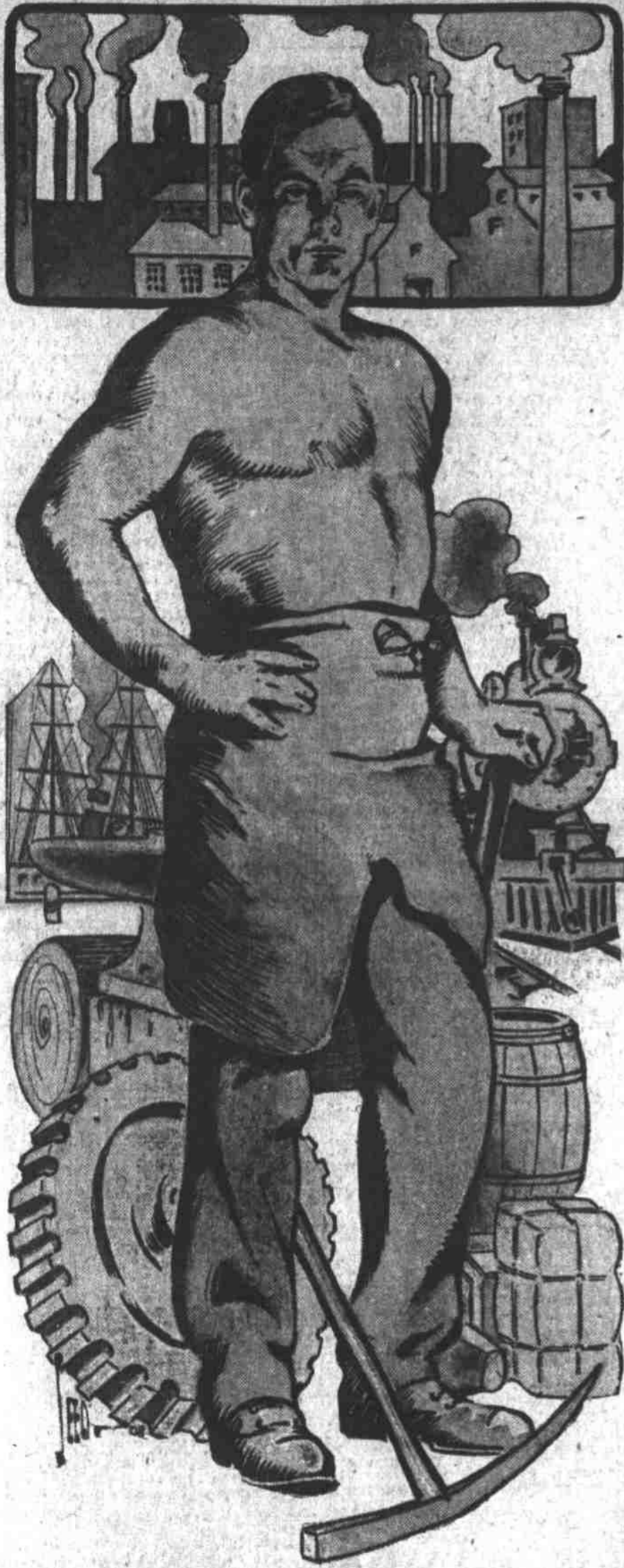
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## NEW YEAR BRINGS MORE PROSPERITY TO OREGON

### OREGON INDUSTRIES



### BATTLESHIPS TO HELP RESCUE

Officials of State and Navy Departments Discuss the Sending of Fleet to Sicily—Roosevelt Will Request Congress to Help.

Estimates of Loss of Life.

Rome, Dec. 31.—The government today gave out the following official estimate of the dead in the earthquake district:

- At Messina . . . . . 50,000
- At Reggio . . . . . 40,000
- At Monteleone . . . . . 1,800
- At Santa Eufemia . . . . . 1,500
- At Bagmara . . . . . 1,000
- At Gaziri . . . . . 1,000
- At Palmi . . . . . 600
- At Seminara . . . . . 400
- At other towns in the country districts . . . . . 24,000

Total . . . . . 120,300

The press estimates are higher, some of them showing the aggregate over 200,000 dead.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Officials of the state and navy departments are discussing the advisability of sending the Atlantic fleet to Sicily, on account of the earthquake. It is practically certain that it will be done if such action is acceptable to the Italian government. The fleet is now in the Red Sea and will be near Sicily in four days under the regular schedule. The fleet is expected to arrive at Suez on January 2, and will coal at Port Said. Under ordinary speed after entering the Mediterranean on January 5, the fleet can reach Messina in three days at forced draft.

### ENTIRE COUNTRY VAST HOSPITAL AND RESCUE SLOW

Rome, Dec. 31.—The whole of southern Italy and Sicily is one vast hospital. Before night it is expected 50,000 refugees will have been landed at Naples. The suffering at Messina and Reggio is so appalling that the rescuers can make but slow progress. At Messina the straits from the relief ships with medicines and bandages are going about the wrecked streets, giving aid to the injured wherever they are found. The streets are being made temporary hospitals, as there is no means of moving the injured and no shelter to which they could be taken.

Killed in Railroad Station. Soldiers raised the roof from the wrecked railway station at Messina and found scores of corpses packed solidly together. The people after the first shock had rushed to the station in hope of getting out of the city, but the second and following quakes destroyed the building and killed everyone in it. General Piccolino Casasco, in command of the troops at Messina, notified the government that no effort was being made to count the dead. The rescuers have more important work to do. Under the orders of General de Casasco the burning of bodies continues today. A merchant named Poloni who arrived

### WHAT THE YEAR PROMISES

In the speeding cycles the old years go and the new ones come. The milestones of change pass in swift succession as old earth swings on and on in its orbit. The gong of the universe strikes the hour for 1908 to drop into history and for 1909 to enter the arena of action. It is a moment when the world pauses and takes reckoning of its achievement. Tried by the test of materialism and social status our world in this teeming north-west is subject for cheerful greeting and unhesitating congratulation. We are great in material wealth, rich in the conditions that make for comfort and many times blest in the privileges of social relation. The year that is passing has done much to provide us with forces and energies for another one of more resplendent well being. The tidings of this and the hopes of unguessed joys yet to be realized, The Journal bears to its thousands of readers. It is a message of abundant harvests, abounding life, and an assured future. To all and to each the paper and its army of busy workers bear greetings and congratulations.

### BUY LIGHT BY DAY, SAYS MAYOR

City Will Have to Pay in Advance Under Such a Plan, Says President Josselyn of the Light Company.

There will be light in Portland after January 10 on the streets and in the city buildings. Mayor Lane says so. Yet the city executive board will not enter into a long term contract with the Portland Railway, Light & Power company. And that company has delivered its ultimatum that unless the city signs up a contract for from three to five years that the streets will be plunged in darkness; likewise all city offices. The lighting trust allows the city 10 days' grace from January 1, after which the announcement is made that the electric current will be switched off the municipal wires unless an agreement is reached.

Pay by the Day. "We will not have to go in the dark," said Mayor Lane this morning, "and we will not sign any contract for longer than a year. We will pay for our lights every day if necessary, or every

### HOLD UP MEN CAUGHT BY POLICE

Two Thugs Landed in Jail Within Three Hours After Robbing Crew of Rose City Park Car—One of the Crooks Shot by Officer.

Ready to Go to Prison. Herman Schwartz and Albert Miller, who held up a car on the Rose City Park line last night, were before the grand jury this morning, and it is expected that they will be indicted and sentenced this afternoon. They pleaded with District Attorney Cameron for quick action, saying they wanted to plead guilty and begin serving their terms as soon as possible. They probably will be Salem bound tomorrow, establishing a new record for speed in the courts.

Three hours after holding up a Rose City Park car, Herman Schwartz, alias Charles Brown, was captured after being shot in his right arm as he crouched behind the door of a north end bus house with a revolver aimed at Sergeant Keller's face. The pistol crossed the edge of the door, but Keller fired first. Schwartz's partner, Albert Miller, had already been arrested and confessed to the robbery of the conductor and seizing the car, which was run by the highwaymen half a mile from the end of the line where the robbery was committed. At 11:45 last night Miller told the officers where Schwartz could be found. Masks and other articles found in Schwartz's room in the Oregonian rooming house on North Third street near Couch, confirm Miller's confession. Apparently the robbery of the car conductor last night was the first crime attempted by Miller and Schwartz in Portland. Had it not been for Miller's unthinking remark when he asked, "Did you get the other fellow?" when Officer Ray Ellis caught him at Wiberg lane and the Montavilla car line, it is doubtful if the men would ever have been apprehended, for the descriptions given by the carmen were none too accurate.

Capture in Sensational. The capture of Schwartz is one of the most sensational in the records of the local department. Schwartz's pal had warned the officers that he was a dangerous man and had been a fraction of a second, quicker than the officers sent to capture him undoubtedly had been fired upon and not wounded, for the man behind the door had a marked advantage, and had two loaded revolvers. To show the appreciation of the capture of the car robbers, President Josselyn this morning sent to Chief Gritzman a check for \$100 for the police relief fund. At 10:35 this morning Miller and Schwartz appeared in the police court, where examination and were bound over to the grand jury, before which they were at once taken, it being in session at the time. At 11:45 car No. 355 of the Rose City Park line reached the end of its run, and the conductor, Harry Franks, and Motorman Patterson stepped off to warn their hands at the fire the carmen keep burning on cold nights. Two masked men, who commanded the carmen to throw up their hands. Both men complied and Franks was forced to surrender the company's money, amounting to nearly \$20. Then the highwaymen took possession of the car and the motorman got back to the city as quickly as possible. The car started down the track at a rapid rate, leaving the carmen alone in

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### CHARLES TAFT LEAVES RACE

In Interest of Harmony, Burton Seems Safe—Taft Is Next.

Columbus, Dec. 31.—Charles P. Taft, brother of the president-elect, today announced officially his withdrawal from the Ohio senatorial contest. Politicians say this means he will succeed Senator Dick two years hence. Representative Theodore Burton of Cleveland is now almost certain to succeed Foraker. The whole Hamilton county delegation, including the Cincinnati members, will be solid for Burton. Thorne Baker, who has scheduled to present Taft's name, will second the nomination of Burton. Taft says he withdrew in the cause of harmony. In his statement announcing his withdrawal, Taft says: "My candidacy from the beginning seems to have been misunderstood. I have been represented as urging my own personal ambition at the expense of Republican harmony and success. The imputation is unjust. I yield personal ambition to the accomplishment of better and more important things."

### WOULD DISGRACE STATE OF OREGON

San Francisco Newspaper Scores "Machine Press" for Actions.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—The San Francisco Bulletin in an editorial, headed "The Honor of Oregon, the People Must Be Kept," says: "The honor of Oregon is involved in the question whether the Republican members of the legislature of that state will stand by their pledges to elect a senator the man designated by the popular vote. To the surprise of the Republican machine, the people elected a Republican majority in the legislature, but declared themselves in favor of Governor Chamberlain, a democrat, for United States senator. The abominable machine is very reluctant to hand such a fine plum to a democrat. The machine press, headed by the Portland Oregonian, which ought to be ashamed of itself, is inventing spurious arguments to justify a breach of faith on the part of the members of the legislature. The castigation of the politicians and the newspaper who are advocating a breach of the pledge is, however, so thin and so easily answered that it fails to convince even the most willing members of the legislature. Any pledged member who refuses to vote for Chamberlain will have to be held up to the scorn of the whole state. There is no man in the legislature who will do this. The most honest citizen will not do it. The 'Machine Press' will not do it. The 'Machine Press' will not do it. The 'Machine Press' will not do it."

### TRACTION OVER NORTH BANK

Reported at Vancouver That Portland Cars Will Run on Hill Rails.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 31.—According to the positive statements of a well known business man and property owner of this city, the cars of the Vancouver Traction company will be running over the tracks of the North Bank line into Portland within one year from now, or at least the local traction company will use the two big bridges to reach Portland and thus provide a rapid suburban service between Vancouver and Portland. The business man making these statements professed to have been given this inside information from one of the "higher ups" and declares he was shown proof that this plan is to be worked out. No such information is vouchsafed at the offices of the company here. The Vancouver Traction company, from all outside appearances, is the property of A. Welch, W. J. Patterson and associates, James B. Kerr, who acted as chief counsel for the North Bank line, is a director of the traction company.

### FOUR YEARS FOR BLAKE, BRIBER

Convicted of Participation in Attempt to "Fix" a Ruel Juror.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Dec. 31.—E. A. S. Blake, a contractor, who was convicted a month ago of offering a bribe to John Martin Kelly, a prospective Ruel juror, was sentenced by Judge Dunne today to serve four years in the state penitentiary. District Attorney William H. Langdon personally appeared to the court for clemency, representing that Blake had been of service to the prosecution. Following his conviction Blake confessed that he had been approached by A. S. Newburgh and Frank J. Murphy, Ruel's attorneys, who, he said, declared there would be money in it for him if a Ruel juror could be "fixed." Murphy was placed on trial under a similar charge but acquitted. The trial of Newburgh is expected to begin soon.

### REGGIO SINKING INTO THE SEA

Straits of Messina Navigated but New Charting Will Be Necessary.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Rome, Dec. 31.—The straits of Messina were navigated today without difficulty although the terrors have changed the channels and will necessitate new charting. A dispatch by wireless, dated Reggio, from the cruiser Coatt Emmanuele today says: "The lower part of Reggio is 25 feet under water and the upper part is in complete ruins. The coast line is sinking continually, and moved back a dozen feet during last night. The tidal waves wrought great havoc, and the destruction here is more complete than at Messina." Yesterday's Shocks Not Severe. (United Press Leased Wire.) Rome, Dec. 31.—The messages of today do not make much special mention of the earth shock of yesterday except to say that all shattered walls fell. Fire broke out again today in many parts of Messina.

### In the Want Ad Section of Today's Journal

- 38 Advertise for help
  - 20 Advertise for situation
  - 54 Advertise furnished rooms for rent
  - 130 Advertise real estate for sale
  - 45 Advertise business chances
  - 41 Advertise houses for rent
  - 18 Advertise flats for rent
  - 40 Advertise housekeeping rooms for rent
- Hundreds of new ads in the classified section of this paper every day. If you do not find what you want today
- Read the Classified Section of Tomorrow's JOURNAL!

### MONTH'S STAY MAKES A VISIT

Longer, You Are a Boarder and Must Pay, Says Los Angeles Judge.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Dec. 31.—One month constitutes the legal length of a "visit" and a person remaining at the home of another after the expiration of that time must pay for his board, according to a ruling of Judge Pierce on record in the justice court today. The court made this ruling in a suit brought by Charles M. Kulebe of this city against his brother Henry. Charles sued Henry for four months' board at \$20 a month, this alleged that when Henry came here from Oakland it was agreed that he should live with Charles until such time as he could secure work. He secured a position a short time after his arrival, but continued to board with his brother, and at the end of four months had paid but \$10 for his entertainment. Judge Pierce decided that one month was a sufficient length of time for any person to lodge another free of charge, and awarded the plaintiff for three months' board.

Bootlegger Queen Captured. San Bernardino, Cal., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Paula Marcus, known to the government agents as the "queen of bootleggers," is under arrest here accused of selling liquor to Indiana. Mrs. Marcus put up a savage fight when surprised catching liquor in a gulch. Drawing a revolver she sprang behind a tree, but was overpowered by one of the officers.