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STREET CAR ROBBERS TAKEN AT PORTLAND, ORE.

**TWO ROBBERS HOLD UP A STREET CAR AND RESIST OFFICERS
BUT ARE CAPTURED AND ARE BEING INDICTED TODAY—
MEN GIVE NAMES OF AL MILLER AND HERMAN SCHWARTZ
—SCHWARTZ CONFESSES.**

Portland, Dec. 31.—Robbers who last night held up and robbed the motorman and conductor of the 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 a room he had occupied with Schwartz at 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 the robbers who made the three desperate holdups last week.

FINCH CONVICTED FISHER MURDER

**FOR KILLING RALPH B. FISHER,
JAMES A. FINCH IS FOUND
GUILTY OF MURDER IN THE
FIRST DEGREE.**

Portland, Dec. 31.—James A. Finch, slayer of Ralph B. Fisher, late prosecutor for the State Bar association, was convicted of murder in the first degree at 3:26 o'clock yesterday afternoon after 28 minutes' deliberation by the jury. Only one ballot was taken.

Finch was visibly affected when the verdict was read, but soon recovered his equanimity.

Judge Bronaugh announced that he would pass sentence Saturday morning at 9 o'clock and after the customary motions had been made by the defense, Finch was led to the steel cage in the county jail reserved for prisoners convicted of murder in the first degree.

Finch in this cell declared later in the day that he proposed to fight his conviction clear to the United States supreme court and that though they may finally hang him, they will not be able to do so for years to come.

When court opened Deputy District Attorney J. J. Fitzgerald began the closing argument for the prosecution. He summarized the case from the standpoint of the state and then turned upon the lawyers for the defense, who had bitterly arraigned the attorneys for the state, and denounced Finch's attorneys in vitriolic language, his climax being that if Cain had Finch's lawyers defending him they would have claimed that the killing of Abel was done in self-defense.

Judge Bronaugh delivered his charge upon the reconvening of court at 2 o'clock. He required a little less than an hour for its delivery, handing the case over to the jury at 2:55 o'clock.

The crime for which Finch stands convicted was a wanton and atrocious as has ever been committed here.

Finch, recently disbarred by the state supreme court for a period of a year on complaint of the Bar association, held the idea that Prosecutor Fisher was inspired by vindictive motives. Finch went to the prosecutor's office on November 28 and without warning shot Fisher, attacking him without warning from the rear.

FORAKER OUT OF OHIO FIGHT

Columbus, O., Dec. 31.—Senator Foraker, at noon today, issued a statement formally withdrawing from the senatorial fight. This leaves the field practically clear for Burton.

NEW "DRY" STATE NO IRRIGATION

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 31.—With the striking of the midnight hour tonight Mississippi joins the ranks of those states of the Union in which the sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited by law.

With the dawn of the new year state-wide prohibition becomes effective in accordance with the law passed by the legislature last spring. Saloons and hotel bars in this city, and in Natchez, Vicksburg, Meridian and other cities and towns throughout the state will cease to do business. The anti-liquor leagues and similar organizations are already taking steps to secure strict enforcement of the new law.

At the same time the malt order liquor houses in Louisiana and other neighboring states are preparing for an expected increase in their trade. Even this source of supply for the thirsty, however, may be cut off as a result of legislation pending prohibiting interstate shipments.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 31.—The prohibition law in North Carolina comes into effect tomorrow. The saloons everywhere will put up their shutters and go out of business, but it is anticipated that much trouble will be encountered with the "blind tigers," especially in communities where the majority sentiment is known to be anti-prohibition.

FAT ENVELOPES FOR BANK CLERKS

**WALL STREET EMPLOYEES ARE
CHEERED WITH GOOD CASH
GIFTS AS RESULT OF PROSPERITY.**

New York, Dec. 31.—In accordance with long established custom, many of the leading banks, trust companies and stock exchanges closer the year today with the distribution of rewards to faithful employees. Substantial bonuses were given to officers, clerks and other employees, in many cases amounting to 5 per cent on their yearly salaries. The payment of bonuses of this kind was customary prior to last year, when on account of the panic, clerks and other employees in many banks and brokerage houses got reductions rather than increases in salaries.

This year the conditions are much improved. The brokerage business in particular has been prosperous since election. In practically all the large houses today there were substantial bonuses instead of a repetition of last year's "Irish dividends" to employees.

TAFT WITHDRAWS FROM TOGA FIGHT

Columbus, O., Dec. 31.—Definite announcement was made today that Charles P. Taft had withdrawn from the senatorial race "in the interest of harmony." The backbone of Taft's strength is to be delivered to Burton as successor of Foraker.

Wheat in Chicago. Chicago, Dec. 31.—In the wheat market today prices were quoted as follows: December, \$1.04%; May, \$1.07%; July, 98%; September, 95%.



CHIEF OF PERSIAN REVOLUTIONISTS.

This is the warlike Satar Khan, the revolutionary chief who has caused so much turmoil in Persia. In the region of Tabris he is feared by the royalists to such an extent that frequent rewards have been offered for his capture. His followers carry the most modern rifles, are well supplied with fighting equipment and have harassed the government troops on many occasions. The recent war scare in the Balkans and the revolt in Turkey gave much encouragement to the revolutionary party in Persia.

PLAN STREET RAILWAY SYSTEM FOR LEWISTON

**PRELIMINARY STEPS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ELECTRIC
STREET CAR LINE IN LEWISTON ARE TAKEN TODAY BEFORE
THE CITY COUNCIL—PROPOSITION BY M. A. MEANS OF THIS
CITY.**

The preliminary steps looking toward the construction of a street car line for Lewiston were taken by the council this afternoon, when a motion prevailed favoring and encouraging a proposition submitted by M. A. Means, the well-known Lewiston wholesale broker, which provided for the construction and operation of a motor line within the city limits.

Mr. Means stated it was the desire of his associates at this time to secure only an expression from the council to ascertain how a proposition of this character would be received. He stated local business men had pledged a sufficient fund to build and operate approximately three miles of street car line, and that if the proposition was received with favor, steps would be taken at once to perfect the organization of this capital and the matter would be brought before the council in the form of an application for a franchise setting forth the streets upon which the company desired to construct its tracks.

The communication submitted set forth the purposes of the company to provide terminal facilities for any other companies that might desire to enter the city, and a provision was incorporated which would insure to any such company trackage rights over the local company's line at a nominal charge. The fact that the street paving will be commenced within a short time and that it will be necessary to assemble the necessary materials with which to carry on the railway construction in conjunction with the paving work was brought to the attention of the council.

The proposition also set forth the intention of the company to place the line in operation as soon as a sufficient amount of track construction was completed, and the plans for extensions into the suburban districts were also outlined.

Mr. Means stated it would be the purpose of his company to reimburse the property owners for that portion of the paving occupied by the railway system, and as soon as the organization of the company was effected these details would be definitely arranged between the council and the company.

The company will be incorporated for approximately the sum necessary to construct and equip the line, and in the event of an outside company desiring entrance to the city, would prefer to purchase the local com-

pany's holdings, the same would be available at a reasonable price. The proposition was heartily endorsed by the council, and steps to perfect the organization of the company will be taken at once. It is expected the matter can be presented to the council in definite form within the next 10 days.

NOTHING STRONGER THAN "ADAM'S ALE"

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 31.—Beginning tomorrow the Southern Railway will discontinue the sale of liquor in its dining cars over the whole system. This step was decided upon by the management in view of the fact that a large part of the territory through which the road runs has declared for prohibition.

SAN FRANCISCO BRIBER SENT UP

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—E. A. S. Blake, contractor, who was convicted of attempting to bribe J. M. Kelly, prospective juror in the Ruel bribery trial, to vote acquittal, was today sentenced by Judge Dunne to four years' imprisonment in the state penitentiary.

PRES. ROOSEVELT NOT WANTED

Washington, Dec. 31.—Senator Hale, acting chairman of the committee on appropriations, 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 4th of March, as intimated in some published reports.

FRIGHTFUL FAMINE SCENES AMONG EARTHQUAKE RUINS

**STARVING SURVIVORS FIGHT LIKE WILD ANIMALS FOR FOOD
AMONG THE EARTHQUAKE RUINS, AND SOME ARE
DROWNED IN THE STRUGGLE—DANGER OF FURTHER
AND FAMINE PREVAILS.**

WHITE HOUSE ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

**PRESIDENT AND MRS. ROOSEVELT
WILL GIVE THEIR LAST
RECEPTION TO THE PUBLIC
TOMORROW.**

Washington, Dec. 31.—The social aids at the White House have completed final arrangements for the president's new year's reception tomorrow, which will be the last of the Roosevelt administration.

The general arrangements for the function are practically identical with those of previous years.

The doors will be thrown open at 11 o'clock in the morning, but it is safe to say that it will be well along in the afternoon before the "plain people" have an opportunity to pay their respects to the chief executive of the nation.

First to be received will be the vice-president, the members of the cabinet and the diplomatic corps. Then in the order named will come the judiciary, members of congress, commissioners and judicial officers of the District of Columbia, officers of the army, navy and marine corps, minor officials of the federal and district governments, and the members of the local historical, patriotic and other societies.

BURNING BODIES OF THE DEAD

Reggio, Dec. 31.—As a precautionary measure against the outbreak of pestilence, bodies of persons killed by the earthquake are being burned and strong disinfectants are being strewn among the ruins.

TRIES TO KILL CLEMENCEAU

Paris, Dec. 31.—A disaffected Corsican fired several shots this afternoon in the direction of the office of Premier Clemenceau. One person was hurt. The would-be assassin was arrested.

100,000 LEAVE STRICKEN LAND

**THE SHORES OF MESSINA ARE
BECOMING DEPOPULATED BY
FLIGHT OF PEOPLE WHO FEAR
FURTHER CONVULSIONS.**

London, Dec. 31.—A special from Palermo estimates that 100,000 persons have embarked on warships and other vessels in the Straits of Messina or have otherwise left the devastated district.

All towns and villages along the strait are rapidly becoming depopulated, as there is a widespread fear of further convulsions.

COSGROVE RECOVERING.

Washington Governor-Elect Will Reach Olympia by January 11.

Paso Robles, Cal., Dec. 31.—Governor-elect Cosgrove of Washington, who has been ill at the springs here, is greatly improved, and without doubt will reach Olympia by January 11.

Messina, Dec. 31.—A frightful scene occurred here today amid the ruins of the ominous house. Groups of famished persons were groping in the debris with the hope of discovering food. The first of the scavengers who were successful were attended by the others with knives and revolvers and obliged to divide their findings. The consequent struggle which ensued was fierce. Frightened men threw themselves upon other like wolves and several were disemboweled in defending a handful of dry bones or a few ounces of flour. One of the unfortunate was pinned to a plank with a nail while there was still clinging to his hand his child, for whom he had sought to secure the food.

COMPLETE RUIN IN MANY PLACES

**MANY SMALL TOWNS ARE
COMPLETELY WIPE OUT—
BANDS OF BODIES ARE
BURIED AT PALMI.**

Rome, Dec. 31.—To the terrifying spectacle that death caused in Monday's earthquake (see our issue) added the horror of starvation and the fear of the spread of pestilence. As yet it is impossible to obtain any news of the fate of the large villages along the coast, many of which, it is believed, have been entirely wiped out. In some of the small towns the suddenness and completeness of the catastrophe was overwhelming.

Of 34,000 living in Palmi, only a few scores are alive today. Yesterday 2,000 bodies were buried in a desolation. Railroads and roads throughout the surrounding country are utterly destroyed.

The visit of the king and queen to Messina and Reggio has aroused widespread enthusiasm. In spite of universal mourning and distress, the sovereigns were saluted when they disembarked by the firing of guns by the Italian and foreign warships at Messina.

The troops are distributing rations whenever it is possible for them to get in touch with the stricken people.

The waters of the Strait of Messina are covered with floating bodies of men, women and children and all kinds of wreckage.

ESTIMATE 110,000 NUMBER DEAD

**LOSSES OF LIFE ARE NOW
ESTIMATED AT 110,000—NO NEWS
YET RECEIVED OF AMERICAN
TRAVELERS.**

Rome, Dec. 31.—Official estimates place the dead of Calabria and eastern Sicily at 110,000, but there is reason to believe that this may be greatly exceeded. No news has been received of Americans who are thought to be in the devastated district, excepting Rev. David Scussano of New Orleans and daughter Alice, who are safe in Rome. Ambassador Griscom is about to start from Rome for the South to endeavor to secure information concerning American travelers.

WHOLE REGIMENT WAS DROWNED

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 there.