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TEN PAGES-WEDNESDAY MORNING DECEMBER 30 1908-TEN PAGES

PROBS - Strong winds; mild with light falls MESSINA SHAKEN TO RUINS FLAMES COMPLETE DISASTER **ROAST ALIVE UNTOLD NUMBERS**

One Hundred Thousand People Believed to Have Perished in Most Devastating Quake of Recent Years-Whole Towns Wiped Out and Tidal Wave Adds to Horror-King and Queen of Italy Hurry to Scene.

Complete devastation abounds at the scene of the great earthquake disaster in Italy. The upheaval is the most severe experienced in Europe. for many years, and equals in its appalling character the havoc wrought at San Francisco and Valparaiso.

It is estimated that 100,000 people lost their lives. Messina and Catania, the two largest cities in Sicily, have suffered terribly, as have also Reggio, the capital of the Province of Reggio di

Calabria, Riposto, Bagnaro, Cosenza, Palmi, San Gievenni, Calabria and a large number of villages. In several instances whole towns have been wiped out, and the inhabitants killed. Martial law has been proclaimed and looters are being

shot on sight. Terrible scenes are being enacted and panic is widespread.

These towns have been practically destroyed:

Messina, population 100,000; Catania, 140,000; Reggio, 50,000;

Palmi, 10,000; San Gievenni, 12,000.

Twenty thousand persons have perished, 12,000 in Messina alone: while tens of thousands were injured.

The immense tidal wave added to the horror of the scene.

The King and Queen of Italy have started for the scene of the dis-

aster, and Great Britain has sent warships

Great Earhqutakes.

Lima and Callao ... 18,000 Grand Cairo ... 40,000 Kashua, Persia ... 40,000

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1829 Murch 1831 Canton 6,000 1842 Cape Haytien 4,000 1857 Calabria 10,000 1959 Quito 5,000

From Quake Area

Venezuela 3,000 Martinique 25,000 San Francisco 1,000

1905....Valparaiso 1907 Jamaica Valparaiso

Toronto Italians

Out of Ordinary.

100.000 Dead.

ROME, Dec. 29.—One hundred thousand dead; Messina, in Sicily, and Reggio, and a score of other towns in Southern Italy overwhelmed; the entire Calabrian region laid waste. This is the earthquake's record so far as it is at present known from the reports

that are coming slowly into Rome on account of the almost complete destruction of lines of communication to the stricken places.

Heaps of Dead.

The death list in Messina ranges from 12,000 to 50,000; that of Reggio, with its adjacent villages, numbering 45,000 people, includes almost the entire population. At Palmi 100 are reported dead; at Cassano 1000; at Cosenza 500; and half of the population of Bagbara, about four thousand. The Monte Leone region has been devastated, and Riposto, Seminara, San Giovanni, Scilla, Lazzaro and Cannitello, and all other communes and villages bordering on the straits are in

ruins.

Royal Sympathy.

The King and Queen of Italy are now on their way to Messina, having sailed to-night from Nap'es, aboard the battleship Vittero Emanuela. The Pope has shown the greatest distress at the calamity, and he himself was the first to contribute a sum amounting to \$200,000 to the relief of the afing to \$200,000, to the relief of the af-flicted. British, French and Russian warships are steaming towards the south, and already several of the ships of Great Britain and Russia have reached Sicily. Officers and men of these ships have performed heroic services in the work of rescue.

Many Foreigners Killed.

It is feared that many foreigners have been killed, as a number of the hotels at Messina, and doubtless at other places, were crowded with tourthe diplomatic representatives of the foreign powers stationed at these posts, altho the Italian Government is using every effort to relieve the anxiety felt

Fear of Pestilence. There is the gravest danger that a pestilence will follow the destruction of the towns, where, on account of the vast havoc wrought, bodies will lie unburied for days and weeks. Those who escaped death, many of whom are bad-ly injured, are making their way by the thousands to the nearest place of refuge. Their sufferings even now must be intense, as they are without

food or clothing.

Stunned at the magnitude of the calamity which has overtaken fellowcountrymen, all Italy mourns to-night for the stricken Province of Calabria and the Island of Sicily.

Accustomed for centuries to earth-

quakes, Italy stands ever in dread, but none was prepared for the distance which in the fraction of a minute yesterday devastated cities and towns and caused the death of theusands.

Tarrential Maelatram.

Torrential Maelstrom. burn alive untold numbers, helplessly pinioned beneath fallen walls and broken timbers. The Straits of Mes-sina was shaken and twisted by the earth's trembling for works. earth's trembling, for mariners report the channel altered beyond recognithe channel altered beyond recognition. The ports and villages on both the continental and Sicilian sides were the continental and sicilian sides were the continental and sides were the houses along the coasts were swallow-

ed up, Navigation now is dargerous and in some places impossible. heaval. The seaport of Reggio is 40ported as no longer existing, and the
city proper is in ruins. The loss of
iousiy injured.

"I'm surprised at you, Wilkins. If
you continue to say that Malone did
it—that seems to be the game—you'll life on both sides of the Strait and in Eastern Sicily was enormous.
One of the refugees from Reggio, who

P. C. Wilkins, Wounded Officer, Tells Magistrate Motive for

SIMCOE, Dec. 29.-(Special.)-Ex-Chief of Police A. W. Malone was committed for trial by Magistrate John Beemer this afternoon on a charge of attempting to murder Constable Wm. Wilkins in Lynwood Park shortly af-

But the real climax was reached when, after Mr. Kelly had entered another impressive plea for bail on the ground that Constable Wilkins, who laid the charge, was admittedly a thief and as deserving of being looked up as the prisoner, the venerable magistrate refused. Thunderous cheering and applause shook the auditorium as the vast crowd gave vent to its long pent up feelings. It was fully five minutes before order was restored sufficiently for the ceremony of closing the court to be proceeded with.

Never was so much interest evinced in a trial here. For hours before the court house opened the steps and lawn were swarming with eager people. Rigs drove in from every direction, some coming 20 miles. Many families brought lunch and remained in the building thru the noon intermission in order to be assured of standing room.

May Plead Insanity.

Defence Counsel Kelly did not call any witnesses, and it is hinted that in the failure to balk a committal today, he may plead insanity of the "de-mentia paresis" species on behalf of mentia paresis" species on behalf of his witness. This suggestion arises from the fact that Dr. Bruce Smith. provincial inspector of prisons, paid a visit to the jail last week. It was Dr. Bruce Smith who first pronounced John D. Tearse, the Slayer of wm. Curry in Peel County, insane of the

Fear For Friends

The story that was taken as his service more than the sanitarium on Dec. 1. He further told of two robberies and several fires in which both he and Malone were implicated and assigned a motive for the shooting to the fact that Malone was afraid of him because he "knew too much" and that "dead men tell no takes" Fear For Friends

There are 3000 Italians in Toronto witness may have been excited when who came from the districts affected by he was shot and might have been mis-

is likely to be done in connection with cessfully implicate Malone in the theft Messina, whose tragic history has relief proposals.

Men marked by tidal waves and war The quake was recorded at the local held his job. observatory as a medium disturbance. day's torrential maelstrom, was shaken to ruins. Flames burst forth to complete the city's destruction and to burn alive untold numbers, helplessly following morning. Slight earth trem-"You are not under arrest, you are

CROWDED HALL COLLAPSES

only beginning to recover from the effects of the earthquake of 1905, Regio was the centre of the earth's upheaval. The seaport of Reggio is 40-ported as no longer existing.

INDIAN WAR ENDED

found safety at a peninsula port. In describing his experience, he said: "The sea was strangely mysteriously agitated which scores have been killed at the different times, including many Amdits have been safety as the regular night duty man, it was Wilkins' duty so enter all oc-

Shooting With Intent to Kill in Lynwood Park.

ter midnight Dec. 1. Never was a court scene more sen-

Never was a court scene more sensational.

If the occasion had been a trial proper, instead of a preliminary hearing, with the public as jury, the prisoner would undoubtedly have been convicted on the spot. Feeling thruout the whole county is evidently very bitter against Malone.

When the magistrate announced his intention of sending the accused up for trial after a most affecting and eldquent argument by Defence Counsel W. E. Kelly, K.C., a decided thurmur of approval swept over the 1500 spectators.

brought lunch and remained in the building thru the noon intermission in order to be assured of standing room.

Malone was ushered back to the cells and Wilkins to the sanitarium.

The trial will take place at the next assizes, which open Feb. 22.

Two Wineses.

Wilkins and Dr. Stanton were the only witnesses produced by County Crown Attorney Slaight. The latter announced that he would call other witnesses in rebuttal of the defence evidence if he felt it necessary, but he considered Wilkins' evidence alone, who swore positively that it was Mawho swore positively that it was Ma-icne who did the shooting, sufficient to warrant a commitment to trial.

"dementia praecox" variety.

Wilkins was pale, and showed the effects of his painful experience, from which he has not fully recovered. His left eye was covered with a white patch. The sight is gone.
Briefly, to Mr. Slaight, he rehearsed the story that was taken as his

tales."

In his cross-examination Mr. Kelly

of certain goods, and asked how he "I don't know what you mean," re

Malone the Thief. Fifteen minutes of cross-firing succeeded in getting witness to admit that he had told Detective Miller that Malone had robbed the Sovereign Store of furs and had given part of the booty

to him. In fact, he declared that it was Malone who did all the thieving. ELLIOTT CITY, Md.. Dec. 29.—The upper part of Easton Hall, a two-storey frame building, collapsed to-day, durbuildings, including Madden's fire June

get a premium from the crown. Wilkins disclaimed any belief that he himselm was guilty of theft, so long



A POSSIBILITY

JIMMIE GRAFTER: Kin us fellers git in th' back way, mister, after yeh put th' shutters up?

HEAR BOTH SIDES, THEN DECIDE. MAYORALTY CANDIDATE

After considerable negotiation, what will be practically a jo debate on the question of license reduction will be heard in Massey Hall to-night. The Citizens' Committee of Greater Toronto, who are opposing license reduction, invited the advocates of reduction to take part in the meeting, offening these terms in what they considered the interest of fair discussion, the anti-reduction speakers to open the debate, occupying an hour and a half; then the speakers in support of reduction to have the same time, and an anti-reduction speaker to close the debate with a half hour's address, in which he would be bound not to introduce new matter. After some delay, due to the absence of the secretary of the reductionist committee, this invitation was replied to by the chairman of the reductionist speakers' committee, who proposed a change of program. his suggestion being that the speakers on the reductionist side be given 40 minutes after 9 o'clock. This change has been agreed to, tho the Citizens' Committee point out that under the changed terms they cannot bind themselves that their closing speakers shall not introduce new matter. They promise, however, that this will be avoided as far as practicable.

The World has not been informed as to who will be the speakers on either side, but does not doubt that each side of the question will be ably presented. We believe it was at first intended that Mr. A. W. Wright should open and close the debate in opposition to reduction. His engagement to debate the license reduction question along with Controller Spence at the Canadian Club in the early part of the evening will interfere with this arrangement somewhat. He will, however, speak at the Massey Hall meeting, probably in reply to the reductionist speakers.

The World would repeat what it said yesterday that the speakers on both sides should come to this meeting prepared to deal with the question in a candid and argumentative way, avoiding all appeals to sentiment or prejudice. The public have a right to require this at the hands of both sides. Upon the decision of this question much depends. It should be decided by reason, and by reason alone. Any attempt to befog the issue or confuse the public mind will, under the circumstances, be little short of a public offence.

The issue is clear-cut, and if honest with themselves and with the audience, the speakers should be able to put their respective sides before the audience so clearly that a decision as to the merits of the question ought not to be difficult. It is the duty of a public speaker to try to convince; to try to mislead or confuse would be discreditable to himself and disrespectful to his audience.

As The World sees it, the questions involved are these: Will license reduction injure the city commercially or industrially? Does it involve an injustice to those whose businesses it threatens

with extinction? Will it intensify the present monopoly of the sale of liquor in an objectionable way?

If it will do any or all of these, will it promote temperance and lessen inebriety, enough to counterbalance whatever injury it will do? That, we believe, is the case in a nutshell, and the speakers on both sides will reflect credit on themselves and show proper respect for their

audience if they confine themselves to a candid discussion of it.

BOOM FOR CAPE BRETON Big Areas to Be Taken Over by Coal But Mark Twain's Christmas Gift Not Exting Hay,

GLACE BAY, N.S. Dec. 29-(Special)

ELEPHANT ON HIS HANDS

DANBURY, Conn., Dec. 29.—The parthe city's destruction, tried to make his way to Sicily in a sailboat, but was compelled to return, and finally found safety at a peninsula port. In describing his experience he sail. (Fig. 29.—The long describing his experience he sail.)

The bimselm was guilty of theft, so long at the himselm was guilty of theft, so long at the plunder was given to him second hand. After beating in and all around the bush, the best that Mr. Kelly could get from him was: "He did to make a special of Port Morien, C.B., and the company of owning the Broughton Areas, will guest at Innocence at Home, sent word shortly join forces and also that lands to Mr. Clemens a few days before NOGALES, Ar.z., Dec. 29.—The long from him was: Field describing his experience, he said: The war with Yaqui Indians in Mexico, in Mexico, in war with Yaqui Indians in Mexico, in war with Yaqui In

reached the authorities it was considered sufficient to warrant an enquiry and reference to the nomination paper showed that all the names were in practically the same handwriting.

Chief Parnall walked out of the crown attorney's office, met Bradt on the street, and in five minutes the would-be mayor was a prisoner.

Hearing was set for Thursday morns. Hearing was set for Thursday morning. Bradt was admitted to ball, giving bonds for \$2000 himself and \$2000 by

To Face Graft Charge

BRANTFORD, Dec. 29.-(Special.)-An investigation is promised here to probe into charges' which are being formulated against certain aldermen, in reference to the recent killing in council of the local option bylaw. Bribery is hinted in connection with other matters before last year's coun-cil. A sensational scandal, it is said, will be the outcome, when charges are

FOURTEEN \ E \RS FOR RUEF. San Francisco Political Boss Sent to Penitentiary.

Mr. Englehart Defends Government Railway and Tells World Readers of Plans to Improve the Service.

"The second exploration of the pro-posed extension of the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway from Charl-ton to Elk City will be made in Janu-ary." said Chairman Englehart of the government commission vesterday in ary," said Chairman Englehart of the government commission yesterday in a candid discussion with The World on the transportation needs of the north.

"This exploration will be made over the present survey, with a view to improving upon it, but also to report more particularly upon the traffic possibilities," he said.

"We are just in this position," he continued. "On the one hand we have public opinion influenced by representatives from the mining country, which are very hopeful indeed. On the other hand, we have a bonded indebtedness which with this new extension, will be

hand, we have a bonded indebtedness which with this new extension, will be \$15,000,000. We are in honor bound to give due regard to our financial obligations, and to strike our rates and build new mileage with due regard to the charges against the road.

"Before the railroad is extended to Elk City we wish to know that the traffic will meet the charges against the investment of some \$600,000, which will be necessary." he said.

To Act on Favorable Report.

"If the report is favorable, we shall at once recommend the government to authorize the building of the extension. We should know before Feb, 1 and contracts could be closed at once. The rock cutting could be made this winter and the road completed before the end of the summer.

and the road completed before the end of the summer.

"Our explorers have been out for over a month between Elk City and Gowganda, so you will see that we have been observing the trend of events. We are acting as trustees of the people and trying to see that their money is carefully invested. We have the best freight rolling stock in Canada our

WYORALTY CANDIDATE

UNDER ARREST AS FORGER

IN Names on Nomination Papers of Landis Bradt Signed by the Same Hand.

ST. CATHARINES, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—A sensation was caused this afternoon when Chief of Police Parnall, acting on instructions from County Crown Attorney Brennan, laid information against Landis C. Bradt. Charging him with forgery, and upon a warrant issued later by Police Magistrate Caimpbell, Bradt was taken into custody.

At nomination meeting yesterday Bradt handed to City Clerk Pay a paper properly filled out, proposing himself for mayor for 1909. The paper was supposed to have been signed by Jacob Hayn.'s and Michael McChade. When Hayn.'s and Michael McChade. When Hayn.'s and Michael McChade. When Hayn.'s read in the papers that he had signed Bradt's nomination papers, he at once proceeded to make people understand that such was not the cake, and to strengthen the matter, made out and signed a statutory declaration' to that effect. When the reached the authoribles it was considered sufficient to warrant an enquiry and reference to the nomination paper showed that the name of the calcagance of the crowding of trains between delivered to the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Cabalt Suburbana Service.

Mr. Englehart was taken cape plant the rush hours on a Toronto street car.

"We have plans to relieve that congestion," said Mr. Englehart. "While some people were disposed to helieve that congestion," said Mr. Englehart. "While some people were disposed to helieve that we were dreaming we have been searching for a motor car suitable for service between these towns. Many motors have been inspected by our englineers and I regret to say that a suitable type has not yet been located. We hope this year to get one that will serve our purpose. In the meantime we have been extending our sidings at large expense, as part of the plan for a double track system from Cobalt to Halievbury. This will enable us to put on a suburban service between New Liskeard, Halleybury and Cobalt, with a motor running every hour."

PALL

ing bonds for \$2000 himself and \$2000 by Charles Elliott.

Bradt appeared at the city clerk's office to file his declaration of quallification, but City Clerk Pay refused to accept it, claiming his nomination was irregular. Mayor Campbell is, there fore, re-elected for a second term,

The following are in the field for aldermen: St. Andrew's Ward—S. Mc-Lean, T. Nihan, Dr. Merritt, B. J. Leubsdorf, St. George's Ward—J. T. Petrie, R. Nadel, Dr. Jory, T. H. Lazenby, John Davis, St. Patrick's Ward—John McLaughlin, Jas. McBride, Ed. Day, E. Wismer, Thos, Beattle, James McIntosh.

Brantford Aldermen

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Was killed at 9 o'clock last night by falling in front of a Belt Line Car as it approached Carlton-street on Sherbourne. The young man's brother, David, wondering why he did not return home, went to the Wilton-avenue station and identified two hand-kerchiefs and a rosary as the property of his brother. He said that the dead mar. was subject to fainting spells.

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Thompson.

The brakes were applied, but the car had run onto the body and had to be jacked up before it could be taken out.

The body was removed to the morgue and County Crown Attorney Drayton notified. An inquest will be held.

BLIZZARD IN BRITAIN

Roads and Railways Blocked Thruout the Country.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The whole of the United Kingdom is in the grip of a violent blizzard, which has raged for

forty-eight hours.

Northern Railway service and street car traffic has been demoralized. Many towns are isolated and numerous accidents and deaths from exposure have been reported, as well as several shipping casualties, but fortunately, unattended by serious loss of life.