

RACE NOW WITH THE LAKE SHORE

South Bend Interurban Service Reaching Top Notch of Speed Perfection and Cars Run at Mile-a-Minute Speed.

EXCITING RACES WITH STEAM CARS

On New Carlisle-South Bend Fifteen-Mile Stretch, Electric and Steam Roads Parallel and Passengers On Both Lake Shores Are Entertained.

The Chicago, Lake Shore & South Bend trains running between Gary and South Bend have now reached such a stage of perfection in operation that a speed of nearly a mile a minute is maintained on stretches of the roadbed. Certain officials of the line who were in Gary recently told of exciting races which had recently occurred on the line between their trains and those of the Lake Shore railroad.

On the stretch between New Carlisle and South Bend where the two roads parallel for a distance of fifteen miles, there is seldom a day but what sees most exciting races. The officials of the interurban say that with an ordinary passenger train their electric cars simply walk away from the train. They sometimes let them pass the cars and then catch up to them just for fun.

Car Out-Do "20th Century."

Manager H. U. Wallace of the Interurban, Attorney J. E. Lewis Meyers and other officials of the company are accustomed every morning to leave South Bend on a certain car just for the purpose of seeing the race between their car and the Twentieth Century Limited. They claim that while they are both running at their best speed that their interurban can even out-run the famous Twentieth Century.

In regard to the Toledo spur which the road is building, they now have the track almost completed and are busy straining the wires. They expect to have the line in operation by ten days or two weeks.

ADVANCE GUARD OFF FOR STATE CAPITAL

Attorney Bretsch of Gary on the Ground for Superior Court.

WILL FEEL OUT MEMBERS

Committee Is Ready to Spend Thousands of Dollars and Wants Solons to Visit City.

Atty. C. Bretsch of Gary left today for the state capital where he will spend his time for several days to come looking over the situation and preparing to sound the alarm when the time arrives for the Lake superior court question to come up in the legislature, so that the lobbyists of Gary can be on the floor when the bill comes up for passage.

The exact plan of the Citizens' General committee to secure favorable legislation will not be divulged by them, owing to the fact that they do not desire to show their hand to their opponents, in the race. The only thing that they were willing to release, however, is the fact that they will invite the legislature to this city to see for themselves the conditions which exist.

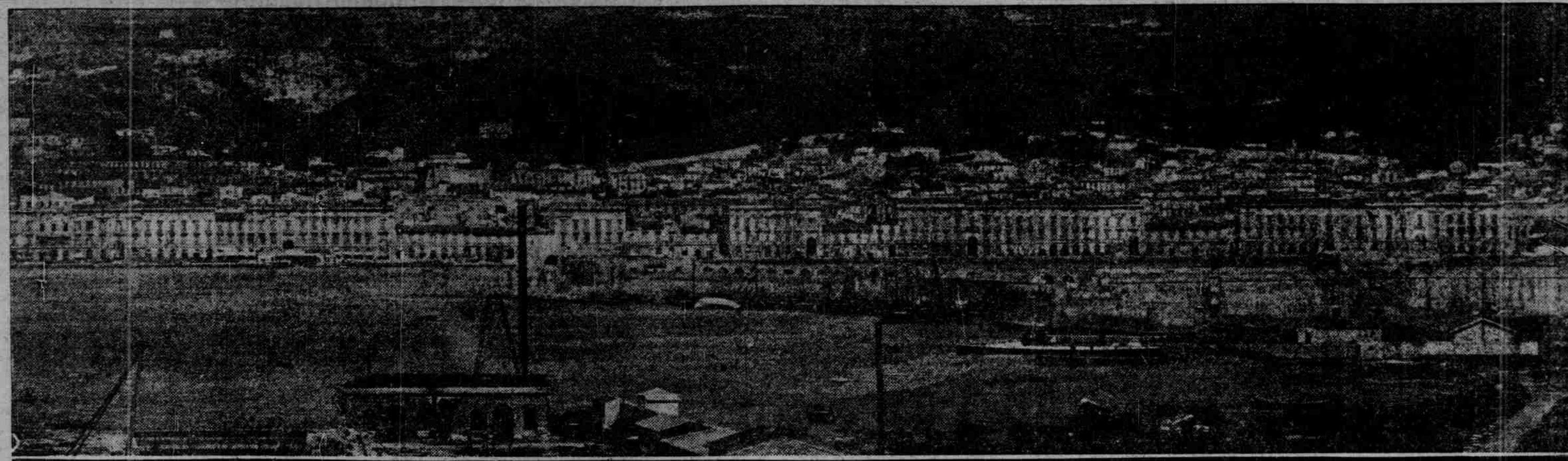
A member of the finance committee which was appointed to raise enough money to fight for the court, said yesterday that he thought that there would be no difficulty, if it was necessary to raise \$3,000 from the various associations which have taken the matter up. If the legislature is not brought to Gary, a large amount of this money will be spent in sending to Indianapolis a big delegation who will work among their friends in the legislature.

GARY COUPLE REWARDED

(Special to THE TIMES.) Chicago, Ill., Dec. 31.—Emil Thurow, a Gary carpenter, was remarried to his wife at Geneva, Ill., yesterday afternoon.

Last October Mrs. Thurow in a Lake county court got a divorce from her husband on the grounds of desertion. They met again during the holidays and decided that life without each other wasn't worth living.

Messina, Second City of Sicily, Wrecked, and Great Numbers of Its Inhabitants Killed.



The Water Front at Messina. City Had a Population of 150,000

SECOND QUAKE HITS MESSINA

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The pier to embark on the regular steamer for Naples were killed. The volcano Stromboli is active and the seas around the island are agitated and dangerous to navigation.

DAY IN WOE STRICKEN ITALY.

Naples, Dec. 30.—One hundred thousand are dead in the city of Messina alone.

Probably less than 10,000 human beings escaped alive from the earthquake, fire and tidal wave that devastated Sicily and Calabria.

Reggio di Calabria, which the king is visiting tonight, has been mostly swallowed up in an immense fissure, and the remainder of the town is in ruins.

FIFTY THOUSAND DEAD IN REGGIO.

Major Pellegrino, in command of the troops there, states that his men already have extricated 300 bodies. He estimates the dead at Reggio at about 50,000.

If the estimates of 100,000 dead at Messina is correct and 50,000 dead at Reggio the final count will go far over 150,000.

This information is brought here by refugees, who come by hundreds on warships and merchant vessels that hasten back to the work of relief.

And while the wires and ships were bringing news of the death of men by the hundred thousand, a baby was born on the German steamer Therapia as it neared this port with hundreds of wounded refugees aboard.

OTHER TOWN SHAKEN.

There were further earth shocks at Messina during the night of Tuesday, which added to the panic of the survivors.

Violent earth shocks were experienced at Syracuse at 5:30 this morning. The people of Syracuse, terrified and fearing, rushed through the streets in the surrounding open country.

Two violent shocks were felt on the island of Ustica last night. Ustica is forty miles off the north coast of Sicily.

The inhabitants of the island spent the night shivering in terror in the fields.

HOUSES FALL INTO FISSURE.

According to other refugees not a single hotel remained standing. A fissure sixty feet deep opened near the church of Santa Maria and houses fell bodily into it.

The Therapia brought thirty German and 600 other fugitives. During the voyage to Naples several injured women died and one child was born.

A physician named Condo, a native of Messina, said he escaped by climbing over the fallen roofs. Houses vanished with the suddenness of a dream and daylight showed nearly two miles of ruins.

Steiners put out to cross the straits for help after the first shock of the earthquake, but half way over they met vessels from the opposite coast, which carried the news that Reggio, too, had perished.

Some of the fugitives aboard the Therapia hastily left the ship when it reached this port, in some cases abandoning their children, in cases abandoning their children. Ten more steamers with fugitives are expected to arrive here within the next day or two, and every effort is being made to prepare shelter for them.

Naples is the center of the relief organization and all social functions have been postponed.

The few refugees that have arrived here from Calabria are almost too unnerved to speak of their terrible experiences.

WHOLE NATION IS STUNNED.

Rome, Dec. 30.—The whole nation is stunned by the enormity of the catastrophe it has experienced, and even yet the vastness of the disaster is not realized. Previous estimates of 200,000 dead are now considered conservative. New problems of the most grave sort are confronting the nation as results of the earthquake, tidal wave and fire.

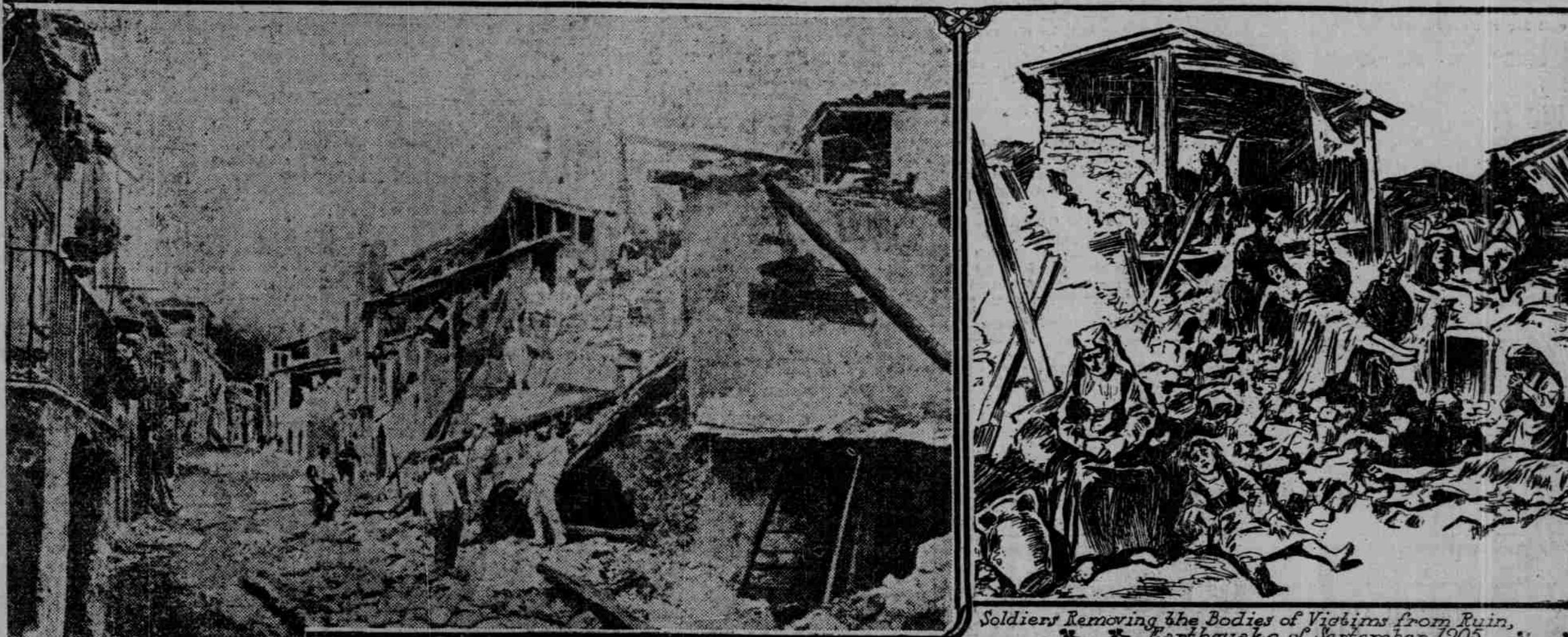
Great hordes of fugitives from the ruined cities are invading them and swamping the relief forces. Thousands are wandering demented over hills and plains, many entirely nude, all starving and many seriously ill.

Flame is still at work in the ruins of cities destroyed by the quake, and the countless bodies in the debris already promise pestilence.

Relief work is under way on a vast scale, but it is pitifully inadequate, and it will be days before a semblance of order is restored.

ITALY STANDS APPALLED.

Rome, Dec. 30.—The immensity of the



A Scene of Horror and Suffering



King Victor Emmanuel Viewing the Ruined Cathedral and the Bodies of Victims, Earthquake of Sept. 1905

from want of ships and they are suffering the cruel extremes of hunger and thirst.

Here and there they can be seen searching eagerly in the debris and universal ruin for some morsels to eat or for water to drink, but the heaps of dust and debris yield them nothing.

Numerous detachments to give first aid have been organized in Catania and they left for Messina last evening, railway communication being then restored by the desperate exertions of the troops and railway staffs. The telegraph and telephone services, however, are not yet working. The absolute want of food and water at Messina renders it difficult to give assistance.

At every turn some lamentable scene meets the eye. Men and women half-naked and terribly injured are imploring relief. The hospitals and chemists' shops have disappeared and there are neither drugs nor surgical instruments at hand.

NEW BANK AT FORTVILLE, IND.

Washington, Dec. 31.—A certificate has been issued authorizing the First National Bank of Fortville, Ind., capital stock \$25,000, to begin business. John G. McCord will be president; William R. Rash, vice-president; O. L. Morrow, cashier; W. S. Todd and John A. McCormac assistant cashiers.

IF IT'S ADVERTISED IT'S WORTH LOOKING UP



A Scene of Horror and Suffering

May Be a Whited Sepulcher.

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strictly watched and the interests of the road guarded to the utmost.

**LOUCKS RISING
IN RAILROAD WORLD**

Will Take Charge of East Chicago Office of Pere Marquette.

GRADUATE OF HIGH SCHOOL

Has Made Good in Business World and Further Advancement

Is in Sight.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 31.—That the average East Chicago boy is capable of raising to a point of vantage in every mart of human activity has been demonstrated heretofore, and it remained but for Virgil Loucks, of Magound avenue to demonstrate his ability to progress. In a letter received by Mr. Loucks yesterday, he was informed that commencing Jan. 1st, he would fill the position of agent for the Pere Marquette railroad in this city. He will succeed Mr. J. H. Galliver, who has been with the corporation for a number of years and who will take charge of what is known as the Tracey Avenue station in Chicago.

Mr. Loucks is a thorough East Chicago boy, and was a member of the local high school class, graduating in 1894. For the past four years he has engaged in railroad office work, on April 1st of last year accepting a position as cashier for the P. M. Ry in this city. His advancement is a rapid one and almost established a record in railroad circles.

An Important Office.

The Pere Marquette local branch is for freight uses only and operates over the C. T. T. belt tracks. Notwithstanding this fact the East Chicago station is regarded as the most important between Chicago and Michigan City, as at this point the transfer records to the Chicago belt lines are made. The freight business over the P. M. in a single month often amounts to as high as \$40,000.

As his chief clerk, Mr. Loucks has selected Marion Westby, of this city, who for some time has been working for the Indiana Harbor road at Gibson. Those who know both Mr. Westby and the new agent are confident that the business of the road will be strictly watched and the interests of the road guarded to the utmost.

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Suffering Following the Earthquake, Calabria, 1905. Dispatches of Similarwears a white vest.—Galveston News.