

EXPERT FINDS QUAKES FOLLOW EXTREME TIDES

TOYO, Japan (AP)—Japanese seismologists are engaged in a discussion as to whether there is a connection between earthquakes and high tides along the coast.

Naoki Muraoka, chief of the Choshi meteorological observatory, has brought forth observations covering several years to prove that earthquakes can be foretold by excessive rises or falls of the tides. Early on the morning of Aug. 14 Tokyo and the districts to the north were shaken by a fairly severe tremor. For several days previous there along the Choshi coast, northeast of Tokyo, where Mr. Muraoka makes his observations, had been abnormally high and he had predicted a shock. That a shock came he claims is proof of his theory, that abnormal tides mean the approach of an earthquake.

Mr. Muraoka quotes figures for the tides just before the disastrous earthquake of Sept. 1, 1923. At that time he says the tides were so high that the fishermen along the coast, who are out fishing by gathering seaweed in the shallows, complained that the water was so deep in their accustomed fishing grounds that their industry was easily crippled. Then the big quake came. Mr. Muraoka also recalls that excessively low tides preceded an earthquake which did considerable damage in Tokyo and the surrounding country in April, 1922.

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LONDON, (AP)—Hansom-cab drivers are prominent among the band of commercial Londoners who are depressed over the ending of the American tourist season. Americans are the best customers, and during the summer the drivers are able to make a surplus that takes them over the lean winter months when their wry and slow vehicles cannot combat the modern taxi.

One of the drivers has recorded the fact that this summer an American told him he had patiently waited an hour in the hope of seeing a hansom to see London, a compliment strange and overwhelming to the driver.

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