

CUBA ROCKED BY TREMORS; MANY KILLED

Estimates of Dead Range From a Few to as High as Two Thousand.

SANTIAGO CENTER OF DISTURBANCE

Reports Say No Americans Injured — Medical Supplies Rushed South From Miami, Fla.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (AP)—Reports to the navy in mid-afternoon placed the number of dead in the Santiago earthquake at 12, with 250 injured.

SANTIAGO, Cuba, Feb. 3 (AP)—The mayor of Santiago reported today eight persons had been killed and 300 injured in the earthquake which struck this city in the night.

There was great property damage and the prison building suffered heavily. Several prisoners escaped and a number were injured.

The mayor ordered the gas and electricity service cut off to avoid fires.

This information was contained in a report from Mayor Aznar to the secretary of the interior at Havana.

NO AMERICANS HURT
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP)—The navy was advised today that no Americans were injured in the Santiago earthquake.

SUPPLY PLANE GOES SOUTH
MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 3 (AP)—A Pan-American Airways plane carrying medical supplies and newspapermen took off from here at 7:52 a. m. E. S. T. for Santiago Cuba, where serious earthquake shocks struck this morning. The plane was piloted by Basil Rowe. Santiago is about seven hours from Miami by air.

CAUSES WHOLESALE DEATH
SANTIAGO, Cuba, Feb. 3 (AP)—Recurring earthquakes brought sudden wholesale death, injury and desolation to this historic Caribbean seaport today as 70,000 inhabitants slept in the quiet hours before dawn.

Estimates of dead and injured ranged from a few to 2000 and approximately one-third of the stone city was laid waste.

There were nightmare scenes of horror as the first great shock brought buildings crashing down upon their occupants and clouds of blinding dust rolled out over the harbor where Hobson and his intertidal crew sank the Merrimack during the Spanish American war.

Thousands of men, women and children, spared from death or serious injury, were seen in the streets.

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MAGICIAN TO APPEAR HERE ON THURSDAY

Tickets are being sold by High school students today for the lecture and demonstration to be given at the L. H. S. auditorium Thursday evening at 8:15 o'clock by Rupert Howard, British magician. Word was received this morning from Mr. Howard, stating that he would arrive here on the early train tomorrow morning.

No reservations are to be made for seats in the auditorium and all tickets are of the general admission variety. Mr. Howard is now touring America, after sailing west from England the last day of December, 1931. Local school men believe they are unusually fortunate in securing a man of his rank to appear for a local program.

Income Tax Men Due Here Feb. 29

Deputy collectors from the internal revenue service of Oregon will tour the state between Feb. 15 and Mar. 15 for the purpose of explaining taxpayers in preparing their federal income tax returns for the year 1931.

Announcement from Clyde G. Huntley, collector, is that the deputies will be in La Grande Feb. 29 to Mar. 5, inclusive, and at Enterprise Feb. 25 and 27.

Weather Forecast

Oregon: Cloudy in the east portion and snow and rain in the west portion and in mountains tonight and Thursday; not quite so cold in interior tonight; increasing southeast winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m.—5 below zero.
Minimum: 6 below zero.
Condition: Partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 27, minimum 7 above.
Condition: Clear. Range—20 degrees.

WEATHER FEB. 3, 1931
Maximum 46, minimum 21 above.
Condition: Clear. Range—25 degrees.

Normal School Makes Sweep Of Ashland Series

E. O. N. On Top of Conference Standings Due to 34 to 19 Victory in Fast Game Here.

Normal School Conference
W. L. Pct.
Eastern Oregon 2 0 1.000
Ashland* 0 2 .000
Monmouth 0 0 .000

*Concludes conference season; Ashland has no games with Monmouth.

The Mountaineers of the Eastern Oregon Normal school were firmly seated on top of the state normal school basketball conference today as a result of a second straight victory over the Sons of Ashland here last night.

And the position Bob Quinn's team finds itself in is no more than an even break in the four games with Monmouth to win the 1932 championship!

Eastern Oregon has the largest conference schedule of the three, six games listed. Monmouth has four and Ashland only two, which are now on record, assuring the Sons of the cellar position this year.

Fast Pace Continued
Although the Sons battled fiercely for the second game of the series, they were unable to keep up with the untiring pace maintained by the blue and gold quintet. The first half was extremely close as was the first few minutes of the second period, but the last of the game was a different matter.

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Mac-Hi Quintet Will Play Here Friday Evening

The La Grande High school Tigers, with one interdistrict loss already on their record, face a second invading team here Friday night when the Pioneers of McLoughlin High of Milwaukie-Freewater play at the L. D. S. Recreational hall. The Tigers lost to Pendleton a week ago at the Round-Up City, but are hopeful of presenting a stronger front to the other Umatilla county quintet.

Mac-Hi and La Grande during the last few years have engaged in some unusually close contests and a close exciting game is expected this year also. Mac-Hi and Pendleton have represented their district at Salem in the last several years, first one and then the other winning the district championship. Last year Pendleton won the state title.

Present indications are that Coach Ira Woodie's squad will be in good condition for the game. Torrence, regular guard, was out of the lineup last Friday and Saturday.

A second game will be played here on Saturday against the strong Imbler quintet, winner over Wallowa, North Powder, Elgin and several other teams of this district.

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2-Day C. E. Rally Will Open Here Next Saturday

A two-day rally of the Grande Rodeo Christian Endeavor Union will open in La Grande on Saturday, Feb. 6, with Rev. Ross Guiley, of Eugene, and Miss Frances Kelley, of Baker, president of the Union, among the guests and speakers. Representatives of the Presbyterian church and the Church of Christ will be present to enjoy the varied program which has been planned by local organizations.

The program which has been outlined, according to Miss Hulda Anderson, of La Grande, is:

Saturday:
11:00 Executive meeting, at the Church of Christ.
12:00 Executive luncheon, at the Church of Christ.

2:30 Miss Frances Kelly presiding. Song service, led by Rev. Paul de F. Mortenson.

2:45 Words of Welcome. From the associates, Robert Eakin and Carol Price. From the churches, Rev. J. George Walz and Rev. Mortimore.

3:00 Discussion of the Theme, "Christ In and Through Us Daily." Miss Frances Kelly presiding.

Cherry Men Sign Protest Petitions

SALEM, Feb. 3 (AP)—Petitions protesting against any reduction in the present tariff affecting cherries shipped into the United States were being circulated among cherry growers of the Willamette Valley today.

A telegram from Senator L. McNary advising that the federal tariff commission had been requested to investigate the cherry tariff, precipitated the action. Growers said any downward revision of the present tariff would destroy the industry and result in heavy financial losses. The petitions will be forwarded to Oregon's delegation in congress.

Murphy Named To Head Prohi Force

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (AP)—Thomas P. Murphy was named today by Prohibition Director Woodcock to be acting deputy administrator at Spokane, Wash.

Woodcock said Murphy would exchange places with Joseph Linville, who will become head of the permit review section for the twelfth district at Seattle.

PURPOSE OF STATE BOARD MADE CLEAR

Rufus C. Holman, State Treasurer, Speaker at Rotary Meeting.

MAKING ATTEMPTS TO CHECK WASTE

Cites Many Examples of Accomplishments of Both Humanitarian and Economic Nature.

"We found the state government about three million dollars in debt and we're trying to eliminate two million dollars of that in the first year."

That is one of the primary aims of the state board of control at present, according to Rufus Holman, state treasurer, who spoke at a meeting of the Rotary club today at noon at the La Grande hotel. Lions, chamber of commerce members and the public also attended the session.

The state treasurer, who was to speak this afternoon at the Eastern Oregon Normal school, spoke at length and in some detail of the work and opportunities of the board, which

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MERCURY DIVES TO COLD LEVEL

Six Below in La Grande Early Today as Cold Arrives From North.

The mercury in La Grande took a nose-dive early today, plunging to six below zero, the first sub-zero weather here in two years. At 7 o'clock this morning the temperature was five above with the mercury climbing more rapidly under a cloudy sky.

The valley was not disturbed by wind or the cold would have been felt much more.

There was promise of relief in today's weather predictions, which said: "Not quite so cold in the interior tonight."

Mencham Frigid
Reports from Mencham, of an unofficial nature, said the mercury was 20 below there last night, and low temperatures also were reported from Wallowa county points.

Apparently the cold wave that gripped Eastern Washington the day before advanced southward late yesterday.

Where the land is covered with snow, little damage is expected.

Telephone reports from Union today said that the official minimum at the airport station this morning was 10 below zero, a drop of 11 degrees from Monday's minimum of one above zero.

FOUR BELOW IN PENDLETON
PENDLETON, Feb. 3 (AP)—The first sub-zero weather of the winter season.

A. W. LAWRENCE HOLDS MEETING AT CITY HALL

Arthur W. Lawrence, of Salem, commissioner on the state industrial accident commission, sponsored an open meeting of La Grande business men and skilled workers in industries last night at 7:30 at the city hall, and over 40 were present.

Mr. Lawrence spoke on the "Causes and Costs of Accidents," and his address was followed by a flood of questions for the speaker to answer.

Local speakers were J. W. Fosterling, of the Mt. Emily Lumber company, who discussed "Machinery Inspection and Care"; Mr. Reynolds, of Bowman Hicks Lumber company, who spoke on "Good Housekeeping and Lighting"; E. P. Walden, of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company, discussed "Training New Men in Accident Prevention Work"; and Dr. James J. D. Haun discussed "First Aid as a Safety Measure."

Mr. Lawrence and his son, Maurice, who is accompanying him, left this afternoon for Walla Walla.

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Roosevelt Not For Cancelling Of Debts to U. S.

Democratic Candidate for President Also Opposed to Participation in League.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 3 (AP)—Franklin D. Roosevelt, governor of New York and candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, believes:

(1) The United States should not participate in the League of Nations.
(2) European debts should not be cancelled.
(3) An international trade conference should be called to level tariff barriers.

Gov. Roosevelt committed his views on these subjects to public consideration at a meeting of state grange last night. His pronouncement on the league followed by a few days the challenge of William Randolph Hearst that he announce his views thereat.

Sees Change in League
As Democratic vice presidential candidate 12 years ago Mr. Roosevelt worked and spoke in behalf of American participation in a league of nations.

"For that course I have no apology," he said. "The League of Nations today is not the league conceived by Woodrow Wilson. It is a mere meeting place for the political discussion of strictly European difficulties."

Gov. Roosevelt is the second prominent Democrat to discuss altered views on the league question in recent weeks. Newton D. Baker, secretary of war in the Wilson cabinet and for years a proponent of American entry into the league, said recently he was against a league of nations plank in the 1932 Democratic platform. He said, however, he believed the country will and ought to join the league some day.

Talks About Debts
Concerning cancellation of debts, Gov. Roosevelt said:

"Europe owes us. We do not owe her. Therefore we should call a meeting of the debtors here and not in Europe and demand an understanding. If it were considered advisable in the present condition of world finance to postpone the payment of debts for a while, we should nevertheless insist upon an accord as to when payments should begin and in what amount. Europe has indulged herself in an orgy of spending."

His comment on the tariff included

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Hoover Offers Andrew Mellon Post in London

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (AP)—President Hoover has asked Secretary Mellon to accept the ambassadorship to Great Britain but the latter has not decided to accept.

Reports the secretary had been chosen for the post vacated by Charles G. Dawes, president of the reconstruction finance corporation, were called to Secretary Mellon's attention, and he said the president had offered the position, but he had not had time to decide whether he would accept.

The question, Mellon said, has been under discussion for some time, but various matters caused him to delay making a decision. He said he hoped to decide within a short time.

If Mellon accepts the ambassadorship, Ogden L. Mills, undersecretary of the treasury, who has played a leading role in national and international financial affairs of the government will step into Mellon's office.

Ramsay MacDonald Goes Under Knife

LONDON, Feb. 3 (AP)—Surgeons attending Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald announced tonight that a delicate operation on his eye had been successful.

Wife's Visitor Is Slain by Husband

CLARKSTON, Wash., Feb. 3 (AP)—G. A. Hammonds, 37, shot and killed Charles Thomas, 37, here last night when he found Thomas in the house with Mrs. Hammonds. Thomas died with two charges from a shotgun in his chest.

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JAP WARSHIP SINKS TODAY UNDER FIRE

Guns From Chinese Fort at Woosung Destroy Attacking Vessel.

FOREIGNERS ARE HELD IN DANGER

Severe Battle at Shanghai — British Troops Lucky to Escape Japanese Shells.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 4 (Thursday) (AP)—Shanghai's guns fell silent early this morning after a day during which the Chinese and Japanese had blasted away at each other across the ruins of Chapel.

The red glow of the burning Chinese district could be seen for miles. Both sides claimed the advantage in the day's fighting, but the lines were little changed when the shooting stopped.

The guns started Wednesday afternoon and before the artillery duel had been in progress long Japanese planes were swooping over the Chinese lines dropping bombs which started new fires.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 3 (AP)—Chinese guns from the fort at Woosung sent a Japanese destroyer to the bottom of the Whangpoo river. Chinese headquarters here announced tonight.

Further than that, the announcement said, the Chinese garrison still held the fort, despite a raking fire from the Japanese warships in the river.

The Japanese opened fire, apparently without warning and announced after a brief bombardment that the fort had been destroyed and that they saw no signs of life in it.

Another report said Japanese airplanes flew over the area tonight and bombed a Chinese oil storage plant near the fort, setting it afire.

Conflicting Reports
Chinese headquarters said the fort repulsed an effort to put ashore a landing party from the destroyers.

At the same time, the Japanese naval command repeated its assertion that the fort had been reduced to a

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MOST BRUTAL MURDER HELD SOLVED TODAY

WINNIPEG, Man., Feb. 3 (AP)—The most brutal wholesale murder in Manitoba's history was believed solved today when police said they obtained a confession from Tom Hrechkoze, 28, that "ghosts" ordered him to kill a family of seven at Elma.

The seven, all relatives of Hrechkoze, were slain with an axe and knife Friday. Hrechkoze was captured yesterday at Cantour, 12 miles from Elma.

He worked as a farm hand for his uncle, Martin Sitar, who was slain with his wife and five children. Early last Friday, neighbors noticed Sitar's house on fire and on arrival found the door barred from the outside.

Hrechkoze was held today on only one charge, that of the murder of Martin Sitar.

President Hoover Entertains For Mr. Mrs. Garner

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (AP)—In an unassuming brilliance Jack Garner, of Texas, was dined last night by the president of the United States.

A guest list rare and rich was assembled by Mr. and Mrs. Hoover to greet the speaker of the house and Mrs. Garner at practically their first important social appearance in all the 29 years they have spent in Washington.

The two left their modest hotel near the capitol by taxicab, an unassuming vehicle which cost them twenty cents.

The \$5000 speaker's limousine, true to the Garner promise of taking off, has ceased to be.

Henry Ford, Walter P. Chrysler, W. W. Atterbury, Melvin A. Traylor, Breckinridge Long, James W. Gerard, were among the guests.

The occasion was one of the few times that a president has ever entertained in honor of a speaker of the opposing political party.

Wild Chase Ends In Youth's Arrest

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 3 (AP)—Billy Bannister, 19, who said he lives in Fruit Valley, near Vancouver, Wash., was held in jail here today after his capture in one of the wildest automobile chases Portland police ever engaged in.

The youth was captured last night after police had chased his stolen car almost 30 blocks over city streets, the speed sometimes reaching 60 miles an hour.

Although seven police bullets struck Bannister's car, he was not injured. After a shot had crashed through the rear glass and broken the windshield Bannister surrendered. A revolver was found on the seat beside him. Police said he admitted theft of two other automobiles.

Believe Meier's Trip To Capital Significant Move

Political Observations at Salem Indicate it is the Start of a Six-Year Program.

By Clayton V. Bernhard
(Associated Press Correspondent)
SALEM, Ore., Feb. 3 (AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier's visit to Washington, D. C. this week has widespread significance for Oregon, both politically and economically, if political observations at the state capital may be credited. The move of the governor's party is believed not to have been a gesture but the start of a program to be carried over the next six years or so.

In addition to the move to promote development of Columbia river power resources, to which national attention was directed by the governor's personal appearance before the United States engineers this week, observers here have summarized the important political indications, as gleaned from past actions and from contact with those close to the administration. This information indicates:

1. That Governor Meier does not intend to retire after his term as governor expires in 1935.

2. That the governor will head the Oregon delegation to the national Republican convention at Chicago next June, not as a delegate but as a leader, to give the weight of his influence toward any political trades.

3. That Bert Haney will not seek the Democratic nomination for United States senator.

4. That the administration has thrown its support behind the candidacy of Colonel A. E. Clark to succeed Frederick Steiwer as United States senator.

5. That the power issue will be the predominate political platform for years to come, and that it may have some bearing on the political fortune of Charles L. McNary of this year hence.

6. That strength may be lent to the move to obtain a power platform in the national political platform for the Republican party this year.

7. That a definite policy regulating utilities in Oregon is being established, as plainly indicated in the warning issued to utilities by Clark in his address before the engineers, that portion of the address having been prepared by Charles M. Thomas, public utilities commissioner of Oregon.

Those known to be close to him are convinced the governor has no intention of quitting politics after his term of office, the first active post he ever held. He remarks often that

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FOREIGN WOMEN LEAVE NANKING

Many Americans Taken to Shanghai—British Advise Evacuation.

NANKING, Feb. 3 (AP)—American and British women and children began to evacuate Nanking this afternoon, travelling by boat to Shanghai. Foreign business men and missionaries had not yet decided to leave the city.

The British river steamer Woosung left with more than forty women and children, including the families of employees of the American International Export company, the Texaco company and the British American Tobacco company.

Last night this group stayed at the International Export plant in the Hsaiwang waterfront district. The steamer was jammed to capacity.

The United States consulate was not advising Americans to leave Nanking but promised to assist those who wanted to. The British consul-

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SHERIFF OF NEW YORK TO STAND TRIAL

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 (AP)—Sheriff Thomas M. Farley and former Sheriff Charles W. Calkins were indicted for grand larceny today.

The grand jury handed up two indictments charging Farley with grand larceny in the second degree and two more against Calkins, one charging grand larceny in the first degree and the other in the second degree.

Both the sheriff and former sheriff have been the objects of investigation by the Hofstadter legislative committee, which is investigating city affairs. Samuel Seabury, chief counsel of the committee, brought evidence to show both men had kept for themselves interest on money entrusted to them as sheriff of New York county and that both had extremely large incomes unexplained by their salaries.

Public Enemies Sentenced to Pen

CHICAGO, Feb. 3 (AP)—Terry Druggan and Frankie Lake, "public enemies," and former beer racketeers, were sentenced Tuesday to a federal penitentiary, Druggan for two years and six months and Lake for one year and eight months. They had previously entered pleas of guilty to evading payment of income taxes.

Giant Submarine On Way to Hawaii

VALLEJO, Cal., Feb. 3 (AP)—The U. S. submarine Narwhal one of the world's largest undersea boats, left the Mare Island navy yard Tuesday under secret orders to join the Pacific fleet en route to Hawaii for maneuvers.

The vessel has 60 men and eight officers aboard.

PEACE MOVE TURNED DOWN BY JAPANESE

Foreign Minister Yoshizawa Says His Country Unable to Accept.

CHINA IS WILLING TO ACCEPT TERMS

Neutrality of International Settlement at Shanghai May Be Guaranteed, is Report.

TOKYO, Feb. 4 (Thursday) (AP)—Kenkichi Yoshizawa, Japanese foreign minister today stated his country was unable to accept the British, American and French proposals for settlement of the Shanghai crisis in their present form.

HOPE TO REACH AGREEMENT
WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (AP)—Admiral Pratt, chief of naval operations, told Admiral Taylor, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic fleet today he had "every confidence" that the latter and Japanese Admiral Kuroshima would find a "happy solution" to guarantee the neutrality and safety of the Shanghai international settlement.

DESTROYER LEAVES MANILA
WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (AP)—The destroyer tender Black Hawk has been ordered from Manila to Shanghai.

ITALIANS MAKE PLANS
ROME, Feb. 3 (AP)—Admiral Domenico Cavagnari will command Italian forces in Shanghai when he arrives.

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ALBERT FALL MUST STAY IN PENITENTIARY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (AP)—Albert E. Fall must stay in prison to the bitter end of the term imposed on him for accepting a \$100,000 bribe while secretary of the interior.

Last night the federal parole board declined to shorten his sentence of a year and a day, plus \$100,000 fine. The two men and one woman who compose the board announced their decision with the understanding that Fall's release now would be "unjustifiable and incompatible with the welfare of society."

Fall, 70 years old, is in the New Mexico state penitentiary at Santa Fe, the first cabinet member in the history of the nation to be convicted of crime. Allowing time off for good behavior, his term will end next May 8, but either the fine must be paid then or he must take a pauper's oath, or he must remain incarcerated for an extra 30 days. He was the only man convicted in the long series of trials which followed the oil land scandal of the Harding administration. Edward L. Doherty, from whom came the \$100,000, was acquitted of the charge of giving Fall a bribe.

The board failed to find any evidence that Fall's poor health was being aggravated by confinement.

Business Booming At Lime, Ore. Plant

BAKER, Ore., Feb. 3 (AP)—A story of business cheer was told here today. J. M. McClenahan, superintendent of the Oregon-Portland Cement company plant at the town of Lime, in Baker