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THOUSANDS DEAD

AS A RESULT OF RECENT EARTH
QUAKE IN CENTRAL ASIA

A City Completely in Ruins—
Portland Saloon Keeper Stabbed
to Death—Thirty
Years in Prison—Other
News.

Ashkabad, Russian Turkestan, Dec. 23.—Even the worst of the earliest reports of the recent earthquake disaster at Andidjan quite underestimate the appalling loss of life. A telegram today from the scene of the catastrophe put the number of victims in the native quarter of the town at 4,000. Already 800 corpses have been disinterred from the ruins. The work of excavation progresses slowly.

The state treasury, containing 5,000,000 rubles, is in the ruins, and excavations to get the money are carried on under the supervision of a strong cordon of police. The water in the wells has disappeared, and a general subsidence of the site of the town is feared. Large numbers of laborers are being sent to excavate. Sappers have arrived and are expected to make more rapid progress. The shocks continue with increasing violence. The area of seismic disturbance comprises 200 square versts. The Russian population is camping at the railroad station, where 4500 cars are placed at the disposal of the population. The local government officials are quartered in cars. Sheds for the destitute are being built as fast as possible. Free soup kitchens have been started and officials are aiding the departure of the inhabitants by distributing food, money and free railroad tickets.

At St. Petersburg it is estimated that nearly 5,000 have been killed by the earthquake at Andidjan. The engineer officers at Andidjan, who were superintending the excavations being made with the view of recovering the buried treasure at the sites of the army department, state treasury, postoffice, etc., and the erection of sheds to shelter the officials and other homeless people, report that although the work is progressing as rapidly as possible, a month must elapse before the officers will be housed. The railroads are aiding in the work by all possible means, furnishing free transportation for provisions and material and conveying the inhabitants free of charge to towns in the government of Ferghana.

The cash remittances in aid of the destitute people have thus far been very small.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.—While full details of the recent earthquake disaster at Andidjan, Russian Central Asia, are not obtainable, owing to lack of communication, the brief dispatches received here describe the situation as horrible. The temperature has fallen to the freezing point, and thousands of persons are homeless. One section of the city has been completely destroyed. Only one church and cotton gin are standing. The first shock drove the inhabitants generally out of doors, otherwise the loss of life would have been much greater.

Notwithstanding the offers of free transportation, they are remaining in the vicinity of the city, which will be rebuilt. A substantial start has been made in the collection of a relief fund.

Andidjan is a cotton center, and exports 40,000,000 pounds of cotton annually. The population numbering 56,000 souls, was growing rapidly. The people, who are mainly Sarts, were engaged in cotton raising and ginning. Of 20 gins 19 have been destroyed. The Sarts are not like Russians. They are private owners of land, but live in cities and towns. The houses in Andidjan are principally one story high and are built of unburned brick.

Portland, Dec. 24.—The Oregonian says: Joseph Guglielmo, proprietor of the Sunnyside saloon, 335 First street, was stabbed five times in the region of the heart at 1 o'clock this morning in his saloon, by an unknown Italian, who escaped.

The saloon was just about to be closed for the night. Frank Peets, of 370 Front street, the bartender, was behind the bar, and Guglielmo

was at the end of the long counter, near his son Frank, when a stranger came in, and began to smash at the cigar machine. "Don't strike the machine. You'll break it!" yelled Guglielmo, and the unknown man gave him a sneering answer and attempted to steal a bottle of whisky from a shelf under the counter. To protect his property, Guglielmo ran up to the stranger, took the bottle of whisky from him and led him to the door.

The three men inside the saloon thought that the incident was closed, when the stranger suddenly rushed in with a knife or dagger in his right hand and plunged the sharp instrument into Guglielmo's breast, again and again. Then before the other men could prevent him, he escaped up Market street. Three or four physicians were called up by telephone, but none responded. The wounded man lingered, half-speechless, for half an hour, and died. His friends say if he had received medical aid in time his life would in all probability have been saved.

Policeman Smith and Thompson and Detective Kerrigan were working on the case at 3 o'clock this morning.

The murder has caused intense indignation in the Italian colony.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 24.—The court of pardons today decided to take no action in the case of Libbie Garrabrant, who is serving a life sentence for murder. She has been in prison about 30 years for killing a man in Paterson when she was 16 years of age. At the time of the murder she was sentenced to be hanged, but her sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

St. John's, N. F., Dec. 23.—Marconi has sent a telegram to premier Bond announcing his complete success in the transmission of wireless messages between Cape Breton and England, and referring with gratitude to the encouragement he received from New Foundland a year ago. In his reply Premier Bond expressed the hope that when the charter of the Anglo-American Company expired in April, 1904, Marconi will establish a wireless station here.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 24.—The steamer Amur, which arrived from Skagway today, brought news of the massacre of Salmon Indians and the murder of a storekeeper whose store was looted and burned by Pelly Indians.

Dispatches from Dawson state that the Little Salmon Indians were on their way out to sell furs when attacked by the Pelly Indians. The Little Salmons were encamped and they awaited the appearance of the Pellys without expecting danger. When the latter were within a short distance of the unsuspecting Little Salmon Indians, they yelled and simultaneously fired their guns.

A number of the little Salmons were slaughtered on the spot. Others were followed and killed while they were fleeing for safety. A small number of the party escaped. The survivors returned to the home village and the women and children were hurried to the police post at Tantalus for safety.

Little definite news was received regarding an attack on the store, which occurred on December 1, and vague news received by the police says that the storekeeper was shot and killed and his assistant, who was wounded, fled to the woods, but being unprepared for the cold, probably died. The store was looted and burned.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Policeman Patrick Mahoney was found guilty and Daniel Curran codefendant not guilty of burglary by a jury which returned its verdict in a locally sensational case, in Judge McEwan's court today. The burglary of Hagemann's jewelry store, with which the defendants were charged netted the robbers \$10,000, of which \$7,000 was recovered. James Clark and an accomplice were convicted and served terms in the penitentiary. Upon his release Clark told a story to the state's attorney which resulted in the arrest of Curran, a saloon keeper, and Mahoney, a policeman, well known and respected among his fellows. Clark testified that Mahoney, in full uniform, stood guard, while the jewelry store was being looted.

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CHICAGO SUBWAY

TUNNEL TO BE BORED AT COST
OF OVER FIFTY MILLIONS

Talk of County Divisions by Oregon
Legislature—A Carload
of Ore Valued at a Hundred
Thousand Dollars
—Other News.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—New York and Chicago capitalists are said to have joined forces to launch in Chicago one of the most colossal traction ventures, according to the Daily News, the city has known. The scheme is for an underground railroad combined with a new elevated, the cost of the entire project to be \$51,000,000 to \$55,000,000.

Briefly stated, the plan comprehends the construction of a tunnel under the down town streets, making a complete loop of the business section, to connect with a new elevated road, which it is proposed to construct parallel with the South side line, to be reached by means of an incline. The scheme is designed largely to benefit the stockyards district. The Inter-Borough Rapid Transit Company, of New York, which built the big underground railroad in that city, is said to be really at the head of the scheme. Eight New Yorkers have been directly interested, it is said.

Eugene, Or., Dec. 23.—Now that the legislation is about to convene, county division talk is again taken up in this section. The inhabitants of the northwest corner of Douglas county are going to strive to be annexed to Lane county, claiming that Eugene is their most accessible outlet, and also complaining that Douglas county doesn't take sufficient interest in building and maintaining roads in their section of the country. There is also a movement among some of the residents of the coast section of Lane county to cut out a section along the coast and establish a new county, with Florence as the county seat.

Everett, Wash., Dec. 23.—A carload of fabulously rich ore from Baker county, Oregon, is due to arrive at the Everett smelter this week. From Sumpter to Baker City the car was occupied by an armed guard, with a special engine as the estimated value of the shipment of hand-sorted ore is \$100,000.

Cottage Grove, Or., Dec. 23.—A report reached here this evening that John Mansfield was killed yesterday in Bohemia by an explosion of dynamite. He and Frank McIntyre were doing assessment work for Whale & Gilbert. McIntyre went to camp to get dinner; Mansfield remained to load and shoot three holes. Two of the loads went off, and he went back to see what was the matter with the other, when it discharged, tearing his head almost from his body. As Mansfield did not come to camp for his dinner, McIntyre went to the tunnel and found him dead. Mansfield was known as "Mineral John," and has been in Bohemia for a number of years. He was an assayer, and had a small farm near the foot of Bohemia Mountain. His body will be buried at Wildwood tomorrow.

Yokohama, Dec. 4, via San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Reports of poor crops and prohibitive prices for the staple native goods reached the Hong Kong telegraph from all quarters. Great distress is reported from Amoy and Swatow, while similar accounts reach that paper from Singapore and other southern points. Kwangsi and Kwans Tung have experienced similar failures, with the result that the Canton situation is very grave.

As for the Philippines, the rice crop in Pangasinan, Camarines and other minor provinces has been a failure. Salgon, the chief exporting port for the Philippine supply, has also suffered in its crop, through the drought, and the market there has advanced practically 50 per cent since the beginning of the year. At present that district is bare of rice and is trying to cancel contracts. It is said that soon no rice will be obtainable until the new crop comes in February.

The Siamese cruiser Maha Chakrri has arrived at Nagasaki en route to Yokohama, where she is to receive the Siamese crown prince, who is shortly expected from Vancouver. The commander and two other officers of the cruiser are Europeans, and 11 officers and 324 men natives.

City of Mexico, Dec. 23.—It is now practically assured that the American-English syndicate, with headquarters in London and Chicago, will purchase three large cigarette factories in this city. A deposit of \$6,000 gold to guarantee the trade has been made.

The companies to be taken over by the Americans are the Buena Tuna, \$4,000,000 capital; Le Cigarera, with a capital of \$1,750,000. The third is a private concern. The total amount of the deal is about \$11,000,000. The payment will be partly in cash and partly in mortgage bonds.

The purchasing company will be known as the Mexican Tobacco Corporation, and rumor ascribes to the syndicate the purpose of buying up all important cigarette factories in the country. Government action to prevent a total absorption of this industry by foreigners is rumored.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 23.—Fire broke out at 6 o'clock this morning in Chase & Sons' candy manufacturing establishment and destroyed it. Sophia Mintus, aged 15, and Mattie Leslie, aged 20, girl employees, jumped from a third story window and were fatally hurt. There were 50 girls employed in the factory, and many others jumped from second and third-story windows, some sustaining slight injuries.

The origin of the fire is unknown. The factory had been running night and day to fill holiday orders, and the night and day forces were changing at the time the fire broke out.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 23.—The town of Hubbard, Neb., was the scene of a daring hold-up tonight. Two men heavily armed entered a crowded saloon and robbed everybody in the place, looted the cash register and made their escape. The amount secured is unknown.

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