

REDUCED TO RUINS BY EARTHQUAKE

Disaster Befalls Valparaiso, Chile.

HUNDREDS CRUSHED TO DEATH

Great Port and Surrounding Country Stricken.

FIRE COMPLETES WRECK

Repeated Shocks Destroy Buildings and Cut Off Communication. Volcano in Andes Breaks Out in Eruption.

FAMOUS EARTHQUAKES OF HISTORY.

Table listing famous earthquakes of history with columns for Year, Place, and Victims.

violence greater than before. The earth in places lifted and pitched the buildings forward. In other places there was a terrible tremor that shook every structure to the ground.

Hundreds of Lives Lost. Many landslides have occurred around the city and scores of lives have been lost. At present it is impossible to state the number of dead in the entire city, but it is believed there are several hundred, many of whom are still in the ruins.

CITY IN DARKNESS AND PANIC. Hundreds Killed, Houses Destroyed and Shocks Continue. NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—A cable dispatch to a morning paper from Lima, Peru, says:

About 8 o'clock on Thursday evening there was a tremendous earthquake at Valparaiso. As at San Francisco, the shock was followed by the starting of many fires. The flames extend from the Plaza Ordoñez toward the north, and have not been extinguished.

Contents Today's Paper. THE WEATHER. YESTERDAY'S Maximum temperature, 75 deg.; minimum, 48.

LABOR LEADERS SHOOT AT CANNON

Denounced as Enemy of Unions and Will Have Bitter Opposition.

CALL HIM CZAR OF HOUSE

Candidacy for Congress and Presidency Calls Forth Loud Protests Because He Killed Eight-Hour Bill in Committee.

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—(Special.)—Realizing that "Uncle Joe" Cannon is actually a Presidential possibility, the chiefs of organized labor today broke out in frothy protests against him and loudly proclaimed that the unions would fight him at every turn.

Business is at a complete standstill. The banks are closed. The gas supply is unavailable and the electric lighting system is completely knocked out. The greatest panic prevails among the inhabitants. Many families are fleeing from the city.

Mr. Cannon has explained his views most emphatically and, whether a candidate for President or member of Congress, his position can no longer be mistaken. As Speaker of the House he is in absolute control of the situation as to what shall or shall not be made a law.

Mr. Cannon knows that a large majority of the members of the last Congress were convinced that the claims of labor were just, especially that for an eight-hour day. But, as that proposition did not suit Cannon and his friends, he did not permit it to come to a vote.

CLAIM ROOSEVELT'S SUPPORT Cannon Boomer Gives Interview Interesting, If True. WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(Special.)—Uncle Joe Cannon's Presidential press

bureau has started to work in the East. A story was put out here today that "Uncle Joe" is to be the Roosevelt candidate for the 1908 nomination, giving what purports to be a report of a conversation by "an ear-witness" at the Oyster Bay conference, which the Speaker and other Congressional campaign leaders attended a few weeks ago, as a basis for the statement.

Mr. Cannon will be the next President of the United States. Of course, "Uncle Joe" was flustered, but when he came to it, it is related that he replied: "Oh, pah! Mr. President, you are wrong. You will have to take the nomination, if I can read aright the signs of the times."

ARGUES FOR INDEPENDENCE Hearst Urges Chautauqua Audience to Disregard Party Lines. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 17.—W. R. Hearst today addressed a large audience on "Independence in Politics," at the Salem Chautauqua, near Petersburg. He said in part:

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DOES NOT SEEK GOVERNORSHIP McClellan Has Bad Impression of Europe's Municipal Enterprises. NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—A cable dispatch to the Herald from Berlin says:

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HARD NUTS FOR BRYAN TO CRACK

James K. Jones as Much Corporation Man as Roger C. Sullivan.

WHAT WILL LEADER DO?

Standard Oil Lobbyist Will Be in Front Rank at Reception—Taggart Holds Job in Spite of Many Attacks.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 17.—The consistency of William J. Bryan will be tested to the breaking point when he lands in New York. Not long since, assuming the role of dictator, he undertook to read out of the party Democratic National Committee Sullivan, of Illinois, because Sullivan was a corporation man and, as Bryan declared, not a true representative of the Illinois Democracy.

Standard Oil lobbyist will be in front rank at reception. Taggart holds job in spite of many attacks. The entire block bounded by Burnside, Couch, Fourth and Fifth street was cleared of the frame buildings which occupied it at about 3:30 this morning.

WILL BRYAN TURN DOWN JONES. If Sullivan was disqualified from holding any office in the Democratic organization, what is to become of Jones? If corporation men are to be shorn of all power and driven out of the party, what can prevent Jones from walking the plank?

McClellan Has Bad Impression of Europe's Municipal Enterprises. NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—A cable dispatch to the Herald from Berlin says: Mayor McClellan, of New York, accorded a Herald correspondent an interview yesterday.

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VICTORIA RECORDS SHOCKS Quakes Last Four Hours, Two Being Very Severe. VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 17.—The Valparaiso earthquake was recorded by the seismograph at Victoria. This afternoon E. Baynes Reed, the officer in charge of the Victoria meteorological station, obtained the record of the shock, which, while it does not appear as bad as that which devastated San Francisco, was quite prolonged.

FORCES OIL WELLS TO SHUT DOWN. TULSA, I. T., Aug. 17.—Robert Galbreath, one of the largest operators in the territory, was quoted yesterday as saying that the 3 per cent reduction in the price of oil made by the Standard Oil Company will have the effect of stopping operations in that field and shutting down all wells now in operation.

hand, he is willing that Jones, Standard Oil attorney, shall be one of his close advisers. It will be difficult to make the people believe that Bryan is absolutely sincere.

Jerome for Governor. "We understand that William Travers Jerome is considering the propriety of offering himself as an independent candidate for the Governorship of this state. If Mr. Jerome runs, Mr. Jerome will be elected." So says the New York Sun. Harking back only two or three weeks, it is found that the Sun stated with equal positiveness that "the next Governor of New York will be a Democrat and the next Governor of New York will be the next President of the United States."

Jerome would no doubt be a strong candidate for Governor in New York and would cut in very materially on the Hearst vote, and would also make a great deal for the Democratic camp. There is a large element in the Empire State that regards Jerome as a great reformer. Men of this class have supported him at past elections more for what he has done and promised to do than because they were of his political faith.

WOODEN SHACKS BURNED FLAMES SWEEP WHOLE BLOCK ON BURNSIDE STREET. Starting in Bakery, They Devour All in Path—Quimby Hotel Badly Damaged. The entire block bounded by Burnside, Couch, Fourth and Fifth street was cleared of the frame buildings which occupied it at about 3:30 this morning.

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TIDAL WAVE HITS HAWAII Rises Five Feet in General, Twelve Feet in One Bay. HONOLULU, Aug. 17.—10 P. M.—Wireless reports from the islands of Hawaii, Maui and Hilo report a tidal wave, the general height of which was five feet.

NEGROES ADDRESS WHITES ON SHOOTING OF DAVID. Will Help Trace Rascals to Their Dens and Thus Earn Sympathy of Whites. COLUMBIA, S. C., Aug. 17.—The negro citizens of Greenwood County today issued an address in regard to the lynching of Bob Davis. It was in part as follows: "We, the negroes of this county, wish to say that we are with you, and in any way so serious as this you have our assistance in what you think best. We cannot afford, as a race, to uphold anything that tends to lower our Christian or moral standing, and the quicker we show that we are ready to help trace the rascal to his den, the quicker will we have the sympathy of the white man when we are lynched upon."

PROSECUTIONS ARE ORDERED Governor Haywood Instructs Court Solicitor in Lynching Cases. COLUMBIA, S. C., Aug. 17.—Governor Haywood has instructed Solicitor Cooper, of the Greenwood Circuit Court, to take steps immediately to prosecute the known members of the mob that lynched the negro Davis last night.

Form Beet Sugar Combine. DETROIT, Aug. 17.—At least seven of the largest beet-sugar manufacturing plants in the state will consolidate under one management. It was announced today

DRIVEN CRAZY BY PACIFIC DIVIDENDS

Harriman Surprises Operators in Wall Street by Cutting Juicy Melon.

EVERYBODY WILD TO BUY

First Dividend in Southern Pacific History and Increase to Ten Per Cent on Union Pacific Send the Stocks Booming.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Amid scenes of frantic trading on the Stock Exchange, Union Pacific common stock rushed upward 1 1/2 points a share and Southern Pacific 1 1/2 points today after an announcement of dividends far in excess of what the traders had expected. The result was that a large number of traders who had sold the stock short suffered sharp losses and, according to an estimate reported by the Evening Post, a pool in Union Pacific stock realized profits amounting to \$17,000,000 and a similar pool in Southern Pacific \$10,000,000.

High Dividends a Surprise. Notwithstanding the meeting of the executives of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific roads in this city yesterday, the bulk of the brokers were totally unprepared for the announcement of dividends, which was made public soon after the opening of today's market. The dividends were: Union Pacific preferred, 2 per cent semi-annual; common, 5 per cent semi-annual; Southern Pacific common, 2 1/2 per cent semi-annual. Union Pacific common heretofore paid 2 per cent and today's dividend was the first ever declared on Southern Pacific common.

Mad Struggle to Buy. Brokers were swept into a mad struggle to buy the two stocks within a minute after the announcement was circulated, and the excited scenes which ensued have hardly been exceeded since the great struggle to control Northern Pacific, five years ago. The shorts in both Pacifices were surprised and unprepared for the upward rush which followed, and led the scramble to cover. Within half an hour after the announcement, Union Pacific had bounded up more than 5 points and Southern Pacific nearly 2. Feverish activity prevailed in the two stocks throughout the session, with various halts in the upward movement when the traders sold to realize profits.

Others Rise in Sympathy. The speculative furor caused by the Pacific dividend announcement that grew as the day progressed spread to nearly all quarters of the market. Pennsylvania and New York Central showed close sympathy with the Union Pacific movement, owing to the analogous commitments of those companies in their large holdings of stocks of controlled companies. It was clearly indicated that the increase in the Union Pacific dividend was taken from the income derived from the controlled stocks.

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