

FIRE IN SANTIAGO QUICKLY QUENCHED

People in Terror of Tremor Jump From Balconies and Are Killed.

MANY BUILDINGS RUINED

Railroads Have Been Almost Totally Disabled and Commerce at the Present Is Nearly at a Standstill.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Aug. 19.—It is known that the earthquake, but it is believed that many persons were killed by the falling buildings, and that their bodies will be discovered later. Several persons became so panic-stricken during the tremblings of the earth that they threw themselves from the balconies of their homes and were killed. The fire which followed the earthquake in this city were promptly extinguished, but while they lasted they added greatly to the terror of the people.

As all telegraph and telephone lines were more or less damaged, the communication throughout the country is not yet known, but advice has been received to the effect that the towns of Valparaiso and Concepcion were severely damaged, and that San Felipe, Rancagua, Mipilla and Lilliall were severely damaged.

At Concepcion the shocks were severe and a number of persons were killed or injured. The towns of Renos, San Fernando, Quillota and San Antonio, and many villages are in ruins.

Commerce Is at a Standstill.

All railway service in the central zone is either interrupted entirely or greatly delayed and commerce is practically at a standstill.

In the City of Santiago much damage was done. Many public buildings, particularly churches, were damaged. The buildings of Congress, the municipal buildings, the Normal school, the courts, the Peruvian Legation, the residence of President Balseo, the Central Market, the prefecture of police and the national telegraph office, all were seriously damaged.

The lines of the electric tramway system and electric light wires were short circuited, interrupting street-car traffic and plunging the city into darkness.

The scenes at the hospitals and prisons during the excitement were distressing in the extreme. Many were tried to escape from the jails in the hope that they might reach a place of safety and troops were obliged to fire into the air in order to intimidate and quiet their panic-stricken charges.

Minor Shocks Are Recurrent.

There have been several return shocks of slight intensity. These shocks have served to continue the state of public alarm and a state of panic still prevails. The astronomical observatory, however, has given out a statement to the effect that it does not appear possible that there will be a repetition of the severe shocks.

Last night many persons slept in the tramway cars, in carriages and in the open air in the public squares and streets.

The government has taken steps to restore order. An inspection of all houses left standing has been ordered and directions have been issued for the distribution of relief supplies to those in need. A troop of cavalry has been sent to re-establish communication with Valparaiso.

The alarming news first received by the government from Valparaiso as to the condition in that city has not been confirmed, but it is known that numerous buildings in the vicinity of the port have been destroyed and that there have been severe fires in the Alameda quarter.

The Mayor of Valparaiso sent word that he did not know the number of killed or injured, but he believed that they were numerous.

Firemen left Santiago yesterday for Valparaiso to aid in the battle against the fire there. The Custom-House in Valparaiso is reported to be burning.

Several travelers who have just arrived here from Valparaiso and the coast reports of the situation in that city are exaggerated. An employee of the telegraph service sent word from Salto, near Valparaiso, confirming the news of the serious fires in the Alameda quarter. This employee also sent news that the Spanish-Italian Bank was destroyed by the earthquake.

Nearly Shaken Off the Track.

A traveler who came here by express train tells that when the train was near Las Vegas, about half way between Valparaiso and Santiago the cars were shaken violently and the engine nearly left the track. A stop was made and the terrified passengers alighted. Later they proceeded to Lilliall, which they found almost totally ruined.

All lines of railway to the north and the line to Tacna are greatly damaged. In the City of Santiago a majority of the victims of the disaster were residents of the poorer sections of the city, where many small houses were thrown to the ground. Several deaths from nervous excitement and heart disease are reported.

REPORTS ARE NOT CLEAR

Many Telegrams Indicate Loss Not So Great as First Announced.

LONDON, Aug. 20.—Most of the private dispatches received in London concerning the disaster in Chile give the impression that the earthquake was less serious than at first reported. They are, however, all very brief and mostly of a personal nature.

The Chilean Legation has received no official advice, but over a score of telegrams from residents of Valparaiso and Santiago have reached the legation through friends of officials living in London. All these are cheerful in tone and indicate that the loss of life was not as serious as the initial reports indicated.

The same may be said of dispatches received by business houses, though in some cases they give serious reports. Nearly all the dispatches say that the business staffs of foreign firms are safe and that the company's buildings are not much damaged. This is partly explained in a dispatch to Foesch & Co., of Hamburg, which says:

"Earthquakes and fire were confined practically to Valparaiso. Damage to all European houses will prove slight, as the properties for the most part are located in the harbor quarter."

The Valparaiso electric Tramways Company has reported to Berlin that its water tower plant, rolling stock and tracks are not damaged, but that the repair shops, power station, trolley wires and street lighting system are more or less seriously damaged.

The Nord Deutsche Bank, of Hamburg,

has received the following dispatch from Valparaiso:

"All well. Inform families. Bank buildings in fair order. Many houses destroyed by fire."

Telegrams received by steamship companies show that the shipping in Chilean waters is safe.

According to a dispatch sent out by a news agency here, the British Government has received a message from the Consul-General at Valparaiso fully confirming the reports of great loss to life and property.

Sir John Norman Lockyer, director of the Solar Physics Observatory, Kensington, in an interview said it was a remarkable fact that the earthquakes at San Francisco and Valparaiso synchronized with a sun spot maximum, and that in 1894, when there were many serious earthquakes, the same conditions obtained. It was not yet fully known whether there were laws controlling the recurrence of earthquakes, but such investigation would involve expense. The chief work in this direction, he added, was now being carried on by Germans.

FOOD PLENTY AT VALPARAISO

Flour, Wheat and Rice in Store to Avert Any Famine.

VALPARAISO, Aug. 19.—(Via Galveston.)—Proportionately, the earthquake here is considered greater than that which struck San Francisco. Valparaiso and neighboring towns are wrecked and partially burned, and in all the towns of the Acconagura valley conditions are similar. In the southern portion of Chile severe shocks were felt at Talcahuano, Concepcion, Talca and Zane, but there the disaster was not appalling. As yet no authentic news has been received from Santiago, although a courier is shortly expected.

Quakes occur from time to time, but are steadily diminishing in force. As to the dead and wounded, an accurate estimate is as yet impossible, but it is believed that the former was exceeded 2000 in this and surrounding towns. The authorities here have the situation well in hand and have assumed distribution of food.

Couriers have been dispatched both north and south for troops. Provisions and thousands of tons of flour, wheat and rice are held in stores here and about it. It is not believed a food famine will occur.

Martial law has been in Valparaiso since the first day of the shocks and the entire population is camped in the open. The only wire working is the submarine and sea cable of the Central-South American Company, which marvelously escaped undamaged.

VERY FEW PEOPLE ARE KILLED

Santiago Escapes With Great Destruction of Property.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—Cable advice was received at the Chilean Legation today, dated at Santiago, Chile, August 18, stating that the earthquake in the city was very severe, but that there were few casualties. Up to the time of filing the dispatch, which the Charge d'Affaires believes was Saturday evening, no news had been received in Santiago from Valparaiso on account of the interruption of the railroad and the telegraph lines.

A dispatch to the State Department from the Consul at Iquique reports that Valparaiso is in ruins from an earthquake and is on fire. It is stated that at the time of the filing of the dispatch there was no communication with Santiago and no further details were obtainable. The date of this dispatch is in doubt.

Mr. Buchanan, the head of the American delegation to the Pan-American Congress at Rio, cabled the State Department today stating that no great damage had been received at Rio Janeiro regarding the earthquake, and asked for news.

Secretary Adee cabled the information contained in the dispatches from Minister Hicks at Santiago.

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MASS HELD IN THE OPEN AIR

Santiago Churches Too Badly Damaged to Be Used.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Aug. 19.—One of the Valparaiso refugees declares that Santiago has suffered nothing in comparison with the other towns he traversed on his way. Rail, telegraph and telephone communication with Valparaiso is still interrupted.

After a panic had subsided here mass was celebrated in the open air, it being impossible to use the churches.

It is reported that a merchant has received a telegram saying that the town of America has been destroyed. Previous reports that the buildings at Tacna had fallen have been confirmed. The City Hall and the prison are in ruins. The sea at Valparaiso remained calm during the catastrophe.

The only communication between here and Valparaiso today is by means of soldiers.

Italy Sends Her Sympathy.

ROME, Aug. 19.—The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has telegraphed the Italian Minister at Santiago, Chile, instructing him to express Italy's sympathy with Chile for the earthquake disaster and also requesting the Minister to send detailed information concerning the catastrophe.

The Foreign Office is in receipt of a dispatch from the Consulate at Valparaiso saying that the destruction of property there was considerable and that the Consul's offices were razed.

Many Towns Reported Destroyed.

LEMA, Peru, Aug. 19.—According to news received here the towns of Vina del Mar, Peforca, Hicero Viejo, Lilliall, Santa Rosa de Los Andes, Nogales, Melon and Zouppalar, Chile, have been destroyed by the earthquake.

The number of killed in Valparaiso is estimated at 1000. One hundred and seventy persons are said to have lost their lives in Lima and 30 in Quillota.

Mexico May Give Funds.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 19.—Great sympathy is felt here for the people of Chile, and popular sentiment probably will soon take practical form in the shape of a national contribution. Arrangements have been made by a party of visiting European and American geologists to inspect the volcanoes of Colima and Nevado.

FREE! CIRCUS TICKETS GIVEN A WAY FREE TO THE CHILDREN TODAY AND TUESDAY!

With every pair of Child's Shoes sold at \$1.50 or over Monday or Tuesday in our Shoe Store, to children of 12 years and under, we will give absolutely FREE a Ticket to the Circus.

Fifth, Sixth and Washington Streets

THE OLDS, WORTMAN & KING STORE

Every Word in this Printed Announcement Must be Backed Up by the Goods in the Store—OLDS, WORTMAN & KING

The Procession Will Start Early This Morning Towards The Store:

The bargain hunters need no license on these hunting grounds, and game is plenty. More comes flocking in this morning that couldn't be told of in yesterday's full-page announcement. The store is a vast bargain preserve. Be on the ground early this morning.



Hello! Yes, this is "Exchange 12."

The Telephone Store

What's wanted, please!

Choose From Any Piece of

Linen Crash Toweling

Selling regularly at 15c the yard, and the best value in Portland at that price; today and Tuesday, yard, 10c

First Floor.

Today's Great Offer in

Wash Goods

All remaining 60c and 75c values in Summer Wash Fabrics for dainty frocks and pretty dresses, neat stuffs for house wear, etc. Choice today and Tuesday at, per yard...29c

First Floor.

Extra Special for Today's

August Sale of Silverware:

Third Floor.

In addition to the worth-while bargains we told you of yesterday we append the following. The silverware in this sale will stand hard, long service, so is just the thing for steady, day-in-and-day-out service. An acceptable gift for brides-to-be. For Summer cottages and hotels or family use.

Underwear Specials

A dime saved is a dime earned. Add a dime to today's earnings. It's easy—read: Women's 35c Vests 25c—All our white, low-neck, sleeveless Vests, regular value 35c, special, 25c.

Great Special Sale of Juvenile Footwear

Starts Today in the Shoe Store

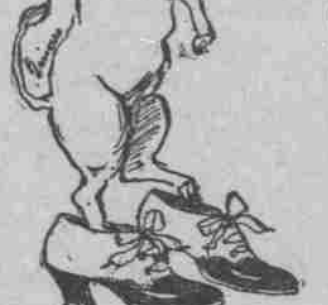


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