# JAMAICA'S

### Earthquake Shakes Kingston and Fire Soon Follows.

#### ALMOST ONE HUNDRED DEAD

Military Hospital Burns and Forty Soldiers Are Incinerated.

#### NOTED MEN ARE IN DANGER

Sir James Ferguson Dead. Americans Escape.

EVANS' FLEET TO RESCUE

All Cables Being Broken, Details Are Meager-Many American, Brit-

ists on Island.

Kingston, an important point in

ties. An earthquake occurred June damage in 1712 and again in 1722. A great conflagration on July 13,

A disastrous hurricane swept the Island of Jamaica in August, 1903, and inflicted great injury and de-atroying much life and property.

The freeing of the negroes resulted in the desertion of the island by many plantation owners, and since that time the sugar crop has been very much curtailed.

Kingston, the picturesque capital of the island of Jamaica, has been devastated by a violent earthquake.

Details of the disaster are lacking as direct communication with the stricken city has been cut off. The land lines had been reconstructed to within five miles of Kingston Tuesday evening, and from meager reports received through such channels as were open it has been learned that many of the most important buildings have been destroyed and that there have been us losses of life.
far as the reports indicate the fatalities number less than 100, though the hospitals are filled with injured and the list of victims may be mate rially increased.

#### Distinguished Tourists There.

Kingston and the other points of inof the year thronged with tourists from both America and England, and the greatest apprehension is felt for the safety of many persons who had recently arrived at the Jamaican restatesmen, agricultural experts and men of affairs, who under the leader-ship of Sir Alfred Jones had arrived in Kingston within the past few days to attend an agricultural conference there. Among those in the company count Montmorres, H. O. Arnold-Forster, M. P. Sir Thomas Hughes, Thomas Shann, and others of c-

#### Flames Spring From Ruins.

The first great shock was felt about flames immediately sprang from the was still burning, although it was believed to be under control.

sheltered the great bulk of visitors on the island, is reported destroyed. The great military hospital was burned and to soldiers are reported dead.

Sir James Ferguson is said to have Canadians or Americans are believed to be missing.

Details Still Lacking.

The extent of the destruction which has been wrought in Kingston, a city which already bears the scars of a number of serious visitations of fire. earthquake and cyclone in years gone by, is still left largely to the imagina-The city is one of low-lying build-

ings, clustered along the shores of one of the finest and most securely land-locked harbors in the West Indies. The population, which numbers 50,000, is largely made up of native blacks. Many steamers carrying tourists to Jamaica were on the way to the island when the earthquake occurred, but it so happened that, according to schedules, none of the ships from New York or Boston was in Kingston harbor Monday afternoon.

MANY BUILDINGS ARE IN RUINS

Hospital Burned With 40 Soliders Sir James Ferguson Killed.

LONDON, Jan. 15 .- The Colonial Office onight received confirmation of the ter-Kingston, Jamaica, in a dispatch from Hamar Greenwood, M. P., sent from Holland, at the east end of the island. The telegram says Kingston has been ruined by an earthquake which occurred without warning Monday afternoon 3:30 o'clock. A very great number buildings and dwellings were destroyed either by the earthquake or by the con-The Military Hospital was burned and

40 soldiers were reported to have been killed, together with several prominer effizens and many other the city. Sir James Ferguson is reported to have been killed instantly, but no

The city is quiet, but disciplined workers are needed. The Governor of the colby Sir Alfred Jones, is directing affairs. Up to this hour the foregoing is the ceived here. The absence of details is accounted for by the breakdown in nouncement that no Englishmen, Canadians, or Americans were missing will greatly reassure the public concerning the fate of the unusual number of tourists and others who are spending the Winter in Jamaica or who were attracted there by the agricultural

and cotton conferences. The party on board the Port Kings last. The Port Kingston, in addition to the members of Sir Alfred Jones' party, had other guests and passenger on board which gave her a total pas senger list of more than 100 persons. The news of the disaster reached

rally known to the public, but it will bring home to the imagination of the British people the terrors of an earth-quake in a way that even the San Francisco catastrophe failed to do. Owing to the active efforts in recent years of Joseph Chamberlain and Sir Aifred Jones, the commercial development of Jamaica has made the island

much better known, and it has be greatly in favor as a Winter resort. LONDON, Jan. 15.-The various steamfor news of the earthquake, At Cook's Tourist Agency it was said there were mate was verified at the offices of the

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## SPOKANE BUNGLES FIGHT ON RATES

Proves Too Much to Interstate Board.

#### ATTACKS GENERAL RATE SCALE

Evidence Drifts Away From Subject of Complaint.

#### HOIST BY HER OWN PETARD

Lawyer Advances Points Which Would Help Coast Cities Spokane's Injury-Quotes

Tariff That Was Not Issued.

BY E. W. WRIGHT.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 15 .- (Staff Corkane case before the Interstate Commerce Commission today drifted clear

started yesterday, and the outcome Is

now viewed with misgivings by some of ion on account of his reputation as a have lost sight of the fact that it preferential or discriminatory against Spokane that was the source of the trouble for Spokane and the greater part of the day was taken up with the introduction of massive and elaborate printed reports, all tending to prove, not that spokane was critical to terminal rates, but to lower rates. Water competition, the present protected jobbing zone of Spokane and all other factors in the rate-making problem were for-gotten or ignored in the effort to show that rates were too high.

The presecution introduced elaborate statements made years ago by Mr. Hill. With becoming deference to their employe, Mr. Hill's talented force is making promised, but it must certainly feel that the head of the system, like the parin the story, "talked too d-d much."

#### No Benefit in General Cut.

cause for misgivings in Spokane, but of the railroad-commission fight, see more opportunities for trouble in lower rates than in a continuation of existing con-ditions. Portland, Tacoma and Seattle would welcome a reduction of rates based on the cyldence submittted to the Comings, etc., but the reduction could not in the slightest degree affect Spokane with-

What the conservative Spokane jobbers fear is that such a cut in rates as Mr. Adams is now fighting for will be fol-lowed by an equalization which will permit the Coast jobbers to ship into Spokane's protected zone in less than car load lots at as low a rate per ton pomile as Spokane is granted in order that she may do the jobbing trade. The water water competition, but in the back-haul rates than are paid by the Spokane jobbers shipping west and south. These conditions contain great possibilities for trouble more serious than has come out of the present alleged discriminations, and there seems to be nothing in the

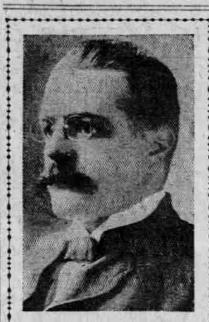
situation that portends ill for the Coast Own Charges Hurt Spokane.

Further evidence that Spokane's case not being handled in the best manner esible was noticeable today. The O. R. & N. Co., in its answer to the complaint, submitted a list of articles, together with the Portland and Spokane rates to in-terior points. The prosecution in crossexamination of J. H. Mulcahy, of the O. R. & N. freight department, was to show that the railroads had selected these few articles out of many thousands because the rates were favorable to their side of the case. The prosecution was visibly discomfited when W. W. Cotton showed by the original Spokane complain that every article on the questioned lis-

had been named in the complaint and had

even been copied in the order in which

they appeared in the complaint. This in stance, as well as a number of others



lame in its preparations, while the others

About an hour of the morning session kane in 1892, but withdrawn before it became effective. A. W. Dolan, a druggist reduction in some class rates and as high as 40 per cent in others. The railroad of such a tariff and the Commission finally declined to hear more evidence Perrine, a wholesale and retall dry goods dealer; R. L. Gordon, grocer, and A. A. grocery store at Wallace, while the saddlery dealer admitted that a Portland

by the prosecution is two volumes of testimony taken in the Northern Securities case, several volumes of a New York financial paper, Poor's Railway Manual and annual reports of all the roads involved for the past 15 years. This evidence, with the explanations of Mr. Stephens, was all in by 4 o'clock. The hour was so late that the defense only put on one witness, J. H. Mulcahy, asfreight department. His testimony was almost entirely in identification of the The defense will begin tomorrow morn-

ing and may be concluded by evening. At the latest the hearing will not last beyond Thursday, as both of the Com-missioners have dates arranged beyond that time, Mr. Lane going to Seattle and Mr. Prouty to Salt Lake.
All of the evidence will be put in shap
for their consideration after the presen

## WILL COMMEND SHIP SUBSIDY BIL

**House Committee Acts** on New Measure.

#### DEMOGRATS VAINLY FILIBUSTER

Subsidies for South American and Oriental.

#### ONLY CHANGES THE NAME

Williams Blocks Report on Grosvenor Bill. Then the Committee Adopts Littauer Bill for Naval Reserve Steamers.

WASHINGTON, Jan, 15 .- After a fight about much fillbustering at one time, the House committee on merchant marine and Saberies finally decided at 6 P. M. by a vote of 8 to 7 to make a favorable report on a ship subsidy bill prepared by Littauer of New York as a substitut under consideration for many weeks,

Watson and Littauer, all Republicans The negative votes were cast by Birdsall Wilson and Hinshaw, Republicans, and Democrats.

Change Favors Portland. Seven subsidized mail lines are provided 1,700,000. Two of the lines are the Atlantic Coast to South An and one from the Gulf of Mexico to Colon.

From the Pacific Coast there are to be three lines to the Orient and one line to the west coast of South America. Only two changes were made in the bill Puget Sound as the points of departure start from a point north of Cape Mendo- bill, about 35 ships would be required. cino and the other from a point south of and most of these would have to be built Coeur d'Alene country by Portland com- subsidy bill, which carried a tonnage sub- weeks' service basis, is estimated at

a better chance with Republican House | Coast line \$500,000; the two Oriental lines

Democrats Fillbuster for Time.

It was the intention of the Republicaus o follow the defeat of the Senate bill by a vote in support of the Grosvenor substitute, providing for substituted mail Before this vote could be taken, however, the noon hour arrived and the point of order was raised that the committee was without authority to sit during the sessions of the House and consequently any action it might have taken before 2 o'clock would be invalid. Watson left the committee room im-

the committee might continue its sittings. Patterson of Tennessee also left with Watson and, before the latter could secure recognition from the Speaker, com-

son. In expressing his opposition Williams said that, if allowed to sit, the committee would report a bill to which he was opposed.

at 4 o'clock; and when an attempt was time the Democrats began filibustering meeting and reaching an agreement. The minority leader. Williams demanded the ayes and noes on the adjournment vote, but a count showed that a quorum was not present, and the House adjourned

Same Thing Under New Name. An understanding had been reached by he Republican members of the committee hereby a modification of the Grosvenor

substitute, offered by Littauer of New York, would be presented. This substitute provides for a naval reserve fleet along the lines of the Senate subsidy bill. It



amends the act of 1891 by specifically providing for seven routes, as follows: lantic Coast to Buenos Ayres; one from a Gulf port to Colon; one from Puge

16 knots speed except those from the Gulf and owned by Americans and repair in American drydocks, and that they shall fore the committee by Littauer and several Democrats voted for it. Republicans years to build the ships.

ation, which it was thought would have nually; to Buenos Ayres \$500,000; the West \$200,000 each; the Colon line \$75,000; the Australian line \$200,000 in addition to the \$300,000 now received.

#### PRESIDENT ORR TO RETIRE

Kingsley to Succeed Him as Head o New York Life.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15. The Herald to-norrow will say: Alexander E. Orr will retire from the presidency of the New York Life Insurance Company when the new trustees have been granted their certificates of election, which will be within the next 60 days.

Crown New Shah January 19.

on the best authority.

TEHLERAN Jan. 15 .- The coronation of the new Shah of Persia will take place

## FREAKS OBSERVED IN OUR GEOGRAPHY

Largest State Has Largest County.

#### LONGEST BLOCK IN ANY CITY

Highest and Lowest Points Are in California.

#### STREETS IN TWO STATES

Boundaries Which Cross Cities Let Liquor Men Play Tricks With Law - Stores Bullt Across Boundaries Dodge Duties.

BY FREDERIC J. HASKIN. WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(Special Cor-espondence.)—The following collection of geographical peculiarities about the United States embodies many unique facts which are well worth remembering.

One day while I was riding across Texas, several of the passengers on the train began talking about the gigantic size of the Lone Star state. One gentle-man said: "A novel way to demonstrate the enormity of this great commonwealth longest way, then, placing one end of

your measure on Chicago, you will find that the other end will extend into either the Atlantic ocean or the Gulf of

Mexico." Try this experiment to satisfy San Bernardino County, California, Each Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Delaware and New Jersey could be put inside the Rhode Island, which has only 25 square miles. The county in the United States having the largest population is New York, which has more than 2,000,000 people in it At the time of the last census Bailey County, Texas, which is about as large as Rhode Island, had only four inhabitants,

#### Longest Block, Longest Street.

stores of 145 different firms, 45 tenants, and a hotel with % rooms. The total valuation of the property in this monster block is almost a million dollars.

The longest street in the United States, and in the world as well, is Western avenue, Chicago, This remarkable thoroughfare is exactly 22 miles long. Its nearest rival is Halsted street, also in more closely built up that it is usually spoken of as the longest street in the world. By traversing its length one may see all the outward indications of the varying phases of American life, from the hovels of outcast ain to the gilded painces of pork-packing millionaires. Interspersed with the native Americans on this one street are six distinct colonies Russian Jews, Bohemians, Poles and Greeks. Halsted street is crossed over and under by 20 railroads. It is estimated to be the chief business center and lounging place for 175,000 people, more than there are in any one of four of our states, viz: Arizona, Idaho, Nevada or Wyoming.

Where Four States Meet. About 50 miles from Durango, Col., there is a point where four states corner. At this place by stepping a few feet in either direction one can walk in four different commonwealths in as many seconds. These states are Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona. A nearly parallel case is at Harper's Ferry, where the train stops a few minutes to allow the passengers to slight and enjoy a three states-Maryland, Virginia and

West virginia.

The highest and lowest elevations in this country are in Casifornia, within 100 miles of each other. The loftiest is Mount Whitney, 14.499 feet high, and the lowest is Death Valley, about 450 feet below the level of the sea. Two Oceans Pass in Yellowstone Park is so named because whenever there is a shower in the vicinity and a certain small creek overflows, its waters spread out over the edge of the continental divide and pass into tributaries of rivers, part of which flow to the Atlantic and the other

There are a number of cases where unique situations have developed in cities that happened to be divided by state lines. These oddities are the result of differences in law. The boundary be the main street of Texarcana, and formerly if a fight iccurred on one side of the street, the combatants merely had to cross over to the other sidewalk to be out of the jurisdiction of the authorities governing the territory where the disturbance had taken place. The two sides of Texarkana did not develop equally, because the administration of one state was more enterprising than that of the other. Bristol is located on the state line be-

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