



QUAKES DESTROY CITY OF CHILAPA

Fire Consumes Ruins of Buildings.

SHOCKS HAVE WIDE INFLUENCE

American Woman Dies in the Panic at Vera Cruz.

PEOPLE FLEE TO FIELDS

Shock Severe From Pacific to Gulf, but Loss of Life is Slight—One of the West Indies is Badly Shaken.

SCENE OF THE EARTHQUAKE.
The state of Guerrero, in which the earthquake was most severely felt, borders on the Pacific Ocean and contains the port of Acapulco. It has an area of 25,000 square miles. The state is mountainous, being traversed by the Sierra Madre del Sur, which attains an altitude of 10,000 feet. It abounds in mineral wealth and produces cereals, fruit, cacao, coffee, vanilla, cotton and tobacco. The population in 1900 was 470,250.
The state and its principal cities have suffered greatly from earthquakes. The capital, Chilpancingo, was thus destroyed in 1902 and again in 1907.
The extent of the earthquake is shown by its being felt at Vera Cruz on the Gulf of Mexico, 150 miles east of south of the city of Mexico, while Chilapa is 125 miles south by west of the latter city. Vera Cruz was taken by the Americans in 1847 and is 12 miles from the point where Cortez landed in 1519 with the Spanish conquerors.

MEXICO CITY, March 27.—Chilapa, a town of 15,000 inhabitants in the state of Guerrero, has been shaken by an earthquake and burned.
The shocks, two in number, occurred early last evening and were followed by fire, which, originating in a dozen places among the tumbling buildings, joined in a conflagration that swept the town.

Governor Damian Flores, chief executive of the state of Guerrero, who is at present in this city, had at 9 o'clock this evening just received the first official advice from Chilapa. The message says that, although a number of the buildings of the town were leveled to the ground no lives were lost. The police quarters and the Mayor's office were destroyed and the jail badly damaged. Great fissures were made in the streets and open fields.
In the neighboring town of Ometepe the jail was destroyed and 30 prisoners made their escape. Troops are guarding the public buildings that are standing in Chilapa, but perfect order prevails.

Town in Ruins, No Lives Lost.

Later returns from Chilapa show, however, that the dispatch received by Governor Flores was ultra-conservative. The town was practically destroyed, though no lives were lost. Most of the buildings that were leveled were residences.
Thirty-four shocks have been reported during the past 24 hours by the seismograph at the National observatory at Tabasco. Most of these shocks, however, were imperceptible except to the delicate needle of the instrument.

American Killed in Panic.

Mrs. Emma Jeannett Dorville, an American, lost her life in a panic in the Tiburcio Theater in the city of Vera Cruz, which followed the earthquake of last night. News of the panic and the one death which followed reached this city tonight. When the quake came, the audience rushed for the exits, and many persons were severely injured, but none seriously. Mrs. Dorville, who had dropped dead from fright.

People Flee to Fields.

Early today El Infanzular, the government organ, received a dispatch from its correspondent in the town of Chilpancingo saying that the town of Chilapa, 30 miles distant from that place, was totally destroyed by the earthquake and that fire broke out in the ruins and was completing the work of destruction. The people of the town were terrified and many were passing in the open places and in the fields adjoining the town.

Some Hours Later the Same Correspondent sent the following dispatch:

"Later returns confirm my first telegram. Chilapa has been shaken to the earth and reduced to ashes. I avoid the sending of details."

Town Large, but Remote.

This correspondent is the sole one working near the scene. The Associated Press unavailingly tried throughout the day to confirm the news of the total destruction of the town by earthquake and fire.
Chilapa has a population of some 15,000 people and is the largest town in the State of Guerrero. To reach the place it is necessary to travel one day by train and then four days over a rough mountain trail on horseback. Tele-

graphic communication has not been interrupted with Chilapa.

Wide Area Feels Quake.

Reports coming in from various points in the republic show that the quake was felt over a very wide area, but that no place, with the possible exception of Chilapa, was there a considerable loss of property.

Severest Shock of Year.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 27.—It was discovered at the State Museum this morning that an earthquake of high intensity and long duration had been registered by the seismographs there last night. The main shock was preceded and followed by other disturbances, which seem to have originated in the same zone, the shocks probably marking successive stages of convulsions. It is one of the severest registered during the last year.

SAME SHOCKS AT ST. THOMAS

Earthquakes at Chilapa Extend Across Caribbean Sea.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The earthquake which is reported to have destroyed the Mexican town of Chilapa



Senator N. W. Aldrich, Author of the Currency Bill Passed by the Senate.

undoubtedly is the same disturbance that shook the island of St. Thomas yesterday afternoon, which was recorded at Washington last evening, and which caused considerable alarm in Mexico City last night.
At Washington two shocks were recorded by the instruments of the Weather Bureau. They were approximately at a distance of 3,000 miles. The disturbance took place at 6:59 P. M. and the second at 10:40. In addition to this there was recorded on the afternoon of March 25 at Washington evidences of a strong shock, believed to be in the same locality as those of yesterday.
The town of Chilapa is something over 2000 miles from Washington. It is 40 miles from the railroad.
The state of Guerrero is the earthquake belt of April 5, 1907. It experienced a quake which did considerable damage. At this time Chilpancingo and Chilapa were partially destroyed, and the death list exceeded 100. The shock of 1907 did damage to a number of smaller towns in the state of Guerrero.

Sharp Shock in St. Thomas.

ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., March 27.—A sharp earthquake shock occurred here yesterday afternoon and created much alarm. No damage, however, is reported.

FEDERAL AID FOR TAFT

Alleged Combine Between Government and "the Interests."

UTICA, N. Y., March 27.—Ervin Wardman, editor of the New York Press, in an address here tonight, declared that Federal employees in every section of the country are devoting all their energies and time for the nomination of Secretary Taft for the Presidency. He said in part:

"We are struck with horror as the details are uncovered of a compact between Mr. Taft's managers and the high financiers of Wall street, whereby his candidacy is underwritten by those very undesirable citizens against whom a war is being waged for seven years to land the residuary legation in the White House."

"Mr. Roosevelt denies that he has the Federal machine under his orders for the nomination of Mr. Taft of anyone, but the facts remain whether it be by his command or against his desire and injunction, the Federal machine is exerting all the power of the United States Government to compel the Republican voters to take the nomination of Mr. Taft."

Mr. Wardman advocated the nomination of Governor Hughes, "a champion of the cause in which the American people have enlisted and master of the methods that can make it supreme."

Bryan Speaks at Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, March 27.—William J. Bryan addressed an audience at Exposition Hall tonight, under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Bryan Democratic League. Today he held a reception at his hotel. He leaves for Wheeling, W. Va., tomorrow and will speak at Parkersburg Saturday night.

Lines Tighter Than Ever

Congressman French Proposes No Immigration Measure.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Congressman French of Idaho, visited the Immigration department on Ellis Island today to investigate the situation with reference to the Bennett bill on immigration, now before a committee in the House of Representatives. Speaking of immigration, Mr. French said:

"It is extremely improbable that any immigration measure will be adopted by the present Congress. While a movement is on foot to modify the restriction as regards Oriental races, an incident that the movement will fail, and that the lines will be drawn tighter than ever."

BANKERS ADMIT THEFT OF MILLION

Enormous Fraud on Pittsburg Concern.

HAS CONTINUED THREE YEARS

Reiber and Young in League With Brokerage Firm.

BANK IS STILL SOLVENT

Farmers Deposit National Makes Up Stolen \$1,105,000 Out of Surplus and Has Large Sum Remaining.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 27.—Henry Reiber, paying teller, and John Young, auditor, of the Farmers' Deposit National Bank, late today were taken to the office of United States Commissioner W. T. Lindsay for arraignment on additional charges filed against them by Bank Examiner William T. Folds this afternoon. The charges filed today increase the total of the alleged defalcations to \$1,105,000. The accused waived hearings and the bond of each was fixed at \$200,000, in lieu of which they were returned to jail, where they have been confined since their arrest Monday night, charged with the embezzlement of \$38,000.
Two days later another charge was filed accusing them of conspiracy to defraud the bank out of \$300,000. Harry Silverman, Pittsburg representative of Miller & Company, New York Stock Exchange brokers, was also named in the conspiracy charge, but secured his release under \$5,000 bail.

Bank Makes Up Shortage.

T. H. Given, president of the bank, gave out the following statement:

"At a special meeting of the board of directors it was resolved that the actual amount of the defalcation of the paying teller and the auditor had been definitely ascertained to be \$1,105,000. This amount was ordered to be charged off at once out of a surplus and other undivided profits of \$2,363,000, leaving the capital of \$6,000,000 and the surplus and other undivided profits \$1,258,000."

Confess All Their Crimes.

Containing two counts, embezzlement and misapplication and false entries in the teller's statement book, the information charges the fraud extended over a period of three years prior to March 10, 1908. Funds of the banks, it is alleged, were diverted as late as March of this year.

The men accused have made a confession to the Government authorities and a statement to Mr. Folds shows that the amount they say they appropriated corresponds with the shortage in the bank at present.

Will Turn State's Evidence.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—John Dalzell Robertson, assistant secretary of the defunct California Safe Deposit & Trust Company, is in New York and anxious to return to San Francisco and turn state's evidence. Robertson was indicted with J. Dalzell Brown, Walter J. Barnett and James Treadwell for embezzlement. Through friends he has made a complete confession and hopes for immunity. His statements directly involve Barnett, Brown and Treadwell.

Cashier Is Bound Over.

DEADWOOD, S. D., March 27.—George Horas, cashier of the Hot Springs, S. D., National Bank, which failed last October, was arrested today on the charge of embezzlement of \$25,000. He waived hearing and was bound over for trial in the sum of \$5000 bail.

Holland Likes American Meats.

THE HAGUE, March 27.—The second chamber of The Netherlands Parliament today approved a convention with the United States under which American meats are to enter Holland at a reduction of the present import rates.

Asks for Receiver.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—Attorney-General Webb has filed a petition asking that a receiver be appointed for the Market-Street Bank on the ground that it is insolvent. An answer is expected from the officials of the bank and a hearing will be held.

SCORE HURT IN TORNAO

HEAVY WIND STRIKES IOWA AND ILLINOIS.

Freightcars Blown From Track, Houses and Barns Demolished and Church Destroyed.

BURLINGTON, Iowa, March 27.

A report from New Boston, Iowa, a town about ten miles west of Port Madison, on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, states that a tornado struck that place tonight, blowing 12 freight cars from the tracks, demolishing a church and injuring a number of people.
The storm crossed the Mississippi River and entered Illinois near Madison. The wind ploughed through Warren County, Illinois, destroying houses and barns and injuring several persons.
It is estimated that a score of persons in Iowa and Illinois were injured. Property damage will reach many thousands of dollars. A heavy wind and electric storm prevailed all over the southeastern part of Iowa tonight.

Diamond-Workers Cease.

AMSTERDAM, March 27.—The Diamond Workers' Union has proclaimed a cessation of work during the month of April. This will affect 11,000 men in the polishing and allied trades. When work is resumed the union intends to demand higher wages for its members.

ROOSEVELT DID NOT THUMP DESK

Diekema Kills Williams' Sensation.

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Charge of Breach of Privilege Calls Forth Vindication of President From Man Who Disagreed With Him.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Williams, of Mississippi, in the House today gave notice of his intention to introduce a resolution to ask the committee on judiciary to examine whether there has been on the part of the Executive a breach of privilege of the House of Representatives. Williams said his resolution would be based on a news item appearing today in the Washington Post, bearing the heading "Roosevelt Rakes Diekeman." The story stated that upon the occasion of a visit yesterday to the White House, Diekeman, of Michigan, who was a member of the sub-committee which investigated the charges against Judge Willey, had been taken to task by the President for having censured the Judge.
In calling attention to the matter Williams said that it was a part of fundamental law that no representative of the people shall be called to account for any vote, utterance or report made in his capacity as a Representative. He said:

King George's Wicked Ways.

Our forefathers inserted that clause because it had been the habit of George III to call to the King's palace members of the Parliament and berate them on account of their votes in Parliament, or when members of Parliament called upon other business to take advantage of the fact to berate them and to claim them among the crowds of King's friends or not King's friends.
Diekeman said it would have been cowardly, a neglect of his duty and an injustice to the President did he not make an explanation.

No Intolerance Shown.

He said he called to present the Governor of Michigan to the President and the Willey matter came up incidentally. The President, he said, insisted that the report of the sub-committee would do Judge Willey an injustice and influence opinion unfairly to the administration of justice and prestige of the American Nation in China.

"On the other hand," said Diekeman, "I endeavored to explain to him why we arrived at these conclusions of law and fact." Raising his voice to a high pitch and speaking directly at Williams, Diekeman exclaimed:

"Not only did he not act as George III would have acted, with a spirit of intolerance, but he gave me all the time I desired to present fully to him the side of the committee."
The President, he said, did not agree

JOHNSON ADMITS HE IS WILLING

Defines Position Anent Nomination.

DISAPPROVES OPEN CANDIDACY

Says No American Should Avowedly Seek Presidency.

WOULD NOT OPPOSE BRYAN

Inquiry From Swedish-American Newspaper Brings Forth First Utterance From Minnesota's Governor About Aspiration.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 27.—A letter was written to Governor Johnson by Swan J. Turnbull, publisher of the Swedish-American Post, of Minneapolis, on March 23, asking him to state his position in regard to the nomination for the Presidency. Governor Johnson in reply said in part:

"I do not believe any American should be an active open candidate for the nomination to the Presidency. Any American would appreciate the high honor which would come to him in being selected as standard bearer of his party. I have hitherto avoided any public or private expression regarding my position. Matters have progressed so far, however, that it seems to me I should at least say, in answer to your interrogation, that if the Democratic party of the Nation believed me to be more available than any other man and felt that by my nomination, I could contribute any service to the party and to the Nation, I should be happy to be the recipient of the honor which it would thus confer."

"I have done nothing and will do nothing in the way of organization to bring about this end and shall not be a candidate in the sense of seeking the nomination. In this connection I desire it understood that in no sense am I to be a candidate for the purpose of defeating Mr. Bryan or any other man. If the Democratic party should see fit to nominate Bryan or any one else, the action would meet with my approval and the nominee certainly would have my unqualified support, as I should expect his support if conditions were reversed."

"In order that there may be no doubt, I would say, in answer to your question, that if a nomination came to me, I certainly should not refuse it."

Nominated After 761 Ballots.

ANDERSON, Ind., March 27.—Nathan B. Hawkins, of Portland, was nominated for Congress by the Republicans of the Eighth District this afternoon on the 761st ballot, after the convention had been in session since yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Milton to Succeed Bryan.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., March 27.—Governor Broward today appointed Hill Milton of Marianna to succeed the late Senator William J. Bryan of Florida in the United States Senate.

FOOD ALMOST EXHAUSTED

Overdue Ship Arrives From Australia—Drummond Also Comes.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—The American ship Isaac Reed, Captain Anderson, which was on the overdue list and quoted for reinsurance at 15 per cent, arrived today, 101 days from Newcastle, Australia, with 1993 tons of coal. When the sturdy windjammer reached port, the crew had been on short rations of food and water for 14 days and sustenance for only a day or so more remained on board.
The ship James Drummond, which was reinsured at 20 per cent, also arrived today, 105 days from Newcastle, Australia. Captain Harris blames head winds and calms for his tardiness.

HIGHEST DAM IN WORLD

First Stone on Shoshone River Structure to Be Laid.

BUTTE, Mont., March 27.—The first stone in the highest dam ever erected in the world will be laid with appropriate exercises tomorrow on the Shoshone River in Wyoming, according to a statement of Henry N. Savage, supervising engineer in the Northwest of the reclamation service.
Preliminary work on the big Shoshone dam to convert the waters of the river for irrigation purposes has been under way over two years and the excavation for the foundation has just been completed. When finished the dam will be 315 feet in height.

Can't Agree on Grafting Charge.

ST. LOUIS, March 27.—The jury in the case of Fred Warner, member of the House of Delegates, charged with bribery, disagreed and was discharged today. Warner was indicted with F. W. Priesmeyer, another Delegate, on the charge of having received \$50 for influencing the passage of an ordinance.

Guild's Friends Encouraged.

BOSTON, March 27.—Governor Curtis Guild passed the best day today of any since his illness reached a critical stage. He continued to improve steadily, and while the gains have been slight, his family and friends feel much more encouraged.

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Governor John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, Who at Least Admits Candidacy for President.

appropriation bill, which, however, had not been materially amended when it was laid aside.
The House passed 360 private pension bills, at the rate of ten a minute.
An urgent deficiency appropriation bill appropriating \$200,000 for carrying on the work of the Washington Naval Gun Factory was passed.

SAVED BY LIMITATION LAW

Dresser Cleared of Bond Swindle Because Offense Too Old.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—G. Leroy Dresser, ex-president of the Trust Company of the Pacific, who recently was arrested on a charge of larceny, was declared not guilty and discharged by Magistrate Barlow in Police Court. Dresser was arrested on March 16 on complaint of William S. Andrews, a New York lawyer, who charged that Dresser withheld \$4000 in a bond transaction dating back to December 12, 1906.
Magistrate Barlow, in discharging Dresser, said: "The statute of limitations intervenes in the case, and therefore, according to the date, the defendant could not be held to be guilty of the crime of larceny."

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COLLEGE LIFE IN CALIFORNIA

WE DEMAND:
HIGH BALLS AT ALL HOURS.
POKER GAMES DURING STUDIES.
LESS GREEK, MORE SCOTCH.
CIGARETTES & CHORUS GIRLS AD INFINITUM.
MORE TIME FOR FOOTBALL.
ELIMINATION OF FACULTY.