# SERIAL DISASTERS DEVASTATE JAPAN

Quake, Wave, Volcano Partially Unraveled When \$5000 Join Hunger.

LAVA AND ASH BURY CITIES

Hundreds Are Dead and Millions Without Food.

Poisonous Gases in Ashes Add Horrors-Falling Boulders Up-

meeting a double affliction-famine in posited since February 6, 1913. the north and earthquake and volcanic eruptions in the south.

Ten million people are in need of food in the Hokkaldo Province and starvation. In the south the Islands employed as a janitress, she said. of Klushiu and Shikoku are in the grip of selsmic disturbances. Craters have suddenly discharged great volrying aestruction and terrifying the Nelson. southern part of the empire. Ashes are falling as far north as Osaka.

Although the fate of the inhabitants of Sakura Island is not certain it is believed that a majority of them have escaped in boats to the mainland. Many of the people of Sakura have escaped from the danger zone in a malmed and

#### Danger Zone Evacuated.

dispatch to the effect that Sakura had Or., yesterday, of having offered been evacuated. This morning the formoney to have Thomas Van Pelt killed. that city only a few hours before, say- tifled as to Coolidge. log: "Abuot ten persons have been is in great confusion."

sons, but was unable to take more.

Eruption Breaks up Festival. Police and soldiers of Karoshima

made many heroic rescues. pating in the festivals to commemo rate the eruption of 1779, did not realize the extent of the disaster and it is feared many of them were killed before reaching the seashore.

Thousands, pursued by a rain of flery stones, knelt on the beach half submerged in water and gesticulated wildly to the steamers and fishing boats.

The heat is described as infernal. Jun' report that stones fell hissing into the bay.

Refugees from Kagoshima fled across the heaving land caused by the rapid of quakes. The whole southern half of Kiushiu is enveloped in ashes and smoke, Sakura-Jima, owever, appears to be the only volcano dangerously active at present. Emperor Sends Warship.

The Emperor has ordered additional

the affected district. He has sent a representative to Kagoshima. The seismologist, Omori, has departed varieties.

south. He thinks the greatest danger may lie in tidal waves. The eruption of Kirlshima, in his opinion, would not be so serious as that of Sakura-Jima because few people live at the foot of Episcopalians Plan Mind Uplift and the mountain

Advices from Nagano, capital of Nagano prefecture, and Asama-Yama, on the mainland, report great eruptions Asama-Yama is a lofty volcano about 90 miles northwest of Tokio, with a crater 1000 feet in dlameter.

The scene is described as sublime. smoke and flame soaring thousands of decision arrived at by 100 persons repfeet into the sky. In the Utsunomiva district the sky is overcast and every

roof is covered with white ashes. Poisonous Gases in Ashes.

Many crevasses formed at Kagothe fugitives were forced to advance on all fours. Thousands took refuge on top of the famous Mount Shiroyama, fearing a tidal wave. Many of fearing a tidal wave. Many of the and plenty of good reading matter. It houses at Kagoshima collapsed and is also proposed to have occasional conthere are three feet of ashes in the certs and religious services. streets. They are said to contain poisonous gases.

anese cruiser Tone reports the arrival of the cruiser and destroyers at Kago-The eruption of Sakura-Jima continues "with great vilonce, ashes falling on the warships." According to the message Kagoshima has been evacuated by the inhabitants, but the troops remain.

## Ashes Fall Far to North.

The heavy ash fall extends far to the north and had already enveloped the important cities of Nagasaki and Kuhas any considerable foreign populaand Americans in Nagasaki. They have held during the Winter. ample opportunity to escape to sea if

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# RICHES REVEALED BY WOMAN'S DEATH

COUNTY BURIES JANITRESS

Multnomah Hospital Mystery Only Wellet Is Produced.

Money was of little use, apparently, to Lena Carlson, who died at the Multnomah Hospital Saturday and was for Mrs. Hulda Shaver, proprietor of the Ideal Apartments, where Miss Carlson lived, yesterday brought a wallet to Judge Cleeton containing \$5070.43. she said, when the Carlson woman left the house December 24.

"Keep this until I come back," Mrs. Shaver said she was instructed, "You know I am not well and if I don't come back, take the wallst to Judge Cleeton REFUGEES FLEE ON BOATS and tell him half of it is for you and the other half for the poor."

She left immediately after she had given these instructions, Mrs. Shaver said, with a strange woman, and nothing more was heard of her until the notice of her death. The records at the hospital show that she arrived there December 30.

When Judge Cleeton opened the posit on Ladd & Tilton's Bank, totaling \$5070.43. All of this had been de-posited since February 6, 1913, when

Miss Carlson, who deposited her noney in the name of Lena Kasman, had lived at the Ideal Apartments, 535 in the Hokkaldo Province and Couch street, since August, 1912, Mrs. the movement. Governmental retalia-

The hospital record shows that she

# J. H. HIGGINS' STORY DENIED

Cooley Case Testimony False.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 13 .- Alfred Coolidge, Spokane banker and millionaire, accused in the preliminary The cruiser Tone has sent a wireless hearing of A. R. Cooley at Gold Beach,

eign office received a dispatch from today branded the story as false. J. H. the ex-Minister to China, H. Ijuin, now Higgins, formerly a cashier in Coolresident of Kagoshima, sent from Idge's bank, was the witness who tes-"Higgins is a personal enemy of

killed and 20 injured. The whole city mine, but I did not imagine that he would attempt to involve me in Van The foreign office thinks this indi- Pelt's death," said Mr. Coolidge. "My trainmen will not stand the strain cates that the early reports were much brother was killed 16 years ago near much longer. The men's temper is the A steamer that succeeded on Mon-called a feud. Old man Van Pelt and train on the veldt and left the pas day in touching the tastern coast of his sons were cleared of the charge sengers stranded. Sakura, reports that it rescued 300 per- of killing my brother. Subsequently Thomas Van Pelt was killed. killing is false."

ciety May Have Its Tipple.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan, 13 .- (Special.) The cafe dansant which society will oon hold at Hotel Oakland will not be a "dry" affair, despite the ordinance which prohibits the selling of any liquor within 300 feet of a dance. The Council today practically suspended that law to permit the sale of liquor

One of the patronesses of this function is Mrs. Wallace M. Alexander, wife of the president of the Y. M. C. A.

in Oakland. The Oakland Council today passed a resolution giving Chief of Police Petersen discretionary power in suspending the ordinance. Society folk want proceed immediately to to have tables set in the corridors, where the guests may be served with drinks, not necessarily of the soft

## CHURCH TO AID LABORERS

Will Sell Meals at Low Prices.

Reading-rooms and a coffee-house in the North End to give laboring men an opportunity for recreation outside of the saloons are to be established by the Episcopal Church, according to a resenting the various parishes at a meeting at St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral at which Bishop Scadding presided. The work is being done by the Social Service League. The directors will hold a meeting tonight to talk over the matter shima and owing to the snakelike of raising funds. The rooms will be at movement of the surface of the earth 88 Third street, and it is proposed to open them next month.

It is proposed to serve food at a trifle above cost. Games will be provided

## A wireless dispatch from the Jap- WILSON DIPLOMATS' HOST

First Official White House Reception of Administration Held.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13,-Diplomats of every foreign nation represented in Washington were entertained by President and Mrs. Wilson tonight at the first official White House reception of the Administration.

While President Wilson has dispensed with some of the formalities which hitherto have been observed by mamoto, as well as many small cities the Chief Executive, he proposes to and towns. Of these Nagasaki alone observe to the letter the international amenities of his office and the usual There are about 200 Europeans series of official functions will be

The President and members of his a serious condition confronts the city. Cabinet wore the conventional Ameri-Local scientists do not believe that can evening dress, in striking conthere will be much further loss of trast with the profusely decorated life from the constant earthquakes, be- uniforms bearing the insignia of rank of the diplomats.

# RULED BY MILITARY

Trades Federation Declares Big Strike.

## buried two days later by the county. RAND MINERS VOTE TO JOIN

The wallet was left with Mrs. Shaver, Premier Botha Says He Will Bread line grows in Chicago as mercury drong Page L Make Strike Unpopular.

Government Likely to Send 200,000 Black Workers to Their Kraals, Which Will Mean Disaster for Many Years.

CAPE HORN, Jan. 18 .- A general strike throughout South Africa was proclaimed tonight by the Trades Federation, and the Rand miners by s two-thirds majority voted to join in the movement. Governmental retaliation was swift. It took the form of Commercial and Marine.

the proclamation of martial law. This was the only step the authorwas born in Sweden November 26, 1853, ities believed adequate to meet the sither father's name being Nels Carlson uation, for the strike of the miners umes of flaming rocks and ashes, car- and her mother's maiden name Anna means not only the turning loose of the most turbulent spirits in the Rand, but raises the question of the possession of the native workers. If the miners actually bbey the strike orde the government will take steps to send Alfred Coolidge, of Spokane, Says the natives under escort back to their

#### Native Problem Serious.

This means that about 200,000 natives must be marched back by road to their nomes at enormous cost. It will be most difficult, after the end of the strike, to recruit them again. In brief, such a step would mean disaster for

the Rand for many years.

Although official reports from Jo hannesburg show improvement in the train service, reports from other districts are less encouraging. In Natal the situation is of great tension, and it is feared that the loyalty of the

Practically no information is at hund as to conditions in the Orange Free story that I hired Cooley to do the State, but improvement there is not killing is false." ernment's standpoint about the only ray of light today was the assurance DANSANT NOT TO BE DRY from the Indian leader, Gandhi, that the passive resistance movement by Oakland Suspends Ordinance So So- the Indians would be dropped during nected with the university several the present trouble.

The government remains firm in its Concluded on Page 2.)

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## UNIVERSITY GETS EXPERT ble any congestion of radical bills Wisconsin College Auditor Comes

West as Business Manager.

MADSON, Wis., Jan. 13 .- (Special.) resigned as requisition auditor of the University of Wisconsin. He was con-

He is credited with having devised attitude. The premier, General Louis the best system of university accounting in use in the entire country.

UP FOR SENTENCE.

# BUSINESS PEACE IS **WILSON'S KEYNOTE**

Trust Ideas Are Submitted to Cabinet.

"TWILIGHT ZONE" REDUCED

Important New Phase.

HASTE WILL BE ADVISED

President to Call in House and Senate Leaders Today-Emphasis to Be Placed on Individual Responsibility.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13. - President Wilson today gave the members of the Cabinet his ideas on the Government's relation to big business, the field that anti-trust legislation should cover and the spirit with which he believed the task should be approached.

Peace and not war, a feeling of friendly conciliation rather than of rillo, Tex., 26 above. hostile antagonism and yet a constructive programme that will eliminate un certainty about the law and stimulate the growth of legitimate businessthese are the fundamentals of the President's plan of action, to be em bodied in the message which he will read at a joint session of Congress next week. He presented the documen to the Cabinet today. Members of the Cabinet spoke of the message as a progressive declaration that would reassure the business world of the sincere intentions of the Administration to

deal fairly with it, The President will outline the message tomorrow to the Democratic members of the Senate committee on interstate commerce and the House judiciary committee at White House con-

While the President has not revealed Homes of heroes destroyed, say astounded Portland Japanese. Page 5.

Masonic Federation members deny misrepresenting order. Page 14. cope of activity within a well-defined compass, eliminating so far as possi that might be misinterpreted by the outside world. So far as is known, the cardinal features of the President's plan are:

1. Supplementing the Sherman anti-To become business manager of the trust law to reduce the debatable area inversity of Oregon G. T. Collins around it.

for all violations. 4. The creation of an interstate trade

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# COLD FINDS POOR IN EAST UNPREPARED

CHICAGO BREAD LINE GROWS AS MERCURY DROPS. Steel Plant at Gary Puts 3000 Men

Back to Work-Charitable Institutions Taxed to Capacity.

CHICAGO, Jan. 13 .- (Special.) -The cold wave that enveloped the East Cen tral and West Central and Northwest ern states Monday appears to be vent ng its fury on the East.

The weather map tonight shows temperatures as low as 20 in some of the New England states and Western New Interstate Trade Commission Central West today. Chicago's maxi-York. Temperatures slowly rose in the mum was 22, a rise from the low mark of five above zero. The sun shone brightly and the fierce winds abated. Charitable associations w -- besieged all day with pitiful appead for food and fuel. The long continued mild weather left thousands unprepared for the sudden cold, and they must be car-

ried along until conditions improve. Announcement was made today that the steel mills at Gary would re-employ at once 3000 idle employes. This will lift a heavy load from the bread lines

in Chicago. Dispatches tonight from Florida to commission firms here indicate that the freeze was not as extensive in the orange belt as had been expected. There was little crop damage in the Palmetto

Some of the cold spots are Albany N. Y., 14 below; Buffalo, 8 below; Al- We have heard pens, Mich., 8 below; Sault Ste. Marie, about good roads. Mich., 26 below; Duluth, Minn., 6 below; Lander, Wyo., 4 below; Montreal, is why we have fallen into the easy below; Quebec, 18 below; Toronto, habit of thinking we have them. And 22 below, and White River 48 below we have listened to good road appeals

# JUDGE CALLS LAWYER CUR

Spokane Jurist Threatens to "Beat them. Head Off" H. M. Stephens,

Webster, Judge of the Superior Court threatened today to "knock the head off" H. M. Stephens, Corporation Counsel of Spokane. Judge Webster ruled against the city in an important condemnation case and had left the bench when Mr. Stephens said:

"I have come to the conclusion that court"

"You have offered that gratuitous insult," replied Judge Webster. "If you repeat it I promise you this, in public or private, I'll beat your head off. You The bailiff and spectators prevented a

# SAYRES MEET POINCARES him in Salem.

tors Can't Come to Dinner.

2. The prohibition of interlocking his wife, formerly Miss Jessie Woodrow was a monotone of grays. Even the directorates. Wilson, at the Palace of the Elysee to-3. Location of individual responsibil-day, sent messages in behalf of himself looked gray. The air was gray. The ity and the fixing of personal guilt and wife and the French people to sky was gray. which Mrs. Sayre gracefully replied,

The interview was extremely cordial, and discouraged. The president said he regretted that Mr. and Mrs. Sayre were sailing from Cherbourg for home tomorrow, as he would have liked to have them at dinner at the Palace.

The presentations were made by My.

ron T. Herrick, the United States Am-

bassador to France.

of Lockport, N. Y.

BEDS OF AGATE UNCOVERED and the job would cost \$600,000; it High Tides Reveal Valuable Deposits

Near Newport, NEWPORT, Or., Jan. 13 .- (Special.) -Not for years have there been so many agate beds uncovered along the beach here as there have been this Winter, and some valuable stones are being found by the hundreds of searchare: A. W. Peters and R. F. Furbish,

The prevailing southeast winds and the high tides have uncovered the beach or the coast route. between Nye Creek and Castle Rock. ocality which usually is covered with all and Portland and Scattle and Tasand at this time of the year. Agate bearing sand and gravel is ex. Pacific Highway travel was expected

# WORK OR LEAVE, DICTUM Auditorium Sleepers Shun Work

While City Jobs Go Begging.

Go to work or get out. This is the ultimatum the City Commission will make to the small army with a cold drizzle blowing in our of men sleeping in the Gypsy Smith faces. Auditorium. At a meeting of the Commission last night it was reported by

Auditorium each night, It was decided that the men should wind that constantly urged my wife to be forced to go to work. At the rock- walk backwards and rain that doubled pile arrangements have been made so and trebled the weight of our packs. that any man willing to work can make 75 cents in a few hours.

### THE DALLES FIGHT ENDS \$3,400,000. The rest of the time we Compromise Calls for Reorganization of Police Department.

THE DALLES, Or., Jan. 13 .- (Special.)-The City Council and Mayor a chief of police, and I. D. Pike received the appointment and was con-

The Council agreed to discharge the partment. Gibbons, by resigning today, called "luncheon" on the road. Just paved the way for the compromise.

firmed unanimously.

# ALL WILLING, NONE PAY TO BUILD ROADS

Farmers Want Pacific Highway, However.

# OLD WORK ON ROUTE USELESS

Walking Journalist Splashes Over Gravel Lately Placed.

## CHANGE IS BELIEVED NEAR

Pedestrians Finally Forced to Abandon Attempt to Follow Bottomless Thoroughfare - Oregon Proves Break in Link.

BY DAVID SWING RICKER ALBANY, Or., Jan. 11 .- (Special.) -We have heard frequently enough We have got used zero; El Paso, Tex., 30 above, and Ama-with ears half shut. And we have rillo, Tex., 28 above. biles, anyhow, and not for us

We have felt that good roads would be a good thing if we could get them. And we haven't done anything to get We have been convinced that motorists and convicts had a special and common mission to build our good SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 13 .- J. Stanley roads for us. So we have sat back In our easy chair, yawned over our newspaper and waited for them to ge: done with the job.

## Farmers Are Waiting.

That was yesterday's attitude of most of us. It was the attitude of nearly every farmer between here and Oregon City. And now we and thu I cannot get a square deal in your farmers are up against it. Had it not been for Pacific Highway signposts, set up at intervals along its banks, I should have been sorely tempted to have unwrapped my rod and cast a fly into the dark pools of the rippling stream, in the hope of luring a break fast to the hook,

State Highway Engineer Bowlby poke gloomily enough when I saw But I made allowances. He had just come back from French President Regrets His Visi- his New Year's dinner. Perhaps it was dyspepsia. Perhaps the gloom outdoors had made his optimism gray. It is a theory that people are in-PARIS, Jan. 13 .- President Poincare, fluenced by the colors around them. wes sayre and And nature's color scheme that day President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, to was the good road outlook in Oregon as pictured to me by Bowlby, gray-faced

# Countles Act Differently.

He told me he had not had his car out of the garage for a month; that \$18,000,000 had been dumped into the ud roads of Oregon by inexperienced. inefficient and near-sighted road build-

The road between Salem and New

Era would have to be rebuilt, he said, would cost \$8,000,000 to build a perfect highway from Medford north to Portland, Jackson County had voted a bond issue of \$500,000 as its share. Josephine County had voted down a bond issue of \$300,000. Oregon was the broken link in the

to the counties and the County Courts. The problem was theirs. If they ers. Among the successful searchers failed to solve it the road through the mountains would be impassable. Tourists of 1915 would have to get to Portland by way of Central Oregon wouldn't be able to get to Portland at

good road chain from Lower California

to British Columbia. And It was up

## posed most of the way for ten miles to bring them during the exposition Rain Impedes March.

Summer.

coma would lose all the dollars that

It was with this encouragement that my wife and I splashed out of Salem four days after we had splashed into A ceaseless downpour had Salem. caused the long stop. Finally, impatlent to be on our way again, picked up our duds and started boldly south, pushing our way through mud,

Long before we reached Liberty, a village of 100 people, my wife would Commissioner Brewster that at the have made a first-rate allegory of rockpile on Terwilliger boulevard "Dawn Wrapped in Dew." Perforce we there are many more jobs than men. made our way slowly, like an army There are about 800 sleepers at the overburdened with impedimenta. But, in this case, the impedimenta was a Part of the time we looked out over the hopfields, beaten down by the rain, barren and desolate-a memory of a crop which last Summer yielded

#### looked into the dark shadows of the woods or across meadows on which cattle and sheep were grazing. Mist Follows Downpour.

Now and then we came to hedges of blooming roses, blown in the wind, compromised tonight on the fight over tossing rain drops-playing it was Spring. But for the roses the picture might have been painted from a paiette of deep greens and shaded grays. A few miles out of Liberty, at noonpresent police force with the exception time, the drizzle softened to a mist and of Officer Fox and reorganize the de- we made ready for lunch. It's not (Concluded on Page 2.)

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