

SALVADOR RUSHES TO RELIEF WORK

George Palmer Putnam Recalls Recent Trip to City Demolished by Earthquake.

REAL DEMOCRACY EXISTS

People of Devastated Republic Are Viewed as Sturdiest and Finest in Central America—Coffee Controlled by Germans.

SAN SALVADOR, Republic of Salvador, June 12.—The government is taking energetic measures to relieve the distress caused by the earthquake of last week. Orders have been given for the construction of temporary houses.

BY GEORGE PALMER PUTNAM. Now comes the news that San Salvador, capital of Central America's most captivating country, has been demolished by an earthquake and the country round about it devastated. To those who have visited the delightfully attractive little city and who remember the attractions of the surrounding countryside, this story of another tropical volcanic disaster has special interest.

In 1912, on a tour which included all the Central American republics, we spent a number of pleasant weeks in San Salvador and acquired a very real respect for the city and its people. Of all the Central American republics the Salvadorians are perhaps the sturdiest and finest. The original immigration came principally from the Viscaya districts of Spain and the fine Spanish strain has left its imprint upon the people, who seem more "up and coming" than any of their neighbors.

One enters Salvador through the port of Acajutla, for the good and sufficient reason that no other port exists. Thence up from the steaming banana belt a bustling little railroad, which is owned by English interests, leads to the highlands and the capital, which perches in comparative isolation on the backbone of the continental divide.

German Control Commerce. While the railroad is English-owned, most of the commercial activity of the country appears to be controlled by German and Jews. As in Guatemala, the German interests dominate the coffee industry, which is the economic mainstay. In Costa Rica alone United States capital owns an appreciable figure, as there the United Fruit Company's banana holdings dominate every other commercial factor.

San Salvador itself is pretty and its people progressive, clean and orderly. Spanish blood predominates, but the lower classes are for the most part pure Indian, or mixed breeds. Government has for long been stable, and a real democracy exists. Intermittently during the last half century the little country has had trouble with its northern neighbor, Guatemala, but with a comparatively efficient military organization has contrived to hold its own.

Fortunate in governmental affairs and in economic prosperity, it also has, up until now, been fortunate in escaping nature-made catastrophes such as have overwhelmed neighboring countries. For while the volcanic peak of San Salvador has rumbled from time to time, aside from one limited eruption some years since, it has conducted itself in a reasonably orderly way, as Central American volcanoes go.

City Wiped Out in 1841. The last great catastrophe in Central America occurred in Costa Rica. On May 4, 1841, the little city of Cartago, a few miles from the capital, San Jose, was destroyed entirely by an eruption of the volcano Irazu and 1104 lives were lost. Once before the city was wiped out, back in 1841. But this last time there were no human buildings, despite the pathetic tenacity of the earthquake country dwellers, who stick to their homesites, everlastingly no matter how many times they may be shaken down upon their heads.

At Cartago, too, a perfectly good peace palace, financed by Mr. Carnegie, was earthquake out of existence.

Then to the north of San Salvador, Guatemala has had its seismic visitations, and the whole country is volcanic and threatening in its every physical feature. Perhaps the most quaintly attractive ruined city in America is Antigua, once capital of Central America. In 1776 the volcano Agua, at whose base it lay, erupted, hurling down upon the city all the waters which had accumulated in its great crater, wreaking devastation beyond repair. Thereafter the Guatemalans, for once wise, abandoned the city site and made for themselves a new capital some 30 miles distant, where now stands the present Guatemala City.

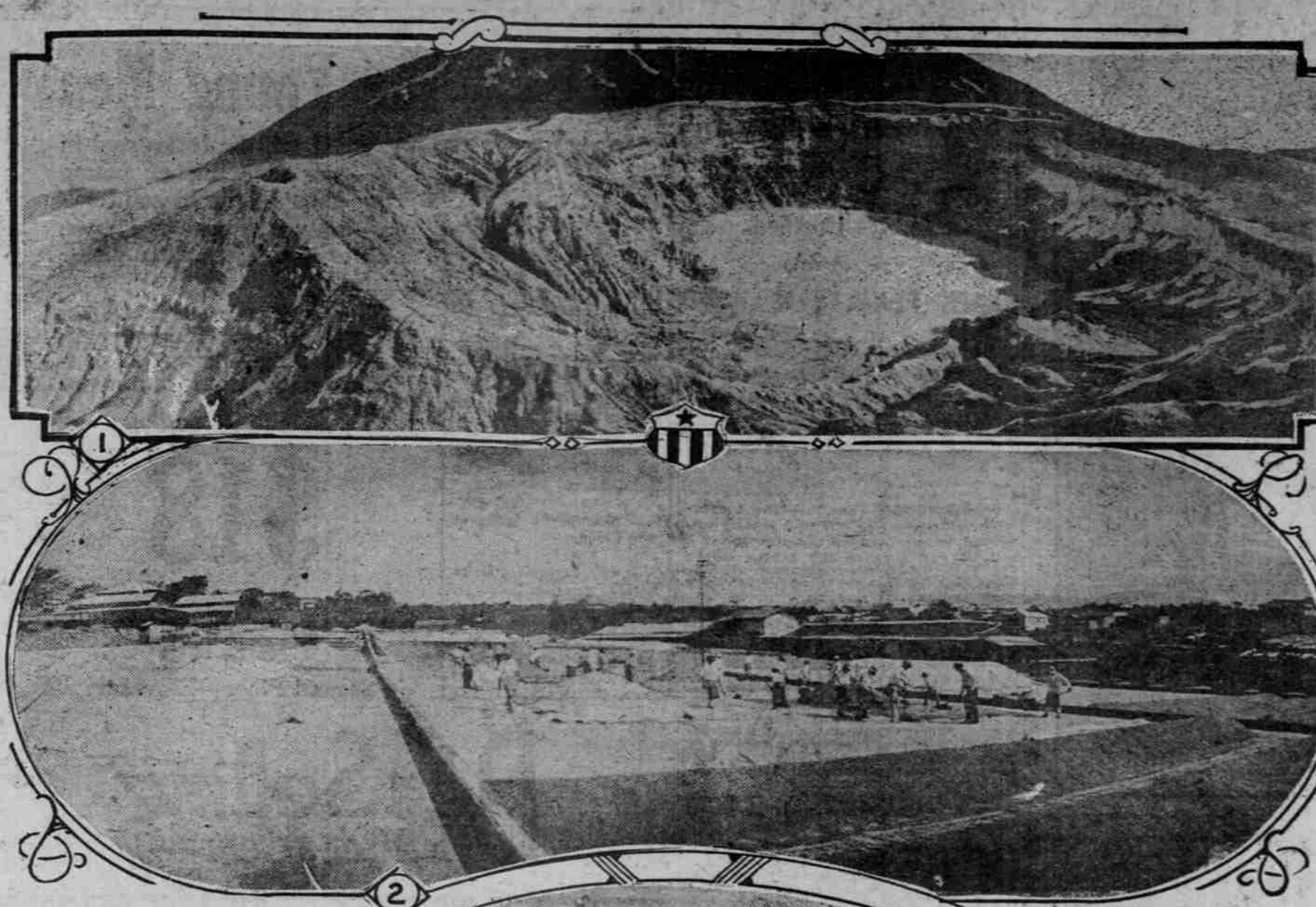
And now Salvador's turn has come, and its capital, San Salvador, has been razed.

Coffee Plantations May Be Covered. No doubt the coffee plantations covered with lava ash and the orderly "cafetals," as they call the coffee orchards, are ruined. The picturesque public market, or "mercado," where one could buy frijoles and tortillas and all sorts of queer things to eat, and earthenware carried on the backs and hands of Indians, once a hundred miles, and hand-made laces and wickerwork, is a mass of ruins. The grass and flowers and trees and statuary of

Juice of Lemons! How to Make Skin White and Beautiful

At the cost of a small jar of ordinary cold cream one can prepare a full quart of the most wonderful lemon skin softener and complexion beautifier, by squeezing the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white. Care should be taken to strain the juice through a fine cloth to remove pulp sets in, then this lotion will keep fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, sallowness and tan, and is the ideal skin softener, smoothener and beautifier.

SCENES AT AND NEAR SAN SALVADOR, WHERE VOLCANOES AND EARTHQUAKES HAVE BEEN PLAYING HAVOC.



Above—Crater of Volcanso Near San Salvador. Middle—Coffee Drying in Salvadorian Patio. Below—Church in City of San Salvador.

Duenas Plaza, where unappreciative Salvadorian boys once mobbed me for trying to take their picture, doubtless is a camping place for refugees. And probably the cobbled streets, where the "cargadores" were wont to carry huge burdens on their backs, and even a gringo could sometimes catch the dark eye of a Spanish beauty, are cluttered with the debris of the adobe walls.

About every decade it seems the fate of Central America to be shaken up by the hand of God, as they say down there. And even at this time, when all the world is wretched with butchery and disaster, the sudden tragedy which has come to the little southern capital, inconsiderable as it perhaps may seem compared with the continued losses and devastation of the great war, nevertheless should be appreciated by us North Americans, as it certainly will be, in a really personal way, by those of us whom chance has made familiar with the scenes of its enactment.

GIRLS MAY ATTEND PLAY

Eleventh-Street Playhouse Modifies Ruling for "Her Unborn Child."

As a result of numerous requests made to the management of "Her Unborn Child" at the Eleventh Street Playhouse, it has been decided for the remainder of the engagement to admit girls from 14 years up and to throw open the matinee performances to men and women alike during Rose Festival. Heretofore the matinees have been for women only, but with the crowds in the city this week it has been decided to make afternoon and night performances open to both sexes.

Mina Glesson, former Portland actress, is the star in the production which deals with the birth control question in a subtle and dramatic way. This is not a moving picture.

HOMESTEAD IS CONTESTED

Land Claimed to Be More Valuable for Its Mineral.

ROSEBURG, Or., June 12.—(Special.)—J. T. Logan, of Waldo, is contesting land claimed by E. Kroll, as a homestead, situated in the Waldo mining district in Josephine County.

DALLAS OPENS ITS DRIVE

Campaign to Raise \$7500 for Red Cross Is Begun.

DALLAS, Or., June 12.—(Special.)—Dallas auxiliary of the Willamette Chapter of the American Red Cross turned out in force at the big rally and business meeting at the Commercial Club last night as the opening wedge of the campaign for funds.

I. W. W. SLACKER IS SHOT

Anti-Draft Agitator Felled by Policeman in Minnesota Town.

VIRGINIA, Minn., June 12.—Nick Luona, aged 28 and an I. W. W. member, was shot in the back here today by Patrolman Pickle while he was running away from arrest on a charge of being a slacker.

Twenty-six arrests for failure to register had been made in and about Virginia up to this afternoon. Luona is expected to recover.

Knights' Convention Postponed. BEND, Or., June 12.—(Special.)—Because of the inability of prominent members to attend the proposed Central Oregon convention of the Knights of Pythias, which was to have been held here Wednesday, the meeting has been postponed indefinitely.

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leniency ended Monday, June 11. It should be brought forcibly to the attention of all persons who have registered that they owe it as a duty to themselves as well as to the country to see that all others are registered. For example, suppose there are 20 men in your county who have not registered and 80 men who have registered. In selecting men for the Army the 80 men must take upon themselves the responsibilities of the 20 slackers, which increases their liability for service by 25 per cent. It is up to every peace officer and every resident of your county to see that those who have failed to register are apprehended. When such persons are apprehended, the fact should be reported immediately to these headquarters, whereupon the proper Federal officers of the Department of Justice will be notified immediately. SIX SLACKERS ARE PICKED UP Young Men Await Federal Hearing at North Yakima. NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., June 12.—Six young men are under arrest here as slackers and will have hearings before United States Commissioner E. E. Cleaver. Richard Rice and Paul Haner were arrested at Pasco, William St. Germain, Earl Knight and Antonio Collosimo were arrested in the railroad yards here and Belliar Farmer was arrested here several days ago.

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