

4 HEAVY QUAKES JAR LOS ANGELES

Crowds Hysterical as Buildings Crack

MANY PERSONS INJURED

Water Main Breaks—Jail Inmates Howl for Hours Demanding Release.

CITY HOSPITALS ARE FILLED

Territory 30 Miles Distant Reported Shaken—Scores of Women Faint.

LOS ANGELES, July 16.—Four severe earthquakes here today threw the city and its suburbs into excitement, caused injuries to a number of men, women and children, damaged several buildings and broke a water main.

While the shocks seemed to center in Los Angeles, some were felt more than 30 miles away.

Excitement, in many cases hysterical, followed the first shock and had hardly been calmed when at 1:27 in the afternoon came the second, followed two minutes later by the third. The fourth was at 8:13 P. M.

Residents Become Agitated.

The second and third were sharper than that of the morning. Then the agitation of the citizens became prolonged. Business was interrupted.

Courts and other public places were scenes of near panic, some people running for the open air, some fainting, some stopping to pray. Many gathered at street intersections, waiting to see what would happen. Others who felt they must be on the way, walked down the middle of the streets with watchful eyes on the buildings. Many sought fresh air in the heart of the downtown district, as a sanctuary and remained for hours.

Buildings Are Cracked.

Pictures were jolted from hooks, mortar jarred from brick walls and plaster from ceilings; cracks appeared in some of the older structures; a water main was broken; a few copings and chimneys fell; part of an embankment collapsed, throwing dirt and brick into the street, and plateglass windows in some of the downtown department stores were broken.

An unusually warm morning produced from some citizens the remark "good earthquake weather." It was said in a jest and none were more surprised than those who made the remark when the first tremor came at 10:10 in the morning.

It felt much as does the sudden stopping of a street car operated by an inexperienced motorman, only that the tremor produced the unpleasant sensation multiplied many times.

Quake Breaks Jail Record.

The worst injury recorded was caused when a brick fell from a building and struck an elderly man, breaking his leg.

Perhaps the greatest clamors came from the prisoners in the county and city jail. In the former 400 prisoners felt the morning shock with comparative calm, but became wildly excited at the first of the two in the afternoon. They yelled, shook the bars of their cells and screamed to be taken out. The turkeye were trying to quiet them when the third tremor came. The resultant uproar lasted an hour.

The prisoners in the city jail were less excited, although the building was slightly damaged, old cracks in the walls widening and plaster falling from ceilings. Mrs. Loretta McPeak, matron of the women's department, became hysterical and was carried home. Hysteria also overcame others of the women officers of the police department.

City Hospitals Crowded.

For hours the city receiving hospital was crowded with women and children, most of whom had fainted. Some, however, suffered more serious accidents. Private hospitals and emergency hospitals in the department and other stores also were filled with hysterical and fainting. Elevator operators reported their

8 OUT OF 10 COUNTIES SHOW GAIN IN CENSUS

LOSSES ARE SUSTAINED BY CROOK AND HARNEY.

Roseburg Drops to 4381; Hood River Goes Up to 3199, and Condon to 1127.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 16.—Of 10 Oregon counties for which the 1920 population figures were announced today by the census bureau all but two showed gains over 1910. The two showing decreases are Crook and Harney. The figures as to Crook county need some explanation because since the census of 10 years ago was taken Deschutes county has been carved out of Crook county, taking away a population of several thousand. If any figures were available for the area embraced in the present Crook county it is certain that a healthy gain would be shown. In all of the territory included in the Crook county of 1910 the gain is known to be something near 6000 or 7000.

The figures follow: Crook 3424; 1910, 9315; decrease 5901, or 62.2 per cent. Curry 3025; 1910, 2044; increase 981, or 48 per cent. Douglas 21,332; 1910, 19,474; increase 1858, or 8.4 per cent. Gilliam, 3599; 1910, 3741; increase 142, or 3.8 per cent. Harney 3932; 1910, 4059; decrease 127, or 1.7 per cent. Hood River 3315; 1910, 3016; increase 299, or 3.7 per cent. Lincoln 4834; 1910, 5537; increase 703, or 8.1 per cent. Malheur 19,907; 1910, 18,601; increase 2306, or 26.8 per cent. Morrow 8617; 1910, 4257; increase 4360, or 28.9 per cent. Wallowa, 9738; 1910, 8384; increase 1354, or 16.3 per cent.

Figures for incorporated cities and towns in the counties are announced in comparison with the reports for 1910 and 1900, as follows:

Table with columns for city names and population figures for 1910 and 1900.

WAR DEPARTMENT ORDERS TRANSFER OF TROOPS TO CAMP LEWIS

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 16.—The war department has issued instructions for the fourth division to move from Camp Dodge, Iowa, to Camp Lewis, Wash. The 32d infantry less one battalion to move from Camp Kearney, Cal., to Fort Douglas, Utah, and for one battalion of the 32d infantry to move from Camp Kearney to Fort Missoula, Mont.

'SALOON' AT SEA CHARGED

Serving of liquor to yacht race spectators is alleged. NEW YORK, July 16.—James S. Shevlin, prohibition enforcement director for New York, announced tonight he had begun an investigation of charges that the steamship Orizaba, which carried several hundred passengers and crew on the yacht races yesterday, had become a "floating saloon" when it crossed the three-mile limit.

BLACK RUST HURTS CROPS

Southern Minnesota and Eastern South Dakota Wheat Damaged. ST. PAUL, Minn., July 16.—E. G. Quamme, president of the federal land bank here, declares today that black rust exists in southern Minnesota and eastern South Dakota and "in some places has done considerable damage to the wheat crop."

STORM HITS TOWN HARD

Tornado Causes Heavy Property Loss at Neligh, Neb. NELIGH, Neb., July 16.—A tornado struck Neligh today, causing heavy property damage, but so far as known no loss of life or severe injury. Trees were uprooted, buildings unroofed and telephone poles blown down.

OREGON ATHLETE VICTOR IN DISCUS

Junior Record Is Broken by "Ken" Bartlett.

136 FEET 1-2 INCH MARK

Hope of U. S. Victory at Antwerp High at Tryouts.

NAVY PLACES ENTRY

New York Negro Lowers High Jump by Clearing Bar at Six Feet and Two Inches.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., July 16.—The greatest aggregation of American athletes ever assembled in this country began a two-day competition for places upon the United States Olympic team in the Harvard stadium today and when the final event had been completed, hope of an American victory at Antwerp next month ran high.

DENIAL FILED BY WOMAN

Mrs. Vanderpool Refutes Connection With Night Riders.

TACOMA, Wash., July 16.—(Special)—Denials of all the allegations connecting her with the notorious "night riders" of the Willapa harbor district, and of the claims of Mrs. Margaret M. Ross to the homestead which was the cause of the trouble, were made in an answer filed by Mrs. May Vanderpool in the United States court at Tacoma today.

ARMY TO TEACH ALIENS

School to Be Opened at Camp Lewis on July 20. SAN FRANCISCO, July 16.—Announcement that a school for illiterate and non-English speaking citizens and aliens in the army will be opened at Camp Lewis, Wash., Tuesday, July 20, was made by the army recruiting news service here today.

WASCO CHERRY CROP ENRICHES GROWERS

\$150,000 PUT INTO BANK ACCOUNTS OF PRODUCERS.

Sales to Cannors Total Nearly Million Pounds—Salem Reports Market Broke.

THE DALLES, Or., July 16.—(Special)—From the opening of the cherry season, June 7, to Saturday, July 10, nearly a million pounds of cherries had been purchased from orchardists in Wasco county by local canneries. The exact figures are 996,375 pounds. This is approximately 500 tons, which, at the prevailing price paid—\$300 a ton—puts \$150,000 into the bank accounts of local cherry growers.

SALEM, Or., July 16.—With harvest of one of the largest cherry crops in the history of the central Willamette valley nearing its end, the fruit is a drug on the market here today. Canneries and packing plants are refusing all except contract deliveries, and the bottom has dropped out of the market, which stood at 13 cents a pound early in the harvest season.

SALUTE TO TRICOLOR IN BERLIN MOCKERY

HONOR PAID TO FRENCH FLAG IS VIRTUAL INSULT.

Secrecy of Government in Arranging Ceremony Believed to Have Saved Berlin Outbreak.

BERLIN, July 16.—Dr. Haniel von Haimhausen, under-secretary of foreign affairs, with Herr Moll, counselor of the government, representing the prefect of police, paid a personal visit to the French embassy this afternoon to express official regret over the removal on Wednesday of a French flag hoisted over the French embassy in honor of Bastille day.

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SANDY HOOK, N. J., July 16.—Resolute and Shamrock IV, repairs made, tonight were ready to race again tomorrow for the America's cup. The crew of the American defender had renewed the broken halyards and gaff which caused their sloop to withdraw yesterday, giving the first contest to Sir Thomas Lipton, and the Irish baronet's yachting forces had replaced a weakened bowsprit with which, unbeknown to the thousands who watched her, the Shamrock had slipped across the finish line.

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Private Homert Elhart, 1st company, Oregon coast artillery, Ashland, Or., shoulder broken. Wagoner Fred Scott, 55th company, coast artillery corps, United States army, foot badly torn. Corporal Roy Campigetto, 55th company, coast artillery corps, United States army, stumped. Reports of the attending surgeon indicated that the injuries in no case appeared to be serious. The ambulances took the injured at once to the Camp Lewis hospital, where the injured were treated.

SEVERAL ESCAPES ARE CLOSE.

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An inquiry into the explosion was started by a board of two regular army officers and two Oregon national guard officers.

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