

EARTHQUAKE FELT

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THREE DISTINCT SHOCKS FELT

People are Badly Frightened by Earthquake Shocks That Rattle Dishes and Furniture and Strains Joists and Beams of Houses.

Chicago, Aug. 22.—Illinois was shaken by an earthquake shortly after 11 o'clock last night, the most severe in years. The shock in the southern part of the state, especially in the region surrounding East St. Louis was severe enough to rattle dishes and furniture, cause dogs to bark as in alarm and children to awaken and cry. Houses creaked and in many instances the occupants rushed out in terror, fearing that the straining beams and joists would give way.

As far north as Springfield the shock was distinctly felt. Further north it grew less perceptible, until in the region of Chicago, it was not noticed, although it is expected the delicate instruments placed in the office of the weather bureau, will, when examined, show that a seismic disturbance was recorded. The office was closed last night, before the shock came and the instruments could not be consulted.

Not only in Illinois, but Kentucky and parts of Tennessee and Indiana were shaken. Messages from different towns shocks in quick succession were felt. The waves of the earth's motion seemed to be from east to west.

HIS STRANGE DELIRIUM.

"Nothing strange about that," said the army surgeon, in a disdainful tone. "I had a patient once who imagined that he was—now, what do you think he thought he was? You couldn't guess in a term of service. Why the poor fellow would go away on sprees, and when he came back he would declare he was a green glass bottle. Yes, it puzzled me. I would try to get it out of him what he meant by it, but never could I reach the bottom of the affair from anything he said. 'Cork me tight and throw me over,' was his principal remark. One day an old fellow came limping in and asked if Jack Cornwall was in the hospital ward. You could smell sea salt and tar rope on him. Cornwall was getting better, and I let the old codger see him. They were two chums, and when this fellow came away he explained the mystery of Cornwall's delirium. It appears that before he went into the army he was in the navy, and before that on some merchantman. This was wrecked. The captain, seeing that the ship was doomed, sent Cornwall for a bottle in which to place a message telling the fate of the ship and its crew, for in the wild storm it did not seem that there was a chance for anybody to be saved. While the two were trying to cork the bottle the vessel struck on a reef and broke in two in a few minutes. Cornwall seized a shutter and floated all night. He was rescued next morning by people along whose coast the ship had gone to pieces, but the terror of that storm and that night spent in the surf, affected his brain in such a way that ever after, when in a delirium, he could think of nothing but that bottle in which the captain was about to put the message when his boat went down."—(New Orleans Times Democrat.)

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ORIGIN OF RADIUM.

The constant proportionality found in most minerals between the uranium and the radium found in them lends color to the supposition that radium is a product of the disintegration of uranium. B. B. Boltwood has endeavored to throw further light on this important probability by carefully examining a large number of minerals of various origins, including pitchblende from Joachimstahl, Colorado, and North Carolina; uranothorite, cuxenite, thorite, fergusonite and monazite from Norway; monazite from Brazil and Connecticut, and allanite, gummite uranophane and samarskite from North Carolina. All the analyses point to uranium as the parent of radium. The participation of thorium in the production of radium, as suggested by some, is entirely excluded, since the radium uranium ratio in the thorites,

containing approximately 50 per cent of thorium, is the same as that in such minerals as carnotite and uranophane, where the proportion of thorium is not over a few hundredths of 1 per cent at the highest. All of the monazites contain notable quantities of uranium and radium, and this affords a plausible explanation of the occurrence of helium in this mineral without recourse to the unsubstantiated hypothesis of the formation of helium from thorium. The age of monazite is extreme, since it occurs in some of the oldest igneous rocks of the globe. It may, therefore, be assumed that it originally contained much more uranium than at present, and that the accumulated helium represents the disintegration period of radium for countless ages.—(Philosophical Magazine.)

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JACK LONDON TURNS PLAYWRIGHT

His "Great Interrogation" Is Produced By Belasco.

San Francisco, Aug. 22.—"The Great Interrogation" was given an elaborate production by Fred Belasco at the Alcazar theater here tonight with White Whitelsey and Juliet Crosby in the cast. This play serves to introduce Jack London, the novelist, as a playwright. It is written in collaboration with Lee-bascom (Mrs. G. H. Marsden) a dramatist. The story tells of one David Payne, who renounces the higher civilization for the simple and primitive life. The scene is laid in Alaska and shows Payne living the life of the country, having for his companion in solitude, an Indian girl, to whom he has promised marriage. A woman had in the past rejected his suite and had married another for position and wealth, and whose

husband is since dead, seeks him out and pleads for the return of his love. A highly dramatic scene, which shows the mastery of a commanding passion and the triumph of principle in developed. He, estimating elemental virtues in women above the call of kind and the higher life, chooses to remain with the Indian.

Sunday Excursion to North Beach.

The Ilwaco Railway and Navigation Company are selling round trip tickets every Sunday from Astoria to all cotta, at a rate of one dollar for the points on Long Beach, including Nah-round trip.

LITTLE RED SCHOOLS FOR PANAMA CANAL ZONE.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The canal zone is to be well supplied with the old-fashioned "little red schoolhouse." Governor

Magoon took this matter up when he first went to the isthmus. He designated W. M. Cook to take a census of the zone and report. Mr. Cook completed his work and has recommended the erection of 42 schoolhouses at an aggregate cost of \$30,000.

The applications of 25 persons who seek situations as teachers have already been turned over to Mr. Cook. The census taken shows the canal zone to have 1,936 children of school age. Of these, 893 can read and write, 108 can read, but not write, and 935 can neither read nor write.

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