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REGION

Sharp Shocks Crack Ice Under Skaters' Feet and Also Loosen Articles From Walls—Felt at Sea—No Casualties.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 12.—Fully 100 skaters on Lake Padden believed that the world was coming to an end at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon when a severe earthquake shock was felt in this vicinity. Lake Padden is the largest lake in this vicinity and for the last 10 days has been visited by many people. Yesterday the surface was dotted with men, women and children. When the shock occurred the ice began to crack and those who were far from shore made for places of safety. Distinct openings were to be seen in the ice after the quake and if the ice had been thin a number of the skaters would undoubtedly have received icy baths. The most serious damage from the quake was done at the county courthouse, where the plaster on the walls and ceiling was badly cracked. Every person in the courthouse rushed to the street. The shock was much heavier in Netera a marriage ceremony was being performed and when the quake began the bride and groom were thrown from the building. It took the combined efforts of the groom and friends for half an hour to induce the young woman to return to the altar.

SEATTLE FEARS FOR ALASKA'S SAFETY

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Seattle, Wash., Jan. 12.—Great apprehension is felt here regarding possible results from the earthquake in Alaska, which was felt in this section late yesterday afternoon. The United States cable between Seattle and Alaska went out of commission shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, an hour and a half before the quake in Alaska was reported. It is believed that the main cable, forerunners of the land shocks, put the cable to the test. According to the record at the state university, the center of the shock must have been in southeastern Alaska, among the mountains of the Koyuk, Valdez and Seward are important towns where great damage could have occurred. In the Aleutian chain, the line in the world, the Treadwell group is located, and if the shock caused slides in this section, the result would have been fatal. Many of the houses situated but a few feet above the sea level and a tidal wave would have swept them out to sea. Mount St. Elias has broken forth, or some of the smaller supposed extinct volcanoes along the Aleutian chain have suddenly become active.

IT SENT VANCOUVER PEOPLE TO STREETS

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Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 12.—A forcible earthquake shock was felt in Vancouver yesterday afternoon at 3:50 and continued almost without interruption. Reports from all sections of the city indicate that the shock was of a violent nature. People fled from their buildings in the greatest apprehension. In the skyscrapers of Seattle the greatest resulting were indeed exciting. Elevators refused to work, their grooves were broken, and many of the windows of the various offices rushed for the streets. Books were shaken from shelves and many articles were scattered in a most uncanny manner. No particular damage, however, has been reported.

BOTH HOUSES HEAR GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Jan. 12.—Senate and house met in joint assembly at 1:30 to hear reading of the governor's message. Throughout the reading of the message the legislators paid strict attention to the message, interrupted now and then with applause. There was a large audience gathered to witness the ceremony.

MARKED FOR THE REAPER

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NEGRO LYNCHED ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES

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Sirevop, Okla., Jan. 12.—News of the lynching of Jud Gilbert, a negro, at Marthaville Sunday night was received here today. He was removed from the jail by a mob and hanged. Gilbert was accused of counterfeiting and was known as a "bad negro."

N. P. TRAFFIC STARTS UP AGAIN IN MONTANA

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Butte, Mont., Jan. 12.—The first movement of traffic by the Northern Pacific road since the cold wave struck this state took place today. Freight traffic on the Great Northern is at a standstill.

Portland, Jan. 12.—To the Editor of The Journal—The Portland Railway, Light & Power company has exploited its position in the present controversy between itself and the city concerning street lighting by letters published for nearly a week past at paid rates. The public should know the real issue. The officials of the city who are by law charged with the enforcement of the city's rights, learned that the power company was not fully complying with the terms of its contract to furnish street lighting. They requested a statement of the facts which officials of the company refused to make, claiming that they had no information on the subject.

The city officials then made an investigation, using all sources of information available, and after careful inquiry and consideration, without prejudice and without other aid, than a desire to see that the public under the terms of its contract with the power company, get a dollar's worth of service for every dollar it pays, they reached the conclusion that the power company was not complying with the terms of its agreement. It was furnishing only 16-25ths of the light which it was charging. They therefore refused to make a statement of the facts which officials of the company refused to make, claiming that they had no information on the subject.

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Judge Gautenberg late this afternoon refused to grant the temporary injunction asked by City Attorney Kavanagh restraining the lighting company from turning off the lights tonight. He gave as reason for the refusal the fact that he did not care to issue the restraining order without first allowing the lighting company a hearing.

City Attorney Kavanagh this morning prepared an application for an injunction forbidding the Portland Railway, Light & Power company to turn off the lights in the public buildings and on the streets. He will file the application this afternoon in the circuit court.

In his statement of the case the city attorney sets forth the fact that the lighting company has been tendered payment in advance by the city and has refused the tender, and that great and irreparable damage to the municipality would result if the injunction is not granted. He asks that the court grant the injunction, the corporation will not be permitted to make good its threat to bring darkness tomorrow evening.

If the injunction is once put into effect the company will be forced to file suit to dissolve it and in that case will probably allege nonpayment of claims for the lights and for the cost of the lighting service. To show successfully to the city failed to pay its debt on the other hand the illumination furnished under its supplementary contract was sufficient to fulfill the terms of the contract.

JOSSELYN SAYS WIRES WILL BE CUT TOMORROW

The police station, fire engine stations, the city hall and all other municipal buildings having wire connections with the Portland Railway, Light & Power company from which they receive electric lighting will have their wires cut tomorrow. This is the declaration of B. S. Josselyn, president of the corporation, in a statement made today. Work of disconnecting all these various buildings will begin tomorrow morning and will be finished by noon unless the city comes through. What the city officials have been given until 12 o'clock tonight to settle the much talked light question before the wires of the streets are turned off, the lamps will burn tonight until daylight tomorrow when the illumination furnished by the city will be cut off.

Mr. Josselyn told the board at its special session yesterday that he did not want to begin suit against the city until the wires were cut. He said that if his reluctance continues unabated it is doubtful if the company will fight the injunction proceedings at all.

TO DETERMINE FLOW OF ARTESIAN WELLS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Jan. 12.—Senator Bill No. 1, introduced by Senator C. C. Smith of Umatilla this morning, if it becomes a law will make it possible to determine the flow of artesian wells in the Yakima valley in eastern Oregon. If the experimental wells "pan out" as expected, the artesian system of irrigation may be developed.

KNOCKOUT BLOW FOR INVESTIGATION

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