

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE JARS THREE STATES

OAK PARK CHIMNEYS LEVELED BY THE SHOCK

Large Buildings in Dubuque, Iowa, Shaken—Milwaukee and Other Cities Report Seismic Disturbances—Trembling Lasts Five Seconds—Damage Small.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Chicago, May 26.—Reports from Oak Park, a suburb, say that almost every chimney was leveled by an earthquake shock there at 8:40 o'clock this morning. Several small fires were started by stores being overturned. The weather bureau reports that the shocks lasted from three to five seconds. The motion was apparently from north to south.

Reports of tremors this morning come from points throughout Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois, the shakes in some sections lasting four seconds or more. Dispatches from Dubuque, Iowa, say the shocks were felt there and the larger buildings were badly shaken. Milwaukee and other cities in Wisconsin report shakes at 8:34 o'clock this morning.

MIDDLE WEST IS SURPRISED BY SHOCK

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Chicago, May 26.—Chicago was rocked by an earthquake shock at 8:40 a. m. which caused widespread uneasiness and in some cases panic. Though no serious injury resulted so far as is known and the vibration of the earth was

not followed by a tidal wave on Lake Michigan, the tremor was sufficiently distinct to be clearly felt by persons in homes and the downtown skyscrapers. In surrounding suburbs the violence of the shock was more pronounced. Besides Illinois there were reports of tremors, more or less distinct, from Wisconsin, Iowa and Michigan.

Uneasy at Lake.

All along the coast of the lake the trembling caused more or less excitement. In the country west of Chicago the alarm was general. The first inquiry which was received with the local office of the weather bureau was from Elgin, where officials of the watch factory used the long distance telephone to inquire what manifestation of nature was affecting their delicately adjusted instruments. The damage is believed to have been most serious in Kane and Will counties, though the tremors are believed to have extended as far west as the Missouri.

Wide variation in the time of the shock and the duration of the earth's trembling is shown by the dispatches sent in from the cities in the middle west by correspondents. In some places two tremors were distinctly felt, while in others the sensation was of a continuous vibration. The time of the beginning of the shock in different places varies from 8:30 a. m.

Sinking Feeling.

The first sensation of impending danger was a feeling that the earth was sinking. Then came a seething motion which in the high buildings was so pronounced that objects slipped back and forth. This was followed by another sinking sensation and again rocking, then quiet.

At Aurora, Ill., two fires were started by the quake. Joliet people feared the canal dam would be broken and flood the city.

Students of Coe college at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were scared.

Reports of the shock were received from various parts of Iowa, southern Wisconsin, southwestern Michigan and all of Illinois.

DIRECTOR NORTH OUT OF A JOB

Secretary Nagel Gets Census Man's Scalp—E. Dana Durand to Succeed.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, May 24.—It was stated officially at the White House today that Census Director North had resigned and that E. Dana Durand, deputy commissioner of corporations, had been named to succeed him. The announcement of the resignation of North was made at the close of a conference between President Taft and Secretary of Commerce and Labor Charles Nagel.

Frauds, Cheats and Humbugs

To what end does the Oregonian persistently repeat the false statement that the 35 measures to be voted on in the city election are all submitted under the initiative and referendum?

Obviously, its purpose is to bring discredit upon the principle of direct legislation, careless of the means it uses, callously indifferent to truth or to the principles which govern all decent newspapers. If the people can be deceived, the Oregonian does not hesitate to resort to the most barefaced deceit.

"The entire 35 measures are proposed under one form or another of the initiative and referendum," says this Oracle of Untruth. The statement is a deliberate falsehood, and the Oregonian knows it to be false.

As The Journal has pointed out repeatedly, only eight of these 35 measures are submitted through the initiative and referendum. The remaining 27 are submitted by direction of the city council, and the people are in no way responsible for their preparation or for the fact that they are to appear on the ballot.

Oregon legislatures and city councils have submitted many measures to popular vote in the past, though never before in the history of the state have the voters been confronted with such an extraordinary number of measures as will appear on the ballot at the coming election in Portland. The present city charter of Portland was thus submitted in 1902, before the initiative and referendum had become a part of our constitution.

If any undue burden has been placed upon the voters of Portland, the blame rests solely upon the city council, not upon the initiative and referendum. The people have been temperate and reasonable in the use of their power.

If the Oregonian really detests "frauds, cheats and humbugs," why does it not bring forth fruits meet for repentance and acknowledge the deception which it has been endeavoring to pass off upon the people?

MURDER FARM SMALL BOYS ACCOMPLICE ARE BLAMED FOR FIRE

Young American Sailor Reported to Have Confessed in Norway That He Aided Mrs. Guinness in Four Jobs, and Killed Her.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Chicago, May 25.—Word reached here today that a young American sailor is held in detention at Frederikstad, near Christiania, Norway, after confessing that he helped Mrs. Belle Guinness kill four persons on her farm near LaPorte, Ind., and then killed Mrs. Guinness. He was placed under arrest by the captain of his ship, and H. H. D. Pierce, American minister to Norway, was notified.

The captain of the vessel stated that the sailor, whose name was withheld, appeared to have been forced by his conscience to make a confession.

PLACED BEFORE CITY ATTORNEY

Council Wants Legal Opinion on Petition for Referendum.

The city council this morning referred the labor union petition for the referendum on the blanket franchise given the Portland Railway, Light & Power company to City Attorney Kavanaugh. This official will tell the council what to do with the petition.

Councilman Vaughn moved to place it on file, but Councilmen Bennett and Helling feared this action might involve the city in a law suit, so it was finally decided to await an opinion from Mr. Kavanaugh.

Councilman Bennett said he did not see why the council should have anything to do with the referendum. He suggested that the same people who circulate the petition should enjoin the railway company from laying tracks on any of the extensions granted by the franchise. The councilman thought this would be the most expeditious way to determine whether or not the charter provisions or the state session laws apply to the filing of such petitions.

The railway holds that the franchise is now in effect as the referendum was not invoked within 15 days after the final passage of the ordinance over Mayor Lane's veto, as provided by section 108 of the charter. Attorneys for the labor unions contend that this law is abrogated and superseded by the legislative act of 1907 which allows 30 days for the filing of a referendum petition on any city ordinance.

Call Label Case Dismissed.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, May 24.—Judge Shortall yesterday afternoon dismissed the charges of libel preferred against the management of the San Francisco Call by P. H. McCarthy, president of the building trades council. The case was dismissed on the ground that the complaint did not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action. McCarthy announced that he would prepare an amended complaint and file it at once.

SMALL BOYS ARE BLAMED FOR FIRE

Young Cigarette Smokers Supposed to Have Started Blaze That Destroyed Entire Block at Front and Montgomery Streets.

Fire destroyed the greater part of the block between Front and Water streets, and Montgomery and Mill this morning. The neighborhood "gang" of small, bad, boys is held responsible for the starting of the blaze. Led by Marcus Snyder the boys had been playing about an unused factory on the corner of Montgomery and Front streets, just before the fire was discovered at 7:20 a. m.

The damage caused by the blaze is variously estimated at from \$25,000 to \$100,000. Two factories under lease by Lewis Reuvenky one of them used for furniture manufacture and the other for the production of sashes and doors were completely destroyed. Neither factory had been in operation during the past three months. Four cottages on Montgomery street, owned by F. Tischer, will have to be rebuilt. The frame of each was partly destroyed and their foundations were washed away by water.

The Germania hotel, used as a rooming house, a small grocery owned by an Italian, were much burned, and two tenement houses said to be the property of Ingram & Crosswell, were destroyed. The livery stable of Hubert & Hall, on the southeast corner of Montgomery and Front streets was damaged to the amount of some \$500, the owners say. Several tenement houses fronting east on Front street belonging to Joseph Tracy, were badly damaged. Other buildings in the neighborhood were more or less damaged.

Fire Starts in Factory.

The fire started in the lower southeast corner of the old sash and door factory. The building was all of frame and dry as tinder. In a very short time the entire block was in flames. Mike Partipello, a 15-year-old boy, seemed to be the only one in the neighborhood with presence of mind enough to turn in an alarm. Engines 3, 7 and 13 responded to the first call. When they arrived it looked as though the whole section would be burned out. The fire was spreading with incredible rapidity, the slight rain that was falling seeming only to add to the fury of the blaze.

Ernie J. Charbonneau, a fireman from engine crew No. 1, was struck on the wrist by falling glass and the artery cut in two. Charbonneau was hurried to the Good Samaritan hospital.

The center of Portland's Italian colony is located where the fire began. Spectacular and amusing scenes were enacted. Through a tangle of live wires melted in two by the heat and drooping to the ground Italian women struggled bearing in their arms whatever they happened to see first. One woman grasped an alarm clock and ran several blocks with it clamped in her arms. Suddenly it went off with a whirr. Then she flung it from her and dashed back.

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RAFFLES CAPTURED BY CLEVER WOMAN SLEUTH

Raffles As a Carpenter



Edward F. Girard, Photo by Dufresne.

LORIMER TO BE ILLINOIS SENATOR

Springfield, Ill., May 26.—William Lorimer of Chicago, member of the national house of representatives and prominent for years in Chicago politics, was elected United States senator today. This election breaks the deadlock that has existed for more than five months.

Lorimer visited Portland a few years ago as a member of the rivers and harbors committee of the house.

Many years ago, when electric cars were unknown in Chicago, Lorimer was a streetcar driver. He disabled in politics on the side, and gradually became such a power in his new field that he resigned his job with the streetcar company to devote his entire time to his new calling. He is familiarly known as the "blonde boy," on account of his long curly, blonde hair. He has represented his district in congress for many years. Lorimer has always been so popular that although he is a Republican nearly all the Democrats voted for him. He has a magnificent mansion on the west side of Chicago and a beautiful summer home at Fox Lake, Ill., where he spends the hot season of the year.

REWARD WILL BE PAID AT THE GRAND THEATRE

Tonight After Check Is Handed Over Mysterious One Will Make Second Getaway From Grand Theatre Audience, Second Performance.

Raffles was captured at 10:30 o'clock this morning at the corner of Fifth and Alder by a persistent woman sleuth. The reward will be paid during the first performance at the Grand theatre tonight, after which he will attempt to make a second getaway from the audience of the second performance. The reward starts again at midnight.

Raffles cannot fulfill his engagement at the People's Market today. Read new conditions of capture.

By Edward F. Girard, the Mysterious Mr. Raffles.

I left my room about 9:15 this morning after arranging myself in the guise of a carpenter—blue overalls and slouch hat, carrying square and brace. I trailed around the business streets for quite a while, but as it was raining there were but few people on the street and I realized that I ran a great risk. Nevertheless, I decided to hand it to the bunch of "wise ones" if I could.

I passed Sherman-Clay's music store and stood in the crowd for a few moments looking at the man painting pictures and remarked to the crowd: "Hum! I could do that well myself."

I then raised on to Gustav's cigar store on the corner of Fifth and Morrison streets, where I purchased a sack of Bull Durham smoking tobacco, and then went down Morrison to Fourth street, then to Washington, whence I was making my way to Dufresne's studio to have a photo of myself in this carpenter rig, but as I neared the door I encountered a new sleuth standing like an angel of death with his eyes watching everybody who came near. I cut across the street and went into the Hofbrau, but changed my mind and went around the corner onto Alder street. I saw a lady start and look me

WOMAN TELLS STORY OF MYSTERIOUS ONE'S CAPTURE

By Miss Gertrude French.
Captor of The Mysterious Mr. Raffles.

During the entire visit of Mr. Raffles in Portland I have been looking for him. Each day I have purchased a paper and gone out on the trail.

This morning I arose early and dressed for the man hunt. I had a copy of The Journal of yesterday and started out immediately on the search. Mr. Raffles was scheduled to call at the drug store this morning and wasted no time in going there.

I live at 123 Twelfth street, and for the past month and a half have worked at the Ice cream parlor at Council Crest. Usually in the morning I call at the postoffice for mail from my home folks at Lamott, Iowa. This morning I followed my usual custom and crossing from Washington street to Morrison, walked down that thoroughfare to the postoffice.

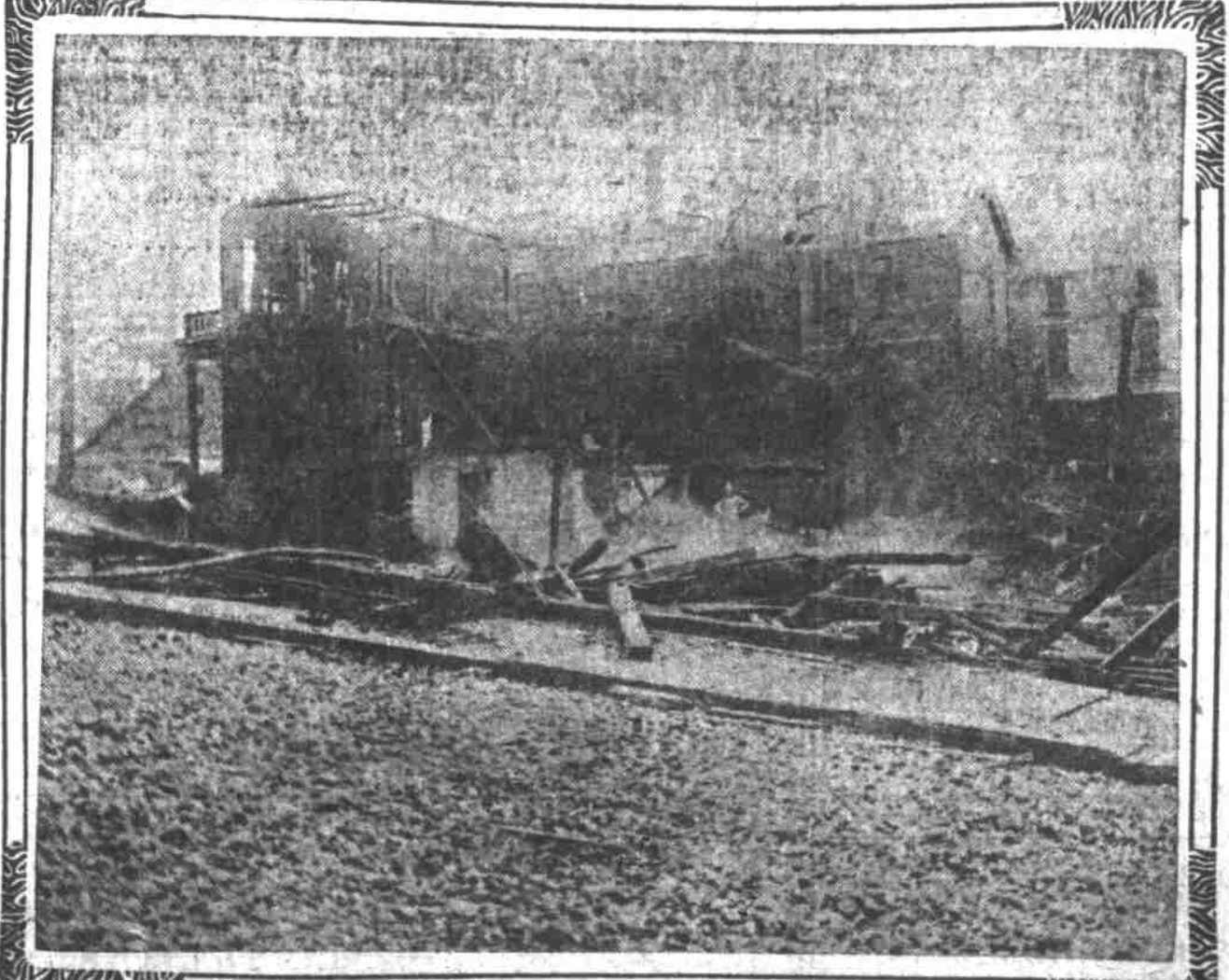
When I came out of the postoffice building at the Morrison street entrance I noticed a rough looking man walking down the street toward the river. When I neared him I knew at once that he was disguised.

Knew He Was Disguised.

I have worked as cashier in several barber shops and around such places and it is not usually difficult for me to pick out a false beard. I suppose the intuition of a woman told me it was Mr. Raffles, so I followed.

The bearded stranger led me a merry walk down Morrison street to Fourth street. He then turned down Fourth street and I kept on his

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Block at Front and Montgomery Destroyed by Early Morning Fire.

WHERE TO FIND RAFFLES TODAY

Between 8 and 10 tonight at the Grand theatre. Watch the Studebaker, Raffles' special auto. New pictures of Raffles in Dufresne showcases. Merchants desiring Mr. Raffles to visit their place of business may arrange to do so by telephone. Main 7173. Raffles' advertising manager.

WHERE TO FIND RAFFLES THURSDAY

Between 1 and 3 o'clock he will visit the Washington Public Market, corner First and Washington streets. Here will be a good place to get him.

Between the hours of 3 and 5 Thursday he will visit the Morgan-Atchley company on the east side, 81-83-85 Grand avenue, corner Stark street. If captured at this place of business a \$75 Davenport will be presented to the captor in addition to the reward in gold.

Between 8 and 10 o'clock will visit at the Grand theatre Thursday night.

Between 10 and 12 o'clock Thursday night he will visit at Dreamland Dancing Academy, Corner Seventh and Oak streets; \$50 in gold for his capture here.