

SALEM MISSIONARIES WRITE OF EARTHQUAKE TERRORS IN JAPAN

Mr. and Mrs. Locke Silva left Salem on August 20 for Japan to serve as missionaries under the Free Methodist church. They boarded the steamer Taiyo Maru at San Francisco, August 23, and reached what they call "What Was Once the Harbor of Yokohama" on September 8, just eight days after the destructive earthquake. Mrs. Silva has written an interesting letter to her people here. The Statesman publishes the letter in full. It follows:

I am going to give you some inside information concerning the terrible disaster in Japan. If you will pass this on to the rest of the family, and typewrite one copy for me I will be everlastingly your debtor.

Terror Grips Passengers I will write just an account and send pictures later. On Monday last we received a radio saying that an earthquake had struck Tokio and Yokohama. Our boat is a Japanese boat and loaded with people bound for home and loved ones. Most of their people were in Tokio and Yokohama. The news came worse and worse with every message until a suppressed excitement took possession of all the steamer.

I will say that no American crowd could have maintained their morale as this Japanese crowd did. Reports finally stated that all Yokohama and all but two districts of Tokio were destroyed. Our boat put on full steam and we were ordered to be careful in the use of water. Our food was cut on some items.

Well we made such speed that we sighted land on Thursday night. Of course we didn't know how the harbor was so we anchored outside for the night. We could see lighted boats rush past and a few lights flickering on the shore line. Yesterday morning we steamed into harbor and weighed anchor out in the bay. A small boat came out and began a long talk in Japanese. Oh! if you could have seen those men; so tired, thin and worn looking. First they said Oh! it is awful, awful! People crowded around to ask for their loved ones, but they said every one has lost all. Then an official of the TKK line came on board. Oh! how they crowded around him. He said their water supply was done. After the first quake he said at least a thousand fires were going in 15 minutes. Food was all burned and he had had rice and pickles and a little muddy water for three days. Finally he said:

"Now your cabin and other boys must go ashore to find any of their people who may be alive. You may help most by just contenting yourselves until the boys get back again."

Refugees Come to Ship Soon we could see the boys getting ready. Each took a bottle of water and some bread or rice cakes. The saddest face of all was our bath boy. They were loaded on and taken in to shore. Then refugees began to come on. They say bodies lay on the street like cord-wood. Oh! it is awful! Along about dusk another boat came. Some of our boys were coming back. Up the steps came our bath boy. His face literally shone. With him were his wife and baby girl 3 1/2 years old.

How happy they were! We all crowded around to see them. Worn out with sleeping in a park for two days and nights without food, they did enjoy their cabin. He had wandered all over Yokohama and found them on a boat of the TKK company. Another man found his wife and two children without food or water for five days. Oh! words fail to tell the horror of it all. Not a single building is standing in all the city. The people were literally crushed to death in the buildings. One refugee told Miss Hessler that she saw people so terribly mangled that they were pleading to be killed. One little boy was brought on today. He is quite sick from exposure and fright. His folks were not with him at the time of the shock, and so were separated for three days and nights. He wandered alone among those awful sights. He will recover they think.

Property All Gone Another cabin boy went to look for his wife and little boy. As he walked down the street he met his boy and later found his wife. Even where they find relatives every thing they owned is gone. But many are returning to say that whole families are wiped out. A steady stream of refugees are being put on our ship. Oh! such sights. They drop asleep where they land. Babies strapped on mother's backs look so worn and dirty. We have postcards with bright pictures at the top of our menus and we had saved a heap of them. I let Bobby take them up and give them to the children. Many of the parents came to me and bowed and bowed as though they would never stop. When all cards were gone Bobbie clapped

his hands and then turned a somersault. How they did laugh at that.

As I sit here I can see the fires which glow all night. The smoke and stench are fearful. They cord the bodies up and then burn them by heaps. No real relief is being brought to this place because they say they cannot live here on account of the bodies which they cannot get from the wreckage. They have absolutely nothing to stay for and so they are sending them to other places. We will take about two thousand with us to a place beyond here. No one can realize unless it is seen. Corpses float by in the harbor and such sights as they are. We are unable to imagine what it all is.

We passed fortifications in absolute ruins as we entered the harbor. Shells of stone buildings are outlined against the sky. We got our own orders from the kitchen this noon because the boys are on the shore. They say Tokio is much worse. We can smell the stench of the dead when the wind blows from Tokio 25 miles away. Boats are lying at anchor all around, and search lights play continually. The looting is going on, of course, but there is little loot for even metal was melted.

Safes Are Opened United States sailors are prying open the bank safes and say a few papers are left. All government records of all the empire have been destroyed. Japan will be a long time recovering from this awful blow. I shall send pictures as soon as possible. The awful sights I won't take and shore pictures are unobtainable, because women are not allowed on shore, and Locke didn't go. The company would not guarantee to get them back onto the ship, so I asked him not to go. I really don't see that it does any good to see those terrible things. They estimate about five or six thousand are alive out of all Yokohama. Think of it! I wish you could see these people as they come on board. I am keeping Bobbie away from them as much as possible. They are so tired that they are little trouble. We women sewed all day for them. I didn't do so much because of Bobbie. It takes us both to keep him amused enough to stay by himself. He loves every baby that comes on ship and doesn't see why he cannot play with them. Stories keep pouring in and each is a little worse than the last. I am so glad that our missionaries are safe. We know that the station is O. K. so far. The heat is very intense all day but nights are clear and cool.

Bodies Are Burned The smoke from the burning bodies makes any deck undesirable. I guess I have rambled around but we jump up to see a load of refugees, and then see so much we can't put it into words. No one can ever imagine what it is like. Those who go ashore say people beg for a drop of water from their flasks. They can't identify many and some will never know the truth about their relatives. All household goods are gone. This winter will be an awful one for the people of Japan. A plague will surely follow this awful condition. And no one can estimate the suffering ahead of them all. We are so wrapped up in these awful sights that sleep seems almost impossible. It is a very peculiar trip I must say. We had planned our trip to Tokio but no one is allowed to go without some special errand. I guess I could write for ever but I must quit for now at least. Please excuse and correct errors as I am too excited to be responsible. You will get a great deal in the papers but I thought a little of sidelights would be interesting. Bobbie is asleep and Locke is going to come and go to bed so that I can go up on deck and over the halls a little while. We want to see all there is to see, for this is a thing not seen before. I do wish you could all be here and see things we see for I just cannot tell it on paper. The fact that we cannot talk to them without an interpreter is also queer. The whole air is full of a mysterious terror and horror. All seems so weird and awful. Yokohama and Tokio, Sodom and Gomorrhah.

We are hurriedly preparing to go ashore at Kobe. We expect to leave this boat there and try for another as they go back to Yokohama to get more refugees. The fifth on board is indescribable and we must get some other boat. All are well and safe.

A postscript adds this information: Kobe, Japan, Sept. 13, 1923. Dear Folks: Reached here O. K., transferred to French mail line. All well. Leave here tonight at 12 o'clock. Locke Silva.

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Over 30 friends and old neighbors from York, Neb., the former home of the Sorrells, were invited to spend the evening together. The time passed very pleasantly among the old friends, who had many reminiscences to relate of former days. Among the guests for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Swartz, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hokum, Mrs. Maddon and Mr. Sutter, all of Tacoma; Mrs. Charlotte Williams of Hood River, Miss Mary Pierce and Miss Johnson of Portland. Salem guests were Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Ingrey and daughter Helen, and a nephew, Mr. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ingrey, Mr. J. D. White, Miss Edith White, Mr. and Mrs. Ray White, Mr. Frank White, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Henderson and little daughter, Miss Francis, Mrs. Ida I. Miles, Miss Gussie Niles, Mr. Draper and daughter Ruth, and son Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Priy, Miss Faith Priy, Mr. and Mrs. Estey Brosius, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Zimmerman, Mrs. Heisler and sister, Miss Rogers.

Around the supper table with a small group of friends at The Spa on Tuesday night, Miss Kathleen Walsh of Salem announced her engagement to Edward Cleary of Cavalier, N. D. By following the instructions of the kittens on the clever little cards, bearing the message: "Untie this little tag and let the cat out of the bag," the secret was revealed by small snapshots of the young couple.

Miss Walsh is a member of the class of '25 and is also a member of the Chrestomathean Literary society at Willamette university.

Covers were laid for 21. The guests were as follows: Miss Frances Parker, Silverton; Miss Helen Hanna, Miss Frances Richards, dean of women of Willamette university; Miss Faye Sparks, Miss Ruth Ross, Miss Neva Cooley, Miss Eith Hop Lee, Miss Irene Burg, Miss Elizabeth McClure, Miss Helen Gatlke, Miss Josephine Bros, Miss Honor Zell, Mrs. E. Biniger, Mrs. J. Caplinger, Mrs. G. Shunaman, Dr. Mary C. Rowland, Mrs. H. Hintzer, Mrs. A. Bowling, Mrs. Edward Lowder and Mrs. William Walsh.

Miss Walsh is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Walsh. She is a graduate of Salem high school, class 1921, a junior at Willamette university and a member of the Chrestomathean Literary society.

Edward Cleary is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Cleary, Cavalier, N. D. He is a Salem high graduate and at present is with Hunt Brothers.

The number of acquaintance affairs given to the new students on the Willamette university campus during the opening of registration has had a bracing effect upon the freshman, especially. New acquaintances and the beginnings of long friendships are offering themselves as a panacea to the inevitable attack of nostalgia. Already the hearty "hello" is heard among the students on the campus.

During the first week of school the YWCA was hostess to the new girls at a series of afternoon acquaintance teas.

Saturday night the annual YW and YMCA reception to the new members of the faculty and students was given on the campus. The second floor of Waller hall was transformed into a bower of autumnal foliage, and streamers of cardinal and gold, the school colors, to serve as a reception room for the guests. The adjoining society rooms were made into attractive dining rooms where refreshments in the form of ices and cookies were served.

In the receiving line were Miss Jennison, Mr. Oliver, Miss Palmerton, Mr. Patton, Dr. Doney, Miss Richards, Dean and Mrs. Alden, Mrs. Dodd, Professor Harding, Professor Laughlin, Miss Hanna, and Professor Detling.

Another acquaintance affair will be the junior tea on Saturday at which the junior girls will be hostess to the girls of the freshman class. This is an annual event planned to give the girls of

the two classes a better opportunity to know each other.

The list of new pledges from the Willamette university campus are as follows: Sigma Tau, Dee Robertson and Paul Poling; Phi Kappa Pi, Frank Beer, Hubbard, Or.; Henry Moore, Woodburn; Rolland Curry, Spokane; Fern Kelley, La Grande, and Robert Goetz, Silverton, Alpha Psi Delta, Lural Burger and Edwin Crowthers; Phi Kappa Pi, Elwin Crawford, Salem; Epalton Delta Nu, Herbert Lucombe, Boise; Walter Illiff, Chemawa; Jim Locks, Clatskanie, and Paul Johnson, Salem; Alpha Phi Alpha, Esther Leining, '25; Kappa Gamma Rho, Aubrey Fletcher of Gooding, Idaho, and Glenn Stoneman of Hillyard, Wash.

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