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TERRIBLE TREMLOR DESTROYS A THOUSAND HUMAN LIVES

WHOLE CITY WRECKED

Great Earthquake in Central America, Exacts Toll of Life and Property.

City of Cartago, Capital of Costa Rica, Laid in Ruins by Mighty Quake and It is Estimated That 1000 People Perished in Disaster—400 Bodies Have Been Recovered—Feared That Two Other Nearby Towns Have Been Destroyed—Volcano Threatens Eruption—People Flee for Their Lives.

San Jose, Costa Rica, May 6.—A message this afternoon says that 400 dead have been taken from the ruins of Cartago and it is estimated that fully 1000 were killed in the quake. The whole city is practically a heap of ruins. Appeals for aid have been sent broadcast. The volcano Irazu, which destroyed Cartago in 1852, is showing signs of an impending eruption. Survivors are in a panic and are fleeing for their lives.

Managua, May 6.—Refugees, struggling into San Jose today declare that fully 500 were killed and as many hurt in the earthquake which wrecked Cartago, the capital of Costa Rica. They declare the city is in a state of chaos. The first heavy shock was followed by lighter ones. The best resident section and business also were demolished by the first quake. Soldiers are patrolling the city and the bodies are being hastily buried to prevent pestilence. Survivors are rescuing those caught under the wreckage.

The first shock lasted several minutes, the movement apparently from the north to the south. It occurred at dusk at the close of a sultry day. Most of the damage was done then, and people were buried in their homes. Subsequent tremors twisted the shaken ruins, making the rescue of the buried almost impossible. Telegraph and telephone wires went down and the world didn't know of the catastrophe till yesterday when a straggler came into San Jose. Organized relief is en route. It is known outside help is needed. The property loss is enormous. Wires are still down.

Ferred Other Towns Suffered. It is feared the towns of Paraiso, eight miles from Cartago, and Orelli 20 miles away, have been destroyed. An effort is being made to ascertain whether the party of Americans visiting Weldon Hotel at Cartago escaped.

Black smoke is issuing from Irazu, and a rumbling is heard in the mountains.

Red Cross Cables Aid. Washington, May 6.—The American Red Cross cabled to Consul Lee at San Jose, \$5,000 for the relief of Cartago sufferers. The Red Cross appeals to state organizations for help.

Quakes Felt in California. Hanford, Calif., May 6.—A sharp earthquake shock was felt here this morning at 8:42 which lasted three seconds. Vibrations were from the southeast to the northwest. There was no damage other than the dislodgement of a few chimneys.

Kern City, Calif., May 6.—A series of light quakes beginning at 8:41 were felt this morning. No damage was done.

Sacramento, Calif., May 6.—A slight quake was felt here today. Reports from the interior of the state indicate it was felt in a wide area. It is believed it was caused primarily by the Central American tremor.

Fresno, May 6.—A slight earth-

WIT AND HUMOR ON CENSUS BLANKS

Washington, D. C., May 6.—Jokesmiths who sprinkled samples of their wit over census blanks are going to hear from the government. Enumerators will demand an answer of information instead of jokes. In cases of children less than two years old, the jokers solemnly recorded the language spoken as "Da Da Num, Bottle Talk, Howl language." One family answered to this question that the language was "Father talks shop, mother hot air, son horses, daughter much, and baby baby talk."

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All Americans Safe. Washington, May 6.—A dispatch received this afternoon says all Americans in Cartago are safe.

ILLINOIS DEMOCRAT WILL BE INDICTED FOR BRIBERY

Chicago, May 6.—One indictment will be returned against a democratic member of the Illinois legislature by the grand jury investigating the charges of bribery in connection with the election of Senator Lorimer, according to District Attorney Wayman. Other indictments charging conspiracy will be returned later, it is intimated.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY STUDENTS VIEW COMET

Forest Grove, Ore., May 6.—Halley's comet was seen this morning by Professors and students of astronomy of the Pacific university. They viewed the comet through a small two-inch glass and also with the naked eye at 3 o'clock. The tail appeared five or six degrees long. The comet was visible till 3:50 when twilight faded it.

200 MINERS PERISH IN GREAT DISASTER

50 WHITES AND 100 NEGROES BURIED ALIVE

Miners Entombed in Shaft No. 3 of Palos Mine Near Birmingham, Alabama—Rescuers Enter Mine and Find Dead Bodies—No Help for Any.

Birmingham, Ala., May 6.—State and government officials today took oxygen helmets into mine 3 of the Palos mine, where 200 miners were entombed by an explosion yesterday. They went into the shaft several hundred feet and found several bodies. It is believed all of the miners are dead. No attempt has been made to rescue the bodies. Fifty of the entombed men were white, and the rest negroes.

Terrific Explosion.

Birmingham, Ala., May 6.—Forty-five white men and between 130 and 140 negroes were entombed in number three coal mines at Palos last night as the result of a terrific explosion which occurred there yesterday morning. It is believed all are dead.

Palos is 40 miles west of Birmingham and the mines are owned by the Palos Coal and Coke company of this city.

The flames shot 200 feet into the air from the mouth of the slope when the explosion occurred and the shock was felt for miles. Timbers from the slope were buried several hundred feet from its mouth. Rocks from the roof caved in and made access to the mine very difficult. The fan machinery was badly damaged, but air was pumped into the mine last night in the hope some of the men are still alive.

Local residents did what they could but relief work was not started in earnest until the special train from Birmingham arrived in Palos, shortly after 4 o'clock with four physicians, four undertakers and a number of special helpers.

The first rescuers, who went into the mine after the explosion were overcome by fire damp and had to be carried out. J. J. Rutledge, mine expert of the geological survey, was among the first to enter and after working his way 1400 feet down the slope found the second right entry caved in. The two bodies recovered last night were in the main slope.

WANT STATE TO HAVE POWER TO MAKE GOOD ROADS

Portland, May 6.—Preparations are being made today to circulate the initiative petition before the voters of the state for the passage of a law giving the state power to issue bonds for the construction of good roads following a meeting of the state good roads convention in Portland during the Rose Festival. It is expected that representatives of the entire state will be present.

Trailing Robbers.

Long Beach, Cal., May 5.—Southern Pacific detectives on the trail of the bandits who held up and robbed the China-Japan mail train near Benicia, April 16, came here today in search of the criminals. One of the detectives brought with him a necktie and a portion of an under garment dropped by the robbers. Both bore the laundry mark "825 M" and the detective made the rounds of the laundries to learn if it could be identified, but none of the laundries could identify it. The detectives left tonight.

JUDGE STEPHEN A. LOWELL.



JUDGE LOWELL SUGGESTS CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS PROBLEM OF COUNTY DIVISION

The following letter from Judge S. A. Lowell to the East Oregonian is self explanatory: Pendleton, Ore., May 6, 1910.

To the Editor: Permit me a suggestion in the matter of the proposed division of Umatilla county. It seems apparent that the problem must be met, and it is a subject upon which every thinking citizen entertains some opinion.

Will it not be best to grasp the situation early, and endeavor to thrash it out from a standpoint of public interest before the conflict renews its bitterness of earlier years. There are probably two sides to the question, and possibly if division must come some adjustment as to lines can be reached so that the long dispute may be ended.

Some men oppose any division whatever. Others insist upon division at any cost. The most would regret county new possessions because of its wealth, area, fertility and population, and because they believe that a fair analysis of the conditions will demonstrate that division is unwise from both public and economic standpoints.

I take the liberty, therefore, to suggest that a public meeting be called at once at some central point, say Athena or Weston, and that the whole question be there discussed and if possible settled in some manner. The extremists upon both sides will control the situation otherwise, and there will probably be thus precipitated another era of feeling and suspicion, which certainly all ought to desire avoided.

The County Court might properly take the initiative in calling such a meeting. Respectfully, STEPHEN A. LOWELL.

MOVEMENT ON TO SECURE AN ENDOWMENT FOR THE ACADEMY

At the weekly luncheon of the board of managers today a move to raise an endowment for the maintenance of Pendleton academy was launched. The action was taken after the affairs of the academy had been discussed by G. M. Rice, Dr. C. J. Smith and J. V. Tallman, all members of the academy trustees, and by Dr. W. H. Bleakney, head of the institution. At this time the full plans for the raising of the endowment have not been worked out. At the meeting today a committee composed of Judge S. A. Lowell, E. J. Murphy and Leon Cohen was named to act with the trustees of the academy in working out plans for securing the money.

Another topic of interest at the session today was that pertaining to ways and means of dealing with the "Orchard" county boosters. The subject was discussed by Judge Lowell, who was a guest of the managers at the luncheon, and by others. It was decided to leave the matter for the present in the hands of the committee on public policy and it is probable that some action will be taken looking to a conference with the new county leaders in reference to the matter.

At the meeting today the resignation of A. L. Knight as a member of the board was read and accepted. G. M. Rice was unanimously chosen as his successor and was made chairman of the committee on city interests, the post formerly held by Mr. Knight.

A committee from the ladies of the American Women's league was received today asking the co-operation of the board in the matter of securing a chapter house in Pendleton. The matter was referred to the committee on city interests.

By motion the board thanked the members of the board, the railroad officials, speakers and all others who assisted in the success of the junketing trip Wednesday. Votes of thanks

were also tendered the citizens of Walla Walla and the other towns where the delegation was entertained.

CLOSE MILLS TO KEEP UP PRICES OF SHINGLES

Seattle, May 6.—Shingle manufacturers are rapidly succeeding in the efforts to close down all mills in the state, for the purpose of keeping up prices. Manufacturers declare that nearly 80 per cent of the mills are closed at Ballard, Bellingham and Edmonds, and half of them in Everett, and the district of Grays Harbor.

HYDE PROSECUTION CAN NOT SHAKE POISON THEORY

Kansas City, May 6.—The prosecution today failed to shake the testimony of City Chemist Cross that agents might have set up the poison found in Colonel Swopes's body. The strength of the counter theory set up by the defense has decided the prosecution to recall their experts, Doctors Haines and Heekton in rebuttal.

EARTH TO PASS THROUGH TAIL END OF COMET

Berkeley, Calif., May 6.—The first authentic calculations as to the distance the comet's tail will extend past the earth when it passes on May 18 was made public today. The tail's length is estimated at 15,000,000 miles and the earth will pass through the tail 14,000,000 miles from the comet. The comet is being photographed.

Appropriation Bills.

Washington, May 6.—Sundry civil service appropriation bills were reported in the house today. The total appropriations carried are \$111,849,211. This is nearly \$18,000,000 less than the estimate made by the department calling for the funds.

DEATH MAY MAKE THRONE OF GREAT BRITAIN VACANT

FRACTIOUS MAN IS ROPED BY WOMAN

Pueblo, Col., May 6.—Announcing that he was a "ripsnortin, roarin Texas steer," a man who later gave his name as John Jones at police headquarters, terrorized the women in a residence district here this afternoon until one of them, a ranch-bred woman accorred the obstreperous "steer" proper western treatment by lassoing him with a clothes line and tying him to a water plug, where he was kept until the arrival of the police.

To Pave More Dulles Streets.

The Dalles, Ore.—This city is to have another paved street, the council having granted the petition of the property owners on Fourth street to have that street paved with bitulithic surface at its meeting Tuesday night. A sufficient number of property owners on the street having signed a petition asking that the street be paved, the council authorized the city engineer to prepare estimates of cost and the city recorder to levy the assessment to raise the funds with which to meet the expense of paving. The petition calls for paving the street for a distance of 2600 feet.

CONTRACTS LET FOR TWO BIG BRIDGES

STEEL STRUCTURE WILL SPAN UMATILLA RIVER

A. E. Eberhart Again Puts in Lowest Bid for Bridges to be Built by County—One Located at Umatilla and One at Hermiston.

Contracts for the construction of the two big steel bridges across the Umatilla river at Hermiston and at Umatilla were let by the county court this afternoon. A. E. Eberhart, representing the Atlas Bridge company will build both structures, the price of the former being \$5,000 and that of the latter \$7,000. There were five bids and all were close, the winning bid being but \$215 under the next lowest.

DID TAFT'S GOLF GAMES INTERFERE WITH JUSTICE?

Washington, May 6.—The statement, dangerously near a charge that President Taft hadn't time to consider the case of Glavis, because of his program of golf tournaments, speeches, etc., at Beverly, was the feature of Ballinger's cross-examination today. Brandeis developed the fact that Taft, during the week Ballinger called at Beverly to answer the charges made by Glavis, was busy playing golf, preparing to deliver a speech at Boston and also preparing to swing around the circle.

NORTH WOULD ADMIT 35 CONDEMNED HINDOOS

San Francisco, May 6.—Following the deportation of 35 Hindoos, it is declared that Commissioner of Immigration North has been censured by the department of commerce and labor. North admits he received a letter but denies it censured him. It is said Inspector Ainsworth, his assistant, appealed to Washington over North's head when North decided to admit them despite the fact that the Hindoos were declared unfit physically by the inspectors.

COLONEL ROOSEVELT IS GIVEN PH. D. DEGREE

Christiana, May 6.—Colonel Roosevelt today was given the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by the University of Norway. He spent a quiet day of rest, most of the entertainment plans being omitted. He passed the time with the king, whom he likes extremely.

Distinguished Admiral Dies.

Santa Barbara, May 6.—Rear Admiral Rowman H. McCalla, famed for his Spanish-American war exploits, died in this city today of apoplexy, aged 66. He retired from active service in June, 1906. He entered the navy in 1851. The admiral had been decorated by congress and foreign countries. His last active service was as commandant of the Mare Island navy yard.

New Regulations.

Victoria, B. C., May 5.—New regulations governing the acquisition of crown lands will shortly be placed in force by the provincial government. It was said today. Public lands for sale or pre-emption will be confined to those already surveyed. Hitherto any lands could be staked out and purchased or preempted, a government surveyor subsequently confirming the private survey.

EDWARD CRITICALLY ILL

Doctors Entertain Grave Fears For Life of Monarch of British Empire.

All England Alarmed at Condition of King Edward VII—Suffering From Pneumonia—People Entertain No Hope for Recovery—Physicians Issue Bulletins Which Cause Widespread Alarm—English and American Stocks are Affected by News.

King is Unconscious.

Ottawa, Ont., May 8.—The king became unconscious this evening, according to reports received by the Canadian News. The agency quotes the cabinet minister as expressing the belief that the king will not survive the night.

London, May 6.—Edward's illness has already developed into double pneumonia according to the highest authority.

London, May 6.—People are afraid that King Edward will have pneumonia. A bulletin issued by his physicians says "We have grave fears." The inflammation in the bronchial tube is extending and a widespread alarm is over the nation. It is generally feared he will die. The illness of the king will undoubtedly prevent his meeting with Roosevelt.

Doctors Powell, Lakin and Reid have issued the following bulletin: "The king had a quiet night but his symptoms are unimproved. Condition gives rise to grave anxiety." It is known the doctors fear pneumonia may develop, owing to the king's age, 66, and in his weakened condition that he may die. The general feeling is that the king's chances for recovery are slight. The churches are offering prayers for his recovery. Tan bark and sawdust covers the approaches to Buckingham palace so the king may enjoy quietness. Queen Alexandra is at his bedside almost worn out by lack of sleep.

Stocks Under Pressure.

London, May 6.—There is widespread alarm over the king's illness and the weakened stock market today. Cash consols, consols for accounts and other funds declined rapidly. American stocks are under pressure, particularly railroad stocks.

New York, N. Y., May 6.—The entire list of market securities were under pressure when the stock market opened today as a result of King Edward's sickness. Standard stocks are off from a half to two points.

London, May 6.—The king's symptoms are worse this evening. His condition is critical. Spasmodic contractions of the neck muscles endanger the blood vessels.

POSSE IS SEARCHING FOR INDIAN MURDERER

Lake Port, Cal., May 6.—Armed posses are scouring Scott's valley for the Indian who shot and killed Sheriff George Kemp when he was trying to arrest the Indian for an alleged theft. The Indian is accompanied by half a dozen Indian friends who are armed. The owner of the saddle the Indian is accused of stealing witnessed the shooting. A battle is anticipated. Kemp was 35 years of age and is survived by a widow and several children.

Scarlet Fever in Portland.

Portland, May 6.—A scarlet fever epidemic has broken out here. The board of health ordered a strict six weeks' quarantine wherever the disease shows. Schools were closely inspected to prevent the spread among the school children.

TACOMA WILL HAVE CENSUS CARNIVAL

Tacoma, Wn., May 6.—Mayor Everett today issued a proclamation for a public census carnival on the down town streets tomorrow night when the government count closes. Four brassbands, the state militia and a thousand volunteer enumerators will aid. After the parade, those uncounted are to be rounded up and counted.