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FIVE VILLAGES DESTROYED BY EARTHQUAKE AND TIDAL WAVE

HUNDREDS ARE KILLED ON ISLAND OF TAAI

Volcanic Eruption Followed by Disastrous Earth and Sea Convulsions—Many Smothered With Ashes.

Latest Estimates Place Number of Dead at Upwards of Six Hundred—Vegetation on Island Practically Destroyed and Starvation Faces Survivors of Terrible Catastrophe—Relief Being Sent to Larger of Stricken Villages—Twelve Foot Wave Sweeps Island and Those who Had Not Fled to Higher Ground Perish—Most of Dead Are Natives—No Americans Lose Their Lives.

Manila, P. I., Jan. 31.—The villages of Tallay, Tanauan, Calamba, Lemery and Taal have been destroyed by an earthquake and tidal wave, following the eruption of the volcano Taal, according to reports reaching here today. It is estimated that six hundred, mostly natives, have perished. Vegetation on the island has practically been destroyed. Relief has been sent to the larger villages.

that 21 were suffocated and five fatally burned. The organized relief expedition now has charge of the situation. A majority of the inhabitants fled or were driven to safety on Friday and Saturday. Five villages were obliterated and three partially destroyed by a 12 foot wave which followed the early shocks. Coincident with this a superheated blast from the volcano practically cremated those who escaped drowning. Lemery and Taal are believed to have been destroyed. Many members of the constabulary were prostrated while attempting to rescue natives. Many deep fissures have opened on the north shore and preliminary soundings indicate that the lake bottom is sinking. The volcano is mildly active and earth shocks continue frequently.

Reports Confirmed. Manila, Jan. 31.—Latest government reports confirm the previous reports that 600 persons were killed by the earthquake and eruption of Mount Taal. No Americans are among the number. It is impossible to estimate how many natives on the west shore were buried in the ashes but it is known

MINERS BURIED IN AVALANCHE OF SNOW

Salt Lake, Utah, Jan. 31.—Three men are known to be dead and an unconfirmed report says that twelve more were killed when an avalanche of snow and rock struck the shaft of the Utah Coalition mine at Park City today. Rescuers began work at once. The number working in the shaft which is covered several hundred feet deep, is unknown.

CHAUNCEY DEPEW TO BE SACRIFICED BY PARTY

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 31.—Chanucey Depew, the republican senior senator from New York is to be sacrificed to beat William Sheehan, the choice of the democratic caucus for senator, if plans sprung today following a midnight republican caucus, are carried out. It is said Depew will be dropped in favor of some independent democrat who can command his party and the insurgents. John Mitchell, president of the board of aldermen is mentioned prominently.

DEADLOCK UNBROKEN.

New York, Jan. 31.—The senatorial deadlock remained unbroken today.

CHAMP REFUSES TO DISCUSS PARTY RUPTURE

Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.—Champ Clark today refused to comment concerning the division in the democratic ranks over the house tariff commission bill which passed at midnight. Clark and 32 other democrats supported and 91 voted against. The dissenting democrats are charging the Missouri congressman with flirting with Payne and other high protectionists. The insurgents voted solidly for the bill.

ABUSE OF YOUNG GIRLS AT REFORM SCHOOL CHARGED

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 31.—A bill was introduced in the senate today looking for the immediate investigation of the state training school at Centralia. It is alleged a number of young girls have been treated to indignities and abused. The fight is being led by the Centralia Chronicle.

DEMAND PACIFIC NAVAL INCREASE

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 31.—Washington proposes, through its legislature, to make a forcible demand on the federal government for more naval forces on the Pacific coast. A memorial introduced by Representative Cannon, directs a request to Taft and asks the cooperation of Oregon, California, Idaho, Montana, and other western states in the demand.

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NEW MEXICAN BANDITS CAPTURED BY OFFICERS

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"I AM PROGRESSIVE," SAYS ROOSEVELT

Jersey City, N. J., Jan. 31.—"I am a progressive. I could not be anything else for a progressive is one who really believes in the people," is the message which Roosevelt sent to the New Idea Republicans at Jersey City last night. Today the leaders are discussing the letter which the colonel sent in answer to an invitation to speak. In it Roosevelt said he was sorry he could not talk but urged the members to fight for popular government.

KELLAHER AIMS BLOW AT PORTLAND GAS CO.

Bill Would Revoke Franchise for Alleged Violations, and Seeks Regulation of Meter Charges. Salem, Ore., Jan. 31.—Senator Dan Kellaher is on the trail of the Portland Gas & Coke Co. Today he introduced a bill to revoke the gas corporation franchise which was granted to H. D. Green in 1859. "This franchise has been violated repeatedly," said Kellaher in an interview, "because of transfers from one hand to another without securing consent to transfers from the state, which granted it. Now it has passed into the hands of the Standard Oil company. "Now, we want to regulate this gas company in such matters as its rates and perpetual meter charges. Two years ago a bill to reform the rates was killed by the legislature. I think we should revoke the franchise and allow reduction by the city council or by a city public service commission." The Kellaher bill simply revokes the gas franchise on the ground it has been violated. Kellaher says there will be no effort so far as he is concerned to secure regulation by the legislature, leaving that entirely to the city if the franchise is cancelled.

GIVERS AND TAKERS OF TIPS TO SUFFER

LEGISLATOR FRAMING BILL TO PUT AN END TO EVIL

Peterson's Bill for Abolition of Capital Punishment Indefinitely Postponed—Speaker Rusk Called a Czar. Salem, Ore., Jan. 31.—Dimick's eight-hour bill passed the senate this afternoon.

YOUNG WOMAN SAYS FAST RESTORES HER VISION

McKeesport, Pa., Jan. 31.—Insisting that her sight is partly restored and that she can distinguish the figures of persons and that full vision will return, Miss Margaret Shipley, aged 25, and blind since her birth today is recovering from an eight days fast, and five days trance which she self conducted, declaring a message from heaven told her to do. The woman's case is attracting widespread attention among physicians.

MEXICAN GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE HARBORS

Mexico City, Jan. 31.—President Diaz today approved an appropriation of \$10,000,000 for the improvement of Mexican harbors along the gulf and Pacific coasts.

LARGER FLEET ON COAST IS REQUESTED

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 31.—A larger Pacific coast fleet and fortification of the Panama canal is asked in a resolution adopted today by the state assembly. A request will be sent to congress immediately.

ARCHBISHOP RYAN'S CONDITION IMPROVED

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 30.—The condition of Archbishop Ryan, reported to be dying of heart trouble, is improved today.

Norway Minister Sails

New York, Jan. 31.—The United States minister to Norway and Mrs. H. H. D. Pierce sailed today for Christiania. They have been spending several months at Washington.

RELAX MEXICAN CENSORSHIP

Federal Authorities Exhibit Telegrams Denying Reports of Rebel Victories.

DECLARES INSURRECTOS ARE ALMOST ANNIHILATED

Private Letters Give Out Contradictory Reports—Arrival of Mexican Regulars Gives Lie to Published Telegrams—Believed That Federal Troops Marched Into Trap.

Douglas, Ariz., Jan. 31.—The Mexican officials along the border relaxed their censorship last night and showed press correspondents telegrams which not only denied all reports of insurrecto successes but declared that the rebel forces in Sonora had been practically annihilated and their principal leader, Severiano Talmantes, a former government commander, killed.

At the same time letters from Moctezuma to a mine company official here gave information of exactly the opposite tenor, while the hurried arrival of more Mexican regulars at Agua Prieta last night would indicate there still exists lively apprehension of a rebel attack at that point.

The first telegram shown the correspondents was from General Torres, commander of the military district of Sonora, to Latoria Vasquez, commissario at Agua Prieta. According to this message the 250 men under Jefe Chiapas, of Moctezuma, formed a junction with federal regulars dispatched up the Yaqui at Tonichi. Thence the combined forces marched upon Sahuaripa, the town recently captured by Talmantes, and engaged 500 rebels in battle. In the desperate engagement that followed Talmantes was killed and his command completely routed, while the federal loss was one killed and four wounded.

The version of the battle received in a letter today by a mining official has the government troops practically annihilated and Colonel Ojida, commander of the combined forces, fleeing for his life.

According to this version, Ojida and Chiapas dispatched scouts to Sahuaripa and these finding the town apparently deserted caused the government troops to march straight into a trap. When the federals entered the apparently deserted town every window and every roof spat forth bullets fired by hidden rebels, and the hapless federals were slaughtered. Chiapas' horse was shot dead and it is not known whether he was captured, killed or is now hiding; while Ojida's horse bolted and unchecked, fled with him out of the shower of death-dealing lead.

A message from Governor Cullillas to Vasquez confirms the statements of General Torres, and adds: "Purchase no more arms in Douglas. It is not necessary, since all the rebels to the number of 500, surrendered in Sahuaripa, with all arms, horses, cartridges and money."

The report that Colonel Kosterlisky had been killed or wounded is not true. Telegrams were received here from him today.

Battle Reported.

Mexico City, Jan. 30.—A battle between federals and revolutionists in the streets of Sahuaripa is reported in special dispatches from Moctezuma, Sonora, to have occurred January 25. Colonel Ojida, commander of the regulars, and Severiano Talmantes, leader of the rebels, are said to have been killed.

No details of the fight were given further than the troops occupied the town.

Abandon Camp.

El Centro, Cal., Jan. 31.—The insurgent band which withdrew from Mexical yesterday after having levied \$2000 tribute upon the merchants and other citizens of the place, are preparing tonight to abandon the camp they had pitched upon the ranch of the Mexican Land & Cattle company, again occupy the border town. The Mexican custom house and municipal officials declare they will fight before surrendering this place.

There was more or less serious rioting in Mexical today following the departure of the rebel band under "El General" Levya and the American socialist, Simon Berthold. Telephone messages from Tia Juana tonight state that the border town is nearly deserted by its inhabitants. All people who could get away have gone. Those who remain have sent their money and valuables to San Diego for safe keeping. The mayor, Barroque, is in command of 25 men who are patrolling the place. The messages add that while all is quiet there is much apprehension. The Mexican authorities, according to the

UMATILLA MAY LOSE HEAVILY

Proposed Change in Tax System Contains Dangerous "Nigger in Woodpile."

STATE MAY COLLECT CORPORATION TAXES

If Adopted Change Would Work Annual Loss of \$60,000 to Umatilla County in View of Judge Maloney—Would Aid Multnomah and Interior Counties.

That there is a "nigger in the woodpile" in the move that is fostered by the senate committee on taxation to have the people vote upon a general tax amendment to the constitution is the belief of local county officials. The particular Ethiopian in this case lies in the fact that the amendment if adopted may place the taxation of public service corporations directly in the hands of the state instead of with the counties as at present.

Was Voted Down.

"The amendment proposed in the senate is very similar to one of the amendments the people voted down last November," said Assessor Strain today. At the time few people realized the fact but that amendment No. 312 on the ballot, would have made it possible for the state to take the taxation of the corporations away from the counties. Such a course would work a great injustice on counties like Umatilla, that have much mileage, and it would inure to the benefit of Multnomah.

Corporations Pay Much.

To illustrate Mr. Strain's point it may be cited that at this time Umatilla county collects approximately \$90,000 per annum from public service corporations. Last year the O. R. & N. paid \$71,994; the Northern Pacific, \$10,035; the Pacific express company, \$7,50; the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, \$1438.91; the Pullman company, \$364.05; the Western Union, \$502.89; Interstate Telephone company, \$120.79; the Walla Walla Traction company, \$478; and the Pacific Light & Power company, \$3151.

Should the state instead of the county collect this money Umatilla county would suffer thereby. Of course the state taxes would be lowered as a result of the state's collecting the corporation money. But even should Umatilla county be entirely excused from payment of state taxes this county would still be loser. This year Umatilla county's total state tax amounts to only \$64,395.

Maloney Gives Warning.

"It is my opinion," said County Judge Maloney today, "that such a change in the system of taxation would mean a loss of approximately \$60,000 per year to Umatilla county. It would mean a similar loss to other counties having considerable railroad mileage as has this county. The change would work to our injury and for the benefit of counties like Multnomah and the interior counties that have little or no mileage."

To Fight Change.

Active steps towards opposing the proposed change have already been taken at the instance of Judge Maloney and others. President W. L. Thompson of the Commercial association, has written members of the Umatilla delegation calling their attention to the danger to Umatilla county lurking in the proposed measure and he has asked the senators and representatives to take notice of the same.

If the resolution is passed by the senate the matter will again be submitted to the people at the next general election. However, it is evident that the resolution, if successful, will have to overcome the opposition of delegations from Umatilla and many other counties that have much railroad mileage.

TWO RESCUERS LOSE LIVES IN HIGH WATER

San Luis Obispo, Calif., Jan. 31.—In an effort to rescue two men caught by a sudden rise in the Salinas river on a small island, Joe Robles, a Mexican, and John Porter colored, put out in a rowboat, which capsized and they were drowned.

REVOLUTIONISTS MOVE ON CAPITAL

San Juan, Del Sor, Nicaragua, Jan. 31.—General Duran with 900 revolutionists is prepared today to march on Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras. The rebels have already invaded the department of Choluteca. A second body of revolutionists is operating near Campampete and will probably join Duran.

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