

HUNDREDS DIE IN EARTHQUAKE EL SALVADOR

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tween the quake area and San Salvador.

Telephone and telegraph lines were ripped down by the quakes and information could be had only from those who fled inland from the scene.

The quake, which first struck the sleeping city of San Vicente Saturday night, crashed in buildings and shook the earth in villages nearby, eye witnesses said.

Refugees, with their families and rural roads trying to reach safety household belongings fled along from the ever menacing volcano Santa Rita, southeast of San Vicente which some refugees said was erupting.

Adding to the fears of molten lava pouring from the volcano over the wrecked city was the specter of epidemics. Much of San Vicente's supply of drinking water was poisoned by sulphur apparently exuding from the smoking volcano after the quake.

Government officials returning last night from the disaster area said the widespread wreckage was impeding rescue work and making virtually impossible any accurate estimate of the property damage and loss of life.

Among the neighboring villages damaged, according to radio reports last night, were Vera Paz, Guadalupe, Apasterpewue, Petlan, San Sebastian, San Lorenzo and Peco-luca.

A special Red Cross train, with rescuers and modern equipment, was sent from San Salvador to San Vicente. Those returning from the scene said the quake leveled all but one of the city's main buildings.

Left standing, they said, was the tower in Central park, with the hands of its clock stopped at ten minutes to ten.

The president of Salvador, Gen. Maximiliano Hernandez Martinez, entrained for the scene to assume personal charge of the rescue work. Accompanying him was Minister of the Interior Calderon.

Army and navy physicians and nurses also were sent into the devastated areas.

The first shocks of the earthquake were felt at about 10 p. m. They diminished, refugees said, but began again Sunday afternoon.

KILLED FIVE FOR 'REVENGE'



Gray-haired Martin Sullivan (center), 55-year-old Duquesne, Pa., policeman, is pictured as he was taken to jail for slaying five persons, three of them women. The district attorney said Sullivan admitted shooting the five for "revenge," and fellow officers declared the policeman blamed his victims for domestic troubles. (Associated Press Photo)

Christmas Illumination Contest Deadline Near; All Asked to Take Part

Throwing down the bars to all comers, regardless of whether they have been prize winners in former years, the Salem Ad club is hopeful of greater response to their annual Christmas illumination contest. All that is necessary to enter the contest is to clip the coupon which appears in the papers of the city, fill it out and get it in the hands of the Salem Ad club before Tuesday noon, the deadline fixed for this season's participation.

Sunday found a number of residents completing their decorative schemes and in a few instances previews were permitted motorists who drove about the city. In order that

JESSE OWENS PUTS MOM IN NEW HOME

Cleveland (U.P.)—Jesse Owens, hero of the Berlin Olympics, has bought a large home for his parents with the first money he has earned since the events.

For Cleveland and Emma Owens, Jesse's parents, the new house, of 11 rooms, represents a move into much more comfortable quarters than the humble home they had occupied.

Jesse plans to buy the furniture and all "fixings," too. "I'm really going to make 'mom' comfortable. There's about \$2,000 worth of new furniture when I get through," he grinned when announcement of the purchase was made.

The runner's sister, Luverne, and her husband and three children also will occupy the new home.

Jesse and his young wife, Minnie Ruth are "looking around" at houses too. But Jesse said they weren't sure they would buy right away.

Jesse is going to Hollywood for a time. There, radio and motion picture contracts await him, he said.

the small home owner may have an equal chance with the person who possesses a more elaborate residence, the contest is divided into two sections. A grand prize of \$10 will be awarded first place in each division.

In addition to the grand prizes there will be awards for first and second place winners in each of the six districts into which the city has been divided for purposes of competition. Firms contributing the prizes include Hog Brothers, electric toaster; Eoff Electric, electric clock; Ward's, electric lamp; George Allen, sandwich toaster; Bosler Electric, coffee maker; Salem Hardware, electric waffle iron; Sears, coffee maker; Portland General Electric, coffee service set.

PERFECT WOMAN OFFICER SOUGHT

London (U.P.)—Scotland Yard is looking for the "perfect police-woman."

The qualifications are that she must not be younger than 24, and not older than 35; single; with good teeth, eyesight, feet and complexion; not less than 5 feet 3 inches tall; good-natured, sympathetic to the "under-dog," well educated and cheerful.

An advertisement for 70 such women has already brought more than 1,000 replies.

School teachers, social workers, nurses and college graduates make the best police-women, officials declare.

HUGE AIRLINER CRASHED RIDGE IN IDAHO WILDS

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to organize a rescue party, which must go on snowshoes into the mountains and isolated country. By mid-afternoon, it was believed, the party can reach the ship.

From reports received from forest workers and others it is believed the big Lockheed Electra plane, carrying mail from St. Paul to Spokane, crashed about 5 a. m. Pacific Standard Time, Friday morning as Pilot Livermore sought in fog to return to the radio beam he was following to Spokane. He was blown off his course.

A rescue party was being organized at Kellogg, north of the ridge, to go into the isolated area on foot. All planes searching for the missing ship in the mountain country south of Calder were immediately called in by A. R. Mensing, division superintendent of Northwest Airlines.

Salt Lake City, Dec. 21—Admitting "every clue exhausted" in the week-old hunt for a lost Western Air Express plane, officials posted a \$1,000 reward and announced a new search today "on our own."

The air liner offered the reward, effective until noon January 4, for discovery of the Los Angeles-Salt Lake transport lost with five men and two women since last Tuesday.

The ship, last reported over Milford, in southwestern Utah, is sought in that vicinity and northward and in east central Nevada.

Five hundred miles northwestward, a statement by Ranger M. T. Olmstead turned to a new sector in north Idaho the hunt for Pilot Joe Livermore, Co-Pilot A. A. Hald and their northwest airlines transport, missing since 3:19 a. m. Friday.

Livermore last reported over Elk River, Idaho. The search had centered between there and Spokane. Olmstead said, however, the transport flew over the forest service station at Calder, 40 miles north of Elk River, about 4:15 a. m. Friday, then turned westward toward Spokane.

Similar reports by those other Calder residents prompted extension of the land aid air search to the region today. But Pilot Roy Shreck, saying "We combed every ridge and canyon in the Calder area," discounted the lead.

In all other respects, hopes of a

Mail Pilots Lost



The second transport plane to be lost in the rugged country of the West within a few days, a west-bound Northwest Airlines mail ship out of St. Paul was missing after it had last reported ice was forming on the wings northwest of Elk River, Idaho. It was manned only by Pilot Joe Livermore (above) and Co-pilot A. A. Hald. (Associated Press Photo)

"find" in either search diminished as one clue after another failed to develop.

MAD GRAVE DIGGER BREAKS UP STONES

Gravesend, England, (U.P.)—This is a story all about graves, even including the name of the city where the incidents took place.

Joseph Waghorn, a Gravesend Corporation grave digger, argued with his foreman over how deep a grave should be dug. Unable to convince the foreman about the proper depth, Waghorn gave an hour's notice.

An hour later he returned to the cemetery with a large hammer and engaged in a smashing party. He broke three moving machines, 12 gravestone blocks and a large number of flower pots.

As he was leaving the graveyard he hurled a flower pot at the foreman, William Lear, who successfully dodged.

MRS. MUENCH IS HELD GUILTY

St. Louis, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—Red-haired Mrs. Nellie Tipton Muench, 44 year old former society matron and sister of a state supreme court judge, and three others convicted with her in another episode of Missouri's long drawn "gift of God" baby scandal, planned their hopes today on an appeal to escape possible 25 year prison sentences.

With little show of emotion the glamorous key figure in five sensational trials within the past 14 months said sharply, "If the worst comes to the worst, I can take it."

Mrs. Muench, her husband, Dr. Ludwig O. Muench; Wilfred Jones, an attorney, and Mrs. Helen Berroyer, a friend, were found guilty of mail fraud by a federal court here Sunday. The government charged they used the mails in an effort to extort unspecified sums of money from Dr. Marsh Pittman, wealthy bachelor physician, by duping him into believing he was the father of a child Mrs. Muench claimed she had borne.

The defendants face maximum penalty of five years in prison and fines of \$1,000 on each of five counts. Federal Judge George H. Moore gave them until midweek to file a motion for a new trial.

COUNTY FAIRS IN DATE SCRAMBLE

Portland, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—Managers of county fairs scrambled for favorable dates today after the Oregon Fairs' association scheduled the state fair for September 6 to 11.

The ninth annual Oregon Fairs association convention reflected Herman H. Childgren, of Molalla, named J. T. Krueger, Portland, vice president, and Mabel H. Chadwick, Eugene, secretary-treasurer. L. H. Pearce, Coos county, N. A. Burdick, Redmond, and Mrs. Willard Herman, Harrisburg, are the new board of directors.

Multnomah, August 23 to 29; Tillamook, August 25 to 26; Lane, August 26 to 28; Clackamas, September 1 to 3; Polk, September 3 and 4; Wasco, September 24 to 26; Pacific International Livestock exposition, October 2 to 9, and the Northwest Turkey show at Oakland, Ore., December 6 to 11.

Representatives of the Pendleton Round-Up said the dates of the big western show would not conflict

with the Oregon fair. They have not yet reached a decision on the exact time.

ZIMMERMAN BUILDING
Aurora—A. J. Zimmerman is building a house on his farm in the Meridian section. It will be 24x28 feet in size and a one story building.

Yoder—Mrs. Jesse Wyland, who has been ill for several weeks at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Nora Taylor, was able to return to her Canby home the latter part of the week.

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BOYS WRECK TRUCK ASH CREEK BRIDGE

Independence — A pick-up truck in the bottom of Ash Creek at Independence, the result of an accident Thursday night about midnight, when a number of boys returning home from the basketball game at Independence, drove off the side of the bridge on Monmouth street, rolled over several times and landed up-side-down in the bottom of the creek, about 20 feet below the bridge level.

Neighbors heard the noise and after some confusion and scrambling about the wreck leaving their car behind. Bloodstains on the banister of the bridge indicated that someone was injured, and a broken steering wheel was found in the street above.

This is the second accident near that spot in the past few days and at present there is nothing to stop cars from driving off the end of pavement between the bridge and the sidewalk.

There is considerable water in the creek at this season of the year making it more hazardous.

Girl Cheer Leaders Upheld as Dignified

Albany, N. Y. (U.P.)—Cheer leading among high school girls is ladylike, dignified, expressive and modern, says Walter A. Cox, Albany's director of health education.

He assailed certain midwestern educators for "frowning upon it as undignified and unladylike."

"Girls today," Cox said, "are interested in sports and why shouldn't they lead the cheers?"

Monmouth Teachers Enjoying Vacation

Monmouth—Miss Bertha Brainerd, registrar at the Oregon Normal school, whose vacation comes when the work of her office is lightest, is visiting in Salem and in Portland. She will resume her work December 28.

Miss Henrietta Wolfer, supervisor in the Independence Training school, Miss Florence Beardsley, Miss Ruth McClure and Miss Martha Taylor, supervisors in the Monmouth Training school, and Marion Beardsley are planning a vacation trip south during the Christmas holidays. They will travel by motor as far south as Mexico City. They will return in time for the opening of the winter term.

Miss Hilda Swenson, director of the dormitories, is anticipating her first visit home in Colton, South Dakota, during the Christmas holidays.

Miss Swenson will leave Saturday, December 19, going over the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul. She will arrive at her home on Monday, December 21, and plans to return by way of the Union Pacific reaching Monmouth January 15.

NEBRASKANS VISIT
Silverton—Mrs. Hans Jensen and Annabelle accompanied their house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Roth and Harlan of Henningford, Neb., to Portland during the week for a business and social trip.

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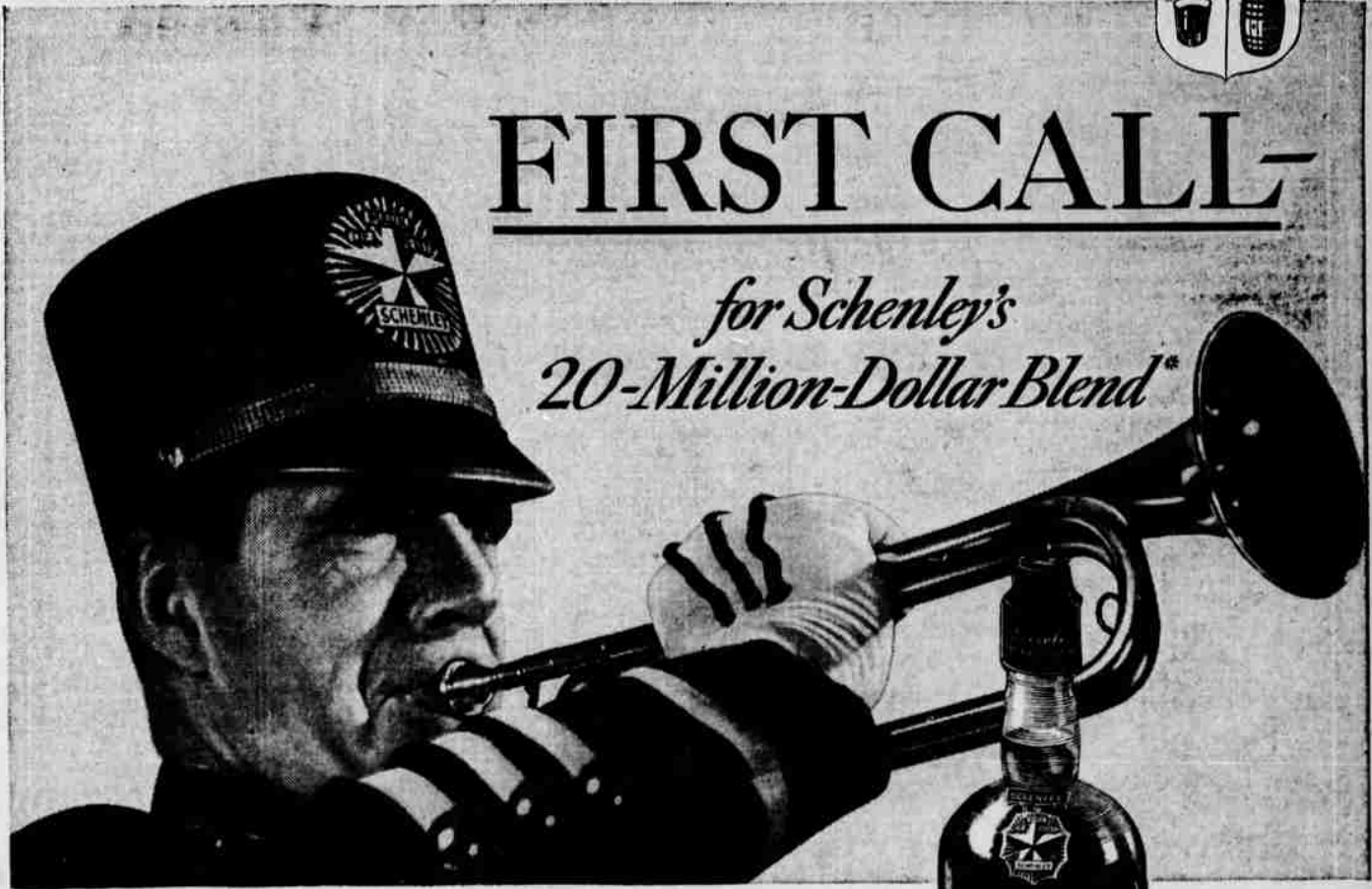
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