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The Earthquake Visitation.

ALREADY prophets are abroad who say they know the Santa Barbara district will be stricken by earthquake. A similar prediction might be made concerning almost any other central or southern California district, with fair prospect that it will sooner or later be fulfilled in degree greater or lesser. And that is not all. None of us on this Pacific slope can say with certainty that we are safely and permanently out of danger of earthquake for all time.

There was Los Angeles. At the time of the San Francisco earthquake of 1906 Los Angeles bombarded the country and the world with declarations that in southern California there never had been a severe earthquake and that in all likelihood there never would be any. Since that time Los Angeles and other southern California towns have had serious earthquakes, accompanied by heavy damage to property. California from end to end has at one time or another been shaken. We have had earthquakes in Oregon, although none has been heavy. There is no sound reason for thinking we shall not have other similar ones.

Montana has never been considered an earthquake zone until now. But the Montana shocks of the past few days have caused property damage to the amount of half a million. Those shocks extended, in lessened severity, down into Idaho, Washington and eastern Oregon. Chicago has had severe temblors. So has New York. Alaska has undergone visitations which in a district more densely built and populated would have spelled disaster of a magnitude similar to that of the present Santa Barbara earthquake. And so all over the world.

Our earth is seething with heat inside but it is gradually cooling. As it cools it contracts. The contractions are at irregular intervals accompanied by violent settlements and breakings of the earth's crust. Then we have earthquakes. There is not much to be done about it, except to meet each visitation as it arises. Nor is it worth while for any of us to worry. But when there has been an earthquake in any district it behooves the rest of the world to extend any aid that is needed, quickly and freely. It may be some other district's turn next.

The Associated Press Was There.

IT WAS a private wire—that of the Southern Pacific company—that carried to the world from Santa Barbara yesterday first news indicating the great gravity of the ruin that the earthquake had wrought. The message was sent into San Francisco by the company operator and thence transmitted broadcast over the wires for the Associated Press to the four corners of the world.

This message told how the Southern Pacific round-house had collapsed, how the company's tracks had been twisted out of shape and how other buildings had fallen in and near Santa Barbara. That was notice sufficient to every trained man in every newspaper office that the "big story" for which every news editor is always sub-consciously waiting, had broken. It gave notice to every newspaper to get ready for a strenuous day. It gave notice to all of them that it was time to get ready for a quick extra. And most of them did so.

The Associated Press, as always, proved itself equal to the occasion of a great emergency. It went after the story in the big way that the Associated Press, better than any other organization that ever has existed, knows. It rushed its own correspondents and its own operators from outlying points to Santa Barbara by fast automobiles. They were an organized force and each man of them knew what was expected of him. By mid-forenoon, notwithstanding the disorganization and chaos in the stricken city, a steady stream of dispatches was coming out by telegraph and telephone. By the time The Guard came on the street with its first extra, shortly before noon, it had a full story for its readers. In its 2 o'clock edition The Guard carried the latest developments to the full. In its final edition it cleaned up the day's news concerning the biggest story of the year to date.

The Guard sent its first extra to Springfield, to Cottage Grove, to Junction City and other surrounding points. It supplied a copy to every passenger on the southbound Shasta, which passed through Eugene at 12:10. Throughout this city, as in the other places named, the copies were bought eagerly. The Guard's street sales for the day exceeded 1900 copies.

With due modesty this newspaper feels that it may express its pride in the fact of its membership in the Associated Press, the world's greatest news-gathering organization.

The fact that the road to Oakridge is narrow and tortuous and rough need not keep anybody away from the celebration up there on the Fourth. There is the railroad. But if you do drive, drive carefully and don't hurry.

June building permits in Eugene will exceed a quarter of a million dollars. It is apparent that the momentum of our progress is not to be stayed.

The Bend Bulletin defends the oiling of macadamized highways. Betcha Editor Sawyer hasn't driven over one just oiled.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

Finer University Contacts—(Christian Science Monitor) These institutions of higher education are little more than schools for scoundrels. Hence, it is particularly gratifying to those with a regard for the truth that, in his address at the Harvard Alumni Association, Prof. Bliss Perry of Harvard University dared to make a statement so strongly to the contrary that it should challenge world-wide attention.

There Seem to be Plenty of Potential Victims



LATIN AMERICANS ARE AROUSED

Rebuke to Calles by Secretary of State Kellogg Setback to American-Mexican Relations

By CHARLES P. STEWART (NEA Service Writer) WASHINGTON, June 30.—For a secretary of state who went into office with the development of Pan-American friendship and solidarity among his mottoes, Frank B. Kellogg isn't making very satisfactory progress toward better relations between the United States and the republics to the southward.

However excellent his reasons may have been for his recent warning to President Calles against the growth of radicalism in Mexico, he hasn't endeavored himself to the rest of the Latin new world by it.

The latter's diplomatic representatives here naturally aren't saying anything for publication, but these were numerous quiet smiles among them at Calles' peremptory come-back, virtually inviting Secretary Kellogg to go hunt a warmer climate—of which there's only one more so than Washington at this season.

What makes the Calles utterance all the tamer to Latin-Americans is that there's not much Kellogg can do about it, short of measures which it's more than doubtful he'll care, or be permitted, to resort to at present.

In short, as Latin-America sees it, the secretary of state bluffed, was called, and now is in the embarrassing position of a man with only a couple of deuces to offer in evidence.

This doesn't mean that Latin-America isn't acutely aware of all the other cards this country has up her sleeve—or, rather, that she has a lawyer there to back her hand up with it she chooses to go to extremes. On the contrary, that realization is what makes Latin-Americans so sensitive. Each Latin-American republic takes more or less to itself any such call-down from Washington of a single one of their number as Secretary Kellogg handed out to President Calles.

They all understand perfectly that Mexico was the only one meant in this instance. The bulk of the people at any rate in the more southerly republics, look down on the Mexican masses as ignorant savages.

The men who make public opinion have no sympathy with radicalism. Many of them consider politicians like Calles dangerous and wouldn't mind telling him so themselves, as Latin-Americans to a Latin-American.

But they don't enjoy having a North American do it. After all's said and done, Mexico's a Latin-American republic. They, too, are Latin-American republics.

Overhearing Secretary Kellogg's plan talk to President Calles, they glance at one another and wonder, "Which of us is due for the next scolding?"

The implied answer is, "Be good and you never'll be scolded." But what supposedly free people like feeling that it must "be good" according to some stronger people's idea of goodness, to escape being scolded?

Among his fellow-North Americans Secretary Kellogg is getting much credit for "frankness" in talking to Mexico. The trouble is, what North Americans call "frankness," Latin-Americans call "frankness." Latin-Americans are apt to call "frankness" "frankness," even if the Latin-American country it's addressed to deserves it, considering that in anger all the rest—not dangerous in any military sense, but bad business.

Other nations which want Latin-America's good will, including the English, who are supposed to be pretty lenient, have better sense. England, for instance, can be mighty "frank" in telling Egypt or some pretty Hindu subject potentate "where to get off it," but where she has commercial interests at stake she knows too well which side her bread's buttered on.

And, fool ourselves as we like, she, and all the rest, are a lot more popular in Latin-America than we are. And don't make the mistake of thinking the Latin-Americans haven't learned to use their wings and feathers more efficiently, to remain in the air for longer periods of time, free from the dangerous reptiles below.

Their long lizard-like tails shortened and spread out in a feathery fan-like form to help balance them in the air. Their forelimbs developed into strong wings that enabled them to fly from tree to tree and over long distances. Their teeth became useless in their tree life and disappeared.

noticed we're not so "frank" ourselves if talking with really formidable powers.

25 Years Ago

(From The Guard of June 30, 1900) A DISPATCH from Washington says Admiral Ketchikan wires the navy department that the battleship Oregon struck a rock in Pe-Cul-Li gulf and stove holes in her side and bottom.

Floyd Vaughan has purchased Barrett's dairy, and will continue the business. Mr. Vaughan has one of the finest herds of Jersey cows in this county and will guarantee the best and purest of milk.

A small Saturday crowd in town today.

Professor H. J. Hawthorne arrived home today from Sioux Falls, N. D., where he attended the grand lodge A. O. U. W.

R. S. Bryson, accompanied by his mother, arrived at 7 p.m. Corvallis this afternoon for a visit.

H. E. Ankeny returned from attending the republican national convention at Philadelphia last night. He reports having had a splendid trip, barring a little warm weather.

Eugene has an opportunity to secure a flax fiber mill. And the people of the city are greatly interested in the subject.

A carload of lumber arrived today from Saginaw for Judge Potter's new residence on the Brown lot, just west of the Presbyterian church.

Rowell's Comment

By CHESTER H. ROWELL THIS age is committed irrevocably to science. Physically, we live by science. A modern city would starve in a week, or probably burn up in a day, if deprived of magies which our ancestors, citing Moses, would have persecuted as witchcraft.

Most of us personally are now alive by virtue of medical science. Intellectually, science guides us. The human mind has not improved appreciably for ages, but science makes its thinking a million-fold more effective.

Science is rationalizing commerce and finance, and is on the way to outlaw poverty and war. Spiritually, it has stretched our vision across ten billion stars and into the secrets of the atom. No mind has glimpsed that vision could be much inspired by a conception of God any less infinite.

If there are reactionaries who think all this progress an evil, no crusade of theirs can impose the limitations of the past on the knowledge, to live in our time the mental life of another age.

In Lighter Vein

No Piker. (Boston Transcript) Hub—My dear, how can you spend money so when you know I'm on the verge of bankruptcy?

Wife—Well, Ho, if you must go into bankruptcy, why not do it on a generous scale?

Truly Realistic. (Dorchester, Berlin) Artist—This is my last picture. "Builders at Work." It's very realistic.

Friend—But they are not at work! Artist—Yes, that's the realism!

'Twas Her Breden. (Eastern Morning News) A young bride went out one day and bought a beautiful new hat. That evening she confessed to her husband that it cost her three guineas.

"It's a sin!" said her husband. "Never mind," said she. "It will be on my own head."

Answer This, Please. (Princeton Tiger) Just why can you call a girl— A chicken but not a hen. A teeter but not a freight. A kitten but not a cat. A vision but not a sight?

Barney With an Object. (Toronto Telegram) "Why is a strong man like you found begging?" "Ah, manna, it is the only profession in which a gentleman can address

A THOUGHT I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.—John 17:4.

It is the duty of times to do what that wouldst not; thy duty, too, to leave undone what thou wouldst do.—Thomas A. Kempis.

Use your "food sense" this Summer! Eat light, nourishing, balanced foods—for instance, SHREDDED WHEAT with fruits.

Shredded Wheat

A FULL MEAL IN 2 BISCUITS

a beautiful lady without the formality of an introduction.

Financially Ill. (Szopka, Warsaw) "Did you thoroughly examine the patient I sent to you yesterday?" "Yes, scrupulously." "How long will it take you to cure him?" "I don't know. I haven't found out yet what his income is."

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A Thrill Centuries Old

Imagine the joy in General Washington's face as he clasped the congratulatory hand of General Lafayette when he heard of the complete surrender of General Cornwallis at Yorktown, 144 years ago. Imagine the flood of smiles of those colonial motes who had just sent their boys to the army! Can't you hear the signal cannon sounding off; can't you see the glow of the bonfires lighting up every hill top? That thrill will live forever.

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