

SOCORRO IS RUINED

Successive Light Shocks Shake Down Earthen Walls.

PEOPLE ARE FLEEING IN PANIC

Extinct Volcano Near the Town is Suspected of Reviving and Causing Shocks.

El Paso, Tex., July 19.—Earthquake shocks numbering between 50 and 80 have practically made a ruin of the town of Socorro, 160 miles north of this place.

E. M. Fink, a cattle buyer who came from Socorro today, declares he was sitting at dinner at the Winkler hotel on Monday, when the entire side wall of the dining room fell in, and the guests and all the waiters scattered in every direction.

There is a crater of what is thought to be an extinct volcano not more than eight miles from Socorro, and the inhabitants think that perhaps the volcano has something to do with the remarkable series of shocks.

The National railroad is sending box cars into the town to take the people away so great is their desire to leave the town.

Huge boulders have been jarred down on the track from the mountain sides, and trains have been delayed thereby.

UTAH COAL LANDS STOLEN.

Federal Agents Procuring Evidence for Prospective Suits.

Salt Lake City, July 19.—Rumors to the effect that agents of the Federal government are busy in Utah preparing to institute suits of a sensational nature for the recovery of vast areas of public domain, current here for several months, were revived today, with an additional statement that within ten days suits would be brought in the Federal court here to recover to the government more than 30,000 acres of coal lands, alleged to have been acquired by coal companies through fraudulent means.

Other coal lands are said to have been filed on as such by dummies who later transferred them to the corporations.

While these reports cannot be absolutely verified, a Federal official in this city today admitted that suits are in preparation, making the additional statement that the Federal officials entrusted with the matter had received positive instructions from Washington not to talk, but to prepare for action.

Arkansas After Trust.

Little Rock, Ark., July 19.—Suit was entered today against the five cottonseed oil mills of this city by Attorney General Rogers and Prosecuting Attorney Rhoton, charging them with being members of a combine in violation of the anti-trust law, and alleging restriction of trade.

Stromboli Opens New Crater.

Rome, July 19.—An alarming eruption is reported at Stromboli, the volcanic island in the Lipari islands off the north coast of Sicily.

TO KILL LIBERTY.

Czar Will Use Army to Enforce His Will in Russia.

St. Petersburg, July 18.—It reports in circulation in official circles this morning are grounded on fact, the supreme crisis in the affairs of the Russian nation is impending, and within a fortnight at most events must transpire that will result either in the perpetuation of absolutism in Russia or the map of Europe will be changed.

According to reports, the czar, after weeks of swinging from one extreme to the other, decides that he cannot grant the reforms demanded by the people, and has decided that the arbitration of physical force shall be appealed to.

This means, should the rumors be true, that the dooms will soon be dissolved and that the new cabinet will represent more than ever the wishes of the governing classes and disregard the demands of the people already made through the dooms.

CLIMAX OF ADMINISTRATION.

Roosevelt Will Invoke Conspiracy Law and Dissolve Standard Oil.

Washington, July 18.—Dissolution of the great Standard Oil trust may be the result of the prosecutions soon to be begun against that corporation by the government.

The cases against Standard Oil will be made under the conspiracy act. It is of recent memory that conspiracy in restraint of trade in violation of the provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law resulted in the dissolution of the Northern Securities company.

Bartlett Was Short \$33,000.

Washington, July 18.—It was stated at the Treasury department today that an investigation recently concluded of the affairs of the late Major George A. Bartlett, disbursing officer of the Treasury department, shows a shortage amounting \$33,000.

Colombia Wants Commercial Treaty.

New York, July 18.—The following cable dispatch was received in this city yesterday from Bogota, Colombia:

Armistice Stops Fighting.

San Salvador, July 18.—The belligerents today agreed upon an armistice. It is claimed that the Guatemalans during the recent fighting used explosive bullets, notwithstanding the fact that Guatemala signed the Geneva convention.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

GROW RUBBER IN UMATILLA.

Colorado Man Says the Climate and Soil Are Good.

Pendleton—There is a prospect that Umatilla county may become the rubber growing center of the Pacific Northwest in the near future.

Sodaville as Seat of Learning.

Albany—Articles of incorporation have been filed in the county clerk's office for the Mineral Springs college, at Sodaville.

Demand for Labor in Linn County.

Albany—There is no excuse for a laboring man to complain for lack of work in Oregon this year.

Labor Famine in Valley.

Salem—As an illustration of how great is the demand for manual and team labor in the Willamette valley, the Willamette Valley Traction company, in commencing work upon the Portland-Salem electric line, was unable to secure men and teams.

Wasco Farmers Begin Harvest.

The Dalles—Haying is well advanced throughout Wasco county, the bulk of the grain hay now being in the stack and the second cutting of alfalfa has begun.

Hot Weather Hurries Harvest.

Eugene—The condition of the crops in the Upper Willamette valley, especially around Eugene, during the past week have been excellent, and all the farmers are happy.

Exhibits for Jamestown Fair.

Salem—Jefferson Myers, president of the Lewis and Clark fair commission, and one of the commissioners to the Jamestown exposition, was in Salem recently closing up the affairs of his commission.

FOOD LAW QUESTIONED.

Legal Interpretation of Two Words Means Much to Its Friends.

Salem—Upon the legal interpretation of the words "adulterants" and "adulteration" hangs the fate of Oregon's pure food law when it comes up for decision before Judge George H. Burnett, of the Circuit court, for this county in the case of the state vs. George Fendrick, who is charged with selling the state lard that has been adulterated with tallow.

Big Real Estate Deal at Eugene.

Eugene—One of the largest real estate deals ever made in Lane county was consummated recently when Eli Bangs, Eugene's pioneer liveryman, sold a quarter block of ground at the corner of West Ninth and Olive streets to G. M. Bennett, a farmer of this city, for \$35,000.

Grocers Not To Buy Infected Fruit.

Salem—County Fruit Inspector E. C. Armstrong has called upon all retail grocers and secured from them an agreement not to buy from farmers any fruit infected with San Jose scale.

Treasurer-Elect Files Bond.

Salem—State Treasurer-elect George A. Steel has filed his official bond in the sum of \$50,000, which was approved by the governor.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 71c; bluestem, 73c; red, 68c; white, 71c.

RED TAPE TATTERED.

Assistant Secretary Ryan Taken Initiative and Buys Sunnyside Canal.

Washington, July 20.—Acting Secretary of the Interior Ryan today approved the purchase of the Sunnyside irrigation canal in Eastern Washington, and authorized the payment of \$250,000 for the same to the Washington Irrigation company.

Had this sale not been concluded today, the Washington Irrigation company would have withdrawn its offer and the government would have been obliged to abandon both its projects, or else enter upon prolonged litigation.

BIGGEST OF ALL DRYDOCKS.

Washington, July 20.—Plans for the largest and best drydock in the world are being prepared in the bureau of Yards and Docks at the Navy department, to cost \$1,250,000 and to be constructed at the Bremerton navy yard, Puget sound, Washington.

Will Be Built of Concrete at Bremerton Navy Yard.

The dock is to be so constructed that it can be lengthened if vessels of greater length should be built in the future. It will be 37 feet in depth over sill, which will provide for the docking of any vessel that can be built, unless some new unknown system of building is developed.

NATION ENTERS BUSINESS.

Japan Makes Great Stride Forward on Road to Socialism.

Washington, July 19.—According to advices received by the bureau of manufactures, the Japanese government has undertaken one of the greatest experiments in the world's history, which indicates a clear purpose to protect, supervise, develop and nationalize all Japanese industries.

Embezzles Igorrotes' Cash.

Washington, July 20.—The War department was advised today of the arrest in Chicago of Truman K. Hunt, who brought to this country a band of 50 odd Igorrotes from the Philippines.

Refugees Are Returning.

San Francisco, July 20.—It was estimated that within three weeks of the fire on April 18, fully 335,000 people left San Francisco.

Great Demand for Troops.

Odessa, July 21.—General Kaulbars has been overwhelmed recently with appeals for military assistance from landowners in the districts of Kherson, Yekaterinopol and Poltava, against the peasant, who are organized and led by revolutionists.

BONDS SELL WELL

\$30,000,000 for Panama Canal More Than Subscribed.

ALL BIDS ARE AT GOOD PREMIUM

Average Premium of Nearly 4 Per Cent is Offered—Interest at 2 Per Cent.

Washington, July 21.—Bids were opened at the Treasury department late yesterday for the \$30,000,000 10.30 Panama Canal bonds, bearing 2 per cent interest, under Secretary Shaw's circular of July 2 and 1, although no awards will be made until today or later, it is evident that the entire issue has been subscribed for at an average of from 103.94 to 103.96.

LOSS LOOMING BIG.

San Francisco Insurance May Reach Total of \$300,000,000.

San Francisco, Cal., July 21.—It now looks as if the insurance risks in the burned district of San Francisco will foot up considerably more than \$250,000,000, and the total may go up to nearly \$300,000,000.

Reciprocity Treaty With Spain.

Madrid, July 21.—American Minister Collier has left Madrid for San Sebastian, where today he will sign with Foreign Minister Gallon the new commercial treaty between the United States and Spain.