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CHARLESTON IN RUINS.

Great Loss of Life and Property from the Earthquake.

A NIGHT OF WRECK AND HORROR.

Forty Persons Killed and a Large Number Injured-Property Loss Probably \$10,000,000-A Terrible Experience.

CHARLESTON, Sept. 1.-An earthquake such as has never before been known in the history of this city swept over Charleston last night shortly after 10 o'clock, causing more loss and injury to property, and far more loss of life, than the cyclone of a year previously. Its wrecked streets are encumbered with masses of fallen bricks and tangled telegraph and telephone wires, and up to an early hour it was almost impossible to pass from one part of the city to another. The first shock was by far the most severe. Most of the people, with their families, passed the night in the streets, which even this morning are crowded with people afraid to re-enter their homes.

More than sixty persons were killed and wounded, chiefly colored. Among the whites the killed and fatally wounded are: M. J. Lynch, Dr. R. Alexander Hamlin and Ainsley Robeson. Fire broke out in different parts of the city immediately after the earthquake, and some are still burning, but there is no danger of their spreading. There is no way of leaving the city at present.

HUNDREDS HOMELESS.

The principal business portion of the city was destroyed, and hundreds of persons were rendered homeless. Men were frantic, women were beseeching mercy from the Almighty, and children were in tears. The main station house, city hall, Hibernian hall and many other well known public buildings, including St. Michael's church, are irreparably damaged. Many people are seriously if not fatally injured. Broad street presents a spectacle of the utmost horror. Even women, armed with hatchets, fought valiantly to rescue imprisoned unfortunates. Meeting street, from Broad to Hazel, is a wreck and is lined with unfortunates. To add to the horror of the scene many fires broke out, and were effectually fought by the fire department. The night was hideous with groans and dying screams of the wounded and prayers of the uninjured. It is impossible to estimate the extent of the losses of life and property at present. Up to 1 a. m. to-day there had been ten distinct shocks.

VERY FEW HOUSES ESCAPE.

Not to exceed 100 houses in the city are occupied at this time. People are camped in open places. All stores are closed and a scarcity of provisions is feared, because no one can be got to go to the stores to sell them.

Hardly a house in the city escaped injury, and many were so damaged and cracked that a hard blow would bring them to the ground.

The shock was severe at Summer-ville and Mt. Pleasant, and on Sullivan's Island fissures are noticed from which sand, apparently from a great depth, exudes. A sulphurous smell is very noticeable.

Three or four fires started in as many sections with the first shock, and very soon the town was illuminated with flames, thus leading all to believe that what was left by earthquake would be devoured by fire. However, the fire department was so well divided and handled that the fires were under control by daylight.

Fully 125 to 150 residences and stores were consumed. The loss by fire and earthquake cannot be accurately estimated, but can safely be placed at \$500,000.

As far as could be ascertained during the night fifteen to twenty were killed, and a much greater number wounded in all sorts of ways. The loss of human life will be great and it will take a day to get the accurate number. Shocks equally severe were felt at a distance of thirty-five miles, and have done inestimable damage to railroads and telegraph property. Charleston is now entirely isolated from the outside world.

A SCENE OF DEATH AND DESOLATION.

Two slight shocks of earthquake have been felt since the first, at 8.25 this morning and one at 1.30 p. m., neither doing any further destruction. Not even during Gen. Gilmore's bombardment of the city has there been such a deplorable state of affairs here. The city is literally in ruins, and the people are living in squares and public parks. There is a great rush to the railroad depots to get away, but owing to the earthquakes no trains are able to be dispatched from the city. Telegraphic communication is also cut off, save one wire of the Southern

NEW YORK HOP FIELDS.

Letter from a Resident of the Blighted District.

PORTLAND, Aug. 29, 1886.

EDS. NEWS.-Seeing that there is considerable interest taken in the hop crop of the east by the people along the coast and Sound, I wish to quote a few lines from a letter received from my brother last week, who is quite an extensive hop-grower near Clinton, Oneida county, N. Y., concerning the hop crop in that State:

"The fore part of the summer was very dry, and now about every other day it is raining. The potatoes and hops are certainly a failure. The former about a half, but the latter a total one. There will be no hops picked this year. They are all dead on the poles. I never saw anything like it; they are black and wilted. You spoke of picking hops out West with Chinamen. Well, I wish we had some of them out here this year. It would not take any Chinese agitation to get rid of them if they depended upon hop picking to keep them here. Not alone are the hops blasted around Clinton, but also in Waterville and all other big hop districts. I went down to Canojahari last week, and found that they were an utter failure there also. The hop buyers are very active here this season. They are scouring the state for old hops, but there are not any to be had. It will come hard on the farmers this year to meet their expenses; it will also be hard on thousands of poor people, who have been anxiously waiting for hop-picking."

WORSE AND WORSE.

RICHMOND, Sept. 1.-A dispatch from Charleston, dated 1 p. m., says at 8.45 this morning another wave swept over the city, coming as the other did, from the southeast, and going in a northwest direction. By this time the people who had been out in the public parks and open places all night had ventured into their houses to get their clothing and something to eat. The approach of the quake was heralded by the usual rumbling sound, resembling distant thunder, till it gradually approached. The earth quivered and heaved, and in three seconds it passed, the sound dying out in the distance. This is the only wave felt since 2.30 this morning. It was not destructive, all the destruction having been done at 9.55 last night.

The city is a complete wreck. St. Michael's church and St. Philip's church, two of the most historic churches in the city, are ruins, as is also Hibernian hall, the police station and many other public buildings. Fully two-thirds of the residences in the city are uninhabitable wrecks-either totally or partially. It is impossible at this time to give a correct estimate of the casualties. It is believed that between fifty and one hundred persons have been killed, and several hundred wounded. At the time of the first shock fires broke out in five different places in the city, and about twenty houses were destroyed by fire.

THE CITY STILL CUT OFF.

SAVANNAH, Sept. 1.-Efforts to enter Charleston have been made from all points, and have failed. On the island the shock was more severely felt than in the city. People on the island rushed from their houses to the beach. The oscillation lasted for several minutes. The lantern lenses in the lighthouse were broken, and the machinery of the lamp disarranged. The keeper hurried up to the tower and as soon as possible arranged a temporary light, which will have to answer until the lighthouse supply ship reaches here. People on the beach ran hither and thither, not knowing where to go, and fearing that every moment a tidal wave would sweep over them. The water was agitated, and waves rose high on the beach. Houses on the beach swayed to and fro and rocked as if they would fall to pieces. A telephone message to the News from Typee station at 4 o'clock this morning stated that the people were still gathered on the beach.

ANOTHER NIGHT OF TERROR.

CHARLESTON, Sept. 1.-Women and children are running about in the open air, terribly agitated. There are three or four steamers in port, including the buoy tender, and many of the inhabitants are provided with berths in these boats. Fortunately the weather has been good, and hardships are not as severe as they might have been. The situation, however, is becoming horrible. Cut off from communication with the rest of the world, afflicted and haunted with a prospect of immediate death-that is about the condition of this community. No trains have departed or arrived here in twenty-four hours. It is said that all railroads leading into the city are crippled. The statement is made that all the railway tracts are twisted into the shape of snakes.

WRAPPED IN GLOOM.

CHARLESTON, Sept. 1.-The city is wrapped in gloom and business is entirely suspended. People generally remain in the streets, in tents and under improvised shelter, and will camp out to-night, fearing another shock. The gas works are injured and probably the city will be without light to-night.

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Reduction Works.

The reduction works to be set up at East Portland will start in a small way. Of the \$50,000 capital with which the company begins business only \$10,000 will be spent at the beginning for plant. It is one of the advantages of this business that in increasing the capacity of established works there is no loss of old machinery, since to increase it is simply necessary to add more stamps. A modest start will be made and if the business is found profitable additions will follow. The works, which it is hoped to have in operation within two months from this time, will have a capacity for reducing forty tons per day. They will employ from twelve to fifteen men and will consume daily from eight to ten tons of flux and fuel. Among other consumptive demands will be that for a carload of limestone daily, to come from Southern Oregon. The plan of the company is to buy its ores and concentrates and reduce them on its own account, as mills buy wheat and grind it. However, the mill will be employed as a sampler and will make whenever it may be desired to do so working tests of ores from any quarter.

It has been feared by many that the enterprise would fail through the lack of ores; but the company, through investigations made by its own agents, has assured itself that the supply will be ample. Mr. Carrel, the manager, informs us that he has, contracted for and "insight" ores enough to operate works of the capacity contemplated for two years. He expresses the belief that it will be found desirable almost immediately to increase the capacity of the works. There will be no attempt here to work up the lead of which large quantities are to be secured. The works will take up only the precious metals and will send the refuse lead to San Francisco, where there is a demand for it. The chief resource for ores and concentrates will be east of the Cascades-Cour d'Alene, Colville, Pine Creek, etc.-but a share is promised from the mines of Southern Oregon. There is a difference in the quality of these ores by which one serves as a flux for the other, making a special advantage in working them together.

This establishment ought to be the beginning of a closer connection between Portland and the mines hereabout, and it will be, we have no doubt. It will make a direct business connection capable, if we choose to profit by opportunity, of very important expansion. There are signs of a revival of interest in mining on the part of the business men of Portland. During the past few months some interest in every important district in the country has been secured for Portland. Among those who have made investments recently are Messrs. W. S. Ladd, J. F. Watson, Dan McKercher, B. Goldsmith, Van De Lashmutt, Sol. Hirsch, W. R. Houghton, Henry Failing, L. Blumauer, Capt. Gove, Dr. Rex, W. B. Robbins, R. Kehler, J. Brandt, jr., C. H. Prescott, Gen. Tolman and others. The properties secured by these gentlemen are good in almost every instance, and it is believed that they will not long be idle.

The Next Senate.

As the United States Senate now stands, with Mr. Williams as the successor of Mr. Hearst, there are forty-two republicans to thirty-four democrats. This is its political complexion till the expiration of the present Congress next spring. As summed up by the New York Tribune, there will be thirty-four republican and thirty-three democratic senators holding over, or from states in which the result is measurably certain. Mahone's term expires on the 4th of March, and of course will be succeeded by a democrat, and the next legislature in California will elect Williams' successor. California, New Jersey, New York, Indiana, Connecticut, Michigan and Pennsylvania are to elect senators to succeed republicans. Nevada and West Virginia are to elect successors to democratic senators. Delaware, Florida, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee and Texas are as free from doubt as are Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio, Rhode Island, Vermont and Wisconsin, and no political change may be expected from those states. It will be a close contest and unless the republicans are duly vigilant in their legislative elections it is within the possibilities that they will lose control of the upper house.

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