

VERY UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE

Severe Earthquake Shocks Felt in England.

THE MOST VIOLENT IN HISTORY

Winsor Castle Rocked—Panic in Several Palaces—A Large Area Affected—Deaths Reported From Fright.

London, Dec. 31.—An earthquake, the most violent ever experienced in this country, has shaken every shire from Durham to Surrey, and from London to the Welsh coast. The subterranean disturbance was first noticed about 5:30 this morning, and lasted from four to five seconds. At many points two distinct shocks were experienced. The most severe shocks were felt at Cheltenham, Ledbury and Dean-forest.

The earthquake was accompanied by a loud rushing sound. Buildings were violently shaken, furniture shifted, doors thrown open, pictures and other ornaments upset. The inhabitants were panic stricken and fled from their houses.

The earthquake also visited Birmingham and various points in Shropshire, and was violent in Worcester and the country surrounding that city. The shocks were followed by a tremor of the earth. The greatest alarm prevailed everywhere. Chimneys were overthrown, windows, etc., smashed. At some points on the country roads people were thrown down; a number of people were thrown out of their beds. Hereford cathedral was injured. The dull rumbling beneath the earth's surface was followed by two loud crashes and a terrible lifting and rocking.

The panic of Hereford was so great that one woman died from fright. People rushed wildly into the streets. Many chimneys fell crashing into the thoroughfares. All the pinnacles of St. Nicholas' church toppled over and a part of the pinnacle of the cathedral fell.

At Liverpool the earthquake was preceded by heavy thunder and a fearful hail storm. In London the earthquake was only slightly felt.

At Bridgenorth, near Shrewsbury, before the disturbance, the streets suddenly seemed to be on fire, and there was a violent rise accompanied by a shaking of the earth. People going abroad in that vicinity say they were unable to walk owing to the vibrations. There was great excitement among the people about Poole, who thought the end of the world had come.

Houses shook for nearly a minute at Bristol and Clifton, causing much alarm. Railroad employees at Crews report that they felt the rails oscillate. At Eversham the shock was followed by a brilliant light in the sky.

The disturbance was violent at Warwick Castle. The Earl of Warwick felt his bed lifted as though by some force beneath it, and the furniture in the room shifted. The inhabitants of the Slough were awakened by a shock so severe that they thought the Midland powder factory had exploded. Near Stockport, and at Melton-Mowbray, the noise which accompanied the earthquake resembled a discharge of gun cotton under water. Many strange experiences were reported in connection with the earthquake.

The earthquake shock seems to have been felt in greater or less degree throughout the length and breadth of this island, throwing from his feet the laborer toiling in the highway and penetrating in effects to the abode of royalty itself. The shock was felt distinctly at Windsor castle, and some of the royal household were shaken in their beds. Furniture, china and ornaments were rattled in several rooms on the north side of the castle. An officer, describing the effects as they seemed to him, says the castle literally rocked. The sensation was first supposed to be due to an explosion at Hounslow.

ICE RINK BURNED.

Costly Building in Pittsburg Destroyed.

Pittsburg, Dec. 21.—The beautiful and costly Casino building in Schell Park was destroyed by fire early this morning. The flames originated from the bursting of a large ammonia cylinder in the ice machine of the skating rink. The loss is estimated at \$500,000.

The explosion occurred at 2:15 A. M. The fire department responded promptly, but considerable time was lost getting effective streams on the building on account of a deep hollow, which extends alongside where the fire started. Noxious vapors which filled the interior prevented the firemen from entering the Casino and fighting the flames from the inside.

By 4 o'clock the whole structure was burning and made a grand sight. The Casino cost \$300,000 and the equipment more than \$100,000 more.

During the conflagration a bridge across the hollow was crowded. When the fire appeared at the eastern end of the balcony and communicated with the bridge there was a general scattering. Many spectators were cut off and compelled to pass into the park.

Strikers are Let.

Hamburg, Dec. 21.—The police have prohibited the strikers from patrolling the port. The strikers now offering to go to work are rejected, the employers having decided not to take any back until the strike is ended.

For a Blaine Statue.

Washington, Dec. 21.—A bill introduced today by Representative Bull of Rhode Island, appropriates \$50,000 for the erection of a monumental statue to James G. Blaine in Washington.

SEALSKINS CHEAPER.

Owing to the Falling Off in the Demand.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—The sleek and costly seal skin seems to be somewhat out of fashion. The tale of a falling demand in the product of Behring sea and the Pacific has just been told by the yearly sale at Lamson's, London. Telegrams have been received in this city, stating that the price for the Alaskan fur was 16 per cent less than that of last year; that of Copper Island (Russia) furs 1 1/2 per cent, and that of Coast furs, including California and Japan, 20 per cent lower than in 1895.

This news comes as a surprise to local traders, for the catch of this year was much lower than that of 1895. The entire catch of the Canadian sealers in Japanese waters and Behring sea amounted to 55,677 seals. In 1895, the catch of the Canadians amounted to 74,134, and 1894 to 97,474 seals. The catch of the American pelagic sealers entered at this port amounted to only 5,040 seals, as against 15,000 in 1895. To the former number, 30,087 skins are added as the catch of the North American Commercial Company on the seal islands.

MINING TOWN BURNED.

Jamestown, Cal., Had No Means of Fighting Fire.

Sonoma, Cal., Dec. 21.—The little town of Jamestown, located right in the heart of the mother lode's richest section, was visited by a costly fire this morning. The fire originated in a bakery, and the whole business section was at the flames' mercy, and the disorganized bucket brigade fought furiously but feebly against odds. When it was seen that the volunteers were unable to successfully cope with the fire, telegrams were sent for assistance to nearby towns, and many persons responded. Giant powder was used to check and confine the fire when the limited water supply and crude means of getting it on the fire failed. Nine buildings, all on the north side of the street, were consumed with almost the entire contents. The loss is \$40,000, with barely \$5,000 insurance. A favorable breeze saved the town from complete destruction.

A HORRIBLE ATROCITY.

Bucket of Lye Water Thrown in Face of a Woman and Child.

Chillicothe, O., Dec. 21.—There is great excitement at Bethel, a small town three miles south of Kingston, this county, occasioned by a horrible atrocity which occurred this afternoon. Two married women named Moon and Shell got into a quarrel over a trivial matter, which resulted in the Shell woman throwing a bucket of strong lye water into the face of Mrs. Moon and her infant daughter. Both have their eyes burned out and their heads and faces were also horribly burned. The baby died in a short time, and the mother is in terrible agony, her death being looked for at any moment.

Mrs. Shell made her escape, but is being pursued by several hundred men and boys, assisted by dogs, and if captured a lynching will follow. The police of this city have been summoned to the scene.

Herrmann, the Magician, Dead.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Herrmann, the magician, died today of heart disease in his private car at Great Valley, near Salamanca, on his way to Bradford. His remains will be forwarded to New York. Herrmann completed his engagement at the Lyceum theater in this city last night, and later was entertained at the Genesee Valley Club.

(Professor Herrmann, whose father was a sleight-of-hand performer, made his debut as a magician when he was but 8 years old. He has traveled all over Europe and America and has amassed a great fortune. Of late years he has made New York his home. He spoke seven different languages fluently, and had traveled around the world three times. He was naturalized in Boston in 1876.)

Pardoned by Cleveland.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 21.—Today Sheriff Van de Vanter, of this county, received notification from Washington, D. C., that Mrs. Margaret Morrison, a young woman of Port Townsend, had been granted a conditional pardon by President Cleveland. She was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment and fined \$50 and costs for smuggling opium from Victoria. She has now been in jail five months, and her little daughter has been permitted to share the same cell. President Cleveland grants the pardon on condition that the fine and costs are paid. They now amount to over \$100, but the money will be subscribed by sympathizers.

Attempted to Blow Up a House.

Stockton, Cal., Dec. 21.—An attempt was made at 3 o'clock this afternoon to blow up a house in Hunter street, near the heart of the city, occupied by two Japanese women. A bomb containing two pounds of gunpowder and a stick of giant powder was thrown through the window. The fuse was tramped out before the explosion could occur. It is supposed to have been thrown by a highbinder.

Placerville, Cal., Dec. 21.—The stage running between Auburn and Georgetown was stopped at 4 o'clock this afternoon between Penobscot and Greenwood in this county, by one man, and relieved of the Wells-Fargo express box. The highwayman is described as being about 5 feet 8 inches high, and weighs about 160 pounds. He wore a black hat and dark-colored pantaloons. He was masked with a barley sack and carried a muzzle-loading shotgun.

CONGRESS IN SESSION.

Senate.

Sixth day—Senator Morgan, of Alabama, held the attention of the senate and well-filled galleries for an hour today by his earnest advocacy of a strong and decisive policy in dealing with the Cuban question. The prominence of Morgan in the Cuban debate of last session, when he had charge of the Cuban resolutions reported from the committee on foreign relations, gave especial interest to his speech today. He spoke in dispassionate style, although his words had a directness and severity in picturing the horrors existing in Cuba such as is seldom heard in the senate. Mr. Morgan spoke freely of the possibilities of war, welcoming it if necessary to guarantee the protection of American citizens. He asserted that Spain's bankruptcy would prevent the collection of any indemnity for wrongs. The senator questioned the wisdom of the president's position, that granting of belligerent rights would be "unlucky."

Seventh day—The session of the senate developed the most eventful and exciting debate that either branch of congress has heard in a long time. It brought forward the recognized leaders of the various parties and elements, including such conspicuous figures as Sherman, Frye, Teller, Gorham, Vest, Aldrich, Platt, Mitchell of Oregon, Chandler, Hale and Allen, in notable statements on the leading questions which have engaged the attention of the country of late. Not only was the line laid down on tariff and finance, but the debate partook of all the pent-up feeling resultant from the national contest. It was dramatic in its intensity, and at all times absorbingly interesting to the crowded galleries and body of senators. The debate came unexpectedly when Vest called up the Allen resolution for consideration of the Dingley bill, in order to make remarks on it. But it remained for Sherman to formally announce that the Dingley bill was dead. He said he could not always speak for his associates, but, in view of what had been said on the floor, he felt that he could safely announce now that the Dingley bill could not be passed, and that it was useless to waste further time on it.

Eighth day—The senate today passed the immigration bill, known as the Lodge bill, with a new section providing that the exclusion shall not apply to persons arriving from Cuba during the continuance of the present disorders there. The strength of the bill was greater than had been expected, the final vote being 53 to 10. As passed, the bill amends the immigration laws so as to exclude from admission to the United States all persons over 16 years old who cannot read and write the language of their native country or some other language, but an admissible immigrant over the age of 16 may bring in with him, or send for his wife or parent or grandparent or minor children or grandchildren, notwithstanding their inability to read or write. The Cuban section added to the bill provides that the act shall not apply to persons arriving in the United States from any port or place in the island of Cuba during the continuance of the present disorders there; provided such persons have heretofore been inhabitants of that island. The house amendments to the bill concerning lands of the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad Company were nonconcurrent in and H. H. Platt and Clark named as senate conferees.

House.

Sixth day—The house today entered upon consideration of the Lodge bill to amend the law relating to the transmission of second-class mail matter. The bill has been widely discussed in the public press, and met with the most intense opposition from certain quarters. It denies the right of serial novels to admission to the mails at the newspaper rate of one cent per pound; denies to newspapers the sample-copy privilege; prohibits the return of unsold publications at the pound rates and makes some other changes in the present law, designed to correct existing abuses.

Seventh day—Bailey of Texas, created a ripple of excitement in the house today by asking immediate consideration of the resolution to investigate the construction of the battle ship Texas. Dingley of Maine, thought the resolution ought to be considered by the committee on naval affairs before being acted upon; he therefore objected. On motion of Chairman Hall of the committee on military affairs, the house went into committee of the whole for consideration of the army appropriation bill. Several amendments looking to the abandonment of the army and navy hospital at Hot Springs, Ark., and the surrender and transfer of the reservation to the interior department were offered.

Eighth day—The house today passed the third of the regular appropriation bills (that for the support of the army), and entered upon consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial bill. The latter bill carries \$21,669,389, or \$36,399 more than the law for the current year. Fair progress was made today. It is expected this bill and the military academy appropriation bill will be passed before the holiday recess. The army bill, as passed, makes no provision for the army and navy hospital at Hot Springs, Ark.

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A Resume of Events in the Northwest.

EVIDENCE OF STEADY GROWTH

News Gathered in All the Towns of Our Neighboring States—Improvement Noted in All Industries—Oregon.

The electric plant at Milton has been closed down temporarily. There are now about 70,000 bushels of wheat in storage in Albany held by farmers.

The Baker City Democrat says that the county jail is the only vacant building in that city at present.

The students of the state university who are musicians have decided to organize a band. Thirteen have already joined.

J. N. Holcomb, of Eagle valley, picked and marketed 100,000 pounds of apples last season. He has also set out 1,000 more fruit trees.

It is reported in Baker City that William White, jr., of Pittsburg, Pa., has secured an option on the Ibez mine, in the Sampter district, for \$60,000.

Raising honey in the John Day valley seems to be a very lucrative business. Nearly every rancher has bees and can readily dispose of the surplus product at good figures.

The late grand jury in Baker county failed to find a single indictment at the present term of court. It will be the cheapest term of court for the taxpayers, no doubt, that has been held in the county for years.

The Grande Ronde Lumber Company now has a total of 5,000,000 feet of sawlogs along the Grande Ronde river for the next spring drive. This is about one-half the quantity that will be required for next season's run.

E. Willard purchased last week 100 head of cattle in Eagle valley, Union county, for Portland shipment. He says there are a good many cattle in that vicinity notwithstanding the fact that buyers have been picking up a good many head.

One night last week when train No. 99 was crossing the hill near Blackfoot, the trainmen were treated to a beautiful sight. A large and very bright meteor was seen falling from the heavens, and when apparently about a mile from the earth seemed to stand suspended for a moment, and then passed on in its northerly flight. The meteor was visible for about five minutes and had the appearance of an immense ball of fire flying through space.

About three weeks ago, says the Blue Mountain Eagle, Mr. Rambo left Long Creek, in Grant county, with his family, for College Place, Wash. He took with him a big tomcat. No sooner was the cat free in College Place when he disappeared. He was afterwards seen by several freighters near Pendleton, and arrived in Long Creek soon after, having traveled 140 miles, over a road that he had never been before, except when taken out in a wagon.

Washington.

The town of Waterville now owns its own light and water plant.

Four deer were killed on Hartstein Island, in Mason county, last week. There are about 15,000 bales of 1895 hops stored in Puyallup warehouse.

Tacoma salmon fishermen are now seining for herring that will be used as bait by the halibut fishermen.

The next jury term of the superior court for Walla Walla will convene January 10 next. An unusually full docket is expected.

The rowboat in which the two young men left Seattle on a hunting excursion has been found. It is now the general opinion that they were drowned.

North river loggers got over 1,500,000 feet of logs below the falls during the late flood, and there is about 1,000,000 feet above the falls to come down.

Ten dozen bob-white quail have been received by the Rod and Gun Club in North Yakima. They will not be turned loose until the winter is fully over and in the meantime they are receiving every attention.

There are now said to be 116 applicants for the office of fish commissioner to one who will get it. It seems incredible that forty-six ministers of the gospel should be among the number, says the Whatcom Revelle.

An order, signed by Secretary of War Lamont, and approved by President Cleveland, has been received at the local land office in Seattle whereby Marrowstone point is reserved for battery purposes for high-power guns. This permanently establishes the point for military purposes.

Robert Hughes and Elias Wilson were out hunting near Blaine last week. Wilson mistook Hughes for a deer and fired at him. The ball struck Hughes in the shoulder, making a painful flesh wound, and, after passing through his shoulder, struck and dented the barrel of his gun. It was a lucky escape, and should prove a lesson to anyone who does not know what he is shooting at when he pulls the trigger.

The tax levy on city property in Seattle for 1897 has been fixed at 11 mills for the old limits, or for the eight wards, and 8 mills for the new limits, or ninth ward.

President Penrose, of Whitman college, has addressed a letter to the people of Walla in reference to the Penrose endowment and calls attention to the necessity of immediate action on the part of those who are interested in seeing Whitman become one of the foremost colleges in the country.

CLIMATE AND COMFORT.

Either way, whether we are to have a prolonged winter of extreme cold or a mild one, through the dampness and chill neuralgia will find its victims, and a great many imprudent people will find neuralgia. In either case, when it does come, with its racking torture, let's look about for the best that can be done. We need not go far. The reputation of St. Jacob's Oil as a certain cure for neuralgia has gone, before it, and it is an established fact that it cures surely, soothes and restores the troubled nerves. To enjoy, therefore, a comfortable winter, whether it is cold or mild, bear in mind that for this complaint one should have the great remedy for pain ready for use. It is by putting off that the ailment grows worse, and the worst cases grow less as soon as it is used.

Progressive Civilization.

A lady recently took into her service a Chinaman, and began to Christianize him. Shortly afterward some silver spoons were missing. Then she taught him the Apostles' Creed, and then she discovered that a valuable piece of plate had been stolen. His benefactress, loath to suspect her new convert, started in to teach him the Ten Commandments. By the time he was able to repeat the First Commandment, the scamp stole her watch. Then the philanthropic lady's son rebelled. "Mother," he exclaimed, "for heaven's sake, don't teach that pig-tailed scoundrel any more, or by the time you've got him to the Tenth Commandment he will have stolen the house and taken the cellar along with it!"

FALSE WITNESSES.

There are known now and then met with who represent certain local blunders and misstatements as identical with or possessing properties akin to those of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. These scoundrels only succeed in exciting their trashy compounds upon people unacquainted with the genuine article, which is as much their opposite as day is to night. Ask and take no substitute for the grand remedy for malaria, dyspepsia, constipation, rheumatism and kidney trouble.

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