

SEVERE QUAKE SHAKES ALASKA

Tremor Felt In All Parts of
United States.

Glaciers Groan and Crack—People
Rush Into Streets—Coast
May Change.

Valdez, Alaska—Violent earthquake shocks, the severest ever experienced, were felt over various sections of Alaska, the movement being from northeast to southwest, with oscillation through an arc of six degrees.

From Cordova came word that heavy shocks were felt far into the interior. The tremor was felt on the coast as far west as Seward, Fairbanks and 350 miles inland, with reports that the shock was most severe in the Tanana valley.

At Cordova the first shock lasted 10 seconds and caused buildings to sway alarmingly. Everyone rushed into the street for safety, but no damage was done.

A wireless message from St. Paul Island says all are well on the Pribilof islands.

Nine minor tremors of brief duration followed the first shock. Where there are only two-story wooden buildings no damage was done.

The glaciers in the Copper River district groaned and cracked ominously during the earthquake. Reports received from points along the line of the Copper River & Northwestern railroad say Sheridan, Miles and Child's glaciers gave off a sound resembling the booming of cannon as the ice groaned and cracked. The terrific cannonading was heard 12 miles away. At Flagpoint the rumbling of Sheridan glacier was heard 30 minutes after the first shock subsided.

The crevasses in the glaciers are filled with snow and it is impossible to ascertain whether the glaciers moved forward. It is believed, however, that the shock has so shattered the ice that when the glaciers become warm in the spring they will advance and discharge more rapidly than ever before.

Owing to the warm winter and the strong northwest current, ascribed to a change in the course of the Japan stream, but accounted for by scientists as due to continued southeast gales, the earthquake has caused great excitement and there is much speculation as to possible changes in the ocean floor.

The tremor was of sufficient violence to shake goods off the shelves in the stores and to stop clocks in all parts of town.

The steamship Alameda has just arrived here. Her officers report that she was delayed by thick weather and earthquake conditions.

Seattle, Wash.—The earthquake felt at Valdez, Alaska, was recorded on the seismograph at the University of Washington, the record showing that the oscillations began at 11:46 a. m. Pacific time, and continued for a period of an hour and a half. Forty-five minutes after the first vibration there were two severe shocks, lasting two minutes each, and separated by an interval of one minute.

Lawrence, Kan.—A violent earthquake, supposed to have its center in the northern part of South America, was recorded on the seismograph at the University of Kansas. The disturbance lasted one hour.

Washington, D. C.—All five instruments at Georgetown University recorded a seismic disturbance estimated at not less than 2,000 miles distant from Washington.

New York—An earthquake of some severity was registered on the seismograph at Brooklyn college. The record began at 2:30 o'clock and continued until 4:09, with a maximum shock occurring at 3:41.

Roads Would Make Gift.

Denver—The Denver Times says that the Union Pacific and Burlington railroads have agreed as part consideration for the right to lay joint tracks on Market street to give \$50,000 to the city of Denver, the money to be used in installing a large pipe organ in the city's auditorium building. The money, it is understood, is to be available as soon as the city council passes an ordinance granting the railroads the right of way.

Pearl Fishermen Seized.

Perim—An Italian warship took ten prisoners from a native pearl fishing vessel and killed two of the men who tried to escape by swimming ashore. The warship bombarded two coast villages on January 24 and January 27. It is expected that Hodeida will be bombarded next.

LONDON NEWSBOY IS HEIR.

Grandson of Rich Californian Begins
Suit for Estate.

San Francisco—By an action filed in the Superior court here, a London newsboy became a contestant for a fortune.

The suit, filed by Mrs. Amelia A. Dierks in behalf of Etienne Buillard, a lad whom she found selling papers in London two years ago, reveals the story of the boy's abandonment in Paris, after the death of his mother and the discovery, according to Mrs. Dierks that he is the grandson of the late Dennis Hayes, a wealthy pioneer mining man of California and that he was restored to his relatives by the chance meeting with his benefactress in London.

The boy's claim to a share in the Hayes estate of approximately \$100,000 is entered in the suit just filed.

Mrs. Dierks found Etienne Buillard, then 12 years old, selling papers in London two years ago.

"You speak like an American," she said.

"My mother was an American," replied the boy. "She died and I have almost forgotten her, but she taught me to talk."

The boy's memories of his parents were vague, but Mrs. Dierks learned by investigation, she says, that his mother was Annette Hays, daughter of Dennis Hayes, and that she had been married to Etienne Buillard, a supposedly wealthy Frenchman, against her father's wishes, and gone to Paris to live. Further inquiries revealed the whereabouts of an aunt, Mrs. Cecilia Laib, living in San Francisco, and Etienne was taken to her by Mrs. Dierks. The luxury of the Laib residence palled on the boy and he left within a week, going to the home of Mrs. Dierks, with whom he has since lived.

FEWER NEWSPAPERS EXIST.

Total Listed in American Annual 13
Less Than Year Ago.

Philadelphia—That there are fewer newspapers in the United States than there were a year ago is revealed by figures presented in the American Newspaper Annual, just published. A year ago the number of daily papers was 2,472; the 1912 annual lists 13 less.

New England has lost four dailies; New York four, the Middle West nine and the Western states 13.

There were gains in the Southern and Middle Atlantic sections.

Weekly and semi-weekly newspapers are also fewer in number. The 1912 annual names 16,229 weeklies, 40 less than in 1911, and 605 semi-weekly, as compared with 617 in 1911.

BREWERS SEE HOP LANDS.

Eastern Party Looking Into Prospective
Western Investments.

Chico, Cal.—Several prominent hop-growers and representatives of Eastern breweries are in Chico looking at land suitable for purchase and arranging for the care of that already acquired. The party consists of J. Birkenheim, of New York, and Flood V. Flint, P. M. Rooney and William Woods, of Sacramento, under the guidance of P. Frazer.

Birkenheim represents a syndicate of Eastern breweries and is endeavoring to put into operation a plan whereby the breweries will raise their own hops. It is also understood they are negotiating for the purchase of lands already given over to hop-growing.

Death Cheats Officers.

Chicago—While hunting for Antonio Maggiero, Jr., who it was thought had been kidnaped, the police found the boy's brother, Michael, for whom they have been searching for three weeks, suspecting he had knowledge of "Black Hand" outrages here. But Michael was not arrested. A few minutes before the police shoved open the creaking door of the frigid back room in which he had hidden, death had claimed him. He was tubercular.

76,128,000 Bushels Move.

Winnipeg—That 76,128,000 bushels of grain have been marketed on the Canadian Pacific railway this year against 55,518,000 bushels for the same period last year is shown by reports just completed. Of the former total 61,740,000 bushels are wheat and 14,388,000 other grains; while of the 55,518,000 bushels, 43,607,000 bushels were wheat and 11,911,000 bushels other grains.

Mayor Joins Two Tunnels.

Storm King, N. Y.—Mayor Gaynor, of New York, touched an electric button and fired the blast that joined the two tunnels, sunk on opposite sides of the Hudson river for the New York-Catskill aqueduct. The work of concreting the tunnel will be started at once. It is estimated it will take about a year to complete this part of the work.

CHILD BUREAU OPPOSED.

Senator Bailey, of Texas, Has Filing
at Views of Woman.

Washington, D. C.—The proposal for a children's bureau in the department of commerce and labor to investigate and report in all matters affecting the welfare of children, was debated in the senate without action.

Senator Gallinger opposed the bill, contemplating an unwarranted intrusion into private affairs. He discussed criticisms of the reports made by a child labor bureau a few years ago, and said that these reports revealed nothing worse than the "turkey trot" dance in vogue in Washington City.

Mr. Heyburn attacked the bill as a discrimination against the poor and Senator Overman branded it as unnecessary.

Senator Smith, of Georgia, made his maiden speech in support of the bill. He said it would be of vast benefit to children, without interfering with state rights.

Senator Bailey attributed the bill's popularity to the influence of women, who, he said, should confine their attention to subjects outside the halls of legislation.

"The more a woman knows about the things she ought to know," he said, "the less she knows about things we are doing here."

Senator Stone characterized the bill as inquisitorial and involving unlimited expenditures. Senator Borah, author of the bill, said that the bureau was as much warranted as many of the existing government offices.

HERRICK IS NAMED.

Ohio Man Proffered Ambassadorship
to France.

Washington, D. C.—President Taft has offered the post of ambassador to France to Myron T. Herrick, of Cleveland, Ohio. Information of the president's desire to name Mr. Herrick as successor to Robert Bacon was obtained here from excellent authority. It was learned that the president intended when he left Washington on his trip to Ohio to ask Herrick to accept the diplomatic post at Paris, and in the event of Herrick's declining to go abroad, to invite him to assume charge of headquarters that are soon to be opened in Washington, in furtherance of the Taft campaign for re-nomination.

Dispatches from Columbus indicate that President Taft had authorized the statement that he had not asked Herrick to take charge of his pre-convention campaign headquarters. In view of this circumstance it is believed here that Herrick has signified his intention to accept the Paris post or has asked for time to consider it.

PANAMA RATE POSTPONED

Pacific Coast Committee to Have
Further Hearing February 15.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Stimson, after hearing a committee from the Pacific Coast, postponed the proposed increase in freight rates over the Panama railroad and its steamship line from New York to Colon until February 15.

The rates were increased because Colonel Goethals had reported that the work of canal construction was being greatly delayed by the amount of heavy freight thrown on the Panama railroad. It also appeared that the road and the steamship line had a deficit of \$75,000 during the quarter that ended September 30 last.

J. J. Hill Only Exception.

Washington, D. C.—The heads of the railroads of the United States with the one exception of James J. Hill are merely clerks for Wall street, said ex-United States Senator Flint, of California, before the house interstate commerce committee.

"Practically every one but Mr. Hill has a board controlled by Wall street," Mr. Flint appeared to advocate that when any steamship line, owned by railroads, made rates or traffic combinations, it be barred from the Panama canal. A government-owned steamship line was the only alternative, he said.

Jones Introduces Bills.

Washington, D. C.—Senator Jones introduced the following bills: Establishing a sub-treasury at Seattle; raising the salary of the collector of customs for Puget sound to \$7,000; appropriating \$50,000 for a lighthouse at Cape Spencer; \$100,000 for a lighthouse at Cape St. Elias, Alaska, with \$50,000 additional for small lights along the Alaska coast; appropriating \$50,000 for a fish culture station on the Pacific Coast.

Postoffice Bill Framed.

Washington, D. C.—A ten-year term for the postmaster general, the elimination of the entire postoffice department from politics and the appointment of all postmasters by the head of the department instead of by the president, was presented in a bill introduced by Representative Norris, of Nebraska.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

ROADS LEAGUE ORGANIZED.

Better Highway Construction Aim of
Corvallis Meeting.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—The Oregon Roads league has just been formed at a meeting of good roads enthusiasts held at the Oregon Agricultural college. The purposes of the league are to collect and distribute knowledge of highway construction and to be a force in the good roads movement throughout the state. Sixty enthusiasts attended the organization meeting.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Judge Victor P. Moses, of Corvallis; first vice-president, C. C. Lemmon, of Hood River; second vice-president, B. W. Short, of Klamath; secretary, E. F. Ayers, of Corvallis. Nine directors were elected: as follows: H. M. Parks, Benton; J. R. Edwards, Lincoln; B. P. Cator, Benton, for three years; C. W. LeVee, Benton; C. D. Schell, Jackson; S. W. Laythe, Harney; for two years; V. R. Allen, Marion; Harry Ebson, Clatsop; and Phil Streib, Jr., of Multnomah, for one year.

The new league will use Town and Country, a local publication, as its official organ in pushing the good roads movement. The dues are \$1 a year, which should be sent to the secretary.

CORPORATION LAW WANTED.

Olcott Calls Attention to Many Companies
Now Defunct but Listed.

Salem—"We are accumulating some first-class evidence of the need of some kind of supervision of Oregon corporations," says Secretary of State Olcott. He continued: "For the past two months we have been sending out notices calling attention to the delinquency of corporations in paying license fees and filing the annual reports required by law."

"Within a week of the time that the first of these notices went out we began to receive by telephone, by postal card, memoranda on the margin of the form letters we had mailed, and in other ways, notices that 'this corporation has been out of business for a year,' 'in the hands of a receiver,' 'bankrupt,' 'busted,' 'never organized and stockholders are scattered so that we cannot hold a meeting to dissolve,' 'defunct,' and other melancholy comment in relation to corporations that were organized on hope and starved to death for want of suckers."

"Within the past 30 days we have received probably not less than 100 notes and letters of the kind indicated."

GINSENG CULTURE STARTED

Plant Said to Grow Well Near Boring
and Gresham.

Production of ginseng at Boring, on the Estacada railway, and at Gresham, has been started in a small way, with the prospect that its cultivation will be enlarged. C. F. Cross, of Boring, has a considerable tract in ginseng, which, according to the reports he gives, promises to succeed well. Mr. Cross has set out 2,600 plants and has obtained results in several quarts of ginseng seeds, which commands \$6 and \$8 a quart. Mr. Cross started the cultivation of the plant as an experiment and he has succeeded so well that he will set out 500 more plants this spring. Harry Pulfer, of Gresham, also is cultivating ginseng on a lot. He has about 500 plants and probably will set out more this year.

It is said that ginseng plants when matured and well cultivated will yield seeds worth several thousands of dollars in an acre. It is known that there is great profit in the cultivation of the plant. The experiments of Mr. Cross and Mr. Pulfer will be watched with interest. Their plants are about 3 years old and it will be at least a year before they can tell how their crops will turn out.

COLLEGE ISSUES BULLETIN.

Valuable Treatise on Orchard Work
to Be Had on Request

Corvallis—The Horticultural department of the Oregon Agricultural college has just issued Bulletin No. 111, on "Orchard Management," by C. I. Lewis, horticulturalist. The pamphlet comprises 96 pages of the most interesting information obtainable on fruit-raising, and is well worth studying by anyone interested in this branch of husbandry. It is furnished free to any address on request.

Portlanders to Raise Poultry.

L. L. Howe, of Portland, purchased last week a 20-acre tract located four miles east of Clackamas Station on Clear Creek. The farm is well improved and was acquired from Edward Mendenhall from \$4,000. It is Mr. Howe's intention to operate a modern poultry farm.

ONE POOR FARM IS PLAN.

Cost Would Be Less and Indigent
Much Better Cared For.

Salem—To establish a central home for the aged, located in or near Salem, and do away with all poor farms and homes for indigent people throughout the state is the plan which is announced by Governor West. The governor believes that under the system which he proposes to establish the counties of the state will be saved at least one-half the expense incurred in caring for the poor and at the same time will be able to see their poor cared for in a much more humanitarian and comfortable manner.

Governor West, in the past week, has sent letters to the county judges throughout the entire state, in which he has asked personal opinions as to his scheme, as well as complete data of the expense which counties have been put to in the care of the poor.

Letters are arriving, but not enough have been received that he is able adequately to give any comprehensive idea of the approximate expense as compared to the expense under the county plan of caring for the poor.

Governor West will incorporate in his message to the next legislature a plan largely along the lines which have been outlined tentatively by him.

GOOD ROADS BODY FORMS.

Oregon League Proposes to Foster
Highway Building in State.

Corvallis—The Oregon Good Roads league was organized here Wednesday. Constitution and by-laws were adopted and the following officers elected: President, Victor P. Moses, county judge of Benton county; first vice president, C. C. Lemmon, of Hood River; second vice president, B. W. Short, of Klamath Falls; secretary, Professor E. F. Ayers, Oregon Agricultural college; highway engineer, Robert Gelattly, of Benton county; directors for three-year term, J. R. Edwards, of Lincoln county, Professor H. M. Parks, of Oregon Agricultural college, and B. P. Cator, of Benton county; directors for two-year term, B. D. Schell, of Ashland, S. W. Laythe, of Harney county, and C. W. Leevee, of Corvallis; directors for one-year term, V. R. Allen, of Marion county, Harry Ebson, of Astoria, and Phil Streib, Jr., of Portland.

The purpose of the organization is to foster good roads building in the state and to supply supervisors and others with information that may aid them in the highway improvements under their jurisdiction.

Revision Work Delayed.

Salem—It probably will be the latter part of February before the commission to revise the tax commission of the state holds another meeting. A desire to wait until after commonwealth day at Eugene may make some difference in the date, as State Tax Commissioner Galloway has been arranging plans so that the subject of taxation will be thoroughly discussed there at that time in as many of its phases as possible.

The various members, who were assigned the task of handling the details in connection with the six or seven bills, which it is probable the commission will pass on before they are sent to a vote of the people, have from time to time reported that progress is being made, and it is probable that by the time the next meeting closes these bills will be well under way toward formulation, if not entirely completed and in readiness for the voters.

Good Roads Enthusiasts Busy.

Hood River—Hood River good roads enthusiasts are making efforts to comply with the recent good roads proclamation of Governor West, and four meetings will be held in different parts of the valley within the week. A meeting will be held at Parkdale hall in the Upper valley, to discuss the various proposed methods of road legislation. Meetings will follow at Park Grange, Pine Grove Grange and Hood River.

Marshfield Gets Busy.

Marshfield—The campaign to have the Coos Bay life-saving station changed from its present location over three miles from the bar to a more convenient place, is being pushed by the chamber of commerce and others. One petition which was generally circulated was signed by about 1,500 citizens and now another petition is being circulated only among the big mill owners, vessel owners and other large interests who are shippers.

Socialist Party Allowed Expenses.

Salem—That the Socialist party is entitled to \$200 apiece for five delegates to the national convention, to be paid by the state, is an opinion given by Deputy Attorney General Van Winkle.