

PANAMA CANAL NOT ENDANGERED BY FUTURE QUAKES

WASHINGTON, March 11.—That the Panama canal will not be swallowed up by an earthquake in the future and that the troublesome slides now being encountered will eventually be conquered and the great waterway made an unqualified success, is the opinion of Donald F. MacDonald, formerly canal geologist and now mining geologist for the United States bureau of mines.

Mr. MacDonald, who spent several years on the isthmus making a careful study as the fragility of the earth's crust, has just made an official report to the effect that, while through seismic disturbances the whole isthmus is rising at the rate of three feet every hundred years, this will not necessarily injure the canal. As far as he sees, it will merely mean a little additional expense in the dredging of the big waterway.

Ocean Bottom Sinking.

The cause of this rising, he says, is the sinking of the ocean bottom outside the Isthmian shore waters. Every time there is a little movement of the ocean bottom, the Isthmus, to be in harmony, joins in. He also suggests that if the rising motion be rapid, then there would be serious danger for the canal, but that from what has happened in recent geologic time, it may be concluded that the canal is not in any appreciable danger from the instability of the Isthmian land. The rising of the Isthmus, however, has been responsible for the many slides that have been encountered, in that the motion of the ground has dislocated and crushed the rocks, leaving them weak and unstable.

"At any rate," says Mr. MacDonald, "so far as the digging of the Culebra Cut is concerned, these faults have increased the cost of the canal several million dollars."

Culebra Cut Troubles.

"As to the slides, Culebra Cut is a vast ditch that passes through many varieties of rock in the nine miles of its length. Some of these are weak and unstable, and where the slopes of the cut were steep and 100 to 200 feet high the weaker rocks crushed down to flatter slopes. Whenever the slope got flat enough the sliding stopped. At no time did the engineering staff constructing the canal believe that the slides were a menace to the ultimate completion and successful operation of the canal, in spite of the fact that at times they were somewhat troublesome. They have made necessary the excavation of about 30,000,000 cubic yards more than was included in the first estimate for Culebra Cut, but they have not in the past and will not in the future endanger the ultimate success of the canal."

PLEA FOR RECIPROCITY

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by American and Mexican forces, the band of malefactors was annihilated and its chief was captured.

History of Incursion.

"The incursion into Chihuahua, led by the Indian chief Victoria, commanding about 800 Indians, took place between the years 1854 and 1856. Then the bands of marauders committing also many crimes went into the country as far as the villages of Tejocloche or Tres Castillos, very near the capital of Chihuahua, and during the first formal encounter between them and Mexican forces, after having lost their chief, they were dispersed.

"On these two occasions, through an agreement between the governments of the United States and Mexico it was decided that the armed forces of one and the other country might freely cross from the territory of one to the other in pursuit and for the purpose of punishing the above named bands of marauders. Recalling these incidents and the good results for both countries on account of the above agreement, the government presided over by the first chief, anxious to exterminate within the least possible time the hordes led by Francisco Villa, who has been recently placed beyond the law and to capture him, to apply condign punishment, reports to you as confidential agent and addresses the government of the United States requesting the necessary permission for Mexican forces to cross into American territory if the incursion which took place in Columbus should unfortunately be repeated in any other part of the boundary line. The Mexican government would greatly appreciate a prompt and favorable reply from the government of the United States.

"Please accept, Mr. confidential agent, the assurances of my high consideration.

SECRETARY IN CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

GENERAL VILLA NEAR ASCENCION SOUTH OF PALOMAS

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Latest reports of the whereabouts of General Villa say he reached Ascencion, south of Palomas, some time yesterday with 300 followers after his flight following the attack on Columbus. This information reached here today in a message addressed to the Carranza embassy from Consul Andreas Garcia at El Paso.

Consul Garcia reported that General Gavia, military commander at Juarez, was informed of this by General Bertani from Palomas yesterday. Bertani also reported Villa had sixty casualties in the encounter with the American troops at Columbus, and the pursuit which followed.

On the day after the Columbus battle, Villa avoided an encounter with the troops of General Bertani. The American Mormon colonists are in no danger, he said.

When the escort for the Mormons may arrive General Gavia does not know. Meantime, the evidence of scouts indicates that Villa is still in the neighborhood of Ascencion, within easy striking distance of the railroad over which the refugees must pass on their way to the American frontier.

General Gavia received word today that General Gutierrez, in command at Chihuahua City, disposed forces of from 300 to 900 men each at San Geronimo, Santa Clara, Guerrero and La Grana in order to block Villa's progress at those points, reserving a mobile force of 500 from which the escort for the Mormon train will be taken.

General Bertani is holding his force intact at Palomas, near the northern frontier, as it is not large enough to risk division. He will protect American interests there.

CHILDREN'S SHOW AT PAGE MARCH 18

The committee that has been trying for some months to secure a children's program at one of the moving picture houses, are pleased to announce to the mothers of Medford that their efforts have at last been successful, and Saturday, March 18, from 10 to 11 a. m., the management of the Page theater will give a Pathé diversified program of drama, comedy and educational pictures especially adapted for the children. The committee are desirous that the program be well attended, for upon the interest manifested in this initial program will depend the continuance of them from time to time. Other cities are having these Saturday morning matinees with great success, and the mothers of Medford have asked for something along this line, and the committee ask their co-operation at this time to make it a success. Superintendent Hillis most heartily endorses this movement and the committee ask all who are interested in securing the best in motion pictures for the children of Medford to give us their co-operation in this movement.

NEW SMASH YIELDS GAINS

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immediate counter-attack gave us full possession of the important communicating trench which the enemy had penetrated.

"East of the Meuse the enemy has redoubled his efforts between the village of Vaux and the Vaux forts. The bombardment continued all night with great violence and there were further infantry assaults against the village in ruins from shell fire. The Germans took possession of some houses east of the church in the village of Vaux. We are still in possession of the western part of the village, and the efforts of the enemy in this direction all resulted in failure.

"As a result of several attacks against the fort itself the Germans made some progress along the surrounding slopes, but their efforts to capture the barbed wire entanglements in front of the fort were checked by our fire.

Artillery Duets.

"In the Wavre district there has been a continued and intense bombardment in the regions of Auz and Moulainville.

"In Lorraine our artillery fire has caused serious damage to the works of the Germans near Embervinell.

"In the Vosges the French batteries have been very active in the valley of the Thur and east of Thann."

Medford Boosters Smoke 200 Medford and Mt. Pitt Cigars.

SUNDAY IS FINAL DAY OF REVIVAL SERVICES AT NAT

Despite many other attractions, a large throng of people were present at the revival services last evening, when the praise service began at the Nat. The music was inspiring, the great choruses singing with much enthusiasm. A diet sung by Mrs. Hovious and Mr. Vessey, "Lord Jesus, Keep Me White," was very finely rendered and much appreciated.

The text of the evening was, "It is appointed unto men once to die, and after this the judgment." Mr. Mathis said:

Mathis' Sermon.

"With a part of this text you must all agree. With a part of it you may not all be willing to agree. You will all be agreed that death is a certainty. We may say all must die. How many folks are saying—that is true—death is for all men—but I am differently situated. Remember, friend, death will find a man just as easily in the palace as in the shack, in affluence as in poverty. And I am here to say, the other part of the text is equally true. After death, the judgment. If there be a judgment there is also a judge. And He who is to be your judge would be your friend tonight. If you violate a moral law there is a penalty attached.

"If you disobey a physical law there will be a penalty. Men's sins will follow them like bloodhounds on the track, and if they do not overtake them before death they will meet them at the judgment. Men are to be judged according to the deeds done in the body. Every man meets the judgment slope. Friends can go to certain bounds with us—beyond them we must go alone. There is, however, a bright side to an otherwise dark picture. Jesus Christ stands here tonight to offer to every man a pardon and give eternal life. However humble be the track walker along the railroad, the engineer heeds the danger signals. God has thrown out his great signal lights, thereby calling men to stop and turn. Will you tonight heed the signal from a humble servant of Jesus Christ, who warns you of the danger of rejecting the Son of God?"

Last Musical Program.

The service tonight offers a fine program. The great choir will give another and the last sacred concert. Tomorrow will be the last and the great day of the series. There will be three mass meetings—at 11 o'clock, at 3 o'clock and the closing meeting at 7:30. More seats will be provided and every effort made to accommodate the great congregations expected to be present. Mr. Mathis will preach at each service and Mr. Vessey will sing, assisted by the full choir.

The program for the concert includes: Solo, Mr. Edmeades; male quartet, Vessey, Edmeades, Canaday and Bennett; duet, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver of Phoenix; solo, Miss Bryan; cornet solo, Mr. Vessey; reading, Mrs. Hovious and two numbers by the full choir. The concert tonight will begin promptly at 7:30.

DR. BATES LECTURES ON NEXT FRIDAY

Next Friday evening, March 17, Dr. Bates, who occupies the chair of English at the University of Oregon, will be here in Medford at the invitation of the Drama League Center, to deliver the last lecture in the Center's course for the season. His talk will be on the drama, presenting his own dramatic works in connection with his subject. Dr. Bates is a man of broad and choice culture and magnetic personality and we are fortunate indeed to have this opportunity to come in contact with him in so delightful a way. As usual, the lecture will be free and all are cordially invited to attend. It will be given at the Hotel Holland and will begin promptly at 8 o'clock. Dr. Bates will address the high school pupils in the afternoon on "Contemporaneous Drama."

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PORTUGAL FAVORS COALITION CABINET TO CONDUCT WAR

LISBON, March 11.—The Portuguese cabinet has resigned to give place to a national defense government which is now being formed.

In parliament yesterday Dr. Augusto Soares, foreign minister of the retiring cabinet read the notes exchanged between Germany and Portugal and also a note from Great Britain requesting the Portuguese government, in view of the alliance between these nations, to seize German ships in Portuguese ports.

Tranquility prevailed throughout the country.

Parliament adopted a resolution giving the government power to take all measures necessitated by the state of war existing with Germany. Leaders of all the opposition groups offered to support the government. At the suggestion of the president of the chamber cheers were given for the entente allies.

Portugal's seizure of German merchantmen was the immediate cause of Germany's declaration of war against the republic. It was not hitherto known that Portugal took this action at the request of Great Britain.

LISBON, March 11.—After a lengthy interview with the Portuguese secretary for foreign affairs, Herr Rosen, the German minister to Portugal, left here today on a special train for Madrid, accompanied by the other members of the German legation. Their departure was not marked by any accident.

Parliament has been summoned to meet in special session tomorrow. The newspapers have been forbidden to print any news of a military character.

98 PERCENT OF RAILROAD MEN VOTE FOR INCREASE

CHICAGO, March 11.—It was unofficially reported today that 98 per cent of the locomotive engineers, foremen, conductors and trainmen employed on all the railroads of the country had voted in favor of demanding an eight-hour day with time and a half for overtime. The tabulation of the referendum vote of the men was completed here today and the chiefs of the four brotherhoods of railway train service employees who have been in session here for nearly a week adjourned.

Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said no detailed figures on the result of the vote would be given out.

GOODRICH NEW MEMBER MEDFORD CLOTHING FIRM

The Toggery has been incorporated for \$10,000 and the officers elected are W. F. Isaacs, president; Irene H. Isaacs, vice-president, and John Goodrich, secretary and treasurer. The new member of the firm is John Goodrich and the only stockholders are the officers.

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ASHLAND WINS CHAMPIONSHIP OF SOUTHERN OREGON

Ashland won the championship of southern Oregon last night, by a score of 18 to 16. It was the third straight game of the series, the others being 7-6 and 14-8.

The Medford girls' team took the championship away from Ashland by a score of 9-7. Three games have been played, Medford winning two and tying one, and so if Ashland wins tonight they cannot tie the Medford team.

Grises, of Ashland, with the assistance of Delman, won the game for Ashland. The former scored basket after basket at almost impossible angles. Once he shot the entire length of the floor and scored a perfect goal. It was marvelous shooting, so miraculous that it seemed impossible, unbelievable.

Delman scored the last basket for our opponents and it was from beyond center.

Medford outplayed them, out-teamed them, out-guarded them, but Ashland simply overwhelmed them with luck that came in avalanches.

The girls' game was a hummer and the crowd was stirred up to wild enthusiasm by the clever, swift work of the girls. It was a fast, hard game. Every girl on the Medford team starred. Moore, of Ashland, was their one best bet, but English took care of her.

The crowd was fully as large as last time and the rooting was great. Medford sprang a surprise in an Indian war dance rosters' song.

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