

MANY CITIES ARE DESTROYED BY CHILE EARTHQUAKE

Latest Advices Place the Number of Dead at 500, Based on Reports of Refugees Arriving at Santiago this morning. Details of Disaster.

Monetary Loss Runs into Millions. Railroads, Street Railways, Telephone Systems Demoralized. Six or Eight Cities have Been Destroyed.

By Associated Press. Santiago Aug. 27.—Five hundred persons are dead at Valparaiso as a result of the earthquake shocks according to the latest advices based on the reports of the refugees who reached this city this morning.

The monetary loss at Valparaiso runs into the millions. Six or eight other cities have been destroyed. Railroads, street railways, telegraph and telephone systems are thoroughly demoralized.

It is known that the dead in this city number twenty. Madam Mont, wife of Admiral Mont who was reported killed is alive but seriously injured. It is expected that the street railway and lighting systems of this city will be restored today.

Carlos Edwards, one of the proprietors of the Mercurio, of Valparaiso, has arrived in Santiago on horseback from that city. He confirms the reports that the principal avenue of Valparaiso has been transformed into heaps of ruins. The majority of the inhabitants, he says, have sought refuge on the hills, in the parks and along the seashore. Not any of the private residences were habitable.

In spite of the desolation, perfect order is maintained by the troops. Military ambulances were gathering up the wounded and dead.

When Edwards left Valparaiso it was impossible to determine the number of persons killed, but according to his estimate the number of lives lost was small, when the extent of the catastrophe is taken into consideration. At one depot he saw fifty bodies. The main hotel was standing and all the guests escaped injury, but Edwards regards Valparaiso as being uninhabitable for the present.

A squadron of cavalry, forming a presidential escort, has started from here for Valparaiso with instructions to requisition all cattle met with between this place and Valparaiso and to drive the herds to that city in order to prevent famine. A large number of people have sought refuge on the various ships at anchor in bay of Valparaiso.

Medical supplies have been sent to Valparaiso and everything possible is being done to assist the homeless people. No accurate estimate of the damage done by the earthquake can yet be made, but it is considered certain it will run into the hundreds of millions and it is feared a commercial crisis will follow the earthquake disaster. Business is being slowly resumed here and at Valparaiso.

The ministers of war and the interior, with volunteers from the army and fire departments, left for purpose of establishing telegraphic communication with Valparaiso. Contrary to the general belief, tunnels were not wrecked and it is hoped trains will be running regularly tomorrow.

PROHIBIT CONTRIBUTIONS.

President Wants Present Congress to Enact Such a Law—Wants No Change in Organization.

By Associated Press. New York, Aug. 20.—A letter written by President Roosevelt to Congressman Watson, of Indiana, regarding and approving of the work of the present Congress and declaring that to change the leadership and organization of the House at this time means to bring confusion upon those who have successfully engaged in the steady working out of the great and comprehensive scheme for the betterment of our social and civic conditions, was made public.

The President also declared that such a change would result in hurtful oscillation between extreme radical and extreme reactionary. The President said he hoped the present Congress will enact laws prohibiting political contributions by corporations, lowering duties on imports from the Philippines and limiting number of hours for railway employees.

YELLOW FEVER SITUATION.

President Board of Health on the Scene—No Outbreak Feared. By Associated Press. New Orleans, Aug. 20.—Advices from New Iberia, where a negro was reported yesterday as suffering with yellow fever, report the arrival of President Iron, of the State Board of Health, and members of his staff. Systematic fumigation and screening is to be pushed. The fact that the case is isolated on the outskirts of the town, encourages the belief that there will be further infection.

There is no excitement at New Iberia and no exodus. Quarantines have not been imposed but for the time indiscriminate travel to and from the town will be prohibited. The doctors think the present case was probably imported from some point along the Mexican coast.

Cotton Receipts.

The receipts of cotton at the city platform today amounted to 88 bales at 10 cents. On the same day last year the receipts amounted to 21 bales at 10 1/2 cents.

YADKIN RAILROAD VERY NEGLIGENT

Is the Report of the Corporation Commission. Road-bed Almost Impassable and Dangerous to Lives of Persons Passing Over it. Elkin Company Expanding.

Special to The News. Raleigh, Aug. 20.—The Chatham Mfg. Co., of Elkin, filed with the Secretary of State, today, notice of amendment to charter, by which their principal office will be moved to Winston-Salem. The Elkin mills will be continued. The amendment also increases considerably the powers of the company and increases the capital stock from \$100,000 to \$350,000. Hugh G. Chatham is president.

The Corporation Commission issues a statement in which it holds that its investigation into the condition of the Yadkin railroad, from Salisbury to Albemarle shows that the complaints made especially by the citizens of Albemarle were well founded in that the roadbed is almost impassable and dangerous to the lives of persons passing over it, wrecks occurring on almost every trip, all because of the carelessness and negligence of the company, done as the citizens complaining believe, to save the company the expense necessary for repairs. The Commission declares that the railroad is not free from negligence in allowing conditions to continue and they should be required to employ the necessary labor and make the needed changes at once.

MANY OFFICIALS MURDERED.

Record of Last Week's Slaughter and Orime in Russia. By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Aug. 20.—Last week's statistics show that 58 officials were murdered and 43 wounded in Russia proper, 50 bomb depots were discovered, six safes were rifled of money and 63 persons robbed.

These official figures do not take into account the pillaging in the country, nor do they give the number of military executions or arrests of agitators and revolutionists and there are no figures showing the number of persons sent into exile.

The St. Petersburg Gazette says 2,300 persons were banished Sunday from St. Petersburg alone and that 750 were placed on trains bound for the interior.

UNION MAY COLLAPSE.

Printers' Union Weakened Because Secretary Skipped With Money. Special to The News. Durham, Aug. 20.—The Durham Printers' Union is almost at a collapsing point on account of the secretary, Chas. Thomas, skipping out with \$175 of the money. Thomas has been gone some time. At first it was the opinion of the printers that he would return in a few days, but he has been gone two weeks and nothing has been heard from him.



IN CRIMINAL COURT.

Second Week Begins—Liquor Cases Disposed Of—Three-Year Sentence Today.

The second week of criminal term of Superior Court for Mecklenburg county was formally opened this morning at the usual hour with Judge Peebles presiding, and Solicitor Clarkson prosecuting for the State.

The court today took up several retailing cases, while others were continued to the next term. The cases disposed of up to 3 o'clock were as follows: Lee Davidson, assault. Judgment suspended.

Elijah Phifer, larceny. Paid costs and discharged. Sam Catton, larceny. Three years on the roads. Jo. Williams, larceny. Pleads guilty of forcible trespass.

Jno. Short, retailing. Set for Thursday. J. U. Hager, retailing. Continued. Frank Grier, retailing, four cases. Continued.

Standard Quotations.

By Associated Press. Cleveland, O., Aug. 20.—Refined oil again declined a half cent a gallon today. Standard Oil Company's new quotations are: Water white oil, Ohio State test, 1 1/2c; headlight oil, 1 1/2c; No. 2, 1 1/2c and cocene, 10 1/2c. No change in quotations on Ohio State test oil or gasoline.

Fight at Hotel Selwyn.

Two negro employees at the Hotel Selwyn, Richard Hoffman and John Scales engaged in a fight this morning for which both were summoned to appear before the Recorder tomorrow morning. Neither were hurt in the mix-up, though several blows were passed.

Pleased With "Rock."

By Associated Press. Gibraltar, Aug. 20.—Mr. Bryan and party boarded the steamer Princess Irene which sailed at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Bryan expressed himself delighted with the tour, which closed with visits to places of interest in and about the "Rock."

THE CUBAN UPRISING BECOMING SERIOUS

Speaker and President Hold Consultation Last Night and Decide to Summon Extraordinary Session of House to Discuss Uprising.

By Associated Press. New York, Aug. 20.—A cable despatch to the morning papers from Havana says following the arrest yesterday of several prominent men in connection with the alleged conspiracy to assassinate President Palma and overthrow the government Speaker Freyre had a consultation with President Palma last night and decided to summon an extraordinary session of the house this morning to discuss the uprising.

The despatch says: Numerous bands are joining the Pino Guerra. A suspicious looking schooner is off Pinar Del Rio. All coast roads from Havana are closely guarded. Many Terrorists who attempted to leave the city yesterday were turned back.

The rebels have seized the mails of the steamship, Consolacion. The Governor has established a censorship over the press despatches and all telegrams are delayed. The officials maintain silence as to the situation.

MORE EXCITEMENT ON STOCK MARKET

An Unusually Large Attendance of Members at the Opening of the Market this Morning. First Hour's Sales Probably Over Six Hundred Thousand.

By Associated Press. New York, Aug. 20.—Further excitement attended the opening of the stock market. There was an unusually large attendance of members, many of whom cut short their vacations and hurried back to town.

The principal feature of the early trading was in Harriman stocks, which led last week's movement. Union Pacific opened with a block of fourteen thousand shares at from 184 1/4, later selling to 185. Southern Pacific started off with block of ten thousand at an advance of 1 3/4 points over Saturday, establishing a new high record.

Amalgamated copper opened with thirteen thousand shares at an advance of 2 1/2. Other stocks that made substantial gains were Great Northern, preferred, 6 points; Northern Pacific, 3 1/2; American smelting, 4 5/8; Anaconda, 4 1/2; Atchison, 2 3/4; Reading, 1 3/4; and Illinois Central, 2 1/4.

Buying orders were reported to have come from various out-of-town points, notably, Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Cleveland and Chicago. London was also reported a purchaser. The sales in the first hour were probably over six hundred thousand shares.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Several to Be Erected During the Next Few Months—Progressive Spirit. The educational work that is done in Mecklenburg cannot be surpassed by any county in the State, and there is no county that at the same time displays more interest in her schools both city and county, than Mecklenburg.

In addition to the building of a handsome new schoolhouse at Dixie, as announced in The News last week, County Superintendent of Education Cochran said today that there were three additional school buildings to be erected soon in the county, where buildings already exist but which have become too small and inadequate to the needs of the communities in which they are located.

One of the new schools will be at Davidson where a very attractive building will be located and the others will be situated at convenient places in the county.

The past year's record for the schools is one that has no equal and for the coming year the school boards and committees have in mind still greater plans that they expect to carry out.

THE PRINTERS STRIKE.

Entire Force of Afternoon Sun Went On Strike. Special to The News. Durham, Aug. 20.—The type composing force of the afternoon Sun of this city is on a strike commanding of their employers a nine-hour system.

The printers do not belong to the union. The entire force is on strike and it is not likely that they will return to work. No definite steps have been taken in the matter. The manager of the Sun stated this morning that a nine-hour system would not be adopted.

Will Not Return This Season.

According to a report given out by the Wilmington Dispatch Mr. Marx S. Nathan who has been manager of the Academy for the past two years will not return to Charlotte again this season, but will go on the road over the press despatches and all telegrams are delayed. The officials maintain silence as to the situation.

TWO FREIGHTS COLLIDE.

Conductor Lem Snipes Hurlled High Into the Air—Two Broken Ribs. Southern and Seaboard Air Line shifting trains collided last night at the junction near the ice plant and caused considerable damage to several cars, besides injuring Conductor Lem Snipes and Fireman Sim McNaire, colored.

Conductor Snipes was riding on the rear car which was loaded with lumber when without warning the Seaboard engine bore down upon him, hurling him high into the air and knocking the lumber car off the track. Mr. Snipes was painfully though not seriously injured, two of his ribs being broken and one of his legs badly bruised.

The tracks were soon cleared and traffic resumed. The two engines sounded their whistles simultaneously which prevented either engineer from hearing them.

CAMPING ON CATAWBA.

Mr. Abbott Spoke to Boys on River—Every Boy Having a Good Time. Secretary Probert and Mr. F. C. Abbott have returned from Sandifer on the Catawba river where they spent Sunday with the 40 boys who are now in camp.

At 11 o'clock yesterday morning Mr. Abbott conducted the services for the boys, and they were all present, taking much interest in the meeting which was held at the camp.

Mr. Probert states that the boys are all enjoying themselves immensely. They will return next Saturday from camp. A series of kodak pictures that are being taken will show nearly every stage of the trip and the outing on the river when they are completed, and placed on exhibition.

Picnic at Freeland's Chapel.

There will be a big day picnic at Freeland's Chapel, four miles from the city on the Yorkville road, next Thursday. Dinner will be served at 12:30 o'clock and after a short intermission a game of ball will be played. All are invited to come and bring their baskets.

ANOTHER LYNCHING SEEMS PROBABLE

South Carolinians are After 17-Years Old Boy who Attacked 7 Year Old Girl. Will be Lynched if Caught. Thought that Girl will Die of Injuries.

Special to The News. Columbia, S. C., Aug. 20.—A 17-year-old negro boy is being pursued by 100 men near Batesburg, between Columbia and Augusta, and if caught will be lynched. On last Thursday afternoon he attempted an assault on the seven-year-old daughter of J. H. West, a Saluda county farmer. This morning the physicians say that the girl will die from the injuries inflicted by the negro boy, although he did not accomplish his purpose.

Neighbors have been searching for him ever since and early this morning it was reported that he was surrounded in a swamp near Batesburg.

The protracted, serlyces which have been held for the past few days at the Sardis A. R. P. church by Rev. J. P. Snipes of Steele Creek closed yesterday. Mr. Snipes was in the city today en route to his home.

HOGS ATTACK CHILD

And Badly Injure Him—New Woolen Mill—Opening of Trinity College. Special to The News.

Durham, Aug. 20.—Everything is being placed in readiness for the opening of Trinity College September 12th. The date of the opening this year is one week later than last year. The buildings are being overhauled and changes being made. A number of changes are being made in the Duke building that will add very materially to the comfort and convenience of the students. The Campus is in excellent condition and presents a beautiful view. The prospects for a successful opening is very bright. The correspondence with students in distant states have been much larger than in former years and the indications are that the attendance from other states will exceed that of other years.

The old Willards Manufacturing plant at Willardsville, N. C., which has been unoccupied for several years is being remodeled, and placed in order to begin work in the near future. The plant has been purchased by a company, the stockholders being mostly people of Durham. The machinery will be ordered and the plant will be made up-to-date in every respect and will be among the best in the State. They will manufacture extensively woolen articles, and will employ a large number of hands. The old concern did a good business for several years, but for some reason the stockholders had the doors closed and agreed to a dissolution.

The little five-year-old child of Mrs. Ed. Thompson, who lives several miles from the city, was badly injured by several hogs Saturday and at one time it was thought his condition was critical. The boy has been accustomed to playing with the hogs from the outside of the pen, but yesterday he climbed on the inside. He hit them with sticks, this infuriated the animals to such an extent that they attacked the boy, badly biting and bruising him in a number of places. The parents had much difficulty in getting him from the pen, and the little boy was almost prostrated from the loss of blood. His condition has much improved and prospects are that he will recover.

MR. W. E. HIPPIE HIT BY S. A. L. ENGINE

Well Known Farmer of Paw Creek Township Struck by S. A. L. Engine and Receives Injuries Which it is Thought will be Fatal. Mule Killed.

Mr. W. E. Hipp, a prominent farmer of Paw Creek was struck this morning by train 133 of the Seaboard Air Line and perhaps fatally injured. Mr. Hipp was on his way home from Mr. Mack Todd's where he had been to get the pigs and was crossing the railroad track on the Rozzell's Ferry road, just where the five-mile post-stands, when the train, going down-grade struck his mule, cutting it to pieces and throwing Mr. Hipp violently to the ground.

It is not known whether the train struck him directly or not, the physicians thinking that the terrible force with which he struck the ground might have caused the injuries.

One leg was broken, one hip crushed and his head and hands horribly lacerated. When the engineer discovered that he had run into the team he reversed his engine immediately and backed to the spot where the tragedy occurred.

Mr. Hipp was found lying unconscious on the ground, with blood flowing freely from the dangerous cut on the back of his head. He was placed on the train and taken back to Mr. Mack Frazier's store where Drs. Hovis, Abernathy and Wilder were hastily summoned.

After his wounds had been dressed by the physicians he was driven to his home in Paw Creek where he lies still unconscious. Little hope is held out for his recovery.

The buggy in which Mr. Hipp was riding was torn to fragments and the mule cut literally to pieces. Portions of its body were strewn along the track for a considerable distance.

The spot where the accident occurred is just five miles north of the station. It is near the Hoskins Mill and immediately in front of the negro church, known as Salem church. Mr. Hipp was but a short distance from his home when he was overtaken by the terrible accident which is likely to result in his death.

Mr. Hipp is about thirty years of age and is a farmer of some prominence in his neighborhood. He is well spoken of by a number of friends who learn with regret of the unfortunate accident. He married Miss Ida McCord who is also known in this city. Many friends of both were conversing this afternoon of the horrible tragedy which has befallen them, and spoke in highest praise of the industry and energy and honesty of the man who lies so near the border line.

SULLIVAN MUST BE REPUDIATED SAYS MR. BRYAN

Don't Want Instructed Delegation from Illinois, with Sullivan Attached. His friend, Judge Thomas of Jacksonville, Makes the Announcement.

The Actual Fight for the Control of the Convention will Commence To-night in Meeting of State Central Committee. Will be Two Reports. By Associated Press.

Peoria, Ill., Aug. 20.—Mr. Bryan according to his friend, Judge Thompson, of Jacksonville, Ill., Judge Thompson, of Jacksonville, Ill., desires no instructed delegates from Illinois in the next Democratic national convention, unless the national committee from Illinois, Rodger C. Sullivan is repudiated by tomorrow's state convention.

Judge Thompson made the announcement immediately upon his arrival in the city, that he had received such a message from Mr. Bryan. The actual fight for the control of the convention will not commence until tonight when the State central committee will meet. National Committeeman Sullivan and his friends do not wish resolutions endorsing Bryan to contain anything beyond that endorsement. The opponents of Sullivan desire that it contain a condemnation of Sullivan and a request for his resignation from the national committee. The matter will undoubtedly come before the convention in the shape of a majority and minority reports.

TO ATTEND MEETING

Members of the Board of Erskine College will go to Due West Wednesday to Attend Meeting.

Revs. Drs. W. W. Orr and R. G. Miller, Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick, of this city and Mr. W. A. Grier, of Steele Creek will leave Wednesday noon for Due West, S. C. where they go to attend a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Erskine college, called to meet there in special session. Several matters to be discussed and disposed of makes the meeting of vital importance. The election of President of Erskine College will be the most important action taken. The vacancy in the presidency of the institution was caused by the resignation of Dr. F. Y. Pressly, who was recently elected President of the Erskine Theological Seminary, also located at Due West. Interest centers about this election as there will be likely a strong fight between the men who are said to be suitable for the responsible place.

Besides this there is said to be some matters to be transacted which will be of interest to the many friends and alumni of the college in Mecklenburg county. The members of the Board from this section cannot be induced to divulge what is going to be done, but it is undeniable that there is some action, aside from the election of a president, which is attracting the attention of the "Seceders" in this section, who await with keen interest the meeting next Wednesday.

Dr. Orr's Gift.

Dr. W. W. Orr, pastor of the East Avenue Tabernacle, who has just returned from Troy, Tenn., where he has been holding evangelistic services was exhibiting a very handsome umbrella to his friends today. Engraved in gold thereon is the name of Dr. Orr and also the name of the giver. The umbrella was presented by the ladies' society of the congregation in which Dr. Orr has been holding services and is a mark of the high esteem which the people there cherish for the popular Charlotte minister.

Capt. Stowe Will Move Here.

Capt. H. D. Stowe has sold his residence and a part of the Simmon Ridge farm in the Berryhill section and will move to this city in the fall. The consideration for 127 acres was \$8,275. The Simmon Ridge farm is one of the best in the county. Capt. Stowe is looking around for a suitable residence in the city and will remove here later in the year. He will make a valuable addition to the citizenship of this city as he has in the past been a notable factor in the life of the county.

Dr. McLaughlin Better.

Dr. R. H. McLaughlin returned today from Asheville where he spent Sunday with his brother, Dr. A. R. McLaughlin who has been in the mountains for the past several months recuperating. His many friends in Charlotte will learn with pleasure that Dr. McLaughlin is improving and that his stay in Asheville is proving beneficial to his health.

Mr. Vaughn to Build.

Mr. S. L. Vaughn, of the contracting firm of Hunter and Vaughn has bought from F. C. Abbott & Co., a lot just below the East Avenue Tabernacle on Elizabeth Avenue and will in the near future begin the erection of a handsome residence. The consideration was \$18,500. Mr. Vaughn will erect a modern two-story dwelling with all convenient appointments.