

Serious Earthquake Occured In Southern California Last Night

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Three Men Hurt When the Roofs Fall In.—Hall of Records Damaged.—Walls and Sidewalks Cracked.

(By the Associated Press.) Los Angeles, Cal., July 23.—The entire tier of Southern California counties was rocked by an earthquake of from 11 seconds to 20 seconds' duration at 11:28 o'clock last night, San Bernardino, where the greatest damage was caused, feeling a second heavy tremor at 1 a. m., today.

Three men were injured seriously at San Bernardino when roofs fell in, although there has been no reports of death. Much damage was caused to property, buildings on streets running east and west being the greatest sufferers. Santa Barbara was the extreme northern point from which earthquake reports were received, and San Diego the farthest south. The shocks extended eastward nearly to the Arizona line. No serious damage was done here. In San Bernardino the Hall of Records, a building the court house group, was badly damaged, tons of rock being torn loose from the walls. The falling debris crashed through roof of a rooming house adjoining, critically injuring George Fisher, who was sleeping. Other rooms were thrown into panic and rushed into the streets narrated by shrieks. Plate glass windows in a number of places were shattered. Walls and sidewalks at numerous buildings and sidewalks were cracked. Telephone communications were cut off, adding to the pandemonium. Street lights went out when a number of wires went down. Chimneys on residences throughout the city tumbled over.

Several thousand bricks were knocked out of the Santa Fe machine shops, and there was other damage to that plant. A pall of dust from falling bricks hung over San Bernardino for five minutes after the first shock. At the southern California state hospital at Pomona, where approximately 2,500 patients were quartered, the shock rocked the building. In one wing much plaster fell. The patients were terrified, but were quieted by attendants. Several smaller buildings were damaged. No one was injured.

THREE MEN INJURED WHEN BOILER EXPLODES. Boiler at Plant of S. Hilton Lumber Co. in Wilmington Exploded Today.

(By the Associated Press.) Wilmington, July 23.—Three men were injured, none seriously, when a boiler at the plant of the S. Hilton Lumber Company's shingle mill here exploded at 8:30 this morning. The building was wrecked and a portion of the boiler heaved several hundred yards into the Cape Fear River. Leaks were blamed for the explosion.

President Ends Visit to Alaska. Sitka, Alaska, July 22.—President Harding concluded his visit to Alaska here today exactly two weeks from the day he first stepped in the soil of the territory and tonight, the marine transport Henderson, carrying the presidential party, steamed out of the harbor bound for Vancouver, B. C., and Seattle.

Dies as Result of Burns. (By the Associated Press.) Hickory, July 23.—Mrs. Coy Walker, 22, died in a local hospital today of burns suffered when oil exploded in a cook stove at her home June 28th. She is survived by her husband and one child.

Irene Castle Granted a Divorce. Paris, July 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Irene Castle, the dancer, was granted a divorce here today from her husband, Capt. Robert E. Treman.

Thousands of persons visit the British Museum yearly to see the famous Magan Charta. Heavy green blinds are kept over the precious parchment to exclude the full light rays, and this prevents deterioration, but are lifted to show the chapter to admiring pilgrims, among whom are many American visitors to London.

The only woman in the United States who makes a business of filling toy balloons is Mrs. Ollie Young, of Minneapolis. In the course of a single season Mrs. Young fills 4,000,000 of the brightly colored dancing bubbles with hydrogen gas.

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MR. JOHN C. LESLIE DIES SUDDENLY IN NEW YORK

Manager of New York Office of Cannon Manufacturing Co. Dies at His Home. Mr. John C. Leslie, manager of the New York office of the Cannon Mills, died suddenly at his home at No. 9 East 80th Street, New York, according to a long distance telephone message today received here about 9 o'clock by Mr. J. F. Cannon, of this city. He had just returned from a trip to Lake Placid, where he spent last week with his family, who had been spending some time there. Mr. Leslie planned to spend this week in New York and return to Lake Placid next week for a further stay. So far as is known he had been in his usual health.

Mr. Leslie, who was about 58 years of age, was a native of Concord, the son of the late Miss B. Leslie. His early life was spent in Concord, and he was engaged with a number of businesses here before leaving Concord in 1884, among them being the mercantile establishments of Martin Phifer, and Cannon & Fetzer. In 1890, he left Concord, going to Charlotte where he opened a mercantile business with Mr. B. F. Rogers, known as Leslie & Rogers. After several years in Charlotte he moved to Albemarle, where he was made Secretary and Treasurer of the Wicasset Mills, of the Cannon Manufacturing Company. This position he held until the Cannon Mills opened up an office in New York in 1900, when he was transferred to that office. For a number of years before his death he had been the manager of the New York office, which was the main selling office for the Cannon Mills. He was a man of splendid business ability and held a position of great responsibility.

BIG LOSS TO TOBACCO IN GREENVILLE SECTION

Early Reports Place the Damage at One-Half Million Dollars. (By the Associated Press.) Greenville, N. C., July 23.—Many acres of tobacco were reported to have been damaged by a severe rain and hail storm in this part of the state yesterday and last night. The storm crossed over an area of approximately 15 miles, according to reports received here, damaging cotton and corn as well as tobacco crops. No official estimate of the loss had been made today but reports indicated that it would be high.

Much Damage in Wayne County Also. Kinston, July 23.—Farmers reaching here today from Wayne County say tobacco, corn and cotton crops were badly damaged in a section of that county late yesterday by a terrific hail and rain storm.

KILLS WIFE AND TWO BABIES, SLASHES SELF

Ophir Dugger, Columbia, Tenn., in Fit of Melancholia, Slaughters Family. Columbia, Tenn., July 22.—Mrs. Ophir Dugger, aged 36, her two children, a boy of four and a girl of two, are dead and Ophir Dugger, the husband and father, is dying in the Kings Daughters Hospital here tonight as the result of a sudden fit of melancholia on the part of Dugger today.

THE AMERICAN GUNBOAT PAMPANGA FIRED UPON

While Patrolling the West River in China Protecting American Interests. Canton, July 22 (By the Associated Press).—Previous to the recent capture of W. Chow by the constitutionalists, the U. S. gunboat Pampanga while patrolling the West River protecting American interests was fired on by artillery and shot at during a Wampang attack, although the ship was flying two large American flags. It is the first time in the history of the West River that an American gunboat has been fired on. The Pampanga in self defense was forced to return the fire of the attackers. Some difficulty was experienced in maneuvering the ship. The action lasted about ten minutes. There were no American casualties.

BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

Speakers Bring Messages of Progress of Baptist Work Since Close of War. Stockholm, July 23 (By the Associated Press).—The Baptist World Alliance in session here, offered congratulations to King Gustav today upon the fact that during his reign full recognition of religious liberty had been granted in Sweden. It voted to lay a wreath on the grave of Gustavus Adolphus. Speakers from every section of Europe brought messages on the progress of the Baptist work since the close of the war.

CRISIS APPROACHING

In the Turkish-American Treaty Negotiations.—Trying to Harmonize Views. Lausanne, July 23 (By the Associated Press).—The Turkish-American treaty negotiations are approaching a crisis. By Thursday of this week when Ismet Pasha says he must leave for Angora, it will be known whether the treaty will be signed or the negotiations broken off. Each delegation has sent lengthy dispatches to its government seeking to harmonize its views on the divergent points if this is possible.

The Morse Ship Frauds Trial.

Washington, July 23.—After abandoning their plans to call Attorney General Dugberry to the witness stand, defense attorneys in the Morse ship fraud trial made an expected shift in the lineup of their witnesses and announced that Charles M. Schwab would appear tomorrow. At the same time it became known that ill health had been given by the Morse counsel as their reason for not going through with their plan to question the attorney general.

Is a Local Political Embroglio.

Manila, P. I., July 23 (By the Associated Press).—The split between Governor General Leonard Wood and Manuel Quezon which resulted in the resignation of all the leading officials of the Philippine government has developed into a local political partisan embroglio with the democratic party supporting Governor Wood and the collectivist party opposing him, according to leaders here today.

Report of the Board of Education of New York City for the term just ended shows that not only did a higher percentage of girls receive their diplomas, but that in two school districts out of the forty-eight the girls made a perfect record by graduating 100 per cent.

Among the Egyptian cats were regarded with the utmost reverence, and their mummified remains are frequently found in the same tombs as their worshippers.

INTERESTING ITEMS ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA.

(By the Associated Press)

Gastonia, the county seat of Gaston county, is the center of the textile industry of the state. Gaston county has within its borders more than one hundred active cotton mills. Winston-Salem is the center of the State's tobacco products industry. This city is also the greatest in population with Charlotte as a close second. Charlotte is the state's leading industrial center. Asheville, in the "land of the sky," is the tourist center of North Carolina and one of the leading tourist cities east of the Mississippi. Every summer, thousands from many sections of the country visit this mountain city. Pinehurst, with its many golf links, is the mecca of winter golfers and sportsmen. Polo, golf, tennis and many other sports form a continuous program through the fall, winter and early spring months. High Point is the center of the furniture industry of North Carolina and is fast becoming one of the important furniture manufacturing centers of the south.

THE TIME TO BEGIN FIGHTING THE BOLL WEEVIL

Cotton Grower Urged to Watch Their Cotton Closely From Now On. Raleigh, July 23.—The time to begin fighting the boll weevil by poisoning the cotton with calcium arsenate will soon be at hand, and cotton growers are strongly urged to henceforth watch their cotton closely, and when ten per cent. of the squares are found punctured, an application of dust should be made.

Mr. Leslie is survived by his widow and one daughter, Miss Emma Ross Leslie, of New York City. Five sisters, all of Concord, also survive, as follows: Mrs. W. L. Bell, Miss Bettie Leslie, Mrs. Laura Leslie Ross, Miss Lena M. Leslie, and Mrs. A. H. Jarrett. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

THE COTTON MARKET

Prices Forced Off From 32 to 45 Points. —Reports of Some Good Rains in Southern Texas. (By the Associated Press.) New York, July 23.—An active and weak market characterized the opening session on the new cotton exchange this morning. Reports of some good rains in southern Texas, in connection with weak Liverpool cables induced heavy commission houses and local selling which forced prices off 32 to 45 points at the start. Pressure continued after the opening with July selling at 26.00, October at 23.07, and December at 23.70, or 47 to 53 points net lower.

NEW BOARD ROOM OPENED WITH SMASH

New York, July 23.—The opening of the new board room of the cotton exchange today witnessed the heaviest business in many weeks with a smash in prices that carried the level of the leading positions off 60 to 70 points, or \$3 to \$3.50 per bale, under closing prices last Friday.

BUSINESS MEN WARNED TO PAY LICENSE TAX

Penalty of 20 Per Cent. Will Be Levied After August 1st Under the Law. Raleigh, July 22.—Warning to professional men of the existence of chapter 96 of the revenue act requiring the payment of a license tax prior to June 1 has been issued from the office of Revenue commissioner R. A. Doughton.

A large number of licenses for the practice of certain professions and carrying on of certain businesses have been issued, but there appears to be a large number of parties liable for this tax who have not made application and received the necessary license, it was stated at Commissioner Doughton's office.

PROMINENT COTTON MEN OF ENGLAND VISITING CHARLOTTE

Charlotte, July 21.—Arno S. Pearce, general secretary of the International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers' association, with headquarters at Manchester, England; Arthur Foster, chairman of the finance council of the Empire Cotton Growing corporation, and the chairman of the finance council of the North Lancashire Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers' association, with headquarters at Preston, England; and F. A. Tomlinson, managing director of the newly established Manchester Raw Cotton Company, limited with headquarters at the Royal Exchange, Manchester, and capitalized at \$5,000,000, are in the city for several days.

PROTESTS INCREASED ARMAMENTS EXPENDITURE

MacDonald Says These Form the Beginning of Another Race for Armaments. London, July 23 (By the Associated Press).—J. Ramsey MacDonald, leader of the opposition in the House of Commons, today moved a resolution deprecating the increasing expenditures in military preparations which he asserted formed the beginning of another race for armaments. He urged the government to take immediate steps to call an international conference for the limitation of armament.

With Our Advertisers.

Cedar Oil Polish, 50 cents a quart, at the Ritchie Hardware Co's. Three-piece beautifully designed cane suite. See new ad. of the Concord Furniture Company.

Severe Earthquake Tremors Are Felt.

Washington, July 22.—An earthquake of severe intensity and of two hours' duration, estimated to have occurred 4,900 miles from Washington, was recorded today on the Georgetown university seismograph. The disturbance continued from 9:29 a. m. with the greatest intensity between 10 o'clock and 10:10 a. m.

Reaches New York Today on the Leviathan From a Trip to Europe.—Later May Have Something to Say.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, July 23.—United States Senator Hiram Johnson, of California, boomed by his friends for the Republican Presidential nomination in 1924, returned from a tour of Europe today on the Leviathan, and refused to indicate to news reporters or the crowd who gathered to greet him whether his hat was in the ring.

WILL MAKE SPEECH WEDNESDAY NIGHT

His Friends Expect a Report and Statement From Him at That Time.—Is Cheered by 2,000 People. The Senator only laughed, however, when he was asked to comment on the rumors and declared: "I will not be interviewed on domestic politics at this time. Later I may have a little to say."

NOT GUILTY, SAYS JURY

Alleged Women Floggers at Lumberton Acquitted and Released. Lumberton, July 21.—"Not guilty" was the verdict returned by the Superior Court jury at 4:35 o'clock this afternoon on each of the three counts of kidnapping, secret assault and assault with a deadly weapon against Mike Lawson, John Hedgpegh and Julie Brogren, charged with being leaders of a band of 18 hooded men who took Mrs. Hattie Purvis and Mrs. Mary A. Watson from the home of the former at Prenterville on the night of April 14th, and gave them a severe flogging on their naked flesh. Only one ballot was taken. The jury was out 50 minutes.

ALLEN CHASED OUT OF STATE IN 1919

North Carolina Department of Welfare Withdrew License From School Head. Raleigh News and Observer. Investigation in 1910 of his school at Franklin, Macon county, by the N. C. State Board of Charities and Public Welfare caused H. B. Allen, who was expelled from the Board of Charities and Public Welfare in order to operate such an institution in North Carolina, whereupon he removed his establishment across the Virginia line to Sabot, Va.

SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

To Hold Its Annual Meeting at Junaluska, Beginning July 26. Lake Junaluska, N. C., July 21.—The School of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which will hold its annual summer school beginning July 26 and continuing through August 9, is the next event of importance on the program of Methodist activities at Lake Junaluska, it is announced by Rev. A. C. Zumbunnen, D. D., Ph. D., Secretary of the Home Cultivation Department of the Board of Missions, under whose auspices the school will be conducted. Dr. Zumbunnen is dean of the School of Missions.

BABY FALLS BENEATH WHEEL AND IS KILLED

Unborn, Two-Year-Old Climbs to Running Board and Drops When Car Starts. Gastonia, July 21.—Pauline West, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. West, was almost instantly killed this evening when she fell from the running board of an automobile and was crushed under the rear wheel of the machine driven by Mrs. R. E. Rhyme, wife of a prominent physician here.

Fifth Trunk Line Out of New York.

New York, July 23.—Plans for a fifth great trunk line railway to connect New York and Chicago have been worked out by officials of the New York Central railroad, it was announced tonight by President A. H. Smith. The route, approved for which will be sought from the Interstate Commerce Commission, would be 40 miles shorter than the present New York Central route and shorter than any of the other three trunk lines between the two cities with the exception of that of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The line would include existing separate short routes from Ashabula, Ohio, to New York; the Central railroad of New Jersey, portions of the Philadelphia and Reading and the Franklin division of the New York Central with the construction of about 95 miles of new track to take the place of existing lines, a part of which are owned by the Pennsylvania system.

Sea Going Tug Goes Down.

Wilmington, July 23.—The tug Juno of Wilmington, went down in 10 feet of water off the Beaufort Bar last night during a thunderstorm, according to long distance telephone messages received here today.

James Copeland, engineer, of Wilmington, was lost, but the body has not been recovered.