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EARTHQUAKE DESTROYS CITIES

San Salvador's Capital in Central America Badly Rent by the Shake-up. While Neighboring Cities and Villages Are Destroyed. Only One Hundred Houses Reported Left Standing in Capital. List of the Dead not Thought to be Large.

San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, June 8.—San Salvador, Santecla and neighboring towns and villages were destroyed in an earthquake which commenced at seven o'clock last night and continued through the night, according to information received here from the president of Nicaragua tonight.

The president's message says: "Telegraphic communication is just re-established with San Salvador and confirms that earthquake commenced at seven o'clock yesterday afternoon (Thursday) and continued all night, accompanied by a heavy rain.

"San Salvador, Santela and neighboring towns and villages were destroyed.

"The casualties were small. There were some fires.

The president of Nicaragua has telegraphed the president of Salvador offering aid. He has ordered the organization of relief committees to send help to the suffering and the homeless.

A report received from San Miguel says San Salvador was destroyed, only one hundred houses left standing. Strong earthquakes, the report says, were followed later by lava and boiling water.

San Salvador is about three miles southeast of the volcano of San Salvador and is the seat of government of the smallest, but most densely populated of the republics of Central America.

First record of an earthquake there was in 1873, when the entire city was nearly leveled and fifty persons perished.

The city, which was founded about 1525, is located about 120 miles southeast of the town of Guatemala and is on a small stream which flows into the Pacific ocean.

The city is connected by rail with Acajutla and La Libertad and contains a large university, the national palace, the national library and astronomical observatory and a botanical garden. It has a large agricultural trade.

The county of San Salvador itself consists mainly of a plateau about

2,000 feet above the sea, broken by a number of volcanic cones. Its population is 1,133,000, and the most recent census places the number of inhabitants in the capital at 64,000.

AMERICANS CROSS ATLANTIC.

Pershing and Staff, After Uneventful Voyage, Land at a British Port, Are Received With Full Military Honors and Immediately Entrain For London. Pershing Anxious to Get Into Harness at Base in France. Destroyers Act as Escort to White Star Liner.

London, June 8.—Headed by Maj. Gen. John J. Pershing, its commander, the first representatives of the American army that is to enter the European war, disembarked this morning at a British port after an uneventful voyage of 10 days on board the White Star liner Baltic. The party was received with full military honors and immediately entrained for London, where it arrived this afternoon and was welcomed by the Earl of Derby, the minister of war; Viscount French, commander of the British home forces, and the American officials.

General Pershing's personal staff and the members of the general staff who will perform the preliminary work for the first fighting force number 57 officers and are accompanied by about 50 privates and a large civilian clerical force.

The American residents of London and various British organizations have prepared an extensive program of entertainment for the American party but it is doubtful if much of it will be carried out as General Pershing, before being informed of the plans, expressed a desire that there be a minimum of anything in the nature of a celebration of a social character. The entire contingent devoted itself to the hardest kind of work of an organizing nature throughout the journey.

Among those taking an active part on the various committees of entertainment for the American contingent are Mrs. John Astor and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid.

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The lady stumbled over a small puddle, which set up a mournful yelp. "Oh, I beg your pardon, doggie," she said.

Could true politeness go further?—Louisville Courier-Journal.

RECOVERY IN WHEAT PRICES.

Sharp Rally From Recent Low Levels, Though Crop News is Again Favorable.

Having dropped 66 cents to 82 cents from its former record levels, it is not altogether strange that wheat has experienced recovery. The rally, which started late last week, has continued with comparatively little interruption and the July delivery in Chicago has gone back to \$2.22, with September again above the \$2 basis. The latter has regained over 20 cents of its recent loss and July nearly 30 cents, repurchases by speculative shorts largely explaining the movement. The market, as all know, remains in an unnatural position, and calculations and predictions regarding the future are of little significance. That the old crop situation presents elements of strength is everywhere recognized, but export buyers are not active in domestic markets, and the April shipments, just now announced by the Government, were 2,300,000 bushels less than in the same period last year. Moreover, for the ten months ended with April the output disclosed a reduction of fully 30,000,000 bushels. The best feature of the situation, and one that means much to the country at large, is the improvement in winter wheat prospects. This was reflected in Friday's official report, which, while showing a slight loss in conditions, disclosed an indicated yield 7,000,000 bushels above the May estimate.—Dun's Review.

Money In the Country.

You can't understand why it is, but people are not worrying about money any more. More automobiles were sold a month than ever before in the same length of time, and the banking interests all report plenty of money. Merchants are not complaining and the farmer, who at first concluded he would hoard his savings, has concluded that when we get to spending the seven billion dollars maybe there will be enough to go around.

There is no doubt about good times. The war will make money more plentiful than we have seen it in a long time. When you go to circulate seven billion dollars, use it in war preparation, that money circulates freely and quickly, and when money circulates every man who performs any task gets his share.—Greensboro Record.

28 MEN ENTOMBED IN MINE.

These Are Unearthed by Rescue Teams Who Hope to Find Others Alive in Montana Shaft.

Butte, Mont., June 10.—Twenty-eight men entombed in the Speculator Mine since the fire Friday night were brought to the surface alive at 1:40 this afternoon. Of the 28 rescued men, one was so far gone that resuscitation was impossible. The finding of the men alive stimulated efforts of the rescue teams and there is strong hope others may be found alive.

News that men were found alive on the 4,200 foot level spread like wildfire throughout the city and within fifteen minutes the gates at the mine were crowded with relatives and friends.

Nyrja Johnson was the first man to reach the surface.

"We owe our lives to Manus Duggan," said Johnson. "Duggan was the one who directed all the work. None of us would be alive today if it had not been for him."

"Duggan told us all to go into the drift and after we got in there he got a piece of canvas," said Johnson. "Then we took off our clothes and choked out the gas. He directed the work and when some men got weak he did the work of ten men. Duggan has not been rescued."

Several of the miners brought to the surface believed that others are safe on lower levels.

When the gas from the fire surged through the levels of the mine, 28 of the 29 men rescued so far were on the 2,400 foot level.

Bethel-Mitchener.

Selma, June 10.—A marriage of much interest throughout the State was that of Miss Mary Guerrant Mitchener to Mr. William C. P. Bethel which took place in the Presbyterian church on Thursday evening. The church was made beautiful with decorations of long leaf pine, ferns and yellow daisies. White candles in silver candelabras shed light upon the scene. The entrance of the bridal party was preceded by a musical program rendered by Miss Myatt, of Smithfield, pianist, and Miss Loine Watson, of Fayetteville, who sang very sweetly, "I Love You," and as Mendelssohn's Wedding March was played the ushers, Messrs. J. D. Massey and A. S. Lawhon entered, fol-

lowed by Miss Annie Watson, bridesmaid, Mr. M. R. Wall, groomsmen, Mrs. John William Irons, of Richmond, who was dame of honor and the maid of honor, Miss Rosalia Mitchener, John Lacy Deans and Ernest Vick Deans, young nephews of the bride acted as page and ring-bearer. Miss Myrtle May Parker, the dainty little flower girl, scattered roses before the bride.

The bride entered with her father, Mr. John A. Mitchener, who gave her in marriage. She wore a creation of dutchess satin and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley. Youthful, charming and possessed of real beauty, she was lovely in her bridal gown. The groom was accompanied by his father, Mr. George W. Bethel, of Richmond, Va., as best man.

Rev. Mr. Clark, pastor of the Presbyterian church, officiated, and the double ring ceremony was used.

Mr. and Mrs. Bethel left by automobile for Raleigh where they took the Seaboard train for Washington and New York. On their return they will be at home in Selma.

Death of a Little Child.

After a lingering illness of several weeks, little Joseph Thel Parker quietly and peacefully fell a sleep, June 1, 1917. He was the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Parker, of near Smithfield. But even in so short a time he had made a precious place in the hearts of those who knew him and loved him.

He was laid peacefully to rest in Pisgah cemetery Saturday morning, June 2nd. Rev. J. E. Lanier held a short but impressive burial service, speaking words of comfort to the crushed and bleeding hearts of those who loved him. The showers of beautiful flowers bore evidence of sweet memories.

Weep not, mama and papa,
Your babe has gone to rest;
We loved him, yes, we loved him,
But Jesus loved him best.

Think of your precious darling in that world so fair;
May you by covenant grace, be reunited there.

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New York last year issued 67,133 marriage licenses, a gain of 7,487 over the preceding year.

Bass-Massey.

Clayton, June 10.—On Monday night Miss Lois Massey, one of Clayton's most beautiful and accomplished young ladies, was married to Dr. Charles DeLacey Bass, of Raleigh, at the home of the bride on Main street. Rev. C. A. Jenkins, a special friend of the family, assisted by Rev. A. C. Hamby, pastor of the bride, performed the ceremony in the presence of a large company of specially invited friends. A musical program preceded the vows. Mrs. Charles G. Gulley sang "I Love You Truly," and a bevy of nineteen young lady friends of the bride, all gowned in pure white, bearing lighted candles, descended the stairs singing the Lohengrin Bridal Chorus. These young ladies were Misses Duba Ellis, Genie Thomas, Pearl Harris, La Rue Williams, Clee Ellis, Winnie Barbour, Louise Young, Doris Jeffreys, Jessie Eason, Barbara Gulley, Douschka Barnes, Blanche Ellis, Jessie Thurston, Mildred Poole and Jessie Guller.

The bridesmaids, Miss Minnie Holding, of Wake Forest, and Miss Louise Tolar, of Rocky Mount, carrying bouquets of pink sweet peas, entered, followed by the groomsmen, Messrs. E. W. McCullers and Perrin Gower. Mrs. B. A. Houtt, dame of honor, carrying bride's roses, entered alone. Miss Thelma Barbour was maid of honor and, carrying pink Killarney roses, led the bride, who wore a gown of rich white satin duchess, white court train handsomely embroidered in pearls, and tulle veil with a crown of orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley and orchids. Little Miss Mary Oliver Ellington was train-bearer and Miss Charlotte Thurston bore the ring in a white flower.

The bride has spent her life here and is very popular with a large circle of friends, being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Massey. The bridegroom is a young dentist of Raleigh. They will make their home in Raleigh after a bridal trip to the western part of the State.

Grand Lodge K. of P.

Mr. N. M. Lawrence will go to Rocky Mount today to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias. He will go as the representative from Neuse Lodge No. 230.

Kansas City, Mo., last year spent \$1,000,000 a month on new buildings.