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TOKIO AND YOKOHAMA ARE WRECKED BY EARTHQUAKE

Cable Communication With the Island Is Broken

News Sent By Wireless—Seismograph At Georgetown University Showed Severe Quake Somewhere—Many Disasters Occur.

San Francisco, Sept. 1.—Tokio is a city, many buildings of the city have collapsed, the water system is destroyed, the loss of life is heavy, all traffic has been suspended and the flames are spreading to surrounding towns.

The radio corporation's superintendent said he obtained his information from a morning paper at Sendai, a large seacoast town about 200 miles north of Tokio.

Water System Destroyed. Severe earthquake Tokio and vicinity at noon yesterday, railway stations near Tokio collapsed and no means to reach Tokio. Heavy damage in Tokio. Water system destroyed and many big buildings collapsed with outbreak of fire in various places.

Flames spreading toward Asakusa, Kanda, Hongo, Fukagawa and Mitaya. Heavy casualties reported. Major boat that all traffic suspended throughout Tokio. Refugees run in all directions.

Principal buildings burned down at Utsunakaya department store at Ueno; 12-story tower at Asakusa; Masebashi railway station at Kaiji; the building occupied by the Peers club, and the Tokio arsenal.

Many disastrous accidents have been reported, a number of trains running to Tokio having been wrecked during the quake. It is also reported that a severe tidal wave struck the coast at Yokohama. No damage western side of Shizuoka.

Later reports show that more than 200,000 persons perished in the conflagration.

IN HONOR OF MISS MARY EXUM BURT

During the past week Miss Mary Exum Burt, whose marriage to Mr. Alexander Holloway Veazey will take place on the 18th of September, has been the honoree at a number of social functions.

On Friday morning, Mrs. T. W. Fuffin charmingly entertained at five tables of bridge. After several progressions, a delicious salad course was served, after which Miss Burt was asked to cut the wedding cake which proved to be a very attractive container for a handkerchief shower.

Monday evening, Miss Frances Barrow delightfully entertained at seven tables of bridge and rook. At the conclusion of the game, Miss Florence Patricia Holden entered dressed as a tiny porter bearing a miniature trunk which contained a miscellaneous shower for the bride-elect. A frozen salad course, followed by mints and nuts, was served.

Thursday evening, Misses Ruth Early and Ruth Hall were joint hostesses at eight tables of bridge and rook. Mrs. J. W. Mann won the top score prize, a pair of bracelets, and Miss Burt was presented the guest prize, a lovely jewel case of Italian glass. A salad course, cream and cake, and mints and nuts were served.

Friday morning, Miss Lucy Andrews entertained at five tables of bridge and rook. Miss Louie Meadows received the top score prize, after which Miss Burt was the recipient of a miscellaneous shower. Delicious cream and cake, and mints and nuts were served.

Saturday morning, Mrs. W. G. McFarland and Miss Helen Smithwick delightfully entertained at the home of their parents, Dr. and Mrs. D. T. Smithwick. Hearts were played at five tables, Miss Katherine Bobbitt winning the top score prize. Miss Mattie Allen then presented Miss Burt with the guest prize, a silver olive spoon. The hostesses served a salad course, and mints and nuts.

T. E. L. CLASS

The T. E. L. Class of the Louisburg Baptist church delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. Boone Tuesday evening, the occasion being in honor of Mrs. J. Cleveland Simpson who is President of the T. E. L. Class of the Fairmont Baptist church, Norfolk, Va. The reception hall, living room and parlor were tastefully decorated with cut flowers. There were about 25 present. We were delighted to have as visitors Miss Eleanor Collier, Miss Columbia Crudup, who is president of the T. E. L. Class at Wake Forest, and Mrs. Minnie Williams, of Baltimore, Md. The entire evening was given over to music, recitations, laughing and talking. Mrs. Simpson, who is a graduate of the 1905 Class of Expression of Louisburg College gave two humorous readings which were greatly enjoyed by all present. Delicious ice cream and cake was served.

TOWN TAX RATE \$2.55

D. C. High Given Leave of Absence

Several Reports Received and Filed—To Rent Opera House—Proceed to Collect Delinquent Taxes.

The Board of Town Commissioners of Louisburg met in a continued meeting on Monday night with all members present. After reading and approving the minutes of the previous meetings the following business was transacted:

Report of D. C. High, Tax Collector was received and filed. He reports collecting \$320.95 in 1921 and \$1,755.51 in 1922 taxes.

B. H. Meadows, Chief of Police, reported costs of \$73.15 and fines \$20.00; licenses \$69.60.

A motion prevailed to order two uniforms each for day and night police, cost of same not to exceed \$40 each including cap.

D. C. High was granted five days leave of absence.

On motion all orders and ordinances regarding the collecting of taxes be repealed. It was further ordered that all delinquent taxes for the year 1920, 1921, 1922 be collected according to law. The Clerk was ordered to instruct the tax collector to proceed by levying upon personal property and sale and advertisement of real estate advertisement to be in not later than October 5th and sale to be had on first Monday in November.

Upon motion the Commissioners made the following tax levy for 1923: Funding bond interest .37 Street paving bond interest .60 Light bond interest .30 Water sewerage bond interest .30 General Purpose 1.09

Total \$2.55

Com. Howell and Barrow were appointed a committee to confer with Mr. S. W. Brasswell, of Warrenton in regard to renting Opera House.

It was ordered that pursuant to a former order the Town would settle with the Southern Electric Co., of Richmond, for amount of bill less the consignment.

After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned.

CHECK RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

D. E. Cone Made Dog Tax Collector—Many Reports Received.

Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday with all present. After reading and approving minutes of the previous meeting the following business was transacted:

Report of Miss Addie Bordeaux, Home Demonstration Agent, was read and filed.

Report of E. C. Perry, Superintendent of Public Welfare, was received and filed.

Melt Medlin was allowed \$3.00 per month as outside pauper.

B. S. Pace was appointed a committee to see the Trustees of Dunna Township Roads and see if they can have road worked out by Mr. Burgeon's.

Reports of Cedar Rock, Cypress Creek and Sandy Creek township Road Trustees were received and filed.

Rev. D. T. Bunn was before the Board and asked the county to help bear the expense of his deaf and dumb children to go to school at Morganton. On motion, after investigation of property, it was ordered that the county do not appropriate anything for that purpose.

Report of Dr. J. E. Malone, Health Officer, was received and filed. He reports county home in good condition.

On motion it was ordered that acreage on the A. J. P. Harris Richard's place be corrected.

D. E. Cone was appointed dog tax collector with a commission not to exceed 50 per cent of the taxes for all unlisted dogs.

Upon recommendation of Supt. E. C. Perry, Mrs. Pattie L. May was allowed \$15 per month from the mothers Aid fund.

Upon motion it was ordered that the Finance Committee hire a man to check receipts and disbursements of Franklin county from Dec. 1st, 1922, to Oct. 1st, 1923.

The Commissioners with the aid of the Sheriff drew the jury for the October term of Franklin Superior Court.

After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned to its next regular meeting.

A CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the Wood Baptist church for their faithful service in singing and general church work in our revival meeting at Mt. Hebron Baptist church. It was highly appreciated and enjoyed by all. We also want to thank Dr. H. M. Beam for medical service offered. The people in and around Wood love Dr. Beam for putting his life in the general church work to try and help make it a place God would be pleased with and in-camers would enjoy.

REV. D. T. BUNN.

CO-OPS TO GREET SENATOR SMITH

Farm Bloc Leader Will Address The Organized Tobacco Farmers at Danville and Henderson.

(S. D. Frissell)

United States Senator E. D. Smith, of South Carolina, famous as a founder of the farm bloc at Washington and as an advocate of cooperative marketing, will address what promises to be the record meetings of this year at Danville on Wednesday, September 12 and at Henderson on Thursday, September 13.

Tobacco co-ops from twenty counties have been called to mobilize next week and huge meetings are looked for which are expected to rival the celebration of Eastern Carolina tobacco growers in Pitt County last week.

Senator Smith will be welcomed by the Virginia growers at the Tabernacle, the largest assembly hall of Danville. The North Carolina growers will welcome him in their own association warehouse at Henderson.

Since the recent speeches of Senator Smith to thousands of South Carolina growers the association has had a landslide of tobacco and new members in the Palmetto State.

The Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association received 5,600,000 pounds of tobacco in the South Carolina belt last week which brings the deliveries of the organized farmers to their association to date, well over half of the total receipts for last year in South Carolina and the border counties. Contracts by the hundreds and tobacco by the millions of pounds are pouring into the association every week.

In Eastern North Carolina fifteen thousand people attended mass meetings last week at 31 cooperative markets when nine directors of the association and other speakers met with the member stockholders of the nation's largest cooperative marketing association.

The earnest support of their association by Eastern Carolina members was evident in the crowds of tobacco growers who left their urgent harvesting and curing of a bumper crop to hear and applaud their elected leaders at every important market of the East.

Between five and ten thousand farmers attended the record breaking barbecue mass meeting in Pitt County, held at Ayden on August 31st and gave the most enthusiastic demonstration in favor of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association yet seen in Eastern Carolina. The meeting proved a celebration of the recent sweeping victory of the coops in the Pitt County court at Greenville. Other large meetings were held at Kingston, New Bern, Washington, Goldsboro, Smithfield, Nashville and Richlands.

President Geo. A. Norwood, of the association, Senator Joseph Brown, of Columbus County, Judge S. F. Austin of Nash County, Dr. J. Y. Joyner and every director from the Eastern belt with Directors E. C. Epps and Thos. B. Young from South Carolina were applauded at the meetings which resulted at many places in resolutions commending and supporting the Association.

The unquestioned benefit of the association to all tobacco farmers of the Carolinas by maintaining good prices for 1923 tobacco was made clear at these meetings. The salaries of association officials were discussed and the members learned that their highest paid officers are receiving less than men who direct the handling of half as much tobacco as the marketing association receives each year. Directors from the South Carolina belt predict that the association will double its receipts of last year in their territory.

VEAZEY-BURT

The following invitation has been mailed to out-of-town friends: Doctor and Mrs. Samuel Perry Burt request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Mary Exum

to Mr. Alexander Holloway Veazey; on Tuesday, the 18th of September at twelve o'clock

at the Methodist Episcopal Church, Louisburg, North Carolina.

Cards enclosed: "Will be at home after the first of October, at Rosewood, Goldsboro, North Carolina."

While no invitations will be mailed in town, the public is cordially invited to attend.

The bride is one of Louisburg's most charming and accomplished young ladies and is deservedly popular among a host of friends. The groom is one of Goldsboro's popular and promising young business men.

BARBECUE AND BRUNSWICK STEW

On Tuesday, Sept. 25th, the opening day of the tobacco market, barbecue and brunswick stew will be served by the ladies of St. Paul's Episcopal church. They thank the public for the liberal patronage heretofore accorded them, and ask for a continuance of the same.

We all like to be "consulted."

BEAUTIFUL DRINKING FOUNTAIN Is Being Placed on Court Square

A Monument to Stars and Bars, First Confederate Flag, by the Daughters of the Confederacy

A Monument of a most beautiful design is being placed on the Court Square directly in front of the Court House, in memory of the Stars and Bars, the first Confederate flag, and the one designed by Maj. Orrin Randolph Smith and erected on the corner of the Court square at the beginning of the war between the states.

It is of beautiful Georgia Silver Gray marble and the center shaft stands seven feet high. On either side will be drinking fountains, one for white and the other for colored people. On the front of the base is beautifully carved the Stars and Bars, and also contains a bronze tablet. This monument is being given by the Daughters of the Confederacy in memory of the origination and originator of the Confederate flag—the Stars and Bars. A most fitting ceremony is being prepared by the Daughters for the unveiling of this splendid tribute, the announcement of which will be made soon.

Today thousands of boys and girls are asking themselves, their parents, and their friends this question: To graduate from high school means that the boy or girl must work for four long years; must give up for the time being many so-called pleasures enjoyed by boys and girls who are not in school. Will it pay to graduate? In the following brief paragraphs, are a few reasons that seem to answer this question in the affirmative.

1. By a comparison of the earning power for twenty years of ten thousand people who did not graduate from high school and ten thousand who did graduate, there is a big balance in favor of those who finished a high school course. This study has shown that the business world has been paying to high school graduates little more than \$9.00 for each day spent in high school. Neat little sum. Some will be likely to say that there are high school graduates who are failures. This is granted, but before we quarrel about the few failures among high school graduates, let us take stock of the thousands of financial, mental, and moral failures among the people who did not have the privilege of high school training.

2. To stick to a task till it is finished means development of character and self-respect. Today there are hundreds of big business concerns that require that all new employees be high school graduates. Aside from the knowledge acquired in high school, these business men want boys and girls who have formed the habit of sticking to a job to the end. Such boys and girls can be trained to learn and carry on business. The fellow who has gotten into the habit of quitting an undertaking as soon as there is drudgery to be undergone is a failure and will likely continue to be such; all sure enough business men know this. They want young people who are not afraid of hard work.

3. At present if a boy or girl wants to go to any reputable college, a certificate of graduation from an accredited high school is the key that unlocks the door of the college. The colleges too are willing to receive only those people who have completed a definite amount of work. They have no room for the fellow who is a quitter.

4. Finally the four years spent in a good high school aside from enabling the boy or girl to earn a better living, makes it possible to live a larger, richer life. The acquaintance there formed with the best in Literature, History, Science and Art, furnishes to the student the means of appreciation of these things. The social contact with other boys and girls subs off sharp corners in the dispositions of the most selfish and self-centered boy or girl. High school students learn the spirit of cooperation; they become good team workers. In short they become more intelligent citizens, and this is the final goal in a country in which the people make and execute the laws.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE

Raleigh, Sept. 3.—General Managers and Sales Managers of the Cotton Cooperative Marketing Associations of twelve Southern States held an important conference with reference to marketing the crop of 1923 Friday and Saturday of this week, August 31st and September 1st. General Manager U. B. Blalock and vice president R. W. Christian of Manchester together with Dr. B. W. Kilgore of the State Agricultural Department were in attendance.

"Make bees sting for the coming winter. Don't take the honey too close as a minimum of 15 pounds is needed to carry the colony safely through the cold weather," says C. L. Sams, Extension beekeeper for the State College and Department of Agriculture.

JURY MAKES A MISTRIAL

In the Nash-Royster Damage Case

Stood Ten for Damages and Two Against—Biggest Cases Here in Years—Beam, Admr. Vs. S. A. L. Railroad for \$50,000.00 Damages Taken Up Tuesday.

Franklin Superior Court the past week has attracted more interest possibly than any other civil term ever held within the walls of the present court room. Interest was centered in and around the case of Mary W. Nash vs. Dr. H. A. Royster for \$25,000 damages for alleged negligence in the treatment of her knee in August, 1921. It was possibly the hardest fought case ever tried here as it presented a situation somewhat new to our courts. The case was called in the forenoon Thursday of last week. It did not take the learned Counsel very long to select the following jurors from a special venire drawn on Monday from the box to try this case: Messrs. J. O. Wilson, A. M. House, E. L. Rogers, Clyde Allen, W. A. Burnett, C. W. Day, J. S. Joyner, G. B. Smith, F. D. Driver, M. C. Alford, L. W. McGehee and J. E. Wilder.

The taking of evidence continued on through Saturday and until 11:35 Monday morning. The prosecution after presenting sufficient evidence to go to the jury through Dr. Liles and Mr. S. B. Nash, uncle and father respectively of the plaintiff rested Thursday afternoon. Counsel for the defense made a motion for non suit at the opening of Court Friday morning, which was promptly denied by Judge Calvert. The defense then proceeded with its evidence until Saturday afternoon when it rested and the plaintiff began its rebuttal. The general contentions of both sides were about as follows: The plaintiff claimed that she was taken to Rex hospital in August 1921 with some trouble with her right knee and was placed in charge of Dr. Royster. That Dr. Royster accepted the case and operated on the knee, and that he left on a pleasure trip in a few days thereafter leaving her without proper attention, and through this neglect her knee joint has become rigid and of no value.

The defense admits taking the case and going on the trip, as set out, but claims that he left the patient in charge of experts who gave her all the attention possible, that the resultant stiffness of the knee is natural with such diseases and in fact that it was fortunate that the limb didn't have to be amputated. Quite a large number of the States most expert physicians and surgeons were called as witnesses to bear out Dr. Royster in his contentions and corroborated him strongly.

After the evidence was all in Judge Calvert allotted three hours to the lawyers on each side for argument, and some of the strongest oratorical arguments followed that have been heard here in many years. The speaking was completed by noon recess Tuesday and immediately following reconvening for the afternoon session Judge Calvert delivered the charge to the jury and they were ordered to take the case and answer the following issues: "Was the plaintiff Mary White Nash, injured by the negligence of the defendant?" "If so, what damage is the plaintiff entitled to recover of the defendant?"

It was soon evident that the jury hand hung and little hope was expected for a verdict. However they were held together until Wednesday afternoon when they were discharged, after they had assured the court they could not agree and a mistrial ordered. They stood 10 for a verdict for damages and 2 against. The defense was represented by Gen. A. L. Cox, Messrs. R. N. Sims, White & Malone, W. M. Person and G. M. Beam, and the plaintiff was represented by Messrs. W. H. Yarborough and Ben T. Holden.

This case was of especial interest to the medical fraternity and was attended by a large number of the medical men from Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Henderson and intermediate territory. The ladies also found much interest as each session of the court during the trial was largely attended by the ladies of Louisburg and other places. Following this the case of Beam, Admr. Vs. S. A. L. Railroad, for \$50,000.00 damages was taken up. This is the same case that has been tried here before and resulted in a mistrial when a Mr. Jones lost his life in an automobile wreck at the J. H. Wilder crossing on the main line of the Seaboard Air Line between Franklinton and the river.

These two cases are all that has been taken up since our last report and will probably take up the balance of the session.

On Thursday of last week Mr. E. H. Malone presented to the Court Messrs. James Ellis Malone, Edward Foster Griffin and William Yarborough Bickett, who took the oath of an Attorney and became full fledged lawyers and received the congratulations of the court and many friends. Judge Calvert has added much to his popularity in this County in the fair and impartial manner in which he has been holding his Courts, and

AMONG THE VISITORS

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Folks And Their Friends Who Travel Here And There.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. High left Tuesday for a visit to Raleigh and Moberg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davenport and daughters, Misses Vivian and Louise, of Rocky Mount, visited her brother, Editor A. F. Johnson at Oakhurst Sunday.

Mr. B. H. Saunders, of Rocky Mount was a visitor to Louisburg Saturday.

Mrs. James D. Robinson and children, of Pittsburg, Pa., are visiting her mother, Mrs. B. B. Massenburg.

Misses Adelaide and Elizabeth Johnson left Wednesday for Greensboro to visit Miss Kathleen Silver.

Miss Mary Spencer, Miss Sadie Johnson Master J. A. Johnson and Mr. Matthew Beasley visited Raleigh Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Elizabeth Morton returned this week from a visit to Miss Sarah McLain at Wilson.

Mr. J. R. Earle, Jr., and bride returned the past week from their bridal tour.

Misses Mabel Dorsea, Dorothy Horne, and Messrs. W. G. Horne, W. G. Horne, Jr., Pell Harris and Mr. Frank Dunn, of Rocky Mount, were visitors at the home of Mr. H. C. Taylor Saturday.

Mrs. J. Cleveland Simpson, of Norfolk, Va., is visiting Mrs. H. D. Upchurch this week. This is Mrs. Simpson's first visit to Louisburg since she graduated from Louisburg College in 1905. She was enthusiastic in her praise of the growth and progress Louisburg has made especially along religious and educational lines.

Miss Crichton Pearce left Monday for Rocky Mount to enter Park View hospital to take a Nurse's training course.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hawks and little daughter returned this week from a trip to Western North Carolina.

Messrs. S. S. Meadows, W. H. Allen, B. N. Williamson, F. J. Beasley and D. T. Curran went to Durham Monday.

Mrs. R. W. Lancaster, of Castalia, is visiting her son, Mr. R. E. L. Lancaster.

Mrs. George W. Lancaster and son, George, of Pulaski, Tenn., is visiting her brother, Mr. R. E. L. Lancaster.

Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, was a visitor to Louisburg this week guest of Mr. S. S. Meadows.

Mrs. Julia Scott and daughter, Miss Mildred, returned the past week from a trip to New York. Mrs. Scott purchased her fall millinery on this trip.

LOUISBURG COLLEGE OPENS

Rev. A. D. Wilcox Among the Principal Speakers—Large Number Students.

With possibly the largest number of students in the history of the institution Louisburg College opened its one hundred and twenty-first session Wednesday, the formal ceremonies being held on Thursday morning in the College Chapel. Rev. A. D. Wilcox was the principal speaker and delivered an unusually strong address to the enjoyment of a large number of our citizens as well as the student body. President Mohr is leaving no efforts unused to make each year the biggest and to give the people of this part of the State a more than creditable College.

Louisburg extends the warmest welcome to the many young ladies who have come into our midst to pursue their higher education.

TO OBSERVE JEWISH NEW YEAR

Messrs. L. Kline & Co., F. A. Roth Co., A. Tonkel and J. Lehman announce that they will close their places of business on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock and have them remain closed till Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock in order that they may properly observe Jewish New Year, which is Tuesday, September 11th.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET

The Woman's Club will meet at Mr. E. L. Best's office at 7:30 p. m. Friday, Sept. 7. Please note change of hour and place.

Mrs. M. C. Pleasants, Free Mrs. G. M. Beam, Sec'y.

our people are always glad to have him in our midst.

Every man tries to give himself a square deal.