

Over 100,000 Reported Dead As Result of Earthquakes In Japan

Tokio, Yokohama and Neighboring Cities Burning Ruins—Death and Destruction Spread Over Large Area—City of 620,000 Inhabitants Virtually Destroyed.

CITIES OF TOKIO AND YOKOHAMA DESCRIBED AS "LIKE HELL"

San Francisco, Sept. 2 (Associated Press).—Tokio, Yokohama and neighboring cities tonight were burning ruins, while more than 100,000 persons in the vicinity of these cities were reported dead as a result of Saturday's earthquakes.

Death and destruction were spread over an area roughly comprised within a radius of 50 miles of Tokio. How extensive casualties and the material damage outside that zone is, has not been determined.

The city of Nagoya is virtually destroyed. The Japanese naval station near Yokohama was engulfed by a tidal wave and the Imperial palace at Tokio is endangered by fire. Nagoya has a population of 620,000. It is about 90 miles east of Osaka and about 70 miles west of Tokio.

More earth tremors were reported today by various seismographs. The Manila observatory seismograph recorded shocks today at 8 a. m. and 10 a. m. The shocks were violent, but could not be definitely located. The Saturday shock, which devastated Tokio and environs, was the greatest the Manila seismograph has recorded in 30 years, according to Father Serra geologist in charge.

The cities of Tokio and Yokohama were described by the superintendent of the Japanese government wireless station at Tomioka, which operates via Radio Corporation, as "like hell!" Buildings were falling; fire was spreading everywhere; dead and dying were on all sides; there were explosions and cries of horror and fear by the panic-stricken population. What quake and fire did not destroy on land tidal waves are reported to have crushed or sunk at sea. The best available reports received today hardly a structure was left standing in the Yamanote district, which includes the Tokio wards of Honjo, Fukagawa, Akusaka, Shitaya, Nihonbashi and Kanda. Thousands are without food and water and no means of getting any at present. In Yokohama the fire started in the Bund, or foreign section, spreading rapidly to the business district which was wiped out. The town of Atama was demolished, 6,000 or 7,000 persons being killed. At Ito, on the Idzu Peninsula, more than 500 houses were washed away by tidal waves. Six hundred persons are reported to have perished when a railway tunnel at Sasako collapsed.

GREEK ISLAND OF CORFU SEIZED BY ITALIAN TROOPS.

15 Greek Civilians Killed and Many Wounded in Sharp Bombardment—The Island Has Strategic Importance.

Corfu, Island of Corfu, Aug. 31. (By the Associated Press).—Corfu was occupied by the Italians this afternoon after a sharp bombardment in which at least 15 Greek civilians were killed and many wounded.

The demand for the surrender of Corfu was given at 2 o'clock this afternoon and firing began at 5 o'clock. The police school was demolished and the old fort fired upon. In the fort there were many casualties among the refugees.

Indian Shot By Passing Autoists

Barney Hunt is Dead as Result of Pistol Shots Fired from Passing Auto Near Colored Church in Gaddy's Township—One White Man and Two Negroes Are in Jail Here Charged With Shooting.

Guy Grantham, white, Pompey Bartley and Erastus McQueen, colored, are in jail here charged with the killing of Barney Hunt, Indian, as the result of pistol shots fired from a passing automobile near Rose Hill colored church in Gaddy's township early Saturday morning.

According to the evidence brought out at the inquest, Grantham, in company with the two negroes, was riding by the church, where preaching services had been held late in the night. As they passed Hunt, who was walking down the road near the church, seven shots were fired, Hunt falling. Who fired the shot no one knows, or at least it was not brought out at the inquest. Several of those examined by Coroner Biggs testified that Grantham had gone to the home of a negro near the scene of the shooting and asked for a pistol, saying, "We've shot a dam negro up the road," and asked that nothing be told about it. He was refused the gun.

One man who was near the church when the shooting took place stated that he heard seven shots fired from an automobile in which Grantham, Bartley and McQueen were riding. He did not pay any special attention to it until the noise of the car had died away and he heard someone groaning. Upon investigation he found that Barney Hunt had been shot and was dying.

Early Saturday morning Sheriff R. E. Lewis, Rural Policemen J. H. Carper, Kramer Miller and D. C. Ratley went to the scene and soon had Grantham and Bartley in custody. It was not until late afternoon that McQueen was arrested. All three of the men accused were found across the South Carolina line, and accompanied the officers to Lumberton voluntarily.

No motive can be placed for the shooting. It is evident that the accused men were drinking.

Grantham is a young man about 28 years of age and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Grantham, who live just across the South Carolina line.

Interest Growing In County Fair

Farmers of All Sections of Robeson and Adjoining Counties Are Planning to Have Exhibits—Get a Copy of Premium List.

Present indications are that the Robeson county fair to be held in Lumberton October 9, 10, 11 and 12th will eclipse all previous fairs held in the county. Interest in the fair is fast growing and farmers from all sections of Robeson and adjoining counties, Scotland, Hoke, Bladen, Cumberland and Columbus, are already planning to have exhibits here when the fair opens on Tuesday, October 9th.

With more and better exhibits of all kinds, promised plenty of free acts and a gorgeous display of fireworks each night during the fair, the largest crowds in the history of the fair are expected to attend the 1923 fair.

Fairmont Letter

Gus Floyd Chapter U. D. C. Will Meet Wednesday—Marriage of Miss Frances Allen and Mr. Hybert Leggett—Social and Personal.

By Mrs. H. G. Inman

Fairmont, Sept. 1.—About two weeks ago the Fairmont Furniture Co. opened its doors for business. Not many towns so small as this boasts of two up-to-date furniture stores.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Hubbard and children, Evelyn and Willie Neal, left last week for Winston-Salem, where they will make their home.

The Gus Floyd chapter of the U. D. C. will meet next Wednesday, September 5th, at the home of Mrs. A. S. Thompson, with Mrs. E. G. Floyd as assisting hostess. All members are urged to attend this meeting.

Mr. Hybert Leggett surprised his friends Wednesday, August 29th, by going over to Dillon and taking with him a wife—Miss Frances Allen. The ceremony took place at 5 o'clock, after which they left for Mr. Leggett's home 2 miles south of town. Mrs. Leggett is a graduate of Meredith college, having taught for several years, teaching last year in the Barnesville consolidated school. Mr. Leggett is a prosperous young farmer.

Miss Retha Jenkins entertained at a bridge party Tuesday night in honor of Miss Lily Kyle's house guest Miss Dixie Curtis of Atkinson. On each table was placed a dainty bonbon dish filled with home-made candy, which was enjoyed throughout the evening. Those enjoying Miss Jenkins' hospitality were Misses Dixie Curtis, Lily Kyle and Kathrine Galloway, Messrs. Royal Sands, Henry Montgomery, Don Gray and T. E. Harris.

Mrs. Lelia Lewis and daughter, Miss Mary Ethel, Mrs. Ferlese Lewis, Messrs. Raibe and Wilton spent Thursday in Fayetteville shopping.

Mrs. C. B. Thompson spent Thursday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Thompson. Billie Thompson, who spent last week with his grandparents, returned with his mother, also Mrs. Carl Thompson and little daughter, Mary Louise, accompanied them and will spend a few days.

Mr. Warren Ratley of Goldsboro spent Tuesday in town with relatives.

Mrs. C. A. Floyd and Misses Kathrine Floyd and Lily Kyle spent Friday in town shopping.

Mrs. Fannie Fisher of Parkton, who spent the summer with Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Thompson has returned home.

Mr. Isaac Grantham, who spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Grantham, at Marietta, passed through town Wednesday en route to his home at Southport. He was accompanied by his small son, Master J. C. who spent the summer with his grandparents.

Rev. and Mrs. Frank H. Taylor, and daughter, Miss Frances Carter, of Steadman, have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Thompson this week. Mr. Taylor was to have helped Rev. W. F. Trawick in a series of meetings at Barnesville, while Miss Carter, who finished a course in gospel singing, was to have charge of the singing, but owing to the illness of Mr. Taylor the meeting was postponed until the fifth Sunday in September. They will leave for their home Saturday morning.

Misses Eloise Brady of Salisbury and Bessie Brake of Rowland spent last week with Miss Beulah Holmes, also Misses Sarah Pharr and Marjorie Hines of Rowland and Harriett Marrow of Tarboro spent one afternoon last week with her. Miss Holmes, who spent several weeks with her brother and sister-in-law Dr. and Mrs. A. Byron Holmes, left Friday for her home at Council.

Misses Lela and Sarah Floyd and Lois Hayes left Friday morning for Washington, D. C., where they will spend a week sight-seeing.

G. E. Rancke, Sr. Died Suddenly This Afternoon

Well Known Citizen, 87 Years Old, Died Suddenly This Afternoon—Funeral Will Take Place Some Time Tomorrow.

Mr. G. E. Rancke Sr., 87 years old, died this afternoon at 12:10 at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. T. A. Norment, death resulting from heart failure.

Mr. Rancke was sick only a few minutes. When the attack came on he was at Jennings' Beach, a popular bathing beach near Lumberton, of which he was proprietor, and was brought home immediately.

Funeral arrangements have not been announced, but interment will be made sometime tomorrow in Meadowbrook cemetery.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. T. A. Norment of Lumberton and Mrs. F. M. Lane of Dillon, S. C., two sons, Mr. G. E. Rancke Jr. of Lumberton and Mr. Henry Rancke of Rockingham.

Deceased came to America from Atenbruech, Germany, where he was raised, about 62 years ago, when he was 25 years of age. He was 87 years old April 21st. For several years he was coroner of Robeson county. He was a hotel proprietor in Lumberton many years, conducting the Rowland hotel, and also conducted a hotel in the town of Rowland. For the past number of years he has been tiler in the local Masonic lodge.

TO ORGANIZE LOCAL COMPANY OF COAST ARTILLERY.

Major McLellan of Wilmington Has Put Matter in Charge of Mr. Eli Wishart—About 40 of Necessary 50 Have Signed Up.

Major R. S. McLellan of Wilmington, commander of a battalion of the Coast artillery of the North Carolina National Guard, was here last week and laid plans for organizing a local company of the coast artillery.

According to Mr. Eli Wishart, with whom the matter was left in charge, about 40 young men have signed up for the unit and as soon as 50 have signed the company will be complete. An armory will be provided and drills will be held once a week. During each summer the members of the unit will have a trip to Fortress Monroe, Va., lasting several days. Mr. Wishart is very anxious to see the company organized, and asks that anyone interested will please see him at once, so that the organization can be completed as soon as possible.

Major McLellan was accompanied to Lumberton by Captain Robert Lewis, commander of the Anti-Air Craft company at Raeford.

MORE THAN 2,000,000 POUNDS SOLD ON LOCAL MARKET

More than 2 million pounds of tobacco have been sold on the Lumberton tobacco market to date, with a very good average. Figures have been promised for publication in Thursday's Robesonian.

About 80,000 pounds were sold today at an average price better than last week's, overcoming a slump in prices which was felt throughout the belt. A large quantity of tobacco high up on the stalk and tips is being offered now.

ITALY TAKES STEPS TO GET REPARATIONS

(By The Associated Press)

The Italian government is actively engaged in military movements to exact reparations from the Greeks for the killing of the members of the Italian delimitation mission in Greek territory.

Rowland School Opens Sept. 5

School Opens September 5—Main Street Paving Completed—Crops Good—New Law Firm for Lumberton—Other Items.

By W. H. M. Brown

Rowland, Aug. 30.—Mr. P. Line-wand has just completed a nice modern residence here with 6 rooms.

Mr. Harvey McManess of Raleigh is visiting relatives here for a few days.

Mrs. Leon Melvin, who has been spending several weeks at Asheville, is expected home in a few days.

Mr. R. C. Spence of Raleigh has been relieving Mr. H. T. Prevost for several days as R. R. agent.

Miss Virginia May Adams, who has been spending some time at Lake Waccamaw.

The Main street paving work was completed here today, and in a few days the street will be opened for traffic. Other sections of the town will also be paved.

The Rowland high school will open for the fall term Wednesday September 5th. Prof. Frank Sinclair will have same in charge this year. A good attendance is expected.

The two tobacco warehouses, one a cooperative and the other open sales, have been doing a thriving business. Good prices have been in evidence.

Mr. Miller has accepted a position with the Rowland Drug Co. here.

Mr. Brown Bullock spent a few days the past week at Lake Waccamaw.

Mr. D. P. McKinnon spent Thursday and Friday in Columbia, S. C.

Mr. W. E. Lynch, lawyer here, has been sick for the past few days.

Mrs. Graham McKinnon, who has been at Baker sanatorium, Lumberton, for two weeks, returned home Tuesday.

Miss Rosa Lee Lytch has been spending some time in Laurinburg.

For a while last night it looked like Rowland would be without lights. A pole at one corner of the street that held some of the light wires was interrupted during the day by the street force at work, causing the wires to break. Dark clouds gathered which made the situation seem worse. Later about 9 or 10 o'clock, the wires were adjusted and the lights came back on, much to the relief of many.

Messrs. R. F. Dove, Y. L. Copeland and families are expecting to spend next Sunday at Myrtle Beach.

The Rowland Oil & Fertilizer Co. is now ready to gin the farmers cotton, having tested out their machinery and gotten it in good running order. Mr. Onslow of Bennettsville, S. C., is to superintend the ginning this season.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Dove spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Jackson, at Clio.

The Rowland road to Fairmont, in Rowland township, is reported being improved.

Messrs. D. P. McKinnon and Grooms were Lumberton visitors yesterday afternoon.

Rev. P. D. Woodall was a Benson visitor yesterday, going up to see a brother.

Crops through this section are very good, and will probably measure up to other communities in Robeson.

Rev. L. W. Teague of Granite Falls preached here at the Baptist church last Sunday night. After the service, 12 were baptized.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Smith returned Monday from a trip out West, having been away about one month. While gone they visited Los Angeles, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Denver, Grand Canon of Arizona, Yellow Stone Park, and other places of interest. Mr. Smith reports that farming conditions seemed to be fairly good out there. While there the prices of oil came down considerably, but there seems to be only a small change here, if we are correctly informed.

Mrs. Colon Williams has just returned home from a visit of several days with her father at Red Springs.

Mrs. Joe Phillips has just returned from Red Springs, having attended the Brown revival left last Saturday for Florence, S. C., where she goes to enter a business college.

Mrs. C. H. Barnard has just returned from Red Springs, where she visited her father.

Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Barrington

Middling cotton is quoted on local market today at 23 3-4 cts per pound.

Items of Local News

—License has been issued for marriage of Miss Rosa Lewis and Mr. T. B. Ivey.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Hackett moved last week from the McLean apartments on Fifth street to the residence on Elm street recently vacated by G. M. Whitfield.

—Buckhorn baseball team, near McMillan's Siding, was defeated East Lumberton on the latter ground Saturday afternoon by score of 1 to nothing. It was a most interesting game.

—There will be a meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion post at the town hall Tuesday, September 4th, at 8 o'clock p. m. This is a very important meeting, and members are urged to be present.

—Miss Julia Thompson expects to leave Thursday morning for Whitthrop college, Rock Hill, S. C. where she will resume her studies. Miss Thompson is a member of the Senior class this year.

—Mrs. Donald P. Sanders of Spartanburg, S. C., arrived Saturday night to be with her mother, Mrs. E. Proctor, who has been a patient at the Baker sanatorium for several days. Mrs. Proctor's condition continues to improve.

—Miss Ellen Cook of Atlanta, Ga. arrived Thursday, having accepted position with Miss Amelia Linkhauer as trimmer. Miss Linkhauer returned Thursday night from New York where she purchased fall stock.

—Mrs. B. Tolar of Raeford underwent an operation Saturday morning at the Baker sanatorium. Her condition is reported as very favorable. Mrs. A. B. Baker of Fairmont, who underwent an operation at the sanatorium several days ago, is reported as improving.

—Mr. L. M. Lovett arrived yesterday from E. Raeford, Va., and will spend several days here with friends and relatives. Mr. Lovett spent several years in the army during the war, and sent several communications to the Robesonian while in Panama and other countries.

—On a postcard mailed at Providence, R. I., August 29, Mr. A. Holmes, local jeweler, writes: "This is a wonderful old city and a good place for a Tar Heel to come sight-seeing. I am enjoying every minute. The card shows a picture of Memorial and Brown university."

—There will be a meeting of the Scottish Rite club of Lumberton Thursday night in the Masonic hall for the purpose of adopting by-laws and constitution. The club was organized last Tuesday night and was reported as an organization of the Lumberton Shriners, which was correct.

—Mr. J. D. Powell of R. 2 from Lumberton was a Lumberton visitor Thursday afternoon and ordered the Robesonian to be sent to his son M. David Powell, who is a student at Wingate Junior college at Wingate. Girls and boys in college away from home appreciate the home paper, as it costs very little to send it to them.

—Miss Josephine Breece's millinery opening will begin Friday of this week, September 7, and last through the season. Her trimmer, Miss Wee Wingate of Hudson, Md., arrived yesterday. Miss Wingate met Miss Breece in Baltimore on her recent trip to the Northern markets and accompanied her to Philadelphia and New York.

—Don't forget the concert at the high school auditorium Tuesday night by a class of boys and girls from the Odd Fellows orphanage at Goldsboro. Lumberton stands at the top of the ladder when you talk orphanage support. A full house will be an encouragement and will be highly appreciated. Entertainment begins at 8 o'clock.

—"Uncle" Giles Rozier, colored, celebrated his 75th birthday on August 23rd and is still active and in good health. At his home some 3 miles from Lumberton on R. 1, where he has lived for some 50 years, a large crowd of his children and friends gave him a big birthday dinner, and he received many presents. Eighteen of the 21 children born to "Uncle" Giles are living and 13 of these were present on his birthday. Uncle Giles has been married 3 times and has 160 odd children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

—Percy Heat, colored, who was convicted in recorder's court some time ago on a charge of transporting and having whiskey in possession for sale, has been released from custody under a \$400 cash bond. Hyman Men dehoff, who was convicted at the same time, was released after trial on a cash bond of \$300. The big Packard automobile seized at the time of the capture will be sold October 1st. The 200 quarts of Scotch whiskey were destroyed after trial under the supervision of County Commissioner C. B. Townsend.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Potter and son, C. B., of Lumberton R. 3, were Lumberton visitors today.

Mrs. F. F. Purvis of Fairmont is a Lumberton visitor today.