

A GENUINE EARTHQUAKE

Shakes New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware.

MANY HOUSES VIOLENTLY ROCKED

Pictures Thrown from the Walls and Ornaments from Shelves—The Seismic Disturbances General Throughout This Section—No Serious Damage Reported.

BROOKLYN, Sept. 2.—Three distinct earthquake shocks were felt by the residents of Brooklyn about 6 o'clock yesterday morning. No damage to life or property is reported from any section of the city. The districts of East New York and South Brooklyn received the greatest shock, but the rumblings were distinctly felt in other sections of the city. Contradictory reports are given as to the severity of the shocks. The first shock, which was felt at 6 o'clock, was followed by a rumbling noise like distant thunder. This was followed by two other slighter shocks, which, according to most of the reports, died away in a low, grating noise.

Superintendent of Police William J. McKelvy telephoned to the police headquarters from his Greene avenue residence to the effect that he had been awakened from a sound sleep by the earthquake. He said that the house oscillated, and that the bed on which he was sleeping had moved perceptibly. Deputy Commissioner of Police Crosby, who was stopping at Coney Island, also telephoned to headquarters that the shock had been pretty severe in that section of Brooklyn. He described it as a low, rumbling noise, and added that many houses had been shaken, all of the inhabitants being aroused from their sleep. Conductor Barry, of the Atlantic Avenue railroad, said that when going on duty shortly before 6 o'clock in the morning he distinctly felt the ground shake and then he heard a rumbling noise.

The residents of the Twenty-fifth ward were startled by three shocks in rapid succession, followed by a rumbling noise. The houses trembled, and many pictures and other ornaments hanging on the walls were thrown to the floor. Two conductors of the Atlantic Avenue railroad who were dining in a restaurant on Washington street reported to the bridge police station that they felt the earthquake shock. The building trembled perceptibly, while the plates and other dishes on the table were moved. They said the shock was like the effects of a distinct explosion.

JERSEY CITY, Sept. 2.—New Jersey felt the force of the earthquake, the tremor extending throughout the northern part, while the southern section appears to have escaped the experience entirely. From all of the cities and villages in the northern section the story received is the same. The shock was preceded and accompanied by the low rumbling sound that marks the true earthquake. This trembling motion lasted for several seconds. In some places the estimate of time is as low as three seconds, while others place the duration of the disturbance at from ten to twenty seconds. The general course of the shock was from east to west.

There is much difference in the reports as to the true direction from which the shock came. The early hour is perhaps responsible for this difference of opinion, as the majority of those who felt and heard the shock were awakened from their sleep by the sound, and the vibrations and the quake ceased before they had recovered consciousness, and were sufficiently awake to realize the cause of the trouble. The shock does not appear to have been sufficient to cause much damage.

In all places the effects appear to have been about the same. Houses were shaken and dishes broken, but nothing worse than this has been reported. The mountain districts appear to have felt the vibrations the most keenly. That section of Paterson which is situated on higher ground was generally shaken, while the people living in the lower sections of the town report having felt nothing of the effects of the quake. The shock came between 6:03 and 6:05 a. m.

Trenton and Bordentown report that the earthquake came with a loud rumbling sound, which was at first thought to be the wind or the rattling of a heavy wagon.

Reports of violent vibration also come from Burlington, Palmyra, Freehold and Toms River, and at the latter place, it is said, a second shock was felt at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 2.—An earthquake shock lasting several seconds was felt in this city shortly after 6 o'clock yesterday morning. This disturbance by mother earth of the quiet of the Sabbath morning was violent enough, while it lasted, to create a great deal of consternation and not a little damage. Buildings perceptibly swayed, windows clattered and banged and clocks and pictures toppled from their places.

The shock was most severely felt in the suburban districts, and it is said that in one part of George's Hill, in Fairmount park, a fissure was opened permitting the entrance of a plummet which extended down a distance of over a hundred feet without touching bottom. A large plate glass window in the shade store of Michael Lett, 1914 Germantown avenue, was split from top to bottom. Similar cases are reported from other parts of the city, though no damage to life or person has been reported.

At the Zoological Gardens the vibration was clearly perceptible, but the excitement which followed among the animals continued for a good while after the seismic disturbance. Head Keeper Manley asserts that the trumpeting of the elephants, the roar of the lions and the screeching of the birds was simply terrifying. At Mr. Manley's residence, besides the breaking of several windows, a clock was thrown from its shelf.

The clerk at the local weather bureau declared that no observations of a geological character were taken there, their efforts being directed solely to the skies. He hadn't felt the quake himself, and was inclined to doubt the assertions of anybody who had.

Incoming reports show that the earthquake was general throughout eastern

Pennsylvania and New Jersey. At Allentown and Phoenixville, both in this state, many persons were awakened from sleep, buildings swayed, and a "wavy sensation" was felt.

At Bristol, Pa., the families of Mrs. Sickels and William Young say they were "badly shaken up," and Dr. Dingee and his wife were nearly thrown out of bed. Dr. Dingee experienced the Charleston, S. C., earthquake, and declares that yesterday's was almost as severe.

WILMINGTON, Del., Sept. 2.—A perceptible shock of earthquake was felt in this city about 6:30 yesterday morning. The vibration lasted for several seconds, and was observed in every section of the town. No damage has been reported.

GENERAL SOUTHERN NEWS.

ATLANTA, Aug. 30.—Hon. Emory Speer, United States judge for the southern circuit of Georgia, has been chosen orator for the opening exercises of the Cotton States and International exposition, and has signified his acceptance of the invitation.

MOOREHEAD, Ky., Aug. 30.—Henry Freeman, a moonshiner, shot and killed United States Deputy Marshal Boyle Arnett yesterday at White Oak, Morgan county, Ky. Freeman is jailed at West Liberty, heavily guarded. A determined mob is organizing to lynch him.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Aug. 27.—John Dame, the leader of the West Virginia green goods men who have been working in the western part of this state for years and reaped a harvest of thousands of dollars, was found guilty yesterday of felony in Lincoln county and goes up for seven years.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 31.—The Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad company has advanced the price of pig iron 50 cents per ton for all grades. Wages are accordingly advanced 2½ cents per ton to coal miners. Coal mining in the Birmingham district is now at the highest price paid for three years.

SAVANNAH, Aug. 30.—This city has been flooded with counterfeit two dollar bills. Some are of the series of 1886 and bear the picture of Hancock, and it is difficult to detect them from the genuine. Others are of the series of 1891, bearing the picture of Winchell, and are more easily detected. It is the impression that counterfeiters are working them off in large quantities in this section of the south.

CEBARTOWN, Ga., Aug. 31.—Colonel W. L. Hickman, general manager of the North Georgia Mining company, was killed while riding on the tender of an ore train on a branch road. He was absorbed in watching his little son, who was on the tender, and did not notice a water tank which the train was approaching. His head hit the tank and he was knocked off and killed. Colonel Hickman was widely known in the iron trade.

BRISTOL, Tenn., Aug. 28.—A bloody war between two factions, resulting from a long standing feud, has been fought in the Cumberland mountains, seventy-five miles north of here, on the Virginia and Kentucky lines. A number of Boyd relatives and Thomas relatives with Winchester met at an illicit distillery, where the battle began. Four men, John Boyd, Will Cox, Jack Thomas and Floyd Thomas, are dead and several wounded.

SPRINGFIELD, Ky., Aug. 27.—A dozen masked men took Harrison Lewis, a negro who was charged with the murder of Joseph Brooks, also colored, from the jail here and hanged him to a tree in the court house yard. The men, after three hours' work, succeeded in battering down the jail door with sledge hammers. The mob did its work in a systematic manner and seemed to be thoroughly organized. It is the opinion of many persons that it was composed of colored men.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Aug. 28.—Last Friday the body of a stranger was found near the Louisville and Nashville railroad track six miles north of Montgomery. Yesterday news was received in the city that a negro man and his son-in-law, living in a cottage near the scene, had been arrested by the sheriff of Elmore county, charged with murdering the man. Evidence against them is very strong. There is great indignation in the community, and the negroes may be lynched.

MACON, Ga., Aug. 31.—An excursion train on the Southern railway, carrying the Knights of Pythias excursion from this city to Indian Springs for a picnic, left the track between Holton and Pope's Ferry. The baggage car and two passenger coaches turned over. J. A. Kennedy, of this city, and Mrs. Hancock, of Americus, Ga., were killed and almost every person in the two coaches was hurt more or less seriously. Several of them are likely to die. There is no way of accounting for the accident, as it is said the track was in perfect condition.

SERGEANT, Ky., Aug. 28.—Great excitement prevails on the Virginia side of the Cumberland mountains, six miles east of this place, over a white cap outrage. Shortly before midnight an unknown number of men went to the home of Martha White, a well known old woman, aged 65 years, and pulled both her and her 30-year-old daughter from their beds, and taking them to a patch of woods near their home tied them to a tree and beat them brutally. They were finally rescued by a neighbor. Today they are both alive, but are not expected to survive their injuries. If caught the whole party will likely be lynched.

RALEIGH, Aug. 31.—Secretary of State Octavius Coke, after an illness of five weeks, died late yesterday afternoon. He had been gradually sinking for several days, and his death was not unexpected. Secretary Coke was born in Williamsburg, Va., in 1840. He served with gallantry in the Confederate army during the war, being twice wounded. He moved to Edenton, N. C., in 1861, where he practiced law until 1876, when he became a citizen of Raleigh. He was in 1872 a Democratic presidential elector. In 1884 he was a candidate against Scales for the nomination for governor. He was appointed secretary of state by Governor Fowle in 1891 upon the death of the late Colonel William L. Saunders and elected to the same position in 1893.



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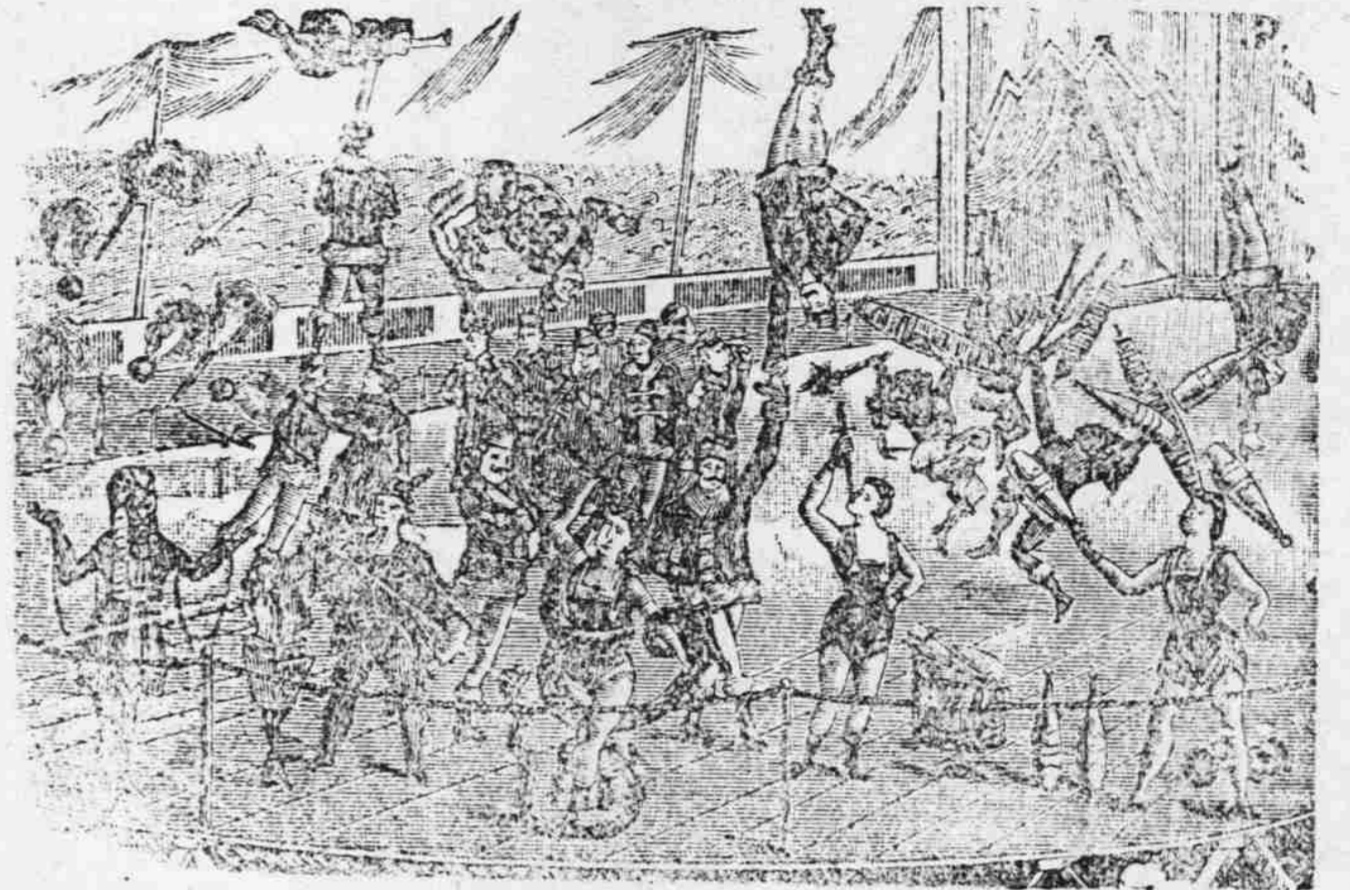
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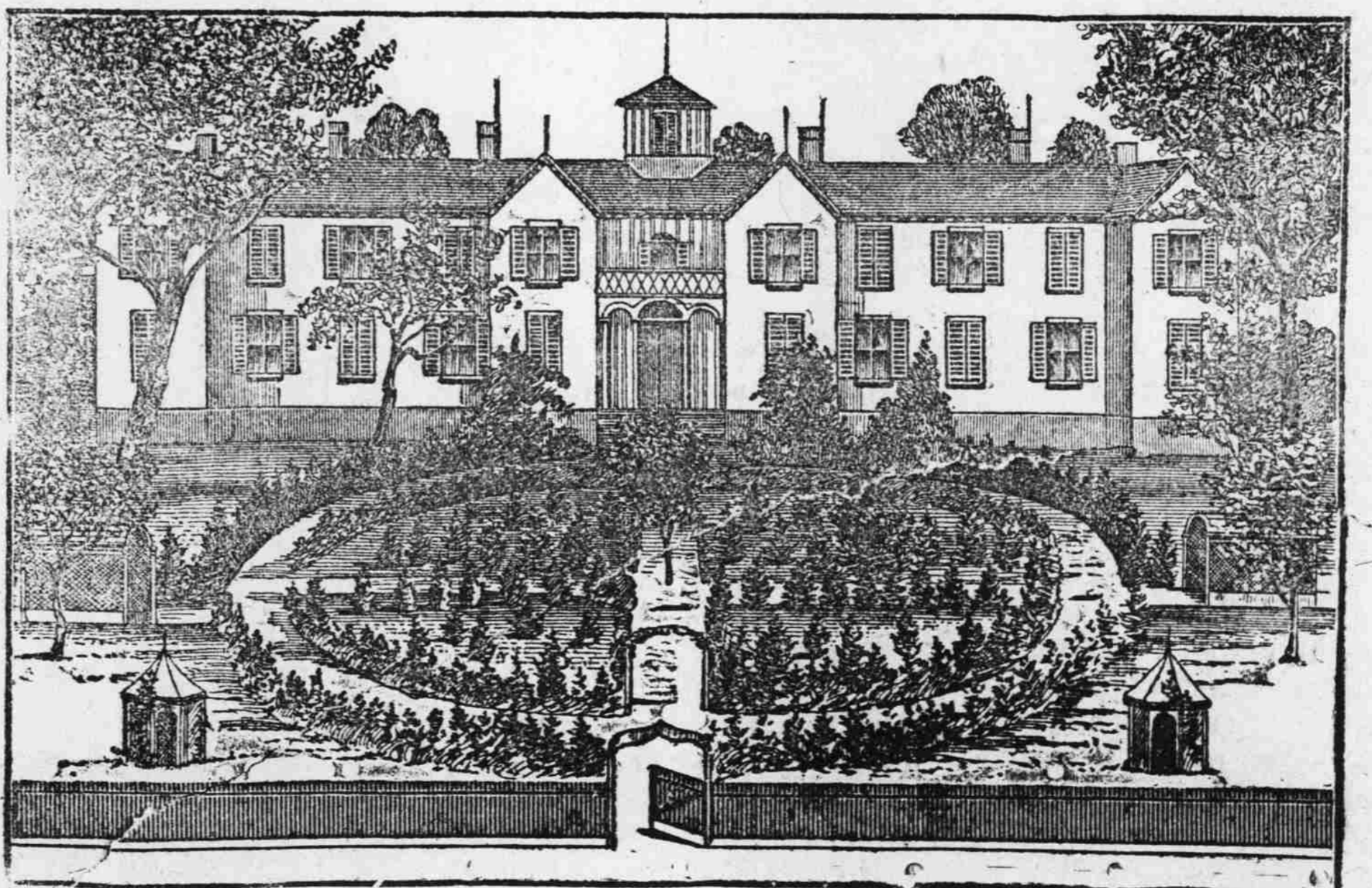
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