



SAN FRANCISCO TORN BY EARTHQUAKE

Whole Quarter Of City Practically Demolished

Big Fire Has Broken Out Adding To Horrors Of The Day—Many Killed And Wounded.

A telephone message was received here this morning to the effect that a terrific earthquake, probably the most powerful that ever shook the Pacific slope, happened at an early hour this morning, the shocks being felt in five or six states.

The details were transmitted to Norfolk by telegraph this morning and bulletins announcing the horrors of the disaster were posted in different parts of the city.

The vibrations were more acute in California than in the other states and San Francisco seemed to be the central point. The destruction there is said to have been great, a whole quarter of the city having been practically demolished. Buildings were torn to fragments, the debris filling the streets.

A monster fire has broken out adding to the horrors of the day, and increasing the loss of life, which from the falling buildings, in which many were killed and maimed, has already been great.

There were several separate and distinct shocks, the last more severe than the others.

Estimates of the number killed and injured and the property losses have not been sent out, but it is recognized as one of the worst catastrophes in the history of the west.

Boy Killed By A Mule

Information was received today by the Daily Economist through a special correspondent, of the tragic death of Esbar Spruill, the thirteen year old son of Mr. D. A. Spruill, of Washington county.

The accident which resulted in his death occurred on the Weston farm.

After the day's labor, while on his way to the farm lot, he was thrown from the back of the mule which he was riding. In some manner the plow harness which was on the mule entangled him in such a manner that the frightened mule dragged him over the ground for some distance, at the same time inflicting upon him serious injuries by stepping upon him.

Coal Prices Not Increased Here

As yet there has been no advance in the prices of coal in this city as the result of the big strike, but a slight raise may have to be made soon, depending upon the future strike developments. The same prices prevail, seven dollars per ton for hard and \$4.50 for soft.

The local dealers are holding to these prices in the face of the big increase in cost of the fuel in all parts of the country and regardless of the fact that they even now have to pay more for it in Norfolk.

There will be no advance until the coal yards of the city replenish their stock. If complications in the strike situation continue, prices are bound to soar and Elizabeth City people will pay their proportional part of the costs of the clash between labor and capital.

MARRIAGE CAME AS A SURPRISE

MISS MARY ETHERIDGE BECAME MRS. MACK WHITE THIS AFTERNOON AT 2 O'CLOCK IN QUIET BUT IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY—WILL RESIDE IN NORFOLK.

Mr. Mack White a well known young real estate man of Norfolk, and Miss Mary Etheridge one of Elizabeth City's prettiest and most popular young ladies, were married this afternoon at two o'clock at the home of the bride, just beyond the city limits.

It was an exceedingly quiet but impressive event, and only a few of the couple's most intimate friends were privileged to witness it. The exquisite taste of a number of young ladies had converted the parlors of the residence into scenes of floral beauty, cut flowers, ferns and potted plants being arranged so as to carry out an elaborate color scheme of green and white.

Mr. White arrived on the 1:27 train and with his best man, Mr. Ellis, of Norfolk, drove out to the residence, and a pretty little romance had soon happily terminated.

In the manner agreed upon the party formed and to the measured strains of the wedding march, nicely played, entered the parlor.

The bride was bewitching costumed in a navy blue travelling suit, while Miss Mae Reid, her maid of honor, was becomingly attired in a gray princess.

The groom and his best man both wore the conventional black.

At one end of the parlor an altar had been improvised and at this was awaiting the Rev. Joseph Ferebee, of the Baptist church, who was the celebrant, and who performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner.

Among the few witnesses were members of the family and Misses Mary Lou and Effie Sawyer.

Immediately after the ceremony the party were driven in carriages to the Norfolk and Southern depot where Mr. and Mrs. White took the train for Norfolk in which city they will reside.

Marriage Was Surprise.

The marriage came as a surprise to many of even their most intimate friends. At all times the engagement and date set for the event were kept secret, and probably not more than half a dozen people, outside of the immediate families knew it positively, although vague reports were circulated yesterday.

Reports are to the effect that others are to take place in the near future.

Destructive Fire Near Edenton

Word comes from Somerset, a village near Edenton, that the fine residence of Mr. V. Beasley was this week completely destroyed by fire of an unknown origin. Not even the furniture was saved so rapid was the progress of the flames. There had been no fire in the house during the day and how the destructive blaze started is unknown.

In the same locality several nights ago the barn, shelter and other out-houses of a negro named Dan Wynne were consumed by fire, in which his horse and several dogs perished.

UNDERWENT DELICATE OPERATION

MR. CALVIN ROOT'S HEART WAS BEING ENCLOSED BY SOME MATTER WHICH, IT WAS NECESSARY TO REMOVE.

Mr. Calvin Root, formerly of this city, but whose home is now in Dakota, is a patient in one of the Norfolk hospitals and when last heard from, several days ago, he was in a critical condition, but with reported good chances for recovery.

The disease, which affected his heart, developed while he was at Powell's Point, in Currituck county where he was engaged in fishing. At once he consulted a physician there and was advised to go to the hospital.

On arriving here he again underwent an examination and was told to not waste time before being treated in a hospital. In the Norfolk hospital he was examined with the X-ray by which it was discovered that something was growing around his heart, and to prevent death its removal was necessary. Mr. Root underwent an operation, extremely delicate and said to result in the death of the patient nine out of ten times.

Since the operation however, a letter has been received here from the hospital saying Mr. Root was recovering rapidly and would probably soon be out again.

THE FIREMEN'S TOURNAMENT

BELIEVED THAT NECESSARY INDUCEMENTS WILL BE OFFERED BEFORE COMPANY LEAVES FOR ASHEVILLE—AN ALL-IMPORTANT MATTER.

Discussion relative to offering inducements to the State Firemen's Association to hold its annual tournament here in 1907 has for several days been succeeded by talk on other matters, but those directly interested are asking that the matter not be dropped.

In a few weeks now the local firemen will go to Asheville to participate in the tournament and, executive sessions in which the next meeting place will be decided upon and it is asked that they be prepared to offer inducements sufficiently strong to guarantee that the important event will be held here the succeeding year. It is only a matter of about one thousand dollars, for the association has already expressed willingness to come to Elizabeth City.

Realizing the extensive manner in which the city would be advertised by the tournament, the thousands of dollars that would be spent by the hundreds of visitors and divers other ways in which the city and people would receive material benefit therefrom, a number of public spirited citizens have offered liberal contributions in securing the requisite amount. That it should be made up by public subscription, instead of the city offering it, is public opinion and future effort will be along this line.

When the matter was brought up a member of the board of aldermen at once offered to subscribe \$25. Forty such offers would make up the amount and they can be secured without much trouble.

Physicians' reputations depend upon their prescriptions being put up as they should be. That's why your doctor is pleased when you have us do the compounding. Bring us your prescriptions. Standard Pharmacy.

MANY BAPTISTS TO GATHER HERE

UNION MEETING OF CURRITUCK AND CAMDEN CHURCHES WILL BE HELD WITH BLACKWELL MEMORIAL ON 27, 28 AND 29TH.

The Currituck and Camden Union of Baptist churches will be held with Blackwell Memorial church of this city on the 27, 28 and 29th of this month, and among the Baptists of those two counties the announcement arouses deep interest, with the result that the attendance will in all probabilities be unusually large. Every Baptist church in the two counties will send delegates and many ministers from all parts of the section will be present.

The program as arranged follows:

Friday.

11:00 A. M.—Organization and enrollment of delegates.

2:30 P. M.—Consolidation of Churches in Fields. E. F. Aydtlett and E. I. Sawyer.

8:00 P. M.—Introductory Sermon—Rev. J. F. Vines.

Saturday.

10:00 A. M.—Devotional Services.

10:30 A. M.—World Wide Missions—State, Home and Foreign.

State Missions, T. B. Boushall.

Home Missions, R. E. Sentelle.

Foreign Missions, T. G. Wood.

2:30 P. M.—Round Table Questions—Practical and Vital.

8:00 P. M.—What is Religion? Discussion led by Rev. J. B. Ferebee.

Sunday.

9:30 A. M.—Sunday School Mass Meeting—The Relation of the Church to the Sunday School, W. G. Brothers and C. B. Garrett.

11:00 A. M.—Mission Sermon—Rev. R. R. Overby, D. D.

Driving Piling Has Stopped

The work of driving piling for the foundation of the Skinner building on Poindexter street has stopped, Contractor Cox, having moved his pile driver elsewhere. This preliminary work has not been finished and no cause for the suspension has been given.

There are quite a number of people in Elizabeth City who are dubious as to the erection of the structure and this has given them a chance to say, "I told you so," etc. On the other hand it is confidently believed by many that the suspension is temporary, and further, that the auditorium will be completed by next October, as per reported contract.

Mr. Skinner will be in the city within the next few days, with some new statements relative to his various projects and they will be received with the same amount of interest.

Mayor Leigh Fines Driver

The crusade of the police against the maltreaters of dumb animals is now active and determined, as will be seen by the fact that they sent all the way to Chowan county for a man guilty of misusing a horse here.

The man was George Simpson, colored, and he was in the police court yesterday afternoon facing a mayor who has but little regard for a person guilty of such brutality. Simpson was fined five dollars and costs, amounting to \$10.40.

The horse was hired from Messrs. Harris and Overman, and in driving him it is claimed he not only brutally beat him but kicked him as well. At the end of the drive the animal was in a bad condition and steps were immediately taken for Simpson's arrest.

TWELVE FOUND GUILTY ON THE CHARGE OF RETAILING

No True Bill Found Against Three Men Who Were Charged With Plundering Steamer.

Federal court was convened in its afternoon session yesterday at 2:30 p. m.

The first case called was:

United States vs. A. L. Rountree for removing and concealing spirituous liquors. Defendant plead guilty; and was sentenced to 30 days in jail and to pay fine of \$200. The imprisonment was suspended upon the payment of fine and cost, which was paid in court.

During the afternoon session the following cases were disposed of:

United States vs. John Skinner, indicted for retailing spirituous liquors. Case not pressed with leave.

United States vs. William Hallsey, indicted for retailing spirituous liquors. Capias and continued until next term of court.

United States vs. C. C. DeCormis, indicted for retailing spirituous liquors. Defendant called and failed to appear. Judgment, nisi and capias.

United States vs. Louis Barnes, indicted for retailing spirituous liquors. Defendant deposited license, and warrant was dismissed.

United States vs. George Quidley, indicted for retailing spirituous liquors. The verdict of the jury was guilty. Judgment suspended upon payment of cost. He was given until next term of Federal court to pay the cost and was released upon his own recognizance.

United States vs. Carrol Pool, indicted for retailing. Defendant plead guilty, and was fined \$100 and cost. Judgment suspended upon payment of cost. Defendant was given until next term to pay cost.

United States vs. Joseph Eisenberg, indicted for retailing spirituous liquors. Not a true bill.

United States vs. John Bradshaw, indicted for retailing spirituous liquors. Defendant plead guilty, and was fined \$100 and sentenced to 30 days in jail. Judgment suspended upon payment of cost, which was paid in court.

United States vs. Henry McCleese, indicted for retailing spirituous liquors.

Defendant found guilty. Sentenced to jail for 30 days at the expiration of which, the defendant is to be discharged.

United States vs. Wm. Morgan, indicted for retailing spirituous liquors. The jury found a verdict of not guilty.

United States vs. Joe Beasley, indicted for retailing spirituous liquors. The jury found a verdict of guilty. Judgment was suspended upon the payment of cost and the defendant was given until next term of court to pay cost.

United States vs. J. I. Jones, indicted for retailing spirituous liquors. Defendant plead guilty. Judgment was suspended upon payment of cost.

United States vs. Martin Hinton, indicted for retailing spirituous liquors. Defendant found guilty, and was fined \$100 and sentenced to jail for 30 days. Judgment suspended upon payment of cost, and defendant was given until next term of court to pay the same.

United States vs. R. E. Sample, indicted of using the mails for fraudulent purposes. Case continued because defendant is in penitentiary.

United States vs. J. J. Barnett, Clarence Bray and W. G. Tolson, indicted of plundering steamship in distress. The grand jury failed to find a true bill and the warrant was dismissed.

United States vs. Daniel Ballard, indicted for removing and concealing spirituous liquors. The grand jury failed to find a true bill and the warrant was dismissed.

United States vs. Marion Shultz, indicted of unlawfully opening letters. The grand jury failed to find a true bill, and the warrant was dismissed.

Court adjourned late in the afternoon, the docket having been exhausted. Both the grand and the petit juries were paid and discharged.

At 10 o'clock this morning Judge Purnell entered the court room, where Federal court was convened for a short time to attend to some business after which the court was adjourned until next term.

Death Of Mr. J. A. Liverman

Intelligence was received here yesterday evening of the death of Mr. James Liverman, of Gum Neck, one of Tyrrell county's most prominent citizens. Mr. Liverman for a number of years has been engaged in the mercantile business in the Gum Neck community.

His death occurred very unexpectedly, having been sick only a day or two. Until last Friday evening, he was apparently a well man, when he developed pneumonia, which very early assumed a violent form. Monday evening he died. Mr. Liverman was a man of influence and means, and will be very much missed, especially by the people of his immediate community.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

All want ad. of 25 words or less will be inserted in Daily Economist for 25 cents for three insertions to be paid in advance. Six insertions 50 cents. "Want ad" over 25 words will be charged for in proportion. All legal notices, land entry notices, administrators' notices, summons notices, sale notices, etc., must be paid in advance. Unless the money accompanies the copy the matter will not be set up. This rule will be strictly adhered to for friend and foe alike.

Would Succeed His Successor

Washington, April 17.—President Roosevelt will probably be a candidate to succeed his successor in 1912. There is no doubt in the minds of the president's friends that he intends to stick to his determination to retire at the end of his present term and that no considerations will prevail upon him to become a candidate in 1908.

By the end of the present term the president has told intimate friends he believes he will have made so many enemies that he would be an easy man to beat, were his party to make him their standard bearer.

From now to the end of his term, as the president has put it, he will be obliged to be very harsh to many interests.

Public good will demand his administering certain policies with little sympathy for those who differ with him, and the inevitable result of this iron handed course, in the president's opinion, will be a creation of "sore heads" who will, by 1908, have become a powerful army, so bent on his downfall, that were he to become a candidate that time he probably would be defeated. His friends believe all these conditions will have changed before 1912.