

Three-Fourths of City of Tokio Completely Burned

This Estimate Made by Courier Who Has Just Made a Journey to the Stricken City.

YOKOHAMA CENTER OF EARTHQUAKE

Ponds in Parks of Tokio Are Filled With Bodies—Army is Restoring the Means of Communication.

The terrible sweep of the Japanese earthquake is being disclosed in direct and wireless dispatches now coming from Iwaki, the radio station connecting Tokyo, Nagasaki and other points eastward to the devastated region.

Yokohama has been literally engulfed in a sea of destruction covering not only the city itself but a zone more than 100 miles square, including Tokio and four other large cities. This is one of the most densely populated sections of Japan with some 7,000,000 people in the area.

A message from Iwaki station, with which Tokio has established courier connections, said the Japanese home office estimated 30,000 dead at Tokio, 100,000 at Yokohama and 250,000 at Osaka.

Under has been restored in Tokio, thousands of homeless people are crowded in parks and other open spaces. The government is feeding them with rice.

The courier reported that provisions in quantities were expected from the northeastern and northwestern regions within a few days.

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ROTARY MEETING

Plea For Support of High School Athletics Made.—Committee to Help. Reports from the various committees and a plea for enthusiastic support of the business men of the city for high school athletics featured the regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club yesterday.

COTTON SPINDLES CANNOT OPERATE

London, Sept. 6 (By the Associated Press).—Thirty per cent of the spindles of Japan are unable to operate, and the output is suffering accordingly, says a dispatch from Kobe received today by the Japanese Consignments Company.

BURGLAR WALKS INTO GUN TRAP AND IS KILLED

Herman Falls is Dead and Raymond Benfield is in Gaston Jail; Goods Recovered. Gastonia, Sept. 5.—Herman Falls, of Kings Mountain, died in a hospital today as the result of the robbery of S. L. Kiser's general store in the Sunnyside section of Cherryville township, ten miles from here, last night, when the man, in removing goods from the store, walked into a shot gun trap and received a load of shot in his side.

WASHINGTON HAS NO CHILD LABOR PROBLEM

Capital Fins Remedy For the Evil in Solving Home Problems. Washington, Sept. 6 (Capital News Service).—The nation is agitated about an anti-child labor law, and some legislation which will stand a Supreme Court test is to be looked for. Meanwhile, the capital has solved its own problem.

CHOKED WITH DEAD

First Direct News From Tokio Since Saturday Tells Horrible Story. Tokio, Sept. 5.—Tokio and Yokohama, separated by only a few miles of water, today lie crushed by the overpowering forces of an earthquake—a series of upheavals—that came with scant warning and brought crashing down the homes and business places of these great cities.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Firm Today at Advance of From 16 to 35 Points. New York, Sept. 6.—The cotton market opened firm at an advance of 16 to 35 points on a continuation of the general buying movement which had developed late yesterday.

Animals Electrocuted When Ground Charged.

Laurinburg, N. C., Sept. 3.—At Stewartville gin here, which is run by electricity, this afternoon two Percheron horses and two mules were electrocuted near the cotton stalls. The ground in an area was charged. Will Arner was owner of the horses. When he drove on the charged zone they began to prance and he held them until they fell dead. A negro boy went to help quiet the team and could not get off the tongue. He was shoved off with a shovel and dragged to safety. The mule team had no driver. When the current hit them they ran around, coming back to a charged place, and were killed. There was another team at the time which ran off to safety.

People's National Bank is to Be Re-Organized.

Sallsbury, Sept. 5.—Stockholders of the People's National Bank, which has been closed since June 8, have decided definitely to reorganize and open up for business. Over \$70,000 of the 100,000 required as an initial step towards reopening have been secured and a committee was out today raising the remainder of the needed capital. The comptroller of the currency has notified the stockholders of the old bank to come across with an amount equal to 100 per cent of their stock, and to do so in 30 days.

Mayor Hyman Much Better.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Sept. 6.—Mayor Hyman, of New York, who suffered a relapse yesterday, was much better this morning, relatives said. Symptoms of pleurisy developed yesterday with some indications of bronchial pneumonia, which, according to the family, disappeared during the night.

With Our Advertisers.

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company is ready to handle all shipments of cotton to the N. C. Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association, and to make the cash advance on each bale shipped.

Interest in Proposed Creamery For County is Showing Increase

With the announcement yesterday that plans are being formulated here for the organization of a creamery, interest in the project is increasing. The first public meeting for the purpose of discussing the advisability of organizing the company will be held at the court house on Saturday of next week at 2 o'clock, and the great amount of interest already shown in the proposition, indicates that the meeting will be widely attended.

U. S. INTERVENTION ADVOCATED BY UPHAM

Treasurer of Republican National Committee Thinks United States Should Help in Reparations Tangle. Chicago, Sept. 6 (By the Associated Press).—American intervention in the Franco-German reparations tangle was advocated by Fred W. Upham, treasurer of the Republican national committee. He expressed the belief that Congress should give President Coolidge the authority to appoint a commission of American business men to determine quickly what reparations the Germans should pay.

DETROIT MANUFACTURER IS IN WASHINGTON TO CONFER WITH PRESIDENT COOLIDGE AND SECRETARY WEEKS

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LOSS BY BOLL WEEVIL

Injury Varies Considerably in Different Fields, Says Expert. Aberdeen, N. C., Sept. 6.—"The loss in cotton due to the boll weevil will average at least one-third of the crop in the southern and southeastern tier of counties of the State," says a statement issued today by Dr. R. W. Leiby, entomologist in charge of the boll weevil here by the North Carolina State College and the Department of Agriculture. Dr. Leiby recently made a trip through the heavily infested counties of Hoke, Robeson, Scotland, Moore and Richmond counties, of North Carolina, and into South Carolina, for the purpose of ascertaining the degree of injury and to learn to what extent the weevil was being controlled.

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GRAECO-ITALIAN SITUATION SEEMS LESS SERIOUS NOW

Greeks Have Moved Part of Their Fleet to Avoid a Chance of Any Clashes at Sea. Athens, Sept. 6 (By the Associated Press).—The Greek fleet has received orders to retire to the Gulf of Volo to avoid contact with the Italian fleet, it is learned on good authority. (The Gulf of Volo, an arm of the Aegean Sea, is on the eastern side of the Greek peninsula, and approximately 90 miles north of Athens).

ASSASSINS ARE BEING RUN DOWN

Unconfirmed Reports State That the Italians Have Taken Over Three More Islands. Milan, Sept. 6 (By the Associated Press).—The Popolo Italiale, organ of Premier Mussolini, has received a dispatch from Trieste saying: "Telegrams from various sources confirm the news that the Greek government is on the track of the assassins of the Italian mission. Many suspects have been arrested at Janina, and also along the Graeco-Albanian frontier, and among them are two of the assassins. The authorities are hunting the others and hope shortly to arrest them."

ITALIANS SAID TO HAVE SEIZED MORE ISLANDS.

London, Sept. 6 (By the Associated Press).—A Central News dispatch from Rome says that reports are current there that Italian forces occupied the islands of Merlera, Fano and Mithraki, northwest of Corfu.

HOTEL AT NARAGANSETT PIER DESTROYED BY FIRE

Imperial Hotel Destroyed and Hotel Massachusetts Damaged by Fire Early Today. Narragansett Pier, R. I., Sept. 6.—The Imperial Hotel here was destroyed by fire early today, the forty guests escaping unscathed. The loss was \$500,000. The hotel Massachusetts also caught fire. The fire in the Massachusetts was confined to the roof. Private houses nearby were damaged. The fire started in the attic of the five-story wooden Imperial Hotel.

RESUME CONFERENCE WITH COAL MEDIATOR

Operators and Miners Confer Again Now With Governor Pinchot. Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 6.—Anthracite mine operators and officials of the miners' union who today resumed conferences with Governor Pinchot for discussion of possible terms of settlement of differences which caused suspension of operations September 1st adjourned at 12:50 till 2:30 this afternoon. Leaders of both sides reported little change in the situation.

COTTON UP

October Delivery Today Sold at 26.79, 78 Points Above Yesterday's Closing. New York, Sept. 6.—Cotton for October delivery today sold at 26.79, 78 points above yesterday's closing quotation. This is more than \$10 per bale above the price ruling shortly before the government report published last week.

Candidate For Carolina's Freshman Team

Asheville, N. C., Sept. 6.—Gage Kirkpatrick and Ralph Dalton, star backfielders last year on the Bingham Military Academy's eleven, will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill this year and have announced their intentions of being candidates for Carolina's freshman team, according to information received here. Kirkpatrick, whose home is at Loweryville, S. C., made the all-star western North Carolina conference team last year. Dalton is an all round athlete, playing football, basketball and baseball.

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