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AMERICANS WERE VERY FORTUNATE

Only Few Killed and in the Stricken Area There Were Many Thousand.—Most of Missionaries Are Safe.

Washington, Sept. 5.—All Americans in Tokio are believed to be safe, Ambassador Woods reported today to the State Department. Estimates of the dead in Tokio were placed by the ambassador at 10,000. He stated that some American in Yokohama had been killed. Communication with Yokohama, he said, had been opened. A dispatch from the American consul at Kobe under date of September 4th, forwarded to the department by Edward Bell, charge d'affaires in Peking, said refugees from Yokohama confirmed the reports that the consulate general there was completely destroyed and that Kirjasoff (the consul) and his wife were killed. Vice Consul Samuel J. Wardell, according to the dispatch is safe, but other members of the staff had not been accounted for. The dispatch added that the naval hospital at Yokohama collapsed and Commander Webb was injured, while some of the staff were killed. Vice Consul Paul E. Penks was reported to have been killed, the message said, but the two children of Consul Kirjasoff, who was killed with his wife, are safe and well in Kobe. A report from Consul Erie R. Dickover from Kobe says: "Refugees report that the following members of the consul general at Yokohama are safe and well. "Miss Martin, Mason, and vice Consuls Sturgeon and Wardell"

American Commercial Attache Killed. Nagasaki, Sept. 5 (By the Associated Press).—The family of the American commercial attache at Yokohama, E. G. Babbitt, are all dead. T de Jordin, the French consul at Yokohama, also was killed in the earthquake. Reformed Missionaries Safe. New York, Sept. 5.—All of the missionaries in Tokio and Yokohama of the Reformed Church in America are safe, according to a cablegram from Kobe received today by the board of foreign missions of the church. Washington, Sept. 6.—Even before appeal for funds had time to gain general circulation the American people today began pouring offerings into the fund for

the relief of Japanese earthquake sufferers. The first mail to reach Red Cross headquarters this morning brought a batch of checks in response to the appeal for \$5,000,000 for aid of the stricken people. Scores of contributions were from \$500 each and others from \$5 to \$5,000. The purchasing and relief department of the American Relief administration were taken over today by the American Red Cross to insure expeditious handling. Salvation Army to Help. New York, Sept. 5 (By the Associated Press).—Gen. Bramwell Booth, of the Salvation Army, today issued a world call for 2,000,000 pounds for Japanese relief. American headquarters received a cablegram inquiring how much the United States could contribute. New York relayed the message to the army stations throughout the country. General Booth sent his call to 76 countries. Report 10,000 Refugees Killed. Osaka, Sept. 5 (By the Associated Press).—Approximately 10,000 refugees fleeing from the ruins of Tokio were burned to death in the yard of a military clothing factory in the industrial section of Jonjo. Water and provisions are reported to be still scarce in Tokio. Congressman Ackerman Safe. New York, Sept. 5.—Congressman Ernest R. Ackerman, of Plainfield, N. J., whose whereabouts in Japan were reported yesterday from Shanghai to be unknown, is safe in Nikko, according to a cablegram received from him today. Liner Taiyo Maru Safe Now. San Francisco, Sept. 5.—The liner Taiyo Maru, reported in distress yesterday somewhere off the coast of Japan is safe, according to a message received here this morning by the Radio Corporation of America. The vessel is en route from San Francisco to Yokohama with 500 passengers, most of them Americans. Dead in Tokio Estimated at 160,000. New York, Sept. 5.—New official messages received today at the offices of the Japanese consul general estimated the casualties in Tokio and vicinity at 160,000, with 1,000,000 persons homeless. Wireless Stations Reopen. San Francisco, Sept. 5 (By the Associated Press).—The Radio Corporation office here was advised this morning that the Funabashi wireless station, ten miles east of Tokio, reopened today and was transmitting and receiving Japanese and American government messages. Italian Ambassador Reported Killed. Rome, Sept. 5 (By the Associated Press).—The Italian ambassador to Japan, G. de Martino, is reported to have perished in the earthquake. Washington, Sept. 4.—All members of the American embassy staff at Tokio are safe. Ambassador Woods advised the State Department today in the first message received from him since the earthquake that none of the embassy staff was injured, although all the embassy buildings are totally destroyed. The ambassador said the food situation is acute, and asked that rations be sent at once from the Philippine Islands. The message was sent from the Iwaki

wireless station and was undated. Coincidentally the State Department received a dispatch from American Consul Davis at Shanghai, saying that Tokio, Yokohama and Yokosuka had been "completely wiped out." Casualties among foreigners, he said, had been "very numerous." Consul Davis confirmed that Max D. Kirjasoff, American consul at Yokohama, and his wife are dead. Consul Davis' dispatch dated at noon today and based on information received from the Steamship President Jefferson, said: "Yokohama completely wiped out by earthquake and fire. Tokio and Yokosuka also. Refugees report Nisanyoshi and Hakone also destroyed. "Admiral Oriental Line office ruined. Everything lost, all employees safe. "No not accept traffic for Yokohama but route all ships there to render all possible assistance to give supplies, returning, Kobe with 250 destitute refugees. Sailing Kobe, Seattle direct, soon as possible. "Lesler (unidentified) last seen at Grand Hotel, whereabouts unknown. Ackerman (believed to be Representative Ackerman of New Jersey) unknown. Esting (unidentified) and wife safe aboard. Fires are still burning. "U. S. consul at Yokohama and wife dead."

Members of Imperial Family Reported Killed. London, Sept. 5 (By the Associated Press).—The Japanese embassy here received a telephone message today from Princess Kitashirakawa in Paris, saying she had received information that the dowager Princess Yamashina, Princess Hiroko Kanin, and Prince Moromasa, members of the imperial family, are dead in Tokio as a result of the earthquake. Conditions Improve. San Francisco, Sept. 4.—Improvement in conditions in Tokio is reported in wireless advices received tonight from Iwaki radio station, 155 miles north of Tokio by the Radio Corporation. The water system has been repaired and is furnishing water in all sections of the capital; street lighting has been restored in four wards and food supplies have begun to arrive at nearby points. New Volcano Opens 50 Miles of Tokio. Peking, Sept. 4.—A new volcano has broken out in the Chichibu range, about 50 miles northwest of Tokio, according to advices from Osaka, Kikko, country seat of the imperial family, is reported not to be seriously damaged. Many foreigners were reported earlier to have been staying at Nikko when last Saturday's quake occurred. San Francisco, Sept. 3.—Every report received from Japan throughout the day either confirmed or increased estimates of the havoc wrought in death and destruction by the quadruple catastrophe which has befallen the central eastern section of the Honshu, largest of the islands of the Japanese empire. Beginning at noon Saturday with a series of earthquakes which razed most of the city of Tokio and large sections of Yokohama and other cities in the vicinity, the disaster was continued by fire which broke out in scores of places. Tidal waves followed, engulfing and washing into the sea hundreds of buildings. Then came a typhoon, adding a

fatal and tragic touch to what is probably the greatest calamity in modern times. Topping all previous estimates of death and ruin Ujiro Oyama, Japanese consul-general in Shanghai, a report that 160,000 persons were killed and 1,000,000 made homeless in the Tokio-Yokohama section. Former estimate from various sources had placed the casualties as high as 150,000 dead in Tokio alone. One of these came from the Japanese minister of marine by way of Osaka. Other reports told of severe casualties both on land and sea. Wilderness of Ruins. A composite of reports depicts Tokio and Yokohama as shattered wildernesses of mortar, bricks and stone where once stood some of the stateliest structures of the empire. Dead and dying are on every hand. Survivors, who can grope their way about through the fire and smoke and rubbish are leaving the city for places of safety. Those who still live are threatened with starvation and many are trying to catch fish from ponds and lakes to tide them over until food arrives. It is estimated that at least 1,000 tons of rice alone is needed to meet the food shortage.

The imperial palace which was badly damaged by quake and fire has been thrown open to needy and injured survivors. What happened at Yokohama can be barely more than surmised. But every report, though meagre, confirms the worst fears. While it seems certain most of the foreign residential sections escaped, it is estimated 1,400 buildings in the city were destroyed. The number of dead is countless. An officer of the steamship London Maru, reported that bodies were scattered everywhere, on land and in the water, where many sought refuge in ships after the quake. San Francisco, Sept. 3.—A dispatch from Nagasaki last night reporting the destruction of the Fuji spinning mills near Mount Fuji and the death of 5,000 operatives, also stated that a number of volcanoes were reported to be active. If Mount Fuji is among the erupting volcanoes, it is the first time it has exploded since 1707, but throughout its long rest, its deep red hot crater as the summit has afforded an ominous sign that it might be aroused to fury at any moment. There are 200 volcanoes, 50 of which are more or less active in the volcanic ranges in Japan, the Kurile, Fuji and Kirishima. Notable cases of explosions in recent years after long spells of dormancy included: Torijima, 1902, killing 125 islanders; Agathsuma, 1903, killing two geologists; Bandasian, 1888; Sakurajima, 1914. Aslo, a complex volcano with its highest cone tower 1,630 meters, is perhaps the largest volcano in the world. Its crater extends about 15 miles north and south and 10 miles east and west. Nasu, Kirishima, Ohima and Asama, are almost perpetually in eruption. Japan Most Calamity-Hidden Country in History of Man. Brekeley, Calif., Sept. 3.—Frequent dis-

talistic, according to Dr. Clay MacCauley, D. D., who spent 25 years in Tokio as representative of the American Unitarian Association and vice president of the International Press Association of Japan. "Japan, I believe, has been subjected to more disasters than perhaps any other nation," said Dr. MacCauley. "They have come in the shape of earthquakes, tidal waves, volcanic eruptions, famines and pestilences. The people have become fatalistic. Their attitude toward these catastrophes is shown by the popular expression, 'It can't be helped.'"

160,000 Dead and Injured and One Million Homeless. San Francisco, Sept. 3.—A cablegram from Shi-Chitaro Yada, Japanese consul-general at Shanghai, to Ujiro Oyama, Japanese consul-general here, was made public tonight by Mr. Oyama. "About 1,000,000 are homeless and approximately 160,000 are dead and injured," the message said. "In the district of Yokohama and Hakone great damage and loss of life is reported. "The homeless are being cared for by the Japanese relief office for sufferers." Yada's cablegram was dated September 2nd, and was sent from Osaka. Great Tokio Hotel Built to Withstand Quakes.—In Yain. Chicago, Sept. 3.—The Imperial hotel, center of wealth and fashion, one of the principal structures of Tokio, reported destroyed in the earthquake and fire was designed and built under the direction of Chicago men, along lines intended to withstand earth disturbance and other elemental forces. The \$3,000,000 structure required three years to build and was designed to Frank Lloyd Wright, Chicago architect, and Paul Mueller, Chicago, construction engineer, superintended the work. It was said that probably for the first time in the history of engineering the great structure was raised on a crust of earth in such a manner that it was hoped in case of an earthquake the building might slip or move with the earth without crushing or wrenching it apart. Two thousand concrete piles were sunk into the earth which at 200 to 300 feet below the surface was so plastic as to leave the earth above merely crust. Mammoth stones were taken from Japanese quarries and moved with great difficulty to the site. The hotel was said to have been called the Imperial because a large part of the stock in the enterprise was held by members of the royal family. Harbin, Manchuria, Sept. 4.—The loss of life in Tokio is estimated here to be 300,000. The flames of the blazing capital have been visible for 200 miles. According to reports received here the earth shocks are continuing while a volcano 40 miles from Tokio is still active. River Filled With Bodies. Tokio, Sept. 4 (By the Associated Press).—Innumerable bodies of earthquake victims are clogged in the river Sumida, which flows through Tokio. Thousands of frenzied men and women, overcome with excitement and fatigue, went mad and threw themselves in the river when the shocks were occurring. Thousands of others perished when the bridge over the Sumida river collapsed.

Explosion at Japanese Hot Spring. Osaka, Sept. 4 (By the Associated Press).—A great explosion has occurred at Owakidani in Hakone, one of the hot springs in Japan, located about fifty miles from Tokio. Think Baptist Missionaries Are Safe. New York, Sept. 4 (By the Associated Press).—All Baptist missionaries in Japan are believed to be safe, according to a cablegram received early today by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society from Chas. B. Tenny, secretary of the Baptist Mission. The offices of the Japan Baptist Mission are in Tokio, but the telegram was sent from the city of Sengain. The message follows: "Have no reliable information concerning Tokio and Yokohama, but so far as we know all our own missionaries are safe."

Tokio Still in Flames. Shanghai, Sept. 4 (By the Associated Press).—Tokio is still in flames, loss of life there alone at least 150,000 damage at least half a billion yen (about \$250,000,000). These are the latest estimates received this afternoon in a special dispatch by the Eastern News Agency from Osaka. Restoration of telegraphic communication between Osaka and Tokio brought the capital a zoed of delayed messages of condolences from the rulers and executives of the world powers. Oil Tanks Explode. London, Sept. 4 (By the Associated Press).—A dispatch to the Evening News from Peking say oil tanks exploded in Yokohama yesterday morning with heavy loss of life. The dispatch said that another bridge on which many foreigners had taken refuge had collapsed. One Standard Oil Co. Employee Killed. New York, Sept. 4 (By the Associated Press).—Officials of the Standard Oil Co. of New York received a cable early today stating that all their forty American employees in Tokio and Yokohama with the exception of one had escaped with their lives from the earthquake. The company's large distributing plant at Kanagawa which supplied the northern part of Japan was demolished, as was the office building in Tokio. Vessels Are Safe. Seattle, Wash., Sept. 4.—The passenger liners Empress of Canada, and President Jefferson, which came within the radius of the tidal wave zone off the coast of Japan are safe, according to word by Canadian Pacific Line agency here. Rowan People in Japan. Salisbury, Sept. 4.—Sixteen Salisbury and Rowan county people are in Japan and considerable anxiety is felt for several of them supposed to be in the territory affected by the recent earthquake. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coit and two sons and Miss Johanna Coit were due in Yokohama August 10th. Capt. Lyman Cotton, U. S. Navy, according to the last word received, was due to be in Tokio as a representative of the United States at the funeral of the late Japanese Premier. Rev. Isaac Leroy Chaver and Mrs. Shaver were thought to be around Hiroshima, the affected section. Mrs. Lyman Cotton and one of her

two children, and Miss Custis Heblson were thought to be in the mountains a considerable distance from the earthquake. Others from Rowan county in Japan include: Rev. and Mrs. Frank Festerman and child, Reformed missionaries, located at Yamagata; Rev. Arthur Linn and Rev. John Linn, Lutheran missionaries, the former being located in Tokio and the later in a nearby city. Washington, Sept. 4.—The inauguration of the American Red Cross of \$5,000,000 campaign for the relief of the Japanese earthquake sufferers was announced today by Elliot Wadsworth, treasurer of the organization after a conference with President Coolidge, Secretary Hoover, and Japanese Ambassador Hanihara.

Sweet Potato Syrup is the Latest Delicacy. Washington, Sept. 3.—A table and cooking syrup made from sweet potatoes is the latest addition to the culinary art made by the Department of Agriculture. Through experiment conducted at a small plant in Georgia over a period of several years department chemists were able to produce a syrup which, it is said, has possibilities not only for table and cooking purposes, but also in making candies such as taffies, kisses and caramels. The rather dark color might preclude its use in general baking though it would be valuable in such dark products as ginger snaps and cookies. The cost of production as determined in the small plant used by the department is 64 cents a gallon, but government chemists believe this figure can be lowered by quantity production. Miniature Southern Train Shows Electric Signals. Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 5.—Visitors to the Cincinnati Fall Festival and Industrial Exposition have been greatly interested by the exhibit of the Southern Railway System, consisting of a miniature passenger train, which shows how Southern trains are protected by electrically operated automatic block signals. The exhibit shows the train in operation on an oval track, equipped with actual electrical signals working just as in actual practice on the road. The train consists of three coaches and is driven by electricity, taken from a third rail, though the locomotive is a model of the regular steam type. Every day during the exposition, the Southern's booth has been surrounded by a crowd of interested spectators who were getting from it their first demonstration of how electricity is employed for the operation of signals and of the great degree of safety for trains which is afforded by this system. One-Fifth of Presbyterian Churches Have No Pastors. St. Louis, Sept. 4.—More than one-fifth of the 924 United Presbyterian Churches in the United States are without pastors, according to statistics compiled at the Xenia Theological Seminary here. While there are 948 ministers of that denomination in this country 191 churches are without pastors because of the large number of clergymen needed for school and home mission activities, and work of denominational boards and agencies, it was explained.