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FIVE CENTS

## RUIN WIDESPREAD

Devastation Greater Than At First Supposed

## FIVE TOWNS DESTROYED

Whole of the West Coast is Badly Damaged

Owing to Absence of Communication News From Stricken Area is Hard to Obtain—List of Fatalities Grows. Larger—Heavy Earthquake Shocks Continued on West Coast Until Yesterday Morning Acapulco Partly Submerged by Tidal Wave.

City of Mexico, April 16.—Heavy earth quake shocks continued on the west coast until 4 o'clock this morning. Late news from the area of the greatest destruction in recent earthquake shows that the devastation was greater than at first supposed.

Besides the destruction of Chilpancingo and Chilapa, it is now reported that Texila, between these two cities, containing about the same population as Chilpancingo, was also leveled. Messengers from the coast who have reached Chilpancingo also say that the towns of Ayutla and Omotepetle have been destroyed.

Ayutla is about fifty miles south of Chilpancingo in the state of Guerrero, and some twenty miles west of Acapulco.

Ometepetle is further south near the boundary line of the states of Guerrero and Oaxaca. It is a town of about 4,000 inhabitants.

Texila, a town eight miles west of Chilpancingo, and near the border line of the state of Oaxaca is also reported damaged. The report from Chilpancingo says that the west coast from Acapulco south of Salina Cruz, the Pacific terminal of the Tehuantepec national railway has been badly damaged.

Owing to the remoteness of these points and to the fact that wire and mail communication is very poor, news from the stricken district comes very slowly. Only one wire is working from Chilpancingo and that rather spasmodically.

Through the courtesy of the officers of the Federal Telegraph company, the Associated Press was given the wire today at noon while it was working through to Chilpancingo. The operator there was questioned as to the number of casualties but he declared that he knew nothing beyond the fact that he had seen about a dozen corpses and knew of some thirty wounded.

A dispatch to El Pais, a daily paper, which is the organ of the Catholic church in this city, from the bishop of Chilapa confirms the report of the widespread destruction of that vicinity. Fourteen are reported to have been killed in one house and the number of wounded given as thirty eight.

In Texila it is reported that 12 bodies have been taken from the ruins and that twice that number of wounded are being cared for in temporary structures erected in the open country.

Up to 4 o'clock this morning the shocks continued with more or less severity near Chilpancingo, completing the work of destruction and destroying many of the most important public buildings of the city, the new municipal palace was badly shattered. Its predecessor was leveled by an earthquake four years ago. The hospitals and the jail are in ruins.

Up to this time the number of deaths reported is 38 and the wounded 93.

But in view of the latter reports it is thought that these figures will fall far short of the real number of fatalities.

It is reported that Acapulco was nearly submerged from the great waves which dashed over the break water. Although no breath of wind was stirring on the night of the first shock when the earth began to tremble, the sea was lashed into a fury and as the shocks continued the harbor took on the appearance of a typhoon swept sea. Just how much of the port has been submerged is not known.

Communication by rail with Vera Cruz is entirely cut off owing to the

sinking of road beds on both the Mexican and interoceanic railways. Reports from nearly all the larger cities in the southern part of the republic have now been received and although many of these places felt the shock severely, no loss of life has been reported and the property loss is insignificant.

## SUPREME COURT OPINIONS

Advisory Board Settle the National Guard Encampment Question.

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., April 16.—The advisory board of the North Carolina national guard, in session here today, reported to the governor, who approved its recommendations, that the coming encampment of the first brigade be held as follows: First regiment at Morehead City for five days, rifle practice, thence to the Jamestown Exposition for three days for instructions; Second and Third regiments to proceed from home stations to the Jamestown exposition for seven days' encampment for instructions.

The board also recommends that the rifle range at Camp Glenn at Morehead City be completed for use by the First regiment at an expenditure not exceeding \$5,000 and that the camp grounds there be properly prepared for that regiment. The recommendations are signed by J. F. Armfield, brigadier general, commanding; Thomas R. Robertson, adjutant general; Francis A. Macon, quartermaster general; J. N. Craig, colonel Third regiment; J. T. Gardner, colonel First regiment; J. Van B. Metts, lieutenant colonel Second regiment.

The period of the encampment at the exposition is North Carolina week, which will be in August.

Opinions were handed down as follows: Wood vs Kincaid affirmed; Leathers vs Tobacco Co., affirmed; Thompson vs Express Co., affirmed; Tobacco Co. vs Tobacco Co., affirmed; Immigration Co. vs Rosey, affirmed; Medlin vs Simpson, affirmed; Horne vs Power Co., affirmed; Perry vs Perry, new trial; Faust vs Faust, new trial; Rex vs Dobbins, per curiam, petition for certiorari denied, motion for new trial for newly discovered testimony refused; judgment below affirmed.

## B'NAI B'RITH ADJOURNS.

Wilmington Selected as Place for Next Meeting.

Charleston, S. C., April 16.—District Grand Lodge No. 5, Independent Order B'Nai B'Rith, which gathered here Saturday adjourned today after electing the following officers:

President—Sigmund Gardner, Savannah, Ga.  
First Vice President—H. S. Hutzler, Richmond, Va.  
Second Vice President—Montague Triest, Charleston.  
Secretary—J. L. Levy, Richmond.  
Treasurer—Aaron Goodman, Baltimore.

Sergeant-at-Arms—Leonard Haas, Atlanta.  
Representative to Constitutional Grand Lodge—Sol Wiel, Goldsboro, N. C.

Wilmington, N. C., was selected as the place for the next meeting.

## BY SCORE OF 15 TO 1

Oak Ridge Wins Game From Bingham.

(Special to The Messenger.) Oak Ridge, N. C., April 16.—Oak Ridge won from Bingham of Asheville here today by a decided score of 15 to 1. The work of Maybery in the box and Swink behind the bat was work of high order. The home run of Moore, bringing in two men ahead of him, and the left-fielding of Hooks, were the features on the part of Oak Ridge. The batting of Morgan and beautiful catch of Glenn, cutting off Holt were features for Bingham.

Batteries: Oak Ridge, Maybery and Swink. Bingham: Hull and Rerobus; Sessoms and Morgan, Uppire, Lanier; Donnell, scorer. Oak Ridge, runs 15, hits 12, errors 1. Bingham, runs 1, hits 6, errors 8.

## A Tax Shirkers

Chicago, April 16.—Taxing authorities of Lake county, Indiana, have instigated an action against the Standard Oil Company of Whiting as a result of investigations in charge of county Assessor Black. It is alleged that the company for four years has sequestered millions of dollars worth of valuable property from tax duplicates. It is estimated by the officials that the Standard Oil company should be paying taxes of \$40,000,000 worth of property, when it is assessed on the tax duplicates for only \$3,000,000. The standard has been paying \$50,000 a year when it should have paid 10 times that amount, the tax officers claim.

## REMEMBER BLUE RIBBON

When ordering your flavoring extract, Lemon or Vanilla either is delightfully different from ordinary extracts.

## MISREPRESENTATION MUST STOP

Otherwise Department Will Publish List of Names

### STATEMENT OF MR. WILSON

Manufacturers of Food and Drugs Advertising That Their Products Had Government Guarantee—Secretary Tired of Seeing the Untruthful Statements, and Will Put a Stop to Them.

Washington, April 16.—"If this outrageous misrepresentation does not cease, the department will publish a list bearing the names of manufacturers who are indulging in this campaign of deception."

This remark was uttered by Secretary Wilson, of the department of agriculture in an authorized statement today, and was brought forth by the fact that there had come to his knowledge information that a number of manufacturers of foods and drugs were freely advertising that the United States government was guaranteeing their products. The secretary said that the serial number and guaranty required by the pure food and drug act to be placed on food and drug products were being used by these manufacturers for this purpose. "The serial number," said Secretary Wilson, "is assigned to fix the responsibility where it belongs, upon the manufacturer and to protect innocent dealers who have a right, under the law, to rely upon his guaranty. It is the guarantee of the manufacturer, not the guarantee of the government."

The secretary declared that every effort would be made by the department to put a stop to these statements. "I will do a little advertising myself," he said, "in behalf of the people. I am growing tired of seeing these untruthful statements on the advertising pages of the magazines, the walls of the New York subway and the advertising space of the street cars of the principle cities. Manufacturers who will deceive the public about their guarantee will lie about the quality of their product."

He added that the law was to be administered fairly and that no honest manufacturer need fear that the department will take "snap judgment" on him or harass him in any way.

## Campaign Contributions

New York, April 16.—A resolution intended to secure the publication of the contributions made to the republican and democratic committees at the last national canvass, was offered today at a special meeting of the National Publicity Law Conference. It was entirely unexpected and caused a lively discussion. The meeting had been called by President Perry Belmont to further the movement for an effective national publicity law which would require a public record of campaign contributions and expenditures. The resolution which was offered by Alexander Troup, of Connecticut, a member of the democratic national committee, requested the chairman and secretaries of the republican and democratic national committees of the last national campaign to make public all the receipts and expenditures of the campaign.

This resolution was offered by Mr. Troup after he had quoted from a newspaper dispatch from Washington from which it was stated that President Roosevelt wanted the campaign books of the last campaign opened in the next national canvass. "I think the public wants the books of the last campaign opened," exclaimed Mr. Troup, who added that in 1904 the president had indignantly denied that a large sum of money had been contributed to the republican campaign fund.

## DIED FROM EFFECTS OF BLOW

Dr. Patterson Struck Wife With Chair While She Held Pistol Pointed in His Face.

Greensboro, N. C., April 16.—While his wife held in her hands a pistol pointed in his face, Dr. R. B. Patterson struck her over the head with a chair in their home at Liberty, Randolph county today. Mrs. Patterson died from the effects of the blow. Dr. and Mrs. Patterson are related to prominent families of the state. For some time the relations between the two have been strained and this morning when Dr. Patterson started to call upon a woman patient Mrs. Patterson objected. Upon his return a quarrel arose and Mrs. Patterson drew a pistol. He seized a chair and struck her down. Self defense will be his plea.

## WILMINGTON AND MOUNT AIRY

Thorough Connection to be Made at an Early Date

### WAKE ADOPTS NEW ROAD LAW

Corporation Commission Hears Complaint Against Southern Express Company—Citizens of Clinton Petition for Passenger Train Each Way. Charters Granted.

### (Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., April 16.—The Wake county commissioners have adopted the new road law. Prof. W. C. Riddick, chairman road commission, having been appointed for six years by the legislature, the other members being George B. Hill and H. D. Rand. The commission will make every effort to have the roads here like those in Mecklenburg and Durham counties now regarded as the best in the state.

The corporation commission had a hearing today on the petition of Cole Planter Company of Charlotte against the Southern Express Company, asking the commission to order the express company to transport cotton planters at first class rates instead of double first class. W. A. Myatt, of Raleigh, represented the Charlotte company, Superintendent Buckner appearing for the express company.

John C. Drevery bought the residence of Staples Fuller on Hillsboro street, one of the handsomest homes in Raleigh. Fuller soon leaves for New York. The house was built by Percy Albright five years ago.

A charter is granted the Trenton Buggy and Manufacturing Company, Trenton, which will also manufacture furniture; capital \$50,000, S. Barker and others stockholders.

Another charter is granted to Charlotte Lumber Company, Charlotte, \$25,000, R. M. Ogelsby and others stockholders. Another insurance agency is chartered the Guilford Realty and Insurance Co., \$50,000, H. S. Miller and others.

Anderson and Craig of the Atlantic Coast Line was before the corporation commission in answer to petition of citizens of Clinton for passenger train each way daily, between Warsaw and Clinton. There is now only one train each way, mixed freight and passenger. The commission reserves decision. The desired train is expected.

It is now assured through connection will be made at an early date between Wilmington and Mount Airy on the old Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railway. This connection will be made by change of schedules on Southern trains leaving Greensboro earlier. The Southern will put a passenger car on the through freight train which leaves Sanford at 5 in morning for Greensboro, reaching the latter place at 10 o'clock. This will enable passengers from Sanford and all intermediate points to go to Greensboro going in the morning and returning in the afternoon instead of having to remain 24 hours.

The supreme court, in the case of the Blackwell Durham Tobacco Company of North Carolina against the Blackwell Tobacco Company of New Jersey and the American Tobacco Co., sustained the decision of the lower court that the case is not removable to the federal court. The case came up on appeal, being on the grounds that Watts, Toms and other persons in the service of the American Tobacco Co., at Durham, were made parties to the complaint improperly. The court holds they are proper parties. The case will now be fought out in the state courts involving the right to the Durham Bull Tobacco trade mark.

## MR. OTTO BANCK RETIRED

On a Pension by the Portner Company. J. T. Newman Appointed His Successor.

Mr. Otto Banck, who has been a local representative of the Portner Brewing Company for the past 14 years has been retired with a pension by that company in appreciation of his long and faithful services. Mr. Banck has recently suffered a nervous break-down and it was necessary for him to take a vacation of several weeks, which he spent at Pinehurst. The officials of the Portner Company decided that he was entitled to a long rest, and they granted him a pension for his services.

In succession to Mr. Banck, the company has appointed Mr. J. T. Newman to take charge of their local agency. Mr. Newman has been with the Portner concern for the past 12 years. He was the agent at Petersburg for several years and later became their agent at Washington, N. C. At the latter place he was a well known and popular citizen, having been Past Exalted Ruler of the Washington lodge of Elks. He has already assumed his new duties in this city.

## LYMAN TWINS TONIGHT

Academy Offers "The Rustlers", a Bright Musical Comedy, for This Evening.

The Lyman brothers, who will appear at the Academy tonight with their big company in the musical farce comedy "The Rustlers" have the remarkable distinction of being the only twin comedians today before the public.

These clever young players have made over one half of the people of the United States forget their toils of life and enjoy a good laugh although they are still in their twenties and even now at that age they are rated with the best comedians of the day, their work being full of originalities and funny eccentricities of the higher order.

Their new vehicle "The Rustlers" is a musical farce handsomely staged and filled with bright clean and refreshing comedy, intermingled with pretty music, made sprightly by a dainty chorus elegantly costumed together with a complicated and funny story portrayed by a cast of clever fun makers, "The Summer Girl," "Military Maids," and the "Trolley Girls" are some of the features which are to be seen. Seats are now on sale. The scale of prices is to \$1.

## BRYAN CHIEF ATTRACTION.

Democracy of Brooklyn Observe Anniversary of Birth of Thomas Jefferson.

New York, April 16.—With William J. Bryan as chief attraction, the democracy of Brooklyn tonight in observance of the birth of Thomas Jefferson engaged in an enthusiastic reunion and demonstration. The function was the annual dinner of the Brooklyn democratic club and the representative followers of Jefferson in Brooklyn occupied to overflowing "the assembly" the largest of the city's public dining halls.

A call to many democrats in many states near and distant was included in the arrangements for the celebration and the presence of many of these lent peculiar interest to the dinner. Foremost was Mr. Bryan, who, concluding a day of vigorous action which embraced four public addresses, was given a splendid reception and who delivered a characteristic discourse taking for his subject "Thomas Jefferson."

## In Favor of Peace.

New York, April 16.—The protest of mothers, wives and daughters, against a continuance of wars among civilized peoples was voiced today at the fourth session of the first national arbitration and peace congress in Carnegie Hall, presided over by Mrs. Anna Garlin Spencer, of Providence, R. I. The big hall was crowded with women gathered from many sections of the country and all wearing the white badge of delegates. Mrs. Julia Ward Howe and Mrs. May Wright Sewall were to have been the guests of honor, but the former could not be present. A letter from Mrs. Howe was received and read.

Following the morning session at which "the relation of women to the peace movement" was discussed there were two sessions of the congress this afternoon, one at the hotel Astor devoted to "the commercial and industrial as preface to the peace movement, and at Carnegie Hall devoted to young people. Marcus M. Marks, president of the National Association of Clothiers, presided at the hotel Astor gathering while at Carnegie Hall William H. Maxwell, superintendent of the public schools of New York was in charge.

## Baseball.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE.

At Boston: Boston 4; Washington 2.  
At New York: New York 6; Philadelphia 9.  
At Detroit-Chicago—cold.  
At St. Louis-Cleveland—wet grounds.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At Cincinnati: Cincinnati 0; St. Louis 3.  
At Brooklyn: Brooklyn 1; New York 4.  
At Philadelphia: Philadelphia 6; Boston 5.

### SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Little Rock-Shreveport, postponed, wet grounds.  
Memphis-New Orleans postponed, rain.  
Birmingham-Atlanta, postponed, wet grounds.  
At Montgomery: Montgomery 2; Nashville 0.

### SOUTH ATLANTIC

At Jacksonville: Jacksonville 1; Savannah 3.  
At Macon: Macon 6; Charleston 1.  
At Columbia: Columbia 1; Augusta 0.

### OTHER GAMES.

At Lynchburg: Baltimore, Eastern 1; Lynchburg, state, 0.  
At Greensboro: A. and M. College 5; Guilford 2.

## ATTACK OF DELMAS

Put's Mother of Evelyn Thaw On the Defensive

## ISSUES A STATEMENT

Loves Her Daughter as Fondly as She Ever Did

Denies That She Aided District Attorney—Would Have Killed Stanford White Herself if She Had Known of the Fate That Had Befallen Her Daughter—European Trip Was and is a Nightmare to Her.

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Pittsburg, April 16.—The Pittsburg Leader this afternoon prints a six column statement from Mrs. Charles J. Holman, mother of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, in which she defends herself against the accusations expressed and implied against her during the Thaw trial.

The statement opens by saying that two nights after the night upon which which Harry Thaw shot Stanford White she received this telegram from her daughter:

"It is most important for you to say absolutely nothing." Until now she has remained silent and has been forced to take the defensive of the attack made upon her by Mr. Delmas in his closing address to the Thaw jury.

She denies that she aided the district attorney in any way and that she had been seen by Mr. Jerome, Mr. Garvin or Mr. Hartridge.

Mrs. Holman then details her struggle following the death of her fifth husband, in her efforts to properly raise her two children and says her daughter first posed for an artist named Storm of Philadelphia, Pa., who met Evelyn at Cresson, Pa., a summer resort, when a little girl.

"Florence," she says "was in love with the stage." She did everything to discourage her, but it was useless.

The story of Florence's first meeting with Stanford White, she says is substantially as told by her on the witness stand.

When Florence returned she told her mother she had met the grandest man and later when Mr. White sent for her she went to his office.

Mr. White, she says, warned her specifically against several young men, with whom Florence had become acquainted, but did not refer to Thaw.

His manner, words and actions were the personification of whole-hearted disinterested generosity, Mrs. Holman says, and if ever a woman reposed implicit confidence in a man she says she did.

Mrs. Holman asserts that if Florence underwent the experience that is said to have befallen her, she did not take her into her confidence.

Continuing, she says: "Had she told me what she told the Thaw jury it would not have been necessary for Harry Thaw to kill Stanford White. I would have done it myself."

Speaking of the European trip, Mrs. Holman says: Every detail of the trip was and is a nightmare to me. Mr. Thaw joined us in Paris. Florence and I shared the same apartments. Mr. Thaw had apartments by himself. There was no pleasure in the tour for me.

The things which appealed to Florence and Mr. Thaw in Paris did not appeal to me. Florence testified that we quarrelled frequently while in Paris in fact continually. The disagreements were caused by my protests at visits to various restaurants.

In closing, Mrs. Holman says: "I solemnly affirm that my love for daughter is as deep and intense as it was when I first held her in my arms a helpless baby. Regardless of all that has transpired, my affection is unaltered. The door of my home is open to her and will swing wide at her lightest tap today, tomorrow and always while I live."

Rescue Work of the Salvation Army. Adjutant and Mrs. Yates of the Salvation army post, went to Southport Monday afternoon and returned to the city yesterday. Monday night in the court house at Southport Adjutant Yates delivered an interesting lecture on "Rescue Work of the Salvation Army" He was greeted by a very large audience, the court room being packed to its limit.