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## EARTHQUAKE WRECKS CITY OF VALPARAISO

### Hundreds Reported Buried in the Ruins of Buildings

### PORTIONS OF THE CITY IN THE GRIP OF FLAMES

One Report States That the Calamity May Prove as Stupendous as That Which Overwhelmed San Francisco—Another Says That the Wires of One Telegraph Company Into Valparaiso, Broken by the Shocks, Have Been Restored and That the Disaster Must Therefore Be Less Appalling Than First Advises Would Lead One to Suppose. A Description of the South American City.

(By the Associated Press.) Buenos Ayres, Aug. 17.—All the attempts made here to obtain telegraphic communication from Chile regarding the reported earthquake were fruitless up till late this afternoon on account of wire communication being interrupted.

New York, Aug. 17.—The City of Valparaiso, Chile, is reported badly damaged by earthquake. One report here is that the situation in Valparaiso may prove to be as serious as that in San Francisco. Practically every building in the city is damaged and there are fires in different parts of the city. Many persons are reported killed and injured. The earthquake has interrupted cable facilities to lower South American points and communication is restricted to the route via Lisbon.

Another report at Lisbon is that the loss of life has not been confirmed. Fires are burning in various parts of the city. A yet later report says that the Central and South American Telegraph Company has re-established its main office in Valparaiso and is working with that city now. This would seem to show that the conditions are not as serious as at first reported.

One report which reached this city said that portions of Valparaiso were burning all night and that the bodies of hundreds of its residents were buried in the ruins of the buildings.

Valparaiso is a fortified seaport of Chile and the most important commercial town of the western coast of South America. It has a population of about 150,000. It is the capital of the province of the same name and it is situated on a large bay in the Pacific ocean, 75 miles west-northwest of Santiago, with which it is connected by rail.

The bay of Valparaiso which is well sheltered on three sides is bounded by ranges of hills rising from 1600 to 1700 feet high, on the slopes of which a considerable portion of the city of Valparaiso is built. On the south side of the bay are the spacious suburbs of Nuevo Malecon and Gran Avenida from which pass out one of the finest of the thoroughfares of Valparaiso, the Avenida de Las Delicias. The lower central section of the city is constituted by the Alameda, having regular and attractive streets and containing the principal business houses, the park, the Plaza Victoria and the National theatre.

To the northwest of this section, in the quarter of the city known as the Puerto (or Port) in which are situated the greater number of the public buildings and the vast warehouses which line the quays and docks. In this portion of the city, however, narrow and crooked streets are still a feature, but the newer sections of Valparaiso have an attractive, modern appearance, the builders of the business quarters being massively built.

Among the monuments in Valparaiso are those to Columbus, Wheelwright, (who established steam navigation on the Chilean coast), Admiral Prat and Thomas Cochrane, organizer of the Chilean navy. The city has various academic and collegiate institutions, a naval school, school for marines, museum of natural history, hydrographic bureau, etc., and its industrial establishments comprise foundries, rail-

## EARTHQUAKE WAS RECORDED

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, August 17.—Special weather bureau bulletin.—A very heavy, distant, earthquake was recorded on the seismographs at the weather bureau in Washington yesterday, beginning five minutes and twenty seconds past 7 p. m., seventy-fifth meridian time. Complete and perfect records were obtained of both the north and south and the east and west movements of the earth.

The earth tremors at Washington were of comparatively slow and deliberate motion, each complete movement covering from eighteen to forty seconds of time. The earthquake lasted continuously for several hours and finally ceased at about midnight. The most violent shock occurred at seven hours, forty-two minutes, twenty-six seconds, p. m.

From press reports this is evidently a record of the great Chilean earthquake of August 16th and is the heaviest recorded in Washington since the San Francisco earthquake.

WILLIS L. MOORE, Chief Weather Bureau.

## TO FILL VACANCIES ON FEDERAL BENCH

(By the Associated Press.) Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 17.—Attorney General Moody, who was a guest of President Roosevelt last night, left Oyster Bay for Washington today. He said he had discussed with the president the matter of filling several vacancies on the federal bench. The conclusions reached would be announced later when the president made the appointments, which had been decided on. Nothing except routine matters were talked about, he said, and no reference made to Standard Oil suits.

## AMBUSHED BY BAND OF REVOLUTIONISTS

(By the Associated Press.) Libau, Aug. 17.—Revolutionists yesterday ambushed Baron von Schroeder, the assistant district chief. They fired at his carriage and wounded the baron's coachman and a soldier who accompanied them, but von Schroeder was not touched. The attempt on the baron's life was due to his German sympathies and activity in suppressing the revolutionary disorders.

## BOND ISSUE FOR RAILROAD.

(By the Associated Press.) Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 17.—Notice was issued today by the Norfolk & Western Railroad Company that a special meeting of the stockholders will be held at Roanoke, Va., on October 11 to authorize an increase of the common stock of the company from \$66,000,000 to \$100,000,000. The stockholders will also be asked to vote on a proposal to sanction the issue of convertible bonds not to exceed \$34,000,000, these bonds to be converted into common stock.

## The Races at Saratoga.

(By the Associated Press.) Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 17.—First race, 6 furlongs: Tiptoe, 13 to 4 and 4 to 5, first; Shot Gun, 5 to 1, place, second; Firebrand, third. Time 1:12 1-5. Second race, one mile: Ocean Spray, 20 to 1 and 1 0 to 1, first; Graceful, 4 to 1, place, second; Memories, third. Time 1:39 3-5.

## Decision in the Button Case.

(By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., August 17.—The full text of the decision of the supreme court of appeals in the case of Button against the corporation commission affirming the right of the legislature to appoint Button insurance commissioner was made public today. The cardinal doctrine laid down in the decision is that legislative power is supreme after the federal and state constitutions.

## DARING ESCAPE OF RUSS BANDIT

(By the Associated Press.) St. Petersburg, Aug. 17.—Belozoff, the leader of the band which pillaged the Credit Mutual Bank of Moscow, daringly escaped while on his way to Moscow from Switzerland, whence he had been extradited. He was on board a train heavily guarded and when near Pskov, dived through the glass of a window, gained the forest and eluded pursuit.

Belozoff left Warsaw in a special car attached to a fast train in charge of a captain of gendarmes, four gendarmes and six soldiers, two of whom were always sitting on the same seat as Belozoff, and carried loaded rifles. Suddenly, as the train slackened speed at an upgrade Belozoff rose and hurled himself bodily through the glass of a window, rolled down the embankment and disappeared in the woods. The train was immediately stopped and the guards followed Belozoff's bloody trail for some distance but finally it was lost in a swamp. Extraordinary precautions had been taken through Poland owing to fear of a forcible rescue of Belozoff. The platforms at all the places where the train stopped were cleared.

## H. T. BRAN IS BITTEN BY A SPREADING ADDER

(Special to the Evening Times.) Winston-Salem, N. C., Aug. 17.—H. T. Bran of Shore, Yadkin county, while pulling up weeds in his garden yesterday was bitten on the finger by a spreading-adder snake. Shortly thereafter he was taken violently ill. The attending physician reports today that Mr. Bran's condition is more encouraging and that he will probably recover.

## CAN'T IMPORT MEN TO WORK UNDER CONTRACT

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 17.—Acting Attorney General Charles H. Robb today rendered an opinion to the effect that Mexican laborers could not be imported into Texas under contract for work on railroad in that state and other public construction work, and that the men heretofore so admitted must be returned to Mexico.

## STENSLAND IS NOT IN MOBILE.

(By the Associated Press.) Mobile, Ala., Aug. 17.—There is no truth in reports sent out from this city that a man believed to be Paul O. Stensland, the fugitive banker of Chicago was seen last night in a house on the outskirts of Mobile and that a posse had surrounded the place. Report that Stensland was in this city with J. B. Mitchell at Dauphin street. At the number indicated Mrs. J. B. Mitchell conducts a restaurant. She said that no person answering the description of Stensland had been there, and as to her husband, he had been dead five years.

## WHO WILL GET PLUM NO. 2?

Mr. Willis G. Briggs, whose appointment as postmaster for Raleigh has been announced, when asked if he had decided upon his assistant postmaster, said that he had no idea yet to whom he would give the place.

For some time, almost ever since the news came that State Chairman Spencer Adams had endorsed Mr. Briggs' application for the postmaster's place, there seems to have been a general understanding among those who watch affairs political that the second plum would drop in the mouth of Mr. Lester F. Butler, who was also a candidate for the plum of the first magnitude.

In consequence of this report Mr. Butler was asked today if he knew anything of it. He said that there was absolutely nothing that he could say on the subject.

## TANNER TO WRITE LEE

### Express Hope of no Monument to Wirz

The Next Canon of the Grand Army Will Be Held at Saratoga—The Canteen Question is Laid on the Table.

(By the Associated Press.) Minneapolis, Minn., August 17.—The G. A. R. today passed a resolution providing that Commander-in-Chief Tanner communicate with General S. D. Lee, commander of the southern veterans' association, and express the hope that the erection of a monument to Henry Wirz near Andersonville prison be not attempted.

The intention of deprecating the passage by congress of the law abolishing the canteen in old soldiers' homes was laid on the table. When the encampment opened today the first question considered was the selection of a place for the next encampment. At yesterday's session Saratoga was proposed by the New York delegation and met with great favor. Today Chairman extended an invitation. Saratoga, however, won and the next encampment will be held there.

In the contention of the ladies of the grand army the project to purchase the McLean house at Appomattox, where Lee surrendered to Grant, and present it to the government as a peace memorial was unanimously endorsed.

## Funeral of "John Oliver Holmes."

(By the Associated Press.) London, August 17.—The funeral services today over the body of Mrs. Craigie (John Oliver Holmes) at the Jesuit Church, in Farm street, were largely attended. Ambassador and Mrs. Reid and many other Americans and a number of English authors and writers were present. There were many evidences of the deepest grief and sympathy.

## WANT WHITE TROOPS

### People of Brownsville Petition the President

This Follows a Recent Outrage by Negro Soldiers There—Roosevelt Refers Petition to War Department, Requesting a Report.

(By the Associated Press.) Oyster Bay, L. I., August 17.—The message from a committee of citizens in Brownsville, Texas, requesting that the negro troops who committed an outrage there last Monday night be replaced by white soldiers, was received by President Roosevelt today. The president at once referred the dispatch to the war department with a request that an immediate report upon the matter be made to him. No action upon the committee's request will be taken by the president pending receipt of the report from the war department.

## Troops Combed to the Post.

Washington, Aug. 17.—In response to President Roosevelt's request for information concerning the situation at Brownsville, Texas, acting Secretary Ainsworth has forwarded the report received from Major Penrose and also informed the president that the commander-in-chief of the department of Texas has been requested to furnish as soon as possible detailed information of the investigation being made by the military authorities.

It is not believed at the department that there will be any further clash between the citizens and the soldiery, and the hope is expressed that the excitement which prevailed will subside when it is known that the government intends to ascertain all the facts and will punish any of the soldiers implicated in unlawful acts. It is stated that the troops will not be allowed outside of the post for the present and that strict discipline will be maintained.

## RADS CONVENTION IS TOMORROW.

The republican county convention for Wake will be held tomorrow at noon in the court house. Leading republicans said today that a complete county ticket would be nominated. They also stated that they expected more than twenty-three delegates to attend the convention. Every effort was being put forth, they declared, to prevent this gathering from having the "skidoo" hall mark upon it.

## CHELSEA BANK GOES TO WALL

### First National Fails by Transfer of Money

### Loss Will Be Heavy

Many Small Traders Had All Their Savings On Deposit and Offer Made to Settle at Fifty Cents on the Dollar—Bank Examiner Placed in Charge.

(By the Associated Press.) Boston, Mass., August 17.—The business community of Chelsea was surprised when it became known that the First National Bank of that city, one of the oldest financial institutions in this section of the state had been closed in charge. Many of the smaller traders had practically all of their ready money tied up in the bank, but it is expected that relief will be afforded by the Massachusetts National Bank of Chelsea, which has offered to pay depositors of the First National fifty percent of their accounts. The remaining banks in Chelsea have but a few thousand dollars to their credit at the First National and will not be directly affected by the difficulty.

During the morning throngs of depositors appeared at the bank. There was no disorder, however. It is said that the difficulty at the bank was brought about by a steady transfer of large accounts to Boston banks, and the Chelsea bank was thereby hampered for ready money. It has been learned also that the First National was heavily involved in real estate which tied up their money to the extent of about \$500,000. The failure of the First National was responsible for small runs on the Chelsea Savings & Co-operative Provident Bank this morning.

## TO LAUNCH THE NORTH CAROLINA

### Armored Cruiser North Carolina will be launched at the Newport News Ship yards October 6.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 17.—The armored cruiser North Carolina will be launched at the Newport News Ship yards October 6. A sponsor has not yet been chosen, but it is probable that the governor of North Carolina will be asked to name the lady for that honor.

## FARMERS' ONLY HOPE NOW IS IN A DRY MOON

(By the Associated Press.) Norfolk, Va., August 17.—With all the heavy rains of the past two months in the Norfolk county trucking belt that of last night in the Deep Creek trucking district was the heaviest, and today cornfields and other crops are submerged. The fall potato crop is rotting in the ground and late seed sowed recently are in the ditches and other places, having been entirely washed away. Late corn is being badly damaged and the farmers are gloomy. Their only hope now is that the change of the moon on Sunday next will bring dry weather.

## ELEVEN POLICE KILLED.

Warsaw, Aug. 17.—During yesterday throughout Poland eleven policemen and one gendarme were killed and four policemen were wounded.

## TO COMMEND HEARST

### For His Effort in Behalf of Union Labor

### The Attempt to Pass This Resolution by Delegate Roberts of the Printers' Union is Forcefully Opposed—A Compromise May Get Through.

(By the Associated Press.) Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 17.—What for a time had the appearance of a dangerous storm cloud over the proceedings of the International Typographical Union convention was dissipated today by agreement among the delegates upon a compromise substitute for the resolution endorsing and commending William R. Hearst.

The Hearst resolution was offered by Delegate Roberts of Washington, and commended the New York congressman for his efforts and achievements in behalf of organized labor, opposition to the resolution was headed by Delegate McMillen of Omaha, who declared the measure a political one, and announced his unwavering opposition to making the International Typographical Union a tail to any man's political kite.

The compromise substitute, which it was agreed to offer during the session today, and which was expected to pass without a fight, commends all editors who have evoked themselves in behalf of union labor, making incidental mention of the fight conducted by Mr. Hearst, with specific mention for the Los Angeles, Cal., field. The report of the committee on politics, which recommends that printers join with all other branches of organized labor in supporting the men and political organizations that have manifested a friendship toward labor and a favorable attitude toward legislation that it asks, was received by the delegates with enthusiasm. Mr. McMillen of Omaha being outspoken in his endorsement of the move. He urged the delegates to remember their good intention upon returning to their homes, and to go to primaries and elections determined to put in office, from adherents to senators, men who can be counted upon to vote for labor legislation, as well as talk for the labor votes, as well as talk for the labor votes.

## STRIKE FROM DOCKET

### Judge Pritchard Decides in Durham Tobacco Case

Without Passing on the Motion to Remand to the State Courts, He Orders the Defendants Taxed With the Costs.

(Special to the Evening Times.) Asheville, N. C., Aug. 17.—Judge J. C. Pritchard this morning heard argument in the case of the Blackwell Durham Tobacco Company and the American Tobacco Company of New Jersey on motion to remand the case to the state courts. Guthrie & Guthrie appeared for the plaintiff, while J. D. Parker of New York and Frank Fuller of Durham appeared for the defendants. After hearing arguments Judge Pritchard held that the docketing of the case in the United States circuit court was premature and impudently done and ordered that the case be stricken from the docket of the circuit court. Without the court passing upon the motion to remand and without considering the sufficiency of the petition for removal the defendants were taxed with the costs.

## HIGH CLASS CHINESE COME HERE TO STUDY.

(By the Associated Press.) Port Townsend, Wash., Aug. 17.—The steamship Dakota, arriving yesterday from Oriental points brought four high class Chinese who have come to this country to enter educational institutions. One of the Chinese, a woman, will go to Virginia, while the three men will go to the University of California. The Chinese came in charge of Consul General Rogers of Shanghai, who was vigorous in his remarks when he learned that the party would be compelled to embark at Port Townsend for examination by the United States Chinese inspectors. These conditions were necessary because the travelers were not provided with certificates in duplicate. Mr. Rogers' criticism was directed principally at the Washington authorities, who, he declared, had failed to advise him of the necessary steps.

## Forty-Three Were Killed.

(By the Associated Press.) Warsaw, Aug. 17.—It is now known that 43 persons were killed here August 15, of whom eight were policemen, and that eighteen policemen and about a hundred citizens were wounded.

## Bank Clearings Show Big Business.

(By the Associated Press.) San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 17.—The bank clearings of San Francisco show much activity in business during the past week. The increase over last year for 9 per cent and the totals were well above the forty million mark. For the week ending Thursday, noon, August 16, 1906, the clearings were \$43,914,147.93, as against \$40,149,983.50 for the same week of 1905. The increase is \$3,764,164.40.

## BOY BANDITS ROB AND SLAY

### Four Coolly Confess Hold Ups and Murder

### A SERIES OF CRIMES

One of the Quartette Which Operated in San Francisco is Captured, Breaks Down Under Examination and Betrays His Comrades to the Officers.

(By the Associated Press.) San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 17.—With a coolness and nonchalance that amazed the police, Fred Peterson, William Meares, Walter Westwood and Frank McAuliffe, four youths still in their teens last night confessed that they are the quartette that committed the series of hold-ups which culminated in the killing of Fred Mullineux on the Ocean Boulevard last Sunday night.

Peterson, who is but 17 years old, admitted that he fired the shot which killed Mullineux when the latter resisted robbery. McAuliffe, aged 18, was arrested Wednesday, and after being subjected to a most severe examination, broke down and admitted he was one of the quartette and gave the names of the other three.

Peterson last night told in minute detail of the robbery of four persons an hour before the murder of Mullineux, and a hold-up on the boulevard the night previous. Westwood, the acknowledged leader of the youthful gang, is but 16 years of age, and resided with his mother and step-father, Patrick Ryan. He admitted that he was the gun holder in the other robberies, and that it was Peterson's turn when Mullineux was held up. Meares is 18 years of age.

## ELECTRICIANS TO MEET AT NORFOLK.

(By the Associated Press.) New Haven, Conn., Aug. 17.—The International Association of Municipal Electricians today voted to meet at Norfolk, Va., next year. Officers were elected as follows:

President, T. C. O'Hearn of Cambridge, Mass.; Vice Presidents, James Grant New Haven, Clarence R. George Houston, Texas, John Berry Indianapolis, Ind., W. H. Bradt Troy, N. Y.; Secretary, Frank P. Foster, Corning, N. Y.; Treasurer, C. E. Diehl, Harrisburg; Executive Committee, J. B. Yeakle, Baltimore; R. A. Smith, Norfolk, Va.; William Crane, Erie, Pa.; Jerry Murphy, Cleveland; William Pelty, Rutherford, N. J.; T. F. Almon, St. Louis; A. S. Hatch, Detroit; W. H. Thompson, Richmond, and G. P. McDonald, Ottawa.

## FRONT ROYAL LINE IS INCORPORATED.

(By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., Aug. 17.—The Front Royal, Rappahannock & Tidewater Railroad Company was incorporated this morning with a maximum capital of \$50,000 and a minimum of \$5,000. The purpose of the company is to construct a line from Front Royal, Warren county, to this city by way of Charlottesville.

## LIGHTNING HALTS THE STREET CARS.

(Special to the Evening Times.) Salisbury, N. C., Aug. 17.—Lightning struck the Salisbury-Spencer electric railway power house last night and so badly burned out the generator that the cars have laid off for a week. The house was not wrecked.

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