

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.

(By the Associated Press.) The terrible sweep of the Japanese earthquake is being disclosed in direct and wireless news coming from Iwaki, the radio station connecting Tokio, Nagasaki and other points contiguous to the devastated region.

Yokohama has been literally engulfed, the area 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 zone.

A message from Iwaka station, with which Tokio has established courier connections, said the Japanese home office announced 30,000 dead at Tokio, 100,000 injured and 250,000 homeless.

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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 school sports by 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 in 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. King'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.

Three men with a Ford touring car, one of them being Falls, staged the robbery at the Kiser store this morning about 3 o'clock. Falls was removing goods from the shelves, after he had taken fifteen pairs, he returned for another armful via an open window. As he reached for the other shoes on the store shelves he walked into a string tied across the counter. The string was jerked and the trigger of the shot gun pulled, discharging the load.

At the sound of the gun the Ford car left, losing blood rapidly, crawled from the store some distance up the road. Signs along the highway this morning showed where he had bled much and was apparently having a hard time to get away. The Ford car returned and picked him up. The car was then found along the side of the road this morning.

The entire load entered Fall's left side, just above the hip. Will McDonald, a member of the party escaped from the officers. A third man, giving his name as Raymond Benfield, is in the Gaston county jail. His home is in Bessemer City. Sheriff Rhyne arrested him on his trip to Kings Mountain.

IMMIGRATION QUOTA LAW NOT BROKEN DOWN

Increase Over Amount Expected Entirely Legal.

Washington, Sept. 6. (Capital News Service.)—Three hundred and fifty-seven thousand is the total number of immigrants receivable under the three per cent. quota law. The year which ended June 30 saw 522,919 immigrants enter this country. It is explained by the immigration authorities that the 193,019 extra were all persons specifically exempted from the provisions of the act, as well as by immigration from Canada and Mexico, which countries do not come within the provisions of the quota law.

How well the United States is appreciated as a land of opportunity by the citizens of war-torn Europe is shown by the fact that last year's immigrants exceeded those of the year before by 213,363, whereas the number of aliens who departed fell from 198,712 in 1921-1922 to 81,450 in 1922-1923, the net increase of the immigrant population of this country being 110,484 in 1921-1922, as against 441,469 in 1922-1923. Of the new comers this year 83,552 were classed as laborers, while 106,213 were skilled workers and 191,585, including women and children, were listed as of no occupation.

Of the 1,200 or more species of birds native to the United States and Canada less than one per cent are really injurious.

Missionary Party Safe.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 6.—Dr. W. W. Pinson, secretary in charge of the Oriental fields Southern Methodist Mission Board, received a message this morning from the mission station in Shanghai reporting that the mission party aboard the steamer President Madison which arrived in Yokohama August 31st had reached Shanghai in safety.

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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 field station and laboratory supported 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.

GRAECO-ITALIAN SITUATION SEEMS LESS SERIOUS NOW

Greeks Have Moved Part of Their Fleet to Avoid a Chance of Any Clashes at Sea.

ASSASSINS ARE BEING RUN DOWN

Unconfirmed Reports State That the Italians Have Taken Over Three More Islands.

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.

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 Massasoit Damaged by Fire Early Today.

(By the Associated Press.) Narragansett Pier, R. I., Sept. 6.—The Imperial Hotel here was destroyed by fire early today, the forty guests escaping unscathed.

RESUME CONFERENCE WITH COAL MEDIATOR

Operators and Miners Conferring 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.

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