

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 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, which Tokio has established courier connections, said the Japanese home office announced 30,000 dead at Tokio, 100,000 injured and 250,000 homeless.

Order has been restored in Tokio, where thousands of homeless people are encamped in parks and other open spaces. The government is feeding them scanty rations.

Iwaki Wireless Station, Japan, Sept. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—A courier returning today from Tokio described the disaster as unrepeatable. The city, he said, was three-fourths burned.

In ponds in the parks he found charred, unidentified bodies, floating "like fish." Within a certain area all things had been reduced to ashes except iron frames and brick pillars.

The burned wrecks of street cars and automobiles clogged the streets. The sufferers were gathered in public squares and parks, lying under sheets of mats, living on the scanty food supplied by the authorities.

The army was restoring the means of communication. The courier reported that provisions in quantities were exported from the northeastern and northwestern regions within a few days.

The entire country along which he passed was contributing to the relief fund. Earthquake Extended More Than 100 Miles.

Osaka, Sept. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—All money in the Bank of Japan vaults was saved from destruction in the fire which followed the earthquake and the tidal wave, it became known today.

A recapitulation of the earthquake and fire today showed Yokohama as its center, extending north and south about 100 miles, and about 140 miles east and west from that city.

The area included 33 counties, five large cities inhabited by 7,000,000 people who were caught in the disaster. It is estimated about 70 per cent. of the cities and the towns within the stricken area were destroyed.

Yokohama, according to reports received here, was totally destroyed and only about one-fourth of Tokio remains. Home Office Says 30,000 Died in Tokio.

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.

L. D. Coltrane, chairman of the public affairs committee, was in charge of the program. Following a song, Mr. Coltrane introduced Mr. Moore, teacher of science and director of athletics for the Concord High School.

Mr. Moore declared athletics aided in scholarship and all round developed and made an earnest plea for the support of the business men of the city.

Following Mr. Moore, Rev. Dr. Plyler, editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, who was the guest of Mr. D. B. Coltrane, was introduced and made a brief response.

Dr. Doyle, director of music in the public schools, who was the guest of Prof. A. S. Webb, was introduced and responded briefly but humorously.

Next week's program will be in charge of the fellowship committee. WASHINGTON HAS NO CHILD LABOR PROBLEM

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

According to statistics just made public there were only twenty-six permits to work granted last year for children under fourteen years of age.

Such permits are given by the Juvenile Court in Washington only when an absolute need for a child's earnings to keep a home together, is clearly demonstrated.

The majority of applications are refused and some means taken through some board of relief to supply the needed small sum to maintain the home.

Child welfare agencies, anxious to do away with this type of work permit, declare the passage of a mother's allowance law would be a step in the right direction.

Judge Kathryn Sellers, of the Juvenile Court, believes that some form of allowance which would enable the mother or the father in some cases to keep the children in school and the family together and insure all the children in the district proper food, clothing and shelter, and opportunity for education is the final solution of the problem.

PRESIDENT APPROVES CRADLE EDUCATION College Endorses Harding's Belief in Kindergarten. Washington, Sept. 6.—(Capital News Service.)—Writing to Major Bradley Martin, president of the National Kindergarten Association, President Coolidge quotes from his predecessor, in favor of juvenile education.

The letter reads, in part: "In President Harding's last message he said, 'We need... more of the Christ spirit, more of the Christ practice, and a new and abiding consecration to reverence of God.'"

I heartily endorse this sentiment, and favor extension of kindergarten education as one means of promoting brotherly love and reverence; for in the kindergarten such traits are cultivated at the time when habits of thought and action are formed for life."

THE COTTON MARKET Opened Firm Today at Advance of From 16 to 35 Points. (By the Associated Press.) 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 last yesterday.

Cotton futures opened firm, Oct. 25.75; Dec. 25.68; Jan. 25.45; March 25.51; May 25.65. With Our Advertisers. The Southern Motor Service Co. is receiving its new stock of Goodyear tires, tubes and accessories, and will soon have Willard batteries for all cars.

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 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.

A majority of the business men of the city who have been approached on the subject think the creamery will be a big asset to the county, one of the promoters stated this morning.

"It is strictly a business proposition," he stated, "and will save money for the farmers of the county. We are spending between \$1,800 and \$2,000 a year now sending the cream from this county, and if we had the creamery this would be saved."

While definite plans for the creamery probably will not be perfected until after the meeting on the 15th, tentative plans call for the raising of about \$10,000 to put the project over, it is understood.

If suitable quarters can be found for the building, this amount probably will be sufficient to put the proposition over but if a home has to be erected it will take more money to finance the project, one promoter stated.

The meeting on the 15th will begin at 2 o'clock and will be held at the court house.

U. S. INTERVENTION AGAIN CONSIDERING 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.

It is largely a business proposition, he said, and should be settled by business men.

Mr. Upham before going to Europe where he spent three months, was asked by the late President Harding to give his impression of the European situation.

The President died before he returned. Mr. Upham is going to Washington next week and expects to see President Coolidge, who it is expected, will receive Mr. Upham's impressions first hand.

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 overwhelming 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.

All around for many miles other cities, towns and villages have been dashed from their foundations, and what the vibrations of the earth failed to accomplish was completed by fire and tidal wave.

Which entire sections of the capital have been obliterated—all but the ruins—a very considerable extent of the city remains. Not so with Yokohama, refugees from which are becoming to find their way into Tokio.

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.

He reported he found that the injury varies considerably in different fields, some fields of early cotton where a good stand was secured escaping with a loss of about 20 per cent. of the crop, while other fields, particularly those which had to be replanted or were planted late, will show a loss of 30 to 70 per cent.

"These estimates of losses," said Dr. Leiby in his statement, "are based on weevil injury or rot following weevil injury, and are aside from any losses due to abnormal shedding experienced in some restricted regions. The estimates also are considered conservative, as many farmers placed the weevil injury higher than entomologists did, while only a few estimated their losses less than entomologists."

Until August 10, entomologists here say, damage caused by the boll weevil was considered almost negligible, but about that time a very rapid multiplication of the weevils took place, due largely to the wet climatic conditions of the latter part of July and the early part of August.

At this time, too, the third generation of weevils had appeared, adding to the live weevils remaining from the first and second generations to such an extent that they were present in sufficient numbers to puncture the top squares in most fields within a week, it is reported.

"About August 13," said Dr. Leiby, "the weevils began to migrate from one field to another and equalize their distribution. This dispersal habit is characteristic of the weevil and has been responsible for the gradual spread of the weevil northward from the southern states of the cotton belt."

"It was at the time when a few of the bolls in a field first opened in the southern counties when the weevils began working on the middle crop in the fields which had not been protected by dusting with calcium arsenate when the worst damage was effected. At this time the planters who were fighting the weevil by dusting already had made two to four applications of poison and by this means had protected a goodly percentage of the top squares and all of the young and immature bolls. Two or three later applications continued to check the weevils, and those hereabouts who have dusted thoroughly and timely are expecting to pick well over three-quarters of a bale to the acre in fields which otherwise would have produced only a half crop."

"Cotton planters in this section are convinced that the dusting method is profitable. These planters now feel that they can grow cotton in spite of the weevil if they put up an intelligent fight. With them it has been either a successful fight against this pest or ceasing to operate their cotton plantations."

"The weevil is now being reported in increasing numbers north of a line from Charlotte, Carthage-Smithfield to Washington. Most of this territory was invaded for the first time during the latter part of 1922. In 1924 this section will experience its first heavy damage by the weevil and if history repeats itself this year in the case of the weevil in all the southern states, the cotton planters in that section will do well to prepare to fight the pest."

Dr. Leiby and his assistant, Mr. Hafri, are now supervising the picking of the cotton in their many experimental fields in this section. As soon as the yields of the experimental fields are ascertained they expect to publish the results of their experiments and investigations concerning weevil control for the benefit of the cotton farmers of the state.

WOODMEN PLAN EXTENSION OF PHILANTHROPIC ACTIVITIES. (By the Associated Press.)

Omaha, Sept. 6.—Expansion of the philanthropic activities of the Woodmen of the World through the establishment of an old people's home for members of the order near San Antonio, Texas, has been announced by W. A. Fraser, sovereign commander of the society.

The new home will be located, it is believed, close to the Woodmen of the World War memorial sanatorium recently erected near San Antonio for members of the fraternal organization afflicted with tuberculosis.

"The new home," said Mr. Fraser, "will be built as soon as suitable plans can be drawn up. Old men of the society whose families have died, married, moved away or lost interest in them will be cared for in the home. Every state in which the Woodmen have members will endow and maintain a certain number of rooms in the home and these suites will be named after the states. The old men will spend their last days in the most pleasant surroundings in a homey atmosphere."

PEOPLE'S NATIONAL BANK IS TO BE REORGANIZED. (By the Associated Press.)

Salisbury, 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 manager 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.

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.

In 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.

Milan, Sept. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Popolo Italia, 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."

After Assassins. 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 unharmed.

The loss was \$500,000. The hotel Massasoit also caught fire. The fire in the Massasoit 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 Conferring Again Now With Governor Pinchot. (By the Associated Press.) 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. (By the Associated Press.) 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 (By the Associated Press.)

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 Lowville, S. C., made the all-star western North Carolina conference team last year. Dalton is an all round athlete, playing football, basketball and baseball.

WILL PAY FINE UNDER PROTEST. (By the Associated Press.)

New York, Sept. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Max Straus, President of the Baltic American Line, Inc., one of the steamship companies fined \$200 per passenger for bringing immigrants into quarantine a few minutes before the September quota was opened, today announced that his company would pay the fine under protest, and they appeal to the courts in an effort to have it refunded.

NEXT P. O. S. OF A MEETING AT SALISBURY. (By the Associated Press.)

Salisbury, N. C., Sept. 6.—The next biennial meeting of the National Council of the Patriotic Order, 82nd of America, will be held here in 1925, according to J. C. Kessler, of this city, who recently returned from a meeting of the order at Philadelphia and reported that he had secured for Salisbury the next gathering of the organization.

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TO REQUIRE WATCHMEN AT CROSSINGS. (By the Associated Press.)

Durham, N. C., Sept. 6.—The Durham city council has passed an ordinance, effective September 15, designed to require watchmen at seven principal crossings in the city limits, the watchmen to be on duty from 6 o'clock in the morning until 10 o'clock at night.

MAYOR HYLAN MUCH BETTER. (By the Associated Press.)

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.

LIST OF AMERICAN DEAD. Washington, Sept. 6.—Consul Dickover reported today to the State Department, the following list of dead, missing and probably dead in the Yokohama district:

Dead—Pharmacist Paul R. Cannon, U. S. Navy; Pharmacist A. Igogolia, U. S. Navy. Mrs. H. C. Bunnell, San Francisco; H. W. Morse, of the International Banking Corporation.

Captain Stinson of the S. S. Steel Navigator. Robert Swain, of Yokohama. Missing and probably dead—Mrs. Shelby of the Standard Oil Co. McHenry Holbrook of the International Banking Corporation.

Mrs. M. Mendelson, of Princeton, N. J. Consul Dickover further reported that about 2,000 foreign refugees had arrived in Kobe from Yokohama and Tokio and several hundred were Americans.

YOKOHAMA ANNIHILATED. Yokosuka, 12 miles across the sea from Yokohama, was damaged greatly to an extent unknown. Population 100,000 or more.

Kamakura, 30 miles from Tokio, collapsed, mostly burned. All villas about Hayama bathing resort, lost. Hiratsuka and Oiso, small seashore towns 35 and 40 miles from Tokio respectively, destroyed.

Twenty-seven earthquake shocks felt Tuesday Night. Tokio, Sept. 5 (delayed) (By the Associated Press.)—Twenty-seven new earthquake shocks were felt during the night, but authorities today expressed the view that no further destructive ones were likely. Occasional outbreaks of fires lit up the skies, but are not dangerous. Splendid order is being maintained. Temporary lighting systems have been est-