

The Imperial Valley Of California Rocked By Fifty Earthquakes

Tremors Started Shortly After Midnight and Continued for the Next Several Hours. \$1,000,000 LOSS NOW REPORTED

Calexico and Mexicali Suffered Greatest Damage. No One Known to Have Perished.

Calexico, Calif., Jan. 1.—(AP)—Earthquakes numbering over half a hundred rocked the Imperial Valley at intervals of about two minutes beginning at 12:18 o'clock this morning and still continued at 4:45 a. m., badly damaging Calexico and Mexicali, adjacent border cities, causing damage which it is estimated will approximate over \$1,000,000.

El Centro, eleven miles north of Calexico, and Heber, a town of approximately 400 population, lying between El Centro and the Mexican border, also suffered from the continuation of quakes, but the damage reported in those localities appeared to be little.

Calexico, lying on the American side of the international boundary line, and Mexicali, on the Mexican side, appeared to bear the brunt of the tremors, which were accompanied by a heavy rumbling.

Hardly a business house in Calexico was left sound by the quakes the walls of many falling while the walls of others were badly cracked.

Most every plate glass window in the business section was shattered, and in many instances the window casings were torn loose.

A survey of Calexico's business section revealed that the rear wall of the post office, two garages and a store, were demolished. A portion of the rear wall of the Overland Hotel was tottering.

The upper portion of the front of the Melborn Hotel, the Glenwood Hotel, and portions of the city and fire and police stations tumbled into the streets.

No one was known to have been killed, but several persons were slightly injured when struck by falling plaster.

Nine of the shocks were severe, the first being an abrupt, and lasting the longest, fully three minutes.

Damage in Mexicali so far as could be ascertained, was principally the loss by fire of a brewery and the collapse of a number of adobe houses.

The cafes and resorts in Mexicali were crowded with New Year merry-makers, and they stampeded into the streets at the first shocks.

The gates at the international line which close nightly at 9 o'clock were opened by customs officers to permit the people to cross to the American side.

At Heber, which was first reported to have been badly damaged, the post office was found to be damaged, and windows of other buildings broken.

El Centro apparently suffered only minor damage, broken windows and crockery only being reported.

Fearing to return to their shaking homes, residents of Calexico and Heber gathered around huge bonfires in vacant lots. A number of the residents of Calexico reported that the first three quakes were of such intensity that they were shaken out of their beds.

ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY SEES PROSPEROUS 1927 By GERALD SWOFF (Written for International News Service) New York, Dec. 31.—In the electrical industry we are looking forward to the year 1927 with confidence that the high rate of business that has been done this year will be continued in the next.

GOVERNMENT JOBS FOR TAR HEELS GOING BEGGING Stenographers and Typists From This State Are Wanted. Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 1.—(AP)—Government jobs for Tar Heels are going begging.

The situation was brought about by the Federal civil service law which requires insofar as possible that positions in departmental service be appointed among state and territories on a population basis.

The next typist and stenographer examinations will be held only in states in arrears, in an effort to equalize the lists.

Examinations will be held at centrally located cities ten days after the close of receipt of applications.

J. B. Manning, secretary of the local board of civil service examiners, is in charge of receiving applications from the Raleigh district.

Funeral of Albert S. Adams. Atlanta, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Funeral services for Albert S. Adams, 47 years old, Atlanta real estate man, and the only southerner to serve as president of Rotary International, were held today.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 1.—(AP)—The Rt. Rev. Dennis J. O'Connell, former bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Richmond, and titular head of the diocese of Miriana, Syria, died at the episcopal residence of the Rt. Rev. Andrew J. Brannan, present bishop of Richmond, shortly after noon today.

Union county up to December 13th had ginned 31,394 bales of cotton. If cotton in the fields in Union county is picked there will be easily 35,000 bales of the 1926 crop.

Ship Reports Heavy Tremors. Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 1.—(AP)—Radio reports to the Federal Telegraph Company here from the S. S. Emma Alexander at anchor off Ensenada, Lower California, today stated that there was a severe earth disturbance in the Mexican port town.

The radio operator aboard the ship said heavy swells were running and passengers who spent the night ashore were unable to return to the vessel.

No details of possible damage to the Emma Alexander were available to those on board the Emma Alexander, because of inability of small boats to put out from or leave the steamer.

Building Wrecked By Water. Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 1.—(AP)—Undetermined by the current of the monster river beating against its walls, the four-story building occupied by the American Steam Feed Company collapsed this morning.

The rear of the Reeves Produce Company nearby collapsed at the same time. The crash of the feed company building dumped thousands of bags of feed into the flood which had almost covered the first floor of the structure. No one was hurt.

WHERE ARE THE DEAD? Pastor's Sunday Evening Subject at the FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Cordial Welcome To All

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

MEXICO WELCOMES OUTSIDE CAPITAL, PRESIDENT STATES

New Year Message of President Calles May Mean Oil-Seizure Law Will Be Ineffective.

WILL PROPERTY THERE BE SEIZED?

New Law Became Effective at Midnight But Many Think It Will Not Be Enforced Now.

Mexico City, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Without specifically mentioning the petroleum and land laws which went into effect today, President Calles in a New Year's message to the Mexican people asserts that he has no intention of interpreting constitutional law in a way that will harm legitimate interests.

"Moral energy and capital from other nations," the message said, "will always be welcomed in Mexico with the only condition that of fulfilling our laws and the only limitation that of not absorbing our national interests."

"Uncertainty prevails now that the laws have gone into effect. They provide that the oil lands of foreign owned companies which did not apply for confirmatory concessions before midnight last night shall revert to the Mexican government.

Whether the government will actually go so far as to seize, however, remains to be seen. If it does, the foreign interests will have specific complaints on which to base their future course of action; if it does not, the situation may continue to be as at present, one of complete uncertainty.

The principal foreign companies have refused to make required application for confirmation of properties acquired prior to 1917, the date of adoption of the present Mexican constitution, and the United States government has insisted that the Mexican government cannot by retroactive revoke titles lawfully acquired before 1917.

In addition to the oil situation, President Calles in his message touched on the application of the Mexican religious regulations which have been denounced by the Vatican as "persecution." He had the same sincere respect, he said, for all manifestations of religious creed or feeling, and he denied that the government desired the destruction of, or was attempting to destroy any religious faith, as asserted by "religious reactionaries."

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The Rug Sale at the Bell & Harris Furniture Co. began this morning at 7 o'clock and will last till Saturday night, December 31st, 1927.

See the new ad. of the Concord Plumbing Company, 174 Kerr street, Phone 576.

The Kid-Fix Company has the agency for the new Brunswick phonographs. Go and see the six new models they have just received.

The actual cost of administration on an estate by the Citizens Bank and Trust Company is often less than under individual executorship. The cost is the same as the lay fees that. Get your Atwater Kent radio. See ad. of the York & Wadsworth Company.



El Paso Is Only City Possessing But 100 Frame Dwellings

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 1.—No other city in Texas and only a few in the United States as large as El Paso can boast a population of 110,000 persons with only slightly more than 100 frame buildings within its limits.

And while El Paso, being a resort city, is swarming with apartment houses and family hotels, it contains more than 17,000 residences.

The reason for the absence of frame houses in El Paso is directly due to the inability many years ago to get lumber and the availability of brick in plenty. The predominance of brick buildings further was augmented in 1917 when the city council passed an ordinance banning the erection of frame structures within the city limits.

Perhaps this rigid legislation has reacted unfavorably on Texas lumbermen but it certainly has been profitable to the city in reduction of annual fire losses.

SEVEN INMATES NOW IN DEATH ROW AT STATE PRISON There Were Four Executions in 1926. Making Total Number of 87 Since 1909.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 1.—(AP)—A last minute addition ran the number of death row inmates at State prison to seven.

Six languished there when the last execution of 1926 took place but recently they were joined by George Frank Bazemore, Greene county negro, who came with a January 26 death sentence hanging over him.

Robert Lumpkin and Booker Williams, Robeson county negroes, are the only other members of the grim colony with the day of their death set. They have been twice reprieved and the final date is now January 21.

The other four men have appealing pending. They are: W. L. Ross, Robert Warren county; Moses Green, Wilson county negro; Ernest Walker, negro, Durham; and Charlie Johnson, negro, Mecklenburg.

There were four executions in 1926, running the total for the death chair to 87 since its establishment in 1909. Last year there were also four commutations, giving life an even break with death.

Paralyzed, He Drives His Car Eight Miles. Lumberton, Dec. 31.—W. H. Phifer, prominent Clarkston man and traveling salesman for the Carolina Milling Company, of Charlotte, suffered a stroke of paralysis at Allentown yesterday and drove his car eight miles to Lumberton to the Baker Sanatorium, before letting it be known. When Mr. Phifer reached Lumberton he was unable to get out of his car and had to be removed from his seat by hospital attendants. His condition now is as good as could be expected.

Patrick Ferris, a 92-year-old civil war veteran of Iowa, recently made a holiday trip to England.

Woman Found Dead in Bed at Oakboro. Oakboro, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Lafayette Eury was found dead in bed yesterday at 4 a. m., at her home on route 1 after a lingering illness of heart trouble.

She was feeling right badly the night before and the family sat up watching when she told them that if they would all go to bed she believed she could rest. So they did as she said and when they arose at 4 found her dead.

She leaves her husband and several children, one brother, Mr. Monroe McIntyre, of this place, and one sister, Mrs. Will Burris.

BROADWAY GREETED 1927 WITH SHOUTS AND USUAL DRINKS

Steady Rain Outside and Dry Agents Had Orders Not to Disturb Cabarets, Night Clubs and Hotels.

PRICES PAID FOR DRINKS WENT UP

Never Before Were Such Prices Demanded and Paid—All Places Filled During the Night.

New York, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Broadway gave the New Year a wet welcome. There was a steady rain outside, and prohibition agents had orders not to disturb cabarets, night clubs and hotels.

The celebration was of a familiar character, but the prices were without precedent. The many deaths from liquor since Christmas seemed to have been forgotten.

It was a hilarious crowd that wended its way through the great white way to receive the New Year with the din of horns and rattlers.

The rain seemed to have no effect on the celebrators, and from early evening until long after 1927 had arrived men and women continued their parade along Broadway.

Hawkers, who had been vending noise making devices along the street since early evening, were arrested by police shortly before 10 o'clock.

By that time, however, they had disposed of most of their wares and took their arrests in good nature. Fifteen were found guilty in night court of selling without licenses, and were given suspended sentences.

Every available place of entertainment was filled to capacity. Reservations in night clubs had been exhausted weeks before, and the theatres early were sold out. Cover charges ranging from \$15 to \$340 prevailed in night clubs. Ginger ale was as high as \$3 a bottle.

Some of the theatres made no secret of the fact that \$6.50 tickets were \$11 for the night, and that the demand was greater than the supply.

Two sisters were wounded by a stray bullet fired by a celebrant as they leaned from a window of their home in Brooklyn. Scores of extra police, many of them mounted, kept the throngs moving in the roaring 40's. Churches were crowded as well as night clubs.

McLerron Says He'll Kill When He Leaves Jail. Canton, O., Dec. 30.—Patrick McDermott, convicted of murdering Don Mellett, Canton newspaper publisher, will be sentenced within a week or ten days, according to Judge Diehl, who overruled a motion for a new trial today.

McDermott became belligerent, expressed hatred for the newspaper of which Mellett had been editor, and threats to "kill somebody up there when I get out of this."

Pat also said that he would talk later, but would first see what happens to his co-defendants, Ben Rudner, alleged bootlegger, and Louis Mazur.

Rudner is believed to be the next man to be tried.

Tar Heel Injured in Grand Rapids. Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 1.—(AP)—G. M. Mitchell, aged 45, president of the G. M. Mitchell Lumber Company, of Lansing, N. C., was hit by an automobile as he was on his way to his hotel here last night, and is in a critical condition in a hospital. He was here on a business trip.

City Tax Notice A penalty of one per cent. will be added to your City Tax January 1st, 1927. Pay today, and save the cost. CHAS. N. FIELD, City Tax Collector.

Nation Is Faced With Muddled Situation In International Affairs

Not Since World War Has United States Faced a More Muddled International Situation. ASKS PRESS TO STAND WITH HIM

There Are No Prospects Now That Mexican and Nicaraguan Questions Will Be Settled Soon.

Washington, Jan. 1.—(AP)—The dawn of 1927 finds the United States facing an international situation more muddled perhaps than any since the World War.

Prospects of an early settlement of the Nicaraguan and Mexican questions do not appear bright, and President Coolidge has appealed to the press of the country to show "an American attitude" and stand behind the administration's efforts to uphold existing standards of international law.

The civil strife in Nicaragua, where American naval forces have been landed to protect American lives and property, and the controversy over the new Mexican oil and land laws which took effect last midnight, remained in status quo as far as this country's policy is concerned, but both questions are developing new turns with regards to the individual parties concerned.

Adolfo Diaz, conservative president of Nicaragua, who has been recognized by the United States, is marshaling his forces to stay the advance of the liberal army headed by Juan B. Sacasa, former vice president, who is recognized by Mexico, after having denied charges that he was receiving aid from American bankers, and refused a mediation offer by his neighbor, Costa Rica.

VIOLENT DEATHS IN NORTH CAROLINA Number Last Year Exceeded 1500.—Autos Took Largest Toll.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 1.—(AP)—Violent deaths in North Carolina last year exceeded 1,500.

State Board of Health reports show 1,313 violent deaths during the first 11 months of the year. This number does not include deaths from the violent forms of disease.

Automobile accidents again took the largest toll. In 1926 the total was 770. This year it was 352 in November with one of the heaviest months to be added.

Burns came next in fatal results. The first eleven months of 1926 saw 245 Tar Heels burned to death. December was expected to run the total to nearly 300. In 1925 250 died from this cause.

Homicides showed a slight decrease. The estimated number in 1926 was 225, based on 1924 for the first eleven months. In 1925 there were 260.

Suicides ran slightly better than even, an estimated 135 against 128 in 1925.

Gold Dust Twins in State Prison. Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 1.—(AP)—The State's Prison has its "Gold Dust Twins." They are "Sunshine" (Jake) Jones and "Evolution" (Junius) Poole. Both are negroes. Both wear broad grins, and neither measures five feet tall.

Jake, better known as "Sunshine," is only 13. Welfare workers are now attempting to get him out. He is doing five years for shooting a white playmate.

"Evolution" is 23 and has four years to go for larceny.

Makes Guncoffin of Garbage. He Says. Berlin, Jan. 1.—Guncoffin or artificial silk may be manufactured from garbage of cities, it is claimed, under a method evolved by Kurt Gerster, a Berlin engineer, of sifting and subjecting all cellulose matter to a special treatment.

By distilling such matters as potato parings and pieces of wood he claims to produce tar, charcoal and acetic acid. A large plant is being constructed here under his specifications.

Take Safe From Bank. Westford, Ark., Jan. 1.—(AP)—Robbers early today backed a truck to the front door of the Bank of Westford, loaded the bank's safe into the car, and drove away. C. C. Stock, cashier, estimated the contents of the safe at \$2,500. The last seen of the truck it was being driven north toward Fayetteville.

Willie Hoppe is exhibiting superb balling form in practice work of his coming meeting with Erich Haseclanher for the 18.2 crown.

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WEATHER FORECAST. Fair tonight and Sunday; colder tonight, slowly rising temperature in west portions Sunday. Moderate to fresh northwest and north winds.

HOLIDAY NOTICE SATURDAY, JANUARY 1st, 1927 being a legal holiday the banks of Concord will not be open for business. CONCORD NATIONAL BANK CABARRUS SAVINGS BANK CITIZENS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY