

FOOD RIOTS ADD TO TROUBLES

AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND CASUALTIES IN YOKOHAMA ALONE.

VOLCANOES ARE IN ACTION

Korea Maru Safe With 2,500 Refugees Aboard; Communications Partly Restored.

San Francisco.—Food riots have broken out in Tokio, according to a radiogram received by the Radio Corporation from Iwaki station, 155 miles from Tokio. The general manager is reported in these advices to have exerted the most strenuous measures to suppress the disorders, even attacking the rioters with their swords.

A number of Koreans were in the mob, the advices said.

The advices confirmed earlier reports of a great fire in Yokohama and an estimate that there had been at least 100,000 casualties there.

The fires, the message said, were caused by or followed by the explosion of oil storage tanks in the city where reserves of fuel oil for the merchant and naval marine were kept.

The Toyo Kisen Kaisha steamer Korea Maru is safe in the harbor of Yokohama with 2,500 refugees on board, according to a cablegram received at the company's offices here from its agents in Kobe. Communications of all kinds have been reopened up to Numaza, 85 miles west of Tokio, the cablegram said.

The Korea was in the harbor throughout the beginning of the disaster period and was at once made available for relief purposes. She was to have sailed for San Francisco, but the sailing has been indefinitely postponed.

The cablegram said that Tokio and Yokohama "have been destroyed."

A dispatch from Nagasaki reporting the destruction of the Fuji Spinning mills near Mount Fuki and the death of 8,000 operatives, also stated that a number of volcanoes were reported to be active.

Mount Fuki is among the erupting volcanoes. It is the first time it has exploded since 1707, but throughout its long rest, its deep red hot crater at the summit has afforded an ominous sign that it might be aroused to fury at any moment.

There are 200 volcanoes, 50 of which are more or less active in the volcanic ranges in Japan, the Kurile, Jugl and Kirishima.

Coolidge Appeals to the People in Half of Japan.

Washington.—An appeal to the American people to contribute to the relief of the people of Japan was issued by President Coolidge.

The American Red Cross was designated as the organization to which relief contributions should be transmitted.

At the same time it was made clear that such assistance as was within the means of the executive branch of the government would also be rendered. The text of the appeal follows:

"To the people of the United States. An overwhelming disaster has overtaken the people of the friendly nation of Japan. While its extent has not as yet been officially reported enough is known to justify the statement that the cities of Tokio and Yokohama, and surrounding towns and villages, have been largely if not completely destroyed by earthquake, fire and flood, with a resultant appalling loss of life and destitution and distress, requiring measures of urgent relief. Such assistance as is within the means of the executive department of the government will be rendered but realizing the great suffering which now needs relief and will need for days to come, I am prompted to appeal urgently to the American people whose sympathies have always been so comprehensive to contribute in aiding the unfortunate and in giving relief to the people of Japan.

"In order that the utmost co-ordination and effectiveness in the administration of the relief funds be obtained, I recommend that all contributions, clearly designated, be sent to the chairman of the American National Red Cross at Washington or to any of the local Red Cross chapters for transmission to Japan."

Immediately after the President's proclamation was made public the American Red Cross announced that it had started a relief fund with a contribution of \$100,000. In addition, it has appropriated from its reserve funds \$10,000 for the assistance of Americans in the disaster zone.

SIXTEEN CHILDREN KILLED BY ITALIAN BOMBARDMENT.

Athens.—Colonel Stephen E. Lowe, of St. Louis, member of the Red Cross and attached to the rear relief at Corfu, reports that altogether there were twenty killed by the Italian bombardment prior to the occupation of the island. Among them were 16 children, most of them killed by shrapnel which was fired among a crowd of Red Cross orphanage children bathing in the sea.

Colonel Lowe, describing the bombardment, said: "The number killed reached 20; nine of these were killed outright and 11 died in the hospital. Thirty-two wounded are now in the hospital and there were perhaps 50 slightly wounded." Of the 20 dead, 16 were children. All the killed and wounded were refugees or orphans from American and British orphanages housed in the old fortress.

WEEVIL DOES SOME DAMAGE

PRESIDENTS OF THE TWELVE FEDERAL LAND BANKS MAKE REPORT.

Declare That Throughout Agriculture Areas Economic Conditions Are Regarded as Hopeful.

Washington.—Agricultural prospects were described generally as satisfactory and economic conditions throughout farming areas were regarded as hopeful by the presidents of the 12 Federal land banks who have concluded a conference with the Federal farm loan board. The land bank heads based their views and subsequent report to the board on surveys made by their agencies scattered in every section of the country and with only a few exceptions their statements were optimistic.

Commenting that the reports taken together obviously revealed unsatisfactory conditions in some localities, Commissioner Cooper of the board declared the statements of the bank presidents "clearly demonstrated the sound and improving conditions in American agriculture." The commissioner added that he believed the farmers were back on their feet to stay.

The report of southern districts summarized by the board, follow:

Second district: Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. Crop conditions generally good; some labor shortage but not serious. Prices of wool, hogs, and cotton have gone higher and general encouragement has followed.

Third district: North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida. Conditions much better than last year although recent rains have caused heavy damage and the boll weevil has damaged the cotton crop. Tobacco prospects, both as to the crop and prices, are satisfactory. Collections have been good. The farmers are turning strongly to diversion of crops and this has helped many to make money this year.

Fourth district: Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee. Crops on the average are very good and general conditions have improved. Collections have been good.

First district: Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama. Of the four big crops rice and sugar give most promising outlook. Corn has suffered materially from heavy rains although the crop prospects justify the belief that a sufficient amount will be raised to supply home requirements. Rains likewise have damaged cotton while the ravages of the boll weevil have caused damage in the cotton belt there as in the third district.

Riot Breaks Up Klan Meet.

Perth Amboy, N. J.—A crowd of 5,000 persons broke up a meeting of the Ku Klux Klan in Odd Fellows' hall, 75 policemen and 150 firemen being unable to drive back the throng that stormed the building. Firemen drove trucks into the mass people, but to no avail. A hurry call was sent for state police in Trenton.

Patrolmen fired shots in the air, threw gas bombs, and swung their nightsticks while the firemen turned streams of water on the fighting throng.

The leaders of the mob were knocked down by patrolmen when they first started to advance toward the hall, but after they had been carried away another attack was started. This time stones were thrown and all windows in Odd Fellows' hall, as well as many others in nearby buildings were broken.

THOUSANDS KILLED BY EARTHQUAKE

JAPANESE CITIES PRACTICALLY ANNIHILATED BY FIRE AND TIDAL WAVE.

SPREADS OVER WIDE AREA

Yokohama, Tokio and Neighboring Cities, Described by Wireless as "Like Hell."

San Francisco.—Tokio, Yokohama and neighboring cities were burning ruins, while more than 100,000 persons in the vicinity of these cities were reported dead as a result of Saturday's earthquakes, according to advices received in San Francisco by the Associated Press from its Shanghai correspondent and by the Radio Corporation from its station at Tomioka.

Death and destruction were spread over an area roughly comprised within a radius of 50 miles of Tokio. How extensive casualties and the material damage outside that zone is, has not been determined, as all communications with Japan are still interrupted except for brief connections by radio with Tomioka and occasional dispatches from Japan to Shanghai.

Nagoya is Virtually Destroyed. The city of Nagoya is virtually destroyed. The Japanese naval station near Yokohama was engulfed by a tidal wave and the Imperial palace at Tokio is endangered by fire. Nagoya has a population of 620,000. It is about 90 miles east of Osaka and about 70 miles west of Tokio.

More earth tremors were reported by various seismographs. The Manila observatory seismograph recorded shocks. The shocks were violent, but could not be definitely located. The Saturday shock, which devastated Tokio and environs, was the greatest the Manila seismograph has recorded in 30 years, according to Father Serra, geologist in charge.

With railroad lines, telephone wires, and all other means of communication and travel between Tokio and the remainder of Japanese and the outside world cut off, Tokio and the other cities on the eastern central seacoast on the Island of Honshu are isolated in the desolation.

The cities of Tokio and Yokohama were described by the superintendent of the Japanese government wireless station at Tomioka, which operates via Aadio Corporation, as "like hell!" Buildings were falling; fire was spreading everywhere; dead and dying were on all sides; there were explosions on a cry of horror and fear by the panic-stricken population.

Fate of Ships in the Harbor. What quake and fire did not destroy on land tidal waves are reported to have crushed or sunk at sea.

The fate of the ships in Yokohama harbor and what ships were there, still remain to be determined.

The best available reports received said hardly a structure was left standing in the Yamanote district, which includes the Tokio wards of Honjo, Fukagawa, Akusaka, Shitaya, Nihonbashi and Kanda. Thousands are without food and water and no means of getting any at present.

In Yokohama the fire started in the Bund, or foreign section, spreading rapidly to the business district which was wiped out.

Tens of thousands of guests at resorts in time Hakone district near Yokohama in the mountains, were driven from their quarters by quakes and fires. They were panic-stricken. The number of casualties is undetermined.

At Ito, on the Idzu Peninsula, more than 500 houses were washed away by tidal waves. Six hundred persons are reported to have perished when a railway tunnel at Easako collapsed.

Italy Will Refuse to Recognize the Decision of League of Nations.

Athens.—Signor Motagna, the Italian minister, on behalf of the Italian government, informed Foreign Minister Alexandris that Italy will refuse to recognize the decision of the league of nations in the present controversy between Italy and Greece.

Athens.—Reports that the Greek cabinet had resigned are unfounded. Former Premier Zaimis has definitely accepted the leadership of the reconciliation party. Elections will be held October 28.

8,000 Killed in Collapse.

Nagasaki.—It is reported that the Fuji spinning mills near Mount Fuji, collapsed and that 8,000 of the operators perished.

AMERICA HAS PASSED PERIOD OF MOURNING.

Washington.—American flags, which the world over have been at half mast for the past thirty days as evidence of the nation's mourning for President Harding, was hoisted to full staff Monday.

The period of official mourning expires at midnight, thirty days having passed since the death in San Francisco on the evening of August 2 of the chief executive.

President and Mrs. Coolidge have decided that there will be no immediate resumption of social activities so far as they are concerned, but the white house, which has been closed to visitors will be thrown open Tuesday after the Labor day holiday.

ONE OF THE PARTY ESCAPES

AUTOMOBILE GOES THROUGH DRAWBRIDGE LEFT OPEN WITH NO WARNING.

Conway People Were Returning From Myrtle Beach; Cause of Accident Not Clear.

Conway, S. C.—Six persons were drowned when an automobile in which they were returning from Myrtle Beach, where they had been spending the day, plunged through a partly opened drawbridge over the Waccamaw river, near here. One member of the party of seven escaped. The bodies of five of the drowned had been recovered.

The dead are: Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Culliper, of Conway, and their three children, Elizabeth, eight years old; Gertrude, four, and J. G., three, and Mrs. Marvin Conner, who also was in the car, managed to extricate himself after it struck the water and swam to safety.

A coroner's jury was empanelled and after hearing evidence indicating that the bridge might have been opened maliciously, adjourned until September 6. Evidence at the inquest was that an automobile that passed the Culliper car shortly before it reached the bridge had speeded up. It was indicated that officials wanted to investigate a theory that the bridge had been opened by persons in the escaping car to prevent or delay pursuit.

Marvin Conner, who escaped, was driving the car at the time.

The manner in which the bridge was opened still was unexplained. Perry Quattlebaum, who has charge of opening and closing the bridge, testified at the inquest that the drawbridge had not been opened since Monday morning when the steamer Malone passed through it. He also testified that the bridge usually is fastened with a chain at one end, but that the chain had no lock on it.

Italian Government Demands Apology.

Rome.—The Italian government has demanded a formal apology from the Greek government, an indemnity of 50,000,000 lire, and that full honors be paid by the Greek fleet to the Italian fleet in Piraeus because of the assassination of the five Italian members of the Greco-Albanian boundary mission at Janina, Albania.

Hospital to Memory of War Mothers.

Norfolk, Va.—The veterans of foreign wars will foster a movement to erect somewhere in the United States a gigantic tuberculosis hospital, as a memorial to war mothers and to other women in America who made sacrifices for the cause in the world war.

A resolution placing the organization behind this movement was presented to the annual encampment here by J. H. Toulouse, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, the commander of the department of New Mexico which originated the plan. The veterans adopted the resolution with a cheer.

Mr. Toulouse, taking the platform to speak in behalf of his resolution and of the plan on which he has been at work a year and a half, paid a glowing tribute to the women of America who endured silently the bitterness of war and of wars sacrifices. And he called attention to the fact that the only memorial to war mothers America has erected is in an obscure spot in the city of Washington.

Drawings showing the proposed memorial hospital, which is to cost in the neighborhood of \$12,500,000, were presented to the convention. They showed an enormous institution, so constructed as to cover many acres of land and equipped to care for hundreds of tubercular patients in comfort and with efficiency.

MEXICO TO GAIN RECOGNITION SOON

EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED.

DETAILS ARE WORKED OUT

All That Remains to Restore Basis For Renewal of Relations is Announced.

Washington.—Exchanges between the American and Mexican governments, characterized by administration officials here as necessary preliminaries to the resumption of diplomatic relations, have been successfully concluded.

All that remains to restore a basis for renewal of friendly conduct of affairs between Mexico City and Washington is the making of a formal announcement to that effect. One of the exchanges already made provides the means for this last act incident to recognition.

Recent estimates of White House spokesmen that actual resumption of relations with Mexico would be announced formally the latter part of September, it was learned, have been altered by the success of the negotiations and, in all probability, the next day or so will suffice for that purpose.

The passing of the present arrangement by which diplomatic affairs have been carried on unofficially by American representatives in Mexico City and in Washington by unaccredited Mexican representatives, will automatically follow the announcement. While full diplomatic representation in the two capitals will be delayed for a short time, due to the necessity of selecting ambassadors for the respective posts, means already have been provided for accrediting the charges at the American and Mexican embassies, and this making possible an immediate conduct by affairs directly between the two governments.

Two Officers Shot to Death.

Johnstown, Pa.—Two detectives and one negro were shot to death and three police officers were probably fatally wounded when three automobile loads of policemen were rushing to the scene of the ambush and a call for aid was sent to state police. The rioting which grew out of a quarrel among the negroes was quelled and 15 negroes were arrested. The assailants of the officers are believed to have escaped to nearby hills.

The negro policemen declared after an investigation, had been crazed by "moonshine" liquor and had fired all the shots at the officers.

The dead are: John A. James, a county detective.

Joseph Abraham, a constable, and private detective.

Robert Young, a negro. The three men who are not expected to live and who were taken to a Johnstown hospital, are police Captain Otto Pink, Lieutenant William Bender and Patrolman Joseph Grachen.

Forecast Nation's Cotton Crop.

Washington.—This year's cotton production was forecast at 10,788,000 bales of 500 pounds each by the Department of Agriculture.

The forecast was based on the condition of the crop on August 25 which was 54.1 per cent of a normal, indicating a yield of about 134.8 pounds per acre. Last month's production forecast was 11,516,000 bales, based on the July 25 condition of 67.2 which indicated a yield of about 143.9 pounds per acre. Last year's crop was 9,761,817 bales.

Drought in Oklahoma and Texas, excessive rains in the southwest, the boll weevil, and the leaf worm caused a marked decline during August in the condition of the cotton crop, the department announced.

Bar Association For World Court.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Adoption of a resolution urging participation of the United States in the Permanent Court of International Justice at The Hague and the election of Robert E. Lee Saner, of Dallas, Texas, as president of the American Bar Association, marked the closing session of the association's forty-sixth annual convention here.

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