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Seventeen States Feel East's Most Dangerous Earthquake in Years

Writes New Story



REX BEACH

Mr. Beach has written a new serial story in four installments, "The Michigan Kid," which begins in this issue of The Times. Turn to Page Three and begin this thrilling story.

New York City, Said By Geologists to Be "Earthquake Proof," Feels Shock

New York, Nov. 1.—The east's most serious earthquake in decades rolled across 17 states and three Canadian provinces early today, but the damage was trifling. Thousands of persons fled from their homes, many of them in night clothes, as they feared a tremor such as wrought havoc at Helena, Mont. The quake apparently centered in Canada, a short distance north of Lake Ontario. It caused the most excitement in populous upstate New York, where from Albany to Buffalo sturdy buildings were swayed. Swinging mirrors and clattering dishes were reported from the Bay of Fundy to Lake Michigan, from Canada's capital to the District of Columbia.

Thrown From Bed As far south as Washington, Larabee Sinclair, transportation assistant to Secretary Roper, was thrown from his bed.

The tremors—there were two major ones scant minutes apart—completed a triangle of earthquakes on the continent.

Two men were killed in Helena yesterday by shocks which rocked a 500-mile area in western United States and Canada. Far south in Honduras, quakes added to the horror of floods.

Seismologist expressed the belief that the widespread disturbances were merely coincidental.

President Roosevelt from his home in Hyde Park, N. Y. — In the area affected — called on the Red Cross, the Army and the FERA to speed relief to families left homeless in sub-zero weather at Helena.

Dr. L. C. Conant, director of the Cornell university seismological station, said the first shock reached Ithaca, N. Y., at 1:04:00 A. M. EST, and the main shock hit at 1:06, lasting for 30 seconds.

"It was the worst earthquake we have ever had here," he said. "It was much worse than the one in 1925."

The populace agreed with him.

Run From Home Families in many communities ran from home as their bedsprings swung unannoyingly and buildings creaked. They swapped police stations and newspaper telephones with pleas for information and reassurance. They stood half-dressed on street corners to tell how pictures moved and cups clattered.

A telephone operator at Escanaba, (Continued on page two)

599-POUND WOMAN ILL IN HOSPITAL

Wilson, Oct. 31.—The "fattest lady in the world," or, at least it is so claimed, is in a local hospital tonight, ill with a disease diagnosed as pleurisy.

She is Dot Carlson, one of the famous Carlson Twins made famous by John Hix, syndicate artist, in his "Strange As It Seems" feature. She weighs 599 pounds. She and her twin sister weigh a total of 1,245 pounds.

It required 12 men, heaving and puffing, to lift Dot Carlson into the car today at the fair grounds here, where she was appearing in a side-show at the Wilson county fair.

E. O. Norton, ambulance driver, said it was the heaviest load he had ever carried in his 15 years of ambulance driving.

A report on Miss Carlson's condition was unavailable at the hospital tonight.

70-Foot 'Monster' Reported By Crew

Gloucester, Mass., Nov. 2.—Fish stories are old, but forever new.

Not one, but 23 men, all members of the crew of the halibut schooner Imperator, assert this is the gospel truth:

While the vessel was on Western Bank, fishing, according to Adelbert Langthorne, spokesman for the crew, a monster broke the water less than

Rescue Expedition Will Seek Georgia Flyer, Lost in 1927 In Jungles of South America

Mystery Surrounds Disappearance of Paul Redfern; Reports Say He Is Alive

New York, Nov. 2.—The start of a rescue expedition to seek Paul Redfern, missing American flyer who may be alive in Dutch Guiana, appeared today to be less than two weeks distant.

"I have been advised that Major Willis Taylor and his companions are prepared to fly from the canal zone as soon as leaves of absence are granted," said William LaVarre, explorer and mining expert who recently brought back new reports of Redfern.

Major Taylor, said LaVarre, plans to finance the expedition himself. He will be accompanied by three other men now in the canal zone, whose names LaVarre did not know.

The major and his associates are United States army fliers stationed at France field. LaVarre said they expected the leaves to be approved within 10 days.

Their search may pierce the mystery that settled around the slim, youthful Redfern of the old school of aerial barnstormers, who disappeared in 1927 after taking off from a

Missing Georgia Flyer



PAUL REDFERN

Redfern, missing since his flight over South America in 1927, is believed to be alive in the jungles. A rescue party will search for him.

beach near Brunswick, Ga., on a projected flight to Brazil. He last was seen by the crew of a tramp steamer off the coast of Venezuela.

Redfern, said LaVarre, might easily have lain for years in an Indian village only 200 miles inland (Continued on back page)

F. D. ROOSEVELT LOSING GROUND IN STRAW VOTE

First Poll Indicates President Would Lose Electoral College in 1936 Vote

Washington, Nov. 2.—President Roosevelt might carry the popular vote of the country in 1936 by a very scant margin, but would be decisively defeated for re-election by the electoral college of the States.

This was the standing today of the Presidential poll being conducted among the readers of 7,000 newspapers by the American Press Association, of which John H. Perry is president.

It is another, but possibly the most important of the straw votes now being taken, all of which show the same result—the extraordinary decrease of what was once the popularity of the Roosevelt Administration.

The first batch of votes in this pool showed Mr. Roosevelt receiving 54 per cent. of the total cast. American Press today announced that it has now tabulated 84,082 votes in 38 States and that Mr. Roosevelt's total has now dwindled to 51 per cent.

Mr. Roosevelt had received a total of 42,119 votes. Republicans polled 35,091, other Democrats 4,911 and third parties 1,961—a total of 41,943 who did not mark their ballots for Mr. Roosevelt, the only known candidate for the Presidency.

"Gains" For G. O. P. The Republicans are shown by the poll to carry California, Illinois, New York, Pennsylvania, Indiana and other of the more populous States from which the "straw-votes" can later pour in such volume as to eliminate his slight lead in the popular vote.

In the 38 States thus far reported the Republican "candidates" polled 225 electoral college votes, only 11 votes short of the majority for Presidential election. Mr. Roosevelt was in the rear with 223 votes.

Senator Borah, elder statesman, leads a score of Republicans for (Continued on back page)

TWO BURNED TO DEATH AS FIRE DESTROYS HOME

Gaston County Woman and Her Brother Perish; Husband, Daughter Saved

Gastonia, Nov. 1.—Mrs. Robert Stowe, 24, and her brother, James Courtney Roberts, 34, of the United States army air service, were burned to death about midnight last night when fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the Stowe's new home in the New Hope section several miles east of Gastonia.

Mr. Stowe and his three-year-old daughter, Jeannette, escaped from the burning house, the father with bad burns but the child uninjured. Mr. Stowe said he awakened shortly before midnight to find the house engulfed in flames. Becoming panicky, he grabbed the little girl and jumped through a window. Planning to go back after his wife and brother-in-law, he found it impossible. He called to his wife, who had run out in the hall, but she, overcome by the flames, had fallen in a coma.

Trapped By Fire Roberts, from the position of his body, apparently had tried to escape through the door of his bedroom but was trapped.

It was thought possible the fire originated in loose cotton piled beneath the house, and another theory (Continued on page two)

Pays \$5 Fine, Kills Himself

Henderson, Oct. 31.—After scrawling a note, O. H. Tingen, 45-year-old Youngsville farmer, killed himself in his room in a local hotel this afternoon. Tingen drank poison and then slashed his throat.

Coroner J. S. Albright said no inquest would be necessary. Tingen had been tried on a drunk charge by Mayor Irvine B. Watkins the forenoon and was fined \$5.

The note merely said he intended to kill himself and requested that his body be sent home.

Bessemer City Man Killed In Wreck Near Lincolnton

Woman Is Frightened To Death By Big Dog

Philadelphia, Oct. 31.—Mrs. Eddie Wilson, prominent Philadelphia woman, called a taxicab to return home today after visiting her husband downtown. As the driver opened the door a large (police) dog jumped out. Frightened, Mrs. Wilson fainted. She died a short time later.

Otis Best Loses Life and William Hallman Is Injured Late Friday

Otis T. Best was almost instantly killed and William Hallman received painful bruises and cuts about the head and body when the car in which they were riding was wrecked on Highway No. 27 about seven miles from Lincolnton Friday evening shortly after six o'clock. Both young men were from Bessemer City.

Glass fruit jars, jugs and demijohns holding, investigating officers estimated, around one hundred gallons of liquor, were thrown from the car and scattered over a wide surface of the highway.

The accident happened near the Carswell Filling Station on Highway No. 27 and just beyond a cross road leading to Bessemer City. Just what caused the wreck will probably never be known but it is thought that Best, who was driving the car at high speed ran past the Bessemer City road and discovered his error and lost control of the car in an attempt to stop it. The automobile, it was said, turned over a number of times and was badly wrecked.

Best was thrown across the highway and into a ditch. He was still alive when admitted to the Reeves hospital but died soon afterwards without regaining consciousness. Hallman was badly cut about the face and head and was severely bruised about the body. He was treated at the local hospital but was able to be removed to his home Saturday morning. Hallman was 20 years old and Best was said to be around 25.

The body of Best was taken in charge by Bessemer City undertakers and removed to his home Friday night, from which place funeral services were held.

DEVINE PUT ON SUPREME COURT

Raleigh, Oct. 31.—Governor Ehringhaus tonight announced the appointment of Superior Court Judge William Augustus Devine, of Oxford, as associate justice of the state Supreme court to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Associate Justice Willis James Brogden, of Durham.

The governor in a brief announcement said: "Judge Devine has been tendered a seat on the Supreme court bench and has accepted."

The new associate justice-nominate accepted the post over telephone at his home in Oxford, the governor said.

The chief executive said "the matter of Judge Devine's qualifying for the position is between him and the Supreme court. I expect it to be immediate, however."

On Bench 22 Years Judge Devine, who is 63 years old, is retired Superior court jurist of the 10th judicial district and has held that office since 1913.

He was born in Granville county July 12, 1872, a son of Rev. R. I. and Mary Devine. He was educated at Horner Military school, Wake Forest college, and the University of North Carolina law school.

Court Approves Settlement Of Huge Reynolds Fortune

Raleigh, Nov. 1.—The North Carolina Supreme Court today affirmed the so-called compromise agreement for distribution of the estimated \$30,000,000 estate of the late Zachary Smith Reynolds, scion of the Winston-Salem tobacco family. The court in a unanimous opinion, written by Associate Justice Reriot Clarkson, upheld the division rendered in Forsyth county superior court last March by Judge Clayton Moore.

Young Reynolds died in July, 1932, a few hours after he had been found mortally wounded by a pistol bullet in a bedroom of the family mansion, Reynolds, near Winston-Salem. The division of the estate as ordered by the courts provides \$750,000 for Mrs. Libby Holman Reynolds, second wife of the tobacco heir, after deduction of state and other taxes; 25 per cent of the estate or less than \$7,000,000 shall go to Christopher Smith Reynolds, son of Libby Holman Reynolds; 37 1-2 per cent to Anne Cannon Reynolds, II, daughter of the tobacco heir by his first marriage to Anne Cannon, estimated at a little more than \$9,000,000; and 37 1-2 per cent to R. J. Reynolds, Jr., Mrs. Mary Reynolds Babcock and Mrs. Nancy Reynolds Bagley, brothers and sisters of Zachary Smith Reynolds.

New Troop Armory Will Be Built Soon; City Donates Ground

Farmer Kills Wife, Ends His Own Life

Phoenix City, Ala., Oct. 31.—A 77-year-old dairy farmer and his wife, 26, were found shot to death on a road near here today, and Sheriff Emmett Holt, of Opelika, said the man had shot the woman and then himself. Holt listed the couple as I. E. Hood and wife, of a year, operators of a dairy on the Auburn road, not far from here.

U. S. Treasury Signs Warrant For \$22,700 For Construction of Building

(SEE PICTURE ON PAGE FIVE)

That work on the new Lincolnton armory will begin at an early date seem assured today when announcement was made from Washington that a treasury warrant for \$22,700 for the building had been signed.

The Lincolnton project was included in a number approved by the Works Progress Administration and for which treasury warrants were signed.

Some time ago it was announced that the Federal government would build an armory in Lincolnton for the use of Troop I Cavalry, provided a suitable site for the building should be donated by the town or an individual.

Mayor E. M. Browne today announced that the Town of Lincolnton has donated a site for the building to be located on the Lincolnton-Maiden highway between the Clark's Creek bridge and the American Legion hut. The armory, when completed, will be 150 by 300 feet and ample space for a building this size will be provided. In addition, the town has agreed to lease to the state sufficient grounds adjoining the site for a drill field.

The Lincolnton armory is one of a number of such buildings to be erected over the state through the Works Progress administration.

11 COUPLES GET MARRIAGE WRITS

Eleven marriage licenses were issued by W. H. Boring, registrar of deeds, during the month of October, as follows:

White—J. W. McGinnis and Margie A. McClure; Forest Black and Sallie Ramsey; William LeGrand Bennett and Leila Self; Adrian Pope and Madge Poe; Harry Lee Henderson and Frances Liza Putnam; J. W. Angle and Lillie Grigg; Miles E. Bowman and Amanda Lee Lutz.

Colored—Tat Shipp and Blanche Whitener; Willie Henry Rice and Catherine Blake; Lee Hoke and Connie Herndon; James McDowell and Doetta McAwane.

Crime doesn't pay, which is probably the reason why they haven't thought up some kind of tax to place on it.

It is estimated 65 million people carry life insurance. And there are just about that number of solicitors trying to write you another policy.

State Revenue Collections Total \$2,112,698 in Month

Raleigh, Oct. 31.—North Carolina's revenues for October rose to \$2,112,698.11 against \$1,364,151.19 for October, 1934, a difference of \$748,546.92 or nearly three quarters of a million.

The percentage increase was 54.87 one of the best showings in modern revenue history. Sales taxes for October beat those of the preceding year as \$877,415.95 overmatching \$668,682.72. The gain was more than \$200,000 and this was next to the best month in history. The fiscal fear to date shows gatherings of \$10,561,725.36 against \$8,478,989.53 for the previous year covering the first four months. In a word, the general fund is better off in these four months by \$2,082,735.83.

Franchise taxes showed a big gain, too, \$821,107.56 for the past October against \$432,195.93 for October, 1934. Even beer waded about. It raised for October a year ago only \$31,981.39, but for the 31 days closing with this the sum was \$54,172.25. People may not be drinking beer; they certainly are paying taxes on it. The beer tax for the four months produced \$216,391.94. Last year for the same four months the amount raised was \$139,423.72.

The motor vehicle business was good. For all purposes, licenses, title fees, bus and franchises, gasoline and inspections this month yielded \$1,873,730.20. The same month a year ago raised \$1,671,274.05. The four months last record lifted \$7,555,640.32 against \$6,631,473.59 last year. The gain for four months was \$924,166.73 or 13.94 per cent. Gasoline taxes gained more than \$200,000, but licenses fell from \$107,247.10 to \$96,829.07.

JOE GISH



JOE GISH SAYS—

Many a used car has been sold as a rattling good one.

NEWS BRIEFS

Skunk in Church

Swampscott, Mass., Nov. 2.—An invading skunk wreaked havoc with a service of the fashionable First Universalist Church here. Charles Bradstreet borrowed a tear gas gun from police and wearing a gas mask, won in a battle of odors. The skunk, however, forced a postponement of services for one week.

Nail in Her Lung Cause Death

Beloit, Wis., Nov. 2.—Death of Wilma Kipp, 12, was blamed on blood infection persisting for 10 years after a small nail she swallowed when two years old was removed from a tube leading to her left lung.

Boy, 14, Bakes Prize Cake

Superior, Wis., Nov. 2.—Cooking doesn't make a boy a sissy, says Martin Barnes, 14, Lake Nebagamon, who baked a strawberry shortcake that won first prize in the 4-H Club exhibit at the Tri-State Fair.

7 Potatoes in Hill

Louisville, Ga., Nov. 2.—Potatoes weighing 14 pounds—unusual. Seven potatoes in one hill—remarkable. Seven potatoes in one hill, three of them weighing 14 pounds—astonishing! That's what happened on a farm near Avera, according to the farmer, J. J. Hadden.

Missourians Wed at 81

Waynesville, Mo., Nov. 2.—Justice B. T. Shukers stared but he performed the ceremony which made James Robertson and Nancy Moore man and wife. Both were 81 years old.

ENGINEERS WORK ON DENVER ROAD

(Charlotte Observer)

Engineers of the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works commission will complete within a few days a survey of the road from Homestead on the Mount Holly highway to the Rozzelle Ferry bridge in preparation for the building of the new Charlotte-Denver-Newton hard-surface highway.

Clarence O. Kuester of the Chamber of Commerce said yesterday that Chairman Capus Waynick of the commission has informed him that \$70,000 already has been appropriated for the work to begin on the Charlotte end of the highway as soon as the route is selected. The Chamber of Commerce has been active for years in an effort to obtain a hard-surface road through the Denver section, but has not advocated any particular route for the road.