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FOUR STATES QUAKE

ILLINOIS, MICHIGAN, WISCONSIN AND IOWA TREMBLE.

Big Chicago Skyscrapers Tremble Like Human Beings—The Panic Was Widespread.

Chicago.—Chicago and four states were rocked by an earthquake Wednesday morning, throwing at least half of its inhabitants into a mortal terror.

Every city, village and hamlet in Northern Illinois felt the shock and the panic was widespread. Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin were also in the path of the trembler. Thousands of persons were aroused from their slumbers, and in the foreign settlements of Chicago, particularly where Italians and Sicilians congregate, there was alarm which gave rise to wailing and prayers as the inhabitants thought that they were about to suffer the same fate which destroyed so many thousands of their countrymen.

Big skyscrapers in the down-town district trembled like living beings with the ague. Many dilapidated old structures collapsed in different parts of the city, dishes were thrown off the shelves and broken, windows were cracked in many portions of the residence districts of Maywood, Evanston and other suburban towns, and many residents were so frightened that they ran into the street fearing that the roofs were about to fall over their heads.

WORST FLOOD IN YEARS.

Trains on Three Railroad Systems Indefinitely Annulled.

Meridian, Miss.—Three more inches of rainfall were today added to the record-breaking downpour of Monday night and yesterday, and tonight all of the large streams south of Meridian are reported still rising. The rise, too, has passed all previous high-water marks, and the damage will not be known until the water recedes.

All trains south and west of Meridian on the Alabama and Vicksburg, Mobile and Ohio and New Orleans and Northeastern roads have been indefinitely annulled. Each road is reported to have suffered the loss of many miles of roadbed and numbers of trestles. The Mobile and Ohio, Alabama Great Southern and Southern Railway are maintaining trains north of Meridian, but are slow schedules.

Tonight it is reported from the local weather bureau that Enterprise and Shubuta are in the grasp of the worst flood in history. The water in the business district of Enterprise being almost to the second stories of some business buildings, and Shubuta being an island, entirely cut off from the outside world except for telephone and telegraph communication, which are yet intact. At Enterprise stocks of goods have been moved from lower to upper floors, and it is thought the damage to them will not be so great. People are moving about the town in skiffs.

ENTERPRISE UNDER WATER.

Train Service on Mobile and Ohio North of Quitman Abandoned.

Quitman, Miss—As a result of the heavy rainfall Tuesday, the Chickasawha river is out of its banks and is still rising, and it is believed that it will equal the 1900 high water mark.

Train service on the Mobile and Ohio north of Quitman has been abandoned. Train No. 2 is tied up at Enterprise and cannot move either way. The people at Enterprise seem to be suffering the most. There is five feet of water in the business portion of the town, and all the stores and many of the residences are under water. People can navigate only by boat there.

The crops in the lowlands will be a complete loss, unless replanted. Many people rushed into the swamps and drove their cattle to high land.

COTTON CROP IS RUINED.

Too Late Now to Replant the Overflowed Lands.

West, Miss.—A heavy downpour of rain has been falling since about 11 o'clock last night. This, in addition to the heavy rains of Monday and Monday night, which caused the Big Black river to overflow all the lowlands, will make the river higher here than it has been for the past twelve months. Thousands of acres of land, on which cotton and corn are now up and some of it worked out, will be inundated. By the time the water recedes, it will be too late to replant much of this land in cotton. Some farmers will lose almost their entire cotton crop. There have been a number of small washouts on the Illinois Central railroad, but with a big force of men at work, trains are kept running with but little delay.

Whole Farms Under Water.

Hollandale, Miss.—A heavy rain set in Wednesday night and continued most of today. Whole farms are under water, and much damage to cotton and corn will result.

AN OBJECT LESSON.

BREAKS SPEED RECORD

BATTLESHIP MISSISSIPPI GOES 297 MILES IN 14 HOURS.

On the Way to Horn Island, Where Presentation of Silver Service Will Be Made.

New Orleans.—Several hours ahead of her schedule, and having broken all records for speed, the big battleship Mississippi reached the navy yards off here at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening. Having left Natchez at 5 o'clock, the trip, a distance of 297 miles, was made in the marvelously short time of 14 hours.

It was fitting that the finish of the cruise of the battleship to the state after which she is named should be a record breaker. The cruise itself broke all records—records for the size of the vessel, for the hospitality of the people and for the interest excited and the good the trip has done.

So, when the big warship got under draft and was headed down the stream, Capt. Fremont decided to "let her out a little." Aided by the current, and headed in to a wind which helped the draft of her boilers, she soon made a speed of 22 knots an hour, which, Commander Cluverius laughingly remarked, "makes her the fastest battleship of this or of any other navy."

JAPANESE MAY ATTACK US

Activity Expected Six Months Before Opening of Canal.

Washington.—War college experts who have been paying special attention to international relations have reached the conclusion that if Japan makes a demonstration against the United States (and it is expected), her activity will begin six months before the completion of the isthmian canal.

Secretary of War Dickinson and Gen. Franklin Bell, chief of staff, U. S. A., have made special observations looking to the realization of the fortifications on the canal as mapped out by President Taft when he was secretary of war.

The canal cannot be finished until January 1, 1915, but the war department knows that the manufacture of fourteen and sixteen-inch guns and construction of emplacements, establishment of fire control and placing of searchlights cannot be realized for three or four years.

In other words, it is necessary to begin on the specific plans for the placing of the modern high power guns which are to "take the place of treaties."

"It is manifest that there is no hope in the obligation of treaties; the power that proposes to keep the canal open must be able to deal not only with one aggressive enemy, but with a combination of enemies. Otherwise, fortification would be vain.

"This is the one question of the highest local and international importance with which the United tSates has to deal now, and will have to deal continuously for the next three or four years."

Good Roads Car Off.

New York.—The good roads scout automobile, under the auspices of the New York Herald and the Atlanta Journal, started Tuesday on a trip from Herald Square to Atlanta, Ga. Maj.-Gen. Leonard Wood, U. S. A., commanding the Department of the East, and a number of prominent automobile manufacturers, witnessed the departure. R. H. Johnson will drive the car.

Hero Fund for France.

Paris.—Andrew Carnegie has arranged to give $1,000,000 for the establishment of a "hero fund" in France, under practically the same conditions as govern similar funds in the United States, England and Scotland.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL RESIGNS.

Frankfort, Ky.—It is reported here that Adjt.-Gen. P. P. Johnston has written a letter of resignation to Gov. Wilson. The governor says he knows no reason why Gen. Johnston should resign. The latter left Saturday to visit his orange plantation in Florida. The report is that he objected to alleged insinuations regarding his handling of the state's military fund, and so expressed himself in a scorching letter to the governor, which he showed to his department officials before mailing.

SHIPP IS IN CONTEMPT

SHERIFF HELD BY FEDERAL SUPREME COURT.

Five Others in Same Boat—Grows Out of Lynching of Negro Prisoner.

Washington.—For the first time in so serious a case, the supreme court of the United States will undertake to mete out punishment for the crime of contempt of the court itself, and the importance of the occasion will be enhanced by the number of defendants. The proceeding will take place in connection with the cases of Sheriff Shipp and Deputy Sheriff Gibson, of Hamilton county, Tenn., and of four other residents of that county, named, respectively, Williams, Nolan, Padgett and May. These men were declared to be guilty of an act of contempt in combining, in 1905, in a conspiracy to lynch a negro named Johnson, who had been sentenced to death by the local court on the charge of criminal assault, and in whose case the supreme court had interfered to the extent of granting an appeal, which had the effect of a supersedeas. On the night following the announcement of the court's action, Johnson was taken out of the jail in Chattanooga by a mob and lynched. There was no resistance on the part of jail authorities, and Shipp and a number of his deputies, as well as about twenty citizens, were proceeded against on the charge of contempt of the federal court.

The sentence may be either fine or imprisonment, or both.

The case is regarded as of exceptional interest because it is practically the first time that the supreme court has ever undertaken to assert its dignity or to resent acts or words reflecting upon it.

BAPTIST TRI-STATE HOSPITAL

Work on $400,000 Building to Begin in the Fall.

Memphis, Tenn.—In early fall ground will be broken for the new Tri-State Baptist Hospital, which will be erected on Madison avenue, east of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at a cost of $400,000.

Already $175,000 has been raised for the hospital, and subscriptions are being received daily from generous donors of Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas.

Members of the building committee will visit hospitals in the larger cities of the United States, and one member of the committee will leave soon for Europe, with the view of visiting hospitals of the most modern design and construction, after which the new Tri-State Hospital will be patterned.

FREE LUMBER DEFEATED

Democratic Division Gives Aldrich Some Hope.

Washington.—Free lumber met its waterloo in the senate Monday. Senator McCumbers' amendment putting rough lumber on the free list was defeated by a vote of 56 to 25. Senator Johnston's amendment making all building materials free was lost by the more decisive vote of 64 to 12.

This vote on lumber was the second test of the Aldrich protective policy strength in the senate. The first test came on the vote putting a duty of 25 cents a ton on iron ore. The votes on the lumber and iron ore schedules were the same practically. It is this vote that will enable Senator Aldrich to see his bill through the senate—a coalition of the protection demands of the South and of the Republicans of the East and West against the Republicans of the Middle West.

FOUND HIS WIFE DYING.

Mayfield, Ky.—While Charley Culver sat in the Gem Theater, witnessing the death scene in a moving picture, a friend hurried down the aisle and informed him that Mrs. Culver had just dropped dead. Culver was soon galloping toward his home, twelve miles east of here. Upon his arrival, shortly before midnight, he found his wife still alive, though in a dying condition. Mrs. Culver was poisoned with poison oak.

BRIEF STATE NEWS

Items of Special Interest to Our Readers

GLEANED FROM MANY SOURCES.

Conflagration at Commencement Exercises of Central City School Results in Four Deaths and Fatal Injury of Three Others.

Central City, Ky.—Death mercifully relieved four of the little victims of the conflagration at the commencement exercises of the music class of the Central City school from their terrible suffering, and it is believed that at least two more will join their little classmates in the last sleep. The dead are: Selma, 5; Dorothy, 7, daughters of Allen Clay, foreman of the Central City foundry; Louise, 12, daughter of Mrs. William Marshal and niece of Councilman William Heitsley; Nell, 5, daughter of F. E. McGeary, manager of the Singer Sewing Machine Co. Fatally burned: Grace McGeary, 7, sister of Nell; Opal Broomfield, 6; Rena May Miller, 5, daughter of W. B. Miller, banker and merchant. As a result of the terrible panic and the injuries to pupils and parents, business was entirely suspended in the town. Physicians from surrounding towns were summoned and they were kept busy. The cause of the catastrophe was the candle held by little Nell McGeary. Her sparklers went out and she dropped her candle in trying to relight it. As she stooped over her long curls caught fire and the flames soon spread to her clothing. In running about the stage in terror she soon set fire to the paper ornaments and the dresses of the other children.

INSPECTOR THATCHER'S REPORT

Says Certain Officials Were Grossly Ignorant of the Law or Had Mercenary Motives.

Frankfort, Ky.—State Inspector M. H. Thatcher filed with Gov. Willson a report of the investigation made by his department into the conduct of certain officers in Campbell and Kenton counties and turned into the state treasury $3,164.35 as a result of these investigations. The charge is made in the report relative to W. F. Lohstroh, M. J. Hogan and John P. Nagel that "these officers were either grossly ignorant of the law or else intended by means of these erroneous and unlawful assessments and sales of property for taxes to receive from the state compensation to which they were not entitled."

SOUTHERN RAILROAD SUED

For Alleged Overcharges on Eight Different Shipments of Whisky.

Louisville, Ky.—Alleging that large overcharges in freight rates in excess of the schedule filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission have been imposed upon shippers by the Southern railroad in Kentucky, Julius Kessler sued to recover alleged overcharges on eight different shipments of whisky made in the last four years to points in the south. The largest claim among the number is $175.21, an excess in freight said to have been levied by the Southern upon a shipment of 149 barrels of whisky sent to Los Angeles February 14, 1905. Six other similar claims are for small amounts.

IMPERIAL COAL CO. PLANT

Partially Destroyed as a Result, it is Thought, of Employing Negro Miners.

Jackson, Ky.—What is believed to have been an attempt to destroy the property of the Imperial Coal Co., at South Jackson, because of the engagement of negro miners to take the place of white men employed there, was partially carried out when a party of men exploded a quantity of dynamite, partially destroying the plant of the coal company. The boarding house occupied by the negro miners was fired upon and riddled with bullets, but nobody was injured.

Latonia, Ky.—Olambala, carrying the sky-blue jacket and white sleeves of Johnny Greener, the popular Tennessee turfman, won the Latonia Derby, with T. Rice in the saddle, over a track covered with water. The Beer finished second and Plate Glass third.

Lexington, Ky.—Jas. Lambert, who several months ago was arrested, incarcerated, tried and acquitted on a charge of housebreaking, filed suit for $10,000 against the W. L. Petty Co., into whose tobacco stemmery and warehouse he was alleged to have entered.

Paducah, Ky.—The Ferguson & Palmer Co., lumber manufacturers of this city, closed a deal for 6,000 acres of timber land in Northern Mississippi. The purchase price is said to have been $118,000. The tract contains 30,000,000 feet of oak and hickory.

Louisville, Ky.—Louisville capitalists, headed by Col. Harry Weissinger, Muir Weissinger and Rush C. Watkins, have organized a company with a capital of $50,000 and a surplus of $25,000 to insure tobacco in the field against hailstorms.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Will Not Interfere With Bookmaking.

Gov. Willson will not interfere with the operation of bookmaking on the Latonia track during the present meeting. The governor takes the position that the matter of interfering with the bookies or with the Latonia Agricultural association for permitting them in the betting shed is a duty of the judicial officers of the district in which the track is located, and that it is not up to him.

Governor's Wife Taken to Hospital.

Gov. Willson stated that Mrs. Willson was not recovering from the results of the runaway accident, when her arm was broken, as he had hoped. The muscles and nerves of the wrist were injured by being crushed and Mrs. Willson is suffering a great deal of pain. She has been moved to a hospital in Louisville.

Kentucky State News Items

Richmond, Ky.—J. Louis Schlegel, 60, widely known photographer, died at his home here following a stroke of paralysis.

Lexington, Ky.—Lee R. Coble, at Swarthmore college, Swarthmore, Pa., has accepted the position of athletic coach for the coming season at Transylvania university.

Louisville, Ky.—The governors of 26 states will be in Louisville in September to attend the meeting of the International Tax association. About 2,000 delegates are expected.

Louisville, Ky.—S. A. Mitchell, vice president of the Ryan-Hampton Tobacco Co., has purchased the interests of John Hetterman in the tobacco plant of Hetterman Bros.

Catlettsburg, Ky.—The entire issue of $15,000 Boyd county twenty-year 4-per-cent refunding bonds, dated April 1, 1909, was sold to the Catlettsburg National bank at a premium of $300.

Louisville, Ky.—Farmers in the vicinity of South Park are greatly worried over the fact that several cows have developed cases of hydrophobia. It is feared an epidemic may occur.

Frankfort, Ky.—Society women of Frankfort have turned their energies to slum work for the good of humanity and will spread the gospel of domestic science to improve conditions of the poor.

Frankfort, Ky.—The friends of Dr. Ben L. Bruner, secretary of state, have been quietly setting about a boom to enter him in the contest for the republican nomination for United States senator.

Lexington, Ky.—Announcement was made of the marriage in Louisville of Charles S. McCracken, manager of the Millstream stud, to Miss Mary Tatterson, daughter of Edward Tatterton, contractor, of Norfolk, Va.

Stanford, Ky.—Judge J. W. Alcorn, of this place, left for Louisville to be operated on for a complication of troubles. Judge Alcorn has been ill for some time, and his physicians say the operation is of a very serious nature.

Louisville, Ky.—In a letter addressed to the president of the Board of Trade, Robert T. Lincoln, of Chicago, son of the martyred president, declined to become the guest of the board in a reception in his honor in this city.

Louisville, Ky.—The last democrat to hold a position in any of the offices of the city hall was banished when the board of sinking fund commissioners removed all the 11 democratic employes under the board and substituted republicans.

Lexington, Ky.—Mrs. Charles H. Berryman, wife of the manager of James B. Haggin's Elmendorf farm, was removed from St. Joseph's hospital to her home. Mrs. Berryman was thrown from her horse, which fell backward upon her, some two months ago.

Frankfort, Ky.—Negroes employed in the quarry near here received word that they would be permitted to remain until after pay day, and they must then "skiddoo." Adjt. Gen. Johnston says he will keep soldiers on guard until after pay day to protect the negroes.

Louisville, Ky.—Sons and daughters of Canada attended a banquet at the Maple Leaf club in honor of "British Empire day." W. H. Montague, former minister of railways, responded to the toast, "Canada." "Seven thousand farmers from the United States," said he, "homesteaded 1,250,000 acres of Canadian soil, now worth $20,000,000 or over."

Frankfort, Ky.—Senator James B. McCreary, chairman of the Goebel monument commission, has written to friends in this city that the monument of Gov. Goebel in the State cemetery here will not be unveiled this June because of the illness of Arthur Goebel.

Mayfield, Ky.—West Kentucky college was sold to the city for graded school purposes. The consideration was $25,000. This is one of the oldest and best known colleges in Western Kentucky. It will be improved at once. It is valued at about $75,000.

AFTER SUFFERING ONE YEAR

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