

# LEGION SPEAKERS ASK FURTHER SLASH IN IMMIGRATION

## QUAKE SURVIVOR TELLS HOW 32,000 REFUGEES BURN

Worst Tragedy of Tokio Disaster One of Unparalleled Horror.

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OSAKA, Sept. 10.—A story of how 32,000 survivors of the Tokio earthquake were burned alive in a huddled, screaming, struggling mass at Honjo, was told today by the lone survivor, nearly crazed, who dragged himself to Osaka.

The man told a tale of unparalleled horror of what probably was the worst tragedy of the quake.

"At 3 p.m., on the first day of the earthquake, I rushed with thousands of others for an open space of fifteen acres near the Ryogoku station in the Honjo district of Tokio," the man, still shaking from fatigue and fright and in the delirium through which he had passed, began.

"Army stores formerly were kept in this space, which was surrounded by houses. We thought we would be safe there in the open.

**Sought Parents**

"I was vainly hunting for my parents among the thousands who were maimed about, when suddenly I felt a scorching wind from the eastern edge of the open space.

"I noticed many houses there were burned.

"The flames were driven by the wind into the space where thousands stood, crowded helplessly.

"Screams arose as those about me felt their faces and flesh seared by the fire.

"Every one tried to make their way to the western side of the compound, which was already full. There they were packed in, 32,000 of them, unable to move further.

"Then flames broke out and the crowds on the edge were trampled to death. Cries and screams filled the air in deafening profusion.

**Flames Devour Humans**

Then a terrible whirlwind of flames swept the compound, devouring humans as it had the houses.

"I was forced back to the eastern edge, then providentially I reached the edge of a big pool.

"Into this pool I plunged, seizing a bed quilt which was swirled in my direction by the high wind. Almost subconsciously I wrapped myself in this.

"The shrieks of the victims were incessant. Hundreds were being burned alive at each caprice of the winds. The flames approached me and so intense was the heat that my soaked quilt was instantly dried up.

"I jumped again into the pool, which was also drying up, and rolled up and down on the muddy bottom.

**Baggage Feeds Fire**

"Occasionally the tortured crowd would open and I could catch glimpses of others farther away being burned or trampled to death, the baggage they had brought with them feeding the flames.

"I fell delirious with the heat and torments all about me. It was 9 o'clock at night when I recovered consciousness.

"On every side of me were acres of burned bodies. The stench from these was terrible.

"I was the lone survivor among the charred dead. I sought vainly again for my parents and my sisters, but all the bodies looked alike, burned beyond recognition.

"In the morning I looked again, in vain. Finally, the soldiers got me out, or I could never have done so."

## HEIRESS WIFE IS SLAIN BY HUSBAND

Hiley Peter Disher Then Immediately Commits Suicide.

By United Press  
SCITUATE, Mass., Sept. 10.—Mrs. Elsie Cheney Disher, heiress of the Cheney silk fortune, was slain by her husband, Hiley Peter Disher, who immediately afterward committed suicide, police announced today.

The tragedy occurred in the Disher home.

Disher was a former army aviator.

## LOCAL COUPLE ROBBED

\$10 Is Taken by Colored Bandits Driven by Stolen Automobile.

By United Press  
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Sept. 10.—Driving a new six cylinder touring car they had stolen from Charles Hinkle of this city, two colored bandits held up and robbed Marshall Clark and wife of Indianapolis on the Dixie highway Sunday.

Clark, a fireman on the Illinois Central Railroad, and his wife were driving here to visit his father. A pocket-book containing \$10 was stolen. The automobile was found abandoned late Sunday five miles northwest of the city. The robbers escaped.

**Toth Swims Channel**

DOVER, Eng., Sept. 10.—Charles Toth of Biston, Mass., has successfully completed a swim of the English Channel. He landed at 11:55 A. M., Sunday, five miles east of Dover. He was in the water 15 hours and 54 minutes. The time was under the record.

The Boston swimmer will receive no prize for his success, the Daily Sketch's offer having expired at midnight Sept. 7.

Toth is the second American to accomplish the difficult channel swim with a brief period.

## Batteries of Astronomical Apparatus Trained on Eclipse Mystery of Sun and Secret of Atom

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AN DIEGO, Sept. 10.—When the moon swallowed the sun, today as solar eclipse was once fearfully interpreted, the mysteries of the sun's halo or corona was probed by the most powerful astronomical instruments ever assembled for such an event.

Along the path of total shadow, sweeping across the Pacific, skirting the extreme southwestern edge of California and on through Mexico, a dozen famous observatories have established field stations. The eclipse lasted slightly more than three minutes in any spot, and elaborate rehearsals and precautions were made to make the most of the precious seconds.

It is during such brief intervals, often spaced years apart in civilized lands, that the astronomical world has a chance to make records of the sun's gaseous outer envelope, then clearly distinguishable from the main solar body which is screened by the moon.

And it is from such records valuable additions are being made to the scientific story of the universe and of human life on this little grain of gyrating dust.

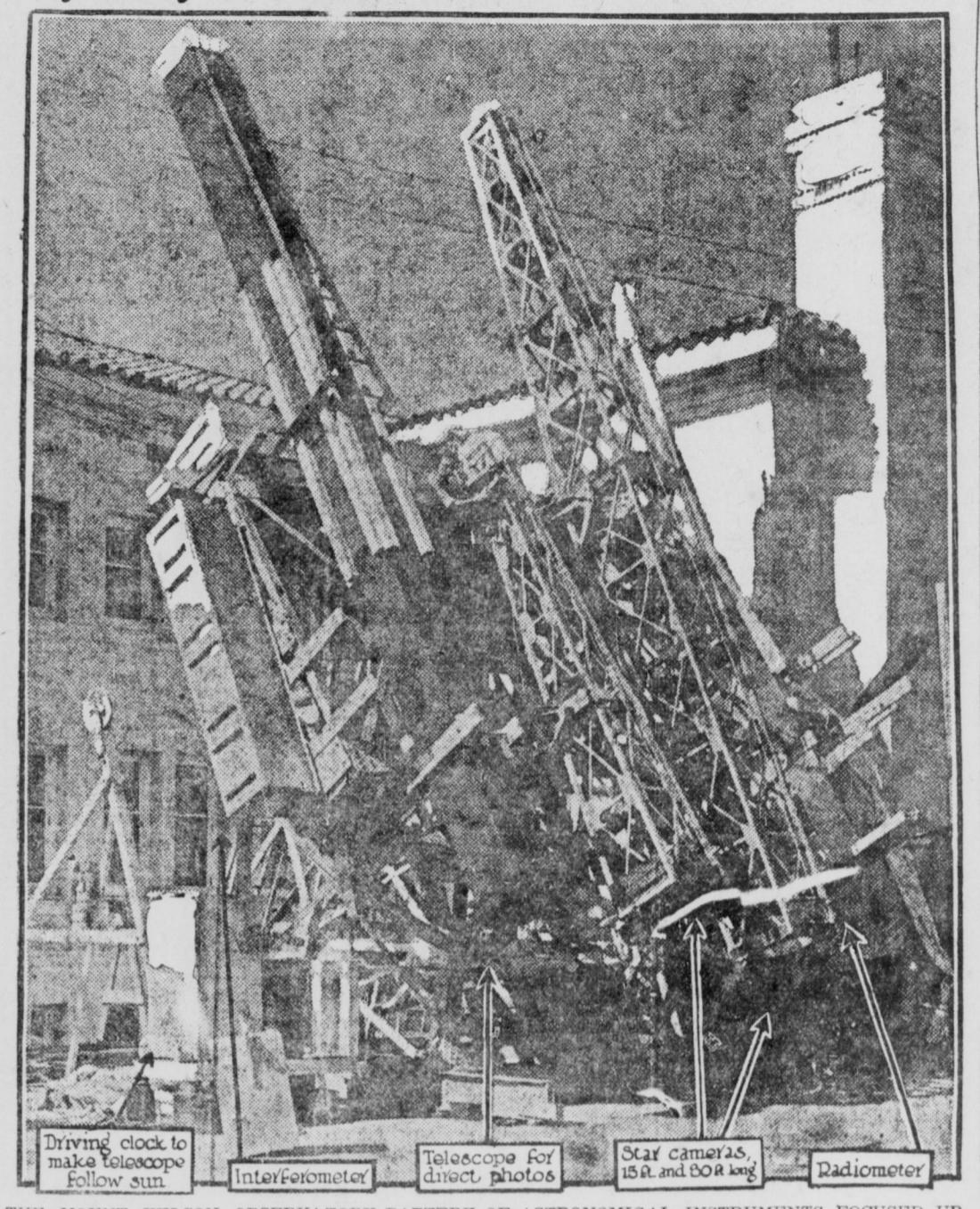
### Outer Envelope Mysterious

The exact nature of the sun's outer envelope has yet to be definitely determined, and the present eclipse will be utilized chiefly for that purpose, just as the one last year, observed in Australia, was studied chiefly as a test of the Einstein theory of curved stellar light. Extending some two and a half million miles from the sun's surface, more or less at different periods, is this gaseous substance, unlike anything on earth. It has heat and luminosity.

Such instruments, never before trained upon the corona during an eclipse were today employed by the Mt. Wilson Observatory field station at San Diego, such as the interferometer and the radiometer, the latter so delicately sensitive to heat that it would react to a candlelight 8,000 miles distant.

"It is unlikely anything of an immediate popular interest will be determined, but the collected new data on the constituency, size, density, heat radiations, rate and direction of revolution of the sun's halo will eventually filter through the science sieve to the public ken.

Such instruments, never before



THE MOUNT WILSON OBSERVATORY BATTERY OF ASTRONOMICAL INSTRUMENTS FOCUSED UP-ON THE TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN NEAR SAN DIEGO, CAL., TODAY. ALL ARE MOUNTED ON A REVOLVING PLATFORM OPERATED BY A CLOCK MOTOR.

started to toll off the seconds with each of a score of men taking his cue for the insertion and removal of plates and the necessary time exposures.

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