

# NIGHT EARTHQUAKE TERRORIZES MEXICAN CAPITAL

## LURID GLARE OF VOLCANO LIGHTS CITY, PROVINCES

Populaces Flee Into Streets, Bells Toll in Swaying Church Steeples.

### POPOCATEPETL FLAMES

Shocks Are Most Severe in Seventeen Years, but Do Little Damage.

BY G. F. FINE  
United Press Staff Correspondent

MEXICO CITY, March 22.—The Capitol City and surrounding States today had recovered from a night of terror, occasioned by the most vigorous earth shocks in seventeen years.

Lights in Mexico City were extinguished when the temblor shattered electric wires and thousands, many in night clothing, ran into the darkened streets. The hotel lobbies were filled.

The shock lasted only three minutes—10:16 to 10:19 p. m.—and so far as could be told today there was no great damage. Six persons were reported to have been injured here and one shack collapsed.

**Quake Rings Bells**  
At least three adjoining States—Tabasco, Guerrero and Puebla—reported feeling the disorders. The shocks were especially severe at Villa Hermosa, Tabasco and Guerrero Puebla.

Telephone messages from Puebla said the population there had been panic stricken and a large section of the population spent the night in the parks and streets, fearing to re-enter their homes.

The National Telegraph was advised that several houses had collapsed at Oaxaca and numerous people had been slightly injured. Lights were extinguished there and church bells tolled through the sway of the earth.

### Fear for Interior Towns

Uneasiness was felt at the capital today that interior towns such as those in the state of Guerrero might have suffered heavily from the shocks.

The official report from the Tacubaya observatory said the tremors had been so severe that part of the seismic apparatus had been dislodged.

The volcano Popocatepetl, forty-five miles north of Mexico City, sent great flames and lava into the sky about the time of the disturbance. While the volcano has been active for some years it was never considered dangerous.

### EXONERATE OFFICER IN KILLING OF NEGRO

Sergeant Bailey Shot in Performance of Duty, Superiors Hold.

Police Chief Claude M. Worley today exonerated Sgt. Homer "Pat" Bailey in the fatal shooting of Charles Walker, 29, Negro, 1932 Alford St., Tuesday night in the 1800 block Martindale Ave.

Worley said that his investigation showed that the shooting was justifiable and that Bailey was performing his duty in protecting the lives of citizens. The safety board made the same finding after a conference with Worley.

Walker was shot to death after he fired at another Negro and then at Bailey, wounding William Raymond, 19, Negro, 2105 Columbia Ave., driver of a wagon, behind which Walker barricaded himself.

Coroner Charles H. Keever continued his investigation and announced he would issue a verdict the last part of the week.

### 2 HURT IN AUTO CRASH

Brothers Severely Injured; Driver Is Arrested.

Two men were injured early today in a collision of automobiles at Commerce and Brookside Aves. One of the drivers, Charles E. Duncan, 29, of 1223 N. Chester Ave., was arrested on charges of assault and battery and reckless driving.

### WATSON WILL ORATE

Winchester to Hear His First Campaign Speech.

Winchester, in the Eighth district, will be the first to hear Senator James E. Watson's oratory in his campaign for the Republican presidential preference vote of Indiana. M. Bert Thurman, Watson's manager, announced today.

The date will be made to suit Watson's convenience and probably will be March 31 or April 7. Watson's speaking campaign will be centered in the northern part of the State where Hoover forces claim their greatest strength.

### BYALL REXALL HEAD

Elected President of Indiana Club at Convention.

S. W. Byall, Hobart, Ind., was elected president of the Indiana Rexall Club at the last meeting of the organization's convention, which has been in session since Monday at the Claypool Hotel.

Other officers selected by the druggists are: G. A. Triplett, Osgood, first vice president; Kiefer Elliott, Sheridan, second vice president; Harry Bickell, Goshen, third vice president; and Walter Jolly, Knightstown, secretary-treasurer.

## S-4 PROBERS FIND TRAGEDY CAME OF LITTLE MISTAKES

One Foot Might Have Saved Sub; Air-Line Found Unbroken.

By United Press

BOSTON, Mass., March 22.—A naval commission today continued to piece together the final story of forty men who died when the S-4 was rammed by the Paulding and sank off Provincetown.

Chapter by chapter it was written into the official story of the disaster. There was a chapter of how one foot difference in position of the two craft might have prevented the disaster; how a misunderstanding stopped one move that would have meant additional hours of life for the entombed men and the gripping story of how the doomed men had fought for relief.

Shortly after the S-4 sank rescuers attempted to force air into the sunken craft through a salvage air line. The men in the torpedo room tapped a message that water had come in and they closed the valves leading into the compartment.

It was assumed the salvage air line had been broken. Wednesday's investigators found such was not the case. The air line was in good working condition although some water had entered it.

More of the story of the frantic attempts of those forty men to free themselves from the torpedo came to light.

A lead maul was found in the torpedo compartment and the floor was battered.

Investigators were uncertain an attempt had been made to break away that base or whether Lieut. Graham Fitch, who for hours tapped out pitiful messages for aid, had finally succumbed to the poison and was unable to continue tapping on the hatch.

It was believed his strength might have failed and he had resumed tapping on the base after finding himself without strength to climb to the hatch.

The investigating board, which has 250 questions to find answers for, today continued examination of the exterior of the sunken craft which is in drydock here. It was questionable whether the S-4 ever would be reconditioned.

## GOOD FRIDAY PLANS MADE

Film Will Be Shown in City Theaters.

Final plans were completed for the showing of the film, "Where Will You Worship Good Friday?" under the auspices of the Indianapolis Church Federation at a meeting Wednesday of Father Ambrose Sullivan, H. H. Bushong and Dr. Ernest N. Evans, representing the Church Federation, and Charles A. Metzger of the Theater Owners' Association.

A request that the theaters observe Good Friday by closing for the three hours which the Church Federation is attempting to have observed throughout the city was presented to Metzger, who will bring it before the Theater Owners' Association.

Evans announced that thirteen churches representing practically all denominations will hold services on Good Friday. Keith's Theater will hold Lenten devotions during the noon hour for two weeks preceding Easter Sunday, under direction of the evangelistic committee of the Church Federation, headed by Dr. Edward H. Kessler.

Dr. Paul Leinbach, Philadelphia, will open the services at Keith's Monday noon. Dr. A. W. Fortune, Lexington, Ky., will be the noon hour speaker during the following week.

Further announcement of other theater services will be made next week, according to Evans.

### PHONE SALES SOUGHT

New Utility Files Petition to Buy Three State Firms.

Petition to purchase three north-eastern Indiana telephone companies has been filed with the Public Service Commission by the Western Telephone and Telegraph Company, a newly organized utility, of Williamsport.

Concerns to be brought into the merger are Farmers Merchants Co-Operative Telephone Company of Boswell, valued at \$82,340; Otterbein Telephone Company, \$70,686, and the Pine Village Telephone Company, \$30,214.

The petition also asks authorization to issue and sell \$110,000 6 percent bonds at not less than 95 per cent, and \$25,000 in preferred stock.

Lawrence H. Finney is president of all four companies involved in the transaction.

### SEEKS CITY SUN DIAL

Architect Suggests Circle Monument for Large Time Piece.

That the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument Circle be transformed into the largest sun dial in the world, is suggested by Arthur Bohm, architect, in the Chamber of Commerce "activities," placed in the mail today.

Bohm suggested that this could be accomplished merely by placing numbers marking the hours in the sun dial on the north side of the circle.

### Operetta Stars



Helen Phipps (above) and Mignon Christy, both Indianapolis girls, have leading roles in the operetta, "The Wild Rose," annual Girls' Glee Club production of Indiana Central College, which will be given tonight in the Kephart auditorium at University Heights. The production is under direction of Jane Johnson Burroughs and the college orchestra and a chorus of thirty-five girls also will take part.

### No Smoking

Bondsman Also Learns It Is Wise to Remove Hat in Courtroom.

When you enter Municipal Judge Clifton R. Cameron's courtroom remove your hat and don't smoke.

Eli Gmil, 32, of 1515 Steele St., professional bondsman, learned that this is the proper procedure.

And he has spent an hour in jail to study over his lesson. Gmil went into Cameron's court with hat rakishly ajar and a juicy cigar in his mouth emitting smoke.

Bailiff Thomas Colbert remonstrated. Gmil got "smart" according to Colbert and when the bailiff tried to lead him from the room pushed him away and spoke words usually regarded as profane.

So Colbert took Gmil to the turnkey's office and charged him with contempt of court, disorderly conduct, resisting an officer, and profanity.

Judge Cameron sentenced Gmil to an hour in jail for contempt of court and dismissed the other charges.

And after Gmil had served the hour, the judge had Gmil brought into court, reprimanded him severely and instructed him as to the proper conduct. Gmil apologized.

### ASKS BARRACK FUND

Udpike Seeks Aid From Coolidge for Ft. Harrison.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Representative Udpike (Rep.), Indiana, asked President Coolidge today that the \$400,000 authorization for reconditioning the barracks at Ft. Harrison be made available this year. Conditions are such that the barracks would be untenable in another year, Udpike told the president.

### 'BOB' BERLIN, FORMER CITY REPORTER, DIES

Body Will Be Brought Here for Burial.

The body of Robert Wills (Bob) Berlin, 24, former Indiana newspaperman, was en route here today from Salt Lake City, Utah, to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Berlin, 944 Jefferson Ave., where he will lie in state until Saturday when funeral services and burial will be at Clayton, Ind.

Mr. Berlin began his newspaper career while in school here and secured his first full-time job on the Terre Haute Post in 1923. Since then he has worked on papers in New Orleans, El Paso, San Diego and San Francisco, Reno, and Salt Lake City. He was a feature writer on the Salt Lake Tribune at the time of his death.

Death resulted from an attack of influenza.

## CLAIMS HOOVER IS ASSURED SIX OF 13 DISTRICTS

Foellinger Prediction Shows Growing State Revolt From Watson.

By Ray Tucker

The prediction that Herbert Hoover would carry at least six districts against Senator Watson in the latter's well-controlled State of Indiana was made here today by Oscar Foellinger, Hoover's State manager.

Needless to say, such a dent in Watson's Hoover stronghold would be regarded by national politicians as a victory for the Cabinet member. But that isn't all, according to Foellinger.

**Shows Watson Revolt**  
His prediction is the first he has made since his summary of State sentiment and signs of a growing revolt against corruption of Watson's political organization indicated the Secretary of Commerce to invade the State after some of its thirty-three delegates to the national convention. Foellinger's estimate, furthermore, is based on careful reports now flowing into his headquarters at the Claypool Hotel.

They make him optimistic for carrying the State, but, naturally, conservative, he declines to put forth extravagant claims at this time, contending himself with a prediction of six congressional districts having twelve delegates.

Districts listed for Hoover lie for the most part in territory north of Indianapolis, where Watson's strength has lain in the fact that dyed-in-the-wool Republican inhabitants have always preferred any high tariff Republican to the best man the Democrats can muster.

**Given Worthy Candidate**  
Now that they have a chance to choose between two Republicans like Watson and Hoover, Foellinger says they will repudiate the Senator once and for all.

The Hoover manager's summary of conditions also exploded the general belief outside Indiana that, in battling such a veteran political leader as Watson on his home grounds, Hoover was taking too long a chance.

This opinion has been based on the understanding that Hoover had to win the presidential preference vote to gain the whole delegation, and that otherwise he got nothing from his newest political adventure.

In casting up this situation, even political dopesters favorable to Hoover have concluded their long-range forecasting with mournful shakes of their heads. Fearing Watson's power in a State organization he had led for a decade, they could not figure where Hoover would benefit unless he swept the State.

**Peculiar Law Favors Hoover**  
But that is not quite the situation. These fears have been based on a misapprehension of Indiana's complicated primary law, which requires delegates to remain with the State-wide winner only "so long as his name remains before the convention."

Moreover, the delegates to be elected on May 8 are representatives to a State rather than the national convention. Meeting separately, delegates from each congressional district select their delegates to the national convention at the time of the State convention. Thus districts carried by Hoover on May 8 will choose men whose real presidential choice will be Hoover.

They will be bound to stick to Watson while he figures in the running at Kansas City, but no longer. Any attempt to use them in a trade with Lowden or Dawes, or to swing them to another candidate, will probably fail. As long as Watson's name is heard in the convention hall, they vote for him as a unit.

But as soon as he quits—and many expect it will be fairly soon in the balloting—they can break to their second choices as reflected in the results of the May 8 vote in their respective districts.

**HOLD 'MYSTERY' YOUTH**  
Found on Road Suffering From Injuries; Gives No Address.

A youth refusing to give his address, but giving his name as James King, 20, was held in the observation ward at city hospital today.

Two weeks ago he jumped into the Ohio River from a railroad bridge at Covington, Ky., in an attempt to end his life, he told police. He said he is a fugitive from a Kentucky institution.

He was brought to the hospital by a motorist, who found him east of the city on the Brookville Rd., apparently suffering from injuries received in an accident.

**CREDIT MEN CONVENE**  
National Director to Represent State to Be Chosen.

Representatives of the seven associations of credit men in Indiana cities met today at the Severin to select a national director to represent the Indiana Association of Credit Men.

Merritt Fields, secretary of the Indianapolis Credit Association, presided. Other representatives attending were: John C. Rugenstein, Indianapolis; Albert F. Bader, Evansville; Walter F. Close and H. E. Fairweather, both of Ft. Wayne; E. M. Bigelow, Niles, Mich., representing the South Bend Credit Association, and H. S. Dickey, Terre Haute.

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## SOVIET NOT TO JOIN LEAGUE, GENEVA TOLD

Russia Has No Intention of Becoming Member, Says Member.

By Henry Wood, United Press Staff Correspondent

GENEVA, March 22.—The Soviet government has no intention of joining the League of Nations, Maxim Litvinoff, Soviet vice commissar of foreign affairs and chief coxate, announced today.

Litvinoff was addressing the League's Preparatory Disarmament Commission, replying to the attack on the Soviet disarmament proposals by Lord Cushendun of England.

"If our project has failed to provide for registration with the League of Nations, there are many precedents, notably the Washington navy agreement, as well as others," Litvinoff said.

This was in answer to Cushendun's statement Tuesday that the Soviet government had taken pains to snub the league.

Lord Cushendun's demand whether our project is intended to cover civil as well as international war, Litvinoff said frankly it covers only the latter for the simple reason that no nation would participate in a conference that might undertake to suppress civil war which is purely a domestic question.

### Spain May Re-Enter

By United Press

MADRID, March 22.—Spain will re-enter the League of Nations without reservations of conditions, General Primo de Rivera, Spanish dictator, said today in a letter to Jose Urrutia de la Haza, president of the League council, accepting the League's invitation to rejoin.

## ACCIDENTS END 5 LIVES IN DAY

Three of Victims Die in Traffic Crashes.

Five persons are dead today in Indiana victims of accidents. They are: Charles G. Casey, 22, Portland, Ore., student at the University of Notre Dame, killed at South Bend in an automobile collision.

Everett Miller, 34, Richmond line-man, fell to his death when a telephone cable on which he was working broke.

Orbid Owens, 35, Scottsburg, was killed when the truck he was driving was struck by a train.

Charles Hollingsworth, 17, Fairmount, suffered fatal injuries when the motorcycle he was riding collided with an automobile.

Robert M. Lanning, 35, farmer near Ft. Wayne, was killed instantly when he was hurled from a wagon when the team of horses drawing it ran away.

**Electric Iron Starts Fire**  
WABASH, Ind., March 22.—The home of Mrs. Olie Thornton was damaged to the extent of \$500 by a fire which started when an electric iron was left for a few minutes with the current on.

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**New 'Frogs' on Duty**

This is one of the new "frog" type signs for stop street being tried by Police Chief Claude M. Worley. The signal placed in the center of stop streets has a reflector, which shows up as a light at night. Universal Traffic Control Company presented Worley with twenty-four of the signals.

## AUTOS CAUSE TWO DEATHS; TRIO HELD

Two persons are dead today, victims of automobile accidents in and near the city. Three drivers were arrested.

Edward Malone, 65, Hancock County farmer, died at Methodist Hospital early today of injuries suffered Wednesday night when an automobile crashed into his wagon on the Brookville Rd., three miles west of New Palestine.

The automobile owned by Mrs. A. M. Fromberg, St. Louis, was en route to Indianapolis, being driven by two chauffeurs, Walter Wright and Estel Wilkinson, Negroes. They were held without bond at Greendale. Both declared that Mr. Malone's wagon did not have a tail light.

Mr. Malone, lifelong resident of Hancock County, is survived by the widow, Mrs. Margaret Malone, and five children, Wilbur, Carl, Lester and the Misses Meta and Hilda Malone, all at home.

Miss Violet Smith, 29, Negro, 842 Fayette St., injured when she was thrown from an automobile in which she was riding, March 2, died at city hospital Wednesday. Clarence Bibbs, 31, Negro, 416 W. Twenty-Fifth St., driver, was held on involuntary manslaughter and drunk-driving charges.

Lieut. Frank Owen reported that Miss Smith was thrown from the car when Bibbs made a sharp turn into Fayette St. from Tenth St. Bibbs took her home and then to the hospital. Owen said he failed to report the accident to police.

### PICK MISSION CAPTAINS

Women Leaders for Building Drive Are Named.

Women captains for the Wheeler City Mission campaign for a new \$100,000 mission building were announced at a luncheon Wednesday at the Board of Trade by Mrs. W. C. Borchering, women's chairman. The week campaign will open April 10. Those named captains are: Mrs. John H. Borchering, Mrs. Ed Kramer, Mrs. Isaac Woodard, Mrs. A. H. Gerhardt, Mrs. J. L. Benedict, Mrs. Julius L. Weiland, Mrs. M. M. Robertson, Mrs. Emily Schubach, Mrs. H. B. Hostetter, Mrs. Eva Davidson and Mrs. John B. Feitz.

**MICROSCOPE IS STOLEN**  
New York Man Reports Theft of \$698 Machine Here.

John Vollrath, New York City, stopping at the Severin, reported to police that while he was at the Indiana School of Medicine, 1076 W. Michigan St., some one stole a microscope valued at \$698 from him.

The entire matter was a practice problem in pursuit of bank bandits, the bandit in the case being State Police Chief Robert Humes. Manning expects to put the system into operation, after several more tests.

## MOVE TO FREE GIRL MAY STAY MATE'S HANGING

Would Snatch McDonald From Gallows to Testify for Young Wife.

By James R. Kelly, United Press Staff Correspondent

MONTREAL, Quebec, March 22.—Less than twenty-four hours of life remained today for George McDonald, the young husband whose affidavit aided in freeing his pretty wife from the gallows.

Down in Bordeaux Prison he waited the call Friday morning when he will be taken up the gallows steps at Valley Field Prison and executed for killing Adelaide Bouchard, a Montreal taxicab driver.

Last minute efforts will be made to save him. Parents of the convicted man plan to ask for a commutation of the sentence, from death to life imprisonment, such as was given his wife, Doris.

Attorneys for the American wife of McDonald said they planned, now that she has been saved from the gallows, to ask a new trial for their client. McDonald would be a material witness at such a trial, and it was just possible a stay might be granted.

There was nothing official, however, in any of the moves and the province went ahead to exact the penalty that had been demanded.

The plans call for him to be led up the red gallows early Friday morning, possibly before 7 a. m., and be hanged. He has shown a fortitude and even sneered at the impending death.

The pleasure-loving American woman was more calm today after her hysterical outburst upon learning that she would not join her husband in death. When first advised that her sentence had been commuted to life imprisonment, she cried and begged to be sent to the gallows. However, she was calmed by nuns in the women's prison here and today seemed more quiet.

### Protest Girl's Sentence

LACHINE, Quebec, March 22.—There was some feeling here, the home town of the slain Adelaide Bouchard, that an error had been made in commuting Doris McDonald's death sentence to life imprisonment.

Mrs. Bouchard and the slain man's son refused to comment, but Joseph Dubois, Bouchard's brother-in-law, said the action was "rank injustice."

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