

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.

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MEXICO CITY, March 22.—The capital 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 Guerro 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.

GOOD FRIDAY PLANS MADE

Film Will Be Shown in City Theaters.

EXONERATE OFFICER IN KILLING OF NEGRO

Sergeant Dailey Shot in Performance of Duty, Superiors Hold.

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

Worley said that his investigation showed that the shooting was justifiable and that Dailey 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 Dailey, wounding William Raymond, 19, Negro, 2108 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.

John Bryson, 20, of 1238 N. Capitol Ave., was driving the other automobile. He was injured about the head and body and seriously cut on the hands and arms. His brother riding with him was thrown from the automobile and struck the pavement. He was injured about the head and body and possibly internally.

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, Goschen, 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 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 broken.

Investigators were uncertain an attempt had been made to break away that base or whether Lieutenant 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 resorted to 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.

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.

PHONE SALES SOUGHT

New Utility Files Petition to Buy Three State Firms.

Petition to purchase three northeastern Indiana telephone companies has been filed with the Public Service Commission by the Western Telephone and Telegraph Company, a newly organized utility, of the Church Federation, headed by Dr. Edward H. Kistler.

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.

ASKS BARRACK FUND

Updike Seeks Aid From Coolidge for Ft. Harrison.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Representative Updike (Rep.), Indiana, asked President Coolidge today that the \$400,000 authorization for reconditioning the barracks at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, in 1930, be made available this year. Conditions are such that the barracks would be untenable in another year, Updike told the president.

The petition also asks authorization to issue and sell \$110,000 6 per cent 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 Bohn, architect, in the Chamber of Commerce "activities" placed in the mail today.

Bohn suggested that this could be accomplished merely by placing numerals marking the hours in the sidewalk on the north side of the Circle.

This enormous sun dial, he added, would help attract attention to Indianapolis.

CLAIMS HOOVER IS ASSURED SIX OF 13 DISTRICTS

Foellinger Prediction Shows Growing State Revolt From Watson.

By RAY TUCKER
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GENEVA, March 22.—The Soviet government has no intention of joining the League of Nations, Maxim Litvinoff, Soviet vice minister of foreign affairs and chief cossack, announced today.

Litvinoff was addressing the prediction that Herbert Hoover would carry a 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 member.

Needless to say, such a dent in Watson's Hoosier 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 induced 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 shanks 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.

Public Law Favors Hoover

But that is not quite the situation. These fears have been based on a misinterpretation of Indiana's complicated primary law, which requires delegates to remain with the State-wide winner only "so long as his name remains before his new political choice will be Hoover."

Moreover, the delegates to be selected on May 8 are representatives to 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 result of the May 8 vote in their respective districts.

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