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TIDAL WAVE'S DEATH LIST IS PLACED AT 40

Chaos and Distress Lie in
Wake of Newfoundland
Sea Tragedy.

RELIEF WORK IMPEDED

Communication Lines Are
Severed; Tremor Adds
to Terror.

BY J. T. MEANEY
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ST. JOHNS, Newfoundland, Nov. 22.—The complete story of Monday night's devastation by earthquake and tidal wave along the southeastern coast of Burin peninsula, describing the deaths of women and children swept away by a wall of water which crushed their homes, was brought here by the United Press today by motorboat from Burin.

Preceding many relief vessels converging on the cliff-guarded town, the motorboat visited Burin and the stricken villages along the coast southward. A death toll of forty was listed as follows:

Burin, 9; Port Aux-Bras, 7; Lamaline (including Point-Aux-Gaul), 15; Lord's Cove and Kelley's Cove, 6, and Taylor's Bay, 3.

Destruction General

The motorboat party found chaos, tragedy and distress everywhere they penetrated along the rocky coast from Burin southward to the village of Lamaline on the southernmost tip of the finger of land which juts out in the Atlantic from the mainland of Newfoundland. It will be days before actual relief work can get under way. All means of communication are paralyzed, cables, telegraph and telephone lines have been broken by the earth tremor, the center of which was only a few hundred miles from the peninsula.

Homeless and without fuel, the villagers even are without means of communication by boat, the tidal wall of water having swept away hundreds of dories and skiffs.

Although the entire seaward coast felt the wave, the strength from Burin southward suffered the most. The French islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon apparently escaped damage, as did the western coast of the peninsula.

Entire Peninsula Rocked

From eye-witnesses at Burin, a town of 2,500, the most graphic stories of the disaster were obtained. Their stories dated from 5:30 p. m. Monday, when the entire peninsula was rocked by the earth tremor.

Barely recovering from the earth shock which in itself did considerable damage, the villagers were seated at dinner when the tidal wave, created by the tremor, struck the coast with terrifying force.

The tremor had lasted about two minutes, shaking every building for miles along the sparsely populated southeastern coast. The rumble, like that of distant thunder, was broken by the crash of household crockery, glass, pictures shaken from walls, cracking buildings and the screech of twisting dwellings.

Women, Children Flee

Women and children, most of them alone in the absence of the husbands and fathers on fishing trips, fled from their homes, rushed through the streets to congregate prayerfully in the churches. Clergymen pacified them somewhat and induced them to return to their homes.

It was shortly after 7 when the tidal wave struck Burin. The first warning of the disaster was a roar of breaking seas mounting the cliffs which guard the city at the little inlet. Again the frightened villagers ran from their homes.

In the darkness they saw a foam-capped wall of water advancing on them like a moving mountain, while foamy waves dashed across the headlands breaking over the adjacent shore.

One heroic mother, alone with two children, ran to the street and when she saw the advancing wall of water rushed back to rescue her children. Her dwelling rapidly was filling with water, but she waded through the door only to be swept out to sea in the wreckage of the building. Many bodies were found beneath the debris left by the receding waves.

Carried Out to Sea

The screams of women and children and the voices of half-crazed men yelling through the darkness mingled with the noise of the crashing buildings in a terrifying chaos.

The terror of the dwellers was accentuated by screams that the island was sinking. Prayers and entreaties to God mingled with calls for loved ones. There were reports that some had become completely bereft of reason and were found several hours later wandering helplessly inland.

There was no estimate of monetary loss possible. Concern centered only on aiding the injured and sheltering and feeding the victims of the disaster.

Hourly Temperatures

Probe Is Overdue in 'Plant'

Dry Agent Admits Framing
Cases of Two Serving
Sentences for Life in
Michigan Prison.

LAING, Mich., Nov. 22.—A grand jury investigation into the conviction of Mrs. Etta Mae Miller and Fred Palm, who are serving life sentences for violation of the state liquor laws, was ordered this morning by John Wendell Bird, Ingham county prosecutor.

The order was made following the publication of an interview with Frank Eastman, former member of the Lansing city liquor squad by the Chicago Tribune. In the interview, Eastman said that liquor was "planted" and use as the basis of the conviction in the two cases.

Eastman and his former partner, William Knapp, arrested Fred Palm and Mrs. Etta Mae Miller on the charges that put them in prison for life under the Michigan law, providing that penalty on fourth conviction of felony.

Mrs. Miller, the mother of ten children, was convicted of a third offense after liquor had been placed in the cupboard of her house on Knapp's orders, the Tribune story said Eastman declared.

Her fourth conviction, it continued, was obtained on the evidence of a small quantity of liquor obtained from two rubbing alcohol bottles, thrown from an automobile in which Mrs. Miller was riding with a man.

Eastman himself "planted" a partly filled bottle of gin in one of Palm's boots, the Tribune story said.

DR. SNOOK MUST DIE

Conviction Is Upheld by
Appeals Court.

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 22.—The court of appeals today affirmed the conviction of Dr. James Howard Snook, former Ohio State University professor, who is condemned to die Nov. 29, for the murder of Theora Hix, his co-ed sweetheart.

"Niger Nate" Raymond, he said, won about \$200,000 for which he got Rothstein's I. O. U.'s and "Titanic" Thompson won \$25,000 for which he got cash either then or a few days later.

CITY TRAFFIC TOLL INCREASED BY ONE

One death and three persons injured was Indianapolis traffic toll today.

Witnesses said Mrs. Clay was driving slowly at the time of the accident. She was not arrested. The child was taken to the city hospital. Her condition is critical.

Foley was injured as he stepped from a northbound street car at Sixteenth and Illinois streets. He was struck by an auto driven by Frank McLain, 23, 528 East Twenty-third street.

Funeral arrangements have not been made.

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HOUSE IS ADJOURNED

Similar Senate Action to
Dec. 2 Slated.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—The house adjourned sine die at 12:50 p. m. today shortly after the senate had recessed until 9:45 p. m. when it will hold a short meeting to take similar action.

Both will reconvene in regular session Dec. 2.

Lively tariff debate in both the house and senate marked the closing meetings of President Hoover's special session of the seventy-first congress.

Representative Edgar Howard (Dem., Neb.) defined "wild and tame jazzasses" for the benefit of New England representatives, and Representative Rankin (Dem., Miss.) "thanked God that the senate has no gag rule," as he said the house has.

POLICE CHIEF INDICTED

True Bill Lists 24 Overt Acts in
Dry Conspiracy.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Nov. 22.—Police Chief Frank Cunningham, of Campbell, a suburb, was free on \$5,000 bond today to stand trial in federal court on charges of having conspired to violate the prohibition laws. He was arrested Thursday on a federal indictment.

The indictment sets twenty-four instances in which Cunningham is charged with having solicited money from bootleggers with the understanding they would not be molested. Nick Garshoff, said to be a former vice and booze policeman in the suburb, and Michael Wallos, now out on \$15,000 on another conspiracy indictment, will stand trial with Cunningham.

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QUIZ M'MANUS CASE WITNESS ON GAMBLING

Session at Cards Involving
Half Million Is Bared
by 'Broker.'

ROTHSTEIN HEAVY LOSER

Gave I. O. U.s for \$300,000,
Is Testimony; Cut Deck
for Huge Sums.

By United Press

CRIMINAL COURT, NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Witnesses resumed the story of the half-million dollar card game alleged to have been the starting point of the Arnold Rothstein murder, when today's session of the trial of George A. McManus, accused

of killing Rothstein, began.

Meyer Solomon, better known as Meyer Boston, and who said he was a broker, was the first witness. He explained his particular brokerage business dealt with laying bets on football and baseball games, prize fights and other sporting events.

He had been at the card game at the apartment of James Meehan, and told of Rothstein, McManus, Titanic Thompson, Nigger Nate Raymond, Martin Bowe and others having been there.

"First we played bridge, then stud and then we began making side bets on high cards. Titanic, Rothstein, McManus, myself and Raymond bet on high cards.

"There was some cash there and some I. O. U.s. I won \$8,000 and got it in cash. McManus lost about \$20,000 in cash. I don't know whether he gave out any I. O. U.s.

"Arnold Rothstein lost about \$30,000. He gave I. O. U.s. for it. He made out a lot of them. He probably lost a couple of thousand dollars in cash. I don't know whether he won any cash and kept it or not, but I saw him have a lot of valuable cash in front of him."

Rothstein, he said, began making separate bets on high cards with three and four different men on a deal staking \$5,000, and sometimes \$10,000 on the turn of a card.

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FIRE DAMAGES GARAGE

Blow Torch and Acetylene Gas
Cause Richmond Blaze.

RICHMOND, Nov. 22.—Damage of \$25,000 to the Chenoweth garage resulted from fire started Thursday night when a blow torch ignited acetylene gas which flowed from a broken hose connected to a tank.

And even as he recited his misadventures, Clemens gathered his family about him, collected his few remaining possessions, and forthwith fled the scene of such fantastic pranks.

Only recently the Clemens' mother and father, a daughter, a 8-year-old Jewell and a baby, moved into the small, frame dwelling that today is empty of everything but a few pieces of broken furnishings.

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BREAD CAST ON WATER

Red Cross Aid to Chinese Brings Gift

BY ARCH STEINEL

HERE'S a yellow card numbered 11,001 in the files of the Community Fund headquarters today.

It looks like hundreds of other subscription cards in the index; but it isn't, for back of its scrawled signature, back of the \$5 given to the fund, is

A Chinese revolution, a Japanese earthquake, San Francisco's Chinatown school, the thankfulness of a Chinese mother, who knows what charity's money can do.

Here's how the card was obtained:

Leonard B. Spach, captain of team No. 22, individual gifts division, and Bert Wertheimer, were canvassing in the neighborhood of the 600 block on East Sixteenth street.

"There's a hand laundry at 661 East Sixteenth street, let's try it," Spach suggested.

They were met by Mrs. Fook See Loo, 42, proprietor of the laundry.

Would you like to contribute to the Community Fund," asked Spach.

"I do not understand. You come back some other day. Come back when my boy here," she replied as her German police dog barked at the intruders.

The mettle of the drive workers bristled to the challenge.

"Community Fund means homes for orphans, the aged—the—the" Spach hesitated, hunting the right chord, "the Red Cross. You know the Red Cross."