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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
United Press Staff Correspondent
ST. JOHN'S, 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.

Proceeding 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.

Destroying 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 into 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.

Women, Children Flee
Women and children, most of them alone in the absence of the husbands and fathers, fled 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 foaming 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
6 a. m. 17 10 a. m. 19
7 a. m. 17 11 a. m. 21
8 a. m. 17 12 (noon) 22
9 a. m. 17 1 p. m. 30

Probe Is Overdue in 'Plant'

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

By United Press
LANSING, 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 used 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.

By United Press
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.

CITY TRAFFIC TOLL INCREASED BY ONE

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

Dan Foley, 83, of the Denison hotel, who was struck by an automobile on Nov. 18 as he stepped from a street car, died early today at the city hospital. A fractured skull caused his death.

This morning Lois Sears, 5, of 104½ West New York street, suffered a broken left leg, and a possible skull fracture when she was struck by a car driven by Mrs. Sarah Clark, 26, of 336 Lockburn street, at New York and Blackford streets.

The child was crossing the intersection on her way to a grocery when the accident occurred. She stepped in front of the car driven by Mrs. Clark.

HOUSE IS ADJOURNED

Similar Senate Action to Dec. 2 Slated.

By United Press
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 second meeting to take similar action.

Both will reconvene in regular session Dec. 2.

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POLICE CHIEF INDICTED

True Bill Lists 24 Overt Acts in Dry Conspiracy.

By United Press
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 for the suburb, and Michael Wallis, now out on \$15,000 on another conspiracy indictment, will stand trial with Cunningham.

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 \$300,000. 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.

"Nigger 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.

NAME LAKE CO. AID

Davis to Assist Loomis in Prohibition Cases.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Appointment of Earl J. Davis, Detroit, to assist United States Attorney Oliver M. Loomis in trial of prohibition cases in Lake county, Indiana, was announced today by the justice department.

Funeral arrangements have not been made.

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Keifer was taken to city hospital and Mrs. Dertz to her home. Dalley was arrested on a charge of failing to stop at a preferential street.

A People's Motor Coach Company bus, east-bound on Thirtieth street, was struck by the Wabash Flyer interurban at College avenue early today. No one was injured. Only two passengers were on the bus.

Clyde Newell, 30, of 3635 Orchard street, driver of the bus, said he had the "go" signal and was crossing the intersection when the outboard interurban struck him.

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.

An apartment building was menaced by the fire, which caused slight damage to a machine shop owned by the city.

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BREAD CAST ON WATER

Red Cross Aid to Chinese Brings Gift

BY ARCH STEINEL

THERE'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 no 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 word, "the Red Cross. You know the Red Cross."

"Fook See Loo know not Community Fund—but Fook See know Red Cross. Fook See give five dollar," the prompt reply.

The Chinese lettering she signed the subscription card as she recited in pidgin English the benefits of the Red Cross, one of the thirty-five agencies under the Community Fund's wing.

"In Shanghai they help us. They help my peoples in war times. In Japan, my boys—No. 1 and No. 2 there—The earthquake come. The Red Cross help. In San Francisco they take Albert—boy No. 3—to school. They teach him. He in Purdue—you know Purdue. He like Red Cross. He always give. He not here now. I give."

That's why Spach and Wertheimer and directors of the drive jealously guard yellow card No. 11,001, for they know the donor must have suffered much more than she told—but was helped in her suffering by one of the organizations which they are sponsoring.

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Mrs. Fook See Loo subscribing to the fund and her signature.

COLD WAVE TO RELEASE GRIP

Rising Temperatures Are Expected Saturday.

A definite break in a cold wave, that has held the city and state in its grip since Wednesday, probably will arrive Saturday, J. H. Armstrong, meteorologist, predicted today.

Rain or snow may follow the rise in temperature, although unsettled conditions prevailing in regions northwest and southwest of Indiana make it difficult to determine whether precipitation is likely, Armstrong said.

Snow was reported this morning at Evansville and other points along the Ohio river, from the Illinois state line to Cincinnati. The lowest temperature in the state Thursday night probably was in the northwest portion where the thermometer sank to 10 degrees above zero. Seventeen degrees was the lowest recorded here, while 14 was registered at Ft. Wayne.

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Get Me Heaven

'No Pay' Phone Is Used by Bums for World-Wide Calls to Pals.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—The hoboes of West Madison street will place no more long distance calls over the telephone in the press-room in the county building. It's been discontinued.

"Holy smoke!" exclaimed James Russell, acting superintendent of public service, when he received a bill for \$2.74 for the long distance calls on Franklin 3033. "Who's been calling whom on that phone?"

Nobody seemed to know. But here are some of the calls put in:

The Hotel Adlon in Berlin, by a party who wanted to talk to "a girl I met in the war."

One persistent patron held the line while connected with a Texas oil field, until a party could be reached, ten miles away, by a messenger on horseback. That cost \$383.

The Ghost Walks, but It's Not Pay Day; House Is Haunted, So It's Moving Day

Ostensibly, the scene within the house Wednesday night was an ordinary one. Father sat in the dining room, mother rocked baby in a living room chair and little jewel was playing on the floor.

Suddenly, and with no concrete reason, a bowl and a plate on the dining room table, less than three feet from Clemens, bestirred themselves, glided to the edge of the table and crashed on the floor.

Clemens had not recovered from his amazement when a chiffonier drawer, in the same room, leaped into space, and banged beside the shattered bowl on the carpet.

Then a picture in the living room dropped from the wall.

The family departed for Clemens' mother's home, at 416 Spring street. In the morning they returned to find the furniture turned topsyturvy.

Friday night Charles Clemens, Indianapolis policeman, Floy's brother, accompanied the family to the house for a ghost-watch.

Whatever evil spirits dominated the strange rebellion of household goods in the Clemens home, they sent a swift warning to the law's representative. A huge oval picture fell in front of him, missing his toes by an inch.

And then, while he gaped in astonishment, a lump of coal deserted its brethren in a bucket, and galloped gaily between his feet.

Sheriff George Winkler, who with several deputies at once began an investigation, propounded the first explanation of the freak happenings.

"Some one must be doing something around here," he said.

It makes little difference, now, whether this strange, modern Alice and her Mad Hatter return to their Wonderland without further molestation of the little house, the sheriff's probe will continue; the Clemens' residence on East Vermont street will not.

CAPITAL AND LABOR CLASP HANDS TO PRODUCE WINTER OF PROSPERITY FOR NATION

Henry Ford's Wage Increase Order Impetus to Wave of Optimism; Unions Pledge 'No Efforts to Force Hike.'

HOOVER SESSION DEPRESSION BLOCK

Promises of Huge Spending Program Seen Indicative of Banner Year in 1930; Barnes Is Advisory Head.

By Raymond Clapper
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Capital and labor lined up as partners today under the guiding hand of President Hoover. They will pull together for a winter of mutual prosperity.

Giants of American industry have promised the President to hold wages up. Henry Ford even has announced he will raise wages in his plants.

Labor has promised Mr. Hoover to prevent further efforts to force wage increases.

This assurance of full pay envelopes gave industry renewed hope for the future today.

20,000 LISTED ON FUND ROLLS

Community Chest Drive Is Extended Two Days.

BULLETIN
Subscriptions obtained up to noon today totaled \$76,035.84 bringing the grand total subscribed to \$566,575.49 with but 28 per cent to be collected to reach the drive's goal.

More than 20,000 Indianapolis citizens and firms had contributed \$495,539 to the Community Fund goal of \$786,853 when workers today carried reports to their noon meeting at the Claypool, which were expected to boost the total far above the half-million mark.

Campaign leaders declared many who subscribed last year have increased their subscriptions, while there is a marked enrollment of new donors.

Approximately one-twentieth of the city's population had contributed two-thirds of the 1929 goal when the total rose to \$495,539 Thursday noon.

The drive will close Wednesday instead of Monday, the two-day extension being announced by Hugh McKee, London, president, because many volunteer workers were unable to canvass last Saturday and are expected to take a brief rest Saturday afternoon to join football crowds.

"By closing the campaign at noon Wednesday at the Claypool, we are planning a victory meeting," Laidon said. No report meetings will be held Saturday or Tuesday.

"Success surely will be ours if we continue the pace we now are setting," was the comment of J. I. Holcomb, general chairman.

This afternoon representatives of the Associated General Contractors of America, the National Real Estate Board, the American Engineering Council, the brick, lumber and cement and other industries will meet in the President's cabinet room to outline to him their hopes for a year of the maximum amount of construction they feel able to promise. Preliminary reports indicate this may run from one to three billion dollars.

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company expects to spend \$600,000 in the next year. A group of public utility leaders who will confer with the President Monday may swell by large proportions the total of visible business which is coming around the corner.

President Hoover believes that the sucking of money into the stock market during the speculative boom has postponed the nation's construction and that the flow of this capital back into industry and commerce now will assist in new building.

Barnes Is Appointed
The President has appointed Julius Barnes, chairman of the board of the United States Chamber of Commerce and an old business adviser, as head of a temporary advisory committee which will undertake a nation-wide survey of building projects and industrial development which can be undertaken wisely.

The business conferences will be held Monday, farm leaders meeting the President at 10 a. m., and public utilities heads at 2:30 p. m. No other meetings have been announced. While additional conferences may be called the President is preparing to turn over active guidance of the situation to the advisory committee headed by Barnes.

CLEMENCEAU PUTS UP VALIANT FIGHT

By United Press
BULLETIN
PARIS, Nov. 22.—Dr. Lucien Degennes announced today that the condition of Georges Clemenceau was hopeless.

"Death is now a question of twenty-four hours," the physician said. "This condition is most grave and there is no hope. His kidneys have not functioned for eighteen hours and he is being poisoned slowly."

PARIS, Nov. 22.—George Clemenceau, wartime premier of France, clung to life with a precarious hold today, his iron constitution holding out stubbornly against the advance of uremia.

After a night and day of intense suffering, relieved by injections of morphine and camphor oil to strengthen his heart, the aged man was a little better at 4 p. m. Except for momentary lapses, he retained consciousness.