

New York's Fears of Further Quakes Alayed by Experts

Absence of "After Tremors" Indicate Repetition Improbable—Michigan Center of Disturbance.

(Continued From Page One.) Manhattan, where the foundations of buildings do not go to the rock, New York's geological formation is complete. It started its formation 100,000,000 years ago.

An interesting portion of the east is from the St. Lawrence river, the Canadian regions through Boston and Nova Scotia and out to the sunken lands at sea.

Washington, March 1.—The center of the earthquake which shook a large part of the United States last week probably was in one of the Great Lakes, Father Tornadorff, in charge of the seismograph at Georgetown university, declared today.

The severity of the tremors recorded by the Georgetown instrument found not be accounted for merely on the grounds of their nearness to Washington. Gather Tornadorff said, shocks as close as Virginia, a few years ago, resulted in a very faint record here, he pointed out.

All indications are that the earthquakes reached a point of great intensity at their center, according to the priest, who is one of the country's foremost seismographers. The fact that no reports of really serious quakes have been received indicated that the greatest shaking of the earth was under the waters of the Great Lakes, he said.

Tidal waves might accompany an underwater tremor, Father Tornadorff said, although they do not always do so.

Seismographers cannot tell whether the readjustment in the earth's crust which caused the earthquake has been completed, or whether it will continue, causing further shocks, according to the Georgetown scientist.

Lincoln Congregational Church Plans Building

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Feb. 28.—The First-Plymouth Congregational church here, which is a union of First and Plymouth churches, the two largest of this denomination in Lincoln, will soon make building plans for larger accommodations which are needed for the growing attendance of the Sunday school and other services, according to a report by the survey committee.

The union, which is one of the largest of the denomination ever made in the state, has proved most successful. During the first year, exclusive of student affiliations, there were 149 members, 66 of whom are males and 83 females, which is a remarkable proportion of men, the number almost invariably being considerably less than the number of women to unite with the churches. The total membership of the church now is about 1,250. The salary of the pastor, Dr. J. A. Holmgren, was increased \$600 and that of the associate pastor, Rev. O. M. Adams, \$400.

Dog Tax \$5 and \$10 at Allen.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Allen, Neb. Mar. 1.—Determined to rid the town of stray and unprofitable dogs, the village board of Allen has passed an ordinance compelling all owners and harborers of dogs to pay to the village treasurer \$5 for every male and \$10 for every female. The ordinance further provides that all dogs whose license tax has not been paid within three days after a notice of the delinquent tax has been sent to the owners, shall be put to death.

Sidney Gets New Garage.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Sidney, Neb., March 1.—Louis Blaha is building a garage and auto repair shop in the south part of the city, of frame and stucco, with kellestone front. It will be ready for occupancy April 1.

Pioneer Doctor, Member of Legislature Believes Early Work Stunted Growth

Dr. W. R. Talbot, Six Feet Tall, 227 Pounds in Weight. Thinks Duties in Father's Mill as Youngster Retarded Development.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Newcastle, Neb., March 1.—Coming from a poor family of nine children, three sisters and six brothers, two brothers being members of state legislatures, one a druggist, one a civil engineer, one an attorney, and two physicians, one of the physicians being a state representative, is the family record of Dr. W. R. Talbot, a pioneer of Newcastle and one of the first physicians in this locality.

Although he has been active in his profession in this town for over 30 years, Dr. Talbot has had a varied experience in the numerous activities of life, which began 59 years ago next July 4 in a log cabin built by his father from the timber on the land purchased near Palmyra, Ia.

Since that time he has worked in a woolen mill, taught school, speculated in a building and loan association, studied medicine and held a position as city health officer, besides serving as mayor, secretary of the school board, county coroner and president of a medical association while attending to the duties of his profession. Then as a fitting climax, at the last election he was elected on the republican ticket as representative of the 25th district, comprising Dixon county.

Stunted by Work. As soon as he was able to tie a knot, he began making yarn in the woolen mills of Palmyra of which his father, Benjamin Talbot, was boss, and to which people for miles around brought their wool to be "carded" and spun into yarn for stockings and cloth.

Dr. Talbot, who is six feet in height and weighs 227 pounds, says he believes this work, given him by his father who is still alive and well preserved, stunted him somewhat and if this child labor had not been permitted he might be the giant of the present state legislature instead of Monte Mann.

Graduation from high school, Mr. Talbot began teaching school, soon obtaining a first grade certificate and being engaged as principal of the high school at Castana, Ia.

Twice he was engaged to complete terms of schools whose pupils had the reputation of being ruffians and in each case he finished teaching the school year in a way satisfactory to the patrons, although one pupil vowed he would whip "Professor Talbot" when he was big enough. As yet this pupil never has tackled the job. On the contrary he now has the highest regard for his former teacher.

Attorney A. R. Davis of Wayne was a pupil of Mr. Talbot in one of these schools and recalls that numerous things took on a more sedate appearance when Dr. Talbot took hold in the school affairs of these county districts.

Got Degree in 1893. During four years of teaching, Mr. Talbot was studying for his chosen profession and having invested his money in the building and loan association of Omaha and had sufficient funds to complete his medical course and obtain his degree from the St. Louis city college of medicine, being one of the first graduates, after which he located at Newcastle, Neb., in 1893.

When Dr. Talbot first came to Newcastle the railroad was being built through this part of Nebraska and the country was so sparsely settled and traveling was so difficult that he seriously considered the advisability of beginning the practice of his profession elsewhere, but urged by Rev. Mr. Roberts, pastor of the Community Congregational church, to remain on the new and growing field, he decided to stay and the minister and doctor lived together for some time.

In those early days, before the arrival of the automobile, he was compelled more than once to stay out on the prairies all night and wait for daylight in order to find his way home.

Caught in blizzards often he has tramped a beaten track through the deep drifts so his patients could get through and he could minister to the sick and injured.

Having been here almost continuously, except for 18 months when he was city health officer of Texas City, Tex., Dr. Talbot has seen many changes in the development of Newcastle and other towns in this part of the state. At first there were few fences, good roads or bridges and land could be bought for prices ranging from \$10 to \$20 an acre.

Now the towns have grown to be flourishing business centers, the lands here sell for around \$200 an acre and this is considered one of the best sections in the state for dairying and feeding stock for the market and besides many other extensive improvements have been made such as the building of new roads, traveling and grading highways, putting through big drainage ditch projects and the forming of organizations for the benefit of farmers, including farmers' unions, farm bureaus and county agents.

Dr. Talbot is a member of the Community Congregational church here and his philosophy of life is to live according to the 10 commandments and the sermon on the mount by Jesus and to be the first one up and at work in the morning, regardless of how late he has been kept up the night before.

By thrift and good management, he has become one of the leading taxpayers in this locality. Along with his practice he has served as mayor and secretary of the school board here for about 25 years. He has been county coroner of Dixon county and president of the medical association of Dixon, Cedar, Dakota, Wayne and Thurston counties.

In his election to the state legislature he received a majority of about 500 votes, carrying nearly every town in the county.

Dr. and Mrs. Talbot have raised and educated a family of five children, four daughters and a son. The son is completing his course in the state university, one daughter is completing her course in the University of Minnesota, one teaches school in Sioux City, another in Nevada, and Margaret, 12, is attending school in Lincoln. Dr. Talbot intends to resume his medical practice here after serving in the state legislature.

Legion Post of Wymore Starts Membership Drive. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Wymore, Neb., March 1.—The largest meeting in the history of the Wymore American Legion, Anderson post No. 25, was held in the Wymore Community club rooms Friday evening.

Over 80 members and "ladies" were laid at the banquet table, and music was by a local orchestra. Several new members are added to the roster already as a result of the meeting.

Guinea Pigs May Furnish Clue in McClintock Death

Shepherd's Interest in Typhoid Germs Given Confirmation by Chauffeur's Testimony.

By A. J. LORENZ, Universal Service Staff Correspondent. Chicago, Feb. 28.—The reported delivery of a crate of guinea pigs to the home of William D. Shepherd a few months before his millionaire ward, William Nelson McClintock died of typhoid fever, today held the center of interest into the investigation of the youth's death.

Louis Kles, McClintock's chauffeur, revealed today that he had found a crate in the garage in which a car had been suspended. This simple lead, coupled with Shepherd's alleged interest in bacteriology and toxicology a few months before his ward's death, spurred investigators on to trace each sale of guinea pigs and rabbits for scientific-experimental purposes and culture for three years past.

Yesterday's dramatic confirmation of earlier testimony that Shepherd suddenly had become intensely interested in the study of typhoid germs was given by two witnesses, solicitors for the National University of Applied Science. Taken by surprise and held incommunicado, the witnesses declared that Shepherd, under an assumed name, had applied for information regarding a course in bacteriology and had discussed equipping a laboratory in his home.

Several days ago Dr. G. Fosberg, a well known bacteriologist, told of Shepherd having paid him \$25 a piece for two discussions of typhoid germs and subtle poisons.

When the inquest is resumed Monday, Dr. C. C. Fairman, president of the National University of Applied Science, is to be questioned regarding the reported disappearance of a quantity of typhoid germs from the university's laboratories. The germs disappeared, it is said, last August—two months before "Billy" McClintock was taken ill of typhoid fever.

The source of possible infection from oysters which McClintock ate several days before he became ill also is being traced.

School Funds Raised.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Chadron, Neb., March 1.—In order that their school might last the full nine months, in place of eight as planned, the students of District No. 40, near Chadron, presented the play, "Farmer Larkin's Boarders."

To assist in raising the school fund for the continuance of school, a picnic was also given. Pies for the sale were furnished by the patrons of the school.

Hogs Average \$51.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., March 1.—Ben Ridgely sold 48 head of purebred Poland China hogs at his place near Pickrell, for an average price of \$51. The sale was \$75. Ed Dvorak of De Witt disposed of a herd of Poland which averaged \$57 a head. The top was \$175. Both sales were largely attended.

The principal speaker of the evening was Post Commander Cloyd B. Ellis, local attorney. Among the points touched upon in his speech were: The object and ideals of the legion, its growing strength and good influence in this community, efforts for better legislation for the veterans' bureau and disabled ex-service men, and the national fight for cleaner immigration and Americanization laws. Resolutions were made by former Capt. F. E. Crawford and several other members.

Pioneer Dies.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., March 1.—Mrs. Minnie Damrow, 86, pioneer of Gage county, died at the home of her son Fred, in this city, after a lingering illness.

She is survived by eight children, five sons and three daughters.

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Thomas Speaks at Banquet of Road Officers

Declares Dry Law Here to Stay and It Is the Duty of Citizens to Obey.

Approximately 100 special agents of the various railroads leading into Omaha and their guests, the judges of the district court, heads of the police departments of many Nebraska cities, sheriffs and county attorneys, were told by Elmer Thomas, federal prohibition director of Nebraska, that "the 18th amendment is here to stay."

"It is a part of the constitution of the land. It is the duty of every man in the country to obey the constitution and to make it the supreme law of the country," Mr. Thomas said.

He declared that greater results are being obtained by the federal agents at present than at any time since the amendment became a law.

Burgess Bedtime Stories

By THORNTON W. BURGESS. A tragic thing it is to see a bird, where home and love should be. —Farmer Brown's Boy.

Pioneer Farmer Dies at Home

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Guide Rock, Neb., March 1.—E. E. Burr, 71, prominent resident of Guide Rock and vicinity for the last 25 years, died at his home here Friday.

He bought land on the state line, just south of Guide Rock, in the early days and farmed for many years. He was manager of the Guide Rock Hardware company store here for 15 years, recently turning the business over to his son, Dana Burr, and a partner, who now operate the store under the firm name of Ely and Burr.

The elder Burr was a prominent stock buyer in this vicinity for many years, and before the late war bought and shipped hundreds of head of mules and horses to eastern markets, and to the United States government agencies. He had been identified with the Masonic lodge for last 20 years.

Death, caused by a complication of diseases, followed by a week's illness of pneumonia.

Besides the wife and son at Guide Rock, he is survived by two married daughters, living in Peoria, Ill., a brother in Colorado and one in Arkansas.

Fire Razes Farm House.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Elgin, Neb., March 1.—The farm home of W. J. Linton was destroyed by fire at 4 Saturday morning. The origin of the fire is unknown.

When the fire was discovered the family only had time to escape from the burning building in their night clothes.

The building and contents of the home was a total loss. There was only \$400 insurance on the building and none on the contents. It is estimated that the owner's loss will be \$3,000.

Shultz-Storer Wedding.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Pawnee City, Neb., March 1.—Miss Emma Shultz of Lewistown, Neb., and Kollin Storer of Crab Orchard, Neb., were married at the Methodist parsonage in Pawnee City yesterday afternoon.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Shultz of Lewistown, Neb. They will make their home on a farm west of Crab Orchard.

Gen. Pershing's Private War Map Is on Display at Red Oak Postoffice

Red Oak, Ia., March 1.—Assistant Postmaster J. E. Logan has in his hands at the postoffice an exact copy of a secret war map used during the world war by General Pershing's headquarters.

The map comes to him through the kindness of a friend, S. D. Ryan, of Dubuque, father-in-law of Lieut. Thomas North, who made the map. It will be here for only a short time.

The map was made on the battle fields under the most trying conditions and was kept up to the minute at all times. The original is about seven feet wide by eight feet high and is now on exhibition in the war exhibition building at Washington, D. C.

Information for compiling the map was obtained from headquarters, reports from liaison officers, dispatches on their way from the front lines to headquarters, from spies and from captured enemies. The original map was kept in a small room which was under constant guard and protected

by a heavy two-inch sliding door which was barred and locked. This room was entered by three commanding generals who were the only ones who were allowed to inspect the map. Lieutenant North was kept continually changing the positions as the movements of the contending forces changed, and this, as now shown is the position when the armistice was signed and the war closed. Lieutenant North had charge of the secret offensive war orders, which were released by him to the generals in the field.

"The little room, as it was on the battlefield, was brought back from France and is now on exhibition in Washington. On the lower end of the map is shown the thin line of German troops.

"After the map was installed in Washington, Lieutenant North was detailed to explain it to President Wilson and later to the prince of Wales, when he was in Washington.

were almost within sight of home they hurried. They were so eager to get back there and to look over the old nest and plan what they would do to it that it seemed to them they could not wait. There was a certain place from which always in years past they had first seen the old home tree with the big nest in it. When they reached this place this time both strained their eyes. Then Plunger looked at Mrs. Plunger and there was a question in that look.

He saw the same question in her eyes. What had happened? "The tree and the nest were gone! At least the Ospreys could not see them, and they didn't know what to make of it. How they did hurry! When they were near enough of course they saw the nest on the ground with the broken tree. At first Mrs. Plunger couldn't be comforted. She flew around and around over the spot where the nest had been, all the time crying mournfully. She felt just as you would feel if you should come home and find your house all knocked to pieces. Yes, sir, that is the way she felt. Plunger felt almost as badly.

"What shall we do?" cried Plunger. "Shall we build another home over nearer the Big River?" "Don't ask me any questions now," replied Mrs. Plunger. "I cannot decide anything yet. Oh, dear! Oh, dear! It is dreadful to lose a home like this!" (Copyright, 1925.)

The next story, "The Sympathy of Farmer Brown's Boy."

Shenandoah Man Has Booth Confession.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Shenandoah, Ia., March 1.—M. A. Gillilan of Shenandoah, whose father was a cousin of Abraham Lincoln has in his possession a letter of confession by Joe Booth, son of the conqueror, who makes almost identically the same statements as does the niece, Miss Blanche Booth.

Joe Booth at the time of writing the letter was a resident of Texas. Mr. Gillilan recently enjoyed a visit with J. W. McIntosh of Omaha, who was formerly Ab Lincoln's office boy and who is now more than 80 years old.

The two visited with Robert Lincoln, son of the martyred president, when he passed through Omaha some time ago, while on his way from Washington to the Pacific coast.

\$678,000 in Insurance.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. York, Neb., March 1.—Henry I. Fillman, agent for York county in the Farmers' Mutual Insurance company, was winner in writing the most insurance for his company in the past year. The amount of policies written by Mr. Fillman for fire and wind insurance amounted to \$678,000.

Amateurs Stage Play.

Sidney, Neb., March 1.—Local talent gave the comic opera, "Fra Diavolo," in the U. S. A. theater for two nights in packed houses. This was for the benefit of the Christian church, and over \$500 was realized from the venture.

Will Hays Denies Need Exists for Film Censorship

Producers Voluntarily Reject Immoral Scenarios, He Asserts; Suggestive Titles Condemned.

New York, Feb. 28.—Will Hays, adviser to the motion picture industry, said tonight that a self-imposed system of censoring, successfully functioning for more than a year, had done away with the need of censorship bodies.

The Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America adopted a resolution a year ago, he said, denouncing obscene or suggestive screen stories and evolved a method of individual and cooperative censoring by the producers and distributors themselves. When one scenario department declined a book or play on these grounds, it notified Mr. Hays of its rejection, he said, and then if he confirmed its act, he would advise all the other members of the formal rejection.

"More than 100 questionable books and plays," Mr. Hays asserted, "have been kept from the screen voluntarily by our members by this reasonable method, which is not censorship in any case. No censorship could bring these results. Misleading advertising and the misuse of titles, however, are thoroughly reprehensible and must be eliminated."

"The body of the American people dislikes any suggestion of obscenity in its movies. An obscene movie may succeed for a time in centers of large population, but in small towns and neighborhood movie houses only 'clean' movies can succeed."

Women's Culture Club Meets.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Alma, Neb., March 1.—The Women's Culture club met at the home of Mrs. E. M. Haag Wednesday afternoon. The members enjoyed a delightful musical program arranged by Miss Alvina Sells, music director of the Alma schools. Songs were sung by the girls of the intermediate grades. A piano number by Miss Sells and a Japanese song by the girls in costumes followed.

Judge Off or Washington.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Tecumseh, Neb., March 1.—Judge and Mrs. Samuel P. Davidson departed for Washington, D. C., today. They will visit their sons, Rowan and Robert Davidson, and their families, living at Washington, and attend the inaugural.

Another Wonder Show

Advertisement for "Another Wonder Show" featuring "Richard Barthelmess" and "NEW TOYS".

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Advertisement for "RIALTO-HERZBERG" featuring "GARDEN OF FASHION" and "LIVING MODELS".

Spank TODAY

Advertisement for "Spank TODAY" featuring "ZANE GREY'S GREATEST ROMANCE".

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Advertisement for "THE THUNDERING HERD" featuring "RANDALL'S ROYAL FONTENELLE ORCHESTRA".

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Advertisement for "Orpheum" featuring "WILFRED CLARKE" and "THE FOUR CAMERONS".

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NEIGHBORHOOD THEATERS

Advertisement for "NEIGHBORHOOD THEATERS" listing various theaters and shows.

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Advertisement for "QUICK QUAKER OATS" featuring the slogan "It's the flavor" and "That won the world to this quick breakfast".