

DEATHS IN SHOCK

Earthquake Claims Many Victims in Turkestan

CONTINUES SEVERAL DAYS

Five Hundred Killed in Two Villages—One Town Completely Destroyed and Lesser Loss of Life Elsewhere—Other News

A Berlin, Sept. 26, dispatch says: A dispatch received here from Tashkent, capital of Russian Turkestan, reports a terrible earthquake August 22, the shocks continuing until September 3.

One hundred persons were killed in Kashgar, in eastern Turkestan, 400 in the village of Astyn, twenty at Jangli, while the town of Akusaitche was completely destroyed.

Kashgar, capital of the province of Sinkiang, is situated at the confluence of roads leading to Peking, India and the Russian empire, and is of considerable importance. It has a population of fifty thousand. The gazetteers mention the town of Ak-Su in eastern Turkestan and say it is a center of trade, the foreign trade, about one hundred in number, being mostly Russian subjects. The population of the circle about Ak-Su is given at one hundred and eighty thousand. There are four thousand houses in the town itself.

Another dispatch from Allahabad, India, Sept. 25, says: A dispatch to the Pioneer from Kashgar, eastern Turkestan, says that only a dozen people were killed there in the earthquake, but that the disturbances wrecked many villages in the northern part of the province, the total number of persons killed being 1,000.

There were no preliminary signs, says the dispatch, but a pronounced rise in temperature followed the principal shock.

The temperature continued to rise during the subsequent days which were attended by a repetition of slight quakes. The dispatch says no Europeans lost their lives.

A ROMANTIC WEDDING

Texas Colored Belle Weds a Soldier in Lincoln

There was a wedding in Lincoln, Neb., colored society on the 24th inst. which partook somewhat of the element of romance.

The parties thereto were Sergeant H. L. Conwell of the Twenty-fifth colored infantry, U. S. A., and Miss Mary Parker Johnson of Del Rio, Tex. By a preconcerted plan Miss Johnson and Conwell left her parental roof in the Lone Star state and checked her baggage to Lincoln. At the same time the sergeant, having obtained the requisite leave of absence from his regiment, which is stationed at Fort Niobrara, was the first train for Lincoln. The course of the story may be guessed. Finding lodgment at the hostelry of Mrs. Mosby, 1627 E street, a special messenger was dispatched for Rev. J. M. Maston, and in almost less time than it takes to relate the circumstances the twain were made one. The bride will accompany her husband to his post of duty at Niobrara.

Elevator Tumbles
An elevator at the Emery-Bird-Thayer Dry Goods company, Kansas City, Mo., carrying twenty-five young women employees, fell three stories at noon Thursday.

A dozen girls were injured, but with the exception of Emma Parish, aged eighteen years, who was hurt internally, and who was unconscious when removed to her home, it is believed that none were seriously hurt. Several fainted and for a time were thought to have been killed.

The elevator is used for freight, but at the time of the accident the girls were being carried to the top floor for luncheon. It was loaded to the limit.

Nebraska Road Incorporated

Articles of incorporation for an Otoe county-Casa county railroad were filed with the county clerk of Otoe Thursday. The incorporators are W. L. Wilson, John W. Steinhart, W. A. Cotton, Logan Enyart and John Northhouse. The initial point is Nebraska City, the road is called the Nebraska City & Northwestern, and runs through the counties of Casa and Otoe. The capital stock is \$25,000, in shares of \$100 each, and the capital can be increased when needed. It is not known whether it is to be an electric line or a branch to connect with the Rock Island at South Bend.

Druggist Injured

Otto Pohl, a druggist of Fremont, was injured about the face and eyes Thursday morning by an explosion of some metallic sodium which he was testing. He dropped a piece of the material in water, but it did not ignite as it should have done. There he applied at night, when the stuff exploded. His eyesight was saved almost by a miracle, as particles of the sodium went into the organs.

Kansas Agricultural College Grows

The regular count for the fall term at the Kansas State Agricultural college was made Wednesday, and the total enrollment thus far has reached 886, an increase of 106 over last year. Students are still coming. College authorities expect the enrollment to reach 1,000 this year.

Kansas Town After Oil

A Neosho Falls, Kan., Sept. 25, dispatch says: Capitalists from Lincoln, Ill., and Dallas, Tex., have in the past few weeks secured large holdings of gas and oil leases around this place. The company is composed of F. J. Oliver, of Dallas, Tex.; J. Sullivan, C. A. Nicholson and Frank Hoblett, of Lincoln, Ill. They have engaged W. P. Strum, one of the most extensive prospectors in the Beaumont field, to develop their holdings here. The one drill already on the ground has reached a depth of 500 feet.

THE POWDER EXPLODES

Premature Combustion Proves Fatal to Several Miners

A Covington, Va., Sept. 25, dispatch says: Five white men and one colored man were killed and seven badly injured at the Potts Valley mines last evening by the premature explosion of nine kegs of powder. The dead: Robert Craft, Ed. Tingler, Galley Tingler, Fran Khadler, John Haynes, whites, Robert Burton, colored.

It is claimed the explosion was caused by the jar of a drill being used after the powder was placed. The men were entirely covered by the huge upheaval of earth and the bodies were only recovered after several hours' work. Some of the injured are in a critical condition.

Four men were killed and several injured early Thursday morning by a rear-end collision of a Burlington passenger with a stock train at Malden, Ill. The dead: George Stewart, Winchester, Ill. A. H. Canthers, Table Grove, Ill. A. H. Wagner, Prairie City, Ill. W. L. Collins, Bardolfs, Ill.

Among the injured: L. B. Wise, Knoxville, Ill. M. J. Johnson, Avon, Ill. The stock train was making a siding in the darkness when the passenger crashed into the caboose. The dead and injured were all stock men.

RUINS THE HOTEL

irate Guest Seeks Revenge for a Fancied Slight

Frank J. McKee, aged twenty-six, for four years residing at the Golden Eagle hotel, Washington, D. C., wrecked that hostelry with dynamite at an early hour Thursday morning, and afterwards killed himself with a pistol. Piqued at being cut by Louis Brandt, the proprietor of the hotel, is said to have been the cause. McKee is alleged to have possessed from \$20,000 to \$30,000 during the time he lived at the hotel, but drew his last \$70 from a building association last week. He had been drinking heavily for some time and had lost large sums at the races. It is said McKee was very fond of Brandt's daughter.

The explosion threw Brandt and his wife into the cellar, but they were not seriously injured. The dynamite was placed in a vacant room over the chamber of the couple. McKee shot himself in his own room after the explosion. Other occupants of the hotel miraculously escaped injury.

Hold Her Skirts Too High

When Patrolman Prosser saw 18-year-old Rosie Keller displaying a pair of ankles in Bolivar street, Cleveland, O., he arrested her. On the police blotter, after her name, is the charge: "Lifting her skirts on Bolivar street."

The girl was very tearful when arrested and insisted that she merely wished to save her skirts from dragging in a pool of water. The officer was positive that she overestimated the depth of the water. She secured a continuance.

Coal in Wyandotte County

A 14-inch vein of coal has been struck on the farm of J. D. Reed, three miles west of Kansas City, Kan. The discovery has caused much excitement in that vicinity and owners of property abutting that of the Reed farm are already prospecting. A shaft will be sunk and the work will be pushed. The ledge is about ten feet below the surface of the ground. This is the first time that coal, in good quantity, has ever been struck in Wyandotte county.

To Install Chancellor Strong

Acceptances have been received from President Benjamin Ide Wheeler, of the University of California, and President David Starr Jordan, of Leland Stanford university to be present at the formal exercises of inauguration for Dr. Frank Strong as chancellor of the university of Kansas, October 17.

HERE AND THERE

Count Goswin Sarnaal and his mother, both of the most prominent Polish aristocracy, are on trial at Vienna for frauds involving twenty million dollars.

At Keosauqua, Ia., Mrs. George Clafflin, a prominent woman, committed suicide by hanging while her husband, who had been watching her to prevent the deed, fell asleep.

The taking of inventories of the Omaha packing houses stopped Thursday in accordance with Chicago instructions. It is thought the proposed merger is off for the present.

Among the candidates for admission to the naval academy who passed the physical examination and were sworn in as midshipmen were Frank J. Fletcher, of Marshalltown, Ia.

Cardinal Rampolla received Archbishop Guidi, apostolic delegate to the Philippines, and Secretary O'Connor Thursday morning and gave them their last instructions relative to Philippine matters.

The fire underwriters' association of the northwest convened at Chicago on the 25th and the attendance was unusually large. George W. Law, of Chicago, and Ralph W. Brockbridge, of Omaha, were the principal speakers.

Stella Lister, in East Joplin, Mo., shot and killed Joseph Knott, son of a brewer at Galesburg, Ill. Knott tried to break into the Lister house against the woman's will. She locked the door and shot through the panel, the bullet taking effect in the young man's head, killing him instantly.

Senator J. P. Dolliver, of Iowa, delivered the principal address at the dedication of Ottumwa's Carnegie library Thursday afternoon, for which Mr. Carnegie gave \$50,000. A reception in the new building was attended by many people.

Four hundred coopers employed in the shops of Peoria, Ill., in the manufacture of whisky barrels, went on a strike on the 25th. They demand an increase in wages of 10 per cent. Their demands were made some three months ago and the strike was called without giving the employers notice of any kind.

ASK COURT'S AID

Novel Suit as a Result of the Coal Shortage

BOSTON TAKING INITIATIVE

Appointment of Receiver for Mines Demanded—Committee Starts Move—Track—Strike Situation

A Boston, Sept. 29, dispatch says: A committee of citizens, headed by the publishers of a Boston newspaper, Saturday sought relief in the courts from the present coal shortage and high prices by asking for a receiver for coal companies and coal-carrying roads. A bill in equity was filed in the supreme court against them.

The petitioners ask that a receiver be appointed for the benefit of all concerned upon such terms and in such manner and with such rates of wages and other conditions of employment, and with such prices for goods produced and sold as the court shall from time to time adjudge proper.

The bill is based upon the legal theory of the coal situation given by H. W. Chapin, a lawyer, who says:

"Since the public have a right in the mines, a right to have coal forthwith mined for immediate consumption and have a right to have that coal immediately transported out of the mine regions by the coal-carrying roads, a court of equity, if no other solution of the difficulty, is open, has authority to, and upon the application of a representative portion of the people undoubtedly would, appoint a receiver or receivers to take into his or their hands the whole business now in the hands of the anthracite combine, and to run it in their place."

WILL NOT WITDRAW ARMY

Assurance That the Island is Safe is Yet Insufficient

Though recognizing in the request of the Cuban government for the withdrawal of the remaining American troops in Cuba a very natural desire to remove all traces of foreign occupation, the indications are that the United States authorities here will order the withdrawal only upon the completion of the permanent treaty contemplated in the Platt amendment. Both that amendment and the Cuban constitution provide that a permanent treaty shall be signed between the United States and Cuba whereby each government shall assume certain distinct obligations.

Cuba for its part is not to make any foreign treaties impairing her independence; is not to assume excessive indebtedness; is to recognize the right of intervention of the United States to protect lives and property and independence of the military occupation; is to continue the sanitary measures inaugurated; is to sell or lease to the United States lands for coal or naval stations; and is to adjust the title to the Isle of Pines in a subsequent treaty.

For its part the United States is to maintain the independence of Cuba, and protect individual life, property and liberty. Now there is no assurance, at the present moment, that the Cuban government has a sufficient distinctive Cuban army at hand to undertake to care for these things itself. Moreover, it is regarded as essential that such provisions in the projected treaty as those touching coal stations and the ownership of the Isle of Pines be expressly arranged for in a treaty that shall be absolutely binding upon both parties, and only when these things are done will the small remaining force of the United States troops be withdrawn.

TOOK MINE FOR BOARDBILL

And Thereby Joseph Rosenthal Became a Wealthy Man

A Helena, Mont., dispatch says: Joseph H. Rosenthal, a well known pioneer, is dead at Butte of a complication of diseases. He was born in Holland sixty-four years ago, and is survived by his wife and two sisters, Mrs. M. I. Schlessinger of Los Angeles and Miss May Rosenthal of San Francisco. He came to Montana forty-five years ago. At Butte one of his boarders, Timothy Kelly, could not pay his bill, and against his wishes, Rosenthal was compelled to take in payment an interest in a mine which afterward developed into one of Butte's largest producers and Rosenthal realized a fortune through the stock forced upon him.

Falls Into a Steam Well

A special from Anoka, Minn., says: Alice Bibeau, the seven-year-old daughter of David Bibeau, fell into a steam well and was literally boiled to death resulting before she could be rescued. Her nine-year-old sister was probably fatally scalded in an heroic attempt to rescue her, and a man whose name is not known, was also fearfully burned, but will recover. The children were playing upon some boards which covered a well used to condense steam from a near-by mill. The boards gave way.

BOTH KILLED BY PISTOL

Young Couple Goes to Get Married and Found Dead

The dead bodies of R. B. Mitchell and Miss Mabel Lee, prominent young people of Stony Creek, Va., were found in the weeds near that place. They had both been killed by a pistol wound and the revolver was found lying between them. It is understood that the two left home last Tuesday to be married.

DETERMINED ON VISIT

Tour of Crown Prince of Siam Otherwise Incomplete

The crown prince of Siam is making preparations to leave Europe October 3 on his return home after a long absence. Regarding his American trip, the crown prince said to a representative of the Associated Press:

"Oh, I could not go home without visiting your great country. An educational tour such as mine has been would certainly be incomplete unless I saw America. I am looking forward to it immensely. I expect to spend about a month in the United States."

MANGLED BY CARS

Cedar County Man Run Over and Killed Near Hartington

A Hartington, Neb., Sept. 27 dispatch says: Last evening the incoming train ran over and instantly killed Jacob Soehner, a mile from this place. The body, mangled and crushed beyond recognition, was found by the section gang early this morning after four trains had passed.

The presumption is that Soehner, being intoxicated, sat down on the track and fell asleep. He leaves a wife and three children.

It seems that none of the men in charge of the passing train knew of the accident until the body was found. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death by having been run over by the cars.

Strike at Santiago

The stevedores and cartmen at Santiago, Cuba, have struck for 40 per cent advance in wages. Their union has warned the British and Spanish consuls that if any of their subjects are injured the union will not be responsible.

The Ward line steamer Orizaba is loading at night using her crew under the protection of the police to do so. Business is paralyzed and thousands of persons are seeking work.

Has Charges to Prefer

The Lake George committee, representing the anti-imperialist league, upon the request of Judge Advocate General Davis, has submitted some testimony in substantiation of its charges against the army in the Philippines. The testimony submitted is of a volunteer soldier who served in the island of Panay in December, 1900. The testimony is similar to much of that taken by the senate committee at the last session of congress.

Wireless Telegraph Conference

Germany's proposition to call an international wireless telegraph conference having met with the general support of the powers, it is understood that the meeting will be called at an early date. The United States in accepting an invitation reserved taking further action until a program is submitted.

Rosebery to Form New Party

Reynolds' weekly newspaper, a London publication, says it understands that Lord Rosebery will shortly announce his definite separation from the liberals and will endeavor to found a national party, believing that liberalism, in the old sense, is played out and that opportunism is the policy most likely to be successful.

Evacuation of Manchuria

The state department has received a cablegram from United States Minister Conger at Peking, stating that the evacuation of Manchuria has been begun by the Russians, who already have returned the railway. It is stated that the territory up to the Liao river will be evacuated completely by the 8th of October.

Rising Against the Turks

The Neue Presse, Vienna, published a dispatch from Salonica announcing that the inhabitants of all the villages in the vilayet of Monastir have risen since Tuesday and that the revolutionists are marching against the Turkish villages. More troops are being sent to suppress the rising, but the situation is regarded as grave.

Receiver Appointed

Receivers were appointed for the Maryland Can Manufacturing company, Baltimore. The indebtedness is placed at \$300,000, and assets \$225,000. Receivers were also appointed by consent for the William Felt Canning company, the indebtedness alleged to be \$200,000, and assets \$300,000.

Heavy Rains in Iowa

Five and one-half inches of rain have fallen at New Hampton, Ia., causing the worst flood of the season. Probably \$100,000 worth of damage has been done to the railroad and country bridges within the county.

Extract Plant Burned

The large extract plant of the United States Leather company at Big Stone Gap, Pa., was burned tonight. The loss will reach \$150,000.

Cadets to Be in Parade

After consultation with Captain Wainwright of the naval academy, Secretary Moody has directed that the battalion of naval cadets shall come to Washington on the 7th proximo to participate in the naval G. A. R. parade on that day.

Try to Kill Sheriff

Sheriff C. C. Scott, of Osceola, Ia., came near being the victim of an assassin and is now in a serious condition, as the result of a powerful blow on his head, dealt with a club in the hands of an unknown enemy, who lay in wait in a dark alley near his home. He was found unconscious an hour later. It is not believed the injury will prove fatal.

Pays Mammoth Dividend

Members of the original United States steel underwriters syndicate will receive another 5 per cent dividend of ten million dollars, notices to that effect being sent out by J. P. Morgan & Co. Tuesday. This makes a fourth dividend of ten million dollars, a total profit of forty million dollars on an actual outlay of twenty-five million dollars, a return of 160 per cent.

Corn is Hurt

The national weather bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions states that the weather has been very unfavorable for the maturing of late corn in the central valleys and the lake region and reports indicate that corn in the shock has been considerably damaged by dampness and mold over a wide area and that much of the crop in the upper lake region and the Missouri valley will not be marketable. Reports of injury from rain to open cotton are very general throughout the belt.

MAKE AN APPEAL

Methodists Ask Roosevelt to Mediate in the Strike

STRIKE CAUSES SUFFERING

If it Lasts Much Longer Will Result in Unparalleled Suffering Among the Poor of the Cities—Other News of General Interest

After a lengthy discussion resolutions calling upon President Roosevelt to appoint a commission of mediation were adopted at the weekly meeting of the Methodist preachers of New York City, held Monday. The resolutions are in part as follows:

"Believing that the strike now pending in the coal regions has reached a stage which calls for the most serious attention of all Christian men; "Believing also that this strike if continued much longer will result in unparalleled suffering among the poor of our great cities; and

"Believing as well that the time has now come for honest, earnest efforts to bring about such a settlement as will be acceptable to all parties;

"We therefore respectfully request his excellency, President Roosevelt, to appoint a commission of mediation who will carefully consider the various questions now under dispute and see if anything can be done to end this unhappy strike."

A Washington dispatch says the president and his advisers canvassed the question of federal interference in the strike and the opinion prevailed that the government was, under the constitution, powerless to act. Another conference will be held again, and it is hoped some plan for the solution of the strike problem will present itself.

To Evangelize the West

An Omaha, Neb., dispatch says: Fifty thousand Christians are expected in Omaha two weeks hence, to remain six days. The occasion will be the international convention of the Disciples of Christ, and such an attempt will be made to evangelize the west as has never before been conceived. From all over the world delegates will come, for the church has spread throughout the civilized world and to many points where civilization is still in its infancy, since its organization by Alexander Campbell in the backwoods of Kentucky, less than seventy-five years ago.

Some of the speakers who will be present are: Benton McMillan, of Tennessee; Champ Clark, of Missouri; Governor Bushnell, of Ohio; Zaek Sweeney, minister to Turkey under President Harrison; Governor Stanley, of Kansas, and Silas A. Holcomb, justice of the Nebraska supreme court.

Crackmen Blow Safe at Holbrook

Burglars entered the large store of Miller & Cooper, Holbrook, Neb., by forcing open the front door. They blew open the safe, but only obtained a small amount of money, probably \$30. The principal damage was to the safe and building. An attempt was made about six months ago to rob the store, but the thieves were frightened away after having the safe door all soaped ready to light the fuse.

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Lake Steamer Goes Ashore

The steamer City of Rome of the Western Transportation company went ashore early in a dense fog on North Point, about seven miles north of Milwaukee, Wis. The vessel is loaded with merchandise and was bound from Buffalo to Milwaukee and Chicago. The location of the steamer's grounding is a bad one, but as the sea is smooth no great danger is feared.

Becomes Violently Insane

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Wall Street

An old fellow from Tennessee, who had gotten pretty well battered in Wall street, has this to say of things down there: "The street is a simple matter of 'tis an 'tain't. The bears say 'tis to beat 'em 'down, an' the bulls say 'tain't to push 'em up, an' when a sucker gets about half way between the 'tis an 'tain't he's done for. That's what I was."

Must Wait for Cardinal

Pressure for the appointment of another American cardinal continues to reach the Vatican from American churchmen. The correspondent of the Associated press, however, is in a position to say that whatever the future may bring forth, there will be no American cardinal named at the consistory, which will mark the close of the papal jubilee.

Hop Harvest is Over

Hop picking in Washington is now practically over. Hop growers are disappointed over the yield, which is only fifth over what was expected. Dry weather prevented the hops from maturing. The western Washington crop will amount to 18,000 bales, as compared with 22,000 last year. Eastern Washington will produce 12,000 bales, as compared with 14,000 bales last season. Oregon crops are just reversed and will reach 80,000 to 90,000 bales, as compared with 70,000 bales last year.

MDE ZOLA RECOVERS

Widow of French Artist Escapes Clutches of the Gas

A Paris, Sept. 30, dispatch says: Madame Zola passed a sleepless night and, although calmer than yesterday, is exceedingly weak. She was informed of her husband's death this morning and bore the shock bravely. Physicians state in a bulletin that the madame's condition is satisfactory, but isolation and complete rest are necessary.

The official report of Dr. Vibert, who performed an autopsy on the body of Zola, positively establishes the fact that death was due to the inhalation of carbon oxide. Zola's fall on the floor removed all chances of his salvation. The funeral will be held Friday.

Madame Zola recovered sufficiently during the day to relate the circumstances of her husband's death. Both had been awakened in the night and she got out of bed and went to the bath room feeling weak. Returning she found Zola sitting up in bed as if looking for his slippers. She was about to ring for assistance when the novelist fell to the floor gasping, and then she too fell. Thereafter she remembers nothing.

Faces Hard Winter

An Indianapolis, Ind. Sept. 30, dispatch says: This city faces the distressing fact that tomorrow the supply of natural gas for fuel and heating purposes will be entirely shut off. For weeks past, or ever since the announcement came that the gas would be shut off, thousands of workmen have been engaged in remodeling houses and constructing new chimneys designed for coal or wood fuel. Despite the unusual activity, however, it has been found impossible to build more than one-third of the chimneys necessary, so that hundreds of property owners are figuring on withstanding the rigors of winter as best they can. It is estimated that not less than 20,000 fireplaces have been built or will be built before winter sets in, the work affording employment for a large number of masons and other artisans.

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