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Little City of Los Alamos, California, is in Ruins.

BUILDINGS FALL TO THE GROUND

No Lives Are Lost, but the Frequent and Violent Shocks of the Last Few Days Throw the People into a State of Panic.

San Luis Obispo, Cal., Aug. 1.—A strip of country fifteen miles long by four miles wide, rent with gaping fissures and dotted with hills and knolls that sprung up during the night as if by magic, a village in ruins and hundreds of people fleeing for their lives, are the results of seismic disturbances in the prosperous and fruitful valley of Los Alamos, in the northern part of Santa Barbara county. During the last four days that section of country has been shaken by a series of earthquakes that is without precedent in the history or tradition of the Pacific coast, and the increasing severity of the shocks have so terrorized the inhabitants that they are leaving for other parts as rapidly as possible, and even now the village is almost entirely deserted.

Series of Disturbances.

The disturbances began on Sunday evening with a shock which caused several thousand dollars' worth of damage to property in the village and surrounding country, being more severe and more disastrous in the vicinity of the Western Union Oil company's oil wells on the Carriga ranch. This shock was followed by a number of disturbances less severe and less disastrous, continuing through the remainder of Sunday night and Monday afternoon. On Tuesday night there was another series of seven shocks, all of which were light. The general direction of these disturbances was east and west, and in action they resembled the waves on a pond of water. The most severe shock of the entire series occurred at 1:30 o'clock Thursday morning. Hills were shaken and twisted to their foundations, and the valleys trembled and rolled like the unstable surface of the ocean. Great fissures were run deep in the earth, hills and knolls appeared in level valleys, springs of water opened in places that had been dry, and the general topography of the valley was generally changed in many respects. The disturbance had no general direction, but was what is known as a "twister." It was preceded by a rumbling like that of distant thunder, which increased until the earth began to rock and twist and hills began to tremble.

Last Shock is Terrific.

With the first warning of the sound of the approaching disaster the terror-stricken people rushed into the streets and sought places of safety in vacant lots and fields, while many fled toward the neighboring hills. The first vibrations were similar to the preceding disturbances in direction and effect, but they were immediately followed by the most terrific shock ever experienced in this section of the state. The earth trembled and rolled and twisted until it was impossible for people to stand erect and the terror-stricken inhabitants crouched together in the darkness, fearful that the earth beneath them might open and swallow them. The terror inspired by the rumbling and trembling of the earth was increased by the sound of falling buildings, which gave some idea of the terrible destruction that was being wrought. When the most serious shocks had passed and the rumbling sounds had died away in the distant hills, the people gathered in groups about the ruins of their homes and places of business and when they saw the extent of the damage done many of them, fearful of a repetition of this experience, immediately started on foot or by any conveyance that could be had for places where the previous shocks had been most severe.

Town Laid in Ruins.

In the darkness of the night it was impossible to determine the full extent of the destruction wrought, but with the dawn of day the stricken village presented the appearance of the ruins of a city long deserted. A church had been levelled to the ground and not one brick building was left standing. Chimneys had toppled over, frame buildings had been wrenched apart and thrown from their foundations, telegraph and telephone wires had been broken and there was not a building in town that had not been damaged more or less seriously. In store buildings that were not totally destroyed the merchandise was thrown from shelves and everything breakable was destroyed. Not a pane of glass was left in any window of any house in town and in the frame cottages and dwelling houses that were left standing stoves were overturned and crockery and glassware destroyed.

Property Loss is \$30,000.

A conservative estimate of the loss to property in the village is \$30,000, and this amount will probably be greatly increased by the damage done to property in the surrounding country. Each merchant in town has lost at least \$500 on stock and the damage to buildings has been great. The extent of the most severe portion of the

disturbance is eleven miles long by

four miles wide, but the shock was felt throughout Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. At the Western Union oil wells two tanks were wrecked and thrown over, and other damage was done. The shocks continued throughout intervals of two hours, but were not so severe. The people fled to Santa Maria for safety. Since the first disturbances on Sunday night there have been over seventy distinct shocks and those who have been keeping records have now given up, as the disturbances have become almost continuous.

Another severe earthquake shock was felt at Los Alamos at 7:30 last night. It was almost as heavy as that of yesterday morning.

At a late hour last night all those who are left in Los Alamos were huddled around a large bonfire, awaiting the break of day. No one was so brave as to enter his home and remain there during the night.

Tidal Wave in Costa Rica.

San Francisco, Aug. 1.—The steamer City of Sydney brings news of a tidal wave at Punta Arenas, Costa Rica. Although not a great amount of damage was done, the wave was sufficiently high to submerge the railroad tracks and inflict some injury to houses of the poorer classes near the beach. Coming in the wake of the great earthquake of Central America and the eruption of Isallo, the volcano back of Acajutla, the phenomenon greatly alarmed the Costa Ricans. The flaring up of Isallo has recently frightened hundreds of residents of Salvador, who report that terrifying subterranean noises are often heard.

PUT UP DURAND FOR GOVERNOR.

Michigan Democrats Select Former Judge as Head State Ticket.

Detroit, Aug. 1.—George H. Durand of Flint, who filled a vacancy on the supreme bench of this state during the year 1892, and who is generally credited with being a gold Democrat at heart, although not a bolter in 1896, was nominated for governor yesterday by the Democratic state convention. Judge Durand did not attend the convention nor authorize anyone to state that he would accept the nomination if it was accorded him, but the free silver element made a violent fight to defeat him, intimating that he would likely leave the party in the lurch and either refuse to run or conduct a lukewarm campaign. The platform adopted is devoted almost entirely to state issues, the only mention of national issues being an endorsement of the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

Bryan at New Haven.

New Haven, Conn., Aug. 1.—For the third time within a week William J. Bryan was yesterday a visitor in New Haven. He is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Philo S. Bennett at the Ansantaw club, Savin Rock. He will leave today for New York. In an interview, Mr. Bryan said: "I am glad to see that the Republicans of Iowa admitted yesterday the necessity for tariff reform, for while it will strengthen the Republican party in that state for the coming campaign, it will ultimately weaken it, for the Republicans cannot permit any reform in the tariff without endangering their whole system."

Earl Beauchamp Joins Liberal League

London, Aug. 1.—Announcement is made that Earl Beauchamp has joined the Liberal league. This formal defection from the conservative ranks, coming at a moment when excitement is rife over the liberal victory in the North Leeds bye-election, occasions great interest in political circles.

Fatalities in the Alps.

Geneva, Aug. 1.—There have been several fatalities lately in the Alps, the latest being Victor Christ, a member of the Imperial Opera company; Mgr. Getna Nagri, a boy named Arcyke and a German tourist.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

Andrew Carnegie has presented Lord Acton's library of 100,000 books, considered the best private collection in existence, to the Rt. Hon. John Morley.

Charles Craven, the negro accused of murdering William H. Wilson, near Herndon, Va., and who was captured and taken to Leesburg, Va., was lynched Thursday.

Secretary Moody caused a stir in the navy department by ruling that salaries must be governed by the work done, not by pull. Lieutenant S. H. Gibson's salary was cut \$200.

The fleet which will attack the fortifications at the east end of Long Island in the naval maneuvers is to consist of four battleships, three cruisers, three monitors and five gunboats.

What undoubtedly is the largest known tree in the world has been discovered on the government reservation far up in the Sierras, in California. Six feet from the ground it took a line 164 feet, 8 inches long to encircle the tree, making it over fifty-one feet in diameter.

The distribution of vegetables and flower seeds by the agricultural department for next year will begin Sept. 1. This is three months in advance of the usual time. The change is made in order to insure complete distribution. Each member of the senate and the house will receive 12,000 packages of vegetable seeds.

TROOPS AT SHENANDOAH

Order is Once More Restored in Pennsylvania Town.

CITY NOT UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Beyond the Appearance of Soldiers the Town Shows No Sign of Having Passed Through Trying Ordeal. Miners Will Ask Troops Withdrawn.

Shenandoah, Pa., Aug. 1.—Twelve hundred state troops are encamped on a hill overlooking Shenandoah. Down in the town, where rioters and policemen fought the bloody battle Wednesday night, all is quiet and the indications are that so long as the militia remains the peace of the community will not again be broken. The riot which caused the soldiers to be sent here came like a flash and was over almost as quickly as it had started, and there has not been a single case of violence reported. The tens of thousands of idle men and boys in this vicinity who had been gathering in large numbers and marching from place to place did not repeat their demonstrations and the authorities consequently had little or nothing to do. The arrival of the citizen soldiery proved to be a great attraction for the large army of unemployed and hundreds of men and boys came to town to see the troops. The camp is located on a high hill, just outside the town, and commands a full view of the town. Within the camp lines are quartered two full regiments, the Eighth and Twelfth, and four companies of the Twelfth regiment and a troop of cavalry. General Gobin expressed himself as highly pleased with the rapidity with which the camp was established. The commander and his staff are quartered at the Ferguson house, but it is the general's intention to get under canvas with his staff as soon as circumstances will permit. Beyond the presence of a group of soldiers here and there, Shenandoah does not show any evidence of having passed through a trying ordeal.

Of the twenty or more persons who were beaten with clubs or struck by bullets during the rioting, one man, Joseph Beddall, is dead. Four officers who were shot and the strikers who were also hit by bullets will recover. Most of the wounded strikers claim they were merely onlookers. The district attorney and the sheriff are prosecuting an investigation with a view of placing under arrest all those who participated in the riot. Several of the wounded strikers called at the Miners' hospital to have slight injuries dressed, and after the doctors got through with them they were arrested and taken to Pottsville jail.

Not Under Martial Law.

Contrary to popular belief, Shenandoah is not under martial law. The local authorities and the sheriff of the county have not relinquished control of the town or county and they remain in as complete control of their respective affairs as they did before the troops reached here. The soldiers are merely in camp on the outside of the town. It was deemed advisable, however, by the brigadier general to establish provost guard in certain parts of the town.

It is said the mine workers' officials intend to circulate among the citizens of the town for signatures a petition calling upon the governor to withdraw the troops.

Miles Dougherty, national board member of the United Mine Workers from this district, told the Associated Press that Deputy Sheriff Thomas Beddall, who was escorting workmen along the street, which action led to the riot, was wholly responsible for the trouble. Mr. Dougherty said Beddall had no good right to shoot, as no one was making an attack on him. The firing of the revolver angered the crowd, he said, which soon got beyond the control of the peacekeepers.

MITCHELL IS ENJOINED.

President of Mine Workers' Union Must Not Interfere With Men. Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 1.—John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, has been enjoined. A bill in equity was filed in the federal court here yesterday by the Chesapeake and Ohio Coal Agency company, in which fifty coal companies operating in the New River field, John Mitchell and about 150 members of the United Mine Workers of America, are made defendants. The bill, which is a very lengthy one, was presented to Judge Keller yesterday and he made an order that a temporary restraining order is allowed, restraining and prohibiting the defendants and all others associating or acting with them from in any way interfering with the management, operation or conducting of the mines by the owners or those operating them, either by menaces, threats or any character of intimidation used to prevent the employees of the mines from going to or from the mines and coke plants.

Two Collieries Start Up.

Scranton, Pa., Aug. 1.—The Oxford colliery of the People's Coal company and the Cayuhoga colliery resumed operations yesterday and worked all day. The Oxford had between 120 and 130 men under ground. The Cayuhoga had sixty miners. Crowds surrounded both collieries when they

were starting up, but the city police

and sheriff and deputies maintained order. The company has erected extensive living quarters inside the stockade surrounding the Oxford and offers to furnish free board and lodging to any of its employees who do not want to run the gauntlet of strikers.

MAYOR AMES TO RESIGN.

Will Not Return to Minneapolis Unless Forced to Do So by Courts.

Minneapolis, Aug. 1.—Mayor A. A. Ames, now at West Baden, Ind., has decided to resign his office, the resignation to take effect Sept. 6. The letter will be read to the common council at its next meeting. The mayor postpones his retirement to save the city the expense of a special election, which would have to be held if the resignation took effect earlier. The mayor has also agreed to secure the resignation of his brother, Colonel Fred Ames, superintendent of police. He was brought to these terms by the visit to West Baden of Police Captains Charles R. Hill, who will be acting superintendent, and John Fitchette. He does not have the power while out of the city to perform the functions of mayor, but he wired Acting Mayor Fred M. Powers to secure the removal of the chief and wired the chief himself, advising resignation. Alderman Powers has agreed to carry out the wishes of the mayor.

This is the climax of the police corruption scandals which have agitated the community and occupied the grand jury and the courts for two months. Mayor Ames is in falling health and may not return to Minneapolis at all, unless forced to do so by the courts.

KITCHENER RECEIVES SWORD.

General Presented With Token of Esteem by Cape Town.

London, Aug. 1.—Amid tremendous enthusiasm Lord Kitchener was last night presented with a sword of honor, the gift of Cape Town. The lord mayor of London made the presentation in the course of a South African dinner, which was attended by many notable persons. When the enthusiasm had sufficiently subsided for Lord Kitchener to make himself heard, he returned thanks for the gift and expressed the confident hope that in South Africa, at any rate, the sword would not again be drawn from its scabbard. Lord Kitchener eulogized Lord Milner, British high commissioner in South Africa.

ROOT LANDS ON FRENCH SOIL.

Secretary of War is Officially Greeted at Havre.

Havre, Aug. 1.—General Postor of the French army boarded the steamer La Savoy on her arrival here yesterday and officially greeted Elihu Root, the American secretary of war, on behalf of the French government. General Postor said to Mr. Root: "The minister of war has done me the honor to delegate me to come in the name of the government of this republic to salute your excellency on your landing on French soil and to bid you welcome. Our ardent desire is that your stay in France may be in all respects agreeable."

Lull in Shopmen's Strike.

Omaha, Aug. 1.—Not since the strike on the Union Pacific began has there been as little apparent activity as at present. Each side seems to be quietly waiting and watching for developments. The officials and strikers are still maintaining that same confident air which has been a distinguishing feature from the first and both assert their conviction of gradually increasing strength and profess to see nothing but victory ahead.

Hope for Woman Suffrage.

London, Aug. 1.—Edmond Barton, premier of Australia, replying yesterday to a deputation of woman suffragists, headed by Lady Henry Somerset, said the outlook for woman suffrage was excellent throughout the Australian commonwealth. The success the movement already had met with in four out of the six states, he said, presaged the ultimate adoption of the plan throughout the whole federation.

Australian Mine Horror.

Sydney, N. S. W., Aug. 1.—An explosion, resulting in heavy loss of life, has occurred at the Mount Kimble colliery, at Wollongong, a port forty miles from here. Twenty-seven bodies have been recovered. The buildings at the mouth of the mines were wrecked. One hundred and forty-seven miners were rescued, but 100 are still entombed. It is feared their release is hopeless.

Visitors Annoy Kipling.

London, Aug. 1.—Rudyard Kipling, who has been much annoyed by the visits of Brighton excursionists to his house at Rottmangean, has purchased a new country place near Tunbridge Wells. Mr. Kipling's troubles at Rottmangean included a feud with the villagers caused by the pro-Boer sentiments of his aunt, Lady Burne-Jones, the widow of Sir Edward Burne-Jones.

Seven Men Badly Burned.

Dayton, O., Aug. 1.—Seven men were fearfully burned yesterday by an explosion in one of the buildings of the Stoddard Manufacturing company's works. Three will probably die. The explosion was caused by a leakage of natural gas. The injured: Edward Banker, Edward Bucher, John Connors, John Weghorn, Daniel Holpeter, Jake Varginger and E. Peters.

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