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QUAKES KILL HUNDREDS

Villages in Turkestan Wrecked by Seismic Shocks.

INHABITANTS ARE CRUSHED.

Total Number of Lives Lost is Estimated at One Thousand—One Town is Completely Destroyed—No Europeans Among the Victims.

Berlin, Sept. 26.—A dispatch received here from Tashkent, capital of Russian Turkestan, reports a terrible earthquake, Aug. 22, the shocks continuing until Sept. 3. One hundred persons were killed at Kashgar, in eastern Turkestan, 400 in the village of Astyn, twenty at Jangl, while the town of Akauksitche was completely destroyed.

Allahabad, India, Sept. 26.—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 premonitory signs, says the dispatch. 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.

Kashgar, capital of the province of Sinkiang, is situated at the confluence of roads leading to Pekin, India, and the Russian empire, and is of considerable importance. It has a population of 50,000.

The gazetteers mention the town of Ak Su, in eastern Turkestan, and say it is a center of trade, the foreign traders, about 100 in number, being mostly Russian subjects. The population of the circle about Ak Su is given at 180,000. There are 4,000 houses in the town itself.

INSULT TO AMERICAN FLAG.

Venezuelan Government Apologizes for Act of Discourtesy.

Port of Spain, island of Trinidad, Sept. 26.—The Venezuelan government has been compelled to apologize to the United States and to formally salute the United States flag as a punishment for the unfriendly action of the Venezuelan gunboat Restaurador in flying the Stars and Stripes while bombarding the city of Ciudad Bolivar.

The Restaurador incident was handled by Herbert W. Bowen, United States minister to Venezuela, most successfully. His negotiations were brief and to the point and he did not wait to consult with his government in the matter. He took a firm and determined stand and secured signal and noted reparation from Venezuela in a manner that left no animosity against the United States. In Caracas it was at first believed the Restaurador had saluted the American flag as a result of influence brought to bear by the American ships of war, whereas the apology was brought about by Bowen from Caracas. He acted quickly in order that the Restaurador should not leave the port before reparation was obtained.

Marines Are in a Fight.

Washington, Sept. 26.—The navy department has received the following cablegram from Commander McLean of the Cincinnati:

"Colon, Sept. 25.—Three hundred insurgents attempted to board the train leaving Empire station and capture a Colombian officer, a passenger from Colon to Panama. A marine knocked the insurgent officer down with the butt of a musket. Guards trained Colt gun on them, but did not fire, as they fled."

Roumania Gives Fresh Offer.

Vienna, Sept. 26.—The Tageblatt publishes a dispatch from Bucharest, saying that Roumania has found means of giving a mild answer to the United States. Nothing has been done to improve the condition of the Jews says the Tageblatt, but telegraphic orders have been sent to all local authorities to stop the issue of emigration passports to the Jews. Many intending emigrants have thus been stopped and a fresh grievance has been added to their old wrongs.

St. Louis Firm Corners Pepper.

St. Louis, Sept. 26.—St. Louis is the controlling factor in the various brands of the black pepper market of this country, and to a great extent of the whole world. A local firm has practically cornered the staple in the United States after two months of quiet buying. It is stated that the corner will not affect the retail price, as there is enough leeway between wholesale and retail quotations to allow for a slight increase without advancing the price per pound.

Mexican War Veterans Meet.

Paris, Ky., Sept. 26.—The thirteenth annual meeting of the National Association of Mexican War Survivors was held here yesterday. Representatives from ten states, to the number of fifty, were present. Many speakers addressed the body. H. T. Ogden of Cincinnati was elected president of the organization. Of the 112,000 veterans who made up the association, only 3,000 survive. Indianapolis was chosen as the next place of meeting in 1903.

GUEST BLOWS UP A HOTEL.

He Wrecks the Building With Dynamite and Shoots Himself.

Washington, Sept. 26.—The Golden Eagle hotel, on the corner of Jersey avenue and D street, was dynamited at 4:30 a. m. by Frank McKie, one of the guests, who subsequently committed suicide.

Between twenty and thirty guests were thrown from their beds by the explosion, but only the proprietor, Louis Brandt, and his wife were injured, the latter seriously. The roof of the building was blown off and the falling wreckage crashed through to the basement, leaving the structure as if wrecked by a tornado. Every pane of glass in the building and the adjoining structures was broken.

The affair is involved in some mystery. The proprietor gave a banquet last night in honor of his wife, who had just returned from Germany, and McKie was a guest.

McKie had boarded at the hotel four years and had been treated as a member of the Brandt family, which includes a daughter, Sophie, with whom McKie is said to have been in love. When the wrecked building was searched enough dynamite was found in McKie's trunk to blow up a block of buildings.

FORMER POSTMASTER IS HELD.

Kansas City Man is Held Responsible for Loss of Money Package.

Kansas City, Sept. 26.—A suit filed in the United States circuit court in this city against S. F. Scott, former postmaster, and his son, Samuel, who was employed as utility clerk in the Kansas City postoffice, makes charges fixing upon the former postmaster and his son the responsibility for the loss of a package containing \$5,000 from the registry mail during May, 1901.

The loss of the package promised to go on record as one of the unsolved mysteries of the postoffice. The money was sent by the National Bank of Commerce in this city to the bank of J. O. Brinkman & Co. at Great Bend, Kan. The suit is brought by the Bankers' Mutual Casualty company of Des Moines, which insured the Bank of Commerce against loss and which subsequently made good the amount.

Boy Editor Arrested.

St. Louis, Sept. 26.—Richard E. Murphy of Jefferson City, who, while a resident of St. Joseph, Mo., gained considerable notoriety as "the boy editor" and who went to Washington and secured personal interviews with President McKinley and a number of other statesmen, which he published in his own paper, was arrested here on the charge of forgery. Recently a money order of the Pacific Express company was stolen at Campbell, Mo., Murphy acknowledged to detectives that he had filled out this order for \$48.50 and had it cashed at the Germania Trust company. The boy, who claims his age is thirteen, was arrested just as he was boarding a train for Chicago.

McGuire Settles Shortage.

Atlanta, Sept. 26.—The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America in convention yesterday disposed of the accounts of P. J. McGuire. It had been stated that during McGuire's term as general secretary and treasurer a shortage had been discovered and for this reported discrepancy the order has suspended him from his office. A resolution was adopted by the convention accepting the sum of \$10,000 from McGuire as payment of the alleged shortage and that no further action of any sort be made against him. It was decided by the convention to remove the headquarters of the brotherhood from Philadelphia to Indianapolis.

Kelly Seen in Memphis.

St. Louis, Sept. 26.—There are no developments in the municipal bribery scandal. Rumors continue to be received by Circuit Attorney Folk of the whereabouts of Charles F. Kelly, the fugitive delegate. A message was received from the authorities at Memphis that a man believed to be Kelly had been seen there by the police last night. They gave chase, but the man, by jumping on a moving train and then jumping off into the darkness, had eluded them.

Elevator Falls to Bottom.

Kansas City, Sept. 26.—An elevator at the Emery-Bird-Thayer Dry Goods company carrying twenty-five young women employees fell three stories at noon. A dozen girls were injured, but with the exception of Emma Parish, aged eighteen, who was hurt internally, and who was unconscious when removed to her home, it is believed that none was seriously hurt. Several fainted and for a time it was thought many had been killed.

Two Outlaws Killed.

Muskogee, I. T., Sept. 26.—Deputy United States Marshal Funk and a posse killed two outlaws at Henrietta after a desperate fight and captured two others. One of the captured men is Jim Holbrook, a member of Bert Casey's band. Both men refuse to divulge the names of the men who were killed. There were five men in the gang and the officers surrounded them. In the fight that followed one outlaw escaped.

Editor Dies of Wounds.

Winchester, Tenn., Sept. 26.—S. E. Robinson, editor of the News-Journal, who was shot yesterday by A. H. Banks, died of his wounds.

BIRDSALL IS NOMINATED

Candidate for Congress to Succeed Henderson Named.

CONVENTION INTERPRETS PLANK

Denies That Dingley Tariff Breeds and Shelters Trusts—Does Not Mean Any Abandonment of the Principle of Protection.

Hampton, Ia., Sept. 26.—Judge H. P. Birdsall of Clarion, Ia., was yesterday nominated for congress by the Third district Republican convention. The nomination was made on the second ballot by a vote of 88 to 26 for C. E. Ransier of Buchanan. The Third district is at present represented by the speaker of the national house, Hon. David B. Henderson, who recently declined a renomination. The report of the committee on resolutions was adopted by the convention as follows:

"We heartily endorse the platform of principles adopted by the late Republican state convention at Des Moines. We deny that the Dingley tariff breeds and shelters trusts. We interpret the tariff plank in the Des Moines platform of 1902 to be merely a reiteration of and to mean no more than the St. Louis plank of 1896, which recited:

"We are not pledged to any particular schedules. The question of rates is a practical question to be governed by the conditions of the times and of production. The ruling and uncompromising principle is the protection and development of American labor and industry."

"We most earnestly regret the declination of the renomination which the Republicans of this district for the eleventh time unanimously tendered the Hon. D. B. Henderson. No official has been more anxious to keep in touch with and faithfully represent the well considered judgment of his constituents than has Colonel Henderson during all the long years of his congressional career. We have faith in his patriotism and in his personal and political integrity; we are conscious of his great mental power and ability; we realize his superb leadership and commanding influence in governmental affairs and believe that his withdrawal means a great loss to the people."

Judge Birdsall is about forty-five years old. The only office he has ever held is the judgeship of the district court, which he resigned a year ago to resume the practice of law.

GENERAL ALGER IS INDORSED.

Michigan Republicans Approve His Senatorial Aspirations.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Sept. 26.—After a long and laborious session, in which more oratory and enthusiastic partisan strife were in evidence than have been seen in the councils of the Republican party in this state for many years, the Republican state convention indorsed the senatorial candidacy of General Russell A. Alger, formerly secretary of war, and nominated Judge William L. Carpenter of Detroit for justice of the supreme court to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Justice Charles D. Long. General Alger's friends won a great victory over the supporters of Dexter M. Ferry of Detroit, the test of strength having been made on a motion to adopt the minority recommendation of the committee on resolutions to the effect that no expression of sentiment of the convention on the senatorial candidacy of any one be taken. The majority report, which endorsed General Alger, was adopted without an opposing vote amid loud and continued cheering from the Alger supporters.

Death of Justice Ellis.

Topeka, Sept. 26.—Justice A. H. Ellis of the Kansas supreme court died here very suddenly last night. He has been in bad health for several months. Justice Ellis served in a Michigan regiment during the civil war. In 1878 he came to Kansas. He was appointed to the supreme court by Governor Stanley two years ago and was nominated by the Republican state convention for a four-year term. He was one of the leading Republican politicians of the state.

League Elects Officers.

St. Paul, Sept. 26.—At yesterday's session of the American League for Civil Improvement, Mrs. Louise Marion McCall of St. Louis talked upon "The Responsibility of Commercial and Social Organization." The league decided to hold its next annual meeting at Chautauque, N. Y. The following officers were elected: President, Howard B. Heinz, Pittsburg; treasurer, Morton D. Hull, Chicago; corresponding secretary, Charles Zueblin, University of Chicago.

Foss Gets the Nomination.

Boston, Sept. 26.—Complete returns from last night's Republican caucuses in the Eleventh congressional district give Eugene N. Foss a total of fifty-five delegates and Melvin O. Adams fifty, this apparently insuring the nomination of the former. The contest was waged on national issues, Mr. Foss favoring a revision of the tariff along radical lines. Among his announced principles are free iron, coal and hides.

STANDING OF ISLE OF PINES.

To Be Left Under the Jurisdiction of Cuba Until Treaty Settles Matter.

Washington, Sept. 26.—With the expectation of being ready to present to congress at the opening of its next session a fabric of treaties between the United States and Cuba, negotiations are pending between Mr. Quesada, the Cuban minister, and the state department with regard to a commercial treaty, an extradition treaty and a treaty to adjust the title to the Isle of Pines.

It is the purpose of Minister Quesada, it is stated, to draw up the commercial treaty on reciprocity lines. The fate of such a treaty will depend naturally on congressional action on the subject of Cuban reciprocity.

An extradition treaty between the United States and Cuba already has been drafted. The provision for the establishment of civil government in Cuba omitted the Isle of Pines from the constitutional boundaries of Cuba and left its title to future definition by treaty. The United States has decided to leave the islands under the jurisdiction of the Cuban government until such a convention can be consummated.

FOUR TRAINMEN KILLED.

Head-On Collision on Bessemer Road Near Mercer, Pa.

Mercer, Pa., Sept. 26.—The worst wreck in the history of the Bessemer road was occasioned by a head-on collision between two freight trains at a point two miles east of Mercer yesterday, in which four were killed and three injured.

The dead: Conductor J. K. Mackey, Engineer Charles Billington, Fireman Peter Loff and Fireman C. H. Kaskey. The injured: Engineer William Gulford, Brakeman John S. Strauss, Brakeman H. K. McLaughlin.

The wreck was caused by a cross order issued for the two freight trains. Three engines and eight steel cars are badly wrecked. The injured will recover.

George Allison, a twelve-year-old boy, was acquitted of the murder of Gus Hinton, sixteen, a companion, whom he stabbed to death at a church at Birmingham, Ky.

Flour Mill Managers May Yield.

Minneapolis, Sept. 26.—Failure of the flour mill managers to reach a decision at their conference yesterday on the demand of their employes union for an eight hour day gives currency to a prediction that they will yield on condition that the international union just organized forces a similar concession in all the other mills in the country. The new body, entitled the International Union of Flour and Cereal Mill Employees, starts out with a membership of 25,000. The officers elected are: President, J. M. Finely, Minneapolis; secretary and treasurer, A. E. Kellington, Minneapolis. It is understood the mill managers indorse the international organization as assuring a uniformity of operating methods throughout the country.

One Miner Refused to Pay.

Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 26.—Three hundred miners, employed by the Tennessee Coal company, are on a strike because the company refused to hold from the pay of one of its employes an assessment of \$1 a week for the benefit of the strikers in Pennsylvania, which the employe refused to pay. The local officers of the mine workers authorized the assessment and all the men except one agreed to pay it.

President's Leg in Good Condition.

Washington, Sept. 26.—In view of the satisfactory improvement in the president's condition, no prepared statement was made, Secretary Cortelyou simply saying that Mr. Roosevelt was doing nicely.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

Within eighty days messages will pass over the Pacific cable between San Francisco and Honolulu.

President Roosevelt has chosen Charlemagne Tower, ambassador to Russia, to succeed Mr. White as ambassador to Germany.

The plant of the American Lock Washer company at Newark, N. J., was destroyed by fire Thursday night, entailing a loss of \$25,000.

At Lexington, Ky., Richard Martin killed Harry Wood in a fight, resulting from a quarrel over a trivial matter in a saloon. Martin escaped.

I. Harry Stratton, son of Winfield S. Stratton, has decided to contest his father's will, which leaves the bulk of a \$10,000,000 estate to charity.

Superintendent Edwin G. Cooley of the Chicago public schools has been offered the presidency of the University of the state of Washington.

Mission institutes for the benefit of friendless Swedish and Finnish immigrants soon will be established in New York and Chicago, according to the plans of the Swedish Baptists of America.

Bishop H. C. Potter, at the New York Episcopal diocese convention, declared workmen who try to vary monotonous lives by getting drunk cannot be blamed and that prohibitory laws are stupid.

A dispatch from Rome says the volcano on Stromboli island, off the north coast of Sicily, has been active for several days, a fissure at the base of one of the craters is pouring out lava and jets of flames to a height of 800 yards.

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