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## MANY HUNDREDS DEAD

### Earthquake in Southern Mexico Proven to Have Been Disastrous.

## CITY OF CHILPANCIAGO DESOLATE

### Falling Buildings Destroy Lives of Many of the Inhabitants—Church Crushed In Worshippers—Great Slaughter Occurs in Several Edifices.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 18.—One of the most terrible disasters in the history of the state of Guerrero is reported to have occurred late yesterday afternoon. An extremely violent earthquake causing a great loss of life and injuring many persons. Details from the stricken district are very meager, but uttering reports received here indicate that probably 300 persons were killed and as many more injured. It is known that the state capital, the parish church and many business houses and residences were in ruins and that there is much suffering as a result of the awful seismic disturbance. One of the edifices that suffered most was the federal telegraph office, which explains the scarcity of news thus far.

Meager details finally began to arrive here. The telegraph lines and apparatus at Chilpancingo were badly damaged, but the employees, all of whom were uninjured, quickly proceeded to erect an improvised telegraph office on the outskirts of the city. The number of deaths was greater in the parish church than any other single place, as a crowd of worshippers was gathered there for the afternoon service. The solid masonry walls and the roof came toppling down on the worshippers and many of those within were killed.

The war department has ordered troops in the neighborhood to cooperate in the work of rescue. Until the work is completed it will be impossible to accurately learn the number of victims. It is believed, however, that this is one of the most destructive earthquakes that ever occurred in Mexico. The greater part of the population of the city are now camped out under tents around the town, which is five days' journey from the national capital.

Earthquake shocks were felt in many other cities and towns. In Mexico City the earthquake occurred at 5:07 p. m. yesterday and was of such violence as to shake the most substantial buildings. The Pan-American congress was in session at the time and many of the delegates were greatly alarmed. The first movement here was one of trepidation and was very sharp. It was followed by an easy oscillatory movement northeast to southwest. The duration was fifty-five seconds. The damage in this city was slight.

The state of Guerrero has always been the focus of seismic disturbances. Reports received here state the shock was very severe at Chilpancingo. No casualties are so far reported from there. The duration of the Chilpancingo shock was less than fifty seconds, against fifty-five seconds at the capital.

Up to 11 o'clock tonight no further news had come from the stricken city. The earthquake was also intense at Iguala, in the state of Guerrero, destroying the parish church and many buildings. Among the latter was the sugar mill of General Frisbie. The mill had just been completed and fitted up with American machinery at a cost of \$200,000. The property loss is immense throughout the state of Guerrero.

The Association Press correspondent has just seen a private telegram from Chilpancingo saying: "I and family are safe; many houses destroyed."

### Crematory Has Disappeared.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Jan. 18.—W. A. Smith, proprietor of the Mystic crematory in this city, and interested in a line of crematories in Benton county, has been missing since Sunday. The Merchants National bank of this city began suit in the superior court, asking judgment for \$5,375 against Smith and a writ of attachment on his property. The bank claims to have loaned him \$2,000.

### Continuation of Divorced Sheep.

LINCOLN, Jan. 18.—Communications received from various sections of the state in response to orders from State Veterinarian Thomas commanding a quarantine of diseased sheep, indicate that the suggestion will be followed to the letter.

### Omaha Will Issue Call.

DENVER, Jan. 18.—Governor Orman today announced that he will issue a call tomorrow or on Sunday for a special session of the legislature to consider the following subjects: The revenue bill which was attacked by the trusts and pronounced unconstitutional in part by the courts; the control of the corporations, especially railroads, by a commission or otherwise; an employers' liability bill and for financing the Gammon tunnel.

### Other Wants New Income Tax.

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 18.—King Oscar opened the Swedish parliament in person today. In the speech from the throne he expressed the hope that the house would grant the credits necessary to render efficient all branches of the army and announced the introduction of bills extending the franchise for the election of members of the second chamber, providing for a progressive income tax and establishing imperial insurance.

## FUNDS FOR ST. LOUIS FAIR

### Nebraska Commissioners Appeal to Citizens to Help Money.

## RECEPTION TO PRINCE

### "Fighting Bob" Will Have in Charge the Naval "Blow Out."

## FIXES PLANS WITH VON HOLLENBEN

### Rear Admiral Consults With German Ambassador Regarding Arrangements—Assignment of Venues in the Approaching Demonstration.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 17.—Rear Admiral R. D. Evans, who has been charged with the preparation and execution of the naval program at the reception of Prince Henry of Prussia, called on Dr. von Hollenben, the German ambassador, at the embassy today and consulted him regarding the arrangements for the naval welcome to be accorded the distinguished visitor. Admiral Evans will keep in close touch with the ambassador and the embassy officials in order that he may conform his own arrangements to those of the visiting party, notice of the latter's plan being conveyed from Berlin to the embassy at Washington.

It may be stated that the Kron Prinz Wilhelm will not deviate from his course and go first to Hampton Roads, as heretofore reported, but will bear Prince Henry directly to New York, where the naval demonstrations proper will take place.

The following squadron has been assigned to Rear Admiral Evans by the navy department to welcome the prince:

Flagship, the battleship Illinois; protected cruisers Olympia, San Francisco and Cincinnati and the cruiser Hartford.

While detailed arrangements for the movement of this squadron have not yet been made, Admiral Evans states that the vessels probably will rendezvous at Tompkinsville and possibly join the imperial yacht Hohenzollern on her way up the Atlantic coast from the West Indies and escort her to New York harbor.

Admiral Evans will have with him the same staff that was selected to accompany him to the Asiatic station. Captain George A. Converse, as commander of the battleship Illinois, will be his flag captain. Lieutenant Frederick L. Chapin, his flag lieutenant, Lieutenant Thomas Washington, flag secretary, and several other naval aids.

Emperor William's silver treasures, from which there have been selected nearly 1,000 of the choicest pieces for use at Prince Henry's banquet on board the Hohenzollern at New York, compose one of the richest collections of silver possessed by any sovereign of Europe, and is valued at upward of 5,000,000 marks. It embraces Emperor William's wedding gift, presented by ninety-six Prussian cities; a silver table service, for fifty persons, valued at 420,000 marks, and many rare pieces of silver dating from the time of Frederick the Great and Frederick William I.

Among the wonders in the "Ritterhaus" in the old castle at Berlin is a silver buffet eight meters wide, reaching from the floor to the ceiling and bearing among others nine huge silver thrones, fifty inches in diameter.

### Columbian Troops Make Mistake.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—News of a serious mistake in which a force of government troops fought another body of government soldiers, thinking that it was composed of Colombian revolutionists, has been brought to Colonel Pinzon, by the Colombian warship General Pinzon, cables the correspondent of the Herald at that place. The mistake resulted in eighteen men being killed and sixty-three wounded, some of them seriously.

### Bridge Over River Goes Down.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 17.—This afternoon the center span of the West Washington street bridge crossing White river gave way with the weight of a work train consisting of two trolley cars and four teams. Twelve workmen were precipitated into the river but all were rescued alive. Four were injured. Two horses were drowned and two had to be killed on account of injuries. The fire department and ambulance were called.

### Killed by Blunt Explosion.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Jan. 17.—James Burgess, a coal miner employed in the mine of the Webster County Coal and Land company at Lehigh was killed by a discharge of a blast on Friday afternoon. Burgess went up to see why the blast did not explode, when it went off, shattering his left side and injuring him terribly.

### Schedule Rates Wages.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 17.—It is semi-officially stated that the new wage schedule adopted by the Great Northern at the request of the engineers and firemen operating the new and heavier freight engines advances the wages of engineers who have been receiving \$4 per 100 miles to \$4.50. Firemen receiving \$2.50, it is said, will receive \$2.65, and switching engine drivers \$2.25 a day, less one hour for dinner.

### Cannons for Kinman Monument.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Jan. 17.—The Kinman monument committee has arranged to begin an active canvass of the city for funds for the memorial to the brave Council Bluffs colonel of the Twenty-third Iowa regiment in the civil war. A sub-committee, consisting of two members from the old soldiers' committee, Captain Seth H. Craig and William Moore, and two members from the citizens' general committee, has been appointed.

### Cashier Buys New Land.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—Edward Cudaky, the Omaha packer, has bought for \$40,000 the property in Cottage Grove avenue eighty-one feet south of Seventy-first street, east front, nine by four feet west of Cottage Grove avenue, north front, 109x191. The grantor was James M. Reddy, an incumbent of \$15,000 being assumed by the purchaser. The ground will be improved by the Cudaky coactors for business purposes.

### Professor Drops Dead.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 16.—Halplius Hyatt, assistant professor of invertebrate paleontology at Harvard university, dropped dead here. He was 53 years old, a graduate of the Lawrence scientific school, Harvard, and served in the civil war. He was once Prof. Louis Agassiz's assistant at Harvard. He was a member of several scientific bodies, both in this country and abroad, and wrote many scientific works.

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