

HARBOR BED IS SINKING

Fear that City of Kingston May Slip Into the Bay.

MANY DOCKS ARE UNDER WATER

Quake Forms Holes and Cracks Hundred Feet Deep.

DEAD NUMBER AT LEAST A THOUSAND

Dispatch from Governor Reports Burial of 243 Bodies.

SEVERAL AMERICANS AMONG VICTIMS

Partial List of Most Prominent Persons Killed.

FAMINE AND PESTILENCE ARE

Hospital Corps from Dan. Naval Vessels Aid in R.

Work-Only Business Pa. of City Bureau.

BULLETIN.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Jan. 17.—Wireless messages received at the station on Anastasia island today by Chief Electrician, Elkins say that Kingston is sinking gradually, that many holes and cracks 100 feet deep were formed by the earthquake and that grave fears are felt that the entire city will slip into the bay.

Another message says the hospital corps, attendants and supplies from the United States naval vessels at Guantanamo have been sent to the stricken island.

BULLETIN.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—The shores of the harbor of Kingston are sinking and there is terror lest the city slip into the sea, according to a private dispatch received by a large mercantile house here today from Port au Prince, Hayti. The bed of the harbor is said to be sinking and the water in many places is now 100 feet deep. Every wharf is said to have sunk into the sea or to have been rendered worthless.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—According to information received today the Kingston horror is growing. Communication with the island is partially restored and every message that comes brings fresh details of the appalling catastrophe.

The number of dead is detailed variously at from 500 to 1,200 and the number of injured runs into the thousands. Ten thousand people are said to be homeless.

The danger of famine has increased and it is feared the specter of pestilence. There is great concern that the food and energetic efforts are being made in this country and in England to send aid.

The business section of the city has been wiped out and the estimates of the damage range from \$10,000,000 to \$25,000,000.

Among the dead and injured are a number of prominent English persons and almost every dispatch adds a new name to the list. Eight Americans are recorded as missing and it is said that many tourists undoubtedly were crushed by falling walls in the shipping district. The American battleships Missouri and Indiana have reached the scene and a number of officers and sailors are standing by to render any assistance in their powers. A new horror is added to the situation by reports that the city seems to be slowly sinking into the sea. The contour of the bottom of the harbor has materially changed and two high houses at the harbor entrance are said to have disappeared.

The ships in the harbor are crowded with injured people, and the death list is being increased daily. Corpses lie in the streets or are being thrown into trenches.

The fearome extent of the appalling calamity that has visited the capital of Jamaica has not yet been recorded in the outside world and it is doubtful if even the people of Kingston themselves are yet aware of the full extent of the disaster that overwhelmed them last Monday afternoon.

Partial List of Dead.

Following is a list of the more important persons reported killed in the earthquake:

JAMES FERGUSON, M. P., deputy secretary of the Royal Mail Steam Packet company of London.

CAPTAIN T. CONSTANTINE, superintendent in Jamaica for the Royal Mail Steam Packet company.

CAPTAIN YOUNG, commander of the steamer Armo of the Royal Steam Packet company.

CAPTAIN LAMONT, who was soon to be married to an American girl.

DR. ROBERTSON AND WIFE (perhaps Dr. O. D. E. Robertson and wife).

CHARLES SHERLOCK, a well known merchant.

A. M. NATHAN, partner of Charles Sherman in the firm of Nathan, Sherlock & Co.

BRADLEY VERLEY, extensively interested in sugar cultivation.

TWO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE VERLEY FAMILY.

Q. MCKEN LIVINGSTON, senior clerk in the auditing office of the Colonial government.

E. R. C. GIBB, MISS LOCKETT, killed in Jamaica club.

MISS BELLEVILLE, EDGAR D. CORDOVA, carriage and wagon maker.

The missing: J. W. Middleton, Charles D. Cordova, importing provision merchant.

W. H. D. Cordova, a brother of Charles. A brother of Charles Sherlock.

Red Cross Begins Work.

The first cargo of supplies to be sent from New York in aid of the stricken people of Jamaica will be shipped tomorrow. President Cleveland Dodge of the New York state branch of the National Red Cross has authorized by the national organization today to spend \$500 in the purchase of supplies.

The Red Cross contributions will be supplemented by a quantity of food, medicine and other supplies gathered by a committee of steamship and commercial firms. The Hamburg-American, the United Fruit company and the Royal Mail Steamship company tonight announced that all the vessels of their lines to Kingston would be at the disposal of relief organizations desiring to forward supplies to Jamaica.

City a Heap of Ruins.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—It is now known that the death list from the Kingston earthquake certainly will exceed 500 persons and may even reach 1,000, and that large numbers

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Friday, January 18, 1907.

Table with columns for 1907 and 1906, and rows for JANUARY and FEBRUARY with days of the week.

THE WEATHER.

FORECAST FOR NEBRASKA—Partly cloudy Friday and warmer in west portion.

FORECAST FOR IOWA—Fair in west, rain, snow in east portion Friday. Saturday generally fair.

Temperature at Omaha yesterday: High, 44; low, 22.

Hourly: 4 a. m., 44; 5 a. m., 43; 6 a. m., 42; 7 a. m., 41; 8 a. m., 40; 9 a. m., 39; 10 a. m., 38; 11 a. m., 37; 12 m., 36; 1 p. m., 35; 2 p. m., 34; 3 p. m., 33; 4 p. m., 32; 5 p. m., 31; 6 p. m., 30; 7 p. m., 29; 8 p. m., 28; 9 p. m., 27; 10 p. m., 26; 11 p. m., 25; 12 m., 24.

DOMESTIC.

Assistant attorney general of United States at Pueblo, Colo., and starts in judicial tour into alleged land frauds in that state.

Heavy snows have fallen in North Dakota and a renewal of railroad blockades is probable.

The river is still rising and a sixty-foot stage is expected at Cincinnati Sunday.

WASHINGTON.

General shakedown in army pay department is running smoothly.

Senator Blackburn submits amendment to Fraker resolution admitting right of president to discharge soldiers without honor.

FOREIGN.

Reports from Kingston say bed of harbor is sinking and fears are expressed that ruined city may slip into the bay. At least 1,000 persons are dead.

NEBRASKA.

House judiciary committee hears representatives of women's clubs, Women's Christian Temperance union and others on child labor bill and recommends it for passage.

Prof. Bruner tells corn growers insects and other pests destroy one-quarter of the crop each year.

Supreme court decides scavenger tax case in favor of The Bee and allows its bill for publication in full.

Bill to be introduced in the senate changing the judicial districts, increasing the number to seventeen, but making a reduction of eight in the number of judges.

Charges are made at meeting of Farmers' Co-operative association that Omaha is robbed of grain trade by false grading at other markets.

Nebraska Volunteer Firemen's association elects officers at Grand Island and plans to meet next year at Nebraska City.

Joint committee of house and senate holds its first session to formulate a railroad bill and question is informally discussed.

COUNCIL BLUFFS AND IOWA.

Report of Engineer Kierstead puts remuneration of water rates at higher figure than those contained in ordinance passed some time ago.

Governor Cummins in his inaugural address advocates some change in state constitution. Thinks powers of states should be increased rather than diminished.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Arrived: St. Louis, Boston, Seattle, San Francisco, etc.

DEPARTING: St. Louis, Boston, Seattle, San Francisco, etc.

NEW DISCOVERY IN METALS

Alabama Learns How Gold and Platinum May Be Hardened and Tempered.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 17.—Mr. Alfred D. Weaver of this city has, in collaboration with John Edward Carney, and while engaged in laboratory experiments in search of a new alloy material for wireless telegraphy, discovered the art of hardening and tempering precious and semi-precious metals, such as platinum, gold and the like, without alloying them with other metals. The characteristic results obtained by Mr. Weaver's process are the enormous reduction in the fusing point of these metals and the imparting to them of a degree of hardness, in some instances surpassing that of the best steel tool when hardened.

Platinum, one of the most refractory of metals, heretofore requiring for its fusion the oxy-hydrogen flame, or the voltaic arc, is, after being subjected to the new process, easily melted by a gasoline blow pipe and may be cast, again melted and recast indefinitely.

So great a hardness is imparted to these metals by Mr. Weaver's process that a piece of gold or platinum, for instance, can with the greatest difficulty be abraded by a bent steel file, and a sphere of either of these metals of, say two millimeters diameter, when placed upon a hardened steel anvil and struck sharp blows with an eight-ounce steel hammer, will resist such blow and suffer only the slightest alteration in shape.

BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION MEETS

E. A. Burnett of Lincoln, Who Was Secretary of Animal Section, Retires.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 17.—The American Breeders' association closed its annual meeting here today. The following officers were re-elected: President, secretary of agriculture, James H. Hays, Washington, D. C.; secretary, Prof. Oscar E. Mendenhall, Kan.; treasurer, A. P. Groat of Winchester, Ill.; chairman animal section, Charles W. Ward of Queens, N. Y.; chairman plant section, C. B. Davenport of Cold Springs Harbor, N. Y.; was elected secretary of the animal section in place of E. A. Burnett of Lincoln, Neb.; Prof. N. E. Hansen of Brookings, S. D., was re-elected secretary of the plant section.

Resolutions were adopted urging the discontinuance of indiscriminate distribution of seed by the Agricultural department and the application of the money previously appropriated for this purpose to agricultural research and the importation of new seeds. The organization also declared in favor of the organization of a national co-operative accounting association.

ARMY PAY OFFICERS MOVE

Shakeup Coming in Brigadier General Sniffen's Department.

COLONEL TOWER TO GO TO WASHINGTON

Lieutenant Colonel Muhlbenber, According to Rumors Current, Will Be Ordered to the Philippines.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—In army circles there is rumor that the pay department, under Brigadier General Sniffen, is shortly to be reorganized and that there will be a general change all around, especially in the higher grades. It is understood Colonel Tower, now stationed at Chicago, who in all probability will be the next paymaster general of the army, will come to Washington as district paymaster here, relieving Lieutenant Colonel Muhlbenber, who will be ordered to the Philippines. Lieutenant Colonel Tucker, son-in-law of Mrs. John A. Logan, now on station in the Philippines, it is expected, will be assigned to San Francisco, California, relieving Colonel Whipple, who is chief paymaster in Cuba. It is thought, will be ordered to Chicago to relieve Colonel Tower, ranking colonel, and someone in the junior grade will be sent to Cuba to succeed Colonel Whipple.

Appropriation for the Missouri.

The river and harbor bill, which will be reported to the house probably tomorrow, will contain the appropriation of \$10,000 for Missouri river work between Kansas City and Sioux City, and \$50,000 for work above Sioux City. Representative Pollard and Kennedy appeared before the committee today and urged that a larger appropriation be authorized for that stretch of river between Kansas City and Sioux City, but Chairman Burton was informed by army engineers that the work could be done for \$50,000. The money will be used in clearing the channel of snags and other obstructions to navigation. When this work is completed, engineers say the river will be navigable almost to the head of the Missouri. The committee inserted the appropriation on the showing made by the Nebraska congressmen named. They submitted a statement presenting plans of the promoters of the Omaha-Kansas City barge line and made a strong argument for an appropriation.

Amendment to Coal Land Law.

Representative Martin of South Dakota today introduced a bill, its intent being to amend the existing laws relating to public coal lands. The Martin bill provides that any person or association of persons, severally qualified, who has located and improved coal lands upon public lands and shall be in actual possession of the same shall be entitled to preference right of entry. When an association of not less than four persons shall have expended not less than \$5,000 they may be entitled to not more than 1,280 acres. Those who have expended \$10,000 may enter 2,560 acres. The bill also gives the president power to set apart and reserve from entry such unappropriated public lands as he may deem necessary to protect the coal supply from passing into the hands of monopolists.

Passes for Trainmen.

Senator Burkett introduced a bill to amend the anti-pass provisions of the railroad rate law. Mr. Burkett, after looking over the enacted bill, believes an injustice has been done and now seeks through his bill to amend the act. It is the purpose of Senator Burkett to permit railroad companies to issue passes to traveling representatives of the Brotherhoods of Locomotive Engineers, Firemen and Railway Trainmen, all trainmen and the Order of Railway Telegraphers.

Pensions for Western Men.

Senator Burkett introduced a bill to increase the pension of John S. Burke to \$30 per month.

Representative Kinkaid was today advised that John W. Hoerbaugh, Ravensna, had been allowed an increase of pension to \$8, dating from December 8. It was also informed that an original pension of \$11 had been granted to Charles L. Paxton of Gordon, Neb., at \$12 per month.

Minor Western Matters.

Lieutenant Colonel John M. Barstler, deputy surgeon general, will proceed to Omaha for temporary duty as acting chief surgeon of the Department of Missouri.

South Dakota postoffices established: House, Day county, Ore House, postmaster; Moberley, Walworth county, Archie E. Flick, postmaster.

COTTON PLANTERS IN SESSION

Third Convention Called to Order by Man Who Declares Planters Are Robbed.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 17.—The third annual convention of the Southern Cotton association began here today with a big attendance. After several welcoming addresses M. L. Johnson of Georgia, president of the Georgia division, responding, said in part: "My friends, it is war. Not a war with powder and lead, but a war requiring as much bravery, as much brains and calling for as much sacrifice and patriotism as served the arms and inspired the spirit of the Lee, the Jacksons and the Johnstons, heroes of our lost cause, but a cause never to be forgotten."

He said that for forty years the south had submitted to being robbed on the price of its chief product because of its poverty. "For forty years," he continued, "we have paid tribute to Wall street gamblers, the spinners of Europe and spinners of our own country. Are you ready for the battle against this robbery?"

The speaker scored the American spinners for "allying themselves with the interests of the foreign spinner to the detriment and impoverishment of their own people and their own consumers."

President Harris Jordan then delivered his annual address.

Porto Rico Prosperous.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Jan. 17.—Governor Withrop, in his annual message to the legislature, congratulates the people of the island on the commercial and financial prosperity. He recommends changes in the judicial system and an increase in school facilities and in the civil service laws. The governor also recommends the continuance of the Porto Rico commercial agency in New York.

Philippines Afloat Standard Oil.

MANILA, Jan. 17.—The insular government demands payment of the Standard Oil company of \$18,541 in gold, duty upon oil brought into the Philippines prior to 1901 upon which the proper tax was not paid. The Standard Oil company will contest the matter with the insular government, which will bring suit.

FOUNDATION FOR ALL DAMS

Senator Millard Makes Public Report of Commission on Borings Recently Made.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Chairman Millard of the senate senate committee on Inter-oceanic canals today made public the report of the Inter-oceanic Canal commission on the borings at the Gatun dam site, which was furnished in response to a request from the committee. The report includes a cable statement from Chief Engineer Stevens in which he says twelve holes have been bored at the Gatun site and all show that the bed walls are composed of firm and suitable soft rock. He also says that sixty-three borings, all extending to rock, have been made across the valley at Chagres covering the dam site and that previous matter was found in only four holes and below 200 feet. At the Pedro Miguel lock wall there have been ten borings, all showing rock suitable for foundation. The following statement was issued by the Isthmian Canal commission today: Chairman Shonts today announced that at a conference held at the Pedro Miguel lock site, the committee decided that the lowest bid—that is, of 6.75 per cent—was a percentage at which the government would be justified in placing the contract.

The second point in the determination of the committee was whether it was making this bid—that is, Messrs. Oliver Bangs—can qualify financially under the terms of the contract. The committee decided that this they can or cannot will be ascertained by the committee. It is \$2,000,000 of liabilities, including \$500,000, which will be required to make the bond.

It was further decided that if their personal records and the business standing are found after investigation to be all right, they ought to have the contract.

The correspondence accompanying the report shows that the information was furnished to the committee by a letter from Senator Millard dated January 5 in which he informed the committee of the desire of the committee for information.

In his response Mr. Shonts included not only the statements of members of the engineering committee of the commission, but also a letter from Chief Engineer Stevens giving full information on the point in question up to January 12. The letter from the engineering committee bears the signature of its chairman, Admiral Endicott, who says: "We know of no foundation for the report that the proposed lock at Pedro Miguel is not soundly founded on the point in question up to January 12. The letter from the engineering committee bears the signature of its chairman, Admiral Endicott, who says: "We know of no foundation for the report that the proposed lock at Pedro Miguel is not soundly founded on the point in question up to January 12. The letter from the engineering committee bears the signature of its chairman, Admiral Endicott, who says: "We know of no foundation for the report that the proposed lock at Pedro Miguel is not soundly founded on the point in question up to January 12. 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