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The Earth Shook.

JAPAN OVERWHELMED BY EARTHQUAKE AND FLOOD.

The further details given in today's message in connection with the disaster which has overwhelmed the cities of Japan would appear to indicate that the extent of the effects of the earthquake and the consequent fires is more widespread and accompanied by greater loss of life than any similar event recorded in recent history.

From earliest times history refers to many similar instances which resulted in appalling loss of life. 100,000 perished in and around Catania in Sicily in 1693. Lisbon was visited by earthquake in 1755 and 40,000 of the inhabitants lost their lives. Here in the present instance the tidal waves following the shock materially added to the destruction.

Japan experienced a shock of a like nature in 1891 when over three hundred thousand people were rendered homeless. Within the memory of many of us is the terrible state of affairs which occurred in India when an earthquake at Dharmasola wiped out a regiment, and in Lahore and other places over 10,000 natives were killed. The upheaval in San Francisco, in which were residing many Newfoundlanders, and a year later in Kingston, Jamaica, brought us more closely in touch with the horrors that accompany this trembling of mother earth. Again in 1908 this visitation claimed its 18,000 victims in the neighbourhood of Messina. Even during the war when we were becoming accustomed to the steadily lengthening list of casualties daily received from the battlefronts, the disaster through earthquake shocks which destroyed Sora and Avezzano in Italy and wiped out 25,000 of her population by one fell stroke aroused world-wide sympathy.

Today we are told of the terrible loss of life in Tokio alone of 150,000, and the meagre details which have been obtained, only by very great difficulty, would appear to indicate that, when the full story is told, it will be without parallel in history.

Even in far-off Japan there are Newfoundlanders residing, some of whom are engaged in missionary work. The anxiety of their friends may to some extent be relieved by the information which has been received to the effect that the summer resort of the missionaries has escaped injury.

While we in our island home are visited with disasters by sea and storm, while at times our capital has been visited by devastating fires, and while at times the grim spectre of depression and hardship has stalked through the land, we are fortunately outside the region of seismic disturbances, and have had no experience of the terror and dismay which must accompany such an upheaval, so awful in its suddenness, so terrifying in its nature, and so utterly impossible to guard against or to cope with. The spectacle of a city of dry land appearing where

before was the sea, of hills arising before our eyes or disappearing into the bowels of the earth, of the ground opening under foot to receive into its maw whole sections of a city, and the light in a darkened atmosphere being only that of the devouring flames—must be sufficient to paralyze the sense even of the most composed.

Truly we have many things to be thankful for, and none more so than that our island is set in a corner of the globe where such catastrophes are unknown.

Will Not be Published.

As to-morrow is a whole holiday there will not be an issue of the Evening Telegram.

40 Years in the Public Service.

Yesterday was the 40th anniversary of the entry of Mr. George E. Turner, J.P., L.E.O., into the Public Service, during the whole of which time he has been engaged in work of different kinds in the Agriculture and Mines Department. In the whole of the service there is no one who is more deserving of confidence and respect than the Deputy Minister who through sheer ability and application has reached his responsible position. We congratulate Mr. Turner on passing his two score years in the service of his country and trust that he may long rely upon his guidance in administrative affairs.

TO-NIGHT.—Dance, C. C. C. Hall. Music by Prince's Orchestra.—sept 4.

Shopkeepers Complain.

Shopkeepers are complaining that they are subject to considerable loss by reason of short weight on provisions which they purchase from wholesalers. Salt, meat, vegetables, flour and beans are amongst the articles enumerated, the shortage in many instances running into several stones weight on a single package. The short weight is not confined to the imported article alone as there are many complaints of short weight being given in potatoes. One grocer last week purchased a barrel of the tubers which was found to be short by 25 lbs. of the legal weight. The inspector should investigate.

Fishery Reports.

According to a report from Mr. Joseph Williams, sub-collector at Bay Bulls, 11,000 gals. codfish have been landed between the North Head and Cape Medie up to Sept. 1st. One hundred and thirty-five codfish and skins are operating.

Mr. A. J. Hoff, sub-collector at Change Islands, reports that boats get from one to two barrels of fish per day when they can get on the grounds. Between Change Islands and Hare Bay Head 3,100 gals. had been landed up to August 31st.

In Bay de Verde district the fishery has been very poor, and from Mead's Brook to Break Heart Point only 666 gals. had been landed up to September 1st. Ten boats are fishing.

Dad wants a "Stetson." Get him one for Father's Day.—at Kearney's.—sept 4.

Labrador Report.

Cape Harrison.—S.W. wind, blowing a strong S.E. breeze for 24 hours. No rain. Smoke—Strong S.W. wind; no boats out. Grand—Rain, no boats out. Duxbury and Flat Islands—Strong North wind, cloudy with rain. Battle Harbor—Westerly rain.

Vessel Leaking Badly.

A message to the Deputy Minister of Customs from Sub-collector T. Roberts at Pelly's Island stated that the scho. Evelyn Y. Miller which cleared from Trillington on Saturday, Sept. 1st, for Sydney with a cargo of 1202 barrels herring has returned to port leaking badly. The cargo will have to be landed or transferred.

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Has Dad a Dressing Gown? Nice ones at Kearney's.—sept 4.

Ferryland Garden Party.

The energetic Parish Priest of Ferryland, Rev. A. J. Maher held a garden party at Ferryland on the 2nd inst., for the purpose of providing for the new school he is now erecting in that Parish. The affair was a great success, and was attended by a large number. The Mount Cashel Band, under the direction of Mr. Bulley rendered a splendid programme of music, and teas were served by the ladies of Ferryland. A special feature of the day was the boat racing, one of the most closely contested being a 400 yds. race. Two boats entered this race, and from the start to the finish, there was hardly a stroke in the difference. The rowing was, as we would expect from fishermen, a splendid exhibition of muscle and skill. What particularly attracted the eye of the visitors was the splendid school being erected by Fr. Maher. Built of concrete and concrete blocks, with an artistic and attractive design, the building fittingly ornamented with columns and pediment is 50 feet long by 25 feet wide, and when completed, will accommodate one hundred and fifty pupils, who will be in charge of the Nuns of the Parish. A portion of the building has been set apart for a Kindergarten, and another part reserved for a playroom, which is 100 feet long by 8 feet wide. Lavatories of a modern character will be installed, the water being supplied from a reservoir. It is the intention of the Pastor to have the building heated by the Acrole System. The work is being supervised by Mr. Whittle and reflects the greatest credit. Fr. Maher hopes to have the school fully equipped and open by December, and thus supply a need which has been long felt there. The undertaking speaks well for the Pastor and people of Ferryland.

Dad going shooting? Get him a comfortable sweater at Kearney's.—sept 4.

President Reid's Farewell Address.

On the occasion of the retirement of Reid Newfoundland Company, limited from the transportation and docking business in Newfoundland I desire on behalf of the Directors and Shareholders of the Company to convey to you our best thanks for the loyal service rendered to us in the past and our sincere hope and belief that the like service will be given by you to your country, which through its Government is now operating these services.

During the thirty-three years which have elapsed since the Reid first became connected with the railway system of this Dominion the most satisfactory feature of their operations has been the glowing loyalty which has been displayed towards them by the staff and the employees generally. Without that spirit of loyalty and co-operation the difficulties which we have had to face would have been insurmountable. The hardships and dangers of snow-blighting, for instance, are imperfectly realized by the general public.

I should like here to make special mention of the period of the Great War, throughout which those of "the outfit" who were not actually in the fighting line with the Regiment or in the Royal Naval Reserve did equally valuable service to their country by keeping our transportation service going while Newfoundland was otherwise practically cut off from the rest of the world by the submarine campaign.

In taking leave of you I wish you to believe that you have our best wishes for your future happiness, advancement and prosperity, and for the greatest possible success of the new management.

Faithfully yours,
H. D. REID,
President.

Finance Adviser for Haiti.

Part-an-Prince, Haiti, Aug. 5 (A.P.)—Pending the appointment by the State Department of a financial adviser to the Republic of Haiti, Achilles J. Mamoux of Louisiana has been designated as financial adviser of interim. John S. Ford of Texas recently resigned the office to accept a similar position for the government of Ecuador. Mr. Mamoux was appointed Receiver General of Customs for Haiti in 1916.

Knowing's have just received another shipment of the famous I.T.S. Rubber Heels, selling at the usual low prices; also a job line selling for 10c and 15c, a pair of KNOWING'S SHOE STORES.—sept 4.

From Cape Race.

CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind west, light, weather dull and hazy. The steamer Trossa passed in and Lady Layler left for Halifax yesterday. Nothing sighted to-day. Bar, 30.49; Ther. 55.

A happy thought of Kearney's.—"Dad" for Dad.—sept 4.

TWO JAPANESE NAVAL BASES DESTROYED.

Tokio in Ruins -- 150,000 Dead in Tokio.

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 4. Japanese naval base at Kamakura and Yokosuka were entirely destroyed by the earthquake, according to despatches received by Japanese Consulate here. Eight of fifteen districts in Tokio partially destroyed by fire and flames which are hot yet under control. All bridges over the rivers traversing Tokio were carried away by tidal flood. A small volcano on the Island of Koshima, thirty miles from Tokio, is erupting. Another despatch received in England states that nearly all the important buildings in Tokio are either burned down or destroyed by quake. All newspaper offices were wrecked with the exception of the Nichi Nichi building. The health resort of Kariyawa, at which foreign missionaries usually spend the summer, is reported to have escaped damage. Late wireless messages state that the Italian and French Embassies in Tokio were destroyed. The latest estimates place the fatalities in Tokio alone at one hundred and fifty thousand. The sweeping disaster that has desolated Central Japan started with an earthquake and tidal waves Saturday noon, and was followed by vast conflagrations. It assumes more awful dimensions as the news slowly trickles out to the world communications. They still are inefficient, but airplanes returning to Osaka report Tokio a mass of ruins but with the fire subsided from lack of inflammable material. The captain of a steamer reaching Nagasaki from Yokohama says that not a building is to be seen from the harbour. Only blackened walls and desolation. Thousands met death in indescribable scenes of horror. Prince Masayoshi Matsukata, former Premier and Lord Keeper of Privy Seal, died from injuries sustained in the quake.

Daring Robbery at Bishop's Falls.

CONST. MARTIN CAPTURED CULPRIT IN FEW HOURS.

Information has been received in the city of a daring robbery reported at Bishop's Falls. As far as can be ascertained two stores operated by J. C. Hampton and W. Reid were broken into on Friday night last, and goods to the value of several hundred dollars were stolen. The proprietors of the respective stores did not know anything of the occurrence until the following morning when they went to open up for business. In each case an entrance was effected to the building by stripping the gutters from the windows and removing the glass, while the panel in the door of Reid's premises was split down with some heavy instrument, allowing passage enough for the burglar to insert his hand and open the Yale lock. The midnight marauder got away with considerable booty in Hampton's store, besides \$5.00 in coppers, which had been secreted at the rear of the building. Reid is minus a considerable quantity of food stuffs while \$4.00 in cash which had been left over in the till from the previous evening was also missing. After the alarm had been raised Mr. Hampton's motor from Bishop Falls to Grand Falls to acquaint Magistrate Fitzgerald of the robbery, and he is instructed. Const. Martin is proposed to the scene and making a thorough investigation. The Constable, who had very little to mark on, had only been in Bishop Falls but a few hours, when he spotted a man that looked very suspicious. Upon questioning him he obtained sufficient information to place him under arrest. Later he admitted his guilt. The stolen goods were found hidden away in the woods. The man under custody is Moses Young, belonging to Bay St. George's, and comes up for trial before Magistrate Fitzgerald at Grand Falls to-day. As the case is a serious one it is probably the prisoner will be tried before the Supreme Court.

Saturday next is Father's Day at Kearney's.—sept 4.

Prospero Sails To-Morrow.

S.S. Prospero, Capt. J. Field, sails for the northward at 10 a.m. to-morrow. She takes a passenger cargo, and the following season passengers: Misses Duggan, Fowley, A. Reed, J. Barry, Stuckless, Leggo, Hadnash, Peckford, Hunt, Hunt, Hyde, M. Thorne; Messieurs Duggan, Reeves, H. J. Carter and intent, Upward, Randall, Shute, Bannan, Templeman; Messrs. L. Barry, J. Stuckless, H. J. Carter, R. Bartlett, Turner, V. L. Randall, J. Morgan, D. Curtis, F. Shortall, Lieut. Smith, F. W. Templeman, R. Miscock.

Here and There.

NOTICE.—Dr. Wm. Templeman will be out of town for about 10 days.—sept 4.

CLEAN DOCKET.—Matters were quite in police custody this morning, not one solitary case appeared before the docket. A few cases were disposed of in the civil court.

THE TRAINS.—Sunday's west bound express arrived at Port aux Basques 6 hours and 10 minutes late. The local Carboneau and Trapessy trains arrived on time. The cross-country express went out at 1 p.m.

PET.—may 12, 2011.

GREECE INFORMED THAT LEAGUE OF NATIONS JURISDICTION IS NOT RECOGNIZED.

ATHENS, Sept. 4. The Italian Government through the minister here, has served notice on Greece that Italy will refuse whatever decision the League of Nations makes in the recent Greek-Italian crisis.

HOSTILE DEMONSTRATION OF THE GREEKS AGAINST ITALY.

ATHENS, Sept. 4. A violent demonstration against Italy took place to-day after services at the funeral of the victims of the Corfu bombardment.

ITALY MAY WITHDRAW DELEGATES FROM GENEVA.

ROME, Sept. 4. It is understood Premier Mussolini is ready to withdraw Italian delegates from Geneva Conference if a viewpoint concerning the conflict with Greece is not shared by the League of Nations.

GREAT BRITAIN WILL SUPPORT LEAGUE TO THE LIMIT.

LONDON, Sept. 4. Great Britain will go to the limit in supporting the covenant of the League of Nations in Greco-Italian dispute, it was stated today in authoritative circles. Lord Robert Cecil at Geneva has been instructed to support the covenant unreservedly, and British hopes centre on his ability and experience in League affairs. The British policy is to leave the matter entirely in the hands of the League until that body disposes of it or admits helplessness. Meanwhile all other parties are withdrawing comment or action on the event of the failure of the League to function. It will then be time to decide on their steps.

Personal.

The marriage of Miss Ruth Duncan, daughter of Dr. W. F. Duncan, late physician of the Lunatic Asylum, this city, to Mr. Norman Troope, takes place at 11 a.m. to-day. Miss Duncan, during her stay in St. John's, was a W.A.D., being attached to the hospital at Waterford Hall, and was well and favorably known in St. John's.

Rev. J. F. Lightbourn, B.A., of Montreal, is a passenger by the Manx, due Thursday, on a visit to his brother, Rev. G. O. Lightbourn, of St. Thomas's.

Mr. D. Butler, agent National Cash Register Co., returned yesterday's express with an extensive business trip along the coast.

Mr. Fred Shortall, tailor, is taking the round trip by the Prospero sailing to-morrow.

Dr. Wm. Templeman, Mrs. Templeman and children are leaving by the Prospero to-morrow to spend a holiday with friends in Catalina.

Kearney's have everything for Father's Day.—Sept. 4th.—sept 4.

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NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. Wm. Ring desires to thank the following for their kindness during his wife's illness: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Walsh, Mr. H.A. Mr. Thos. Skinner, Mrs. Michael Walsh, Mrs. Margaret Hellyer, Mrs. and Miss K. Macdonald, Mr. M. Connors, Annulet, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Devine, Mr. and Mrs. D. Summerville, Mrs. J. Norris, Misses W. and May, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Morris, Dr. and Mrs. Bonabue, Mr. and Mrs. Capt. Parsons and family, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. James Power and family, Mrs. Wm. B. Lee, New York; Mrs. C. Morris, Mr. F. J. Grace, For flowers and wreaths: Mrs. M. E. Kearney, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Mearns, Mr. J. Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Scott, Jas. Power, Mrs. P. Moran, Mrs. Thos. McGrath, Mrs. Mary Skinner, Miss Katie O'Leary, For telegrams: Mrs. Wm. B. Lee, New York; Mrs. J. Ring, Bermuda; Rev. Fr. McGrath, Marytown; Mr. Robert Lee, St. John's; Mrs. B. J. Leckman, Bell Island; The Misses Walsh, Goulds.

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Live Stock Auction.

The auction sale of stock held at the Model Farm to-day was attended by a large number of people from the city and country. The highest price paid for home-bred cattle was \$250, this price being paid by Mr. H. Cowan for a cow. General purpose horse "Dapple Grey" fetched \$75, the purchaser being Harvey & Co. Three ordinary work horses sold for prices ranging from \$20 to \$25 each, and the Percheron stallion "Dapple Boy" fetched \$65. The highest paid for registered pigs was \$47. Four China Geese and one China Golden geese for \$25. All the stock was sold.

Buy Dad a tie for Father's Day at Kearney's.—sept 4.

Coastal Boats.

Argyle left Argosia 4 a.m. on Lamaline route. Clyde left Fortuna St. 11.25 a.m. yesterday, outward. Gloucester left Pushthrough 6 a.m. going west. Home left Parson's Pond 5.15 p.m. yesterday, going north. Kyle left Port aux Basques 1.40 a.m. Sagana, no report since leaving Grandy on Saturday. Malakoff left Foxgaston 4.20 p.m. yesterday, outward. Sunn left Musgrave St. 9.25 a.m. Prospero sails north at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

Shipping.

S.S. Sylvia left Halifax at noon to-day and is due here Thursday morning. The ship has 66 round trippers in addition to the passengers for this port. S.S. Pansol, 10 days from Rlyth with a cargo of coal has arrived at A. Harvey & Co. S.S. Harpaway which left here last Wednesday arrived at Malakoff on the 2nd inst.

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