

The Earth Trembled

And the Ocean's Bed Was Rent—
Unique Experience of Steam-
er Tacoma.

Japanese Coast Cities Badly
Shaken Up by Seismic
Disturbances.

White the steamer Tacoma, which reached the outer wharf on Saturday with a large number of Japanese passengers, was steaming up the Japanese coast between Kobe and Yokohama on March 7th last she had a unique experience. About an hour before the Chinese waters had cleared the breakfast tables as the vessel cut through the placid seas, a severe shock was felt which shivered the liner from her stern to the jack staff, and threw the number of passengers on board of their feet. The blow seemed to come from the starboard side, and it shook things up considerably. The engineer, who was standing in the passenger way forward, was under the impression that it was his steel wards below that caused the shock—the shaft had broken he thought, and his engines were racing—so he stopped them at once. The cause of the shock was a mystery until the next day, when on arrival at Yokohama it was found that the big shipping port was shrouded in a veil of smoke from numerous fires. The cause was then evident. There had been a severe earthquake shock and it was the seismic disturbance at the ocean's bottom which caused the timber and steel frames of the liner to vibrate until the rivets cried out. Although it shook up the vessel so, the submarine eruption had no effect on the sea. Instead of causing it to run in big confused waves, the glass-like calmness remained unchanged.

Yokohama suffered greatly from the disturbance, many of the bamboo built residences coming down and taking to the streets. No fatalities were reported from that city, however. At Osaka, though, where there are a number of big mills, the earthquake was more severely felt. Here it lasted between five and six minutes, and many buildings collapsed. At the Osaka cotton spinning mill, some ten workmen were either killed or wounded, while at other quarters round the city there occurred numerous cases of breaking down of chimneys and also the fall of ceilings in houses of European style.

It appears, according to Japanese papers, that the centre of the disturbance was at Osaka, and though it cannot be called very severe it was a wide-spread earthquake, extending from Gifu and Nagoya on the west coast to Kuroshima and Tushima Island on the southwest. The places where the shock was most strongly felt are Nagoya, Nara, Kyoto, Osaka, Wakayama, Kobe, Gifu, Yokohama, and Yamada (Ise), Hamamatsu and Miyazaki.

At Takatamachi twenty dwellings collapsed and two hundred were injured in the ruins. It is uncertain whether they were killed or not. One person was killed at Sakuramachi. At Wakayama and Nagoya many dwellings and schools collapsed and at Ono, Chirifu and Chirifu other places in Archi prefecture much damage was done.

The steamer Glenogle of the N. P. line also felt the shock, but like her sister liner was unscathed.

PRECOCITY IN CUBA.

There, a Child of Fourteen, Considers Herself a Woman.

Slender, graceful Cuban maids, with smoothly plaited tresses, black as the raven's wing, large lustrous, dreamy black eyes, clear, pale complexion, reminding the visitor of the blue-eyed and pretty heads filled with dreams of love before they quit the school room.

Their peculiar training, restricted sphere, as well as early maturity, may be the reason why their thoughts turn to love before they have discarded their dolls and short dresses.

The strict watch maintained over the pretty young things, the cast-iron rules of etiquette, which prohibit them from too great an indulgence in athletic sports or outdoor life, may be the reason why Cuban girls look forward to matrimony as a release from these irksome bonds.

The romantic manner in which their courtships are carried on tends to keep alive their illusions, for the young men usually walk up and down before their lady love's dwelling like a sentinel on duty, because they are debarred from calling on a maiden until formally engaged, and then they can only see her in the presence of the family or exchange tender nothings under the Argus eyes of a mamma who keeps a strict watch over her daughter.

So the dark-eyed beauties sit at their casements, warily looking out upon the street, and noting the lovers they prefer, long before any advance is made upon this queer preliminary courtship—London Daily Mail.

Rev. E. Ewrad, pastor of the English Baptist Church, Minersville, Pa., when suffering with rheumatism was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. He says: "A few applications of this liniment proved of great benefit. It has subdued the inflammation and relieved the pain. Should any sufferer profit by giving Pain Balm a trial it will please me."

For sale by Langley & Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

LOCAL NEWS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News In a Condensed Form.

(From Friday's Daily.)
—The Adlin Miner, published by Russell & Russell at Adlin City, B.C., has made its appearance.

—The newspapers of Lynn Canal, Douglas Bay and Juneau are advocating the formation of an Alaska editors' or press association.

—Commercial travellers will hail with pleasure the announcement that both the N.P.R. and G.N.R. now honor the cards of members of the Provincial Commercial Travellers' Association and allow the same reductions in fares as are granted by the C.P.R.

—Already the indications are good for a large influx of visitors to Victoria this summer, especially of the "four-nailists." In addition to the members of the National Editorial Association of the United States, it is announced that the Western Canada Press Association will arrive about June 1st.

—A very sad death occurred on Wednesday at the Lodge, Belcher Street, when Mrs. Woods, wife of Mr. W. Woods, passing away, leaving a bereaved husband and several small children, with whom much sympathy is felt. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Woods was but 35 years of age.

—Engineer J. R. Roy is expected to examine the Point Elliot bridge during his stay in the city. The plans for a new structure to replace the present temporary one have been in the hands of the department at Ottawa for some time, but owing to the obstacles in the way of granting permission to bridge tidal waters, leave has not yet been granted. The department indicated some time ago that no action would be taken until Mr. Roy had examined into the matter.

—Those in Victoria who have spoken ill of the Alien Exclusion Act and of its bad effect will no doubt be interested to read the following telegram sent a couple of days ago to the San Francisco man who was sent to California to bring up men to work on the Atlin canal. The telegram reads: "On account of the Alien Act, only bringing up a few men will fill up rest of party with Canadians." As the San Francisco man went south to bring up twenty-five or thirty men, the effect of the Alien Act in this case will be to work for a similar number of Canadians.

—Wm. Brooks, of Skagway, in a letter from Adlin, says that he has taken into town on the 6th direct from Glenora via the overland route. A year ago he started for the Klondike with a ten thousand dollar stock of clothing from Vancouver. He got as far as Glenora on the Stikine route. About December 10th he loaded three sleds with goods, taking two horses and an ox, and made a start for Adlin. He told me that on his journey he was attacked by a number of Indians and lost a number of pounds of oats and chopped feed, a tin of hay and half a ton of flour. He could not bring goods over that road for less than eighty cents a pound.

—Another pioneer was borne to her last resting place yesterday afternoon in the person of Mrs. Mattheus Rowland, of Burnside, the funeral taking place from the family residence at 2 p.m. and later from St. John's church, where there was a large attendance of friends. Rev. Percival Jones officiated and after the service the cortege proceeded to Ross Bay cemetery, where the last rites were performed. Those who assisted in bearing the remains to the grave were Messrs. E. S. Wilkinson, S. Sed, Sr., R. Porter, John P. Chandler, J. H. McDermott and Mr. J. W. Carter. The arrangements were in charge of W. J. Hanna.

—News has reached here from Dawson of the death there of W. J. Stevens, who was representative for McLennan, McPeck & Co. and the Parsons Produce Co. of Vancouver. When Chas. Milne left the Klondike meeting, Mr. Stevens was unconscious and the doctors gave him only 24 hours to live. Mr. Stevens was an Englishman by birth, but lived in Orlinda, Ont., and Calgary for many years before he came to the placer place to Vancouver on his way north. Daniel Buchanan, of McLennan & McPeck's store, will leave by the Cutch in a day or two for Skagway, en route to Dawson, where he will assume the position of manager of the business of both the firms mentioned.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

—The trial of the petition against Mr. W. J. Stevens, was held for hearing before Mr. Justice Irving this morning at 11 o'clock, but an adjournment was taken until Monday at the same hour.

—Popular "Steve" Jones, of the Dominion Hotel, has again added to the elegance and comfort of his well-known hotel. The new addition, which is a building with plush-covered settees and two handsome chandeliers, is also being placed in the office.

—The Adlin district is to be well supplied with banking facilities. The Merchants' Bank of Halifax have already a branch in operation there, while on Sunday last the Fannie manager of the Bank of Commerce, with a staff and assaying plant went up to take possession of the ground for his corporation. The Bank of B. N. A. expect to have a branch in operation in a week or two.

(From Monday's Daily.)

—Mr. J. G. Brown has walked engaged to-day in tearing out the inner partitions of the old post office building. Four stores, two double ones and two single ones, will be made in the building.

—Ground was broken to-day by Contractor George Snider for the erection of the new fire hall on Upper Yates and Camosun streets. The weather being conducive to dispatch in building operations, the work will be pushed with all possible speed.

—When the votes cast in the aldermanic by-election on Saturday last were counted it was found that only 290 voters in the South Ward had availed themselves of the privilege of assisting in the choice of a representative on the aldermanic board. At the last by-election upwards of 400 ballots were cast, and the total number on the list is between 1,200 and 1,300. The votes cast

on Saturday were divided as follows: W. G. Cameron, 129; Edward Briggs, 104; John Hall, 54. The election was contested by the retirement of Mr. Cameron on disqualification, of Ald. Wallace Langley.

—Miss Macmillan, who on April 1st severs her connection with the staff of the Jubilee hospital, was on Saturday evening presented by her colleagues with a valuable afternoon tea set and a handsome commode. Miss Macmillan's departure is a source of regret to all who have been associated with her in the work of the hospital.

—On Saturday evening at the residence of Mr. Thomson, St. Lawrence street, Rev. W. Leslie Claydon, minister of the Presbyterian church, officiated at the wedding of Miss Carrie Smith and Mr. R. A. Anderson supported the groom.

—The election petition against the return of Mr. A. W. Neil, M. P. for Alberni, came up for hearing before Mr. Justice Irving this morning and was dismissed, there being no grounds upon which to proceed. No order was made for costs. Mr. Luxton for petitioner and Alexis Jordan (for Mr. Attorney-General) for the respondent.

—The last sad rites were performed yesterday afternoon over the remains of the late Mrs. Woods, who died at the taking place from the lodge, Belcher street. A large number of the A. O. F. marched out in a body, and led the procession to the Point Elliot bridge. There was a large attendance, and the many beautiful and costly floral tributes signified the esteem in which the deceased lady was held. The funeral was held at the residence of Mr. W. J. Hanna, and the services were assisted by Messrs. A. Thomas, R. Pitton, F. Harding, C. Berryman, H. Cole and J. Rees. The arrangements were in charge of W. J. Hanna.

—Three cases of stealing were before the police magistrate this morning. Two cases of stealing from the E. & N. Railway Company's yards, and were sentenced to a month's imprisonment each. Harry Dickson, a white man, was charged with stealing a pair of boots from a man in the company of a woman, and was sentenced to a month's imprisonment. The third case was that of a man who stole a pair of boots from a man in the company of a woman, and was sentenced to a month's imprisonment.

—CRIME AT SEA.

Murderous Philippines Murder Kill Officers and Lost the Vessel.

Steamer Tacoma brought news that a robbery and murder had been committed on board the steamer. The steamer was en route from Manila to the Philippines, and was carrying a large number of passengers and crew. The murder was committed by a man named John, who was a member of the crew. He was found dead on the deck, and the vessel was forced to return to Manila.

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Big Fire at Dawson

Cottage City Brings News of Another Conflagration in the Klondike Capital.

A Number of Buildings Totally Destroyed—A Woman Badly Burnt.

Steamer Cottage City reached port this morning, bringing news of another big conflagration at the Klondike capital. Irwin Miller, who has already become famous in the land just by being the first to arrive at Dawson, brought the news. He made the trip out in 94 days with a team of dogs, which, he says, he would not part with for \$5,000 in shipping.

The fire, he says, occurred on Saturday, March 4th, five days before he left from Dawson. The conflagration started in the section of Dawson known as the waterfront division. It started in the Pioneer saloon, the cause for as far as could be learned was a defective chimney which allowed the flames to rise into the kitchen and from there to the roof. Here the fire smouldered for some hours, and while the tables were crowded with hungry Dawson dwellers, and the building suddenly burst into flames as though the place had been struck by lightning. It blazed into the kitchen and its dancing flames soon drove the men from the tables and out the door.

They had hardly been tumbled out onto the cold, when, in answer to an alarm, the chemical came up on the run and Chief Fletcher and his men were on the scene. The fire was then under control, but the damage was done. The building was a two-story structure, and the fire had reached the roof. The fire was then under control, but the damage was done.

Along the Waterfront.

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FROM THE COAST.
Queen City Returns With 913 Sealskins From the Mermado.

Steamer Queen City arrived in port this morning after a voyage through tranquil seas from Cape Scott. She carried an unusually large number of passengers, there being thirty-three aboard, among whom are the following: Mrs. Thompson, Miss Johnson, Mrs. Serrault, Mrs. Lane, H. Kelly, J. W. Laid, Geo. Logan, W. D. Munro, R. Elliot, W. M. Brewer, S. C. Stevenson, T. L. Stevenson, Father Van Neville, A. J. Clyde, manager of the Quatsino Mining & Smelting Company, W. J. Feaker and Miss Feaker of Kyroquo, and P. Speck, brother and wife.

The Queen City brought forty-three tons of ore, twenty-three being from Hayes camp, ten from Clagoun, and ten from Quatsino. The Clagoun shipment is the initial one from Jacobson's Iron Cap mine. She also had a ton from the Three W's. Short's claim on Granite creek, and the same of the phenomenal strike a week or two ago. Among the freight which she brought was 913 sealskins, transferred to her from the schooner Mermado, which was lying in Ulucholet and intending to sail out for the north in a few days. At San Juan the Queen City passed and spoke the Diana, with 330 skins aboard, and her skipper had evidently become discouraged, for he was contemplating putting out for a course in search of sea otter. Difficultly, however, was being experienced in shipping a crew. Many of the present crew refused to go on the trip, and the trip may in consequence be abandoned.

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Provincial News

VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, March 27.—Robert Mackie, the man who won Winnipeg some years ago £1,000 from the Mayor of Vancouver, has been defeated by the Guarantee Company. He had been given. Prior to the cash in the office, he had crossed to the State.

The first car to enter the freight and passenger depot at the Columbia Electric Railway's new terminal building was run into the building yesterday.

Several business men great ated that the efforts of the city and others from leaving, etc., on the road side of the day and night. This the city by-laws has become in several parts of the city.

A pretty and popular place on Wednesday at the R. M. and Mrs. Thomas Pearson, daughter of J. A. Borden, county, N. S., were united by Rev. A. E. Green of this city in the district, and owns farm on Lulu Island.

The death of Violet Isabe aged 10 years and two months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. 1,229 Westminster avenue, yesterday morning. The remains were conveyed to Victoria for interment.

Seventeen tons of pig lead, in connection with the extension of the water system, have arrived by the tug Halifax.

Another burglary was perpetrated on Thursday at the Arden on Cordova street was broken into by a man, who effected by way of a back window, cash register had been opened and contained