

THOUSAND REPORTED KILLED BY EARTHQUAKE

Cartago, Costa Rica, is In Ruins—People Are Fleeing From Devastated City—Survivors Issue Appeal For Aid.

(Times Leased Wire.)
San Jose, Costa Rica, May 6.—Over 1,000 bodies have been taken from the ruins of Cartago, according to a message received here to-day.

It is estimated that fully 1,000 people were killed as a result of the quake which wrecked the city.

Practically every house in the city was wrecked, according to this report.

The whole city is a heap of ruins.

Appeals for aid have been sent to every South and Central American republic.

Refugees Tell of Disaster.
Managua, May 6.—Refugees struggling into San Jose to-day declare that fully 500 persons were killed in the earthquake that wrecked Cartago. The first heavy quake, they declare, was followed by minor quakes and the city to-day is in a state of chaos.

The first shock wrecked the best residence section of the city and many of the best known people in Cartago were killed, according to the reports received here to-day.

Soldiers are now patrolling the city to prevent looting, with orders to shoot looters on sight. Survivors are helping the soldiers in the work of rescuing the maimed and injured caught under the fallen buildings.

Bodies are being hastily buried to prevent a pestilence and steps are being taken to conserve the water and food supply.

The initial shock was the heaviest. It lasted for several minutes and the earth's movement was apparently from north to south. The shock came just at dusk, after a sultry day.

The first tremor of the ground buildings crumbled and before the first heavy shock was over the greatest damage had been done.

The residences in the better section of the city were destroyed and many persons were buried in their ruins. The barracks, the city prison, all the municipal buildings and the great court of justice, which had been erected by Andrew Carnegie, were toppled over.

Subsequent tremors have twisted and shaken the wreckage until the work of rescuing those imprisoned beneath it is almost impossible.

The telephone line is working intermittently to-day between Cartago and San Jose. Over this wire the story of disaster is coming slowly, the details of the catastrophe being interspersed with appeals for aid.

When the first stragglers arrived in San Jose yesterday with the news of the disaster relief parties were organized and sent to Cartago. It is expected that reports will soon be received from them telling of the supplies and aid needed.

The first shock prostrated telegraph and telephone wires and it was not until hours afterwards that the outside world heard of the disaster. San Jose had vainly attempted to get into communication with Cartago and it was feared that some grave trouble had arisen. When the refugees arrived with the story of the quake the authorities were ready to act and organized relief will be sent out at once.

The survivors tell graphic stories of the disaster.

The first shock came just after sunset, one refugee declared. The movement came without warning, the ground seeming to toss and pitch forward. For several minutes the outside world continued while all about the sound of rending timbers and crashing buildings could be heard.

When the quake ceased buildings were in ruins and streets were blocked by wreckage.

Shortly afterwards soldiers were out on the streets and there was an attempt to control the disorder that followed.

People fled from their homes terror-stricken. The roads out of the city were crowded with people seeking safety.

The minor shocks that followed added to the fear and confusion and the city was a scene of wild disorder with terrified people rushing through the streets, shrieking in terror.

From the wrecked buildings there were cries of anguish. Hundreds of persons, the refugees say, were pinned under the wreckage. All during the night the disaster and confusion continued, and it was not until the next morning that any real effort could be made to remove the bodies of the dead, and to aid the injured.

In the morning searching parties were organized and began the work of rescuing a small number of the dead from the ruins at last. The number of injured has not yet been estimated as yet.

The property loss in Cartago has been enormous. No estimate of the damages has been attempted yet, but it is declared by the refugees that the greater part of the best sections of the city is in ruins.

Hundreds are homeless, and the food supply is low.

Whether the damages spread to villages and towns in the vicinity is not yet known.

While the refugees have found their way to San Jose report that they saw no signs of damages on the route.

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Registrar General of Titles.

of their flights, it is not known whether there was damage in other parts of Costa Rica.

The wires out of Cartago are down with the exception of the single one leading to San Jose, and no reports from the surrounding country have yet been received in the stricken city, it is reported.

Cartago, according to messages received here to-day, is doing the best it can to care for its injured and to provide shelter and food for the homeless.

The greatest fear of the authorities is that a pestilence may follow and every effort is being made to remove the bodies of the dead from the ruined homes. They are being carried outside the city by soldiers and are being buried as rapidly as the work can be done.

Temporary shelters have been provided for the refugees.

It is now certain that all the cities and towns between Cartago and Port Limon suffered greatly from the quake. Although only meager reports have been received, it is believed there was only slight loss of life in these cities. It is reported there was heavy property damage.

The loss of life, it is reported, is confined to Cartago. The reports late to-day vary. The estimates place the number of dead from 500 to 2,500. The chaotic conditions existing in the city make it almost impossible to determine accurately the number of dead.

Two thousand were injured, it is reported, and at least 7,000 are homeless. Seven looters have been shot down by the troops.

A meteor which sped across the sky an hour after the first shock added to the fright of the people.

Slight quakes have occurred all day and have added to the confusion and fear of the inhabitants of the ruined city.

Volcanic Eruption Feared.
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London Emigration Societies Confer Regarding Regulations Enforced by Canada

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London, May 6.—A conference of emigration societies was held yesterday to consider Canadian emigration restrictions which insist that emigrants who receive financial assistance shall have been guaranteed farm work. It was pointed out that practically the whole of the artisan class is debarred. This is about fifty per cent. of the total cases dealt with by emigration societies. It was decided to ask Lord Crewe, secretary of state for the colonies, to receive a deputation respecting the matter.

The Daily News anent emigration restriction says the fault for the loud expressed objection of Canada to the number and quality of British assisted emigrants lies a little on this side. The News wants British emigrants to be desirable immigrants.

"What is wrong is a policy of permitting social evils to grow at home and a confident expectation that we can dump their results on the colonies," says the News.

WILL ACCEPT RAILWAY REGULATION BILL

Taft Believes Measure Still Contains Enough Good to Warrant Its Passage

Washington, D. C., May 6.—President Taft will accept the wrecked and mutilated railway regulation bill as it now stands in congress, and if it is passed in its present shape will receive the signature of the executive.

This intimation was given to the House and Senate leaders to-day after the president's return to the capitol. The matter was gone over thoroughly during his trip back to Washington yesterday. After considering the bill as it has been amended in both Houses hardest and which were considered the enough good in it to warrant its passage.

Although the measure has lost the provisions which Taft fought for the hardest and which were considered the pet legislative ideas of the administration, Taft, it is said, believes the measure should be passed.

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New Westminster, May 5.—A number of important changes have been scheduled to take place in the near future Fraser Valley branch of the B.C.E.R., lines in and adjacent to the city of New Westminster. Allan Purvis, for the past several months manager of the Fraser Valley branch of the B.C.E.R., has been appointed manager of all the interurban lines of the company with headquarters still at New Westminster.

D. J. McQuarrie, local manager of the B.C.E.R., has resigned his position to engage in the real estate business with his brother, N. H. McQuarrie, his resignation to take effect on June 1st. D. J. Stewart, manager of the Lulu Island branch of the line, will on June 1st assume the position of manager of the New Westminster branch.

The exact date on which these changes will come into effect has not yet been announced but it is probable that it will be in the course of a few days. Mr. Purvis will then have charge of the New Westminster-Vancouver interurban line, the Lulu Island line to Steveston, the line between this city and Etchem and the Fraser Valley branch to Chilliwack.

Mr. Stewart will assist Mr. McQuarrie in the management of the New Westminster system until June 1st, when he will assume the position of local agent and manager of the New Westminster lines with headquarters here.

D. J. McQuarrie has been local manager for the past three years or more, and has been connected with the B.C.E.R. Co. in various capacities for some time. He is an old lacrosse player and at one time played with the New Westminster senior team, quitting the game a year or so before the championship team made its trip east in 1900.

PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD MEETS AT VANCOUVER

Rev. Dr. Ferguson, of Nelson, is Elected Moderator—Secretary Submits Report

Vancouver, May 6.—The nineteenth annual meeting of the synod of the Presbyterian church in British Columbia, comprising the Presbyteries of Kootenay, Kamloops, Victoria and Westminister, opened Thursday night in the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian church, with a large attendance of pastors and elders from all over the province. After the short service which opened with the singing of Psalm 121, and closed with the reading of the retiring moderator, Rev. Dr. Fraser, of Kootenay, the roll of the synod was read and the election of a moderator for the ensuing year. Two names were put in nomination for this, the highest office in the synod