

JAPANESE CHECKS GREAT CONFAGRATION IN TOKIO

JAPANESE CITIES STILL SHAKEN BY EARTHQUAKES

Death and Desolation Prevail Over Wide Area Around Tokio and Yokohama—Six Million People Reported Homeless—Latest Estimates Place Dead at 30,000.

RELIEF SENT FROM ALL PARTS OF WORLD

The Japanese nation, stricken by what is probably the greatest disaster of the modern era, turns bravely to the tremendous tasks ahead, marshaling her shattered resources to succor the hundreds of thousands who suffer from injury and from hunger, and laying her plans for the rebuilding of her ruined cities.

While the rest of the world hurries its ships of war and commerce, deep-laden with relief supplies, to Japanese waters, Premier Yamamoto broadcasts a message to his people urging them to unite in the trying hours through which they are passing and appealing to them to make a supreme effort to relieve the suffering and expedite the work of reconstruction.

The cables say that, already orders for building materials have been received in England, while leading construction engineers and architects in New York have proffered their assistance in making a new Japan.

Yokohama is a city of desolation, far more severely smitten than is the capital, Tokio. The great port of Japan has been completely destroyed, with a tremendous loss of life. The city's streets and canals are filled with dead and injured; one despatch says that only three or four houses have been spared. The harbor is practically of no value to the relief ships, for the floor has been raised, the breakwaters torn asunder, and the many lighthouses, with only two exceptions, demolished.

Five hundred foreigners are said to have been killed in Yokohama. The Japanese home office this morning announced that in Tokio 30,000 are dead, 100,000 injured, and 350,000 are homeless. These are the first official figures issued. No official count of the victims in Yokohama or the other cities of the devastated area has yet been made.

Canada is taking a prominent part in the work of rescue. Despatches from Kobe say that refugees pay warm tribute to the work of officers and men of Canadian ships which were in Japanese waters when the upheaval came, and which promptly were rushed to the scene of the disaster to care for the survivors.

The Canadian ship Empress of Canada arrived at Kobe on Wednesday with 1,400 refugees. The Empress of Australia is at Yokohama serving as a home for refugees.

Special Cable to The Advertiser. Tokio, Sept. 6.—Earthquake shocks are still continuing in Tokio. Rain has stopped the great conflagration which swept the capital unchecked for 72 hours.

Yokohama is utterly annihilated. Most of the foreigners are dead. Six million people are homeless in the devastated area. The losses will mount into billions of dollars, while the dead and wounded will go into thousands.

Charred ruins, fragments of houses, cover the sites of once thriving cities and towns in Japanese waters, which presents a scene of utter desolation.

A merciful rain has fallen upon Tokio. Like angry beasts, the rain efforts to drive it from a bloody feast of human bodies and habitations, the great rain has swept the city for three days and three nights, hissing and enveloping the wreckage in clouds of steam, has finally died down, leaving a scene of rescue to proceed in more orderly fashion, and scores of the injured are being brought in to relief stations.

Wild, weird and fantastic are the scenes as the people of the city endeavor to adjust themselves to conditions of the disaster. Blinder youths walk through the streets carrying big Japanese swords, aiding the police and assisting in maintaining order, and assisting in the search for bodies.

RUSH SHIPS TO AID. Special to The Advertiser. San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 6.—Steamers from Seattle and Portland are steaming today toward Tokio carrying relief supplies for stricken Japan.

This armada of mercy will be augmented on voyage by ships from San Francisco and from other coast ports.

The entire rice crop of California is to be shipped to Japan. The naval supply ship Arctic is loading supplies at Mare Island, the naval station in San Francisco bay. Sufficient food to last for 30 days will be carried on this one vessel. The loading is being rushed and will be finished within 48 hours.

The Vega, another naval supply ship, is unloading its regular cargo preparatory to taking on relief supplies.

The Japanese colony here feels fear for the fate of Princess Nagako Luni, who was to have become the bride of Prince Regent Hirohito next month. No word has come regarding the princess or any members of her family. The regions of Kamakura and Chiba, where they had summer homes, have been devastated.

The colony here is wondering where the prince regent will establish his residence now that Tokio is in ruins. It is believed he might reopen the old palace at Kyoto.

PRINCE IS KILLED. Associated Press Despatch. Peking, Sept. 6.—Prince Hirohito of the house of Kwacho was killed in a train tunnel near Yokosuka during a cave-in caused by the earthquake, according to despatches received here. It is also reported that Dowager Princess Kaya was burned to death at Kamakura, and that Princess Hiroko Kanin was crushed to death in the family villa at Odawara. It was stated that Prince Kanin, who was also at Odawara, is missing.

Reports also confirmed the death of Prince Tadashige Shimazu, head of the Satsuma clan, who was crushed to death in his villa at Oiso; also of Prince Matsukata, one of the

principal "genro," or elder statesmen of the empire.

About forty foreigners were killed when the earthquake destroyed the famous Fuji-Ya Hotel, and wiped out the adjacent village of Miyashita in the mountainous district of Hakone.

The police of Chiba, at the north-east corner of Tokio Bay, report a new island off the Izu Peninsula, while they say the Island of Oshima, which contained an active volcano, is invisible, and is feared to have gone down with its 10,000 or more inhabitants.

RESPONDS TO APPEAL. Associated Press Despatch. Washington, Sept. 6.—The American Red Cross appeal for a \$5,000,000 relief fund, to be administered for Japanese relief, has met a quick response. Approximately \$200,000 tons of shipping in the Pacific has been placed at the disposal of the Red Cross by the shipping board for the transportation of supplies.

AUSTRALIA SENDS AID. Associated Press Despatch. Melbourne, Sept. 6.—The Australian government has appropriated \$500,000 for the relief of the Japanese earthquake sufferers. One-sixth of this amount has already been cabled to Tokio. A relief ship carrying food, stoves and clothing will also be sent.

BANK FUNDS SAVED. Associated Press Despatch. Osaka, Sept. 6.—All money in the Bank of Japan vaults was saved from destruction in the fire which followed the earthquake and tidal wave, it became known here today.

Recapitulation of the earthquake and fire area today showed Yokohama as its center, extending north and south about 100 miles, and 140 miles east and west from that city.

This area includes 35 counties and five large cities, inhabited by 7,000,000 people, who were caught in the disaster. It is estimated that about 70,000 people were killed and 1,000,000 injured within the stricken area were destroyed.

Yokohama, according to reports received here, was totally destroyed, and only about one-fourth of Tokio remains.

The fire at Yokohama brought freedom to fairs confined in prison there, as they were released when it became apparent that the prison was in the path of the flames.

Additional divisions of troops have been ordered from Osaka to Tokio, equipped with provisions and machine guns.

MAKES GIFT OF LUMBER. Associated Press Despatch. Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 6.—A gift of lumber worth \$1,500,000, for the rebuilding of the devastated area of Japan, was voted here yesterday by the Price Commission.

DONATE BIG SUMS. Associated Press Despatch. New York, Sept. 6.—Donations of \$100,000 each from John D. Rockefeller, Jun., and from the Laura Spaulding Rockefeller Foundation for the relief of sufferers in the Japanese earthquake disaster have been announced.

PERFECTS RELIEF WORK. By CLIFFORD FOX. Special Cable to The London Advertiser and Chicago Daily News Copyright. Peking, Sept. 6.—The Japanese government has notified embassies here that it will not attempt to answer inquiries regarding missing foreigners until it has perfected complete relief work measures.

Reports reaching here state that 7,800 patients were treated to death in the Imperial Government Hospital at Yokohama.

The American embassy in Tokio is reported destroyed. The British embassy was saved, although it caught fire on the second day of the earthquake.

Korea Sends Rice. Korea today is sending a million bags of rice to Tokio and Yokohama for relief purposes.

Refugees from Yokohama reaching Kobe today confirm earlier reports that Max Kirjasoff, American consul-general at Yokohama, and his wife, both were killed in Saturday's earthquake. Kirjasoff formerly was stationed at Dairen. He was 35 years old.

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BROADCASTS APPEAL. Premier Yamamoto of Japan, in his first public utterance made today, sent broadcast by wireless from Nagasaki, appeals to the people of Japan to unite in the trying hours through which they are passing, and make a supreme effort to relieve the sufferers from the earthquake and hasten the work of reconstruction.

THINKS CANADIAN LAW ON CHINESE IS HIGH-HANDED

Dr. Tsai Says Immigration Legislation Entirely Out of Line.

MAY CAUSE BREAK

Canadian Press Despatch. Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 6.—That the new legislation enacted by the Canadian parliament at its last session regulating Chinese immigration was considered by the Chinese government in Peking as high-handed and entirely out of line with the relations which should exist between two friendly countries, was the statement attributed yesterday to Consul General Chien Tsai, of the republic of China, in an interview. Dr. Tsai is here from Ottawa en route to Peking to report to his government on the new bill regulating Chinese immigration.

He says today on the Empress of Russia.

Dr. Tsai considers his recall to China in a measure as a break in the relations between the two countries.

AGE LIMIT IS FIXED FOR CIVIC EMPLOYEES

The Mayor Thinks No New Employee Should Be More Than 45 Years Old.

No person should enter the city's employ who has attained the age of 45 years.

This was the limit set today by Mayor Wenige, who adds that he will propose the same at the next meeting of city officials.

"We will have another of our informal gatherings for the heads of departments right after the Fair," the mayor explained. "And then I will introduce this proposal. I think there should be an age limit for hiring as well as for retiring city employees and officials."

FROM AID. WILSON TO THE MAYOR. Ald. William Arthur Wilson babbled up again today at the city hall with the declaration that "Mayor Wenige has a lot to learn about municipal procedure before he can teach me anything. That's for publication," directed the ex-chairman of the board of works. "I want to state today that the proposed Oxford street paving project is done for this year, no matter what Mayor Wenige's opinion may be."

SAYS ENROLLMENT IN CITY SCHOOLS SAME AS 1922

Inspector Greer Reports Pupils Beginning Term Number 8,100.

ATTENDANCE GOOD

London's school population has not increased over 1922, according to Chief Public Schools Inspector V. K. Greer, who this morning stated that the enrollment at the public schools at the beginning of the term was 8,100.

Although many new pupils are reported in all grades of the schools, the enrollment figures are approximately the same as they were last year. Mr. Greer accounts for this by families moving into the city in the same proportion as they have moved out, thereby keeping the population about the same.

There are as yet no bad signs of overcrowding and Mr. Greer is in hopes that this will be eliminated altogether this year. Although in some of the classes there may be a little overcrowding for the first few days, he expects that this will right itself when the classes get settled down to work and the teachers and officials can then see just what action is necessary.

"We are very well pleased with the way the pupils are coming back," he stated, "and I have every reason to believe that this will be a banner year for the public schools of the city."

One of the features of the opening of the schools this year, according to Marcus Sims, school attendance officer, is the interest that the parents are evidently showing in getting their children to stay away from school on this account.

This is more noticeable this year than ever before, judging from the attendance.

According to the same official, but one thing mars the otherwise perfect start, and that is the proximity of the Western Fair.

"It is a pity," said Mr. Sims, "that although the Fair opens next week, that parents will not allow their children to stay away from school on this account. A week at the beginning of the school year means a lot to the pupils, and the Fair should not be allowed to interfere with their studies."

WILL CARRY ON DUTIES OF LATE INCOME CHIEF

Assessment Commissioner Says No Successor to A. S. Glass Will Be Named This Year.

No successor will be appointed this year to the late Arthur S. Glass, former income tax chief in the city assessment department, Assessment Commissioner Harry Bennett reported today that he had already received numerous applications for the vacancy.

It is his opinion, however, that there is now no great rush for an appointment, and that the question can be safely left until next year.

"Our big rush for this season is practically over," Mr. Bennett explained, "and with the competent men available in my department I shall be able to continue our work efficiently until the end of the year."

From present indications it seems likely that the council will vote that the remainder of the salary that would have gone to the late income chief be paid his surviving dependants. The boardmen have already briefly considered a similar proposal.

CHINESE GOVERNOR FLEES FROM HUNAN PROVINCE

Shanghai, Sept. 6.—Chao Heng-Ti, military governor of Hunan Province, has fled from Changsha, the capital, leaving the province under the control of Sun Yat Sen, South Chinese Constitutional leader. The new situation has created a profound sensation in Chinese circles.

N. Y. POLICE BUDGET. Associated Press Despatch. New York, Sept. 6.—Police Commissioner Enright today submitted an estimate of \$34,776,573 for the tentative police department budget for 1924, an increase of \$2,726,350 over this year's expenditures.

EXHIBITORS BUSY GETTING READY FOR LONDON FAIR

Queen's Park Is Scene of Great Activity Preparing For Opening.

DISPLAYS ARRIVE

Anticipation is fast becoming realization in so far as the Western Fair is concerned.

A visit to Queen's Park this morning showed nothing but feverish activity in all parts of the grounds. Tents are being erected, large marquees for the serving of tea and housing of exhibits are being fitted up in the new Manufacturers' Building, the predominant sound is that of the hammer and saw, men working their fastest to get the many booths in shape. The Machinery Building is ready for the reception of the agricultural and other exhibits, several of these being already on the grounds; motors line the various drives within the grounds, showing the interest that is being taken in fixing things up, but the busiest place of all is the building where the offices of the association are situated.

This morning a steady line of people, exhibitors, workmen, etc., besieged the offices with requests for directions, passes, etc., swamping the staff and keeping them working at all times.

The interior of the Manufacturers' Building is rapidly assuming the shape in which it will appear to the public gaze. Downstairs the spaces for the various exhibits of motors and accessories are practically completed, only lacking the arrival of the exhibits themselves. Upstairs the booths where the various products of London and outside manufacture will be displayed, are nearing completion.

The exhibitors are busy making their product already on hand for placing in position.

The entry lists in the many classes of the fair are being prepared. Hunt, secretary, regrettably informed, however, that the exhibitors of this fact this morning. Nevertheless the entry list is larger than in past years and keen competition is expected.

Large exhibits of the work of the soldier patients at Westminster and the Byrom Hospital have been arranged for and will exceed any of the past.

TO EXPLAIN METHODS OF EGG INSPECTION

Government Officials Here Will Give Public Demonstration.

Two Dominion government egg inspectors are in London at the present time regarding the regulations for grading and marking eggs. As soon as can be arranged they will give a public demonstration in the market house for all interested, and it is thought that much good will be derived from their illustration.

Regulations regarding this new act have been published under the direction of the minister of agriculture, and embrace many classes and grades, Canadian eggs for export, and all eggs for domestic consumption, as well as eggs for ships' stores shall be candied and graded according to the rules of the act.

It is also provided that any duly authorized inspector of the government may enter any premises or conveyance to make an examination of any case or container of eggs suspected of being falsely marked. Canadian standard cases shall be made of clean, dry and odorless wood to hold 50 dozen. After a case containing eggs has been emptied the government mark on same shall be obliterated. In all the new regulations it is almost impossible for consumers to buy other than government-marked eggs.

NAME LATE U. S. PRESIDENT FOR NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

Copenhagen, Sept. 6.—The late President Harding is included in a list of about 30 persons who are being proposed as recipients of the Nobel peace prize, says the Christiania Aftenposten. In connection with the mention of Mr. Harding's name, it is recalled that post mortem awards of the prize are permitted by the statutes.

AUTUMN FICTION. It is expected at the city hall that the season's record for the best fish story will be smashed the latter part of the month. Superintendent Dods of the garbage department, leaves Sept. 15 upon a fishing expedition.



NOW IN YOKOHAMA. These two young ladies left Canada together to engage in missionary work in Japan. They arrived in Yokohama just 24 hours after the terrific disaster which wrecked the city, leaving it utterly destroyed. Miss Helen McGregor, shown at the right, is a niece of the Misses McGregor, Chestnut street, Brantford, who left Canada upon her graduation from Victoria College, Toronto. Miss Edith McGillivray (left), graduated from Victoria College at the same time as Miss McGregor, leaving on the same boat with her for Japan. Miss McGillivray is a daughter of Rev. Dr. McGillivray, a missionary serving at Shanghai.

Makes Persistent Effort To Restore Turkish Harem

Associated Press Despatch. Angora, Sept. 6.—Persistent efforts are being made in Turkey to restore the harem as a national institution. Polygamy was abolished more than a year ago by the constitution passed by the national assembly.

At the head of the current attempt to put through the assembly a resolution recognizing the harem as a national economic necessity is Salih Hodia, a teacher. The "old guard" in and out of the assembly is rallying to his support. But Mustafa Kemal, himself a monogamist, has opposed Salih's measures, and all of them have been voted down.

The harem, as a whole, is opposed to a reversion to the old domestic order.

PRIZE-WINNING BULL SELLS FOR \$16,600

Animals at Argentine Stock Show Suffer From Disease. By CLAUDE O. PIKE. Special Cable to The London Advertiser and Chicago Daily News Copyright. Buenos Aires, Sept. 6.—A Short-horn bull, adjudged grand champion of the Argentine national stock show, has been sold for 50,000 pesos, or approximately \$16,600 in American gold. Other prize-winners brought lower prices than in previous years, the reason generally ascribed being the crisis in the live stock industry resulting from the loss of European markets since the economic breakdown overseas.

The stock show has a magnificent exhibition of horses, cattle and sheep. More than 1,100 registered bulls and 300 cows were entered in the competitions.

The presence of isolated cases of hoof and mouth disease in the country caused many stock raisers to refrain from entering animals, and despite the precautions taken by officials, the disease made its appearance at the show, with the result that approximately fifty bulls and cattle, including several prize-winners, died.

AMERICAN RAILROADS EARN \$89,491,400 DURING JULY

Washington, Sept. 6.—Railroad earnings in the United States during July amounted to \$84,491,400, according to an estimate today by the American Railway Association, which was at the annual rate of 4.33 per cent on their tentative valuation as fixed by the interstate commerce commission.

The net income for the month compares with \$89,321,000, or 4.12 per cent, for the same month last year, but is a decrease from the estimated rate of 5.47 per cent in June of this year.

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SAYS MOTOR LICENSES NEED BE INCREASED

Hon. G. S. Henry States More Revenue Required For Good Roads Work. Canadian Press Despatch. Stratford, Sept. 6.—While in the city yesterday in connection with highway work going on in this vicinity, Hon. George S. Henry, minister of public works and highways, hinted that the price of automobile licenses would have to be raised to provide needed revenue. He stated that the returns from motor licenses were not keeping pace with money advanced to counties for good roads, and that more money must be found.

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Masonic Grand Master To Officiate at Important Ashlor Lodge Ceremony. THE NEW OFFICERS. Ashlar Lodge, No. 610, A. F. and A. M., at Byron, is to be dedicated and consecrated next Monday by the grand master of Ontario.

On this occasion also the grand master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, W. M. Bro. W. J. Drope, together with a number of grand lodge officers, will open grand lodge in the Byron lodge rooms.

The grand master's visit to Byron will in all probability be the only one of an official nature paid to London District No. 24, during this year. The grand master will conduct the services of dedicating and consecrating the lodge and installing the officers.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 610, received its charter at the last annual convocation of grand lodge held in Toronto in July of this year. The lodge at this meeting was given the number of 610, and is to be known as Ashlar Lodge, No. 610, A. F. and A. M., grand registry of Canada, Byron, Ontario.

The Byron lodge was organized in the spring of last year, and was instituted on June 26, 1922, by R. W. Bro. W. G. Moore, then D. D. G. M. of London district, No. 24, and have been working under dispensation since that date. The chairman of the organizing committee was Bro. Major H. P. Snegrove, first master; Bro. J. W. Meriam, past master; Bro. St. Pauls, 107, Lambeth.

As an invitation has been extended to the members of the lodges in London district to attend, and as this is the third occasion in twenty years that a consecration and dedication of a lodge has taken place in London district, a large turnout is expected.

Ashlar Lodge was instituted with a charter membership of 28, and has now a membership of 100.

The following are the officers who will be installed on the night of September 10 by the grand master: W. Bro. J. W. Meriam, D. D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. U. A. Buchner, I. P. M.; Bro. Major H. P. Snegrove, S. W.; Bro. Dr. A. E. Broome, J. W.; Bro. Rev. R. D. Messers, chaplain; Bro. N. Sanderson, treasurer; Bro. H. Thompson, secretary; Bro. E. E. Graham, S. D.; Bro. A. Marvell, J. B. G.; Bro. H. White, D. of C.; Bro. N. T. Sanderson, I. G. O.; Bro. F. H. Pratten, first steward; Bro. F. J. Spyer, second steward; Bro. E. J. Davis, third steward; Bro. J. T. F. Marshall, organist; Bro. Robert Whitfield, tyler; Bro. Major F. Tanton and S. S. Irwin, auditors.

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WANTS PUBLIC LIBRARY IN TRAFALGAR SCHOOL

City Librarian Crouch Requests Use of One Room in Institution.

When the new school on Trafalgar street is finished, it is altogether likely that a branch of the Public Library will be established there, following a request to the board of education from Richard E. Crouch, librarian.

Mr. Crouch has written to the board asking that one room in the new building be set aside for library purposes, as in the case with the Victoria School. This would serve the southeast section of the city, and would be of great convenience to citizens.

In addition, the librarian points out the benefits that would accrue to both pupils and teachers from having a library of good books in the school.

The matter will probably be dealt with at this afternoon's meeting of the board.

CANADIANS PROMINENT IN WORK OF LEAGUE

Hon. G. P. Graham to Present Rail Problems at Geneva Conference.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Sept. 6.—Private advices received here indicate that Canadian delegates to the assembly of the League of Nations, now meeting at Geneva, are taking a prominent part in the work of the assembly. Hon. G. P. Graham, minister of railways, states a message received today, has been chosen to present the transportation question to the committee concerned with the assembly itself.

The delegates to the assembly are Mr. Graham, Sir Lomer Gouin and Hon. P. C. Larkin, Canadian high commissioner in London.

NARRAGANSETT HOTEL IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Associated Press Despatch. Providence, R. I., Sept. 6.—The Hotel Imperial at Narragansett Pier was destroyed this morning by a fire which is believed to have started about 4 o'clock in the attic on the fifth floor as the result of defective wiring. The loss is estimated at \$300,000. All in the hotel got out safely.

