

6,000 LIVES LOST

Sixty Villages Destroyed by Earthquake in Persia.

Teheran, Persia, Feb. 17.—News was received here to-day showing that the violent earthquake recorded on Jan. 13, on almost every scientific observatory in the world where seismographs are installed, had its location in the Province of Luristan, Western Persia. Sixty villages in that district were wholly or partially destroyed and the resultant loss of life is placed at between 5,000 and 6,000 people.

10,000 TO 12,000 HEAD OF CATTLE LOST.

Teheran, Feb. 17.—This information was conveyed in belated reports just received by the government. The districts of Burupurd and Selahor, in Luristan Province, were the centre of the greatest violence and here the heaviest casualties occurred. Several villages are reported to have been completely engulfed. The losses would have been very much greater were it not for the fact that this district is sparsely populated. The destitute survivors are flocking into the town of Burujurd, whence appeals for assistance are now reaching the government. The peasantry lost practically all their herds and it is estimated that from 10,000 to 12,000 head of cattle perished.

This is the first accurate location of the violent earth shock of Jan. 13, it having been supposed up to today that the disturbance had centred in Western Asia, in Asiatic Russia, or even in the waters of the Indian Ocean.

The records showed that the tremors were practically the same force as those which on Dec. 29 converted the coast regions of Sicily and Calabria into a scene of desolation and ruin.

The Province of Luristan is very mountainous and sparsely settled. It is about 300 miles southwest of Teheran and the only communication with the Persian capital is by courier. The inhabitants are chiefly Bakhtiaris, an offshoot of the Iranian people.

PORTO RICO INHABITANTS SCARED BY EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Feb. 17.—Heavy earthquakes were felt throughout the island of Porto Rico at 3 o'clock this morning. The inhabitants were awakened by the oscillations and their alarm was great. No damage, however, was done. The vibrations lasted for at least twenty seconds and the movement was from east to west. The weather to-day is very stormy.

BAD HUSBAND GETS CHANCE.

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life partner. "This can't be so serious but that you can weather the rest of the gale together," said he. "You haven't awakened to the fact yet, Donald, that you have a mighty good wife. Go home and attend to her. The couple did not speak to one another at all as they left, and the woman seemed utterly broken. Her husband left the court with a smile on his face.

William E. Burns, 52 Macaulay street west, a young man of fairly good appearance, was locked up last night by Constable Springs, charged with being the boarding house sneak who has been operating in the city for some time. Burns was locked up a few hours after Mrs. R. J. Plunkett, Barton street east, Crown Point, had been relieved of \$80. The prisoner had \$63 in his possession, and admitted stealing the \$80 from Mrs. Plunkett. He went to Mr. Plunkett's store yesterday afternoon and asked Mrs. Plunkett if he could get a room there. He was told he could and went upstairs to see his room. Some time after Mrs. Plunkett remembered the money between \$70 and \$80 was on the dresser in her room. She went upstairs to get it, but what was her surprise to see the new boarder standing in front of her dresser fixing his hair and polishing himself up with her toilet accessories. She went down in the telephone, in an attempt to call up the police, but the star-boarder heard her and made tracks. Sure enough, the money was gone. Constable Springer was sent down, and getting a description, was not long in rounding up the prisoner, who was walking towards the city on Barton street, in possession and in his room on Macaulay street were found many articles. This morning he pleaded guilty. He elected to be tried by the Magistrate.

He also entered a similar plea to a charge of stealing a pair of glasses and a pair of gloves from J. Gough and \$2 from J. M. Healey, boarders at 86 Catharine street north, on Jan. 19. A like plea was entered when he was charged with stealing 50 cents and some cigars from M. J. Boyd, 114 Wilson street. The same game was worked there.

J. G. Farmer appeared for the lad and made a plea for leniency. Magistrate Jellis remanded him a week to think the matter over, and to give the police a chance to look into his record and also determine if the above are all the offences he has committed.

The only thing the lad denied in the whole court was stealing a gold ring from Healey, and that charge was dismissed.

A. A. Goetz, proprietor of the Franklin House, was fined \$100 on a charge of selling liquor after hours. The offense for which he was fined was committed shortly after Sunday midnight. Constable Duffy was the complainant, and the charge was a second offense.

Duffy said that he noticed a light in the bar at the Franklin at an early hour on Monday morning, and on looking in through the window, he saw the proprietor in the bar, and heard sounds of shuffling feet from the direction of a small wine room. He also heard the pleasant musical plop of a cork. M. J. O'Reilly, K. C., appeared for Goetz, and argued that there was no case made out of the disposal of liquor. Further examination. Duffy stated that he spoke to the proprietor when he could get into the hotel, and Goetz denied that he had been in the bar or that there was a light there. His Worship thought this sufficient to put Goetz on his defence. The proprietor took the stand and admitted that he had been in the bar, but he said it was for the purpose of getting an overcoat belonging to a Water-down man, who had left it there. He swore that he had not denied there was a light in the bar. His Worship corroborated this. "I discredited the testimony of the defendant," announced His Worship. "If he had come and told the truth I would have given him any benefit."

"Why do you believe he lied?" asked Mr. O'Reilly.

"Because he has everything to gain by lying, whereas the constable has nothing to gain and much to lose by it," said his Worship. Goetz was convicted of illegal selling on December 7, 1907, and as this was proven he was fined \$100. Mr. O'Reilly gave notice of appeal and posted \$25 as security.

When Magistrate Jellis refused to accept a cheque for the amount in question, Mr. O'Reilly sent his client out to get "one hundred and twenty-one dollar bills." "That's the real legal tender," said he with a smile.

TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

—Mrs. H. Spencer Case will not receive again until autumn. Much sympathy will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. George Roe, 7 Spring street, on the loss of their infant son, George James Joseph, who died this morning.

—Miss Maud Shaw, Mrs. T. F. McIlwraith, Mrs. H. E. Williams and Mr. Wm. Malcolm will leave this evening for Bermuda. They will sail from New York on the steamship St. George.

—Hamilton will send eighty delegates to the National Congress of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, to be held in Toronto. Already 463 names have been sent in from all parts of Canada.

—The Bank of Hamilton has begun proceedings against the United Electric Company, Limited, W. A. Johnson, of Toronto, and W. Vanuuden, of West Toronto, claiming on a promissory note \$112,855.65.

—Mrs. Harriet Peters, 72 Napier street, fell on the slippery sidewalk on York street last night while going home, and one of the bones in her leg was fractured. She was taken home and is improving to-day.

—At Highfield School on Saturday afternoon and evening, entertainments will be given in aid of the funds for the new gymnasium. Mr. Collinson, the principal, will give an illustrated address on Cambridge in the evening, and there will also be theatricals.

—The Hamilton branch of the Dickens Fellowship will give its first annual dinner on Monday evening next at the Conservatory of Music, at 6:30, to be followed by a "Nicholas Nickleby" recital by Mr. Frank Speaight, of London, England, in Association Hall on 8:15.

—Mr. Adam Brown will lecture on Canada before the Men's Club of Christ's Church, Catholics, to-morrow night, illustrated by over seventy-five new colored slides, all very fine, especially those of the Rocky Mountains, and which will be shown in Hamilton for the first time.

—Thomas Dobson, Toronto, was arrested this afternoon on a charge of vagrancy. He had an envelope with an address on Howard street on it and, it is alleged, tried to use it as a pass on the C. P. R. but was put off here. He said he was trying to reach New York.

—About midnight last the fire department was called to Ferguson avenue between King William and King streets. A house tenanted and owned by Mrs. John Mortimer caught fire from a defective stove pipe. The ceiling in the kitchen was burned, and the loss will amount to about \$150, covered by insurance.

—In St. John Presbyterian Church, to-morrow, the annual meeting of the Hamilton Presbyterian of the Women's Home Missionary Society will be held. There will be sessions at 2:30 and 8 p. m. Delegates will be present from all parts of the Presbytery of Hamilton. The delegates will be entertained at tea after the afternoon session.

—Duncan Harris, an oil and highly respected resident of this city, passed away this morning, aged 67 years, at his home, 39 Tisdale street. Deceased had resided here for thirty-five years, and his death will be sincerely regretted. He leaves a widow, one daughter, Nettie, and two sons, A. W. Harris, city, and W. F. Harris, of Chicago. He was a member of Dixon Lodge, A. O. U. W. The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

WANTED TO SEE.

Had Appendix Taken Out While He Looked On at Operation.

New York, Feb. 17.—Dr. Edward S. Robins, a veterinary surgeon, of Bay Shore, L. I., refused to take either when he had his appendix removed last week. He remained quiet throughout the operation and just four days after it he drove five miles to his home. The following day he was attending to his practice. The case is believed to be without a parallel.

Dr. Robins drove over to the Sanatorium of Dr. William Ross at Brentwood, five miles from his own home. Dr. Ross and Dr. Haven prepared to operate, and as the nurse approached the patient with the ether cone he calmly waved her aside.

"There is nothing the matter with your heart, old man," Dr. Ross, who is an old friend, assured him.

"I know it, but I'm going to out the ether out, because I want to see the operation," said Dr. Robins. "You may faint on a little cocaine, if you wish."

This was done, and the operation proceeded steadily, without interruption from the patient, whose head was propped up so he could see every move of the surgeons.

MEN POISONED.

One Man Dead and Others Ill at Montreal.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Montreal, Que., Feb. 17.—A very mysterious poisoning case was reported to the police this morning, when Thomas Green was found dead in bed at 84 Campbell street, in the company of E. F. Hill, and an unknown man, Edward Dalow, and Edward McConnell, were found suffering from poison. All were unconscious in the general hospital at 1 o'clock this afternoon. The symptoms are those of strychnine poisoning, and the men claim that they did nothing but drink some coffee.

ABOUT THE SILVER FIELDS.

The John A. Street & Co., room 503, Bank of Hamilton building, are showing a beautiful booklet with map of the Bartlett mine properties in Gowganda, which is very attractive to those interested in these wonderful silver fields of Gowganda. E. B. Arthur, representative, phone 364.

EXCITEMENT ON 'CHANGE.

Montreal, Que., Feb. 17.—There was another exciting period on the floor of the Stock Exchange during the forenoon session to-day, and there was every appearance for a time that the market for Dominion Steel & Iron shares would be run riot. When trading commenced to-day such a sharp demand for Steel stocks developed that common ran up quickly to 39, and preferred to 99. Dominion Coal joined in the buoyancy, after being under a cloud, and rallied ten points from yesterday's close.

The fact that this morning's rise was in some sense artificial in both cases was shown when the prices soon reacted three to four points.

STABBED IN NECK.

Orangeville, Ont., Feb. 17.—While doing some chores in the barn a young son of Robert South, a farmer living in East Mono, fell on a pitchfork, one of the prongs entering his neck close to the jugular vein, and passing completely through without touching the tongue, palate or any vital part. The doctor in attendance says the lad will recover if tetanus does not develop.

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BIRTHS

KLUMPP—On February 15th, 1909, at 555 King street east, to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Klumpp, a daughter.

DEATHS

HANRAHAN—At St. Joseph's Hospital, on Wednesday, February 17th, 1909, John Hanrahan, funeral from his late residence, Nelson House, King street, at 8:30 Friday morning, to St. Patrick's Church, 107 St. George street, for interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Kindly omit flowers. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

HARRIS—At his late residence, 39 Tisdale street, on Wednesday, 17th February, 1909, Duncan Harris, aged 67 years. Funeral Saturday at 2:30 p. m. Interment at Hamilton Cemetery.

JOHNSON—At her late residence, 202 Mary street, on Tuesday, 16th February, 1909, Elizabeth, relict of John W. Johnson, of Galesburg, in her 77th year. Funeral Friday at 2 p. m. Interment at Hamilton Cemetery.

ROE—On Wednesday, 17th February, 1909, George, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Roe, 7 Spring street, aged 8 days. Funeral private.

NELLI—In this city on February 17th at 309 James street north, Mrs. M. A. Nelli, widow of Bartley Nelligan, aged 69 years. Funeral Friday morning at 9 o'clock from the above address to St. Mary's Cathedral, thence to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation. Flowers gratefully declined.

WEBER—At his late residence, Glenford, on Monday, 15th February, 1909, Richard Elworthy Weber in his 69th year. Funeral Friday at 2 p. m. to St. Paul's Church, Glenford. Friends will please accept this intimation. Flowers gratefully declined.

THE WEATHER.

FORECASTS—West and southwest winds, fair and cold. Thursday southerly winds, a little higher temperature and light snow falls.

WEATHER NOTES.

The disturbances which covered the middle States yesterday has moved quickly northward to the Maritime Provinces and the pressure is now high between the Mississippi and Atlantic coast. Snow has fallen throughout Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—

Eastern States and Northern New York—Fair to-night, slightly colder in east, central and extreme north portion. Thursday fair, moderate west winds. Western New York—Partly cloudy to-night and Thursday; slightly warmer Thursday.

CLOTHING TALK

And Deserving Magazine Tribute to Mr. Wm. Johnston.

The February issue of the *Clothier and Haberdasher* contains an excellent article in reference to the spring styles for men, by Mr. L. R. Tobey, of Trudell & Tobey, of this city. It is a three-column write-up and the subject is well treated and offers many helpful suggestions.

In the same issue there is a deservingly tribute paid to Mr. Wm. Johnston, designer and superintendent of Messrs. Copley, Noyes & Randall's factory, for the interest he has taken in the ready-made clothing business and his success in getting it before all classes of people. To him belongs much of the credit for the marvellous strides made in recent years in introducing ready-made goods that are perfect in fit, finish and design. The article closes as follows: "Mr. Johnston is a man of strong personal magnetism, and to meet him and shake hands with him one feels that he has met a real man."

Band at Thistle Rink.

"Meet me at the Thistle Rink" is a familiar expression among the young people these days. There is a reason for this, and you would ask them they would frankly tell you that skating is the finest exercise and the best way to spend an evening. Smile, young man, and take your lady friend to the Thistle to-night, where a band plays your favorite pieces.

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MILITARY BALL.

For the benefit of those attending the military ball at the new armories on Friday evening, the committee in charge announces that arrangements have been made with the Street Railway Company to have cars going east, west and south, leaving the armory at 11:30 p. m., 1 a. m. and 2:30 a. m. A fare of 25 cents will be charged for the two late cars. Conveyances will enter the building by the large entrance. James street. Automobiles may be kept in the large hall until required.

Steamship Arrivals.

December 26. Korea—At New York, from Lihau. Campania—At Queenstown, from New York. Laurentian—At Glasgow, from Boston. K. A. Victoria—At Hamburg, from New York. Maric, Washington—At Gibraltar, from New York. Europa—At Gibraltar, from New York. Necker—At Gibraltar, from New York. Mohke—At Genoa, from New York. Havard—At Liverpool, from Portland. Statesdand—At New York, from Rotterdam. Bremen—At Genoa, from Boston. February 17. Lake Erie—At Liverpool, from St. John, N. B. at 2 a. m. Montreal, Que., Feb. 17.—Express of British reported 7:30 a. m. from Halifax 3:21 p. m. Atlantic. Two Malines Thursday 6 p. m.

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AUCTION SALE

Of the Hughson Street Primary School

These Burrows has received instructions from the Board of Trustees to sell by auction the premises, the property known as the Hughson Street Primary School, on Saturday, 20th February, at 2 o'clock, p. m., on the west side of Hughson street, between Simcoe and Perth streets, having a frontage on Hughson of 100 feet and a depth of 138 feet. The school is subject to a reserve bid, with the same school house thereon. Terms, 10 per cent. at the time of sale and the balance in two weeks thereafter. For particulars apply to THOS. BURROWS, Auctioneer.

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A DOG SHOW.

At the annual meeting of the Hamilton Kennel Club, formerly the Gore Club, Mr. W. J. Jackson was re-elected President and Mr. Robert Colvin, Secretary-Treasurer. A special committee of twelve members was appointed to make arrangements for a big show in April or May. The committee will get to work at once. An effort will be made to secure the Alexandra Rink at the close of the skating season for the exhibition, which the members say will be not only the biggest ever held in Hamilton, but in Canada, outside of the Toronto Industrial.

Deseronto, Ont., Feb. 17.—Tom Longboat, the famous Indian runner, accompanied by his brother-in-law, Albert Maracle, left on the 11:30 train this morning for Kingston, where he will face the puck in a hockey game to be played to-night, between the T. A. C. and the 14th Regiment. Tom says he probably will go to Toronto on Friday. He does not seem anxious to run Strubb on Feb. 25, as he thinks it would not give him time to get into shape. When spoken to to-day he said: "I did not kick when our meet on Jan. 29th was postponed."

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Mrs. Sidney Dunn

Charles Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities" Friday Evening, February 26th. CONSERVATORY HALL. Admission 50c.

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