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DIED AT KINGSTON

Hundreds of Bodies Recovered—Fire Still Smouldering in Ruins—People in State of Terror.

London, Jan. 17.—Kingston has been wiped out, the damaged area comprising a square mile. All the large warehouses in the lower part of the city were consumed, while not a single house remained undamaged, and the majority were unfit for habitation.

When the dispatch was filed the bodies of many whites, who had been staying in the Myrtle Bank hotel, were still beneath the wreck, as it was impossible to secure workmen to search the debris.

A conservative estimate of the casualties made by the police of Kingston places the number of killed at 1,200.

Largely Increased when a thorough search is made of the buildings.

The treasury, on Harbor street, is standing, but the postoffice and court-house were in ruins. The government offices were unsafe for occupancy. The government house was badly damaged.

The Colonial bank was burned out, the Nova Scotia bank was a heap of ruins, and the residence of General Marshall collapsed like a pack of cards.

Mrs. Marshall was dug out alive and but slightly injured. The Roman cathedral, the parish church, the Scotch, Wesleyan and Baptist churches have disappeared, and the English church cathedral was destroyed.

At Port Royal, at the entrance of Kingston harbor, one of the batteries sank and a gunner was killed. The ships in the harbor were converted into hospitals.

The dock of the steamer which brought Sir Alfred Jones and his party to Jamaica.

Remained an Ambulance. Dr. Evans, the ship's doctor, was busy performing amputations from 5 o'clock in the evening to 4 o'clock next morning.

Sir Alfred Jones, Jesse Collins, M.P., and several other members of Sir Alfred's party, had remarkable escapes from being buried in ruins. The Myrtle Bank hotel, according to a dispatch received from Holland Bay this morning, after lunching at the hotel, Sir Alfred, Mr. Collins and others went out on the pier at the waterfront and amused themselves by tossing coins into the water. The visitors had just left the pier on their way back to the hotel when, as they reached the lawn, the earthquake occurred, and the hotel toppled in ruins.

Gerald Loder was at the Jamaica Club, on Hanover street, when the building was demolished, a lounge protecting him from falling debris.

When Captain Young, of the Royal Mail steamer Arno, was killed, First Officer McCauley assumed command. The steamer started on the morning following Royal Mail company's wharves and there sought the Fire All Night.

One of the piers. In the morning the steamer's decks had become covered with burnt and injured persons, who were without a doctor.

Ashore the nearest population was panic-stricken, men and women screaming and calling on heaven to save them and holding religious gatherings, at which excited orators exhorted their terrified hearers to repentance.

Throughout the terrifying scenes, Governor Sweetenham acted in the most energetic manner, but the disaster is so great that the entire city will have to be rebuilt. One unofficial estimate places the loss at \$25,000,000.

A number of houses, however, was spared. The street car tracks are out of shape, the rails are twisted, the water mains and the gas and electric pipes and wires are completely disordered.

Some prominent strangers.

Frecks of the Earthquake was that the statue of the late Queen Victoria, in the centre of the city, was reversed. It was rumoured at Kingston that a tidal wave visited Annota Bay, on the northern coast, directly north of Kingston, causing a change in the coast line.

King Edward headed the Mansion House fund with \$500, the corporation of London immediately adding a similar amount. Theatres are organizing special performances for the fund. On instructions from Washington, the American embassy to King Edward and to the foreign office.

Removing the Homeless. Holland Bay, Jan. 17.—The death list will probably total many hundreds. The injured are many, possibly several thousand, and it is believed that about 10,000 persons are homeless, was among the dead, including A. M. Nathan and Charles Sherlock, leading merchants of Kingston, many of the most prominent physicians, and Captain Constantine, local superintendent for the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company.

The government railroad from Kingston to Port Antonio has not been damaged to any extent, and special trains and vessels are taking homeless people to Port Antonio. The Constant Springs hotel, in St. Andrew's, six miles from here, an establishment much frequented by tourists, was destroyed, mainly by fire. Many distinguished persons, including the delegates to the West Indian agricultural conference, which was to have begun at Kingston this week, were stopping there.

So far as known, no Americans have been killed or injured, but report says that eight Americans were killed among the missing. Many of the natives will starve unless they receive almost immediate assistance. That portion of the town of Port Royal, which sank

Evans at Guantimama this morning; his dispatch from Governor Macgregor to send medical supplies. The Whipple started immediately at a speed of twenty-five knots, carrying all the surplus of Kingston. The fleet could spare the battleships Missouri and Indiana followed and both are now in Kingston harbor, but unable to communicate by wireless with Admiral Evans owing to an intervening mountain. Communication, however, is maintained through the Colon, which is lying off the port.

Rear-Admiral Evans sent the battleships because he knew no English troops were in Kingston, and he feared looting by the Japanese officials.

Crushed Like Eggshells. London, Jan. 17.—Details of the Kingston disaster are given in one of the dispatches received here from Holland Bay, January 15th.

According to this report the whole city shrivelled up, buildings crashed together and fell in a crushed mass like eggshells. The business streets at the north began to shake and tremble at 3.30 on Monday afternoon. The shock, which came from the westward, lasted exactly thirty-six seconds. The whole earth began to shake in a choppy sea and buildings reeled and fell. Eastward a dense cloud of dust arose and enveloped Kingston in a cloud of darkness.

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help of the Kingston earthquake sufferers is being well supported, and with the American and other contributions there will be no lack of supplies or funds for immediate necessities.

An untried member of the committee of Sir Alfred Jones' party, now at Kingston, received this morning, says: "A ghastly procession of carts is passing through the cemetery, each carrying three or four victims, who were buried in batches of twenty. It is believed that there are about four hundred corpses lying on the ruins."

The war office has posted a list of the killed and injured among the troops at Kingston, but it is admitted to be incomplete, an exclusive of the disaster at the camp hospital, where forty to fifty men of the West India regiment were killed.

According to casualties known at the time of sending this dispatch, Major W. H. Hardyman and Lieut. J. Lamont were the only two officers killed. Nine officers were injured, including a member of Sir Alfred Jones' party, and their families are seven deaths and four were injured, while thirteen of the non-commissioned officers are dead or missing.

Later Details. Kingston, Jan. 17.—(Delayed in transmission.)—The following is a continuation of yesterday's dispatch describing the earthquake at Kingston:

The awful disaster caused by the earthquake became more apparent as the night advanced. At 11 o'clock, at 3.30 on Monday afternoon, the shock, which came from the westward, lasted exactly thirty-six seconds. The whole earth began to shake in a choppy sea and buildings reeled and fell. Eastward a dense cloud of dust arose and enveloped Kingston in a cloud of darkness.

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Plum Point. The Merrimack-Chapman steamer Premier has gone to her rescue.

Plum Point is a lighthouse point about ten miles east of Kingston, where the steamer was bound. She left Port Limon the day of the earthquake. The shocks having destroyed the lights, the steamer presumably lost her way.

The Harbour-American officials say that the passenger list is probably not large, as the steamer expected to take most of her passengers at Kingston. She is to have sailed direct from Kingston to New York.

ELECTION RESULTS. Municipal Contests in Nanzalimo, Revelstoke and Rossland.

Nanzalimo, Jan. 17.—The civic elections here to-day passed off quietly, and without incident. The number of votes polled was unusually large. There was no majority contest. A. Plana, the former mayor, being returned by acclamation. The following aldermen were elected: North Ward, Forrester, Hodgson, Dally; Middle Ward, Dick, Barnes, Knarkin; South Ward, McRae, Wilson, and Newton. School trustees, Plana, Quennell, Forester.

Revelstoke. Revelstoke, Jan. 17.—The following is the result of the municipal elections held to-day: H. A. Brown, mayor, 19; F. W. Alderman, Ward 1, J. J. Woodland and E. Trimble; Ward 2, H. Howson and R. B. Sawyer; Ward 3, J. Abrahamson and J. A. Stone.

Rossland. Rossland, Jan. 17.—P. R. McDonald, in the majority contest to-day defeated John Martin, his opponent, by a majority of 51. The six councillors elected are: James Anson, H. R. Jones, James Tweadie, Isaac L. James, J. H. Langman and Sidney Sisley, all of whom are friendly to Mayor McDonald. The election was quiet and orderly.

REPORT REGARDING CITY ELECTRIC LIGHT

Superintendent Recommends Increased Power and Greater Number of Lights.

The following is the report of the superintendent of the electric lighting plant:

Victoria, Jan. 7th, 1907. To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to submit the following report having reference to the operations of the electric lighting department during the past year, and setting forth in general the improvements and additions most required to insure satisfactory and reliable street lighting service, and to provide for the further extension of the system.

At the beginning of the year the new electric plant contracted for in the latter part of 1906 was expected to arrive; but it was made, however, in March, and on May 22nd the installation had been completed and put in operation; 125 old style lamps were replaced by the new, long burning, enclosed type, and I am pleased to be able to report that the new plant is now in full operation, and that the number of lamps has been placed more than satisfied with the change, the steadiness and brilliancy of the lamps being particularly noticeable.

The equipment installed at the power house operated without hitch since being put in service; this was what the equipment was expected to do, as all apparatus installed was of the most up-to-date type procurable, there being nothing superior available for street lighting purposes, so that the saving in cost of operation, promised as a result of the use of lamps of the new type, estimated at one thousand dollars per annum, has beyond doubt been fully realized. The new generator installed has spare capacity sufficient to operate fifty additional lamps.

The weak point of the present equipment, says Mr. Hutchinson, is the engine power. If any repairs have to be made the engine has to be stopped, thereby causing a complete shutting off of the power or the injured machinery must be allowed to run until an opportunity is presented for these repairs to be made. In view of this fact and the fact that, in the near future many extra lights will be installed in the city, he recommends that the question of supplying additional engine power be taken up as early as possible.

In dealing with the work done during the past year Mr. Hutchinson says that thirty new lights were installed and that several changes were made in the circuit with the object of making the location of breaks and disconnections easier. In rearranging the circuits margins were left for additional lights, and when the new lights were installed there was no trouble in connection with the circuits.

His final recommendation follows: In conclusion, I desire to direct attention to the fact that, in the near future many extra lights will be installed in the city, he recommends that the question of supplying additional engine power be taken up as early as possible.

The death list is constantly growing. Refugees Tell of Disaster. Santiago, Cuba, Jan. 18.—The steamer Thomas Brookes has arrived here from Kingston, with seventeen refugees. They paint a horrible picture of the catastrophe, and confirm the report of the destruction of the principal buildings. The pilots do not dare to enter the harbor, owing to the changes in the channel. The Machado cigar factory, in which many deaths were caused, is a total loss, and a hundred and twenty of them were killed. Relief supplies are greatly needed at Kingston.

Family Killed. Toronto, Jan. 18.—Harold Carter, of 153 Victoria street, has received word that his father, mother, eight brothers and seven sisters all perished in the earthquake at Kingston.

Steamer Aground. New York, Jan. 18.—The Hamburg-American line received official confirmation to-night of the reported grounding of the steamer Prins Waldemar, of Plum Point, Jamaica. The dispatch is from Capt. W. P. Forward, the Hamburg-American agent at Kingston, and it stated that on January 18th it reads: "Prins Waldemar stranded at 2 this morning half a mile east of

MORLEY ELECTED

FOR ANOTHER TERM

Election Keenly Contested and Heavy Vote Polled

—City Council Has Six New Members.

(From Friday's Daily.)

The composition of the city council for the coming year is as follows:

MAYOR. A. J. MORLEY.

ALDERMEN. Ward No. 1.—W. McKay Ross, Lewis Hall.

Ward No. 2.—W. J. Hanna, J. Weston.

Ward No. 3.—W. F. Fullerton, W. Gleason.

Ward No. 4.—Thornton Fell, Dr. Verinder.

Ward No. 5.—Anton Henderson, F. W. Vincent.

Following a short but sharp campaign, the municipal elections were decided last evening. A. J. Morley, the last incumbent of the mayoralty, will fill the office for another twelve months. By a majority of 232, he defeated T. W. Paterson. The total vote polled, 3,313, was the largest ever known in the city of Victoria.

The contest throughout proved most interesting, and its result a surprise to many. In spite of the weather, which though milder than it has been for nearly a week, was yet damp and raw, the polling booths were thronged from the hour of opening until they were closed at 7 p.m. A feature of the vote was the number of the ladies who exercised the franchise. Linked with the mayoralty, the referendum and the issue it involved was responsible for the interest shown.

Results in Detail. MAYOR MORLEY.

The voting resulted as follows: FOR MAYOR. A. J. MORLEY 1,899 T. W. PATERSON 1,483 Majority 416 Total vote polled, 3,313; spoiled ballots, 18.

FOR ALDERMEN. Ward No. 1. W. MCKAY ROSS 252 LEWIS HALL 238 Total vote polled, 490.

Ward No. 2. W. J. HANNA 253 J. WESTON 235 Total vote polled, 488.

Ward No. 3. W. F. FULLERTON 478 W. GLEASON 401 Total vote polled, 879.

Ward No. 4. THORNTON FELL 378 DR. VERINDER 350 Total vote polled, 728.

Ward No. 5. ANTON HENDERSON 378 F. W. VINCENT 350 Total vote polled, 728.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES. ALFRED HUGGETT 1,908 HARRY BISHOP 1,798 GEORGE JAY 1,778 A. B. MCNEIL 1,470 E. M. WHYTE 838 Spoiled ballots, 3,029.

REFERENDUM VOTE. FOR 1,286 AGAINST 1,223 Majority in favor 63.

Four former members of the council were amongst those returned. Ald. Fell, elected by acclamation in Ward 4, is now the senior member of the board. Ald. Fullerton, elected in Ward 3, will again be a familiar figure. Ald. H. Hanna, returned in Ward 5, and Ald. George Sluder, returned in Ward 1, are new members.

The aldermanic vote proved a surprise also, in several instances. The election of Mr. Ross over the head of Dr. Hall, that of Anton Henderson over F. W. Vincent, though both of the members of last year's board were returned, is interesting. Two of the new members have in former years filled the position—Messrs. Hanna and Henderson.

The return of Mr. Bishop, who succeeds Dr. Hall as school trustee, was another feature of the election. The referendum fight was one of the most closely contested of the day, as is witnessed by the final figures.

Crowds thronged the neighborhood of the city hall and market buildings while the ballots were counted, men, women and children clustered around the doors and pressed their faces to the panes of the windows while the tedious operation took place.

It was, however, around the mayoralty result that the most interesting feature of the day was seen, the preliminary counting of the ballots to ascertain whether