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## EARTHQUAKE; FIRES

SEVERAL DEATHS ARE REPORTED AT CALEXICO, ON MEXICAN BORDER.

### HEAVY DAMAGE AT EL CENTRO

Two Distinct Shocks Felt Throughout Imperial Valley, Extending as Far East as Yuma, Ariz.—High School Wrecked at Brawley.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

San Francisco.—Advisers received from Calexico, Cal., Tuesday night stated that between ten and fifteen persons were killed by falling walls caused by the earthquake, which occurred about 9 p. m. At 10 o'clock the report said, two large fires which had threatened the town were under control, but lesser conflagrations still were burning.

The town is on the Mexican boundary line. Telegraph and telephone wires were put out of commission.

The high school at Brawley, a few miles north of El Centro, was destroyed by the shock.

Considerable damage was reported at El Centro, but no fires occurred there.

Later reports received state that two distinct shocks were felt at Brawley and as far east as Yuma, Ariz., on the Mexican border. The first shock occurred at 8 o'clock and continued for about a minute. The second shock, which occurred an hour later, lasted 45 seconds.

The first shock caused an explosion near the Holton Power company at El Centro. One building was burned to the ground and other damage done.

The entire Imperial valley, comprising several hundred square miles, is in darkness.

No damage is reported from Yuma.

### FRANCE NEGOTIATES LOAN.

J. P. Morgan & Co. to Furnish \$50,000,000 at 5 Per Cent.

New York.—Confirmation of the much discussed French credit by American bankers was received when J. P. Morgan & Co. announced the virtual completion of a one-year loan to the Paris branch of the Rothschilds, the latter acting for the French, as well as a syndicate of French bankers. The amount of the loan and its interest yield are yet to be determined, but it is intimated that the sum is not likely to exceed \$50,000,000, at approximately 5 per cent. It will be secured by collateral in the form of high grade American railway bonds to be placed with Morgan & Co.

These bonds include some of the senior securities of America's premier roads, of which many millions of dollars' worth are owned by French investors.

The proceeds of the loan will be used by the French government for the payment here of its heavy commercial obligations incurred in the purchase of war supplies and foodstuffs.

### Notable Murder Trial On.

London.—George Joseph Smith was placed on trial for his life in Old Bailey Tuesday. He is charged with the murder of three women, with all of whom he went through the marriage ceremony, and all of whom were found dead in both tubs under almost identical circumstances. The case has come to be known throughout the kingdom as the "brides in bath" case and promises to be the most notable murder trial here since that of Dr. Crippen.

### Rushing War Munitions to Russia.

Tokio.—Advices reaching Tokio from Vladivostok are that munitions of war intended for the use of Russia's armies at the front are arriving at that seaport in great quantities. So heavy are the shipments that facilities to forward them by rail through Siberia are lacking. It is in an endeavor to overcome this delay the Russian authorities have placed rush orders for cars and locomotives in the United States.

### Washington, D. C.—Secretary Redfield reported at the cabinet meeting June 22 that the total trade balance in favor of the United States on June 19 was \$976,000,000. He predicted that the balance for the fiscal year ending July 1 would be in excess of \$1,000,000,000.

### Washington, D. C.—In a decision so broad as probably to annul "grandfather clause" enactments in every southern state which has adopted such laws, the supreme court has held invalid Oklahoma and Maryland legislation aimed at restricting the negro vote. The decision was unanimous.

### St. Louis, Mo.—A message to this city from Hillsboro, Mo., said that the most disastrous hail and wind storm in fifty years swept Jefferson county June 21 and caused about \$300,000 damage.

### Echo of Titanic Horror.

New York.—The federal district court has begun a hearing to determine whether damage suits totaling \$18,000,000 might be brought by claimants against the Oceanic Steam Navigation company, limited, owners of the Titanic, which went down at sea April 15, 1912, with the loss of more than 1,600 lives. The company maintains that under the admiralty law its liabilities are limited to \$97,972, representing the value of lifeboats recovered and passage and freight money paid by the claimants.

### Former G. A. R. Head Is Dead.

Davenport, Ia., June 21.—E. H. Buck, past department commander of the Illinois G. A. R., died at the home of his daughter here. His home for years was in Rock Island. Death followed a stroke of apoplexy.

### Germans Sink Norwegian Ship.

Copenhagen, June 21.—According to the newspapers here the German auxiliary cruiser Meteor sank the Norwegian lumber ship Gramen, 16 miles south of Christiansand on Friday morning.

## MRS. ALLEN IS SLAIN

WIFE OF JOLIET WARDEN KILLED IN BEDROOM BY CONVICT.

### BURNED TO DEATH IN ROOM

Woman Attacked and Then Cremated in an Oil-Soaked Bed—Negro "Trusty" Is Suspected of Having Committed Crime.

Joliet, Ill., June 22.—Mrs. Edmund M. Allen, wife of the warden, was murdered in her room on the third floor of the administration building of the state penitentiary at Joliet early Sunday morning. It is believed that an attempt was made to attack Mrs. Allen before she was struck down. Then, when she was either dead or unconscious, her body was placed on the bed, a quantity of wood alcohol poured over it, and the bedclothes ignited. Mrs. Allen was a young and very handsome woman in robust health. The man who slew Mrs. Allen, who was the only woman in that part of the prison structure known as the "men's quarters," was an inmate of the institution, and is now within its walls.

There are approximately 1,750 men prisoners confined in the Joliet penitentiary, many of them murderers. Warden Allen was at West Brawley, Ind., when the crime was committed. Mrs. Allen had expected to join him later.

### EIGHT BATHERS DIE IN SURF

Great Crowd Sees Men and Women Perish in Undertow at Atlantic City, N. J.

Atlantic City, N. J., June 22.—Lashed and beaten into helplessness by merciless waves while held in the grip of an undertow, eight persons met heroic deaths on the beach on Sunday, while other heroes, red-shirted beach guards and bathers, battled desperately against tremendous odds to save them.

Thousands lined the board walk and beach, women wringing their hands and weeping bitterly as the heart-breaking tragedy was enacted before their eyes.

Besides the known drowned, three persons, one of them a young woman, are missing. The known victims: Miss Marian Rhoads Creamer, twenty years old, student of Beechwood college.

Charles Mattlack, Philadelphia.

John Lisle, thirty years old, lawyer, Philadelphia.

Charles Green, fisherman.

William Francis Crow, Philadelphia.

Frank Brigham, sixteen, student.

Phillip Arnold, Jr., twenty-four, Philadelphia.

Mr. McCabe, Philadelphia.

## FLASHES OFF THE WIRE

### Paris, June 19.—Leut. Reginald A. J. Warnford, the Canadian aviator who won the Victoria Cross and the Legion of Honor by destroying a Zeppelin over Belgium with a bomb, was killed on Thursday by falling from his aeroplane at Duc, France.

London, June 18.—Word was received here on Wednesday that the steamer Strathairn was torpedoed in the Irish channel. Twenty-two members of the crew are thought to have been drowned. The vessel was of 4,336 tons. The Dutch fishing boat Broekmans has been blown up by a mine on the Belgian coast. Four of the crew were drowned.

### ALLIES' SHIPS FLEE TURKS

Fleet Seeks Refuge From Submarines—Sheltered in Bay Ten Miles From Gallipoli.

Berlin, June 21.—A correspondent at Constantinople says that, permitted to visit the Gallipoli peninsula, he was reliably informed that the British fleet has taken refuge from German submarines in Kefala bay, on the northeast coast of Imbros island, distant about ten miles from the Gallipoli coast. The British ships could be seen from heights on shore at anchor in the bay.

### TIGHTEN RING AT LEMBERG

Capture of Capital of Galicia by Austro-German Troops Believed Imminent.

London, June 22.—Announcement of the capture of Lemberg, capital of Galicia, by the armies of General von Mackensen is hourly expected in London as a result of the continued victories of the Austro-German army, which is striving to free Galicia of the Russians.

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## RUSSO-GERMAN BATTLE LINE



## PLOT TO EMBROIL U. S. MARINES TO MEXICO

### AMBASSADOR BERNSTORFF DENIES MEYER-GERHARD IS SPY.

Detective Agency Employed by England to Circulate False Reports, German Envoy Declares.

Berlin, via London, June 19.—Dr. Anton Meyer-Gerhard, who sailed from New York June 4 on a mission to the German government from Count von Bernstorff, reached Berlin on Wednesday.

He had a protracted conference with Foreign Minister von Jagow and Minister Solff of the colonial office. The report that Dr. Meyer-Gerhard is in reality Dr. Alfred Meyer, chief of the supply department of the German army, was denied authoritatively.

Washington, June 19.—Developments which promise to make the case a sensation of some importance occurred in connection with the charges that Dr. Meyer-Gerhard, for whom the state department obtained safe passage to Germany, was in reality Dr. Alfred Meyer, chief of the supply division of the German army.

The state department received from the German embassy at Cedarhurst, L. I., an official denial of the charges, and a statement from the German ambassador that the publication of the charges was likely to operate against his efforts to bring about a peaceful settlement of the controversy between this government and Germany.

In several other instances of late where publicity was given to charges against the German ambassador and members of his staff the view of the German government, now disclosed for the first time, was that the charges originated with a detective agency employed by Germany's enemies.

The state department gave out the following statement, including the denial of the ambassador: "The department of state has received a telegram from the German counselor, dated June 16, calling attention to articles appearing in yesterday's papers in regard to an alleged breach of confidence on the part of the ambassador in sending a secret German gun agent to Berlin in place of Doctor Gerhard, the Red Cross delegate. In reference to these articles the ambassador states as follows: "It is unnecessary for me to assure you that the story circulated by these articles is untrue from beginning to end. It contains a personal attack upon the ambassador and his delegate, Dr. Meyer-Gerhard, and is likely at the same time to nullify the sincere and earnest efforts of the ambassador to bring about an understanding between the United States and Germany in the Lusitania question."

### BRITISH FORCE IS WIPED OUT

Berlin Reports an Attacking Column Virtually Destroyed by the Germans—Attempt to Break Line.

Berlin, Germany, June 21 (via London).—Official announcement was made here on Friday that a force of the allies which attacked German positions north of LaBassee canal was destroyed, only a few succeeding in retreating.

London, June 21.—French forces operating on German territory in Alsace renewed the terrific offensive movement along the Fecht river, crossing that stream and capturing the outposts of the important city of Metz and bringing up artillery to a point where the German line of communication to Munster, the base of southern operations, is now under bombardment.

The official statement of Sir John French claims new advances for the British east of Festubert.

### TURK TRANSPORTS ARE SUNK

Five Thousand Troops Drowned in Golden Horn—Vessels Torpedoed by British Submarine.

London, June 19.—Nearly five thousand men lost their lives when three Turkish transports were sunk in the Golden Horn, in the harbor of Constantinople, by a British submarine, according to a dispatch received from Tenedos on Thursday. Only a few of the soldiers were saved.

### Auto Bandits Hold Up Cars.

Chicago, June 22.—After stealing a large automobile belonging to Carlo Ames, from in front of his house, four bandits staged two street car holdups and eluded several automobile parties of police who were searching for them.

### Eighteen Miles of Track Gone.

Omaha, Neb., June 22.—Eighteen miles of the Burlington railroad's tracks between Axtell and Holdrege, Neb., were washed out and service on both the Burlington and Union Pacific in western Nebraska was suspended.

## FRANK'S LIFE SAVED

GOVERNOR SLATON OF GEORGIA SHIFTS DEATH SENTENCE TO LIFE TERM.

### IS HURRIED FROM ATLANTA

Prisoner Taken From Jail at Capital in Dead of Night and Rushed to Prison Farm Under Heavy Guard—Governor Issues Statement.

Atlanta, Ga., June 21.—The sentence of Leo M. Frank, condemned to die for the murder of Mary Phagan on Memorial day two years ago, was commuted by Gov. John M. Slaton to life imprisonment.

The prisoner was at once taken out of the jail, under guard of Sheriff Mangum and a number of his deputies, and carried to the Terminal station. He was placed on a Central of Georgia train for Milledgeville, where Frank will at once begin serving a life sentence.

The decision of the governor came as a complete surprise to many in the capital of the state. Governor Slaton reached his decision Sunday morning and, except for a few of his most confidential friends to whom he confided, his decision was kept a secret until early Monday. Feeling all over Georgia was at such a high tension that it was deemed advisable to have the prisoner safely landed at the state prison before giving out the news.

The arrangements for removing Frank from the Fulton county jail were made with the utmost secrecy. Not even the newspaper men who were keeping a close vigil around the jail knew when or how the prisoner left. The sheriff with his deputies guarding the condemned man left the jail shortly after ten o'clock Sunday night and proceeded to the Terminal station, where tickets were secured and the party boarded the train which pulled out two minutes after midnight.

Two policemen and several of the railroad station employees recognized Frank, and the news then began to spread. But before the general public in Atlanta knew of the action of the governor or the removal of the prisoner, Frank was well on his way to the state prison, and the sheriff and his deputies had returned to their homes.

The prison farm is two miles north of Milledgeville. It is triple guarded. The prisoners are kept during the night in a stone building under strong guard at all times.

Frank will be assigned to his work probably this afternoon. Most of the prisoners work on the farm, but there are some who do clerical and other work around the stone barracks. Frank will probably be assigned to clerical duties inside the prison at least for the present.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, a holiday, Mary Phagan went from her home in Atlanta to the National Pencil factory, at which she worked, to get some pay still owing her. She did not return to her home. A search was instituted without success.

At 3:30 o'clock the following morning her dead body was accidentally discovered in the basement of the pencil factory by the night watchman.

Leo M. Frank, the superintendent of the factory, who admitted having paid the girl her wages in the office at noon on Saturday, and Newt Lee, the night watchman, who had discovered the body, were arrested at once.

Alongside Mary Phagan's body were found two illiterate notes in pencil, purporting to have been written by the victim, and stating that the deed had been done by "a long, tall, black negro." The notes were manifestly a clumsy invention of the murderer to divert suspicion.

It soon became apparent that the night watchman was not the guilty person. Suspicion fastened on Frank and rapidly intensified.

### CAPT. STOREN FOUND GUILTY

Ex-Police Officer of Chicago Is Fined \$1,000 and Sergeant Is Sentenced to Three Years in Jail.

Chicago, June 18.—Capt. James O'Dea Storen and Detective Sergeant Michael Welshbaum, formerly of the Maxwell police station, were found guilty on Wednesday of conspiracy to commit burglary by a jury in Judge Dever's court. Sergeant Frederick Roth, who was indicted with them, was acquitted. Punishment for Captain Storen was fixed at a \$1,000 fine.

Nathan Steinberg, head of the "million-dollar burglar trust," his chief lieutenant, Isadore Wexler, and other members of the organization were witnesses for the prosecution. They testified that they paid various sums of money to the police officials for protection while they were committing burglaries in the Maxwell street police precinct.

Nearly two thousand delegates attended the state Sunday school convention at Broken Bow. Falls City was named as the convention city in 1915.

The mill dam forming Lake Minnehadaza at Valentine, was washed out by a cloud burst, sweeping away in the flood the electric light and pumping station plant.

The Dodge County wheat crop promises to be cut short of the estimated amount by the Hessian fly, which is damaging many fields in the vicinity of Fremont.

### Cholera Spreads in Vienna.

Geneva, June 22.—A correspondent at Innsbruck says cholera is spreading in Vienna and that the authorities have adopted even more severe measures in their efforts to prevent the spread of the contagion.

### Michigan Hotel Burns.

Petoskey, Mich., June 22.—The occupants of the Hotel Arlington, which burned to the ground here, were believed to have been saved. The loss on the building and its contents was estimated at \$250,000.

## NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

Sutherland's Chautauqua will begin June 29.

Stromburg will hold a big celebration July 3.

Cortland is agitating the water works question.

Kearney is preparing for a boom in street paving.

Oakland will hold a big celebration, Saturday, July 24.

Craig's new \$25,000 school building is nearly completed.

The Republican Editorial meeting will be held at McCook July 9.

A new school building will soon be erected at Weeping Water.

A branch of the U. S. weather bureau will be established near Omaha.

Three arrests have been made in the Layton murder case of Scottsbluff.

The foundation for the new Mission church at Cortland is about completed.

Work will soon begin on the new county jail and sheriff's quarters at Seward.

A contract has been let for the new \$50,000 Methodist church at Hastings.

July 21, 22 and 23 have been set as dates for the Tekamah Speed association races.

The Bank of Commerce and the Farmers' State Bank of Louisville have consolidated.

\$1,000 has been raised by business men of Alsworth for repairing roads leading into that place.

Bridgeport will soon vote on the issuing of bonds for the erection of a new school building.

Lightning struck the steeple of the Danish Lutheran church at Blair, causing \$500 damage.

Being called home to fight, twenty Italians left North Platte for their mother country.

The \$200,000 drainage ditch along the Nemaha river in Johnson county has been completed.

Four hundred acres of sugar beets were destroyed by recent storms in the vicinity of Scottsbluff.

Excavating for the new brick implement house of Priesen & Co., at Fairbury, is under way.

The State Holiness association will hold their annual camp meeting at Epworth park, Lincoln, July 2 to 12.

One person was fatally injured and a number badly hurt when a circus tent blew down in a severe storm at Erieville.

Oxford citizens have decided to purchase the ball park, now owned by a stock company, for a high school athletic field.

The reorganized Exchange Bank of Steele City will have a modern home. Work on the new brick structure is under way.

Jacob Stenobreaker, while tending beets on the farm of William Schroeder near Scottsbluff, was instantly killed by lightning.

Damage that it is feared will total nearly \$500,000 resulted through a heavy rain and hail which struck Kearney and vicinity recently.

The annual convention of the national association of farmers' unions will be held in Lincoln during the state fair week, September 6 to 11.

The Red Willow county commissioners will build a new plank bridge over the new channel created by recent floods in the Republican river south of McCook.

Leo Mann, the 18-year-old son of Ed Mann, a prominent farmer living five miles southeast of Tilden, died from taking strychnine by mistake for headache powder.

George Rosentratner, while shelling corn on Tallin table, near Callaway, became entangled in the belt wheel of his gasoline engine and received a broken arm and a crushed skull.

In a runaway in which the rig was overturned, Mrs. S. F. Smith of Callaway received a broken collarbone and severe bruises, while her young boy received concussion of the brain.

As result of heavy rains the listed corn around Callaway is covered with mud to such a depth that it cannot come through. Many farmers will be compelled to replant. So far this year nearly twenty inches of rain has fallen.

The Chadron Commercial club amusement committee, for the celebration of July 3, has been successful in procuring for that event the latest fad in amusements, the auto polo races. Special trains over northwest Nebraska have been scheduled.

State Senator Earl Mallory of the Alliance district has announced that state experimental irrigation digging will be started soon. The first well will be sunk on the C. L. Powell farm, three miles north of here. C. A. Newberry will furnish machinery. A series of wells will be sunk to complete the irrigation plans mapped out by the state for the Snake river valley.

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## STRUCK WITH SIGHT

STOCKMEN'S MEET ASTONISHES EASTERN VISITORS.

### NO SANDHILLS IN EVIDENCE

Twelve Thousand People Who Attended Deeply Impressed With Outlook for Western Nebraska.

### COMING EVENTS.

Meeting of State Seedmen's association, Minatare, August 26-29.  
Twenty-sixth annual Saengerfest of the Saengerbund of the Northwest, Omaha, July 21 to 24.  
Annual Camp Meeting of State Holiness association, Epworth Park, Lincoln, July 2 to 12.  
State Golf tournament, Omaha, July 7 to 10.  
Old Soldiers' and Settlers' reunion, Minatare, August 26-29.  
Annual Chautauqua of Nebraska Business Men's Outing association, Carter Lake, Omaha, August 2 to 8.  
Third annual tractor meet, Fremont, August 9 to 14.  
Conference of United Evangelist Churches of Nebraska, Omaha, August 26-30.  
Nebraska State Fair, Lincoln, September 6 to 11.

Alliance.—Twelve thousand people from sixteen counties of this section of the state enjoyed life during three days of the stockmen's convention, the annual affair which was held here last week. At one time, according to a count made by a brigade of boy scouts, there were 586 automobiles in the garages and on the streets of the city.

Eastern Nebraska men, of whom there were not less than 100 here, were struck with the city aspects assumed by Alliance. Long rides through the grazing country of the sandhills had prepared them for something different. Instead of finding here a sandhill town, with little to resemble the larger cities of the state, they found here everything they would expect in cities three and four times the size of Alliance. It was astonishing, according to some of the surprised easterners, and they commented upon it freely and wholesomely. The sentiment expressed in a speech by Senator Hitchcock that all work and no play among the workers and home makers of the nation deteriorates rather than improves the human class, found warm endorsement here.

South Omaha and Sioux City boosters who were here—and there were leading business men from each place in the caravans—held business communion with the people of the section throughout their visit. They were impressed with the opportunities which the country affords and they look forward to the day when Alliance will be a city of vaster proportions than one imagines who hasn't been here to inform himself of the region.

The Soo delegation expressed itself as hopeful that the O'Neill-Alliance extension of the Burlington would be built some of these fine summers. The line has been surveyed and is something more than a dream. It passes through a country that can be made profitable from a railroad standpoint and some day, according to the visiting Soos, will become an actuality.

Files and Bugs Busy.

Norfolk.—Most of the wheat fields of Madison county are infested by the Hessian fly which is doing some damage and the "green bug," which did much damage in Kansas, has also been found to be damaging some of the fields in this vicinity.

Field Agent Anderson of the United States Agricultural department was here from Washington and made a trip of inspection over the county with Frank Tannehill. The Hessian fly as found in practically every field in this vicinity and in at least one the fly has caused great havoc.

The discovery of the "green bug" in this vicinity has caused much uneasiness among the farmers. The government representative declared that as yet the damaging bug has not been classified and named. It was first discovered around Topeka, Kan., about two years ago, where it did a great deal of damage.

### Beet Crop Damaged by Storm.

Scottsbluff.—The recent high wind completely destroyed about 400 acres of beets out of the 34,000 in the valley, and 300 more will be replanted. Probably 1,000 acres more were damaged to some extent.

### Good Crop Prospects.

Callaway.—Small grain in this locality was never better than at the present time. However, the weather has been entirely too cold for the corn to make much headway and it is much smaller than it should be at this season of the year.

### Editors Will Meet at McCook.

Orleans.—F. P. Shields, president of the Republican Valley Editorial association, has announced that the next meeting of the association will be held at McCook, July 9.