

MEXICO CITY WAS SHAKEN

Sixty-Three Were Killed in the Quake, Half of Them Being Soldiers Caught in Wrecked Barracks.

AMERICANS UNHARMED

Earthquake Did Considerable Damage But Police Report No One of Any Importance Being Killed.

CITY OF MEXICO, June 8.—Sixty-three killed, seventy-five wounded; property loss, \$100,000.

These are the net results of the earthquake which rent the capital and injected a note of tragedy into what was expected to be a day of unalloyed rejoicing.

When the work of searching the ruins is completed it is possible that the list of dead will be lengthened somewhat, as hiding throughout the city there doubtless are many wounded, who, with traditional fear of the authorities and government hospitals, are anxious to evade discovery.

The property loss is an estimate based on calculations made by owners and contractors. Little of the loss is covered by insurance.

It was 4:36 o'clock when the first shock was felt. According to the Meteorological observatory, the greatest intensity was reached at the end of the first minute, but the instruments continued to record the shocks for four or five minutes.

More than half the dead accounted for, were soldiers. They were caught beneath the falling walls of the artillery barracks in San Cosma, a locality near the Mexican central station. Another place where the earthquake took its toll of death in considerable numbers was at the city power plant of the street car company.

Here six were killed and six wounded. Two others were found in the debris, consisting partly of steel rails which had been stacked in the iron and wood departments and which collapsed.

The victims were inhabitants of little shacks built along the side of the structure. With these two exceptions, the death list was made of single cases, or in some instances of two and three, caught beneath falling walls in the poorer buildings of the district most seriously affected.

The National Palace, the walls of which were cracked by the earthquake occupies a large city block and houses many of them government offices. An imposing facade extends along the entire east side of the Plaza Mayor, with a frontage of 550 feet.

If none of the advices received at police headquarters is the mention of the death of any person of prominence. The victims were those whose homes were in cheaply built houses, shacks in most cases, whose walls had little power of resistance.

The fury of the shock was spent in the northwestern and western part of the city. The greatest damage was in that quarter known as Santa Maria, although cracks in the pavement and walls toppled over serve to mark its course as far to the south as Colonia Roma, a district inhabited largely by Americans. In this district, however, little damage was done and no deaths have been reported.

RECIPROCITY VOTE ON TUESDAY

Bill Will Be Reported Next Week and Contain the Root Amendment.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—The senate finance committee today agreed to report the reciprocity bill, including the Root amendment. No recommendation is to be made to the senate. The report is to be made Tuesday.

The Root amendment is strongly opposed by Taft and provides that pulp wood and print paper clauses shall become effective when all the provinces of Canada shall agree to the free importation of these products.

Strike of 4,000 Men.

PHILADELPHIA, June 8.—Over 4,000 men, including 2,200 boiler makers, went on strike at the Baldwin Locomotive works today. The men are fighting to secure the reinstatement of 1,200 men laid off a few weeks ago.

Can't Chew Tobacco.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 8.—Zion city progressives have lost their fight with the orthodox followers of Dowling in the effort to modernize conditions so they can eat pork and lobsters and chew tobacco. The supreme court has so decided.

KEOKUK WANTS 1913 MEETING

Convention of Eagles of Iowa Will Likely Be Held in This City Two Years From This Month.

IN SESSION THIS WEEK

Sixth Annual Convention is Now on at Des Moines and Election of Officers is to be Held Today.

DES MOINES, June 8.—Council Bluffs Eagles landed first prize in the exemplification of the ritual yesterday during the afternoon session of the sixth annual state convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. The Sioux City degree team took the second place and Des Moines the third.

Although the work of all teams was declared the best that has ever been seen at a state convention of Eagles in Iowa, none of the degree teams could surpass the excellent work of the Council Bluffs aggregation. The same team also took second at the last meeting.

A beautiful loving cup, presented by the Des Moines aerie, and a prize of \$50 in cash goes to the Council Bluffs team for winning the contest. The Sioux City team receives a cash prize of \$75 and the Des Moines team a prize of \$50. The judges, who were appointed by State President L. J. Evans, are as follows: J. W. Youns, of Sioux City, E. A. Darnell of Oskaloosa and Frank Moeller of Keokuk.

Sam Swift, of Dubuque, vice president will probably be elected president. No opposition to his candidacy has been brought forward. Ed S. Lofton, the present secretary of the state aerie, is slated for the vice presidency. He has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election to his old office. President Evans of Council Bluffs has made the same announcement in regard to his rumored candidacy.

In point of attendance the state convention has been the greatest ever held, according to O. K. Kirkpatrick of Des Moines, chairman of the committee on arrangements. A large number of visiting Eagles arrived last night, boosting the attendance to more than 2,000. Twenty-one cities in Iowa are represented as follows: Mason City, Osceola, Davenport, Boone, Council Bluffs, Perry, Ottumwa, Elkader, Sioux City, Clinton, Keokuk, Dubuque, Oelwein, Hawarden, Oskaloosa, Burlington, Colfax, Marshalltown, Waterloo and Des Moines.

Burlington and Ottumwa are the bidders for next year's convention, with Keokuk as a candidate for the same honor in 1913. An athletic entertainment at Fort Des Moines was held last night.

FORMER RAILROAD COMMISSIONER DEAD

W. L. Eaton, Three Times Mayor of Osage and Member of State Legislature.

OSAGE, Iowa, June 8.—W. L. Eaton former railroad commissioner, speaker of the twenty-ninth general assembly and prominent in legal and political circles many years ago, died at his home here, following an illness for several weeks. He was 62 years old.

Mr. Eaton was three times mayor of Osage, prosecuting attorney of Mitchell county, and a member of the twenty-seventh, twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth assemblies. He served as state railroad commissioner from January, 1907, until last January. He is survived by his widow and one son.

Iowa Supreme Court Decisions. [Special to The Gate City.]

DES MOINES, June 8.—Patten, appellant, versus Register and Leader Co., Polk district, affirmed.

Lauer versus Banning, appellant, Polk district, affirmed.

Mullin versus Brown, appellant, Keokuk district, affirmed.

Brainard versus Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Co., appellant, Keokuk district, reversed.

Peloni versus Smith Lowe Coal Co., appellant, Polk district, reversed.

Peavack, appellant, versus Coaldale Fuel Co., Polk district, reversed.

Coal Combine Probe.

PITTSBURGH, June 8.—A special federal grand jury is investigating the alleged coal combine in which the Monongahela River Co. and Pittsburg Coal Co. are concerned. The action follows the sale by these companies of several acres to the steel corporation.

Rational Treatment.

BOSTON, June 8.—Rational treatment of criminals was pleaded in addresses today by men who are authorities of penal problems before the charities conference. The meeting was opened by Governor Foss. Addresses were made by Charles W. Elliott and others.

PREACHER ACTS AS DETECTIVE

Disguised as Tramp, Enters Gambling Hall in Basement and Raided by Police Force.

BATTER DOWN DOORS

Youth of Congregation Lost \$75 On Crap Table and Revenge Came Swift and Sure.

CHICAGO, June 8.—Rev. Elmer L. Williams, disguised as a tramp, pastor of the Grace M. E. church, entered a gambling house in a basement on the north side early today and secured evidence on which the police made a sensational raid and arrested twenty-nine crap shooters and secured \$500 which was on the table.

Two iron barred doors had to be battered down with a battering ram.

The minister made the trip to the gambling hall because one of the young men of his congregation had lost \$75 there.

MILIONAIRE SHOT BY TWO GIRLS

Trying to Get Back Letters Written Before His Marriage to Another One.

NEW YORK, June 8.—Miss Lillian Graham, aged 22, an actress, and Ethel Conrad, aged 18, an artist, were held by the authorities this morning without bail, awaiting the recovery or death of Stokakes.

W. E. Stokakes, multimillionaire, extensive realty operator, owner of the Ansonia, the largest apartment hotel in the world, who, at the age of 65, married Helen Ellwood, 24, daughter of a one-time partner of John W. Gates, was shot three times last night, by two young women who say he came to their apartments in the Varuna, at 225 West Eightieth street, to get letters written by him before he was married last February. Mr. Stokakes is in Roosevelt hospital with injuries which are said to be slight.

The girls declare that in the scuffle, which carried the trio into the hallway outside their rooms, Mr. Stokakes took a random shot at them.

Although Miss Graham was perfectly calm today, Miss Conrad was on the verge of hysterics before the court proceedings were ended. Both girls insisted that Stokakes forced himself on them and that they had no appointment with him. They say it was merely an accident that they had the revolvers, having bought them a few days ago when frightened.

Attorneys for Stokakes say that the girls tried to blackmail him for \$25,000 and that he will prosecute them for attempted murder and will not relent under any circumstances.

PANIC ALL OVER BEFORE ABSORPTION

Statement of Judge Gary is Repudiated by Independent Steel Companies.

NEW YORK, June 8.—Taking direct issue with Judge Gary's statement that the absorption of the Tennessee Coal & Iron Co. by the steel corporation, was to avoid financial difficulties, independent steel companies point to the fact that the financial panic was ended when the company was gobbled up by its big rival.

The anti-steel trust men today are pointing out that it was nine days after the panic was over, Roosevelt denounced the absorption.

HENRY COUNTY TO HAVE COURT HOUSE

That Will Cost One Hundred Thousand Dollars—Majority Was Not Very Large.

MT. PLEASANT, Ia., June 8.—Henry county has just voted to build a new court house. The vote for was 1,405, against 1292, a majority of 113.

Was Going Some.

PARIS, June 8.—A speed of 159 miles an hour is declared to have been attained by Pierre Vidrine last Tuesday in his flight from Paris to Macon.

Trouble Looms up.

EL PASO, June 8.—Trouble for the followers of Magoun, leader of the Mexican revolution in Los Angeles was foreshadowed today when four of them were arrested. The officers confiscated arms and ammunition concealed in the house where the arrest was made. They will probably be charged with violation of the neutrality laws.

Keokuk Fortunate In Her Opportunities

Next Monday, June 12, election day.

Keokuk will take a big step forward or a big step backward. It is for the voters to decide. No incident so potent to the future welfare of this city has been submitted since the success of the water power enterprise. For years Keokuk has justly complained about the service of the present public utilities. That it has been deficient all will testify. The city now has an opportunity to exchange this weak company for a strong one and at no increased cost. In point of service the city will get more than four times the amount of illumination for the same money. It will secure a company whose reputation has been endorsed by every city in which they operate; a company capable and willing to co-operate with Keokuk and give it a virility that will put it in the race with the strongest cities.

Keokuk has been inviting such companies and Keokuk needs such concerns. This city is doing splendidly in its local efforts since the assurance of the water power. Why not get substantial assistance from the Stone & Webster Company in the way of modern utilities and aggressive public spiritedness. Immediate improvement will be their program. Expenditures of hundreds of thousands of dollars will go into the property for a revivification that will be a welcome relief to this city and an advertisement that will commend instead of condemn. It will be one of the surest methods to extend the interurban system of Keokuk, which is the surest way of building up the city.

With the Stone & Webster Company in charge of the Keokuk utilities and the establishment of a publicity bureau to support the work of the Keokuk Industrial Association this city will have a combination that is absolutely certain to give Keokuk an advancement all long the line that will be a pleasure to witness.

It is time for Keokuk to gather the commercial strength that will be required to meet the accumulating commercial necessities and such a condition can be met by accepting the opportunities that will be offered to the voters next Monday.

A citizen WHO KNOWS says everything is moving along splendidly for Keokuk and if no mistakes are made the advancement will be a marvel to the people of this city who for so many weary years have waited and hoped for the break of industrial daylight. It is at our door NOW. Don't put out the light. If you vote for the franchises and the publicity measure you vote to Keokuk the greatest opportunity the city has had since Hugh L. Cooper financed the water power enterprise.

ONION PATCH FOR GRAVE YARD

Murderer Was Hidden There by Man and Rival Who Crushed His Skull.

VICTIM OF JEALOUSY

Sleeping Man Killed While in Bed and Woman Awoke to Find Pillow Soaked With Blood.

NORFOLK, Va., June 8.—The mystery of the murder of Harry C. Davis, whose body was found in an onion bed back of the home of Mrs. Minnie Murdock was cleared up today by a confession made by the woman in which she says Davis was calling on her when her lover, Charles Merkle, crawled into a window and killed him with an axe.

The woman's confession was sensational. According to her story Davis was killed while he was sleeping in her arms. The rival slipped through a bedroom window and crushed out his brains. They hid the body under the bed and then buried it in the onion patch.

"A few nights ago, a sudden noise awakened me. I was horrified to find Harry's head crushed in and the pillow soaked in blood. Merkle was standing by with an axe. He told me that if I did not keep quiet he would kill me."

Merkle and the woman are held for murder. A search has been made but no trace of any other crime has been found. It was said that other men had been seen with the Murdock woman going toward the farm and were never seen to return.

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST JEWS

The Recent Army Case Will Lead up to Thorough Investigation.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—Alleging deliberate and systematic discrimination against the Jews in both army and navy, Representative Edwards today said he would press his effort for an investigation.

Today Edwards said he believed the time had come to disclose many similar cases to the one which came up a few days ago.

AVIATOR KILLED DURING RACE

Crashed Into Telephone Pole and Engine of His Machine Exploded.

ROME, June 8.—Aviator Marra met a tragic death today in sight of thousands who were watching him fly in the Tiber river circuit races.

His aeroplane struck a telephone pole and the machine exploded. He lived only a few minutes after being taken from the wreckage of his machine.

Marra was leading the race when the accident occurred.

Frightened by Horse.

FORT MADISON, Ia., June 8.—Mrs. G. W. Jackson is seriously ill at her home, 214 Second street, as a result of a scare she received when a delivery horse became frightened and ran through the yard.

THE WEATHER.

Weather Forecast. Until 7 p. m., Friday. For Keokuk and Vicinity—Generally fair tonight and Friday. Warmer tonight.

For Illinois—Generally fair tonight and Friday except unsettled in north portion. Warmer tonight.

For Iowa—Generally fair tonight and Friday except unsettled in east portion. Warmer in extreme east portion tonight.

For Missouri—Generally fair tonight and Friday. Warmer in east portion tonight.

River Forecast. The river will fall slowly during the next forty-eight hours.

Local Observations. Bar. Ther. Wind. Weather. 7 7 p. m. ... 30.07 81 E Clear 8 7 a. m. ... 30.11 64 E Cldy

Mean temperature, June 7th, 78. Highest temperature, 89. Lowest temperature, 66.

Lowest temperature last night, 63. FRED Z. GOSWISCH, Observer

WAS JOSEPH SAMUELS INSANE ON MARCH 3?

Physician Says He Was; That He Was a Paranoiac and Suffered From Masked Epilepsy on Night of Murder of His Wife

APPLEGATE MAY DENY INSANITY CLAIM

Murder Trial Today Results in Royal Battle of Insanity Experts and Alienists to Determine Mental Condition.

A royal battle of the insanity experts and alienists in the Joseph Samuels murder trial was begun this morning in the district court, Dr. F. O. Jackman of Bloomington, Ill., formerly assistant physician in the Mt. Pleasant hospital and previously connected with hospitals in Topeka, Kansas, and Jacksonville, Ill., the expert for the defense, testified that Samuels was a paranoiac and suffered from masked epilepsy and that he was insane on the night of March 3 when he shot his wife, Essie Samuels, unto death. It was the declaration of the witness that the disease was progressive and that Samuels would continue to grow worse. The testimony of Dr. Jackman was based not only on such of the evidence for the state and the defense that he had heard but on a physical examination of the accused made Wednesday evening.

Prosecutor Craig directed some grilling questions at Dr. Jackman but it is not the habit of experts to become confused or materially contradict themselves. Some halting replications were given and the witness hesitated several times, but he maintained the opinions he had expressed with all the volubility and erudition that an alienist is expected to and generally do possess.

This morning's session was one of absorbing interest to the spectators, many of whom rested their chins upon their hands and gazed intently at the witness in his elucidation of the mysteries of the human brain, and the ills and breakages that it is subjected to.

Expert for the State. Dr. C. F. Applegate, at present and for the past ten years, superintendent of the Mt. Pleasant hospital for the insane, will be the chief expert for the state in its rebuttal testimony. His testimony will doubtless be in direct opposition to that of Dr. Jackman, which is so distinguishing a characteristic of expert testimony. Dr. Applegate is now in the city. He has been superintendent of the Iowa hospital for the insane at Mt. Pleasant, as well as having had connection with hospitals for the insane at Indianapolis, Ind., and on Ward's Island, New York City. He also had experience in Bellevue hospital, New York.

"State vs. Samuels, call the jury, Mr. Clerk," said Judge Hamilton, when he convened the district court at 9 o'clock this morning.

Mrs. George Adams. Mrs. George Adams testified that she knew Mrs. Anna Cook for eight months when she lived next to her home. "On the night of the shooting," said the witness, "she saw Samuels kiss Mrs. Cook goodby after starting home with his wife, Mrs. Samuels told me her husband did not want her to 'run' with Mrs. Cook. Mrs. Samuels left her child, a little girl, at my home in Des Moines street, one night. Last Sunday I was with my husband in the tent along the canal; May Connors and a Mr. Berger of Nauvoo were there. I never stopped with 'Bum' Angel at First and Johnson streets."

Miss May Chambers. Miss May Chambers, a young girl with large plumes on her hat and rather prepossessing in appearance, who lives at No. 1521 Bank street, was the next witness. She testified:

"I knew Mrs. Samuels and met Mrs. Cook frequently. I was at the home of Adams when Samuels and wife were there about a week before the shooting."

Attorneys Argue. On an objection raised by Prosecutor Craig to a question, Attorney Hartzell for defense, maintained that until over Joe Samuels did to reconstitute with his wife about her conduct was competent to go to the jury.

Mr. Craig claimed that the conversation or statements brought out occurred a week before the assault and could not be competent and a part of the res gestae. It could not be so connected up as to be made competent.

The question asked Miss Chambers was if Mrs. Cook said anything about Mrs. Samuels going with her.

Attorney Hartzell claimed if the letter found on Samuels could go to the jury that statements by parties relative to Mrs. Samuels were also competent.

The court allowed the question to be answered and Miss Chambers said "yes" and that Mrs. Cook asked her to go to Cline's house with her and that Fred Payne would be there. Witness continued:

"I knew Mr. Cline; he was roomed at Fifth and Carroll; don't know whether he was married or not."

Cross-examination: "I've lived at 1521 Bank street for five years. I

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