

TWO EARTHQUAKES OF VIOLENCE, ONE IN SAN DOMINGO

Southern Republic Reports No Damage in Locality and Effects of Others Not Known.

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic, April 24.—A severe earthquake occurred here at 11:30 o'clock last night. No damage was caused.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Two severe earthquakes, one of them of great intensity, were recorded on Georgetown University seismographs early to-day. The heaviest shocks came at 8:21 A. M., Eastern time.

The first of the quakes, which the records indicate as quite heavy, began at 11:31 o'clock last night and continued until 12:07 o'clock this morning. It was estimated that its centre was about 1,600 miles from Washington.

The second series of shocks, which were decidedly stronger than the first, began at 3:08 A. M. The vibrations reached their maximum intensity at 8:21 A. M. At this point the needles of two of the seismographs were thrown off their recording drum, so severe were the shocks. The shocks continued until 4:12 A. M. It was estimated by Director Tondorf that the centre of the second earthquake was 2,400 miles from Washington, and he believed it occurred in an inhabited zone it must have done considerable damage.

Mrs. Wilson Woodrow Writes Scenarios for "Who's Guilty?"



MRS. WILSON WOODROW.

Mrs. Wilson Woodrow has delivered to the Pathe Exchange the last of the fourteen scenarios and the novellets based on them of the gripping new Pathe photodrama series, "Who's Guilty?" to be seen early in May. She had finished a work of truly gigantic proportions, the creation of more than a thousand characters and innumerable situations, covering all the widely varied criss-cross of hu-

man motives and their fateful outcome in the lives of men and women. A full chapter of this story will appear once a week each Thursday in The Evening World, commencing May 4.

This was the first venture of the novelist into the field of motion pictures, but her quick mastery of all its requirements, to the minutest detail, enabled her to devise a series of stories for the screen as vitally interesting as full of action, as challenging to the emotions as any of her novels and short tales.

Mrs. Woodrow, when the matter was first broached to her, was a bit skeptical concerning the capacity of the moving picture to give expression to her method of telling a literary story. But she was open-minded and required a specimen scenario with which to test the power of her characters. When she viewed what the Arrow Film Corporation, the producers of the whole "Who's Guilty?" series for Pathe, had done with the scenario she was not only convinced once and for all, but was fascinated by the hitherto unthought-of possibilities that lay before her. The novelist thereupon set to work on the fourteen scenarios and the novellets based on them.

Mrs. Woodrow declared this to be the biggest theme she had ever considered and certainly the biggest theme that had ever been found for the basis of a great series of motion picture photodramas.

Mrs. Woodrow has brought to this work for Pathe all the vigor of style, all the searching probe of human emotions in their every phase, all the brilliant analysis of human motives and all the telling and swift action that characterized her great novels, "The Silver Butterfly" and "The Black Pearl," now and then some of the humor and satire that made "Sally Salt" a big story, as well as all the power for compact condensation that make her short stories features of the leading magazines.

TO FIGHT ELOPER'S WILL.

Consist of Grace McLaughlin to Contest Stevens's Claim.

Relative of Miss Grace McLaughlin announces through her cousin, Dennis McLaughlin of No. 291 Rutland Road, Flatbush, that they will contest the will by which she left practically all her fortune, estimated at \$250,000, to George M. Stevens, former garage owner, with whom she eloped to Havana.

Miss McLaughlin died on April 5, after a religious marriage with Stevens, but a week before he would have been free from his former wife so there could be a legal civil marriage.

Whitman Goes to Brooklyn.

ALBANY, April 24.—Gov. Whitman left to-day for Brooklyn, where to-night he will review the Thirtieth Regiment of the National Guard at the celebration of the fifty-fifth anniversary of the departure of the old Thirtieth Regiment for the front at the beginning of the Civil War.

TAX RELIEF TALK NETS A SAVING OF \$400,000 TO CITY

By Samuel M. Williams. (Special Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, April 23.—After months of discussion and many promissory proclamations from politicians, the net relief from unequal taxation given to New York City by the up-State controlled Legislature amounts to \$400,000 per year. The so-called Brown bills that were to do so much for the city fizzled down to practically nothing.

The only item of direct taxation relief passed is division of the automobile tax equally between communities paying it and the State, instead of all going to the State as in the past. This will give New York City about \$400,000. Any financial help to be derived from other Brown bills passed is either indirect or put off until some future time.

Up-State counties positively refused to surrender their grip on New York's pocketbook. The graft is too good for them to let go. The municipalities contributed 33 per cent. of last year's direct State tax and an average of 80 per cent. of the principal indirect State revenues, such as the corporation, the inheritance, the stock transfer and the excise tax.

Of the estimated revenues for the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, the largest items are: Corporation tax, \$12,000,000; inheritance tax, \$10,000,000; stock transfer stamp tax, \$5,000,000; and excise tax, \$9,000,000. Of the first three items, New York City contributes nearly the entire amount, and all of it goes into the State Treasury to be drawn upon largely for the benefit of up-State counties.

An analysis of what the Legislature did not do for New York City is far more illuminating than the few things it did do. In fact, about the only relief given was gracious permission of rural legislators for city officials to work out some new plans of economy entirely at home. The bills that do not relieve but add to New York's burdens are as follows:

For construction of State highways outside of New York City, \$10,000,000. This amount was another slice taken out of the \$20,000,000 bond issue for good roads last several years ago.

For repair and maintenance of State and county highways outside of New York City, \$2,500,000. The Metropolitan delegation protested in vain against this appropriation on the ground that it was unequal, unfair, and excluded the five counties within the greater city.

For roads and bridges in Indian

reservations, \$40,000. This was a neat little slice of "pork," principally for counties in the central part of the State.

For maintenance of roads in counties that constructed their own highways, \$195,000. One of the Brown bills called for repeal of this graft. It was passed but amended under pressure of a special message from Gov. Whitman, so that it would not take effect until Oct. 1, instead of immediately. This was so that the four counties interested could get their share of the "pork." The principal howler for this graft was Nassau, whose Assemblyman, McWhorter, was the one to cry loudly that Senator Brown was handing New York "a great big lemon."

Surplus on excise licenses is continued, but division of the proceeds between city and State is postponed for another year despite previous promises. New York City, as usual, gets hit hardest both ways by this. To meet last year's deficiency in State revenues, the excise tax was

raised 15 per cent. This meant \$300,000 added to the \$2,000,000 license in Manhattan, but only \$50 to the \$400,000 in other cities. New York's legislative delegation, however, that is, the State Legislature, is not to divide the surplus 50-50 and half between the State and municipalities, but to give the municipalities 75 per cent. of the surplus, the State getting 25 per cent. and intended taking it all. This surplus amounts to \$3,700,000 from New York City. A division would have netted the city \$1,900,000.

Promises of the State to take over cost of normal schools in the metropolitan area as it does for other cities was not kept. Up-State legislative leaders repeatedly postponed consideration of the question and a bill introduced by the Democrats to this effect was effectively abandoned. This would have saved \$500,000 for the city.

Cost of regulatory work of the New York City Public Service Commission was promised to be taken over by the State. A bill was passed that

this should be done, but next year Senator Brown said that the delay was due to failure of the Commissioners themselves to furnish necessary estimates for the budget. Speaker Sweet said that on the last day the figures were correct in Senator Brown's hands, where they had been mislaid by accident. This little bit of forgottenness costs New York City \$400,000 this year.

In addition to these unrelieved burdens, there is in the State Treasury an admitted surplus of \$12,000,000 from the unnecessary direct tax levied last year.

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