GIRLS LEAP FROM CONVENT IN QUAKE

Sky Lit by Intense Light When Earth Shook at Copiapo

SOLDIERS CONTROL TOWNS

By Associated Press

Santiago, Nov. 15.—The correspondent of the newspaper Mercurio, who has arrived from Copiapo, says that when the earthquake was first felt there Friday night the eastern sky was illuminated by an intense red light in the shape of great flames. This phenomenon could be seen for a great distance.

The tremors continued intermittently all night and Saturday morning. Just before midnight Sunday another prolonged quake was felt and it was repeated intermittently until daybreak Monday.

During the tremors young girls at a convent and school jumped out of the windows. Many of them were seriously injured when the second floor sagged down.

The hospital and prison at Copiapo are in ruins, but the prisoners and the sick escaped uninjured.

Prisoners guilty of slight offenses were freed by the authorities. Several criminals broke jail.

The removal of debris in the afflicted regions has been started with the help of soldiers. Eighty per cent of the buildings are down and the others are greatly damaged. Soldiers are patrolling the towns by day and the police by night. The state of siege is being maintained.

Many small inland villages near Copiapo were destroyed. San Fernando is in ruins. Twenty-three persons were killed there. At the village of Tierra Amarilla four persons are dead and half the town is in ruins. At San Antonio seven are dead and the town is a wreck. Casualties so far reported from Copiapo number the dead at sixty and the injured at 110.

Travelers arriving from Chanarcillo, a mining town in the Province of Atacama, say the earthquake was felt there with great intensity. The shocks opened deep fissures in the hills and caused frightful noises.

Latest reports from the town of Vallenar place the number of both killed and injured there at 1300. It is believed that the total killed and injured in the Vallenar Valley will reach 1500.

The full extent of the disaster which centered upon the Provinces of Atacama and Coquimbo became more fully known today with the reopening of telegraphic communications with North Chile.

Death List Increases

In these two provinces the victims number 1500, so far as is now known, but it is expected the number of dead will be substantially increased when communications are resumed with many small villages in the interior whose fate remains unknown.

Dispatches today from La Serena told of serious damage which the earthquakes inflicted upon the Tope mines.

Martial law has been declared at Vallenar and in Copiapo owing to the looting which bandits have been perpetrating upon the distressed population. The bandits are believed for the most part to be prisoners who escaped from the jails.

Fears felt for the safety of the Chilean steamer Renaico when it was reported that she had failed to answer wireless calls following the earthquake of last Saturday, were dispelled today when her agents stated that the vessel had departed from Coquimbo and was midway on her voyage to Valparaiso. The steamer is due there some time today.

Santa Clara, Calif., Nov. 15.—Although sun spots had something to do with the disastrous earthquake and consequent tidal waves in Chile, the moon also was a contributing factor, in the opinion of Father J. S. Ricard, of the University of Santa Clara Observatory.

Father Ricard is a leading exponent of the theory that sun spots have a direct relation to the weather and issues a monthly publication known as the Sun Spot.

"In our observatory at Santa Clara we have always held that great sun spots on becoming central are a partial cause of earthquakes," said Father Ricard. "When the Chilean earthquake occurred a great sun spot, latitude six degrees south, was in place to strike the earth. For more than twenty-two years this coincidence between malignant sun spots and earthquakes has been repeating itself.

"A coincidence thus indefinitely maintained is in itself a proof.

"On the other hand, it cannot be denied that the moon acts at an angle of 45 degrees, where, unopposed by gravity, it lifts not only the waters of the ocean, but also the earth. This opens fissures in the sea bottoms where the water, filtering in abundance, is turned into super-heated steam and explodes, thereby lifting enormous masses of solid material which begin to oscillate, and that is the earthquake."

SWIMS THROUGH TIDAL WAVE SAFELY

Coquimbo, Chile, Nov. 15.—(By A. P.)—Captain Stuart Campbell, of the Chilean schooner Marta, swam out from the Coquimbo mole, in the face of the tidal wave accompanying the earthquake, to his vessel in the bay when he saw it was in danger, it became known today.

He was waiting near the mole for the return of his ship's boat when he saw the lights on his schooner moving about in an extraordinary manner. He announced his intention of boarding the Marta by swimming, despite the entreaties of his wife and child, who were with him. Leaving them, he proceeded to the mole, where he was caught in the first tidal wave, which was not very strong, but held on to the rails of the mole.

On the return wave he swam out about twenty-five yards. There he touched ground, where ordinarily there were six fathoms of water, suddenly finding himself standing with no water between him and the land. From seaward, however, a towering wave then rushed upon him, into which he dived. On coming to the surface he swam about twenty-five minutes, eventually reaching his schooner. Captain Campbell said today he found the water to be warm.

ILIADOR SAILS TO U. S.

"Mysterious Monk" Desires to Do Literary Work in America

Riga, Latvia, Nov. 15.—(By A. P.)—Iliador, the "mysterious monk" of Russia, has received an American vise to his passport and will sail for New York on board the steamer Lithuania today.

Iliador was arrested here by the Lettvian authorities in July while on his way to the United States to preach against Bolshevism. He said he desired to buy a farm and settle in the United States where he could carry on his literary work. He has been in [illegible] prison, awaiting a chance

ASKS "EYE FOR AN EYE" OF HAMMER CASE JURY

Murder Trial of Mrs. Clara Phillips Is Nearing Close

Los Angeles, Nov. 15.—(By A. P.)—Only the judge's instruction to the jury remained today before that body received the case of Mrs. Clara Phillips, charged with having killed Mrs. Alberta Meadows, twenty-year-old widow, with a hammer.

Arguments were completed yesterday, Charles W. Fricke, Deputy District Attorney, concluding the State's appeal that Mrs. Phillips be made to pay "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth," for the murder charged to her.

The crowds trying to get into the courtroom have become so large that the county board of supervisors passed an ordinance forbidding loitering in the Hall of Records, where the trial is in progress. Deputy Sheriffs have considerable difficulty in enforcing it, being greeted with "boos" and hisses.

Will Hold Rummage Sale

The ladies of the St. Ignatius Home and Farm Auxiliary will hold a rummage sale at 3738 Market street November 23 and 24.

'A. C.,' HUMORIST, ENDS LIFE

Arthur Crawford, 'Man of Funny Ideas,' Found Dead in Bronx

New York, Nov. 15.—Lying in a secluded ravine in the Bronx, a cigarette dangling from his smiling lips, the lifeless body of Arthur Crawford, actor, humorist, "the man of a wealth of funny ideas," was found yesterday, a bullet wound in the heart. A revolver lay at his side.

In Crawford's pocket was found a letter, addressed to his son, an instructor in physical education at Columbia University, and a will. The letter contained a key to a safety deposit vault and informed the son he would find $8000 in the Bank of Montreal.

Crawford was widely known as "A. C." For years he had furnished artists with ideas for many of their best pieces and behind the artist's name on such drawings, after a plus sign, appeared his initials.

STORER FUNERAL FRIDAY

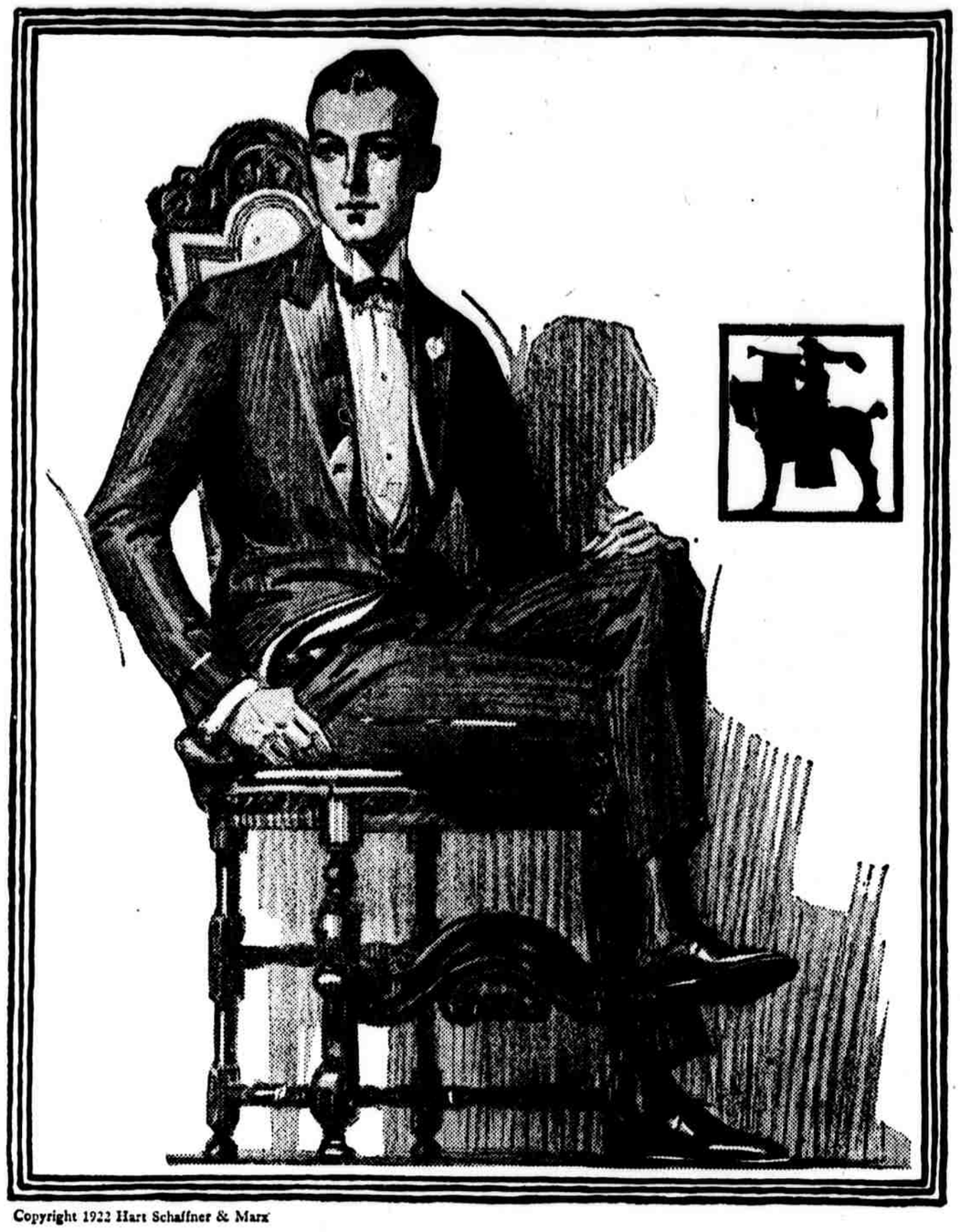
Paris, Nov. 15.—The funeral of Bellamy Storer, late American diplomatist, who died here Sunday night will be held Friday in the Church of Saint Phillipe, with Monsignor Cerretti, the papal nuncio in Paris.

PROFESSOR AND WIFE SLAIN

Japanese Educator Stabbed to Death by Student

Honolulu, T. H., Nov. 15.—(By A. P.)—Prof. Hashimoto, of the Waseda Middle School, Tokio, and his wife were stabbed to death by a student by the name of Takeuchi, who later committed suicide, according to a cable dispatch from Tokio to the Nippu Jiji, local vernacular newspaper.

Takeuchi was a student at the Imperial University of Tokio and a brother of Prof. Katayama, of Waseda University.



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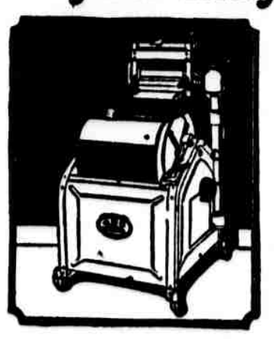

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