

EARTHQUAKES

The Casualties in India Have Been Greatly Underestimated.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE

Lahore, British India, April 7.—As the particulars filter in from the outlying districts it is being revealed that the casualties caused by the earthquake of two days ago have been under rather than over estimated. In one spot alone, at Dharmala, it is reported that fully 1,400 natives have been killed or injured. Of the injured many will die. Seven of the Europeans previously reported hurt have since died and two others are in a dying condition. There is not a house left in the vicinity that does not show evidences of the trembling of the earth.

This is the report from one district alone and as authentic information comes in it seems certain that the magnitude of the disaster will be one sufficient to stir the entire civilized world when fully revealed.

The India government is making arrangements to relieve all distress so soon as possible.

SHOCK IN CALIFORNIA.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 6.—Three slight earthquake shocks were felt here tonight.

A CARNEGIE LIBRARY PROPOSITION REFUSED.

Pawnee City, Neb., April 6.—At a municipal election here today a proposition was submitted to the voters to levy a two mill tax on city property to maintain a free public library and to accept a donation of \$7,000 from Andrew Carnegie to build the library. The proposition was defeated by three votes. The opposition to the acceptance of the grant made extensive use of Dr. Washington Gladden's argument against the acceptance by the Congregational mission board of Rockefeller money, contending that Carnegie, like Rockefeller had piled up his fortune by robbing the poor.

FIRST CASE TO BE TRIED INVOLVING WHITE PEONAGE.

Charleston, S. C., April 6.—The first case to be tried in the south involving white peons was heard in the United States circuit court today when labor contractors Thomas Scandone, Alessandro Pireta and Alfonso Pascale were tried on a charge of peonage and the jury, being unable to agree upon a charge was ordered locked up until morning. The contractors mine phosphate rock at Pon Pon, S. C., using Italian laborers for the purpose and the present case grows out of alleged cruelties and practices by the contractors which were complained of by the Italian consul.

Convicted Murderer Insane.

Lincoln, Neb., April 6.—Frank Barker, a convicted murderer, sentenced to be hanged on June 16th is said to be insane. Warden Beemer of Nebraska penitentiary claims that Barker is crazy. The lunacy commission will examine Barker and if the sheriff's opinion is confirmed the murderer will be sent to an asylum for the remainder of his life.

Damages For False Arrest.

Guthrie, I. T., April 6.—M. M. Allen of Antlers, was today awarded \$855 verdict at Muskogee against Robert Cheatham and others for false arrest. Allen was standing by his bride at the altar ready for the ceremony when he was arrested on a charge of horse stealing at Paris, Texas. He cleared himself, the arrest being a case of mistaken identity. He sued for \$10,000 damages.

Claims of Shawnee Indians.

Guthrie, O. T., April 6.—Shawnee Indians are completing claims to be filed immediately in Washington against the United States government for \$700,000, representing their losses from guerilla bands while the tribe was living in Ohio, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. The claims date back to 1854.

Plot to Fire Dormitory.

Lexington, Ky., April 6.—A note found in a teachers room in Rucker Hall, the girl's dormitory at the college at Georgetown tells of a plot to fire the dormitory Friday night. Since discovering the note it has come to light that five attempts have been made to burn the building since Saturday.

Injunction Against Strikers.

San Bernardino, Cal., April 6.—Federal Judge Wellburn today at the instance of Santa Fe railroad issued an injunction against the striking employees of the company at the shops in this city.

Youngstown Steel Worker Dead.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 6.—James Hagan, a steel worker of Youngstown, Ohio, was found dead in a box car on the Allegheny Valley railroad at Natrona today. There were no marks of violence on the body and he is thought to have died of heart disease.

EQUITABLE LIFE

Directors Would Like to Muzzle Both Hyde and Alexander.

New York, April 6.—A majority of the directors of the Equitable Life Assurance Society took occasion this afternoon at the special meeting of the directing board of that organization to place themselves on record as absolutely disapproving the action of certain officers of the society in exploiting personal differences through the newspapers and a resolution was adopted which is expected to effectually "gag" both the Alexander and the Hyde factions. Contrary to expectations there was no scene at the meeting and it was decided to adopt the Crimmins-Hyde mutualization plan which will eventually give the policy holders of the Equitable control of that vast organization. It was also decided that a complete investigation of the present management of the Equitable shall be instituted and a committee was named to that end.

A FIEND'S WORK

Woman Fatally Assaulted While Defending Her Honor.

ASSAILANT ARRESTED

Philadelphia, Pa., April 6.—Mrs. Bessie Brandow, white, aged 21 years, who lived in the rear of 816 Kater street, is dying at the Pennsylvania hospital, having had her throat cut from ear to ear on Monday in her own home by a negro. This negro is Charles Williams, aged 28 years, who lives at 281 Bainbridge street. The rears of the two houses connect through a small court and on Monday morning about 8 o'clock Williams, unobserved by any of the neighbors, managed to get out of his own house, where he has a room, by the back way and into the house of Mrs. Brandow, also from the rear. In her kitchen he met her and taking hold of her, made an effort to criminally assault her. She stoutly resisted him and the fiend became so enraged that he picked up a large butcher knife lying on the kitchen table, and holding her with his left hand ran the sharp blade across her throat, cutting the flesh deep into the bone, and then ran out of the house still not seen by any one, and managed to get away. Williams was arrested this afternoon and as soon as Mrs. Brandow saw him she became hysterical and by signs indicated clearly that he was the man who had tried to assault her and had then cut her throat.

STANDARD OIL

New York, April 6.—S. C. T. Dodd, chief solicitor for the Standard Oil Co. gave out a statement yesterday with reference to the recent discussion as to the acceptance of a gift of \$100,000 offered by John D. Rockefeller for missionary work.

Mr. Dodd says: "There may well be a difference of opinion on the abstract question whether the board of missions should receive gifts unless satisfied that the giver is honest. But all will agree that if he who brings his gifts to the altar must come with clean hands still more so should he who ministers at the altar and receives the gift be free from stain. There is no excuse for those who make money dishonestly and still less excuse for those who in the name of religion falsely accuse their fellow men.

"The objection to Mr. Rockefeller's gift is based upon the allegation that he made his money dishonestly. This accusation, if false, is vile, and being made by ministers in the pretended interest of morality is doubly vile. The assertion should not be made unless it can be readily established by specification and proof."

The statement declares that the Standard Oil Co. does not own a share of railroad stock and does not accept secret rebates.

IN TIGHT PLACE

St. Petersburg, April 7.—From the latest official information the belief is growing that Linevitch, the new commanding general of the Russian forces, occupies a perilous position. The Japanese are said to be advancing against the Russian position in crescent formation with an army totaling 475,000 men. General Oku is said to be in command of the left wing of the Japanese advance, Generals Nogi and Nodzu commanding the center and Generals Kufoki and Kamamura commanding the right wing.

It is feared that General Linevitch will be compelled to withdraw from his present position with the loss of many men and much war stores, finding that his position has been turned.

Reports of a battle are momentarily expected.

King Victor Emmanuel at Naples.

Naples, April 6.—King Victor Emmanuel arrived here today from Rome, accompanied by Foreign Minister Tittoni and Marine Minister Mirabello, to meet Emperor William.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR UNITED STATES BOND

Interesting Proceedings Before United States Commissioner—Dr. Wilcoxon Charged With Having Stolen Document in His Possession.

New York April 6.—The examination of Dr. L. O. Wilcoxon, who is charged with having in his possession one of the ten thousand dollar registered United States government bonds stolen from the Manhattan Savings institution in 1873, was continued today, before United States Commissioner Ridgway. Assistant United States District Attorney Houghton represented the government while the interests of the defendant were looked after by Joel M. Marx and Hugh Gordon Miller.

George W. Marter, cashier and assistant treasurer of the sub-treasury testified as to the reception of the bond at the sub-treasury and the identification by the number, as one of those stolen. It was turned over to Agent Flynn of the secret service bureau. Wallace Deane, a bond broker told of a visit from Wilcoxon some time in December last year, he declared, the latter said he was interested in some registered bonds and asked Deane to buy them. Deane declined and advised Wilcoxon to take the bonds to a bank and secure a loan on them.

Edward C. Ffolkes, a member of the Consolidated Exchange was the next witness. He said that three or four days before his arrest Wilcoxon called upon him and said he had some registered bonds, and asked how he could negotiate or dispose of them. Ffolkes said that he could not advise him as he was not interested in such transactions. The witness said that Wilcoxon then asked how the name could be erased and another substituted. Ffolkes said he suggested that chemicals could be used and that in banks acids were sometimes used but they

left a bad blur. Wilcoxon, according to the witness, then asked where he could buy these chemicals, but was told by Ffolkes that he could not say as he was not in the business.

Mr. Miller then took up the cross-examination with Wilcoxon and had asked him to call and pay some money he owed on certain stock transactions. Then Mr. Marx began questioning the witness, and the following dialogue took place:

"Didn't you call at the office of counsel for Wilcoxon just after his arrest?"

"Yes."

"Didn't you say to me that you wanted Wilcoxon to pay you money he owed you?"

"Yes."

"And you said that Wilcoxon had had an interview with you which would not be to his benefit if told in court?"

"I never made any threats."

"Didn't you ask me to advise Wilcoxon to pay this money or you would make it unhealthy for him?"

The witness repeated his former answer. In reply to further questions by Mr. Marx, Ffolkes admitted that he had suggested that it would not look well if it came out in court that Wilcoxon had called upon him three or four days before his arrest. He also admitted that he had written to Wilcoxon while he was in the Tombs demanding a settlement and threatening to expose him if he did not pay up.

Mr. Marx, questioning him, said: "You borrowed \$50 from Wilcoxon at the races on one occasion, did you not?"

"Yes," was the answer.

Court adjourned with Ffolkes still on the stand.

WILL NOT INVOLVE THE UNITED STATES

ROOSEVELT AND THE "OPEN DOOR" POLICY IN MOROCCO.

He Does Not Propose to Mix Up in Any Dispute Between Germany and France.

Washington, D. C., April 6.—President Roosevelt promptly made known his policy regarding maintenance of the "open door" in Morocco. The administration will not go far with Germany. The president has no intention of involving the United States in the dispute between Germany and France over the Anglo-French agreement respecting Morocco.

Baron Von Stenberg, the German ambassador, brought the matter to an issue yesterday by asking Secretary Taft the point blank question as to how far the United States will go toward keeping the open door in Morocco. Mr. Taft left the subject to Mr. Roosevelt for reply.

M. Jusserand, the French ambassador, was at the war department early today and asked Secretary Taft what Ambassador Von Stenberg had discussed, and if Morocco was the proposition. Mr. Taft admitted that Morocco was the subject of conversation and that the German ambassador left a memorandum. He went no further in supplying information.

The president's policy was subsequently outlined. He will seek to impress upon Germany that no crisis now exists, as the treaty which proves objectionable runs for 30 years, during which the "open door" is guaranteed. No apprehension need be felt until the expiration of that time.

The United States will assume the position that neither France nor Great Britain closes the open door in Morocco, and until either does so, there is no protest for this government to make. If an effort should be made to restrict American commerce, the United States will insist on equality of treatment under the favored nation clause of the treaty between this country and Morocco. If France annexes Morocco, the United States will claim the same favored nation treatment under the treaty with France.

Assurance was given by Ambassador Jusserand that France desires to maintain the "open door" in Morocco, not only now, but in the future.

Tablets For Shiloh Battle Field.

Washington, April 6.—Secretary Taft of the war department has referred to three officers of the general staff for investigation and report the question as to the form of tablet to be placed on the monuments for the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Iowa volunteers on the Shiloh battlefield. Governor Cummings, of Iowa, and others interested, discussed the matter with the secretary today. They advocated a change in the tablets selected.

Boy's Leg Fractured.

Raymond, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. George Dean of 913 Haas street, fell from a tree Thursday morning and fractured his left leg just above the ankle. Only one of the bones was broken.

CANTON-AKRON MEN

Firemen and Coal Passers Quit Work at the Power House.

A number of men employed as firemen and coal passers at the power house of the Canton-Akron railway on West Tuscarawas street quit work last night owing to a disagreement with the management regarding working hours. The day shift had been working 11 and the night shift 13 hours per day. Every two weeks they would change shifts. The company proposed to make each shift work twelve hours with no change from night to day work. The men would not agree to this and went out. They had a union some time ago but the charter was allowed to lapse owing to the indifference of the members. Among those who quit work were William Stonebrook, Lee Schoonover, William Stricker, F. Stricker and Neal Dougherty.

TO BREAK WILL

Of the Late Jasper Kromer of Lake Township.

ACTION OF THE HEIRS

Samuel Kromer and Mary L. Pontius have brought an action to break the will of Casper Kromer, late of Lake township. Julia Kromer and other beneficiaries under the will are made parties defendant in the suit.

The claim is made that the instrument is not his will; that he was not of sound mind and memory by reason of age, and protracted illness and was therefore mentally incapacitated when he signed the will. It is also alleged that the bequests made to the defendants were procured by the exercise of undue influence on the part of Julia Kromer upon the mind of the father, others conspiring with her, representing that other members of the family were unfriendly to him and that they intended to involve his estate in litigation after his death. The court is asked to set the will aside and declare it to be null and void.

SHAPING THE TRACK

Race Course Being Put in Elegant Shape For the Training Horses.

The track at the Stark county fair grounds is being put in shape for the coming race meeting this summer. It is being re-laid and shaped up so as to make it one of the speediest half-mile courses in the state. The work is being done by Contractor John Skeels.

Conditions at the fair grounds are beginning to look quite racy. Four trainers are already located there with strings of horses and more are coming. It is expected that forty or fifty flyers will be in training within a few weeks.

A DITCH WALK

The county commissioners and County Auditor Oberlin walked over and viewed the site of the Reemnyder ditch in Jackson and Plain townships yesterday to see if the ditch was needed, as the petitioners alleged, and to ascertain whether or not it would be detrimental in any respect. The ditch as projected will be two miles long and is expected to redeem some swamp land. The hearing has been set for April 25.

WANTS DIVORCE

Kathryn Davis has sued Jesse H. Davis for divorce. Her only charge is that her husband had been untrue to her at Columbus. They were married in 1896 in Canton and have no children to compromise the situation. Willison & Day are attorneys.

DAUGHTER OF CLEVELAND MILLIONAIRE MARRIED.

Hot Springs, April 6.—Miss Pearl M. White, daughter of W. J. White, of Cleveland, the millionaire gum manufacturer and former congressman, was married here today to James L. Bancroft, who until three weeks ago was a clerk in one of the leading hotels of Palm Beach, Fla. The bride is with a party which has been visiting the southern resorts. It was a case of love at first sight, Bancroft giving up his position on the second day after meeting Miss White.

DEMOCRATIC MAYOR ELECTED.

Huntington, W. Va., April 6.—The municipal election here today resulted in the election of John Ensign, Democrat, for mayor over Hiram Gordon, Republican, by ten votes.

MILLION DOLLAR DAMAGES.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 6.—The Santa Fe railway official estimates its damage at a million dollars from the recent rains which are said to have been produced by rainmaker Hatfield to win a one thousand dollar prize.

KING EDWARD

Visit to France Devoid of Spectacular Features

TALKED TO PRESIDENT

Paris, April 7.—Unattended by any particular features King Edward of England entered Paris today. While the spectacular was lacking the reception of the English king was the occasion for a notable manifestation of Anglo-French cordiality which is being generally interpreted tonight as a conspicuous response to Germany's attitude regarding Morocco.

The king was met outside the city by President Loubet, who held a private conversation with him, lasting nearly an hour. It is said that the meeting had far less reserve than that between King Edward and President Loubet last year, and was much more confidential.

Beyond this private conversation, King Edward confined himself to the usual public expressions of good will. He spoke at the station of the pleasure a visit to France always gave him, but there was not the slightest public utterance having significance upon pending political affairs. In this respect, the king's reserve is being compared with the freedom of Emperor William's recent utterances.

President Loubet joined the royal train at Pierrefitte station, where surrounded by distinguished officials of both governments, the two rulers exchanged their first greetings. The king conducted President Loubet to his private car where conversation continued until the Lyons railway station was reached. Outside the station the crowd was held back by cordons of police the absence of military display being noticeable.

King Edward left Paris at 7:10 o'clock for Marseilles, where he will join Queen Alexandra on board the royal yacht Victoria and Albert.

TORN TO PIECES BY FEROCIOUS DOGS

HORRIBLE FATE OF A NEWFOUNDLAND WOMAN.

Stricken With Epileptic Fit, While Companions Sought Help She Was Frightfully Mutilated.

Halifax, N. S., April 6.—Torn to pieces and portions of her body eaten by ferocious dogs is the horrible fate of Mrs. Mary Fudge, aged 54, the mother of a large family at Herring Neck, Newfoundland. The passenger steamer Bruce today brought the news of the awful tragedy.

Three women were returning to their homes across an ice-covered bay when Mrs. Fudge was stricken with an epileptic fit to which she was subject. Her companions failing to revive her, ran off for assistance. During their absence, dogs scented the body, killed the sick woman and tore the flesh on her body and limbs and were eating most ravenously upon the return of her friends. When assistance came it was a shocking sight to see the dismembered body being dragged about over the blood stained ice by the dogs.

Maddened by the terrible affair, the men of the village turned out and killed every dog that they could find.

LAWSON CALLS HIM "OLD GENTLEMAN" ROCKEFELLER.

Boston, Mass., April 6.—Thomas W. Lawson has again spoken. His broadside this time is being directed at "old gentleman" Rockefeller, as he calls him, and at H. H. Rogers. It is evident from his signed statement, that the now famous controversy, among the Congregational ministry, over the acceptance or rejection of Mr. Rockefeller's gift of \$100,000 to the American Board of Foreign Missions, of the Congregational church, is the basis for Mr. Lawson's bitter attack.

Russia's Designs on India.

Bombay, April 7.—The Times of India states that it has received authentic information that Russian troops have replaced the garrisons of the Emir of Bokhara at all of the army stations in the neighborhood of Roshan and Shigan. In addition, according to the Times, word has been received that 4,000 Russians have been detached from the Merv garrison and have been added as a permanent addition to the Kuchik-Nurghulle force.

Another Chicago Strike Threatened.

Chicago, Ill., April 6.—As the result of an attempt by the teamsters union to inaugurate a sympathetic movement in aid of the garment workers, who have been on strike for many weeks past, the city is threatened with a more serious strike which may involve all classes of drivers.

Snow in Tennessee.

Knoxville, Tenn., April 6.—There was a heavy snowstorm accompanied by thunder here this afternoon. It was so dark that street cars had to turn on headlights and pedestrians could not see each other 50 feet apart.