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AN EARTHQUAKE PROBLEM.

Three days before the severe but innocuous earthquake shook on Hawaii, or on September 2, there were seismograph records made at Washington and Ottawa, also at London, of what was believed to be an earthquake of unusual violence. The English observers thought the earthquake happened about 7000 miles from London, while it was the opinion of the Americans that it occurred about 6300 miles from the United States. Forecaster Frankfield of the Washington weather bureau said the question was where did these lines meet, adding, "It may be that the meeting place, the scene of the earthquake, is away down under the vasty deep somewhere."

This last remark may be no joke and among the things undreamed of, which exist in our science as well as our philosophy no doubt, there may be a chain of cause and effect which if revealed would show a connection between that heavy shock, possibly originating many miles under land or sea, recorded at distant points apart on the second, and the lively jar experienced at Hilo on the fifth instant. Problems of this kind are engaging the most profound thought of renowned seismologists. It chanced that Dr. F. Omori, professor of seismology in the Imperial University at Tokio, was at the weather bureau in Washington when the shock on September 2 was recorded, and it was through a formula established by him that the distance of the shock, that by the way lasted more than an hour and a half, was calculated. Referring to the San Francisco earthquake as something to have been expected, Prof. Omori went on to say:

"I went over shortly after the calamity to examine the local causes, but the greater ones I knew already. It was not an isolated phenomenon. The great earthquake zone of the world extends in a broad band up the Pacific Coast from Chile to Alaska and the Aleutian Islands, thence to the Kurile Islands, down through Japan and Formosa and across the Himalayan region to the northern shore of the Mediterranean. In this hemisphere three severe earthquakes had occurred in Alaska in 1899, and a most disastrous one in Valparaiso January 31, 1906. There had also been numerous disturbances in Central America and Mexico. This left the coast near San Francisco undisturbed, but between two broad lines which had been shaken. The next quake was due there and it came. While I was in San Francisco, I was asked where the next earthquake in America would come, and I said that they were to be expected on either or each end of these disturbed lines; far to the north, in Alaska, and far to the south, in South America. The shocks came as predicted.

"We are making a close study of the relation between earthquakes which occur at nearly the same time in various parts of the zone. For instance, last year a great earthquake in Formosa came April 14, four days before the San Francisco disaster, and another shock was felt on the island March 17. Vesuvius was also active from April 7 to April 13.

"The Mont Pelee and Kingston calamities were outside the great earthquake zone, and are probably independent phenomena."

So the Hilo shake followed the great earthquake at some unknown point in three days, as compared with an interval of four days between the earthquakes in Formosa and California.

E. H. Harriman, on returning to New York from an absence of several weeks in the West, reported that the country he had visited was prosperous as it had never been before and there was no sign of a panic out there. The Southern Pacific was moving a much larger traffic than last fall, when it had made a new high record. Mr. Harriman said that country banks and individuals in the West had plenty of money, but were hanging on to it and not seeking investment. He thought the time was coming when they would be seeking avenues of investment. If Mr. Harriman had extended his visit to Honolulu he might have included this place in his estimate of the Western money situation without going far wrong.

Notwithstanding the official statements to the contrary, there is a probability that the fleet shortly to be massed in the Pacific will never go back to the Atlantic. Provision for the adequate defense of that side of the country without counting the Pacific fleet of the near future, is being rapidly consummated and it is expensive to send squadrons back and forth. A majority of utterances other than official in the mainland press, so far as seen, hold to the opinion that the Pacific fleet once placed will remain.

With the handsome addition coming to the county revenues from the license fees act, the passive resistance of eight hundred or eighty hundred Chinese gamblers ought not to appal the resolute administrators of the law. Even without hard labor there are still resources of civilization to make misdemeanants quickly tire of life in jail. Landlords of the gaming joints, besides, would be apt soon to sour upon a class of tenants who were most of the time non-paying absentees as guests of the county.

Two judges in the Common Pleas court, Philadelphia, declared unconstitutional the two-cent railroad fare law passed by the last Pennsylvania Legislature. But the court found the law void because the rate was unreasonable, not because the people have no power to regulate rates. It declared, instead, that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company is not vested with any immunity from the exercise of the power of the Legislature to regulate rates."

"An ideal and natural summer food" is the recommendation of the avocado pear given to readers of a Chicago magazine by a Florida correspondent. And it is published, happily, about the same time a demonstration is made that Hawaiian avocado pears can be delivered in good condition in Chicago.

Kalakaua's intention, frustrated by death, to have a graving dock built in Honolulu was enough, without the incalculably valuable service he rendered in securing American reciprocity, to entitle him to a monument. Unfortunately, in both respects, Honolulu has yet no dry dock and Kalakaua no monument.

Prodigious rains on Hawaii and the reported eruption of Mauna Loa conform to the surmise in this paper the other day, that the abnormal percentage of humidity recorded here might indicate elemental disturbances and volcanic activity not far away.

Chauncey M. Depew's approval of the sentiment favoring President Roosevelt's reelection was to be expected. It would be only consistent for the New York Senator to advocate the policy of holding on to an office under all circumstances.

O Luso insults people of its own language who are American citizens by addressing them as "patriots" of a renounced allegiance, but commits an outrage on the entire Portuguese colony by associating its patriotism with law-breaking.

Here's success to the latest new industry in the diversified category. With the abundance of raw material in the islands, it is almost a shame to speak of Hawaii's outlay hitherto on the simple commodities of lime and cement.

Joy in the box for the home team will make joy in the grandstand. There is no fear that Barney Joy will not "make good" on his native sod, as he has in the Golden State, and that's no blarney for our Barney.

Now that the King of England has shown that it is possible for even so worldly a man as himself to be shocked by a stage performance, propriety may become more or less the fashion in London theaters.

If the rice famine should call for outside assistance Japan can depend upon it that this country will harbor no ill will because of the crude and ill-advised demonstrations of the Oriental jingo.

The automobile explosion is likely to do more work in destroying people of power and prosperity in this country than the dynamite bomb does in Russia.

A really great city front park would do more to make Honolulu a joy of the whole earth than almost any other promotion scheme that can be imagined.

AVOCADO PEARS RARE LUXURY IN CHICAGO

New Thought, a Chicago magazine, in its September issue contains the following item, which suggests the hope that the editor has been given a taste of the Hawaiian fruit lately taken to Chicago by Mr. Higgins:

By the way, I have a letter from Florida about a fruit to me unknown except by name. I print it for the benefit of all. And still further by the way, I suggest that every housewife provide herself with a copy of R. Fletcher Berry's "Fruit Recipes,"—a large book of 341 pages, full of every possible way of serving fruit, cooked, uncooked, in salads, in drinks, etc. I think it would be more than useful, as well, to the lone bachelor man and the spinster maid!

Miss Wells: To my friends of 'New Thought' circles I wish to recommend an ideal and natural summer food (I have none for sale).

"The avocado will be in season from now on till November, often mis-called alligator pear. The avocado is a huge, pearlike vegetable, growing on a large tree belonging to the Laurel family. It is at home in extreme south Florida and the West Indies, but owing to the delicacy of its texture can only be shipped by express, hence its great scarcity in the markets of the United States. With us, one average avocado is a perfectly sufficient and ideal breakfast. The fruit (so-called) is always eaten with salt, often with a tablespoonful of vinegar, owing to its almost excessive richness. It is not sweet, but can be compared to rich, fresh cream cheese. On our local markets avocados vary between 50 cents and \$1 a dozen, owing to great differences in size and quality. They can be bought of any of our commission dealers and shipped by express.

"It is lonesome here in summer and an exchange of thoughts with 'New Thought' thinkers is a treat."
"J. L. N."

STEEL MAN REPORTS GERMANY PROSPEROUS

NEW YORK, September 11.—E. H. Gary, chairman of the board of the United States Steel Corporation, arrived yesterday on the Kronprinzessin Cecilie from a two months' trip in Europe. He was enthusiastic over the business prosperity of the countries there and particularly over the industrial activity of Germany and the Germans.

"The government favors commercial combinations there," he said, "and that is a great thing in their favor and quite different from the conditions here. The Germans are very progressive, industrious, painstaking and thoughtful, and they are getting ahead of England."

Judge Gary said this in answer to an inquiry about the recent combination of steel manufacturers in Germany. When asked whether the United States Steel Corporation had made any working agreement with this combination he said:

"Some of our men have been over there in consultation with members of the combination, but no specific agreement has been made or any contract signed."

"France," he went on, "is the richest money market in the world at the present time. I was surprised to see how many new buildings were going up there. I have been over many times before and this is the first time that I have had my attention called to new construction. It is only a question of time when all the buildings will be replaced by steel structures. I noticed the same thing to a less extent in Italy."

In regard to his trip he said: "We drove 5000 miles through France, Italy, Germany, Scotland and England in our automobile without a delay. The machine was not an American one and the steel in it was Krupp."

SOME OLD THEORIES MUST BE ABANDONED

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., September 4.—Whisky neither cures nor prevents consumption, as many people believe, according to the annual report of the Henry Phipps Institute, one of the leading institutions in the United States for the treatment of tuberculosis. The report, which has just been issued, says:

"As our statistics of alcoholism in tuberculosis grow, it becomes more and more manifest that all extreme views upon this subject will have to be abandoned. That alcohol neither prevents nor cures tuberculosis is evident from the number of alcoholics who have come for treatment; and that it does not strongly predispose to the disease seems to stand out prominently from the vast preponderance of non-alcoholics among the applicants for treatment. Neither can it be shown that the children of alcoholics are more prone to tuberculosis than the children of non-alcoholics."

It is pointed out that nearly one-half of the patients treated at the institute followed some occupation while undergoing treatment, because their poverty would not admit of their not doing so. This fact arouses this observation:

"Is society doing its duty by these people? Sick horses are not permitted to work, and sick cats are carefully sought out and humanely cared for. Sick brothers and sisters, however, not only are permitted, but are compelled, to work even at laborious occupations. How strange that there are no societies for the prevention of cruelty to human beings."

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