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## EARTHQUAKE SINKS ISLAND IN LAGOON

### Men, Women And Children Drowned Following The Big Quake

#### Expect Death List to Reach 170.

#### SALVADORE IS SHAKEN

#### Only a Few Escape in Boats to Mainland.

#### HELP DENIED STRICKEN PEOPLE

#### Boatmen Turn Deaf Ears to Pleading of Refugees to Go After Relatives—Land Disappears as Heavy Shock Makes the Earth Tremble.

New Orleans, Dec. 19.—Dispatches from Port Limon, Costa Rica, state that at least 70 families, variously estimated at from 150 to 170 men, women and children, were drowned following the sinking of their island home. The island in the center of the Ilopango lagoon, in Salvadore, disappeared and slid into the depths of the lagoon, carrying with it nearly all of the inhabitants.

The sinking of the island is said to have followed a series of earthquake shocks which were felt throughout the republic. The shocks began early in the evening and grew in frequency and violence as night progressed, until about midnight, when the watchers on shore heard the sounds of guns from the people on the island. Shortly after that a huge bonfire was lighted on the island and at about 1 o'clock a boatload of frightened women and children reached the mainland. The survivors reported that other boats were coming as fast as they could be filled, as the island was slowly sinking under the feet of the inhabitants. The boatmen of the mainland were appealed to send aid, but in view of the continued shocks and the steadily increasing violence of the sea in the lagoon the boatmen were afraid to venture out. Indeed there was no time.

While they debated, another and more violent tremor shook the mainland and the fire and other lights on the island vanished. In the morning

not a vestige of the island remained. In all it is estimated that about 170 perished in the catastrophe.

This is not the first time that similar islands off the mainland have vanished after earthquake shocks.

The Ilopango lagoon is a lake of Salvadore, southeast of the city of San Salvadore. It is about five and a half miles in length. A minor volcanic cone rose from its waters in January, 1889. The lagoon is about 25 miles from the Pacific coast, in mountainous country.

#### SIMS CALLED ON CARPET

#### Secretary Meyer Wants to Know About That Gilded Hall Speech.

Washington, Dec. 19.—It will probably be several weeks before Commander William S. Sims, commanding officer of the battleship Minnesota, will send an explanation of his speech at Gilded Hall, London, on Dec. 3, when the officers and men of the fleet were entertained by the lord mayor of London. Secretary of the Navy Meyer has asked Commander Sims if he made the statement that Great Britain would probably receive assistance from the United States in the event of a foreign war, as he was quoted in press dispatches from London. Commander Sims' explanation is awaited in naval circles with considerable interest because of the fact that he is well known in Washington. He was naval aid to President Roosevelt during the last administration. Since the close of the last administration Commander Sims has been serving on the battleship Minnesota.

This is the sentiment which, it is said, has caused Secretary Meyer to ask for an explanation: "I am sure that if the time should ever come when the British empire was seriously menaced by an external enemy, its people might count upon every man, every dollar, every ship and every drop of blood of their kindred across the ocean."

#### SCHOONER GOES ASHORE

#### All Lives on British Two-Master Believed to Be Lost.

Woodshole, Mass., Dec. 19.—It is believed that the British two-masted schooner Laura C. Hall, from Port Reading for Sackville, N. B., was lost with all on board amid the sand shoals in the vicinity of Great Round shoal, during a blizzard. The revenue cutter Acushnet arrived in Vineyard Haven having in tow the two-masted schooner Jesse Hart II. The Hart was in a sorry plight, some of her spars having been carried away, her seams opened up and some of her crew so frost-bitten that they were unable to clear the tackle of ice and work the craft into port themselves.

## THE GERM IN FAMILY

Canal Dover, O., Dec. 19.—Leaving a note advising other members of the family not to follow her course in getting rid of trouble, Miss Clara Allison, 46, committed suicide by hanging herself at her home. She was the sixth member of the family to commit suicide, two brothers, a cousin and two uncles having taken their own lives. Illness and a nervous breakdown were given as the causes.

Definite.

"Madam"—a census taker was speaking to her who answered his knock—"how many children over six and under twenty-one years of age have you?" "Lemme see," she reflected; "lemme see. Want, sir, that be two over six an' two under twenty-one."

## WATHA IS CONVICTED

Newark, O., Dec. 19.—The jury in the Watha case returned a verdict of guilty of manslaughter. Watha, whose father was a Hindu and his mother a Malay, was indicted for murder in the first degree in connection with the lynching of Carl Etherington, the dry detective, who shot a stevedore keeper last summer. Fourteen other persons are awaiting trial on similar charges.

#### White Falls on Cliffs.

London, Dec. 19.—Graham-White had the closest call of his flying career when he fell 70 feet with his biplane on the cliffs near Dover. His face was severely cut. He was taken to the Lord Warden hotel, where for a while he was unconscious, having sustained concussion of the brain.



JAMES E. CAMPBELL.

### Who Has Just Returned from a Trip in Europe for Several Weeks to Find Himself Mentioned as a Receptive Candidate for United States Senator, and Whom Promptly Disclaims that He Has Any Designs on the Senatorship from Ohio.

## SAYS JAPANESE MENACE SERIOUS FOR AMERICA

St. Paul, Dec. 19.—Brigadier General Walter Howe, U. S. A., commander of the department of the Dakotas, in an interview said: "War between the United States and Japan is a recognized danger. The only effective way to meet this danger is to prepare for it. Our preparation must consist of increasing our army and our navy—and especially the latter."

"Every American who demands the right to vote should have served in the United States army for three years, one of which should be with the regular troops. Compulsory military service will become a necessity for us."

#### FINANCES IN GOOD SHAPE

#### Ohio State University Spends Less Than is Received.

Columbus, O., Dec. 19.—Buildings, grounds, equipment and other property of Ohio State university have a total value of \$4,983,149.76, according to a supplemental report filed at the governor's office. Of this, the buildings are valued at \$1,598,000 and the ground and farm, consisting of 429 acres, at \$1,540,000.

The total income available for the university for 1910 was \$932,424.22, actual expenses \$922,730.52, leaving a balance of \$9,693.70 in the treasury June 30, when the fiscal year closed.

#### Embezzler Trapped by Wireless.

New York, Dec. 19.—The immigration authorities today protested to the Greek consul over the action of the captain of the Greek liner The Mistocles, who refused permission to have Nicholas Likolas Semopoulos, former commandant of the ammunition stores for the Greek army at Piraeus, removed to Ellis Island, alleging that Semopoulos is a Greek subject and is under the protection of the Greek flag. Semopoulos is wanted for the embezzlement of \$4,800,000 from the Greek government and was arrested on the The Mistocles by means of a wireless message.

## SUES FOR DAMAGES

Columbus, O., Dec. 19.—Colonel James D. Ellison, vice president of the Ralston Steel Car company, has been made defendant in a breach of promise suit brought by Miss Alma L. Long, a telegraph operator in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph company, who asks the courts to award her \$35,000 for alleged damage to her affections. Colonel Ellison admits an acquaintance with Miss Long covering a period of several years, but says he had not seen her for a considerable time and had no intimation that the suit would be filed. Miss Long came here several years ago from Apple Creek, Wayne county.

#### Makes Certain of Death.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 19.—Adolph Saar, 27, quarreled with his wife over two deaf mutes, visitors, and then drove them from the house. Going up stairs he drank a quantity of laudanum. As that did not take effect quickly enough, he cut his throat with a razor. With the blood gushing from the wound he ran into the street and drowned dead.

#### Highwayman Shot Down.

Toledo, O., Dec. 19.—In a running pistol duel with the police Ted Mack, 21, notorious as a highwayman and burglar, was shot and instantly killed by Officer Mead. The shooting occurred on the Washakie railroad tracks at the rear of the city waterworks.

## SLAP SHERIFF ON HEAD AND ESCAPE

#### Four Prisoners Leave Lima Jail, But Two Are Back Again.

Lima, O., Dec. 19.—Overpowering Sheriff Vanganten when he went to lock the prisoners in their cells for the night, Spencer Stevens, Charles Collins, Herman Berger and William Evans made their escape from the county jail. The last two named were recaptured a short time later, but Stevens and Berger are still at liberty. The prisoners had twisted the lock off the inner door with an iron rod from a cell bed, and Collins dealt Vanganten a murderous blow when the officer opened the outside door, escaping over his prostrate body.

The sheriff's 14-year-old son prevented six other inmates of the jail from escaping by holding them up with an unloaded rifle. Stevens was given three years in the Ohio penitentiary a few days ago for shooting with intent to kill, while Collins, who has the alias of Kent Sherlock, is charged with burglary and larceny.

#### Railway Station Burns.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 19.—The passenger station of the Central Railroad of New Jersey was burned. Four passengers were injured. John T. Hart, a passenger, was killed. The station was destroyed. Loss, \$100,000.

LORD DECIES  
English Nobleman to Wed Miss Vivien Gould.



mon district. He was shot and killed at one of his mines by a Mexican named Raul Escaraga. The latter escaped into the mountains.

## BLACK HAND ACTIVE IN OHIO'S CAPITAL

#### Italian Killed Because He Refused to Commit Murder.

Columbus, O., Dec. 19.—That Rosario Zino was murdered because he would not kill another became known when Sergeant Vic Churches continued his investigation of the murder. The murderers are being hunted for in various cities of all parts of the country, to which telegrams were sent by Chief of Police Carter asking them to locate Dominic and Francesco Sculli, Italians. The whole affair is now believed to be the work of the Black Hand organization.

#### Information secured by Sergeant Churches from a person familiar with all persons in the case is that Zino knew he would be killed, because he did not carry out the instructions of the order to murder another man.

#### Different Manure Functions.

The chief distinction between the functions of farm manure and commercial fertilizers may be stated in a general way to be that farm manure increases crop production by improving the condition of the soil, while the commercial fertilizers act directly as a plant food without materially affecting the soil structure.

The function of commercial fertilizers is therefore to supplement the available supply of plant food in the soil by supplying any deficiency which may exist and by furnishing a surplus of food upon which the plant may draw.

## LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN

CHICAGO—Cattle: Heifers, 41 45@7 25; Texas steer, 41 45@7 10; western steers, 41 45@7 10; stockers and feeders, 33 35@6 60; cows and heifers, 32 25@6 60; Native sheep, 22 40@2 35; western, 22 30@2 20; muttons, 21 25@2 30; wethers, 21 25@2 25; yearlings, 34 30@5 45; Hogs—Light, 37 25@7 70; mixed, 37 25@7 70; heavy, 37 25@7 70; rough, 37 25@7 70; pigs, 37 25@7 70; Wheat—No. 2 red, 1 34@1 36; Corn—No. 2, 47@48. Oats—No. 2, 31@32.

EAST BUFFALO—Cattle: Export cattle, 36 00@6 50; shipping steers, 45 75@6 85; butcher cattle, 41 75@5 25; heifers, 22 25@5 75; fat cows, 12 50@5 00; bulls, 22 00@5 00; milkers and springers, 22 00@6 50; Calves—310 50@11 00; Sheep and lambs—Mixed sheep, 33 50@4 75; wethers, 33 50@4 90; ewes, 33 50@3 75; lambs, 34 40@4 50; yearlings, 34 00@4 75; Hogs—Heavy and medium, 37 50; Yorkers, 37 50@7 90; pigs, 37 50@7 90; mixed, 37 50; rough, 37 00@7 25; Hens—No. 2, 5 25@5 50.

PITTSBURG—Cattle: Choice, 46 00@48 15; prime, 45 75@46 00; tidy butchers, 45 00@46 50; heifers, 42 50@45 00; cows and steers, 41 00@44 85; fresh cows, 43 00@45 00; Calves—Vend, 36 00@38 25; Sheep and lambs—Prime wethers, 44 10@45 25; mixed, 33 60@44 00; lambs, 44 00@45 25; Heavy hogs medium and heavy, 37 50@39 25; light Yorkers, 38 00@39 00; pigs, 38 00@39 00.

CINCINNATI—Wheat: No. 2 red, 95@96 1/2; No. 3, 94 1/2@95 1/2; mixed, 94 1/2@95 1/2; No. 4, 93 1/2@94 1/2; No. 5, 92 1/2@93 1/2; Bulk Meats—120 42; Lard, 11 30; Cattle—42 25@43 50; Hogs—45 00@45 50; Corn—45 1/2@46 1/2; Oats—41 1/2@42 1/2; Clover—15; Hay—17.

## REBELS ROUTED AT PENDERNALES

### General Navarro Describes Two Notable Victories

#### Insurrectos Numbered 1,000, But Valor Of Federal Troops Prevailed And Enemy Is Sent Scurrying To The Mountains—Counted 44 Dead On Field After Fighting Was Ended And Lost 10 Privates And Two Officers Killed And 27 Wounded

Mexico City, Dec. 19.—General Navarro has sent the following report to General Hernandez at Chihuahua, confirming rumors of two reported engagements in the state of Chihuahua, the first at Mal Paso and the other at Pedernales:

"According to your instructions I sent on Friday 475 men under Colonel Aubert to take possession of Mal Paso to protect the arrival of reinforcements from Chihuahua. The revolutionists on the heights bordering the pass began firing on the troops from all sides. At the same time other rebels made an attack on my troops at Pedernales. I went immediately to the assistance of Colonel Aubert, whom I found resisting the attack well. After a fight lasting two hours we dislodged the enemy from the position on the hill.

"The fighting was intense. The revolutionists numbered more than a thousand and were doing their utmost to keep reinforcements from joining us. The fighting lasted six hours, and at the end of that time we had routed the enemy completely. They scattered in all directions, making for the hills. They left 44 dead on the field. We lost two officers and 10 privates killed and one officer and 26 privates wounded."

General Hernandez telegraphed to President Diaz that the troops won another victory at Rancho Venegas. One soldier and many rebels were killed.

## OR DO YOU PREFER THIS?

#### Rumors Received at El Paso Say Rebels Were Victorious.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 19.—That the Mexican federal troops are getting the worst of the fighting in the vicinity of La Junta and Pedernales, in western Chihuahua, is confirmed. Nothing has been heard in Chihuahua of the relief trains sent out, but it was not believed at Chihuahua that they made much progress, as the insurrectos began tearing up the track in several places when they learned that troops were being carried. General Navarro and his men have been gradually driven back from the fighting and, even if defeated, the news could not be telegraphed out, as the federal government took charge.

The telegraph line at the same time it commanded the railroad, which is the private property and owned by the associates of F. S. Pearson of New York.

No press dispatches are being sent by the Mexican federal officials that disagree with official reports. Several attempts to send them out of Mexico have met with failure. The Mexican Herald's correspondent with General Navarro's command is getting his dispatches through, but they are first approved by Navarro. The general offered to see that other dispatches got through if first submitted to him. The Mexican Herald has always been known as a government paper. The paper reported the capture of Guerrero last week, when the correspondent and General Navarro were not within 100 miles of the place and haven't been.

Mail advices from Parral state that the rebels are thick around that region and all but 100 troops have left the town in an effort to drive the rebels farther away or wipe them. H. M. Fris, who sent this information to the El Paso Herald by mail, stated that he had been told by a Mexican official that if he was a newspaper correspondent it would be best for him to get out of the country. Fris is a Michigan man, and has been covering the trouble for the Herald and the New York Sun. He has never been able to file his messages since shortly after the trouble broke out, and his reports all have to be mailed unless he covered in code under guise of business and sent to individuals instead of a paper.

#### Rebels Scattered, Says Report.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Senator de la Barra, the Mexican ambassador, received a dispatch saying that the revolutionists had been defeated by government troops at Pedernales, in the state of Chihuahua. All organized opposition to the government, the dispatch said, has been broken in Chihuahua. The rebels, the dispatch added, had scattered and were operating as bands of outlaws.

#### American Mine Owner Killed.

Durango, Mexico, Dec. 19.—Word has reached here of the murder of another well-known American mining man in this state by a Mexican. The victim was Sam McClelland, who owns valuable mines in the San Ra-

## GEIGER IS GUILTY

Lima, O., Dec. 19.—The jury in the famous burglar trial, which has consumed three weeks hearing the Yoakum farm home robbery case, found Chas. Geiger, former brewer, guilty of burglary and larceny. Geiger was convicted of aiding and abetting in his first trial. He is 70 years old.

#### Noted Coke Man Dies.

Pittsburg, Dec. 19.—Business Pittsburg was shocked by the news that Mahlon M. Bosworth, 51, had died at his home in Hudson, O. Mr. Bosworth was considered to have been one of the best coke men in the history of that product, having for years been secretary of the H. C. Frick company, now the fuel end of the United States Steel corporation.

## VETERAN IS DEAD

Columbus, O., Dec. 19.—Dr. James Cutler of Richmond, O., aged 79, for the last three years president of the Ohio Association of Mexican War Veterans, a veteran also of the civil war and a former state senator, is dead from stomach trouble.

#### The Quitter.

To drink no more I now resolve— Except when I am dry— And smoking, too, I shun, of course— At least, that is, I'll try.

And flirting? Well, it's rather hard, But like cures like, they say, And so to break myself I'll try The hemipathic way.

And spending money, too, I'll quit— As soon as it's all gone— That is, unless my watch will bring Ten dollars more in pawn. —Dobsonian.