

### EARTHQUAKES TAKE HEAVY TOLL IN THE ENTIRE IMPERIAL VALLEY

Series of Earth Tremors Wreak Damage Estimated at \$1,500,000, Kill Four Persons and Injure a Score of Others

#### SHOCKS CENTER ABOUT CALEXICO

In Mexicali, Across the Border, Men and Women Are Crushed Beneath Wall of Dance Hall as Visitors Flee for Lives

EL CENTRO, June 23.—In an area extending roughly from the shoulder of the Cocopah mountains of Lower California to San Bernardino and Needles on the north, Yuma on the east and a point near San Diego on the west, a series of earthquakes last night and today wrought damage estimated at about \$1,500,000, killed four persons and injured perhaps a score, some seriously. The tremors continued intermittently today, decreasing steadily in strength and doing only negligible damage.

The zone in which the tremors were felt most centered about Calexico and Mexicali, the Mexican town opposite in Lower California, where the free revelry of the frontier collection of saloons and dance halls was halted when the first shocks put out the lights and where all the fatalities occurred.

The men and women killed were crushed beneath the wall of a dance hall as the visitors fled panic-stricken to the street. As far as ascertained, the Alamo wasteway, connected with Sharns Heading, controlling a unit in the \$5,000,000 Imperial Valley irrigation system, was severely damaged. The heading itself, and other important units of the system withstood the shocks, although fissures were opened in the ground and unless further quakes render one of the headings useless there will be no lack of water. It is said for the 400,000 acres under cultivation and dependent on the vast network of canals and laterals. The water may be shut off at Hanlon's Heading, where the Colorado enters the irrigation system, southwest of Yuma, in order to repair the damage to the wasteway, but if it is the engineers do not believe it will be shut off for more than thirty-six hours.

Rebuilding has already begun in El Centro, where an entire block in the business section was ruined and gangs of men are at work clearing the debris.

In Calexico similar work is in progress. The damage at El Centro is estimated at close to \$200,000, in Calexico it was something less than this. North of El Centro the damage was comparatively slight.

Several fires at Calexico added to the damage done by the quakes, which included the collapse of the municipal water tank which fell from its 50 foot tower. This deprived the town of water pressure and hampered the efforts at fighting the fires which burned several residences and two business buildings.

Imperial and Brawley and towns further up the valley suffered only slightly. At Yuma and Needles the shocks were slight, while barely perceptible at San Bernardino. No damage was done anywhere outside the valley. Communication with Calexico was entirely dependent today on automobiles and railroad trains. The telegraphic headquarters were in the building damaged and telegrams were sent here by a messenger for transmission. The messenger reports thus brought stated that six or seven men and women were killed in Mexicali, and that the bodies of two men had been taken from the debris and identified. The names given were Bert Arbuckle and James Stencil. Arbuckle is said to have come from Los Angeles.

A strict guard was established in the various towns affected as soon as the quake began. Fifty special deputies were sworn in here and at Calexico a troop of the United States cavalry, which had been patrolling the border, kept order and protected property.

Across the line Colonel Centu, the

### IRRIGATION SYSTEM WOULD OFFER LITTLE RESISTANCE TO QUAKE

ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH  
SAN FRANCISCO, June 23.—F. C. Herrmann, former chief engineer of construction of the Imperial Valley irrigation system, said that Sharns Heading, is built of wood and earth and can offer but little resistance to severe earthquake shocks. He described the heading as the key to the entire Imperial Valley system with its battery of head gates through which at times 30,000 gallons of water tumble per second, feeding four main canals which carry water to thousands of acres of productive farm lands.

Mr. Herrmann expressed surprise that the battery of dams and gates withstood the shocks already experienced. Sharns Heading he said, is the most important point of the system save the upper heading, a concrete structure on a rock foundation and the intake gates from the Colorado river.

He doubted the power of any earthquake to seriously affect the Upper Heading, which he said, was formerly called Hanlon's Heading. It is this heading, controlling the water supply of both the American and Mexican systems, that W. H. Holabird, receiver of the American concern, Mexican commandant, established martial law in Mexicali and his soldiers are patrolling the debris-littered streets, guarding the ruins of gambling houses where the players when they heard the rumbling which preceded the first shock, precipitately abandoned the tables, roulette wheels and gold and sped for the exits. This little town, perched on the brink of the great fissure cut by the Colorado ten years ago when it swept away the levees and created the Salton Sea, was in a sorry plight today. Its adobe huts, housing saloons and gambling dens, were mostly demolished. Wood and buildings in many instances held together, but daylight showed through their blue, gray, white and pink "false fronts" standing askew. Several that withstood last night's shocks went down today under a severe quake at ten o'clock. This quake was felt severely at Calexico also, pillars supporting arcades erected to protect sidewalks from the ardent summer sun, collapsing.

Mexican officials employed by A. F. Andrade, receiver of the California Development company's property in Lower California, inspected the main canal and all the headings. They reported Sharns' heading still intact, but found great fissures in the earth all around it. This heading controls the entire irrigation system of the Imperial valley. If it breaks or the Alamo wasteway, which sets as a governor or preventer of overflow, breaks, the entire valley will be without a water supply.

The flow in all the hundreds of miles of canals and laterals is controlled by this heading, but engineers of the California Development company reported to the American receiver, W. H. Holabird, at

in such a hurry that at least two severe accidents resulted. One of our reclamation boys was in the Arizona Theater when the shock was felt, and together with two hundred others, made a rush for the outside. He selected the back way, leaped through a stage door, and missed a step down a four foot drop. He wrenched his leg very badly. One man was squeezed nearly to death in the rush to get out of a hotel here.

"I was sitting in the reclamation offices with Project Manager Priest when the first shock was felt. It seemed that there was just a tiny jar, and then possibly three seconds later, the earth and everything on it seemed to move sharply in a horizontal direction. It seemed to me that this motion was four or five inches, but of course, it would be impossible to measure it without instruments.

### THAW IS SANE DECLARATION OF WITNESSES

Thirteen Testify in Examination That His Conduct Has Never Been Violent and That His Actions Are Rational

#### QUESTIONS PUT TO THAW ON STAND

Tells of Flight from Mat-teawan Without Hesitation—State Will Prove He is Inevitably Insane, Says Cook

NEW YORK, June 23.—Thirteen witnesses, including the defendant, Harry Thaw, testified today in the proceedings before the jury to test Thaw's present mental state, on the outcome of which depends whether the slayer of Stanford White shall go free, or return to the insane asylum.



Harry K. Thaw

### Mail Comes Now Bearing Legend From The Censor

WASHINGTON, June 23.—Further evidence of interference with neutral mails passing through England were received at the state department in the form of an envelope, postmarked in a neutral European country, addressed to a person in the United States, bearing across its torn flap the printed legend "opened by censor."

Investigation of this subject has been in progress at the postoffice department since the Swedish minister complained several days ago that mail from the United States to Sweden had been opened, and tampered with in England. It is understood that proof has been lacking that the censorship has been applied to mail both from and to the United States and it is said that at least one letter addressed to a neutral diplomatic mission has been opened.

### AUSTRO-GERMANS TAKE LEMBERG AFTER SEIGE LASTING MANY MONTHS

Russians Have Lost Galician Capital Which They Occupied Early in September and Have Since Held Continuously

#### TEUTONS SAY IS CRUSHING BLOW

On Other Hand Petrograd Claims Troops Have Been Gradually Withdrawing Until Possible to Leave With Few Losses

LONDON, June 23.—The Russians have lost Lemberg. They occupied the Galician capital early in September and held it continuously until Tuesday, when the combined Austro-German forces compelled them to retreat from the city, which is only sixty miles due west of the nearest point to the Russian frontier.

A Russian official statement tonight admits the loss of Lemberg, saying it was evacuated yesterday. The Russians have continued to retreat on the new front. On the River Dniester, south of Lemberg, the battle is still raging. Whether the fall of Lemberg marks the Russians' operations south of it in Southeast Galicia are effectively cut off from the army to the north stretching across Poland to the Baltic, cannot yet be said. Newspapers in Vienna and Berlin say this is the case and that the Russian arms have received a blow from which they cannot recover.

If the stroke proves as crushing as the Teutons predict, its effect, military observers here say, soon should be felt in the transfer of vast German forces to the west, where for days they have been hard pressed by the French. Early dispatches from Petrograd related what purported to be the systematic withdrawal of the Russians from the city, and if these details should prove correct, it is believed in military circles here, when the count is taken of the Austro-German booty it will not be large, for, as in the case of Przemyśl, the Russians are said to have worked hard to move everything of military value.

Telegrams from Vienna concerning the capture of Lemberg, recounting the celebration of the populace of Vienna over the victory, pay tribute to the magnificent rearward action fought by the Russians, who are declared to have retreated eastward in good order, leaving behind few prisoners and even removing the Russian documents from the city, which, since the Russians occupied it, was called by them Lemberg.

One telegram from Vienna says that Emperor William and Emperor Francis Joseph propose to meet soon in the captured Galician capital for "fitting ceremonies to mark the end of the Russian dominance in Galicia." News of the fall of Lemberg was known on the continent yesterday, but did not reach London until late today, when bulletins arrived almost simultaneously by wireless from Berlin and Vienna via Amsterdam.

Rejoicing in Vienna  
VIENNA, June 23.—Vienna newspapers, in special editions, announced the fall of Lemberg, which was widely celebrated here. The newspapers think this is an Austrian victory and signifies not only the end of Russian domination in Galicia, but also the complete breakdown of the Russian army.

### LEGISLATURE MAY BE ENDED ON SATURDAY

Less Sanguine Members, However, Expect the Adjournment to Be Coincident With Exhaustion of the Last Appropriation

#### ALL THE CARDS ON THE TABLE

It is Only a Matter of Playing the Hands, Say Those Who Expect the Session to End With the Close of This Week

Following the final passage of the land bill on Tuesday, both branches of the legislature gave themselves over to relaxation. The house put in a full day without the complete accomplishment of anything. It went into the committee of the whole for the purpose of considering a half dozen measures on the calendar but only one of them was considered. The senate bill for the amendment of the semi-annual tax payment law passed in the regular session. The proposed amendment consists only of a change in the time of the year when the semi-annual taxes fall due. Under the law as it now stands the first payment is not due until some time after the taxes are needed for the schools and it was therefore, proposed to change the dates to the first Monday of November and the first Monday of May.

The judiciary committee, to which the bill had been referred, reported it out with a house bill of the same tenor and along with it were several amendments by the committee. Others were offered in the course of the day and debated, though the debate favored about the principle of the semi-annual system, though it is already established and the abolition of it is not proposed in either of the bills.

Mr. Edwards, however, proposed an amendment that would have repealed the law and established the old law, but no enthusiasm was aroused, though Mr. Johns, the principal advocate of the senate bill, pronounced it a job.

Late in the afternoon the senate and the house bills were both referred to the committee on judiciary with instructions to present them this morning at ten o'clock.

The next bill on the calendar was laid over without losing its place. Similar action was taken on the next one and the one after that until all of them were thus disposed of. "This being done," asked the uneasy member, "that they may all be killed together?" There was no reply, but on the face of things it looked as if the house was planning a Roman holiday, a carnival of slaughter, an orgy of blood, a wholesale legalized murder.

The house, after all this sanguinary planning, took an adjournment until ten o'clock this morning.

### MUST RALLY TO MEET DEMANDS FOR MUNITIONS

David Lloyd-George, Minister of Munitions, Has Given British Labor Seven Days in Which to Make Good Its Promise

LONDON, June 23.—David Lloyd-George, minister of munitions, has given the British laborers seven days to make good the promise of the leaders that the men will rally to the factories in sufficient numbers to produce a maximum supply of munitions. He said that if labor is not secured, compulsion is inevitable.

This was the striking statement in the new minister's speech in the House of Commons, in the course of outlining the munitions measure, which was designed to control not only the output, but the men responsible for the output. The first of the seven allotted days will begin tomorrow, and with its dawning will be launched a great campaign to recruit workers.

The munitions bill makes strikes and lockouts illegal, provides compulsory arbitration, limits the profits of employers, creates a voluntary army of workmen pledged to go wherever wanted, and contains other provisions to give the minister full power to carry out the plans he has devised to develop the production of munitions.

"I had a fresh discussion with the trades union leaders," said Mr. Lloyd-George in his speech, "and told them if an adequate supply of labor could not be secured, compulsion was inevitable. The union representatives answered: 'Give us a chance to supply the men in seven days; if we cannot get them, we will admit that our case is considerably weakened.'"

"The seven days will begin tomorrow," continued Mr. Lloyd-George, "and advertisements will appear in all papers. Union representatives have engaged 180 town halls as recruiting offices, and the assistance of every one has been invited."

After emphasizing the absolute necessity of the measure, he said: "The seven days will begin tomorrow."

### Four Die When The Earth Trembles In Mexicali

CALEXICO, June 23.—Four were killed in Mexicali by the earthquake last night. One of them was John Bach, a Calexico butcher. The victims were crushed by a wall, which fell during the second shock at 9:02 o'clock in the evening. Several women, habitues of Mexicali resorts, were seriously injured. One man, who attempted to steal gold from a gambling establishment was shot by Mexican soldiers.

### RODDIS TELLS OF QUAKE AND GIVES EXPLANATION

"Survivor or refugee?" asked the representative of the Arizona Republican of E. E. Roddis, district council for the U. S. Reclamation service on his return from Yuma yesterday morning, thereby eliciting a half humorous, half earnest description of the results of the earthquake at the border town.



WEATHER TODAY  
COOLER FAIR - WARMER  
RAIN - SHOWERS  
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 23—Forecast for Arizona: Fair.

### Lansing Is Appointed To Succeed W. J. Bryan

WASHINGTON, June 23.—Few appointments in recent years have given such widespread satisfaction in the capitol as that of Robert Lansing to succeed William J. Bryan as secretary of state. The president signed his commission tonight, giving Lansing a recess appointment.