

MANY KILLED
QUAKE IN MEXICO

Early Morning Shock Causes Death of Fifty Persons and Wrecks Several Buildings.

FOLLOWED BY EXPLOSION OF GAS

City of Mexico and Vicinity Most Severely Shaken.

FISSURES OPENED IN STREETS

Street Railway Company's Power Building is Wrecked.

ARTILLERY BARRACKS WRECKED

Sixty to Seventy-Five Men Are Killed and Wounded—Number of Persons Buried in Debris of Houses.

TUSCON, Ariz., June 7.—Today's earthquake was not felt along the Southern Pacific down the west coast of Mexico, nor elsewhere in Sonora and northern Sinaloa.

MEXICO CITY, June 7.—An earthquake at 4 o'clock this morning wrecked several buildings, including the artillery quarters, when seventy soldiers were buried in its ruins. The dead and wounded are estimated between fifty and seventy.

Several persons were killed through the street railway power plant. At Buena Vista the railroad tracks were twisted.

The shock was followed by an explosion of gas at the artillery barracks, which added horror to the scene.

The oscillation moved from north to south and opened fissures in the streets.

The adepts houses crumbled, but the dead in these cannot be numbered at present.

The shock was most severely felt in the western part of city, though buildings in the central part of the capital were rocked. The only foreigner killed was a Chinese.

Warehouses at the central station collapsed and an engineer was killed.

A private boarding school building was wrecked, but none of the occupants were injured.

The national palace had one of its walls cracked and the keystone of one of the arches was displaced.

The ancient cathedral of Santo Domingo was damaged.

Description of Buildings.

The artillery quarters wrecked by earthquake this morning is a long low building, and is used chiefly as a government arsenal. During the recent disturbance throughout Mexico large forces of soldiers had been quartered in this building. It is an edifice of ancient construction and design and during the Spanish occupation, it was used as a storehouse for war material. At times it has been converted into a fortress and more recently has been used as a museum of artillery.

The Belem prison is in the same locality and also houses a large number of people. Its original inmates reaching at times as high as several thousand.

The earthquake today comes at the moment that the Mexican capital was about to receive the revolutionary visitor, Francisco Madero, Jr. Cable dispatches announced his arrival at the city and indicate that, despite the earthquake, an ovation was given.

The national palace, the walls of which were cracked by the earthquake, occupies a large city block and houses many of the government offices. An imposing facade extends along the entire east side of the plaza. Major walls are of red brick.

The church of Santo Domingo, which was damaged, was completed in 1736 at a cost of \$300,000 and was then considered the finest structure in the city. It is still regarded as one of the best examples of Baroque architecture in Mexico.

News Reached Laredo.

LAREDO, Tex., June 7.—Seventy-five or more persons are reported to have lost their lives in the city of Mexico as a result of the earthquake early today and serious damage is said to have been done south of the capital, according to messages received on railroad wires here this afternoon. Chaotic conditions are said to prevail throughout a large section of the republic.

Homes of Americans Wrecked.

EL PASO, Tex., June 7.—A telegram received here today stated that many of the fine homes in the American colony in Mexico City were wrecked. E. N. Brown, president of the Mexican National railway, telegraphed:

"Big earthquake at 4:30 a. m. Several

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The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair.
For Iowa—Generally fair.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

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