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The Weather

Northeast and Northwest, moderate gales off the coast, cold today and Tuesday.

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MANY DEATHS CAUSED BY AN EARTHQUAKE IN MEXICO; STATE OF VERA CRUZ WAS HARD HIT

ALARM CAUSED IN THE LARGE CITIES

Unconfirmed Reports of a Disaster at Huatusco—Fifty Victims Have Been Entombed at Jalapa—Communication With Some Sections Has Been Cut Off—The Disturbance Was Registered at Washington.

(Special to the Mail.)

New York, Jan. 5.—Reports from Mexico today say that ten states were shaken by the earthquake which on Saturday night destroyed at least two villages and caused many deaths in the state of Vera Cruz. These states were Mexico, Puebla, Vera Cruz, Oaxaca, Gdellelo, Morelos, Jalisco, Taxcala, Hidalgo and Queretaro.

Mexico City, Jan. 4.—Scores of persons have been killed in a violent earthquake which occurred in many parts of Mexico last night. The centre of the disturbance is believed to have been near the volcano of Orisaba.

Incomplete press reports indicate that the state of Vera Cruz suffered more than any other section, although seismic disturbances were disturbances were felt throughout the entire republic. Advances from Cordoba say that thirty dead have already been accounted for in the village of San Juan Coscomatepec where many houses were destroyed. There are unconfirmed reports of a similar catastrophe in the village of Huatusco. At Jalapa further north, fifty victims of the earthquake have been encountered, including numerous dead.

Lack of communication with the other small towns and villages in the theatre of the disturbance makes even approximate estimates of casualties impossible.

The earthquake caused great alarm in the large cities. Marine disturbances have occurred off Vera Cruz city, and there were some casualties there, although the number is not known, with considerable destruction of property.

Recorded at Washington

Washington, Jan. 4.—A pronounced earthquake lasting almost an hour and believed to have been centred somewhere in southern America, was recorded by the Georgetown Observatory during the night. The disturbance beginning at 12.08 continued until 12.21 o'clock this morning. It was centred about 1900 miles from Washington.

Halifax, N. S. Jan. 4.—The seismograph in the physics laboratory of Dalhousie University registered an earthquake on Saturday night lasting from twenty-five to thirty minutes.

FUEL PROBLEM IN PETROGRAD

Washington, Jan. 5.—Extreme measures are being taken in Petrograd to meet the fuel famine. Advice to the State Department today said wooden houses in the city were being razed for fuel and barges on the river were being cut up.

According to the Pravda, published at Petrograd, the number of schools

THE S. S. PRETORIA DAMAGED BY A FIRE OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN

(Special to the Mail.)

New York, Jan. 5.—Fire of unknown origin caused damage estimated at \$100,000 to the steamship Pretoria at her pier at Stapleton, Staten Island, shortly before she was to have sailed at dawn today. The Pretoria is a former Hamburg-American liner recently turned over to Great Britain by the United States government after serving as a transport. This was the third ship fire of undetermined origin along the Staten Island shore in the past few days.

FIERCE BATTLE BETWEEN SINN FEINERS AND POLICE NEAR CORK, IRELAND, ON SATURDAY NIGHT

Barracks was Bombarded and Policemen Were Taken Prisoners, But Were Afterwards Released—Mining Party Blew Up the Walls of the Barracks and the Police Were Overpowered by Their Assailants.

(Special to the Mail.)

London, Jan. 5.—A special despatch from Cork, Ireland, gives a graphic description of a four-hour battle on Saturday night at the village of Carrigtohill, between nine policemen and three hundred Sinn Feiners. The police barracks were bombarded and finally the police, when their ammunition was gone and their wall breached by explosions, were made prisoners, their rifles, revolvers and ammunition seized and \$400 and a number of official documents taken.

THE SINN FEIN SCOUTS WHO ATTEMPTED TO RUSH THE BARRACKS WERE BEATEN OFF

The policemen were having supper when the orderly heard a rush towards the door, and the defences of the station were immediately mounted. Special protection has been arranged. Steel plates over half an inch thick, have been fixed to the doors and windows, which can be drawn back from the inside to allow the police to throw bombs and rifles in the event of attack. The Sinn Fein scouts who attempted to take the barracks by surprise were immediately beaten off, and then began a grim battle which lasted four hours.

THE FIRE ON BOTH SIDES IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN WELL SUSTAINED AND RAPID

The wires of the telephone and telegraph systems on all sides of the village had been cut, and posts were stationed along the road to prevent anybody leaving or entering the town. Sinn Feiners bullets fell harmlessly off the windows. Fire on both sides was well sustained and rapid. Several times the rebels tried to rush the barracks in frontal attacks but were driven off each time. Owing to the darkness, the police could not take any proper aim, however, and their fire had to be directed by sound.

THE POLICE WERE MADE PRISONERS BY THE INVADERS AND HANDCUFFED TOGETHER

After four hours the police fire began to slacken, owing to their ammunition almost running out and a mining party from the attackers succeeded in getting up under the wall of the house, where they placed several bombs charged with dynamite. In a few minutes the explosion took place and before the police could recover from their surprise the wall was breached and a hundred Sinn Feiners were on top of them. The police were immediately made prisoners and handcuffed together. Later the police were liberated. It is believed that neither side suffered any casualties. At any rate, none of the defenders were hit. Big drafts of military and police were moved into the locality this morning.

STOCK SOON BY CANADA FUR AUCTION CO.

Montreal, Jan. 4.—One of the early 1920 listings on the Montreal Stock Exchange will be the preferred and common stock of the Canadian Fur Auction Sales Company of Montreal, Limited, both of which are now being underwritten. It is understood that a public offering is shortly to be made of \$2,500,000 cumulative sinking fund 7 per cent, preferred shares at a price of par, carrying with it a bonus of 35 per cent, in common stock. Application will be immediately made to list both securities on the exchange here.

Associated in the enterprise, which is capitalized at \$5,000,000, divided equally into common and preferred stock are some of the most important interests engaged in the fur trade of this city together with other prominent individuals, the latter including Lorne C. Webster Sir Herbert Holt, Lord Shaughnessy, H. W. Beauslerk, D. C. MacArow and C. E. Neil. The public offering of the securities, which will be made shortly after the turn of the year, will probably be made through the Montreal Stock Exchange house of McDougall & Cowans.

It is the intention of the company to hold public auctions three times yearly, or oftener if desirable, at premises to be secured in Montreal the initial sales to take place in the spring autumn and winter seasons. It is estimated that fully 80 per cent, of the present Canadian fur catch of a market value of over \$12,000,000, is being marketed at New York and St. Louis

SAYS STORY OF JONAH MYTH AND COMEDY

London, Jan. 4.—The Biblical story of Jonah and the whale is a mythical comedy, according to Dr. Richard G. Moulton, chief of the department of general literature in the University of Chicago. Prof. Moulton, an Englishman by birth, addressed a gathering of Wesleyans at Bath, where he was educated a sa boy.

"The story of Jonah and the whale, upon which so many sermons have been based, is utterly devoid of truth," Dr. Moulton said. "It was a commentator who introduced the narrative of the whale into the Book of Jonah. He wrote it in his manuscript by way of a footnote and as a commentary. But it became included in the text with the result that the history of Jonah and the whale has come down to the modern world as a pure comedy, and what is worse, as a ribald satire."

Prof. Moulton is a profound Biblical scholar. He does not admire the King James version of the Bible and says: "The King James version is not the true Bible. It lacks entirely the distinction of literary form. The translators saw the Bible as a series of texts. They gave us a chapter of beads, but a chaplet with the string broken. It is a string of broken miscellaneous topics instead of a clear, connected piece of oratory."

the channels of trade in this connection having been diverted from London to the United States centres as a result of conditions arising because of the war. It is confidently expected by those connected with the Canadian Fur Auction Sales Company that this condition can be changed and the Canadian catch marketed in Montreal without difficulty and to the advantage of the trapper and trading companies alike.

WESTERN GRAIN GROWERS TO HOLD AN INTER-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE AT WINNIPEG

EX-PREMIER OF ONTARIO GETS A JOB

Has Been Named as a Member of the International Joint High Commission at \$6,000 a Year.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—Sir William Hearst, former premier of Ontario, has been appointed to fill the vacancy left on the International Waterways Joint Commission when P. B. Mignault, K. C., resigned as commissioner.

The chairman of the board is C. A. Magrath, who resides in Ottawa and the other commissioner is H. A. Powell, K. C., of St. John (N. B.). It is believed here that Sir William Hearst will continue to reside in Toronto, opening a law office there.

The position is not one that requires residence in Ottawa or the full time of the commissioners. It has always been desired to have jurists of international repute representing Canada on this commission, and the position is regarded as one in every way suitable for the premier. The salary is understood to be \$6,000 a year.

NOTED MEDIUM PASSED AWAY AT EASTPORT

Eastport, Me. Jan. —After helping many residents of Eastern Maine and Canadian towns in recent years to locate missing articles and bodies, pointing out where to dig for money and valuables, and trying to make others happy, "Dr." William Hunter died recently at the age of eighty years at Eastport Alms House.

Born at St. John, New Brunswick, Canada, but claiming to be a native of Minneapolis, he came to the frontier city about fifteen years ago and had been a hard worker up to a year ago when failing health and no money obliged him to seek city aid, but he had been about the city up to two weeks ago.

As a clairvoyant, fortune teller and palmist he was best known about Eastern Maine and had frequently been called to other towns to locate missing people, articles and even bodies, and when an Aroostook County Deputy Sheriff mysteriously disappeared a few years ago, "Dr." Hunter was called to the case, but no trace of the officer was ever found. He was recognized for his strange predictions and fortune telling, and in all these years of aiding others he had neglected to look after his own financial end, and had been an inmate of the local alms house since early in the year, but had been a quiet and law abiding man and was known to most of the residents and often sought for to read their palms and locate lost articles.

Weekly Roll Off

Some fifty-five bowlers are entered to take part in the weekly roll-off at the Palace Alleys this evening. K. H. Wheaton of St. John leads with a string of 128. A. Tracey is second with 124 and N. Goodline follows with 123.

MANY WARRANTS ISSUED FOR REDS ARE STILL TO BE SERVED

(Special to the Mail.)

Washington, Jan. 5.—Continuation of the raids on communists here is expected during the day, according to a wire from William J. Flynn, Chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, who is in New York. About six hundred warrants issued for alleged radicals have not yet been served, it was learned today. At least 58 local branches of the communist and communist labor parties which have not been raided are said to be in existence in Greater New York.

ONTARIO U. F. O. TO BE REPRESENTED

Hon. Mackenzie King will Soon Start on a Speaking Tour of the Western Provinces—Hon. Arthur Meighen Plans to Follow Him—Much Interest Has Been Aroused in Federal Politics—Quebec to Send Delegates.

Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—With the appearance this week of grain growers at the Inter-Provincial Conference in Winnipeg, followed by Messrs. Meighen's and King's tour through the west, new political developments are anticipated. January 6th is the date on which delegates from Ontario and the west will assemble here to plan their policy and campaign. A full representation from the prairies is assured, and from Ontario Premier Drury and other members of his cabinet are expected. Even Quebec is expected to send grain growers' delegates to the Inter-Provincial Conference.

This is the first formal new national party gathering of the farmers, and probably the most important feature is to settle and avow publicly the attitude on the economic class grouping, proclaimed with so much energy by H. W. Wood, president of the United Farmers of Alberta, and denied with equal force by T. A. Cramer, president of the Grain Growers, in his public speeches.

Messrs. Meighen and King are expected to go through to the coast making probably five speeches in each province, not together, of course, Mr. Meighen following the Liberal leader.

Considering the interest aroused in Federal politics these two representatives of the big forces are expected to have large crowds at their meetings.

PRESIDENCY BEING FORCED ON THE TIGER

(Special to the Mail)

Paris, Jan. 5.—Echo De Paris says today, "Premier Clemenceau again denied upon his return to this city yesterday that he was a candidate for the presidency of the republic," but added "the truth is the presidency of the republic is being forced upon me, I am being carried to the post." Relation the incident, the echo says: "The Tiger has said the word, there is nothing to it now."

Saturday Curling Games

On Saturday afternoon two curling matches were played at the curling rink Skip S. D. Simmons defeating Skip R. F. Randolph by a score of 13 to 8. Skip G. A. Taylor also defeated Skip Fred McAndrews by a score of 13 to 12. This evening three matches will be played at the rink following a business meeting for the election of skips for the coming match with St. Andrews this week and for the Nova Scotia Tour proposed for a week from Tuesday.