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## EARTHQUAKE WIPES OUT FIFTEEN HUNDRED LIVES

Besides Destroying  
a Whole City in  
Four Seconds---  
Survivors Under-  
go Great Hard-  
ships.

San Jose, Costa Rica, May 9.—The list of dead at Cartago now numbers not less than 1,500. The city was destroyed by an earthquake which lasted four seconds. It was a tremendous movement, which followed a few minor shocks during the course of the day. It occurred at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening. No one had time to run out of the houses, which fell crushing to the streets. Had the great shock come during the sleeping hours hardly anyone could have escaped.

The railroad and telegraph lines were broken and the electric light wires fell leaving the city in total darkness. Thousands ran panic stricken in all directions, in an effort to save themselves, leaving behind those under the ruins.

Every house and building was totally destroyed including four churches and the palace of the Central America peace court, the gift of Andrew Carnegie. Some Americans are reported to have been killed but identification even by the records is at present impossible. The foreign colonies set about at once to organize rescue movements and worked strenuously to save those who were pinned down by the wreckage.

## MONCTON CONVENTION K. OF C. CALLED OFF

Moncton, N. B., May 9.—The elaborate preparations which were being made by the local council of Knights of Columbus, for the big three days convention to have been held in Moncton this week, have on account of death of the King been cancelled, and only the state council will meet.

The programme mapped out included a big parade with bands, banquet, public reception and other festivities, but all this has been eliminated and only a comparatively small number will attend the state council tomorrow. Hundreds of notices have been sent out by the local council, notifying intending delegates to the convention that the programme has been cancelled. Several delegates from Newfoundland have arrived to attend the state council.

Andrew Dunn, I. C. R. train despatcher received word yesterday of the death of his sister, Miss Jane Dunn at Spokane, Washington, where she lived with another brother. Deceased was a member of the Canadian Order of Nurses, and was a daughter of the late Geo. Dunn, I. C. R. station agent at Springhill. The body will be brought to Amherst for interment.

The city authorities are today at work draping the city buildings and council chamber as a tribute to the late King.

A. L. Goodwin, wholesale fruit dealer of St. John, has donated twenty-five sets to Bendview square in this city. The gift is greatly appreciated by promoters of the square.

The city council will meet to consider drafted agreement for leasing the city lighting plant to the Street Railway Company.

## CHILD DRINKS CARBOLIC ACID

Chatham, N. B., May 9.—The two-year-old daughter of Mrs. Nina McDermott, Duke Street, in this town, was badly burned by drinking carbolic acid on Saturday night.

The child secured a bottle of the poison which was left within its reach and drank a part of the contents. Its mouth and throat are severely burned, and its recovery is doubtful.

### THE RAFTING SEASON.

It is expected that rafting operations at the Mitchell booms will begin tomorrow and Wednesday. Rafting at Douglas will not begin in the next week.

## SINGULAR COINCIDENCE CONNECTS KING'S DEATH

Oak Tree Planted by Him in New York  
Park in 1860 Withers Away and  
Dies.

New York, N. Y., May 9.—The death of King Edward VII., has set the folk in Central Park to talking about the comparatively recent death of the King's Oak, which Edward planted in the Central Park at the time of his visit to this country in 1860, when he was Prince of Wales.

The death of the oak took place a year ago. It was a year ago that the King's health is said to have started to decline.

Park employees recalled that in 1902 the oak was thought to be dying. Samuel Parsons, the landscape architect, reported to Park Commissioner Wilcox that he did not think the tree would live much longer. This was at the time fixed for the King's coronation when he was so seriously ill. An operation was performed upon the King and he recovered. At the same time a sort of operation was performed upon the oak. Some of the park employees cut away some of the decaying parts, the soil about the roots freshened and other things done to stimulate healthy growth. The tree recovered much of its former vigor.

## JEFFRIES' CONDITION DAILY IMPROVING

Ben Lomond May 9.—None of Jim Jeffries pleased his trainer more than his about with Choyinski and Papke. The speed and endurance shown by the fighter and the ease with which he handled his two opponents through nine fast rounds, is still the talk of the camp. According to Farmer Burns, Jeffries' improvement in condition in the last week has been remarkable and he is of the opinion that the big fellow could be in finished fighting trim two weeks hence if necessary. Jeffries, it is pointed out, has demonstrated that he can take off his fat and acquire wind and staying power. His trainers now say that his future work will be directed mainly to the acquisition of speed and cleverness. Daily sparring and tussling with Jim Corbett and Frank Gotch, which is expected soon to be the order of the day, will give the former champion the seasoning that his trainers wish him to undergo. Tex. Richard arrived at Ben Lomond last night for a stay of two or three days. The promoter is expected to talk over the referee problem with manager Sam Berger and Jeffries.

### NEW AGENCY.

The Bank of British North America has lately opened a branch at Prince Rupert.

### THE NASHWAAK DRIVES.

The Nashwaak lumber drives are at Taymouth today, and are expected to reach Marysville by Wednesday night.

### STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS.

Mr. John McLaughlin the veteran Steward of the B. & B. Club, suffered a stroke of paralysis at his home on Saturday evening and now lies in a critical condition. Mr. McLaughlin is well advanced in years, and it is feared he cannot recover.

### REMARKABLE EGG.

A hen belonging to Miss McGoldrick, of Brunswick Street, on Saturday distinguished herself by laying an egg which is practically twice the size of the ordinary hen-fruit. The egg is perfectly formed and proportioned.

### ENTERTAINMENT AND FANCY SALE

The Salvation Army will hold an entertainment and fancy sale in their hall tonight at 8 o'clock. A splendid program has been arranged, one special feature will be a mandolin solo by a young lady graduate of the Halifax School for the Blind.—d

## George V. Proclaim- ed King of England

Historic Ceremony Took Place at St. James' Palace this Morning with the Due Observance of All Time Honored Customs

Dense Crowds Greet the Announcement with Impressive Demonstration.

London, May 9.—The proclamation announcing the accession of King George V was read at St. James Palace this morning.

With the time honored ceremony of a most brilliant and impressive character George V was early this morning publicly proclaimed king at the United of Great Britain and Ireland and the British dominions beyond the seas, defender of the faith, Emperor of India. Sharply at the stroke of nine, four heralds arrived in medieval uniform of scarlet, heavily braided with gold, mounted the balcony of Friars court at St. James Palace, where Queen Victoria presented herself to the people upon the opening of her memorable reign, and blew a fanfare through three long silver trumpets. The precincts of the palace were crowded with a mass of people, many of whom could secure but the briefest glimpse of the proceedings. The balconies and roofs of the ancient palace which had been draped with red cloth, were reserved for the notables all of whom were in the deepest mourning. Members of the Royal household, the ministers and their wives and high officials of state, all in brilliant uniform were gathered around the court, General Sir John French, with the headquarters staff in full dress uniform stood surrounded by a troop of horse guards in the red tunics and breast plates of polished steel. From the windows of Marlborough House immediately opposite the Duke of Cornwall, the young heir to the throne, and the younger princes and princesses witnessed the ceremony. The heralds having concluded their duties the officers of arms, chief of whom is the duke of Norfolk, the hereditary earl marshal and chief butler of England took their places on the balcony, forming the great heraldic company. None were in mourning, this having been removed for the occasion. Mr. Alfred Scott-Gatty, Garter Principal King at arms, with the Duke of Norfolk and two officers bearing the staffs of office, stepped to the front of the balcony and in a voice that could be heard across the court and in the streets adjoining, read the proclamation while great throngs stood uncovered in a drizzling rain. The Duke and Sir Alfred then called for three cheers for the King, and the people responded with deafening hurrahs, which were silenced only by the reappearance of the Heralds who sounded another fanfare. The last note hardly had died away when the band of Colstream Guards which had had taken up a position in the square struck up "God save the King." The young princes from their point of vantage at the windows of Marlborough House stood with them hands at salute and the officers and troops stood at attention. As the national anthem was concluded, the first gun of the battery in St. James Park belched forth a royal salute, and the people in the square and streets at the same moment took up the refrain "God save the King." This was probably the most impressive part of the ceremony, the fervent singing of the crowds, which first reached those on the balcony as a hum growing in volume as more and more singers joined in, while at minute intervals the gun half drowned the chorus. Meanwhile the royal standard had been hoisted over Marlborough House, indicating that the King was in the royal residence, and flags upon the public offices throughout the city were raised to the mast heads. The royal standard on Buckingham palace alone remained at half mast. The flags will remain at mast heads until sunset this evening and again will be lowered to half mast tomorrow. The Duke of Norfolk and Sir Alfred Scott-Gatty the officers of state and others of the distinguished company in Friars Court continued in their positions until the people having concluded the singing of the national anthem, turned towards Marlborough House and renewed their cheers for the king, a glimpse of whom was caught as he stood at the window with Queen Mary at his side. A moment later His Majesty lowered the blind.

Besides the Heraldic officers, the members of the cabinet who had hurriedly returned from their holidays abroad, diplomats and other notables watched the progress from the balcony.

The officers of the new King's household, Lords Rosebery, Crewe and Loreburns, and few others at the invitation of King George V., witnessed the ceremony from Marlborough House, a scaffolding having been erected behind the wall which shuts out a view of the grounds from the street that separates St. James Palace and the residence which the King occupied while he was the Prince of Wales. The popular demonstration at an end, the Earl Marshall and his attendants proceeded to the Ambassadors court, whence they drove to Charing Cross and thence to the city of London to read the proclamation to the people at the designated points. The route to the city proper was lined with seven thousand troops and horse guards were stationed. The Royal carriages of the Duke of Norfolk, Sir Alfred Scott-Gatty, and the officers of arms, followed by General French with headquarters staff and a troop of cavalry, drove briskly from St. James Palace to Charing Cross. Thousands upon thousands, who had waited since early morning, silently watched the stately progress of the heraldic procession. At Charing Cross, there was such a crush that police and troops had great difficulty in keeping a space cleared or the heralds. The Royal announcers again blew fanfare and Sir Alfred once more read the proclamation. Again the people sang the national anthem their voices being accompanied by the music of military bands.

Along the Strand the procession continued through lines of troops and crowds of people to Temple Bar at the boundary of the city, where the Lord Mayor, the sheriffs, aldermen and officers of the city of London in their robes of office, awaited the coming of the early marshal.

The ceremony here was of longer duration and elaborate the city of London to this day retaining its privilege of barring the entrance of the King's men. In place of the barred gates of olden times, a red silken rope placed across the street, halted the procession. Coming to a standstill the trumpets sounded three loud blasts, announcing the approach of the officers of arms.

The city marshal riding forward, challenged the approaching procession with the cry, "Halt, who goes there?" "We are the officers of arms, who want to enter the city to proclaim His Royal Majesty's accession," came the reply from the pursuivant. Rouge Dragon stepped across the boundary and handed the chief magistrate the Privy Councils order that the proclamation be made.

The Lord Mayor then alighted from his carriage and read the proclamation and declared that "Our High and Mighty Prince George has now become our only lawful and righteous liege Lord George V.," following these words with the cry "God Save the King."

The words were caught up by the crowd and swelled to a mighty chorus that filled the Strand and Fleet Street. The ceremony was repeated at Chancery Lane. Thence the Lord Mayor with His Majesty's heralds moved through the streets lined with doubles and files of troops. When the heralds had taken their station on the step of the Royal Exchange and silence had finally been secured, the proclamation was read to the multitude from whence rose thunderous cheers and cries of "God Save the King." The bands played the national anthem once more.

London, May 9.—The tomb of Edward VII. will be beneath the memorial chapel, Windsor, where the body of his eldest son, the Duke of Clarence, has a sepulchre. The obsequies probably will be held on May 20.

King Edward's casket will be fashioned out of oak grown in the royal forest at Windsor. It will first be lowered to the vault beneath the chapel floor of St. James' chapel, Windsor Castle. Afterward, when the permanent tomb has been prepared, it will be removed to Albert chapel.

## DISASTROUS EXPLOSION AND GREAT LOSS OF LIFE

GIRL SAID TO BE  
FROM FREDERICTON

Couple Get Married in Boston,  
Under Circumstances  
Which Suggest an Elope-  
ment.

Milford, Mass., May 9.—(Special)—Massachusetts newspapers declare, that Bobby Morris of Milford and Beatrice Rogers of Fredericton N.B. who came here incidentally to see the president, are now an eloping couple. Bobby got a marriage license under trying circumstances and made many peculiar remarks to the clerk.

His fiancée is only 18. He said they were to be married in Boston where her folks had recently moved from Canada.

## ROOSEVELT ALSO HAS TOUCH OF BRONCHITIS

Stockholm, May 9.—Theodore Roosevelt left for Berlin on a special train at 11 o'clock this morning. He was feeling well and considered himself altogether equal to the visit to Germany. During the night the former president had a little fever and today his voice was husky, giving evidence of a slight attack of bronchitis.

### FUNERAL LIKELY MAY 20

Queen Alexandra and King George conferred with various officers of the state and household concerning the funeral arrangements today, after holding service at Buckingham Palace which the late king always attended when in residence there. The date of the burial has been fixed for May 20.

### SALVATION ARMY SERVICES IN PALACE GROUNDS

An impressive incident yesterday afternoon illustrated Queen Alexandra's desire to show consideration to British subjects of every class. General Booth sent a message that the Salvation Army wished to show honor to Edward VII. by holding a service before the Palace, and Alexandra gave permission. At 4 o'clock a large band, wearing red jerseys and carrying silver instruments and banners with scarfs of crepe, pushed through the crowd to the palace. The big iron gates were opened and the band formed a circle under the windows.

First they knelt while the leader prayed and then they sang Nearer My God to Thee, Abide With Me, and Angels Ever Bright and Fair: Finally they marched out, singing Onward Christian Soldiers.

The blinds were closely drawn, but the attendants say that Queen Alexandra left her apartments with Princess Victoria and her ladies-in-waiting and listened to the singing from behind them. The crowds around the palace were undiminished today, as well as at Marlborough House. The streets tonight are filled with people, but there is little mourning decoration on the London buildings as yet. The draping of the houses will begin tomorrow.

### POLITICAL TRUCE LIMELY.

All political discussion foreshadows a truce and the shelving indefinitely of the struggle between the house of commons and the house of lords.

The house of commons will meet on Wednesday, when Speaker Lowther returns to receive the address from the throne. Premier Asquith and A. J. Balfour, leader of the opposition, will reply.

### ROYAL FAMILY AT MEMORIAL

The services in all the churches throughout the United Kingdom today had special reference to the death of the king. The sermons all dealt with the nation's grief and the music was such as is customary at funeral services. Immense crowds attempted to obtain entrance to St. Paul's and Westminster, but only a small fraction was admitted.

One of the most simple observances took place in the chapel in Buckingham Palace (Continued on page four)

Factory Where Ex-  
plosives are Made  
Blows Up, Killing  
Ten Men and Bad-  
ly Injuring Many  
Others.

Ottawa, May 8.—Boys playing in the fields started a brush fire which caused the explosion this afternoon of the magazine of the General Explosives Company in Hull, Que., Ten deaths and at least 20 cases of serious injury constitutes the tale of casualties while the damage to Hull and to the neighboring city of Ottawa is considerable. The death list may be added to. The factory comprised a number of small buildings on the outskirts of Hull. It was devoted to the manufacture of a specially powerful explosive used in railway construction and similar work, and under ordinary conditions of handling is extremely safe.

The fire started by the small boys extended about 5 p. m. to a building used as a workshop. This burned quietly for about three-quarters of an hour when the building in which the detonators were stored exploded with a sharp report which was heard all over the city of Ottawa. About two minutes afterwards the main magazine which contained about five tons of the explosive detonated with a tremendous shock, the noise was peculiarly sharp and enormous clouds of smoke rose to a great height in the air while stones, many of which were of great size, were showered upon the adjoining area, many of them wrecking buildings hundreds of yards away. Thousands of windows were shattered in both Hull and Ottawa.

## STOCKS MANIFEST UPWARD TENDENCY

New York, N. Y., May 9.—Wall st.—The stock market opened with a vigorous upward movement of prices and with running sales at a fractional variation of 5,500 to 7,000 shares in Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and United States Steel. The gains in these stocks and in the majority of active speculative issues reached from 1 to 1½. The first session of the London stock exchange today, since the death of King Edward, had demonstrated the confidence of speculative sentiment before the New York stock exchange opened. The advance was sympathetic.

Some quotations:  
Amalgamated ... 66½  
Pacific, ... 136½  
Erie, ... 28½  
Great Northern, Pfd., ... 134  
Northern Pacific, ... 129½  
Pennsylvania, ... 131½  
Rock Island, ... 43½  
Soo, ... 136½  
Southern Pacific ... 125½  
Union Pacific ... 130½  
United States Steel, ... 81½  
Montreal—Stock trading was quiet today and, prices showed but slight change from Friday's rally, market having been closed Saturday. Leading features were Northern Pacific 132½; Steel, 65½; Pfd., 183; Illinois, 90; Quebec, 45; Toronto, Ry., 120; Street Ry., 243; Detroit, 54½; Power, 131½.

### STRIKE CALLED OFF

It is understood that the members of the Boot and Shoe Makers Union at a recent meeting voted to call off the shoe factory strike which has been on since July last. This means that the strikers are free to return to work provided the company will take them back. The strike was a most ill-advised one and some of the young men concerned in it are quite willing to admit that it would not have occurred had they not permitted themselves to follow blind guides.

### AMONG ADVERTISERS.

Mr. A. B. Kitchen is making a big drive in harnesses at the present time. A single harness for only \$10 looks like a genuine bargain.  
Mr. W. B. Farrell's cheap sale of shirts on Saturday was a great success, he having disposed of no less than 250 during the day. Mr. Farrell is today showing a fine line of morning ties in black and royal purple.