

GRAPHIC STORY OF KINGSTON HORROR.

Halifax Woman in a Letter to a Friend Tells of the Destruction of the City.

Mr. C. F. Longley of Halifax, has received a letter from his sister, Mrs. M. A. Rippen, giving her experiences in the Kingston earthquake, some extracts of which are the following:

"We are having a living death. Description is impossible. Earthquake mutiny, homeless—oh, it is terrible, and the only redeeming feature is, we are not starving! Let me try and describe it. At 8.30 on the 14th our house took to shaking and the cook cried:

"Earthquake, missus, run!"

"It happened to be downstairs, today, accounts for my being alive today. I got out of doors, and, oh, how can I describe it, my house fell just behind me. Houses on each side of me, and houses in front of me, all falling down. Death and destruction everywhere. Yet our merciful God had spared us three. Eric was in the next yard, and I drew him over the brick wall and got out into the street with shrieks of the dying on all sides, dust and dirt blinding us, so that we knew not where to turn. The next I knew we were back near what was left of our home, and I saw Jack coming out of the ruins, almost distracted, for he thought we were buried under them. Can you imagine the meeting of us three?"

PRISONERS IN PANIC.

"We walked to the prison gates and oh, no, not his quarters, for none of us had any, and we got chairs and here we are yet living in the open. No rain yet, but repeated shocks of earthquake. Then the panic among the 800 prisoners, threatening to murder us all, when the Americans came to our rescue, with a crew of sailors and marines they charged with bayonets. Oh, the joy I felt when I saw the noble boys. They drove the prisoners into their cells where they still remain."

SHOCKS CONTINUE.

"I have sent a cable, but I don't know if it has left here yet, as I hear we are all cut off. Then the town was swept by fire and the bodies of persons who were buried alive were consumed. Have just got your cable from Mr. Clark. I can imagine your feelings, but can you imagine mine? We have just had another fearful shock. I am almost faint. I feel as if death were better than this. Until you hear from me again, good-bye. It may be never."

Another letter says:

"A few words more, now that I am able to write. God help you all, you must be mourning us as dead, and we may as well be. Oh, the shocks, will they never cease until we are in eternity. I can only say we are waiting, watching and hoping to see you all, only once again. I have nothing else to write about. I hear that Fird at Spanishtown are without shelter, but not as bad off as we are. Had another shock this morning. They are still burning the dead and digging them out of the ruins."

Mr. Rippen's writing says:

"Oh what a calamity has happened to this City of Kingston, at 8.34 on the 14th. I did not know if Alice and Eric were alive or not. What an anxious time for me! I felt as if I were in the store inside the prison, owing to the panic there. The blacks were more than crazy, and for a time, uncontrollable. However, I at last got out to see the whole of the dwellings along the street entirely demolished."

"Dangerous as the ruins were, I crawled through the debris of what was once our beautiful home, to look for Alice and Eric, but alas, no signs of them. The place was blocked by heavy beams and the roof caved in, and I felt sure that they were under it. I searched the servants' rooms, bath and outhouses that were still standing, but without avail. I felt almost distracted. I rushed to the street where I met an old woman and asked her if she had seen them, and she replied:

"No massa!"

Then I heard a voice hysterically call me, and going in that direction I found Alice and little Eric huddled in a corner of the Elletts road, (you know the spot), so you can imagine our meeting."

RESCUED SIX PEOPLE.

Harris Rafuse and Arthur Vaughan of Bridgeville, N. S., and Joseph Willis of Liverpool, N. S., were the others of the Arrow's crew. They found pickaxes, saws and other utensils from one of the sheds about the place and fought their way into the ruins in the face of the fire, which started almost immediately after the building tumbled down. Following the direction of cries which they heard the four succeeded in opening a passage to the superintendent, who with his wife and four children, and all taken refuge in a room on the first floor when the first shock was felt. They were all taken out. Four inmates of the home were killed. After having accomplished all they could, the schooner crew made their way into the back hills and remained there until the time for the steamer Admiral Dewey's coming, when they returned to Kingston and were brought to Boston."

THOUSANDS ARE CAMPING.

Thousands of the people of Kingston are still camping in the open space of the city that are safe from falling walls, and in the immediate suburbs, suffering much hardship, and with little shelter, reports the San Antonio, Jan., Daily News.

The hope of assistance in the shape

of money and perhaps an imperial grant to help rebuild the city sustains the people.

The Daily News says:

"Already in the atmosphere there is a feeling of great hope, and the losses sustained by the people have inspired an invincible spirit of determination to rise upon the same beautiful spot a new Kingston, more splendid and more substantial than the old. Within a year the city will be rebuilt and modern steel and frame will replace the old edifices of stone and brick, many of which dated back three centuries. Most of these were so poorly constructed that they seemed almost to invite destruction. Had not this great loss of life been the most sorrowful element of the calamity, the earthquake might be termed a transition to a brighter step in Kingston's progress."

MAIN STREETS PASSABLE.

As soon as the fire burned itself out, the work of clearing away the ruins began, and almost all of the main thoroughfares are passable and business men are showing remarkable enterprise by opening offices in tents and hastily constructed sheds. The Bank of Nova Scotia and the Colonial Bank are open, the government railway is running trains as usual and cable and telegraph communications are now open to all parts of the island and the world.

Help for the wounded is the most urgent need. The government relief committees and commissary department have accomplished much, but he task is beyond their means.

The city hospital is unsafe, the building having been badly shattered by the shock. The wounded are in the aid, a large area of over a city block. Here some lie on cots, others on any sort of pallets that will keep them from the ground. The soldiers went about unburied bodies, rates and shutters that could be found and with army blankets for covering, and these have been rigged into rough beds with no pillows other than folded up jackets or perhaps a bundle of underclothes.

The private dispensary of Dr. Ragg and Dr. Henderson has been turned into a hospital and here the two well known surgeons have been operating without rest since the day of the calamity. Dr. Neish of Spanish Town, one of the most rapid operators in the West Indies, is doing the amputating at City Hospital, where he is assisted by a corps of English and natives doctors. These surgeons are almost exhausted by the strain.

MEMBERS OF SOCIETY WORK.

Lady Swettenham heads the corps of volunteer nurses, and working with her are all the Kingston ladies who arrived the shock. Lady Dudley, who is here from England with the Earl of Dudley, is another ardent worker. Miss Douglas of Kingston, who was one of the bravest nurses in South Africa, is contributing her skill in the operating room, and Mrs. Lumb, wife of Judge Lumb, is another volunteer of experience.

Miss Florence Henderson, who was reported dead, was found by her brother taking care of the wounded on the Port Kingston, where she had gone during the fire. The work to be done gave little time for rejoicing when the two met, and Miss Henderson went at once to her brother's hospital to give her services there.

Sisters of Charity from the Kingston convents are making mattresses for the sick—making them by the dozen to put on the hastily improvised beds. These are done on machines out in the park. Others helpers are writing farewell messages dictated by the dying and Father Collins of the Catholic Church and all the clergymen of the Protestant churches are going about among the suffering praying with them and administering last rites. The ice plants in Kingston have been destroyed and all the reserve store in the city being held for the hospitals. This supply will last only a day longer and an appeal is made for this very necessary article. The Hotel Titchfield yesterday sent several hundred pounds from its ice plant and the United Fruit Company has contributed two tons daily.

At Spanish Town, where the wounded from the Port Kingston were taken on Wednesday, hospital conditions are more encouraging. All patients here are on beds, but supplies are seriously needed and there is no ice. Mrs. Neish, wife of the surgeon, and all of the white women in the parish form the volunteer nursing corps here.

Among the patients is Miss McDermott, one of Kingston's most popular ladies, a sister of Canon McDermott. She was badly crushed by a falling building.

PATIENCE OF INJURED.

The patience of the sufferers is marvellous and the gratitude of all beautiful. A little black boy in Spanish Town Hospital, yesterday afternoon, when asked how he felt, said:

"I'm all right, miss—my leg's broke—my arm doesn't feel anything any more, and this cut on my head—otherwise I'm quite comfortable, thank you so much."

A committee has been appointed in Kingston to find quarters in the country for homeless families, and all persons living in frame houses are asked to take in sufferers. Those who have lawns are there, far enough away from their houses to avoid falling walls. The college yard is filled with cots and chairs. The race course

is another much sought place and the parade gardens, and Winchester are havens of rest for thousands. The trolley cars, which stopped with the first shock, are sheltered sleeping places.

SHAVE AT PUBLIC FOUNTAIN.

One or two summer houses and the pavilion are fitted with beds, and all guests make their toilets, the gentlemen shave and ladies dress their hair at the gilded fountain under the bougainvillee arbor. Luckily heavy rain has fallen since these conditions have existed, and just as fast as possible tents and temporary shacks are being constructed.

American tourists all over the island are lending assistance to the unfortunate people. At Hotel Titchfield a relief committee has been organized and over \$2000 contributed. One thousand dollars was sent to the governor for immediate use, and the remainder of the sum is being expended for ice, bandages, bread, medicines and hospital clothing.

KINGSTON LEADERS DEAD.

The number of prominent men the earthquake took away is a loss Kingston can never replace. Many were heroically reported dead last Tuesday. Those who went to care for the wounded on the Port Kingston were missed by their families and supposed to have been lost. Dr. Brostoff, Dr. Lockett, Mr. C. Littlejohn and Mr. Wesley Burke, jr., were not killed as reported at first. Neither Dr. Saunders is dead. Capt. Constantine, who was one of the first dead recovered, was buried at sea Thursday afternoon.

Mr. J. W. Middleton is among the dead, and Mr. Gordon Duff of the Colonial Bank, and many others.

FISSURE HALF MILE LONG.

A singular feature of the result of the earthquake is the absence of any cracks in the earth within the city limits. There is a slight opening near the Hamburg-American wharf, but this is filled land and can hardly be considered a fissure. In the mountains back of the city there is a crack about one half mile long, which could not possibly have caused much damage had buildings been securely put up.

It has been estimated by a prominent American builder now in Port Antonio that the mortality of the calamity would have been less than one-twentieth of what it is if the buildings had been of wood. Almost all the deaths were from falling stone, and those not so killed were lost in the fire caused by collapsing walls.

ESCAPE OF 300 STUDENTS.

Monday was the closing day of a series of mission meetings in the Catholic Church, where priests from America have been conducting services. The afternoon was given to the church schools and Father Collins, the local priest, had taken the visiting priests to inspect Alpha College. Some exercises were on in the College hall when Father Collins suggested that the remainder of the performance take place in the open air. The 300 students, obeying his wish, had only just reached the campus when the shock came and the college hall fell.

The death list is about 1,360 and the injured number 4,500.

RHEUMATIC AGONY.

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"I suffered for over two years and rheumatism seemed to be firmly implanted in my system. At the outset, I was able to attend my household duties, but at night I suffered the greatest pain. I at once began to take medicine but my condition actually grew worse. I was ultimately forced to remain in bed, attended by a faithful doctor, but suffering untold agony with every movement. Finally the doctors told me the trouble was incurable. One day I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I decided to do so. Presently the pains were not so severe, and I began to feel myself gaining. Shortly after I was able to go about, and in less than three months I was perfectly well. For this condition my thanks are gratefully due to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed Tenders addressed to the undersigned, marked on the envelope "Tender for Construction," will be received at the office of the Commissioners of the Transcontinental Railway, at Ottawa, until twelve o'clock noon of the 14th day of February, 1907, for the work required for the construction, in accordance with the plans, profiles and specifications of the Commissioners, for the following sections of the Transcontinental Railway:

(1) District "A."—From a point designated on the plans of the Commissioners at or near the City of Moncton, in the Province of New Brunswick, westerly for a distance of about 50 miles.

(2) District "B."—From a point designated on the plans of the Commissioners at or near the town of Grand Falls, in the Province of New Brunswick, westerly to the boundary between the Provinces of New Brunswick and Quebec, a distance of about 150 miles.

(3) District "C."—From a point designated on the plans of the Commissioners at or near the Quebec Bridge, easterly for a distance of about 150 miles.

(4) District "D."—From a point designated on the plans of the Commissioners at or near the point known as Weymontachene, a distance of about 45 miles.

(5) Districts "E" and "F."—From a point designated on the plans of the Commissioners about eight miles west of the Abitibi River crossing easterly for a distance of about 150 miles.

Plans, profiles and specifications may be seen in the office of the Chief Engineer of the Commissioners at Ottawa, also in the offices of the District Engineers concerned, viz.:—Guy C. Dunn, St. John, N. B.; A. E. Doucet, Quebec, P. Q.; and S. R. Poulin, North Bay, Ont.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made in duplicate, and on the printed forms supplied by the Commissioners.

A separate tender must be submitted for each section.

Tenders shall not be in any way entitled to rely upon the classification or any other information given by any person on behalf of the Commissioners, and before submitting any tender, bidders should make a careful examination of the plans, profiles, drawings and specifications, and read the forms to be executed, and fully inform themselves as to the quantity and quality of materials, and character of workmanship required; and are understood to accept and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions contained in the form of contract, specifications &c., annexed to the form of tender.

Each tender must be signed and sealed by all the parties to the tender, and witnessed, and be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank in the Dominion of Canada payable to the order of the Commissioners of the Transcontinental Railway, as follows:—

For Section No. 1, District "A," \$75,000.

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For Section No. 3, District "B," \$225,000.

For Section No. 4, District "B," \$75,000.

For Section No. 5, Districts "C" and "D," \$225,000.

Any person whose tender is accepted shall, within ten days after the acceptance thereof, furnish such additional security as may be required by the Commissioners; sign the contract, specifications and other documents required to be signed by the said Commissioners; and, in any case of refusal or failure on the part of the party whose tender is accepted to complete and execute a contract with the said Commissioners, and to furnish the additional approved security within ten days after the acceptance of the tender the said cheque shall be forfeited to the Commissioners as liquidated damages for such refusal or failure, and all contract rights acquired by the acceptance of the tender shall be forfeited. The cheques deposited by parties whose tenders are accepted will be deposited to the credit of the Receiver General of Canada as part of the security for the due and faithful performance of the contract according to its terms. Cheques deposited by parties whose tenders are rejected will be returned within ten days after the signing of the contract.

Attention is called to the following clauses in the form of contract to be signed by the contractor:—

"All mechanics, labourers or other persons who perform labour for the purposes of the construction of the works hereby contracted for shall be paid such wages as are generally accepted as current for competent workmen in the district in which the work is being performed, and if there is no current rate in such district, then a fair and reasonable rate; and, in event of a dispute arising as to what is the current or a fair and reasonable rate, it shall be determined by the Commissioners, whose decision shall be final."

"This agreement is subject to the regulations now in force, or which may at any time hereafter be in force during the construction of the works hereby contracted for, made under the authority of the Department of Labour, and which are or shall be applicable to such works."

The schedule of Minimum wages determined upon by said department will form part of the contract.

"The contractor shall, in connection with the whole of the said work, as far as practicable, use only material, machinery, plant, supplies and rolling stock manufactured or produced in Canada, provided the same can be obtained as cheaply and upon as good terms in Canada as elsewhere, having regard to quality and price."

The contractor shall conform to the

fire regulations adopted by the Commissioners; and also to the laws and regulations respecting fires in the different Provinces wherein the work is being performed.

The right is reserved to reject any or all tenders.

By order,
P. E. RYAN,
Secretary.

The Commissioners of the Transcontinental Railway,
Ottawa, Jan. 5th, 1907.

Newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority from the King's Printer will not be paid for it. Jan. 11,—d61.

MAILS CLOSING.

In effect, October 1, 1906.

6 a.m.—For St. John, etc., St. Stephen and Charlotte Co., Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska Counties, and United States.

7.00 a.m.—Woodstock and Gibson Branch Stations, daily.

WAY MAILS—East Side St. John River.

7.00 a.m.—For Keswick, Ridge, Southampton, etc., Mondays and Thursdays.

West Side St. John River.

7.00 a.m.—For Springhill, Kingsclear, Prince William, etc., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

6.30 a.m.—St. John River via Steamer—For Oromocto, Shedfield, Gagetown, etc.

9.15 a.m.—St. John, etc., C. P. Railway stations, East and Nova Scotia and P. E. Island.

10 a.m.—For St. Mary's Ferry, Gibson and Marysville.

WAY MAILS.

2 p.m.—For Nashwaakias and St. Mary's Ferry, daily, Nasomworth, New Maryland, Hanwell, Lower St. Marys and Royal Road. Wednesdays and Saturdays.

4.15 p.m.—For Gibson, Marysville, Boileston, Donkton, Blackville, etc., Chatham, and L. C. Railway Stations, north and south.

4.45 p.m.—For St. Stephen, W. J. Stock, United States, Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa and North West Provinces.

8.15 p.m.—For St. John, etc., Nova Scotia and P. E. Island.

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9.30 a.m.—From St. John, etc., and Nova Scotia.

From Hamtown, Royal Road, etc.

11.00 a.m.—From Nasomworth and New Maryland, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

12.00 noon—From Montreal, Ottawa, Northwest Provinces, etc., and United States.

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St. John River via Steamer.

5 p.m.—From Oromocto, Shedfield, Gagetown, etc.

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Drawings will be received not later than April 15th, 1907, and are to be addressed to the Secretary of the Department of Public Works, Ottawa.

This competition is open to Canadian architects who have been resident in Canada for one year or more.

Conditions of competition stating requirements of buildings and maps showing site, etc., may be had on application to the undersigned.

By order,
FRED GELINAS, Secretary.

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