

REPORTS ARE NOW FULLY CONFIRMED Later Advances from Valparaiso Say Earthquake was Most Disasterous One --- Shocks Continued All Day Friday---Property Damage Enormous and Many Lives Were Lost.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—What appears to be positive confirmation of the many rumors of destruction of property and loss of life caused by the earthquake shock in the vicinity of Valparaiso is contained in an Associated Press despatch received today (Saturday) from Galveston, Tex. The cable office in that city, communicating direct with the cable operator at Valparaiso, learned that Valparaiso was in turmoil and buildings were wrecked, with the belief that a great loss of life had occurred.

The importance of this despatch is that it gives the first news that shocks continued on Friday. This information is confirmed by a report from Valparaiso that the seismograph recorded a shock at 7:07 o'clock Friday morning. Early advices record shocks not later than midnight Thursday.

GALVESTON, Tex., Aug. 18.—According to statements made by the cable operator at Valparaiso, who was working in direct communication with the office in this city, yesterday's earthquake shocks continued at intervals all through the day and many times the operators had to flee from their office.

The operator at Valparaiso stated that everything is in confusion at that place, that many houses have been razed and the loss of life believed to be great, although no attempt has yet been made to ascertain the number. Overland lines over the Andes mountains are all down and communication south of Valparaiso is completely shut off.

HAMBURG, Aug. 18.—The North German bank today received from its correspondent at the Banco de Chile Alemania at Valparaiso the following despatch: "All well. Bank building only slightly damaged. Many houses destroyed by fire, we are unable to state extent of damage; banks closed."

BRIDMEN, Aug. 18.—A private despatch received here from Iquique, Chile, states that the city was unharmed by the received from Iquique since the earthquake.

HONOLULU, Aug. 18.—Wireless reports from the islands of Hawaii and Hilo report a tidal wave, the general height of which was five feet. In the enclosed bay of Maialoa, on the island of Maui, the height was estimated to be 12 feet, where it carried away a wharf and its superstructure. The phenomenon was manifested by an unprecedentedly heavy surf. The tidal wave is attributed to the earthquake at Valparaiso. Thirty years ago an earthquake in South America produced similar effects here.

BUENOS AYRES, Aug. 18.—The newspapers last evening publish telegrams from Mendoza to the effect that many houses in the Los Andes district were destroyed by the earthquake and that there have been a large number of casualties. The interruption of all means of communication with Chile causes much anxiety. Many rumors of disaster are afloat.

BUENOS AYRES, Aug. 17—6 p. m.—In the absence of telegraphic communication beyond Puerto Del Inca, it has been impossible up to this hour to obtain accurate details of the destruction by the earthquake in Chile. The rumors which are coming through here are purely imaginary. London and New York are eagerly seeking for news from the affected district. Officials of the Pacific rail-

he does not believe that she was the derelict with the charred stern, reported by the captain of the schooner, Elva B., Aug. 14. He expects to hear later that his vessel has been picked up and towed into port for salvage, as she was heavily laden with a cargo of lumber bound from Machias to Providence. The schooner Harvest Home hailed from Ellsworth, and was built in Lamorne in 1870. She registered 78 tons. The brigantine Ventura arrived in port last Thursday from Elizabethport, N. J. with her jibboom broken and her head gear carried away. Those on board state that it was the schooner's fault that a collision occurred, as had that vessel kept on her course nothing would have happened, but she pulled up in the wind to run across the brig's bows. The Ventura is owned at this port. Her managing owner is J. W. McAlary. She registers 218 tons and is now lying at the McAlary wharf where her rig will be changed to that of a schooner.

"REID'S FOLLY" TO BE RAZED; PASSING OF A LANDMARK

With the removal of Reid's observatory, a familiar structure passes from Mount Pleasant. The lofty octagon tower has been the subject of much comment, not only among St. John people, but with tourists from across the border and elsewhere. Only comparatively few, however, were privileged to mount the long passageway to the top of the structure which afforded probably the finest view of the city and surrounding country, that could be had in St. John.

The present observatory, which is being torn down, by contractor Herbert Brown, is the second of its kind to have been erected. By Mr. Reid, the first, which was built over twelve years ago, or shortly after the famous "Reid's Cas-

INTERESTING VISIT TO SOME BUSY FACTORIES SITUATED IN AMHERST

It was characteristic of Amherst that over the doors of a number of its factories this week was the sign in large letters:—"M. B. T. Welcome."

It was also characteristic, when it was suggested that checks should be written with a liberality which made a really splendid entertainment possible.

The Hewson Wooden Mills Ltd. employ 125 hands. They started three years ago and have three times enlarged their premises. They are now adding space for making knitted goods, and when this structure is completed they will have 450 feet of brick front, four stories high, in addition to a dye-house 30 x 100 feet, while another part will be raised from one to three stories. The capital is to be increased to \$1,000,000.

The Victor Wood Works Ltd. will be in operation within two months. They are putting up a first-class brick building 75 x 150 feet, with boiler house, drying kilns and sheds. It will be fitted with the best machinery money can buy, and the company declare they will make the factory the best of its kind in Canada.

The Amherst Foundry Co. Ltd. employ 100 hands. They make stoves, ranges, hot air furnaces, and cast iron enamel goods in lavatories, sinks, etc. The last named was only added a couple of years ago, and the first large output was last year.

FIFTY MEN BURIED ALIVE IN TUNNEL

BRISTOL, Va., Aug. 17.—Fifty men are entombed alive in the Clinch Mountain tunnel at Clinchport (Va.) as a result of a cave-in which occurred today. It is not known whether the men are dead or alive, but the work of rescue is being rushed as fast as possible.

PLAGUE OF LOCUSTS COULD TELL IT OVER OTHERS

MONTREAL, Aug. 18 (Special).—A special London cable says:—A witness in the Guildhall police court, giving evidence against a prisoner charged with stealing 500 Canadian cheese, asserted that when Canadian cheese is detected in quality it would be impossible to identify them, but when they left docks in perfect condition the witness would have been able to identify them apart from the marks on the cheese.

ANALYSING OUR MONEY

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 18 (Special).—The inland revenue department caused 54 samples of money to be analyzed, 44 of which were found to be genuine, the proportion being the same as when an analysis was made in 1903.

MADE A NEW RECORD

QUEBEC, Aug. 18 (Special).—The steamship Empire of Britain, which arrived yesterday in charge of Captain Murray, made a new record from Monville to Rimouski, coming via the southern route in 5 days 18 hours and 40 minutes.

SUGGESTS CHANGES IN BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. Daniel Would Arrive Act to Make Provincial and Local Boards of Health More Efficient --- What He Proposes as His Remedy --- Board Should Appoint Own Chief.

Dr. J. W. Daniel, M. P., who is a member of the local board of health, has always taken a deep interest in its affairs, and in talking with a Times man yesterday suggested a number of changes which might be made in the act to make the provincial and local boards more efficient for doing effective work.

For instance, he thinks the appointment of the chief health officer should be vested in the board, instead of being made by the government. He should be given a salary sufficient to permit of his giving the whole or at least the most of his time to the duties of his office.

The provincial board should be composed of a member from each of the local boards, or, if that might be thought to make the board too unwieldy, giving the right to these members of local boards to be present at provincial board meetings and of voting either as a separate body or in conjunction with the provincial board.

Dr. Daniel also thinks that every practicing physician should be paid a suitable fee for notifying the board of cases of infectious disease. This would result in more cases being reported and the board would be in possession of information which they should have.

I. C. R. PASS QUESTION

MONTREAL, Aug. 18.—Notwithstanding the statements published in some quarters to the effect that the I. C. R. employees are satisfied with the reply made by Mr. Emerson on the pass question, the agitation for further concessions is being continued.

On account of the decision of the I. C. R. authorities to charge employees 25c each and members of their family 10c each, taking the control of the annual picnic out of the hands of the employees' committee, it is said the railway outing will not be held this year.

Miss Mary Cooke, of Toronto, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. E. Wilkinson. W. G. Bell has sold out his grocery business on Main street, to Chris. Berry, of Berry's Mills.

FIRE APPARATUS FOR FREDERICTON

FREDERICTON, Aug. 18.—(Special).—The ratepayers of St. Marys held a meeting last evening, and after a spirited discussion authorized the commissioners to ascertain the cost of a steam fire engine, water tank, and line of hose for fire protection purposes.

The board of health records show 13 deaths during the past week from the following causes: Consumption, 3; meningitis, 2; infantile, typhoid, enteric, cholera, infantum, tuberculosis meningitis, softening of the brain, debility and disease of liver, and acute alcoholic meningitis one each.

FOREST FIRES RAGING IN WESTMORLAND COUNTY

MELROSE, N. B., Aug. 17.—Tremendous forest fires are now raging near Middle Westmorland county, and unless rain comes in the very near future or some strong wind to turn the fires in their course, they will burn thousands of acres of valuable land.

Mr. Mahoney logged carefully last year on the land that now is in danger and, if burned, lumbering on that property will not be in evidence for many years to come.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

This comes of visiting a place where every man talks about a new town and works for it, and where the industrial and commercial spirit is strongly developed. A delegation of pessimists will be invited to fall foul of the new reporter, and talk him back again into a frame of mind more befitting this dignified and respectful city.

The fire department was called out this morning to extricate a man from the new sidewalk on Germain street. He had got stuck fast, and it took a derrier to hoist him. The city should put up danger signs wherever this new sidewalk is being laid.