

PACIFIC SLOPE.

SHIP QUIVERS UNDER QUAKE.

Lumber Vessel Feels Queer Sensation at Sea.

Cargo of the Robert Searles Is Shaken on Deck.

Occurred on Morning of September Fourteenth.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—The lumber laden ship Robert Searles has arrived from Tacoma and northern ports. Capt. Piltz, in command, states that among other incidents during the trip, the officers of the vessel recorded a severe earthquake shock which caused a panic among the crew and threatened serious harm to the vessel.

Capt. Piltz says that on the morning of September 14, when his ship was within 250 miles of her destination, a severe disturbance of the water was felt. As near as could be determined, the earthquake shock was experienced in Lat. 41 deg. 18 min. north, Long. 157 deg. 52 min. west.

So severe was the disturbance that the cargo and upper works of the vessel were shaken. The captain and second officer recorded the length of the shock as 23 minutes.

WHEELER EXPLAINS VIEWS.

WANTS EXPERTS TO BE JUDGES

(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS—P.M.)

BERKELEY, Sept. 17.—President Benjamin Ide Wheeler of the University of California suggested in response to inquiries regarding the significance of his address on language reform at Stanford last Saturday that an international academy might be founded to have authority in matters of language changes. While discussing his Stanford address, he said:

"My position is determined from the point of view of the science of language in its relations to human civilization. It certainly is of the highest importance to most sacred civilized interests that no changes be made such as have been proposed without most careful consideration, and cooperation of all branches of the English-speaking world.

"My idea is that there should be created an international academy of representatives of England, America, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and even India and South Africa; a parliament of the English-speaking world which should have oversight of reforms in the language, just as the French Academy and Spanish Academy have done in their languages.

SHAKE-UP IN PHONE COMPANY.

NEW OFFICIAL FOR PACIFIC.

(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS—A.M.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—F. A. Pickernall, assistant to President Fish of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Boston, before leaving for the East last night, confirmed the statement made previously that a complete reorganization of the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Company would take place in the near future.

According to Pickernall, Henry T. Scott will be retained as president. He admitted that a new man would fill the position of vice-president and General Manager Louis Glass's successor is to be an easterner of experience who is to come to San Francisco and give his entire attention to the service on the Pacific Coast.

The new manager will be appointed immediately after the return of President Fish, who is in Europe. Fish will direct the affairs of the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Company from Boston.

WATER BOARD RESIGNS.

TIME LIMIT IS TOO NEAR.

(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS—A.M.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—The members of the board of engineers appointed by Mayor Ahmritz to report on the merits of the various water supplies offered to San Francisco for a municipal water system have handed in their resignations. The board consisted of A. B. Marks of Stanford, Maj. C. H. McKinley, U.S.A., retired, and F. Hunt, who built the Spreckles system.

The ostensible reason for their resignations made public by Mayor Schmitz is that they find themselves unable to make their report within the time allowed by the Board of Supervisors.

THREATS CAUSE HIS DEATH.

BOY SHOTS DRUNKEN FATHER.

(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS—A.M.)

REDDING, Sept. 17.—David Williams was shot and killed yesterday near Lowry, by his son, Tracey Williams, aged 15. The father, who had been drinking heavily, left home in the morning, threatening to return later and kill the family.

John Osborne, his son-in-law, sent for the Sheriff at Red Bluff, twenty-five miles away, to come and arrest the man. Before the Sheriff arrived David Williams returned and was seen coming up to the house.

The son told him not to come any nearer. His father kept coming. Then the boy shot twice, both bullets passing through his chest, and the old man fell dead. A coroner's jury exonerated the boy.

MEXICANS COME TO BLOWS.

ARGUE OVER CEMETERY PLANS.

(BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.)

FORT WORTH (Tex.) Sept. 17.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] Early this morning a collision occurred between the two factions of Mexicans celebrating Mexico's Independence Day at Seguin, Tex., and as a result, twenty-six sons of Montezuma are confined in the County Jail.

Part of the Mexican population of that section are pro-Diaz and strict Catholics. The others are non-sectarian and anti-Diaz, and the trouble came up over the dedication of a cemetery.

Arguments finally led to blows, and officers were compelled to arrest the ringleaders on both sides in order to prevent serious trouble.

METHODISTS IN SESSION.

EVANGELISM SHOWS GAIN.

(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS—P.M.)

PACIFIC GROVE, Sept. 17.—At this morning's session of the California conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Dr. Carl Werner reported \$13,124 in benefactions for the superannuated and indorsement funds.

Rev. Jesse Smith of the Seaman's Rest at Oakland, spoke of his work among the sailors, including 200 converts. Rev. W. W. Case outlined the wishes of the committee on aggressive evangelism, recommending that the second of November be designated as pentecostal Sunday, and that it be devoted to the work of aggressive evangelism. Dr. Hutsinpillar spoke on the needs of the nation, recommending arbitration in all cases.

Statistical Secretary Winsor reported

expenditure for salaries \$176,820, receipts for all purposes footing up to \$340,000. Among the reports with plans for the future was that of Rev. W. W. Case on aggressive evangelism, who presented many methods of forwarding the work. Dr. Richardson for church extension reported \$5000 already expended in repairing damaged churches.

A resolution was introduced by Milnes and passed, recommending to the board of stewards not to fix salary of any married pastor at less than \$600 per annum. With a multitude of minor reports and complimentary resolutions the conference closed with the reading of the appointments.

Following appointments were made: Sacramento District—E. D. McCreary, presiding elder; Amarod, J. E. Badger; Auburn, F. R. Winsor; Biggs, supplied by G. T. Weaver; Chico, L. R. Fulmer; Colfax and Dutch Flat, E. H. Smith; Courtland, J. C. Smith; Downsville, L. P. Walker; Elk Grove, E. J. Bristow; El Dorado, H. L. Gregory; Fair Oaks, J. W. McAllister; Fernley, R. Hocking; Florin, G. H. Van Vleet; Folsom, W. H. Lloyd; Forest Hill, E. H. Adlx; Georgetown, H. C. Richardson; Grass Valley, G. W. Beatty; New Castle, Hugh Copeland; Oak Park, W. C. Robbins; Placerville, C. H. Webb; Sacramento, Central, G. M. Richmond; Sacramento, Smith street, J. N. H. Williams.

San José District—H. E. Beeks, presiding elder; Acampo, J. H. Rogers; Antioch and Black Diamond, K. M. Barnhart; Byron, H. C. Langley; Ceres Circuit, J. M. Laird; College Park, T. A. Towner; Gilroy, E. Ulrich; East Hollister, W. C. Howard; Livermore and Pleasanton, M. O. Brink; Morgan Hill, Ernest Cragg; Oakdale, J. U. Simmons; Pacific Grove, P. E. Dennett; Salsinas, J. F. Kellogg; San José, Central, J. B. Chynoweth; San José, First Church, W. W. Case; San José, Webster street, R. J. Coyne; Stockton, Central, John Stephens; Stockton, Clay street, Charles Swithenback; Tracy, P. T. Lynn; Walnut Creek circuit, J. W. Pendleton; H. B. Heacock, superintendent of moral and prudential management of Pacific Grove, member of Pacific Grove quarterly conference; J. H. Macomber, chaplain, United States army, of First Church, San José quarterly conference; J. H. Wythe, agent conference claimants endowment fund, member of First Church, San José quarterly conference; M. S. Cross, acting president, and W. C. Sawyer, professor University of the Pacific, members of College Park quarterly conference; Boulder Creek, Thomas Murrish; Los Gatos, C. E. Irons; Palo Alto, C. A. Richardson; Santa Cruz, F. K. Baker; Santa Clara, F. A. Keast; Watsonville, E. B. Winning.

WRECK IS ISOLATED.

MONGOLIA IN BAD POSITION.

(BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.)

SEATTLE, Sept. 17.—[Exclusive Dispatch] "The Mongolia, which struck at full speed upon Midway Island yesterday, lies in a very dangerous position and is at a point 1200 miles from any wrecking apparatus or very substantial aid."

The statement was made by Lieut.-Commander Robert E. Coontz, who visited Midway Island two years ago as navigating officer of the Buffalo. He made a careful survey of the islands at that time, and states that conditions do not favor the saving of the Mongolia.

"The Mongolia was at least twenty miles off her course where she struck. It is one of the most fortunate factors in connection with the wreck that the United States had established a small cable station on the islands, and that a small corps of marines and one surgeon are located there. Ample provisions are upon the island, and I have little doubt that all the passengers will be rescued.

"Second Lieut. Maurice Sherer has command of the naval station and cable office, and Acting Assistant Surgeon Reuben A. Campbell is physician.

"It is possible that the United States light-house tender Iroquois may be in Wells Harbor, a small bay in the larger island, at work on the survey of the harbor. If so, she will be able to render substantial aid to the Mongolia in her dangerous position."

BUFORD TO THE RESCUE.

(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS—P.M.)

HONOLULU, Sept. 17.—The transport Buford is preparing to leave here for Midway at midnight to get the Mongolia's passengers. There is considerable anxiety felt in Honolulu regarding the passengers on the Mongolia. It is expected that an attempt to float the Sheridan will be made Sunday. The Sheridan's passengers are still stranded here.

Information was received here today from Midway Island that compartment No. 3 of the stranded steamer Mongolia is full of water. Capt. Metcalf, who has just succeeded in floating the Manchuria, will leave here on Wednesday on the cable steamer Restorer with tackle to be used in attempting to save the Mongolia. The steamer Iroquois also will go to Midway Island.

SWINBOURNE TO CHANGE.

CHARLESTON FOR FLAGSHIP.

(BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.)

SEATTLE, Sept. 17.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] The cruiser Charleston, one of the latest additions to the United States navy, is to be the flagship of the Pacific squadron and is now en route to Puget Sound navy yard to supersede the cruiser Boston. A few minor changes to provide quarters suitable for the rear-admiral will be made.

This is one of the first moves of the Navy Department in the enlargement and better equipment of the Pacific fleet, and means that the standard of efficiency will be materially raised. The Charleston will come to Seattle and from here will go to Bremerton.

Admiral Swinbourne will then change from the Boston, and the Charleston will be made the ranking ship of the Pacific squadron.