

EARTHQUAKE AT SEAS IN CLASS BY ITSELF --- So Japanese Sea Captain Found Out When He Encountered One --- Houston, Tex., Aug. 2.—(LP>—Hurricanes and typhoons are no fun, but an earthquake at sea is in a class by itself, according to Capt. M. Yamiguchi of the Japanese steamer Montevideo Maru. Last March while 600 miles off the coast of Japan, en route from Houston to Kobe, Capt. Yamiguchi had the terrifying experience of feeling his ship shaken by an unseen hand and flung on its beam-ends. The crew and passengers quickly ran for cover, he related, and braced themselves against the ship's rolling and pitching. "I ran to the bridge," said the skipper. "My first thought was that the after part of the vessel had been carried away. Then the propellers started racing like maybe they were tossed out of the water, and next they would be doubly submerged as the bow left the water and a terrific vibration set in. It lasted three minutes." Puzzled as to what was causing the disturbance, Capt. Yamiguchi wirelessly contacted his owners, asking if there was an earthquake ashore. The owners answered in the affirmative. When the Montevideo Maru reached Kobe two days later, Capt. Yamiguchi picked up a copy of Nitchi-Nichi and read that the center of the quake, which had taken many lives, had been centered about 600 miles due east of the Japanese coast, the vessel's approximate position. (THE FREEPORT JOURNAL-STANDARD, Freeport, Illinois, Wednesday, August 2 1933, Page #4) 1933_Mar_?? .pdf