

TWO THOUSAND LIVES LOST IN CENTRAL JAPAN EARTHQUAKE

Scenes of Suffering Enacted Among Victims Exposed to Snow and Rain, Without Medical Aid.

MATERIAL DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT \$75,000,000.

Tokio.—Thousands of refugees in Central Japan, shivering, hungry, and in need of medical aid, are struggling to bring order out of the chaos created Monday night by the earthquake which already is known to have taken a toll of more than 2,000 lives.

The Home Office stated that its latest advices showed that 2,275 persons were killed and 3,441 injured. Information received by Tokio newspapers, however, indicated that the dead in the entire earthquake region would number more than 3,000, while one newspaper estimated that the toll would mount to 5,000, with from 50,000 to 75,000 homeless.

The correspondent for the Tokio Asahi Shimbun, who traveled through the stricken area, reported from Miyazu that the scenes in Minemaya, where more than 1,000 persons were killed, and Amino, were heartrending. Refugees, he said, were exposed to snow and rain, while only a small amount of relief was available.

The newspaper correspondents generally reported that the lack of medical supplies and food was the greatest hardship for the refugees. Injured men and women along the broken roads asked every passerby if he were a doctor, so great was their need for medical attention.

The roads throughout the region were reported literally lined with the bodies of victims unclaimed by relatives or friends.

The Tango region, which suffered most severely, was described by one correspondent as the seat of misery of Central Japan. To add to the misery of inhabitants along the banks of the Tatsu and Maruyama Rivers, the streams rose over their banks, washing away houses and rendering relief work almost impossible.

Numerous young factory girls were reported to have been crushed or burned to death in buildings in the town of Amino, and surviving members of their families dug in the ruins in the hope of recovering the bodies.

A second shock was felt in the district late Tuesday night, but did comparatively little damage. It added to the general misery, however, by heightening the terror of the inhabitants and razing the few houses which had survived Monday's big quake.

The Kyoto prefectural police and medical associations worked steadily at bringing relief to the stricken district. The Emperor has donated 50,000 yen to relieve the region, while the school children of Tokio are planning to contribute one sen each toward a fund being raised for the sufferers.

Although no estimate of the material damage caused by the quake has been made public thus far, some observers believe that the loss will be at least \$50,000,000, and perhaps \$75,000,000.

The tragedy came home on Wednesday to a young Japanese reporter, acting in the line of duty.

Genji Tanaka was sent by the Tokio Asahi Shimbun to Minemaya, his home town, to gather the details of the disaster there. He telegraphed a lengthy account and concluded his despatch with the brief statement that he had found his own home in ashes and his wife and aged father and mother burned to death.

He is still on the job, getting the news for his paper.

Osaka.—A terrific gale which started Thursday night, early on Friday was sweeping Central Japan, demolishing many refugee shelters in the Tango earthquake district and adding to the misery of the thousands of homeless in the devastated region.

Health officials worked steadily in the devastated area to prevent an epidemic, while thousands of coolies labored on the broken roads, collecting bodies and building crude barracks to shelter the living.

Tokio official reports stated that 2,248 persons had been killed, 4,107 injured and 88 missing. Nearly 6,000 houses were destroyed, either by collapsing or by fire which broke out immediately after the quake, and more than 2,000 were badly damaged.

Heroic Action of 77-Year-Old Woman Saves Boy

Brockville, Ont.—Mrs. Mary Companion, 77 years old, jumped into the swollen waters of the west-end creek and brought to safety Harry Billings, a boy of six years. The prompt and heroic action of the aged woman saved the child from drowning.



Many Happy Returns.
Hon. William Hart, of Kingston, ex-M.P., ex-minister of public works, Toronto, and former owner and president of The Canadian Locomotive Company, Limited, who celebrated his 80th birthday on March 8. Although in poor health for the past two years, Mr. Hart is able to go for a drive every day and enjoys an occasional visit to his office.

FAMOUS TRAPPER TO ROAM NO MORE

Government Rules That Noted Character Must Spend Old Age on a Reserve.

Ottawa.—Old Benny, who has roamed the Northern marches of British Columbia for 50 years, setting his traps and tending his nets, will trap no more.

The remote and inaccessible defiles of the Northern Rockies will never again echo and re-echo with the crack of his rifle.

Old Benny will not hunt or trap again because the Indian Department will not permit him to roam the forests alone. Last Christmas Eve, when the piercing north wind drove even the wild animals to shelter, Old Benny, stricken with a sudden illness, came face to face with death. Without strength to reach his log cabin, and with no human being within 100 miles, he struggled on until he came to a narrow ravine—Telegraph Creek—and there he collapsed.

However, Old Benny was not yet through. Lying in the snow, he saw a thin strand of copper wire—the telegraph line maintained by the Dominion Government between British Columbia and the Yukon.

Summoning his remaining strength Old Benny cut the wire in the hope that the Federal Government "trouble shooters" would find the break—and him—before he perished.

Late Christmas Eve the trouble party set out with a dog team. On Christmas Day they found the break and Old Benny. He was badly frozen and semi-conscious, but was carried back to civilization, and now has fully recovered.

The Indian Department has ruled that Old Benny's trapping days are over. He must live on a reserve within reach of medical attention, and will be provided for out of Government funds.

Women's Suffrage Bill Defeated in Quebec

Quebec.—Women's suffrage fared badly in the Quebec Legislative Assembly, a bill to give women the vote in Provincial elections being defeated on second reading 51 to 13. Victor Marchand, Liberal, of Jacques Cartier, sponsored the bill. Both Premier Taschereau and Mr. Suave voted against. Hon. Honors Mercier, Hon. Athanase David, Hon. L. Lapierre and Hon. J. N. Dillon voted for the bill.

Reports of great loss of life and vast destruction are being received following the serious earth tremors in the central island of Honshu, Japan. The shaded portion of the above map indicates the devastated area in the great disaster of 1923 when 92,000 lives were lost. Directly north is the area affected by the present eruption. The island is about 75 miles wider than from

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ONTARIO OBJECTS TO FEDERAL ACTION

Premier Ferguson and Hon. W. E. Roney Join Forces for Ontario's Welfare.

The full text of the resolution of protest against the renewal of the charter of the Montreal, Ottawa & Georgian Bay Company, which resolution was endorsed unanimously March 7 by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, is as follows:

"That this House respectfully urges the Parliament of Canada not to enact Bill No. 78 of the House of Commons respecting the Montreal, Ottawa & Georgian Bay Company for the reasons hereinafter set forth: "That the bill proposes to renew a charter to authorize the construction of a canal and the development of water powers on the Ottawa and French Rivers, which said charter has already been in existence for 33 years without any evidence of progress toward the accomplishment of the projected canal;

"That the application to Parliament is an effort on the part of private promoters to secure through the Federal Parliament the control and ownership of a great and valuable public utility;

"That the water powers in the Ottawa River in interprovincial waters are the joint property of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, and that the powers in the French River are wholly situate within Ontario, and are the properties of the Province of Ontario, and cannot be rightfully legislated upon by the Dominion Parliament;

"That the development of these powers is essential to the industry and the prosperity of the two Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, and the only effect of Federal legislation purporting to vest these powers in a private company will be to retard development, create litigation and impair the public interest;

"That the water powers of the Ottawa River, so far as they belong to this Province, are an essential part of the public development and distribution of power in Ontario, in which the people of this Province have already invested upward of \$276,000,000;

"That this Legislative Assembly desires to record its most earnest and emphatic protest against the attempt being made, by means of a private alienate valuable water powers from the control and ownership of this Province, and thereby deprive the people of Ontario of the advantage of one of our greatest natural resources for the benefit and advantage of private promoters;

"That the Province of Ontario respectfully urges that the rights guaranteed to the Provinces under the Federal Constitution should be at all times respected by the Parliament of Canada;

"That this House believes that the occasion calls for a strong and conclusive pronouncement against the



M. de la Roche
A promising young Toronto writer who is attracting attention by her novels and her plays.

proposed legislation as being contrary to the spirit and the terms of Confederation and prejudicial to the public interest.

"For these and other reasons this House directs that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada and to the Speakers of the two Houses of Parliament of Canada."

The resolution was moved by Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Prime Minister, and seconded by Hon. W. E. Roney, Progressive Leader.

PENILESS VETERAN HEIR TO RICH LEGACY

After Eight Years' Struggle With Poverty Returned Man Inherits \$100,000.

Fort William.—After eight years of hand-to-mouth existence, Roy Gilmour, a returned soldier, out of work, in ill health, with few friends and less money, suddenly finds himself today heir to \$100,000, bequeathed to him by a rich uncle who died recently in the Argentine worth \$360,000. Like Pullan, the quarter-of-a-millionaire, who emerged from the chrysalis of camp cook to be a full-fledged wealthy butterfly at Atikokan last week, Gilmour was in the Black Watch during the war, and, like Pullan, was wounded four times.

A prisoner of war for six months, after the war, and drifted from one job to another until he landed in Fort William poor and penniless, robbed of his last 15.

D. B. Hanna, head of the Liquor Control Board, will come from Toronto to Fort William to identify Gilmour, with whose family he is sole legatee of the balance of the fortune.

Gilmour says he will remain here and set up a dairy farm, as he believes the possibilities of this district unexcelled for capital investment in such class of farming.

BOARD OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS WILL NEED COMMODIOUS QUARTERS

Ottawa.—Canada will soon need a railway tariff warehouse. At the rate of 2,620 were injured, as compared with 2,713 accidents in the previous year, when 272 persons were killed and 2,955 were injured. Last year 13 railway passengers were killed and 329 injured; 132 employees were killed and 1,727 injured, and 284 others were killed last year and 564 injured. Automobile accidents at crossings numbered 236, horse and rig accidents 29, and pedestrian accidents 30. Last year there were 300 accidents at highway crossings reported to the board, covering 129 persons killed and 370 injured.

During 1926 railways subject to the board's jurisdiction were reported as having caused 926 fires in forested territories, which burned over a total of 45,329 acres, with forest and other property damage estimated at \$94,630.

A total of 2,517 accidents on railway property occurred last year, in which 429 persons were killed and

Synopsis of Proceedings of Provincial Legislature

PROGRESS DAY BY DAY

MARCH 7TH—Premier Ferguson introduced a non-partisan resolution to be forwarded to Federal Government at Ottawa deprecating the proposed renewal of the charter to the Georgian Bay Ship Canal Company (text given elsewhere). Resolution was seconded by Progressive Leader Roney. Liberal Leader Sinclair declined to add his name. Karl He-muth (Ind. Labor) endorsed same. Carried. Hon. G. S. Henry explained why oil companies were asked to collect gas tax for Government. Hon. W. E. Roney defended Hon. E. C. Drury against attack of last week made by Hon. Jos. Lyons.

MARCH 8TH—Hon. W. E. Sinclair, Liberal leader, gave concluding speech on the Budget—attributing to better times much of Government's success in deficit reduction, urged further Government economy and criticized the debt retrenchment scheme. He further promised interesting disclosures before Public Accounts Committee. Premier Ferguson answered and Hon. Monteith, Provincial Treasurer, moved that House go into Committee of Supply. This is the first time in the history of the Ontario Legislature that the Opposition has not moved an amendment to the Budget.

MARCH 9TH—Speaker ruled F. G. Sandy (Prog., South Victoria) resolution for increased bonus to Rural Hydro out of order. Many questions were answered. A. A. Colquhoun (Lib., South Perth) was told John McConnell, Windsor, had been Government tax inspector, but has been asked for his resignation. G. A. McQuibban (Lib., N. E. Wellington) learned that Bowmanville Boys' Training School had capital expenditure of \$339,000 and monthly salary list of \$2,440; 70 boys were in residence. R. F. Miller (Lib., Haldimand) learned that O.T.A. fines for 1924 were \$420,868, enforcement cost \$351,955. In 1925, collected in fines \$385,466 and spent \$402,538 in enforcement. In 1926, collected \$332,882 and spent \$317,602. F. G. Sandy (Prog., South Victoria) was given figure re Hydro costs and power developed for various plants.

Hon. Chas. McCrea intimated that bass and pickerel open season would be put back to July 1 instead of June 15th, as formerly.

Hon. G. S. Henry concurred with A. P. McWhinney (Lib., North Bruce) in Government trying to get standard light for horse-drawn vehicles.

At 5:30, with galleries packed and to expectant House, the Premier introduced Bill to control the sale of liquor in Ontario. The main points of this long-looked-for Bill are:



Will Study in Britain.
Gerald Graham, M.A., of Belle River, Ont., a Queen's graduate, who has been awarded a two-year scholarship at \$1,000 a year for study in a British university. He is now doing post-graduate work at Harvard under the Queen's arts research fellowship.

Individual permit to resident of Ontario, expiring thirty-first of each October.

Individual permit to temporary resident, good for one month.

Special permit to physicians, dentists, etc.

Special permit for ministers of the gospel for sacramental purposes.

Druggists not permitted to dispense liquor.

Breweries and distilleries can sell in the Province to the Board only under a permit from the Board.

No liquor may be consumed in a public place.

Liquor consumed must be consumed in residence or temporary home of purchaser.

Establishment of stores left to Board, provided local option areas or Canada Temperance Act areas are not affected.

Prosecutions to be conducted by the Attorney-General.

Any person found selling liquor to be imprisoned on the first offense.

A Board official in every brewery warehouse.

One appeal allowed a County Judge.

Board supreme in its powers, and cannot be interfered with by courts or Government.

No public advertising of liquor.

Markets

TORONTO.
Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$1.61½; No. 2 North, \$1.57½; No. 3 North, \$1.50½.
Man. oats, No. 2 CW, nominal; No. 3 not quoted; No. 1 feed, 61c; No. 2 feed, 59c; western grain quotations, in c.l.f. ports.
Am. corn, track, Toronto—No. 2 old yellow, kiln dried, 86c; No. 3 yellow, kiln dried, 82c.
Milfeed—Del. Montreal freights, bags included: Bran, per ton, \$32.25; shorts, per ton, \$34.25; middlings \$40.25.
Ont. oats, 55c, f.o.b. shipping points. Ont. good milling wheat—\$1.22 to \$1.24, f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights.
Barley—Malting, 68c.
Buckwheat—75c, nominal.
Rye—No. 2, 57c.
Man. flour—First pat., \$7.90, Toronto; do, second pat., \$7.40.
Ont. flour—Toronto, 99 per cent, patent, per barrel, in carlots, Toronto, \$5.30; seaboard, in bulk, \$5.40.
Cheese—New, large, 20½ to 21c; twins, 21 to 21½c; triplets, 21½ to 22½c. Stiltons, 23c. Old, large, 25c; twins, 26c; triplets, 27c. Old Stiltons, 30c.
Butter—Finest creamery prints, 46 to 48c; No. 1 creamery, 46 to 47c; No. 2, 43 to 44c. Dairy prints, 34 to 35c.
Eggs—Fresh extras, in cartons, 42 to 44c; fresh extras, loose, 41 to 42c; fresh firsts, 37 to 38c; fresh seconds, 34c.
Poultry, dressed—Chickens, 5 lbs. and up, 40c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 38c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 35c; do, 2½ to 3½ lbs., 35c; do, 2 to 2½ lbs., 35c; hens, over 5 lbs., 34c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 32c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 28c; roosters, 25c; turkeys, 45 to 47c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 35 to 38c.
Beans—Can. hand-picked, \$3.60 to \$3.90 bushel; primes, \$3.45 to \$3.60.
Maple products—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$2.25 to \$2.30; per 5 gal., \$2.15 to \$2.25 per gal.; maple sugar, lb., 25 to 26c.
Honey—60-lb. tins, 13 to 13½c; 10-lb. tins, 13½ to 13¾c; 5-lb. tins, 14 to 14½c; 2½-lb. tins, 16c.
Comb honey—\$4 to \$5 per dozen.
Smoked meats—Hams, med., 28 to 30c; cooked hams, 42 to 44c; smoked rolls, 25c; breakfast bacon, 30 to 35c; backs, boneless, 33 to 40c.
Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., \$22; 70 to 90 lbs., \$20.50; 20½ lbs. and up, \$21.25; lightweight rolls, in barrels, \$41.50; heavyweight rolls, \$39.50 per hb.
Lard—Pure tierces, 14 to 14½c; tins, 15 to 15½c; pails, 15½ to 16c; prints, 16½ to 17c; shortening tierces,

13 to 13½c; tubs, 14 to 14½c; pails, 14½ to 15c; blocks and tins, 16 to 16½c.
Heavy export steers, \$7.75 to \$8; do, com., \$6.50 to \$7.00; butcher steers, choice, \$7.50 to \$7.75; do, fair to good, \$6.90 to \$7.25; butcher heifers, choice, \$7 to \$7.25; do, com., \$4.50 to \$5; butcher cows, good to choice, \$5.50 to \$6; do, com. to med., \$4 to \$5.25; do, fair to good, \$5.50 to \$6; do, canners and cutters, \$2.50 to \$3; butcher bulls, good to choice, \$5 to \$5.50; do, med., \$4 to \$4.50; do, bolognas, \$3.50 to \$3.80; baby beef, \$8 to \$10; feeders, choice, \$5.75 to \$6.25; do, fair, \$5 to \$5.25; stockers, choice, \$5.25 to \$5.75; do, fair to med., \$4 to \$4.50; springers, \$50 to \$95; milch cows, \$65 to \$90; plain to med. cows, \$40 to \$60; calves, choice, \$12 to \$13; do, med., \$10 to \$11; do, com., \$7 to \$8; lambs, choice, \$13 to \$13.25; bucks, \$9.50 to \$10.25; sheep, choice, \$7 to \$8; do, heavies, \$4.50 to \$5; do, culls, \$3 to \$3.50; hogs, thick smooth, fed and watered, \$11; do, f.o.b., \$10.50; do, country points, \$10.25; do, off cars, \$11.40; select premium, per hog, \$2.15.
MONTREAL.
Oats—CW No. 2, 76c; do, CW, No. 3, 67c. Four, Man. spring wheat pats., firsts, \$8; do, seconds, \$7.50; winter pats., choice, \$5.90 to \$6; rolled oats, bag 90 lbs., \$3.50 to \$3.60. Bran, \$32.25. Shorts, \$34.25. Middlings, \$40.25. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$14.50.
Cheese, finest wests., 17½c; finest easts., 17½c. Butter, No. 1 pasteurized, 43½ to 44c. Eggs, fresh extras, 42c; fresh firsts, 40c.
Calves, \$10 to \$10.50; hogs, \$12; sows, \$9.75 to \$10.
Dies at Age of 106.
Edmonton.—At the remarkable age of 106 years, William McLellan died here recently after a short illness. He had farmed for 30 years with his nephew in the Sturgeon district. He was born in Erin, Wellington County, Ont.

An Astute Boy.
A little boy went to stay with his grandmother and found her very particular about his table manners. "Grandma," said he, "should I eat my pudding with a fork?" "Of course you should," "Well, have you a piece I might practise on?"
Very Poor Taste.
Although it has a huge tongue, the whale has very little sense of taste.

Central Japan Again Stricken by Quake



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