

Chilpancingo and Chilapa Are Reported in Ruins.

MANY ARE DEAD AND INJURED

Chilpancingo, Mex., April 16.—This city has been completely destroyed by one of the most serious earthquakes that has ever visited this section.

All telegraph communication with the outside world failed when the first shock was felt. The telegraph operators have installed temporary quarters in an open square.

Word has reached here that the town of Chilapa, 42 kilometers to the northeastward, has also been destroyed. As yet no details have been received as to the number of dead and wounded, but it is feared that the number will be large.

The city is the capital of the state of Guerrero, and four years ago was visited by an earthquake which killed and wounded many of its inhabitants and destroyed a large part of the town.

The population of the town is 7498, and until the panic into which the citizens have been thrown abates it will be impossible to state accurately just to what extent the recent earthquake has decreased it.

The population of the city of Chilapa is 15,000, and the place is the home of the bishop of the Catholic church, who administers the ecclesiastical affairs of the entire region.

Midway between the cities of Chilpancingo and Chilapa is located the city of Tixtla. This is a prosperous and progressive community, and as no word has been received from that place it also has been destroyed.

According to the movements of the earthquake, Tixtla would be in its direct line, and if the city has escaped it has been only by a miracle.

The following message was sent to the federal telegraph office in Mexico City from Chilapa:

"Our boys are working in a public garden. A terrible panic prevails, as the earth continues to tremble at regular intervals. Send us tents that we may establish an office out in the country."

All communication with the west coast has been cut off since the movement of the first big shock, and it is not known to what extent that region suffered.

Both the volcanoes of Jorullo and Camola are in this region and are in eruption, and it is feared that the motion of the earth may cause them to become more active and destroy much property and many lives.

The city of Acapulco is located 97 kilometers from the nearest railway line, and it will be impossible for the people to flee except on foot or on horseback.

This fact caused a considerable amount of anxiety, because the state is inhabited by a great number of Americans, who are engaged in prospecting for mines.

HALF OF MEXICO SHAKEN Earthquake Felt By Entire Southern Part of Country.

City of Mexico, April 16.—Word from the center of the great destruction of the earthquake was first given to this capital by the Associated Press after repeated trials to establish communication with the stricken districts.

As yet wires to the section are working badly and no exact estimate of the number of dead has been received. It is believed, however, that the total death list will be large.

There were no deaths in Mexico City, and beyond damaged plaster and cracked and fallen walls the property loss will be insignificant.

CAPITOL PAPERS HAVE VANISHED

Official Schedule of Pennsylvania Building is Missing.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 19.—The official copy of the schedule of 1902, upon which the \$2,000,000 contract for the metallic furniture of the new capitol was awarded to the Pennsylvania Construction company, is missing and cannot be found.

The testimony before the capitol investigating commission showed that the official copy of the annual schedule for the state supplies is kept by the superintendent of public grounds and buildings. A copy is also kept by the auditor general as a guide in settling the accounts between the state and the contractors for the state supplies.

Former state officials testified that they had made a diligent search for the missing schedule and that they were unable to find any trace of it.

Charles W. M. Juhle, a former employee of Architect Huston, testified that his work was to copy the original drawings of Henry Ives Cobb. The doors of the room in which Juhle worked were locked by orders of Huston, and drawings were kept in a secret drawer when not in use.

SHOT BY SISTER'S FIANCE

Was Instantly Killed For Opposing Her Marriage.

Philadelphia, April 15.—Alfred Ravello, aged 23 years, was shot and instantly killed at his home here by Joseph Dalrego, his sister's fiance. Dalrego, it appears, had secured a license for the marriage of himself and Miss Ravello, who is but 18 years old.

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WERE 7 TO 5 FOR CONVICTION

The Prisoner Was Remanded to the Tombs For a Second Trial Next Fall. Thaw Said He Hardly Expected Different Verdict After Long Delay.

New York, April 13.—Hopelessly divided—seven for a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree and five for acquittal on the ground of insanity—the jury which since the 23d of last January had been trying Harry K. Thaw, reported after 47 hours and 8 minutes of deliberation that it could not possibly agree upon a verdict.

When this new trial would take place no one connected with the case could express an opinion. District Attorney Jerome declared that there were many other persons accused of homicide awaiting trial, and that Thaw would have to take his turn with the rest.

Both the district attorney and counsel for Thaw declared they would make no such move. Thaw's attorneys will have a conference with the prisoner to decide upon their next step.

For conviction of murder, first degree—Messrs. Deming B. Smith, foreman; George Pfaff, No. 2; Charles H. Fecke, No. 3; Harry C. Brearley, No. 6; Charles D. Newton, No. 8; Joseph B. Bolton, No. 11, and Bernard Gerstman, No. 12.

For acquittal, on the ground of insanity—Messrs. Oscar A. Pink, No. 4; Henry C. Harney, No. 5; Malcolm S. Fraser, No. 7; Wilbur F. Steele, No. 9, and John S. Demee, No. 10.

Mr. Bolton is the juror whose wife died during the trial while the jury was being kept under lock and key.

Juror Harney's Story.

Juror Harney said: "About 10 minutes after reaching the jury room we took the first ballot, and it resulted in a vote of eight for conviction of murder in the first degree and four for absolute acquittal.

"The men who voted to set free were Pink, Harney, Fraser and Steele. Thirty minutes elapsed before another ballot was taken, and then the votes remained unchanged. A third ballot was taken at 9.45 p. m. on Wednesday, and still there was no change in the opinions of the jurors.

"Oyster Paddy" Died On Train. Pittsburg, April 15.—Hugh O'Donnell, 56 years old, known to the sporting fraternity all over the country as "Oyster Paddy," died on a railroad train while coming to his home here from Wheeling, W. Va.

Will Erect Monument to Ensign Bagley. Raleigh, N. C., April 15.—A monument to Ensign Worth Bagley, who lost his life on the torpedo boat Winslow in the Spanish-American war, will be unveiled in the capitol square on May 20.

Stage Held Up; \$28,000 Stolen. Malta, Mont., April 15.—Word has just been received of the hold-up of a stage, presumably by the "Kid" Curry gang, \$28,000 being stolen.

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