

SMYRNA IN RUINS.

Thousands of Lives Swept Away by a Terrible Earthquake—The Whole of Asia Minor Shaking Under the Destructive Shock.

CONSTANTINOPLE, October 29.—Ever since the great earthquake of two weeks ago to-day there has been a constantly recurring succession of shocks in all directions from this city. On Saturday night the shocks, which have been of daily occurrence for the past fifteen days, became quite severe, and before daylight nearly all the people had left their homes for the open country. Soon after the sun came up the sky became suddenly overcast, and great black clouds rolled up from the eastern horizon with great rapidity. There was a very sudden depression of the barometer. Ten clearly defined shocks are said to have occurred before 9 o'clock. As they continued building up, at 10 o'clock there came a tremendous crash. The walls of Smyrna, which have been standing since the time of the crusades, were completely demolished. On the Castle Hill some ancient pillars were blown down. The stadium in the city, St. Polycarp suffered martyrdom is lost to sight. The ruins of the antique mosque, said to have been the primitive church of Smyrna, has fallen. The ancient aqueduct which crosses the Meles river, connected intimately the meander of the river to the destroyed. The palace of the Pasha is in ruins. Of all the mosques and churches in the city only one is left standing unharmed. Some of the city officials removed the head of Apollo from over one of the gates and the Roman gods from the other on Saturday and took them to a place of safety. Nearly all the handsome domes and minarets, which is the best part of the city, the damage is very great. For two miles around the shores of the bay the ruins of the battered stone houses, wharves, cottages and huts are strewn along the water's edge, and through the town and up the sides of old Mount Pagan the remains of building after building may be seen. Tents dot the hills about the city, and in these thousands of the population find abode. The loss of life in Smyrna was not great, probably not over one hundred and twenty-five persons. Some two hundred or two hundred and fifty people were injured while making their escape, but only a few seriously.

WIDESPREAD DESTRUCTION.—The destruction of property and life in the outlying country and in the districts remote from Smyrna has been large. Some of the deep bays have almost been filled up by great landslides. Cos Island, Samos, Metelin and Lesbos, in the Aegean Sea, were all severely shaken up. Chios, where the destruction was greatest, weeks ago, this time suffered only a slight tremor. At the mouths of the Halysa and Iris the marshy tracts and some of the alluvial formation disappeared entirely and left a bed of water several miles in extent. From the junction of the Kara-su with the Harad, near the coast, the waters of the Euphrates, to the rise of the Edrenea, near Tashard, the earthquake has been very severe and the effect of the shocks extremely disastrous. The course of the Gok river, which winds through colossal cliffs of limestone, forms the celebrated park, Erekli, has been completely changed. The whole country around the gulf of Iskenderun was badly torn up and many lives lost there. Great fissures were made in the semi-cristalline mountains, which were the base of the Allah-Daghi. On the coast between Horan and Oran there was a river which for many years fell into a cavern and disappeared, the earthquake having both closed up the mouth of the cavern and dried up the small river. The shock seems to have extended through the extensive tablelands in the Anti-Parus range, but not to have inflicted any serious damage. In the Gungum district and the environs of the Sari-Chi-Chak the loss will be considerable. From the peaks of the Kartma an isolated rock of feldspathic trachyte, which stands proudly up like a gigantic fortress, and the summit of which is composed of a red bracediated scoriaceous conglomerate, came tumbling down in fragments of trap, trachyte and feldspar. The waters of the Aegean Sea were terribly agitated yesterday and last night, and had not quieted down entirely at six o'clock this evening.

THOUSANDS OF SOULS LOST.—Reports of large losses of life in the interior towns and along the western coast are coming in. A fugitive from Kestip places the deaths there at fifty and the number wounded at one hundred and twenty-five. At Ak-Hisser forty persons were buried. Bozazada suffered a depletion of about one-half her population, numbering four hundred souls. Of Sigmert's people about one-third survive. Many were killed and some reports of the loss of life will be found to aggregate well up into the thousands. Along the coast of Greece the shocks yesterday were very severe and caused great loss of life and property. Advice received from that section are some what meagre. At Caparvoia many buildings were thrown down and some eighty persons killed, while one hundred and twenty-five more were severely injured. At Mistra some two hundred people were killed and double that number injured. Monembasia also suffered considerable loss both to property and life. It is believed here that the results all through the Western coast of Greece will prove much more serious than now reported. The shocks also in that direction are continuing with frequency and are feared that some of the slumbering volcanoes will break forth.

Want of Path.—If C. N. Boyd, the Druggist, does not succeed in the want of faith. He has such faith in Dr. Boylston's Cough and Lung Syrup as a remedy for Coughs, Colds, Consumption, and Lung Ailments, that he will give a bottle free to each and every one who is in need of a medicine of this kind.

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A New York Judge on the Law of Newspaper Libel.

A verdict awarding \$500 damages was rendered a few days ago in the suit for libel brought by John Braun a butcher of College Point, Long Island, against the Star, which has been tried in the supreme court before Judge Freedman and a jury.

A Mrs. Hawk, living some time vicariously, began proceedings to obtain a pardon. She filed a number of affidavits. The Brooklyn Eagle published an article, said to be untrue, on the contents of these affidavits, which contained severe statements damaging to the character of John Braun. The Star republished the article in a condensed and milder form. This constituted the libel. Judge Freedman, in charging the jury, gave a concise and lucid explanation of what constitutes a libel on a newspaper, and to what extent newspapers are privileged. "The freedom of the public press," he said, is guaranteed by constitutional provisions. Every other business may be regulated almost at will, but the press is free to publish and to be published. It is not to be abridged by the law. In this country it is considered not only the right but the duty of a newspaper to discuss questions of public interest and to criticize the acts of those who may be temporarily entrusted with public office. The law cannot be exercised fairly and with a due regard for truth and propriety. But no caution that human art can devise will totally exclude libel from a newspaper. The case of a libel appearing in a newspaper in the discharge of its duty to the public may fall within that class of cases in which the language published would be libelous and subject to the presumption of falsehood and malice but for the occasion upon which it was used. But this privilege is qualified and conditional. No proprietor, publisher or editor of a newspaper can use it for purposes of revenge or to gratify personal spite and if he attacks an individual unnecessarily or without good reason his case is no better than if he were dealing with a matter wholly unprivileged. The question whether he has abused this conditional privilege is to be determined upon the facts of each case. Thus it has been held in cases against public newspapers that an editor is privileged in commenting freely upon all matters of public interest that the public may be discussed with the greatest freedom, provided the language is kept within the limits of an honest intention to discharge a public duty; that when any one consents to be a candidate for a public office he must not be considered as putting his character in issue, so far as respects his fitness and qualifications for the office, and that the publications of the truth on the subject with honest intent of informing the people are not libelous. It has also been expressly provided by statute that a fair and true report of the proceedings in any official proceeding is privileged, unless there be proof of actual malice, but that such privilege does not extend to a libel contained in the heading of the report. To the extent that the publication in the Star was a fair and true report of the contents of the affidavits, or of their substance, the plea of privilege must be sustained but all beyond that, which within the rule laid down by use constituted a libel, is not covered by the same privilege.—New York Tribune.

The Bender Horror.

CHESTON, October 25.—Considerable excitement has been caused by the discovery of a sealed tin containing greenbacks, silver and gold amounting to more than \$300,000. On the farm formerly occupied by the notorious Bender family. It is supposed the money is the proceeds of a few of the many robberies and murders in which they were engaged. J. C. Murphy, the present owner of the farm, who found the spoil, proposes to keep it, but his claim will be contested by friends of the Benders, who assert that a legal fight will throw new light on the Bender horror. Parties are digging here and there on the farm in hope of finding more money, the belief being that a larger amount is concealed in the ground.

A Large Record.

WASHINGTON, October 24.—Among the cases recently docketed in the United States Supreme Court is the case of New Orleans vs. Myra Clark Gaines. The record in the case is the largest ever submitted in the Supreme Court or probably any other court. It is bound in one immense volume which weighs over 200 pounds, and contains 3,200,000 words. It takes two men to open and shut the book.

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