

Why the Earth Quakes

By Prof. G. P. Service

WHY THE EARTH SOMETIMES QUAKES—It is Generally Supposed to Be Because It is Slowly Cooling Off Within, but there is a Curious Theory Ascribing the Trouble to the "Pear-Shape" of the Earth.

The principal causes are: (1) The movement of under-ground rock masses yielding to the strain to which the crust of the globe is subjected by unbalanced forces. This is the cause of the majority of great earthquakes.

(2) Volcanic eruptions sometimes cause earthquakes by upsetting the equilibrium of the rock strata in the neighborhood. (3) Local earthquakes, of no great intensity, may be caused by the fall of subterranean cavern roofs or the sudden subsidence of an increasingly heavy deposit of soil washed from the mountains by water.

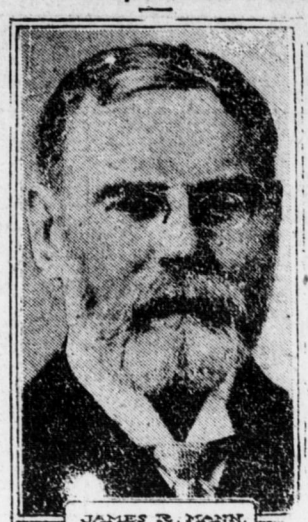
(4) Explosions of steam formed from sea-water that has penetrated into heated rocks, may also cause earthquakes. Prof. T. J. See regards the latter as the chief cause of earthquakes.

(5) The unsteadiness of the earth's axis of rotation, whose poles wander about irregularly, a few yards from the positions that they would continually occupy if the axis were rigidly fixed, has also been assumed as a possible cause of earthquakes.

Statistics show that when the departure of the poles from their mean places is greatest, or when a rapid change takes place in the direction of their movement, making a decided "wobble," earthquakes are more frequent than when the great whirling globe "sleeps" on a steadier axis, like a perfectly balanced top.

(6) The tidal strain of the attraction of the sun and the moon on the earth is also considered by some to have an effect in inducing earthquakes. You will perceive, from all this, that a delicately balanced thing like this globe of ours is, in its vast magnitude and immense weight, like a top that trembles, with molecular as well as molar vibrations, like a heavily loaded elastic floor, which, though strong enough as a whole to bear its burden, shivers with almost imperceptible undulations at every shifting of weight, and impresses the sensitive observer with a consciousness of the strain that is being borne, a consciousness that sometimes becomes so startling that it is almost as if a crackling indicates a quick readjustment of the opposing forces.

Gillette Opposing Mann For Speaker of House



JAMES R. MANN

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you for anything at any time, but the regulations do not allow the sending of things and I have more money available for the company than I have been able to spend—as a very good reason is provided—cakes, candy, etc. are never available in very large quantities.

Any individual case you wish to inquire into I will be very glad to furnish information. I am glad to see the censorship regulations have been relaxed, individual casualties may not be mentioned until published in official lists.

As soon as possible will send you a complete casualty list of the company. I might mention that we have with us now 44 men from C of the Eighty.

Give my regards to Mrs. Stine and all my friends in Harrisburg. Sincerely, ROY R. KRIECHBAUM.

PRESIDENT GOES TO VISIT ITALY

for European to members of the cabinet, Senators, Deputies and high officials who gathered at the Quirinal, The King, during his short address, felicitated the army, navy and air force, and extended a tribute to its discipline and steadfastness. He closed by extending salutations to America and the Allied nations.

Paris, Jan. 2.—President Wilson is on his way to Rome, where he is to be the guest of King Victor Emmanuel. The American President is expected to visit the Pope and also the Methodist College, and will continue his conference with the King, Premier Orlando and Baron Sonnino, foreign minister. The President is expected to reach Rome tomorrow. He will be met by the Italian King.

Important results are expected from his visit, which will be the last to the allied countries before the beginning of the peace conference. Immediately after breakfast yesterday morning, the President went with Mrs. Wilson and Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson, his personal physician, to the beautiful St. Cloud course, under gray but rainless clouds, and played golf for an hour.

There was a quiet family New Year's dinner at the Murat residence. No business was put before the President. His only departure from the strictest of protocol was to devote the day to complete relaxation and repose came in the afternoon, when he received a New Year's call from President and Madame Poincaré, and the Colonel Edward M. House, with whom he had no appointments. Beyond this he had no appointments.

The working machinery of the American commission has been thoroughly organized during the President's absence in England, and everything is virtually ready to begin business when he returns from Italy. There appears no reason for altering the forecast made four weeks ago that the President would be back in Washington before the closing of the American Congress on March 4, or that, if necessary, he will return to the White House in the morning. Mrs. Robert Lansing, wife of the American secretary of state; Mrs. House, wife of the American ambassador; Mrs. Grew, wife of Joseph C. Grew, of the American peace delegation, yesterday, on the occasion of New Year's received information that the President would be back in Washington before the closing of the American Congress on March 4, or that, if necessary, he will return to the White House in the morning.

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Hears From Sor Who Is Training at Camp Grant

Word has been received by Mrs. Helen Porter that her son, Sergeant James H. Porter is in good health. Sergeant Porter is located at Camp Grant, Ill., and expects to be home soon.

Clearing House to Pay Honor to C. A. Kunkel

The members of the Harrisburg Clearing House Association will meet in the board of directors' room of the Commonwealth Trust Company tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, to take appropriate action on the death of Charles A. Kunkel, formerly president of the Mechanical Trust Company. Arrangements will be made for the members to attend the funeral in a body.

CITY BUILDING DROPS DURING YEAR

Chicago, Jan. 2.—The first cold wave of the winter spread over the Northwest, Southwest and Midwest States last night, delaying traffic in places. The mercury dropped twenty-five degrees in Chicago during the day and last night with hanging at ten above zero, while extreme temperatures were registered in widely scattered regions. The cold wave was unaccompanied by snow east of the Mississippi. In northwest Texas a blizzard raged, and in Nebraska and South Dakota similar conditions were reported. In Wyoming temperatures ranged from sixteen to thirty-seven degrees below zero, and it was twelve below at Denver.

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POLICE COURT DRUNKS MAY BE PHILANTHROPIC

Whisky to Be "Donated" to Hospital Instead of Confiscated

A new plan for disposing of the liquor found in the possession of offenders gathered into the toils of the police is under consideration by Mayor Keister to-day. Incidentally, the plan would give even an ordinary drunk with a half-pint a gilded opportunity to figure as a philanthropist.

The new plan is to ask the prisoner to sign a release on his liquor, with the stipulation that he donates it to the hospital, if that institution desires to make use of it. The Mayor and police officers remain firm in the belief that prisoners should not be given their liquor, even though a Chester county judge has ruled that it is illegal to keep a prisoner's liquor.

A factor that would give decided impetus to the manufacturer's benevolent impulses, it is said, would be a flat from the desk sergeant that unless they give up their drink they would stand a good chance of getting the maximum fine in police court. Mayor Keister said he has not yet received an opinion from City Solicitor John E. Conroy, but he is confident, however, now that it is illegal to appropriate drink held in incompetent hands. He is taking the new phase of the matter under consideration tomorrow.

NEW POST OFFICE IS TOO SMALL

of the traffic formerly carried by express companies. "Speaking of the present building, there is one large space, the Federal court room, which takes up nearly the entire floor and which is used only six weeks in a year. With our plant right in the new station we could take care of Harrisburg easily enough with our twenty-five branch stations. In these speedy days mail work cannot be done on the trains; it is transacted at terminals. As for a general delivery room this would be no great puzzle; a special room might be rented somewhere in the heart of the town, but this, of course, is a detail."

Postmaster Sites concluded, therefore, that there is no immediate necessity for enlarging the present office, but sincerely hopes that the Pennsylvania folk will go through with their tentative plans to erect a great union station where the local post office can permanently settle in the modern standardized conditions conditions being introduced to other commonwealths.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Harrisburg, Pa., will be held in the banking room of the First National Bank Building, 111 North Second Street, Harrisburg, Pa., on January 14, 1919, between the hours of 11 and 1 o'clock, for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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