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THE EARTHQUAKE AND THE FUTURE

The business centre of Kingston is today a mass of ruins, and practically no portion of the city has been left untouched. At 3.35 on Monday evening we were struck by an earthquake, and within 40 seconds our capital had fallen and over 1,000 persons lay dead and dying on the ground.

The blow has been terrible. just when we were talking of returning prosperity the hand of adversity has again touched us, and once more we are called upon to fight our way forward. We will do so. We will not allow ourselves to be terrified. We will build Kingston again, and, with God's help, will build it better.

We have not received a setback for another fifty years, as some are saying. Time and again the capitals of Spanish American countries have been destroyed, but never have the people despaired. We are not made of inferior stuff. We shall recover from this blow as we have recovered from all former ones. The industries of the island are absolutely uninjured and this and our energy are our future hope. We must work and despair not.

STORY OF THE DESTRUCTION.

It will be weeks and perhaps months before the story can be told in detail of the almost complete destruction of Kingston by earthquake and by fire on the afternoon of Monday 14th inst.

It is a fearful story and can never be amply told.

The first destructive shock occurred at 3.35 p.m. It lasted about thirty seconds. And these few moments served to throw the city into woe and consternation. When the shock subsided, thousands of buildings had fallen with a terrific roar.

Not so much fallen, perhaps, as crumbled to dust and debris. Huge walls fell in the commercial part of the city. Some of the south went northward; and others from the north toppled over to meet the crash from the opposite side. These walls all tumbling together crushed all who happened to be on side-walks or in the streets. Hundreds of people were killed instantly in this way and omnibuses and in one or two instances, street cars were crushed to atoms.

A member of the "Gleaner" staff who fought his way through the office wreckage was one of the first persons on Harbour Street after the disaster, looked at the east and to the west, and not a living soul was to be seen. In a moment or two a few figures came struggling through the mass of broken timber and scattered bricks. They were mostly all injured, and blood was flowing freely.

A few thoughtful individuals, although injured themselves, started to rescue several of those who were buried.

But this humane work was interrupted within five minutes by the approach of fire which had before made its appearance to the west of the city.

The fire brigade had been demolished by the earthquake, and there were no means of fighting the outbreak; and the fire swept over an area bounded by the sea to the south, Southern Parade to the north, Mark Lane to the east and Orange Street to the west.

Next morning hundreds of bodies were found burned and charred along the principal streets. It is believed that many who had been injured an unable to help themselves were burnt by the flames. All these bodies were at once taken up for burial.

With the large number of deaths the supply of coffins soon gave out and the bodies were buried in sheets and in hastily dug trenches. Up to this morning bodies were still being recovered.

It is conservatively estimated that the death list will exceed one thousand when all the bodies have been recovered.

On Tuesday morning the military and police authorities took control of the city and a stop was put to petty looting that occurred in some parts of the city. Lines of sentries were stationed in all the streets to prevent indiscriminate ingress and egress.

On Thursday the U.S. warships Missouri and Indiana came into the harbour and at once landed bluejackets, took some of the injured on board for proper care, and placed their stores at the disposal of the Government.

At the hospital, which was overtaxed from the start, the scene has been very busy. On Tuesday and Wednesday Lady Swettenham and Miss Copeland served as cooks at the institution, whilst Mrs. Bourne, Mrs. Bourns and Mrs. Ker and other ladies served as nurses.

The hospital staff was largely augmented for the occasion and considerable pressure still obtains there. Dr. Ker, S.M.O., went to work with the staff doctors, and several district medical officers were brought in, including Dr. Turton, from Stony Hill, Dr. Thomson from Chapelton, Dr. Neish from Spanish Town and Dr. Campbell from St. David's. Dr. Edwards of Gordon Town, who was a patient in the hospital, forgot his own ailments and at once proceeded to join the hospital staff. All have been working night and day and yet there are cases still to be attended to.

On Monday night 27 legs were amputated. The same evening several clergymen and priests went over the city ministering to the injured and the dying. The Governor gave the clergy money to provide conveyances to the hospital for the injured.

The Governor and the Colonial Secretary and other officials were also busy in various parts of the city. There were very few habitable houses in Kingston and Lower St. Andrew and the population is camped on the Race Course, in the Park and in other open places.

DEATH LIST.

A Jamaica Gazette Extraordinary, published yesterday, says, "It is hereby notified, for general information, that the S.S. Port Kingston will remain one day longer for commercial purposes." "It is hereby notified that the Gazette will be published daily for notification of deaths due to the recent Earthquake."

"The Governor announces with great regret that up to noon on the 16th inst. 343 persons had been buried as a result of the Earthquake. It is also ascertained that 3 were killed at Port Royal. The names and places of interment of the dead, so far as ascertained, will be published, tomorrow and information is invited in order to make the list as complete as possible".

PARTIAL LIST OF THE DEAD.

Sigismund DePass, Army & Navy Stores
 Wyndham Depass " "
 Abraham Henriques " "
 1 Boy 2 Storemen
 J. W. Middleton, Merchant
 Philip Henriques, Clerk at Middletons
 Mr Lopez "
 Isaac S. Brandon, Merchant
 D I Motta "
 Dr Motta
 Mr Priest of the Bee Hive
 " Oscar Prendergast Bee Hive
 Mr E. H. Morrice, Auctioneer
 " Barnet Stines "
 Edgar De Cordove, Forage Store
 R. W. Bradley
 B. L. Verley of Messrs Harvey & Bourke
 Bertie Da Costa of O.M. Da Costa
 Ernest A. Samuel, Merchant
 Lionel M. Mordecai, Merchant
 George Harty of J. Wray & Nephew
 M O Hendricks jnr " "
 Jose F. Perez, Consul of Cuba
 Juan Fernandez of Machado's and a number of others whose names are unknown
 R. Honiball, Solicitor
 W. A. Paine, Secretary Victoria Mutual
 A. McDowell Nathan, Merchant
 Charles S. Sherlock "
 Sir James Ferguson, Bart., Deputy Chairman
 Royal Mail Co.
 Capt. T. Constantine, supt. Royal Mail Co.
 " Young of the Arno
 W. E. Powell of Emanuel Lyons & Son Ltd.
 Herbert Clarke " " "
 Vincent Wray " " "
 Arthur Williams " " "
 Burke, store man " " "
 Joseph Miller " " "
 Mr Wilson (Manager of Caymanas Estate)
 W. Branday of Branday, Edwards & Co.
 T. Thwaites, merchant
 L. Stribos of Finke & Co.
 Gordon Duff
 E. Eden, son of W. T. Eden
 Alexander Walker
 Herbert Tavares
 Marcus Delgado
 Harold Ritchie
 Dr J. M. Gibb

J. Downes Wylie
 George A. Deanoes
 A. H. Depass, Government Savings Bank
 George Carvalho, Arnold Malabar & Co
 C. B. Weckiser " " "
 H. Isles jnr " " "
 Two Store men " " "
 William Walker, Waterloo Restaurant
 Samuel Lawton
 Mignelito Valdes
 Horatio Abrahams, Provision Merchant
 E. G. Nixon of Archibald Munroe's
 St. Leo De Lisser, Jamaica Tobacco Co.
 Ernest Magnus, late of the Electric Light Co.
 Norman Samuel of D. I. Motta's
 W. Calnek jnr " "
 Jas O. Chisholm, foreman Gleaner Co. Ltd,
 A. Cockburn, composer " " "
 Robt. Powell, office boy " " "
 O. L. Goffe of William Wilson's Ltd.
 Carter, Jnr, " " "
 Joseph Issa, Syrian merchant
 H. Ritchie of Anderson and Jacobsen
 Seaford, store man " "
 Alfred Lamos, purvey, Royal Mail Co.
 Livingstone, Government Savings Bank
 King. pressman Government Printing Office
 I. B. Mudon, auctioneer
 W. Wesley Burke of Burke Bros. Ltd.
 Frank D. McCulloch jr of "
 Fred Laing of George and Branday
 Joseph Adams, Jamaica Times
 Leonard Mudahy, tailor, Church Street
 H. Maxwell, Post Office
 Miss Gordon, Post Office
 Miss Wepler, Young & Co.
 Norman Johnston, secretary Seventh Day Adventists
 C. A. Miller, commercial agent
 Walter Webster of Nathan Sherlock & Co. Ltd
 Adam Drysdale, carpenter, Myrtle Bank
 Hellar, gardener " "
 Seymour, footman " "
 Campbell, baggage man " "
 Hanlan, bell boy " "
 C. C. Carvalho, billiard marker " "
 Joshua Miller, asst. " "
 John Morrison, boot black " "
 Montricle, (Spanish) " "
 W. Walker Commercial Agent
 Duncan Macdougall
 H. E. Borough merchant
 Major W. H. Hardyman, W. I. R.
 Lieut. Lamont " "
 Mrs. Lane, wife of S.M. Lane "
 J. Martin of McNish Ltd.
 Fred. Magnus, auctioneer

Ladies.

Miss Ida Stewart Bee Hive
 Miss Lockett (sister Dr. Lockett)
 Miss S. Henderson (youngest sister of Dr. Henderson)
 Mrs Joseph Millingen
 Miss Tennyson, Waterloo House
 Mrs John Delisser, Amy Ville North Street
 Mrs Watson, (office woman, Lascelles de Mercade & Co.)
 Miss Rachael Michaels Madaine Rosseau
 Mrs Chadderton, Dressmaker
 Mrs. Baker do
 Mrs. T. M. Martin, Murcott Lodge, East Race Course
 Miss Ellen May Vaz
 Office Woman of C. T. Isaacs
 Wife and child of Sergt Major Sudgen, W. I. R.

Seriously Injured

David Bond, clerk W. Baggett Gray
 Moses Athias, auctioneer
 Eustace Smith, (capt Lucas C. C.) H. M., Customs
 Charles DeCordova, merchant
 Emanuel Abrahams, Em. Lyons and son
 Alex. Morrice of Panama
 H. A. L. Simpson, Solicitor
 Herman Stern, merchant
 A. G. Solomon of I. Solomon and son
 Miss Elvira Williams
 N., C, Henriques
 Bertie DeCassers, clerk merchants' exchange
 Marquerite Henriques "
 C. Vlies, travelling agent
 Percy Lopaz optician
 Dugald Harris
 H. C. Littlejohn, railway
 Egerton Hill
 Phillips, clerk Cecil DeCordova
 F. Victor Sale of Reid Campbell
 Randall, U, F, Coy.
 H. C, Wilson, island telegraph
 John Fenich
 Mrs L. S. Gruchy
 J. Hutton, Waterloo House
 Miss Norah Malabra
 W. Kirkpatrick of William Wilsons
 Dr. R. E. Dronsthorpe
 Cyril Henriques

Injured.

Archibald Munroe, Merchant
 Frank Lyons
 E. F. Phillips of Charles DeCordova
 Harold Delgado
 Osmond Delgado, snr
 Osmond Delgado, jnr.
 Rev. E. A. Bell
 Eugene Alberga of Alberga and Co.
 H. M. Littlejohn, Royal mail
 T. M. Gunter, Railway
 Lucien Alberga, I. Solomon and Son
 Miss Gladys Gruchy
 A. L. P Lake, Solicitor
 Bertie Tilley
 L, Pieters
 James Hunter McNish
 Mr Dixon, H. . Customs
 Mrs J. J. G. Lewis
 Rue Bell (son of the Rev. E. A. Bell
 Colonel J. Dalrymple-Hey D. S. O.
 Lieut Sidgewick, R. A. M. C.
 Lieut Leader, W. I. R

"THE DAILY GLEANER"

Like all other establishments in the commercial. part of Kingston the "Gleaner premises and printing works were completely demolished by fire. We are temporarily located in the yard of Headquarter House, Duke Street, and thanks to the kindness and courtesy of Mr J. C. Ford, Superintendent of the Government Printing Office, we are able to resume publication of the "Gleaner" in the present form. The difficulties are many and serious, but these are largely decreased by the unfailing attention and thoughtfulness of Mr Ford and his assistants.

We hope to continue publication from day to day until we have permanently re-established the Gleaner <?????>

FOOD DEPOTS.

Colonial Secretary's Office
 18th January, 1907.

The following stores are now open. Prices will be published at the first opportunity:-

Wolmers School,	Foodstuffs
Dunn, Orange St,	"
Leahong, Barry St.	"
D., C. Vaz, Orange St,	"
Hodge, Franklin Town	"
Fursdon, Sutton St.	Beef

Other stores carrying on business are invited to communicate their prices to the Colonial Secretary.

By command,

H. CLARENCE BOURNE
 Colonial Secretary

The Homeless.

Thousands of homeless people have encamped on the Race Course. With sheets, blankets and coverlet they have improvised tents to shelter under, and at nights the scene there is a pathetic one, Delicate women and mothers with their babies grouped together in front of their temporary homes look on sadly and the more emotional, who, kneeling together in a circle work themselves up to a pitch of religious frenzy. The big circus tent affords shelter to quite a large number whilst the Seventh Day Adventists have also a big tent which is used for the dual purpose of conducting religious services and sheltering their flock. Indian tents pitched nearby afford shelter to the pastor and their families. Tents are badly wanted.

NOTICES.

The offices of Messrs Corinaldi & Ashenheim Solicitors are temporarily located at Dr. Mannsell's dispensary 45 Duke Street

Mr. R. S. Gamble, agent for Messrs Gillespie Bros & Co. of New York & London. also agent for the London Assurance Corporation, has opened a temporary office at 10 & 12 Harbour Street. Parties having fire claims are requested to send them in at once.

Policy holders in the Scottish Union and National are requested to send in particulars of their policies to Messrs Manton & Hart the local agents at 117 Harbour Street.

PROCLAMATION.

The Governor desires to express his profound sympathy with all persons who have lost relatives or friends by the calamity of the 14th inst.

Also for all those who have suffered in body or property by the same visitation.

He tenders his best thanks to all those who by their actions or example have devoted themselves to repairing the injuries suffered by all classes of people, and he calls upon all persons to take early action to repair the damage done.

His Excellency particularly thanks all those who by their steadiness and patience have rendered the task of the authorities easier in suppressing the fire and in keeping order.

J. A. SWETTENHAM
 Governor.

January 8, 1907.

MONEY OFFICES.

Colonial Secretary's office,
18 January 1907.

The business of the Treasury, Government Savings Bank and Stamp Office Department is being carried on from to-day at the Old Mico Buildings.

By command

H. CLARENCE BOURNE,
Colonial Secretary.

IN THE COUNTRY.

Telegrams to the Gleaner from all parts of the island show that the severe shock was general. At Black River, the Parish Church was damaged..

At Sav-la-mar everybody rushed to the streets - no damage reported. Lucea - no damage.

Church bell at Hector's River pealed of its own accord.

People of Santa Cruz fled in consternation. Court House wall cracked Montego Bay - considerable excitement; no damage

Morant Bay - Court House and Episcopalian Church damaged., Three shocks felt At Spanish Town there was some minor damage in commercial centre

No damage at Manchioneal or Bath

From Alley it is reported that Moneymusk chimney is damaged, Buildings also damaged.

At Port Antonio the shock was slight. Town Hall wall damaged. Titchfield Hotel undamaged

Much damage in stores of Port Maria. Suspension bridge over Outram River twisted and approaches damaged. Business had to be suspended.

Cedar Valley Presbyterian Church destroyed. No deaths

Richmond district has been severely damaged. The Earthquake threw down most of the buildings and, as in Kingston, fire completed the ruins.

Troja is reported to be uninjured and no damage is reported from Alley. Between Annatto Bay and Bog Walk the tidal wave was very large, going in about 10 chains and receding far from the shore. Pringle's Pier at Annotto Bay is down and Buff Bay suffered considerably from a tidal wave. The Episcopalian Church and all buildings on the Kildare Estate also the Market is down.

The Constabulary Station at Annotto Bay was shaken down and all the houses on the Leyton estate destroyed. The shock on Wednesday morning finished many of the tottering buildings and started many fresh fires, but by one o'clock the fires seemed to be under control.

Mr M. F. Edwards, of New York, who arrived at Port Antonio on Monday from Cuba, gives it as his opinion that for the size of this place this disaster is worse than that of San Francisco.

Burning of Camp.

Soon after the earthquake on Monday, fire broke out in the hospital at Up Park Camp. A strong breeze was blowing at the time, and in a short time the whole hospital was in flames. About 63 patients were in the hospital at the time. The majority of whom were taken out, but with great difficulty. About 10 men were, however, burnt to death.

All the buildings in Camp have been more or less destroyed. The total deaths there number about 26.

ENGLISH SYMPATHY.

A cablegram has been received from Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman expressing the deep sympathy of the British public with the people of Jamaica in their great calamity. A similar message of sympathy has been received from Lord Elgin.

JOTTINGS.

Temporary arrangements have been made in connection with the Nova Scotia bank, and it is now opened at the old Mico buildings, Hanover Street. We understand that depositors of the Savings department are being paid.

The Colonial Bank have also made temporary arrangements to carry on at their old stand in Harbour street. The walls have all been blown down.

The match factory on the Slip Pen road has been very slightly damaged. Work will shortly be resumed which will find employment for several hundred hands.

Messrs. Lascelles DeMercado and Co., agents for Messrs. A. S. Lascelles and Co. of New York and E. A. Depass of London have established themselves in temporary offices in the coach house at the Royal Mail Coy's wharf.

Post and Telegraph Offices have been established at Blundell Hall in East Street. The Telegrams are being received and forwarded to some parts of the island, and the mails are working all right. The Railway is being run to all the stations as usual.

The W. I. and P. Telegraph Co. have established temporary offices at No. 7 North Street. Parties expecting cables are requested to call at these premises for their messages.

Two American warships the Indiana and Missouri and a torpedo boat arrived from Guantanamo, Cuba to render what aid they could. Admiral Wilson, at once communicated with the Governor, and parties were landed. They are assisting in blowing down the dangerous walls.

The culvert leading the water to the reservoir at Hope is down, and the water supply is now obtained from Constant Spring. The supply in Kingston and St. Andrew is continuous though the pressure is somewhat low. House - holders should see to it that no water is wasted,

The gas works are intact, but gas cannot be supplied until the city is got into some sort of order again.

The trains take away large numbers of people daily for the country.

All visitors whomsoever in the island are leaving by steamers for their homes.

All the staff of the Island Medical office are still at work at the hospital, Dr Ker being extremely energetic.

About 60 legs have been amputated at the hospital since Monday night.

Although both legs of Mr. Charles deCordova have been broken, there is some hope that the necessity will not arise to amputate them.

The Port Kingston was converted into a hospital on Monday night, About 47 of the persons who were there have been to the hospital at Spanish Town.

Mrs. Constantine had a serious fracture to one of her legs. It was set by Dr, Neville Williams, an Englishman, who rendered great service at the Public Hospital.

The medical officers who have been assisting at the hospital are Dr Myers, Dr. George Thomson of Montego Bay, Dr. Vine of Falmouth; Miss Douglass is acting matron at the hospital, the matron being sick.

On Thursday there were 432 persons in the public hospital; and 52 deaths had taken place since Monday night.

PANAMA.

Although several cables have been received from Colon and Panama, there is no mention of any disaster there. All seems well.