

TIDAL WAVE HITS BOMBAY SHORE

Entire Family Washed Away

THREE WOMEN DROWNED IN VERSOVA CREEK

FIFTEEN persons were washed away when a huge tidal wave, the like of which, according to eye-witnesses, has not been experienced in living memory, hit Bombay's seashore at 8-15 on Wednesday morning. Of these, two were saved, three were picked up dead and the fate of the remaining ten is unknown.

Four women and one man, all fisherfolk, were overtaken while fishing in knee-deep water at the mouth of the Versova creek, at the northern end of Juhu, and were washed away within the twinkling of the eye.

Fishermen in the vicinity tried to save the victim by launching their boats, but with great difficulty they could save only one woman. The dead bodies of three women were picked up later. The man could not be traced.

Exactly at the same moment, an entire Muslim family, consisting of one Rahimtulla, his wife, three children and two servants, was swept away while returning from Haji Ali "darga" at Mahalaxmi.

They had gone to the darga the previous night and were returning home when the tragedy occurred. Only one servant reached the shore to narrate the incident. He reported that three other men, proceeding towards the mosque, had been also swept away.

"Fakirs" at the mosque and also fishermen at Juhu say that the phenomenon was strange and unusual. A huge mass of water rose and rolled with such rapidity and force that there was very little time to know what was happening. The upheaval lasted barely a couple of minutes. The wave then receded.

In Danda and Juhu, a number of small boats were torn off their moorings.

The wave in a minor form was noticed in some parts of Bombay harbour, but no serious damage is reported.

METEOROLOGIST'S VIEWS

A meteorologist suggested that the sudden tidal wave could possibly be due to the rocking of the sea surface by one of the after-shocks of Wednesday morning's earthquake, which was of great intensity and had its epicentre about 240 miles from Bombay.

According to Dr. H. J. Taylor, of Wilson College, the earthquake occurring under the sea would probably affect the level of the seabed and, if that were sufficiently widespread, it would certainly result in something of a nature of a tidal wave.

Dr. Taylor said that, if the earthquake and the reported tidal wave occurred at or about the same time, it seemed probable, indeed, that they were connectible events. It would be very difficult to suggest any other explanation for a sudden tidal wave of that kind, he added.

'Quake Spends Fury In Sea

TIDAL WAVE IN KARACHI

From Our Staff Correspondent POONA, November 28.

Weather experts here believe that the earthquake which was felt early on Wednesday morning in many parts of India spent its fury in the sea and that only tremors reached the land.

A tidal wave, six and half feet in height, swept over the shores of Karachi five hours after the 'quake shock. It is believed that the 'quake caused the tidal wave, which took some time to travel to Karachi.

NEW YORK REPORT

New York: Seismological laboratories on the east and west coasts of the United States recorded a major earthquake in the vicinity of the South China Sea, possibly in North India or Burma, on the night of November 27. The first shock was recorded at Pasadena, California, at 5-12 p.m. (E.S.T.) by the California Institute of Technology. The shock was of the greatest intensity recordable by the laboratory's instruments.

Two shocks followed three and five minutes later. The instruments showed that the quake was 8,500 miles from New York. Seismologists at Fordham University and Weston College agree with others that the quake occurred on land and caused great havoc.—U. P. A.

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Nationalisation In France

PARIS, November 28: The French Cabinet sat for nearly five hours on Tuesday and adopted the text of a Bill for the nationalisation of the