

# Tidal Wave Damage On Makran Coast

## CONSIDERABLE LOSS OF LIFE FEARED

KARACHI, November 29.

Reports from various sources about yesterday's tidal wave indicate extensive damage along the Makran coast, with considerable loss of life. The wave rose as high as 20 feet.

Near Khudi, a fishing village 30 miles west of Karachi, a whole hamlet, containing a few huts, was washed away with its inhabitants. Twelve fishermen, taking shelter on a raised ground in Dabo creek, also lost their lives and some of the bodies have been recovered. Similar reports have been received from various points along the coast.

Loss of life is also reported from the Gulf of Oman. Many country craft are said to have been lost on the south Persian coast. Several boatmen are also said to have lost their lives.

Pasni and Ormara, small low-level towns along the Makran coast, are under water and telegraph communications by cable to these two places have been cut off. The cable from Karachi to Muscat is also interrupted, and it is feared that the interruption indicates damage caused by the earthquake and the tidal wave in the region of Mascat as well. Another port known to have been affected is Gwadar.

### DAMAGE AT PASNI

Sea water is said to have rushed into the town of Pasni, a small port on the Makran coast, and washed away a "good number of people." According to a report received by the Director of Posts of Telegraphs, Sind, the tidal wave washed away the post and telegraph office and other Government buildings, including the rest house.

A graphic description of the effects of the tidal wave was given by Mr. W. E. Bushby, Chairman of the Karachi Port Trust, in an interview to the *Associated Press of India*. The eighty feet lighthouse at Manora was rocked violently for several seconds. After the shocks, the crew up on the lighthouse found that a considerable quantity of mercury on which some of the delicate machinery floats spilled over the tray on to the concrete floor. Its weight was found to be over 30 pounds.

### DAMAGE TO LIGHTHOUSE

Another lighthouse has been damaged at Cape Monze, 45 miles from Karachi, and the tower sustained some cracks. About 22 pounds of spilled mercury was found.

The tidal wave, which appeared to have come from the direction of the village of Ghizri and Clifton, ran along the side of the oil installations at Keamari, flooding certain adjoining compounds in that area, and eventually burst over the shore end of the east groyne at Manora.

The first tidal wave occurred at 5-30 a.m. The second, which was bigger, occurred at 7 a.m. There was a third wave at about 7-50 a.m., followed by the biggest at about 8-15 a.m. It was fortunate that the maximum tidal wave occurred about 100 minutes after the normal high tide in the harbour, when the tide would normally have been ebbing. The after effects of the maximum tidal wave produced a very strong ebbing current of between four and five knots.

There was no damage to boats and port installations in Karachi.—  
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