

# TWO ISLETS THROWN UP BY 'QUAKE

## Sighted 180 Miles Off Karachi

KARACHI, December 5.

**T**WO rocky islets, seemingly of granite, have appeared in mid-ocean about 180 miles west-north-west of Karachi and are said to have been thrown up following the recent severe earthquake which shook north-western India.

The islets are about three miles apart, one rising about 20 feet above the water's surface and the other about 100 feet. In shape they are oval. The former is about one and a half square miles in area and the latter about a square mile.

An "A.P.I." special correspondent on the Indian naval vessel "Hindustan", which was the first relief ship to reach the scene of disaster, says that the earthquake was the result of a submarine volcanic eruption.

The correspondent adds: "Describing the phenomenon which preceded the tidal wave, villagers told me that immediately after the earthquake, a loud rumbling noise was heard and was followed by a huge sheet of flame and columns of smoke. Then came the tidal wave, rising to a height of 40 feet, that swept everything before it."

When the officer commanding the HINDUSTAN first saw the new islets, he examined his charts and then sent out the following signal: "Two uncharted islets have appeared in the approximate position of 25 degrees and seven minutes north, and 64 degrees and 15 minutes east".

The signal has been widely notified by the Admiralty to all concerned.

Experts are expected to fly from Karachi to survey the islets.

### FISSURES & LANDSLIDES

The earthquake is said to have been felt in many parts of Baluchistan. It was experienced at Kalat, Sibi and Mastung, 40 miles from Quetta. It is also reported to have been felt at Lora Lai. On the west coast it was so intense as to cause fissures in Ormara and is said to have been felt as far away as Gwadar.

"When we reached Ormara on Sunday morning, we witnessed that landslides had also taken place at Pasni. These places again experienced earthquake shocks of slight intensity on the night of December 2-3.

## DAMAGE AT PASNI AND ORMARA

### Tidal Wave's Toll

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

KARACHI, December 5.

A first-hand account of the damage caused by the tidal wave at Ormara and Pasni, and the condition of the people there was given to me today by Mr. J. L. Jerath, Director of Posts and Telegraphs, Sind and Baluchistan, who returned to Karachi after visiting both places.

Mr. Jerath, who left Karachi on Saturday by H.M.I.S. HINDUSTAN, said that at Ormara, most of the huts had been washed away by the tidal wave. At Pasni the destruction was even more widespread. It is estimated that about 60 per cent of the huts have been washed away at Ormara and 80 per cent at Pasni. About 100 persons have probably been killed at either place. There were a number of injured and doctors on board the H. M. I. S. KARACHI, which was sent on Thursday, and H. M. I. S. HINDUSTAN, which left Karachi on Saturday, treated them. Five serious cases, needing hospital treatment, have been brought to Karachi by the HINDUSTAN.

The water has receded from both the towns and the people who had run away are coming back. Some of them have already commenced rebuilding their huts. A relief party from Karachi carried 500 tents to this area. Much of the merchandise carried away by the sea has been recovered.

The wireless station and post office buildings at Ormara and Pasni are damaged beyond repair. Wireless communication was restored yesterday.

Mr. Jerath paid a tribute to the officers and men of the HINDUSTAN who rendered yeoman service to the stricken population.

