

15 WASHED AWAY IN BOMBAY TIDAL WAVE

MUSLIM FAMILY MEETS TRAGEDY

BOMBAY, Nov. 29.—The tidal wave, which swept the shores of Bombay following yesterday's earthquake according to reports, proved to be more disastrous than the earthquake itself. On the shores of Bombay's suburbs 15 persons were washed away when the huge tidal wave six and a half feet in height and the like of which has not been experienced in Bombay for years, hit the seashore between Juhu and Versova, a distance of three miles.

Out of the 15 persons washed away, two were saved, three bodies were picked up later and the fate of the remaining 10 is not known. Four women and one man belonging to the fisherfolk were caught in the Tidal wave at the Versova Creek at the northern end of Juhu and they disappeared within a moment.

Simultaneously an entire Muslim family consisting of husband, wife, three children and two servants was swept away while returning from Haji Ali "Dargah" at Mahalakshmi near Worli. Only one servant managed to swim ashore to narrate the tragic story.

COUNTRY CRAFT TRAFFIC DISLOCATED

KARACHI, Nov. 28.—Further enquiries in connection with the earthquake shock show that at that time a strong tidal wave occurred in the Arabian Sea near Karachi as a result of which the coastal country craft traffic is said to have been dislocated. About 400 ft. of groyne connecting Karachi Harbour and Manora Island have been damaged. Large quantity of fish is also reported to be lying on the Mekran coast.

The possibility of a storm resulting from a depression within a day or two some 500 miles south-east of Madras in the South Bay of Bengal is foreshadowed by weather experts in Bombay.

A weather expert pointed out that the north-east monsoon is now strong in the South Bay of Bengal and that it is possible that within the next day or two a depression or a storm may form in the South Bay of Bengal.

According to information received by the authorities at Celeba Observatory, the record made by the seismograph at Kodaikanal was faint whereas in Delhi the various phases of the earthquake shock have not been identified. The shock is reported to have been felt in Cawnpore also.

Slight earthquake shock is also said to have been experienced at the town of Dadu at about 3.35 a.m. today. The shock lasted for three seconds and many people who awoke from their sleep came out on the open maidan. No damage was caused to property.

A severe earthquake shock commencing at 3.32 a.m. hours with its epicentre at some 1,500 miles away was recorded by the Colombo Observatory seismograph today. The maximum phase was reached about ten minutes after the onset of the primary waves and feeble shocks are still being recorded at 6.10 hours.

An unexpected tidal wave swept the seashore between Juhu and Versova suburbs of Bombay, about 8 a.m. today washing away four women and one man—all fisherfolk. The upheaval was so forceful at Danda, two miles away from Juhu, that several boats broke from their moorings.

GREATEST 'QUAKE SINCE 1909

SYDNEY, Nov. 28.—The greatest earthquake ever recorded by River-view Observatory occurred at 8.14 a.m. (local time) today. It is considered to be the severest since 1909, and waves of the original 'quake are still recorded at 10 a.m.

The shock appeared to originate some 6,000 miles away.—Reuter.