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SYMBOLS AND NOTATIONS

1. Character of the Earthquake—

I. Perceptible. II. Moderately strong. III. Strong.

d (terrae motus domesticus)	Local shock (origin less than 100 kilometers distant).
v (terrae motus vicinus)	Near shock (origin from 100 to 1,000 kilometers distant).
r (terrae motus remotus)	Distant shock (origin from 1,000 to 5,000 kilometers distant).
u (terrae motus ultimus)	Very distant shock or teleseism (origin more than 5,000 kilometers distant.)

2. Phases of the Seismogram—

P (undae primae)	Normal first phase, or first preliminary tremors.
\bar{P}	Individual, or upper first preliminary tremors.
PR _n	Waves n-times reflected at the earth's surface.
S (undae secundae)	Second phase, or second preliminary tremors.
SR _n	Waves n-times reflected at the earth's surface.
PS	Waves changed from longitudinal to transverse oscillation, or vice versa, through reflection at the earth's surface.
L (undae longae)	Long waves at the beginning of the chief phase, or principal part.
M (undae maximae)	Waves of greatest amplitude in the chief phase.
C (coda)	Tail or end portion.
F (finis)	End of discernible movement.

3. Nature of the Motion—

i (impetus)	Sudden beginning of the motion.
e (emersio)	Gradual beginning of the motion.
T (period)	Time of one complete oscillation.
A	Amplitude of the motion, measured from the median line in microns ($\mu=1/1000$ mm.), +toward the north, east, or zenith, -toward the south, west, or nadir.
A _E	E-W component of A.
A _N	N-S component of A.
A _Z	Vertical component of A.

4. Time—

O (origin)	Time of shock at point of origin.
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5. Epicenter—

Δ	Epicentral distance.
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CONSTANTS

Latitude and longitude of the center of the seismographic room:

$$\varphi = 37^{\circ} 52' 15.9'' \text{ N. Lat.}$$

$$\lambda = 122^{\circ} 15' 36.6'' \text{ W. from Greenwich.}$$

Time. All determinations are reduced to Greenwich mean civil time.

Altitude, 85.4 meters (280 feet) above mean sea level.

CONSTANTS OF THE SEISMOGRAPHS

Date	Apparatus	Component	V	T	ϵ
Dec. 5	Bosch-Omori 100 Kg. Wiechert 80 Kg. V.	E		14	1.1
		N		14	1.1
		Z		5.6	5
Jan. 16	Bosch-Omori Wiechert	E	52	14	1.2
		N	64	14.5	1.2
		Z	43	5.6	5
Jan. 23	Bosch-Omori Wiechert	E	53	13.8	1.2
		changed			3.3
		N	63	14	1.2
		changed			3.3
Z	43	5.6	5.8		
Feb. 3	Bosch-Omori Wiechert	E	52	14	6.6
		N	62	13.6	2.4
		changed	56	13.6	3.7
Z	43	5.6	5.4		
Feb. 24	Bosch-Omori Wiechert	E	48	14.6	3.5
		N	73	13.5	5.7
		changed	35	12.4	4.5
Z	43	5.6	6		
Mar. 21	Bosch-Omori Wiechert	E	76	14	3.4
		N	60	12.1	3.4
		Z	43	5.6	5.3

The junior author is responsible for the measurement of the seismograms of the earthquakes of January 17 and for the discussion of the results obtained from them. The senior author is responsible for the remainder of the *Bulletin*.

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No.	Date	Char-acter	Phase	Time G. M. C. T.	Period	Amplitude			Remarks
						AE	AN	Az	
1	10 Oct.	I _u	ez Lz LE F	h m s	s	μ	μ	μ	There is no trace of the earthquake on NS.
				2 19 45					
				2 55 33					
				3 30 ±					
2	14 Oct.	I _u	ez F	17 23 00					
				18 24 ±					
3	15 Oct.	I _u	eP _{EZ} eS _E L _{EZ} L _N M _{EZ} F	5 10 57	8				The main phase is made up of a long series of sinusoidal waves.
				5 12 25					
				5 37 23					
				5 37 33					
				5 38 01					
				6 31 ±					
4	18 Oct.	I	eL _{EZ} ? F	1 09 33				There is nothing certain on NS.	
				1 40 ±					
5	20 Oct.	I _u	iP _E iS? i eL _E F	6 14 58	3.5			Δ8400. The amplitudes of all the waves are very small.	
				6 24 37					
				6 25 33					
				6 41 00					
				7 15 ±					
6	26 Oct.	I	e F	0 07 00				It was recorded both on EW and on Z, but not on NS.	
				0 24 ±					
7	26 Oct.	I	e F	0 58 ±				Similar to the preceding (No. 6).	
				1 53 ±					
8	2 Nov.	I	ez eL _E M _E e _N M _{EZ} F	3 43 42	20			The amplitudes are very small.	
				3 52 29					
				3 54 19					
				3 55 00					
				3 58 00					
4 15 ±									
9	7 Nov.		eP _Z eL _{EZ} M _{EZ} F	16 17 43	2			The amplitudes are small on EW and on Z, and no trace appears on NS.	
				16 46 46					
				16 48 24					
				17 52 ±					
10	11 Nov.		eL _E ez M _E F	14 51 53	19				
				14 53 23					
				14 54 26					
				15 21 ±					
11	11 Nov.	II _u	P _{EZ} i _E S _E L _{EZ} M _E F	18 50 23	23			Δ=10300. The coda is composed of long groups of regular sinusoidal waves with a period of about 17 seconds.	
				19 00 54					
				19 01 34					
				19 23 35					
				19 28 23					
				21 05 ±					

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No.	Date	Char-acter	Phase	Time G. M. T. .C.	Period	Amplitude			Remarks								
						AE	AN	Az									
12	13 Nov.	I	eL M F	h m s	17	μ	μ	μ									
				9 12 17													
				9 15 38													
13	14 Nov.	I	eL F	7 30 35													
				7 58 ±													
14	15 Nov.	I _u	P _Z eP _E R ₁ P _E R ₁ P _Z S _Z S _E eL _E ? F	20 50 27	6				Δ=11320. The approximate epicenter according to Jena is φ=40° N., λ=70° E. in the Fergana Basin, Turkestan.								
				20 50 55													
				20 54 43													
				20 54 56													
				21 02 21													
				21 02 28													
				21 22 23													
				22 03 ±													
				15						17 Nov.	I _v	eP _E eP _N iP _N eS _N eS _E eL _E eL _N M _{E1} M _{E2} M _{N1} M _{N2} F	22 13 29	6.5			S-P=44° Δ=400 Km.
													22 13 30				
22 13 39																	
22 14 13																	
22 14 14																	
22 14 20																	
22 14 22																	
22 14 22																	
22 14 29																	
22 14 31																	
22 14 43																	
22 23 ±																	
16	29 Nov.	I	e _{ENZ} M _{ENZ} F	23 17 48	7												
				23 20 32													
				23 50 ±													
17	18 Dec.	I	e _{ENZ} F	13 18 ±				Because of the strong microseisms present and of the small amplitude of these longer sinusoidal waves, no more exact determinations can be made.									
				13 38 ±													
18	18 Dec.	I _u	eP _N eP _E eS _N eS _E iS _N iS _E F	15 38 42?	2			S-P=7 ^m 48° Δ=6220. The exact time correction is unknown. The probable Δt is +23°, making eP _N 15 ^h 39 ^m 5°. The end of the record was lost owing to the changing of drums at 16 ^h 44 ^m .									
				15 38 46?													
				15 46 30?													
				15 46 31?													
				15 46 45?													
				15 46 51?													
				After 16-44													
19	1 Jan.	I	iP _Z eP _N eP _E i _Z eL _E eL _N eL _Z M _E F	19 58 20	3												
				19 58 20													
				19 58 27													
				19 58 59													
				20 20 58													
				20 20 59													
				20 21 15													
				20 22 27													
				21 53 ±													
				21 53 ±													

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No.	Date	Char-acter	Phase	Time			Period	Amplitude			Remarks	
				G.	M.	C. T.		AE	AN	Az		
				h	m	s	s	μ	μ	μ		
27	19 Jan.	I	cE	22	31	07						
			cE	22	45							
			F	23	27±							
28	20 Jan.	I	eL _E	4	36	07						
			F	4	51±							
29	22 Jan.	I	iP _{EZ}	3	35	36						
			cE	3	45	42						
			eL _N ?	3	55	04						
			cL _{EZ}	3	57	52						
			F	4	30±							
30	22 Jan.	I	iP _Z	20	56	14						
			cZ	20	56	14						
			eL _{EZ}	21	18	36						
			eL _N	21	19							
			F	22	29±							
31	26 Jan.	II	cNE	9	21	36	1 6				The record is quite unusual in form, the waves falling mainly into two large groups. In view of the uncertainty of character of the groups, it was thought best to present a detailed measurement without attempting to name them. The beginnings of the two groups are 9 ^h 21 ^m 36 ^s and 9 ^h 33 ^m 42 ^s respectively.	
			cN	9	21	47	6					
			iNE	9	22	07	14					
			iNE	9	22	20	14			-9		
			iN	9	22	25	13			+9		
			iNE	9	22	31	13			-6		
			iE	9	23	22	14					
			iNE	9	23	28	9			-8		
			iN	9	23	37	9			+18		
			iE	9	23	45	13					
			iN	9	23	54	8			+11		
			iNE	9	23	58	9			-14		
			iE	9	24	04	9			+7		
			iE	9	24	09	9			-15		
			iE	9	24	09	9			+12		
			iE	9	24	40	7			-15		
			iE	9	24	44	7			+15		
			iN	9	24	51	7			+11		
			iNE	9	25	09	6			+18		
			iN	9	25	14	6			-25		
			iN	9	25	30	7			+18		
			iE	9	25	44	7			-8		
			iE	9	26	29	6			+20		
			iN	9	33	42	18			+20		
			iN	9	33	55	16			-40		
			iNE	9	34	04	13			+78		
			iNE	9	34	12	13			-108		
			iNE	9	34	19	13			+115		
			iNE	9	34	26	13			-122		
			iNE	9	34	32	13			+96		
			iNE	9	34	40	13			-65		
iE	9	34	45	11			+25					
iN	9	34	50	13			+36					
iN	9	34	58	13			-78					
iNE	9	35	23	12			-144					
iNE	9	35	26	11			+145					
iN	9	35	31	10			+120					



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				G.	M.	C. T.		AE	AN	Az	
				h	m	s	s	μ	μ	μ	
31	26 Jan.	II	iN	9	35	37	10				
			iE	9	35	43	12	+100		-140	
			iN	9	35	46	10			-62	
			iN	9	35	54	10			+120	
			iN	9	36	02	10			-100	
			iNE	9	36	09	10		+138	+60	
			iNE	9	36	15	9		-165	-210	
			iE	9	36	19	11		+100		
			iN	9	36	24	8			+155	
			iN	9	36	29	8			-120	
			iNE	9	37	08	8		+66	+52	
			iNE	9	37	12	8		-70	-117	
			iNE	9	37	28	9		+60	+96	
			iN	9	37	32	8			-120	
			iN	9	37	37	8			+110	
			iE	9	37	41	8			-70	
			iE	9	38	17	9		+56		
			iE	9	38	26	9		+63		
			iE	9	38	29	9		-73		
			iE	9	40	28	8		+51		
F	9	56±									
32	31 Jan.	III	iP _{NEZ}	13	18	21	20 and 3	-370	+115	-40	At 13 ^h 18 ^m 41 ^s the N-S pen was thrown to the floor, so that the rest of that component was lost; the E-W pen was deflected off the recording drum and did not begin to record again until 13 ^h 32 ^m 10 ^s . 273 Δ = 460 km. 5000 O = 13 ^h 17 ^m 21 ^s ± 1 ^s . 3200 The epicenter was off the northern coast of California at 1260 λ = 125° 30' ± 3'. >2800 φ = 41° 8' ± 3'. 1980 For particulars see the discussion at the end of this Bulletin, and, especially, the Bulletin of the Seismological Society of America, June, 1923. 990 1020
			iNEZ	13	18	31	20	+1190	-495	+100	
			eP _{NEZ}	13	18	38					
			iP _{NE}	13	18	41	20 and 8	> -1700	> +1100		
			iP _Z	13	18	41	16&2.3			-210	
			iz	13	19	03					
			iz	13	19	33					
			M _{Z1}	13	19	41	14 & 2				
			M _{Z2}	13	19	53	13				
			M _{Z3}	13	20	19	9				
			M _{Z4}	13	21	10					
			M _{Z5}	13	21	54	7.5				
			M _{Z6}	13	22	30	8				
			M _{Z7}	13	23	50	7				
			M _{Z8}	13	26	50	7				
			M _{Z9}	13	31		8.3				
			M _{E1}	13	32	10	10		530		
			M _{E2}	13	32	50	10		530		
			M _{E3}	13	33	50	10		390		
			M _{E4}	13	35	58	8.4		270		
M _{E5}	13	36	50	9		270					
M _{E6}	13	44	05	9.3		160					
M _{E7}	13	49	01	10.8		220					
M _{E8}	13	54	50	10		190					
M _{E9}	13	57	04	10.5		150					
M _{E10}	14	02	02	9.5		150					
M _{E11}	14	06	50	10.8		120					
M _{E12}	14	16	30	11		60					
M _{E13}	14	20	06	10		68					
F				Post 16 ^h 48 ^m							

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No.	Date	Character	Phase	Time			Period	Amplitude			Remarks	
				G.	M.	C. T.		AE	AN	Az		
				h	m	s	s	μ	μ	μ		
33	2 Feb.	I	cz iz ce ie in iz F	7	12	11	7	8				The record seems to be that of a slight, nearby earthquake.
				7	12	17						
				7	12	51						
				7	13	45						
				7	15	09						
				7	15	51						
				7	23±							
34	5 Feb.	I	cENZ ie inz ie iz F	1	29	17						The phases cannot be identified either in this or in the following earthquake.
				1	30	43						
				1	31	17						
				1	32	07						
				1	33	17						
				1	44±							
35	5 Feb.	I	cz ce iz ie ie iz F	5	59	2						
				5	59	5						
				6	00	4						
				6	01	8						
				6	02	4						
				6	02	8						
				6	06±							
36	14 Feb.	I	ePz cNE eLE? eLNE? F	12	33	20						
				12	40	34						
				12	43	19						
				12	43	34						
				12	52±							
37	16 Feb.	II	ePE ce eLNE MNE MNE F	3	24	33	20	15	8			
				3	24	34						
				3	36	48						
				3	38	28						
				3	40	30						
4	16±											
38	1 Mar.	I	cNEZ F	21	34	41						
				22	00±							
39	4 Mar.	I	iPNEZ INEZ iSNEZ INE eLNE F	13	16	54	5	15	17	8	9	
				13	17	44						
				13	24	44						
				13	26	24						
				13	31	18						
14	14±											



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				G.	M.	C. T.		AE	AN	Az		
				h	m	s	s	μ	μ	μ		
40	10 Mar.	III _v	P _E P _Z P _N i _N e _E M _{Z1} M _{EN} M _{Z2} M _{Z3} M _{N2} M _{N3} M _{E2} M _{E3} M _{E4} F	11	22	13	4	285	370	200	113	The epicenter was probably in the San Andreas Rift east of Shandon, California. The Union Oil Company's pipe line to San Luis Obispo was broken in four places in the region between Shandon and Antelope and between Cholame and Annette. Dr. H. O. Wood reported iso-seismal evidence pointing to the vicinity of Parkfield and Cholame.
				11	22	13						
				11	22	16						
				11	22	54						
				11	22	56						
				11	23	05						
				11	23	14						
				11	23	14						
				11	24	38						
				11	24	52						
				11	25	50						
				11	26	44						
				11	29	40						
				11	31	23						
12	00±											
41	10 Mar.	I	iz c _N iz eLNE eLz F	17	03	46						
				17	03	57						
				17	05	43						
				17	12	58						
				17	13	05						
				17	25±							
42	16 Mar.	I _v	ePz eLNEZ M _{E1} M _{E2} M _{E3} M _{E4} M _{E5} F	23	11	41	15	15	22	29	15	18
				23	12	07						
				23	12	29						
				23	12	45						
				23	12	55						
				23	13	05						
				23	13	13						
23	22±											
43	28 Mar.	I	iPz iP _E iNz iL _E i _E i _N F	4	09	43	6	7	2	4	14	12
				4	09	45						
				4	09	46						
				4	19	30						
				4	20	23						
				4	20	29						
				5	19±							

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CONSTANTS

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Latitude and longitude of the center of the seismographic room:

$$\varphi = 37^{\circ} 20' 24.75'' \text{ N. Lat.}$$

$$\lambda = 121^{\circ} 38' 34'' \text{ W. from Greenwich.}$$

Time. All determinations are reduced to Greenwich mean civil time.

Altitude, 1281.7 meters (4202.25 feet) above mean sea level.

Since no adjustment of the seismographs was made which would materially change them, the following constants were assumed to hold for the winter earthquakes, although determined a very considerable time before.

Wiechert 180-Kg. Horizontal: E-W, $T_0 = 3$ sec., $V = 106$, $\epsilon = 5$; N-S, $T_0 = 3.2$ sec., $V = 98$, $\epsilon = 5$.

Wiechert 80-Kg. Vertical: $T_0 = 3.3$ sec., $V = 50$, $\epsilon = 4$.

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No.	Date	Char-acter	Phase	Time			Period	Amplitude			Remarks
				G.	M.	T.		A _E	A _N	A _Z	
	1921			h	m	s	s	μ	μ	μ	
1	17 Oct.	I _d	i _Z F	23	49	19	<1				This sharp, local shock registered only on the Z component.
2	18 Oct.	I _d	i _Z F	0	06	12	<1				This shock also was recorded only by the vertical seismograph
3	19 Oct.	II _d	eP _Z eP _E M _{ENZ} F	22	18	54	<1				
4	19 Oct.	I _d	iP _{ENZ} M _E M _{ENZ} F	23	46	35	<1				
5	20 Oct.	I _u	eP _N iS _N ? F	6	14	57					$\Delta = 8140?$ The main phase scarcely appears.
6	21 Oct.	I _d	iP _{ENZ} iS _{EN} ? F	3	12	19	<1				This is a beautifully registered shock a few kilometers away. iS may be iLM. The record is too compressed to be certain of the phases.
7	24 Oct.	I _d	iP _{ENZ} F	23	35	07	<1				This sharp, local shock is well registered on all components.
8	26 Oct.	I	e _N M _N F	0	07	25					The earthquake can be recognized only on the NS record. The beginning is masked by microseisms.
9	2 Nov.	I _d	iP _{ENZ} iS _{EZ} iL _{ENZ} F	0	48	25					S-P = 2*5. L-P = 2*9. $\Delta = 25$ km. Beautifully registered.
10	2 Nov.	I	e _N F	3	54	±					There are only a few irregular waves on the NS component. Nothing appears on EW or Z.
11	11 Nov.	I _u	e _N M _{N1} M _{N2} M _{N3} F	18	57	±	2				The amplitudes are very small.
12	17 Nov.	II _v	iP _{EN} iS _{EN} M _N F	22	13	16	<1				S-P = 37* $\Delta = 330$ km. The periods of the waves are very short. The vertical record is illegible because of the crossing of lines.

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No.	Date	Char-acter	Phase	Time G. M. C. T.		Period	Amplitude			Remarks	
							AE	AN	Az		
				h	m	s	μ	μ	μ		
24	31 Jan.	III _v	eP _N	13	18	38				Δ = 540 km. The epicenter was at φ = 41° 8' ± 3' λ = 125° 30' ± 3'. O = 13 ^b 17 ^m 21 ^s ± 1 ^s . See Berkeley Station No. 32, the discus- sion at the end of this Bulletin, and especially the Bule- tin of the Seismologi- cal Society of Amer- ica, June, 1923.	
			eP _{EZ}	13	18	39					
			iP _{ENZ}	13	18	42	480	340	530		
			iz	13	18	51	560	480			
			i _{EN}	13	18	53			92		
			iP _Z	13	19	01	880	960			
			iP _{EN}	13	19	03	1440	1450			
			i _{NE}	13	19	11			530		
			iz	13	19	11	1220	1250			
			i _{EN}	13	19	19			1050		
			iz	13	19	19					
			i _{NE}	13	19	30	14	115			
			i _{NZ}	13	19	33		340	40		
			i _N	13	19	39					
			i _N	13	19	43					
			iM _{ENZ}	13	19	55	7200	>8700	240		
			M _{ENZ}	13	21	16	4000	>9200	730		
			M _{ENZ}	13	22	16	2640	>3400	3200		
			M _{NE}	13	23	15	1770	2600			
			M _Z	13	23	27					
M _{NE}	13	23	52	1400	2200						
M _Z	13	23	52			>3600					
M _{ENZ}	13	24	15	1570	>1480	1430					
F	16	00	±								
25	2 Feb.	I	c _N	7	13	56					
			e _Z	7	14	52					
			e _E	7	18	16					
			F	7	50	±					
26	5 Feb.	I	c _N	1	28	48					
			e _E	1	41						
			F	4	00	±					
27	5 Feb.	I	c _N	6	01	31					
			F	6	10	±					
28	10 Mar.	II _v	eP _{NEZ}	11	22	01				The epicenter was probably on the San Andreas Rift. See Berkeley Station, No. 40.	
			iP _N	11	22	07			-6		
			iP _N	11	22	13			+15		
			iP _E	11	22	14					
			i _E	11	22	32	-27				
			i _N	11	22	37			-50		
			iz	11	22	39			-66		
			i _E	11	22	40	+107				
			iz	11	22	41			+98		
			i _N	11	22	55			-100		
			i _N	11	22	56			+145		
			i _E	11	22	56	+140				
			i _N	11	23	01			+120		
i _N	11	23	02			-102					
F	11	43	±								



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No.	Date	Char-acter	Phase	Time G. M. C. T.		Period	Amplitude			Remarks	
							AE	AN	Az		
				h	m	s	μ	μ	μ		
29	10 Mar.	I	e _N	17	08					The beginning and the end are lost in microseisms.	
			F	17	23	±					
30	16 Mar.	I _v	iP _{NE}	23	11	31					
			iP _Z	23	11	41					
			i _N	23	11	50					
			i _N	23	11	57					
			i _E	23	11	59					
			i _N	23	12	08	4		+15		
			i _{NE}	23	12	10	4		-15		
			i _N	23	12	16	3		+12		
			i _N	23	12	18	3		-10		
			F	23	25	±					
31	20 Mar.	I _d	e _Z	0	44	48					
			e _{NE}	0	44	49					
			i _{NEZ}	0	44	51					
			F	0	46	±					
32	28 Mar.	I	iP _{NZ}	4	09	44				The amplitudes are very small and the waves are partially masked by microseisms.	
			e _N	4	13	27					
			i _N	4	20	24					
			F	4	45	±					

DISCUSSION OF PARTICULAR SHOCKS

THE EARTHQUAKE OF JANUARY 31, 1922

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The shock which occurred on January 31, 1922, was of such magnitude as to register on seismographs throughout the world. It was felt, however, over a comparatively small area and nowhere had an intensity greater than VI on the Rossi-Forel scale. On the one hand the energy was so great that the first preliminary waves threw the pens from the drums on the seismographs at Berkeley, jarring one of the pens to the floor. The waves of the maximum phase generally throughout North America were too large to register on the first or second-class seismographs. On the other hand, no region could be found where the earthquake was of the destructive violence that such energy would lead one to expect.

This apparent inconsistency, the undoubted importance of the earthquake, the possible relation of the epicenter to the San Andreas Rift, and the fact that the senior author was then at work on the much discussed problem of change of frequency of vibration with time of travel of earthquake waves, led him to ask Professor Andrew C. Lawson, the chairman of the Department of Geological Sciences of the University of California, to write letters to about eighty carefully selected seismographic stations of the world, requesting the loan of their original seismograms or the sending of exact copies of them.

The response to Professor Lawson's letter was most generous. Original seismograms were sent by the University of Santa Clara (Santa Clara, Calif.), the Dominion Observatory of Victoria, B. C., Gonzaga University (Spokane, Wash.), the University of Saskatchewan (Saskatoon, Canada), the St. Louis University (St. Louis, Mo.), the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, Mich.), the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, the U. S. Weather Bureau (for Chicago, Ill., Northfield, Vt., and Washington, D. C.), Fordham

University (Fordham, N. Y.), the Meteorological Observatory of the College Saint-Martial at Port-au-Prince (Haiti), the Seismologic Station at Balboa Heights (Panama Canal Zone), the Samoan Observatory (Apia, Samoa), the Seismologic Station at Le Mans (France), the Geodätisches Institut at Potsdam, the Zentralstelle für Erdbebenforschung at Jena, the Observatorio Meteorológico de Coimbra, the Observatorio Central Meteorológico de Lisboa, the Erdbebenwarte Muenchen (for München and Nördlingen), the Erdbebenwarte Zürich, the Zentralanstalt für Meteorologie und Geodynamik von Wien, the University of Buda-Pest, the Geofizicki zavod Zagreb (Yugoslavia), the Observatoire Alger-Bouzareah (Algeria), the R. Osservatorio Geodinamico di Rocca di Papa. To all of these our grateful appreciation and acknowledgment is hereby tendered.

Our thanks are also due to the following, who sent blue prints or photographic copies of their records: The U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey (for Cheltenham, Honolulu, Sitka, Tucson, Viequez), the Estación Sismológica Central de Tacubaya (Mexico), the Meteorological Service of Canada (for Toronto), the Dominion Observatory (at Ottawa), the Observatory of Mukaiyama (Sendai, Japan), the Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute (De Bilt, Holland), the Hauptstation für Erdbebenforschung in Hamburg, the Observatoire Royal de Uccle, the Estación Sismológica San Calixto (La Paz, Bolivia), the Observatoire de Parc Saint-Maur, the Geophysikalisches Institut der Universität Göttingen, the Station Sismologique de l'Institut du Physique de Globe de Strasbourg, the Observatorio del Ebro (Tortosa), the Observatoire de Zi-ka-wei, the Stazione Sismologica di Pola, the Osservatorio Ximeniano di Firenze, and the Kon. Magnetisch en Meteorologisch Observatorium van Batavia (Weltevreden, Java).

Both the time of occurrence and the position of the epicenter were unknown, so that preliminary values of each had to be obtained from the analyses of the seismograms. The stereographic projection method of Dr. Klotz's was tried, but the preliminary values of S-P were so inconsistent that no choice of intersection

¹ These seismograms, together with those from the same stations for the earthquake of January 17, will be returned to the respective directors in the very near future, as soon as the junior author has completed his investigation of that set.

could be made with confidence. After several other attempts, a modification of the Oxford method was adopted. One difficulty that arose was the predominance of observations in the first quadrant. As this could not be obviated, a selection was made of those stations whose data were most consistent, and their measurements combined with the measurements from all the stations in the other three quadrants. The final values were:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= 13^{\text{h}} 17^{\text{m}} 21^{\text{s}} \pm 1^{\text{s}} \text{ G.M.C.T.} \\ \text{Lat.} &= 41^{\circ} 8' \pm 3' \text{ North} \\ \text{Long.} &= 125^{\circ} 30' \pm 3' \text{ West} \end{aligned}$$

How does this location agree with the macroseismic reports? The data gathered by the U. S. Weather Bureau and published in the Weather Review for January, 1922, were collated with reports assembled by the various press associations. The shock was felt as far north as Florence and Eugene, Oregon; as far east as Bend and Klamath Falls, Oregon, and Fall River Mills and Grass Valley, California; and as far south as San Francisco and Berkeley, California. The intensity was greatest at Eureka, Calif., where it was of degree VI Rossi-Forel. In general, the apparent intensity was relatively greater on the unconsolidated sediments of the interior valleys than in the mountains and on the older rock areas, as is usually the case. But when this factor is taken into account, the distribution of intensities unmistakably pointed to an offshore epicenter in the general neighborhood of Eureka, which is situated in Lat. $40^{\circ} 48'$ North and Long. $124^{\circ} 10'$ West.

The results of the investigation with regard to change of period were exceedingly interesting. No functional relation was found between the periods of the second preliminary waves and the distance traveled by them. But the case of the first preliminary and maximum waves was quite different.

In the P-waves at stations near the epicenter, there were two periods present, the one very long and with a large amplitude, the other very short, and with a small amplitude, superposed on the first. As the waves were followed from station to station, the period of the longer wave decreased rapidly with the distance while that of the shorter wave slowly increased. At stations farther away than fifty degrees the distinction between the two waves disappeared.

As is well known, the main phase of an earthquake is made up of two groups of waves of distinctly different character. The L group consists of transverse waves without a vertical component. These waves travel along the surface of the earth with the speed of S-waves. On the other hand, the M group is composed of pseudo-Rayleigh waves whose plane of vibration is vertical and parallel to the direction of propagation. The speed of these waves is only about nine-tenths that of the L waves. The maximum amplitude of the earth motion is usually found shortly after the beginning of the M group. Two maxima were chosen for study of change of period, respectively two and four minutes after the beginning of the M waves on each record. The periods of both maxima were found to increase as an approximately linear function of the distance. Furthermore, the rate of increase was surprisingly rapid. A wave, which had an average period of nine seconds in the first ten degrees of its path, lengthened its period to an average of twenty-one seconds between 80° and 90° epicentral distance.

A full account of the investigation and a detailed discussion of the results has been published by the senior author in the Bulletin of the Seismological Society of America, June, 1923.

THE SOUTH AMERICAN EARTHQUAKES OF
JANUARY 17, 1922

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A study of the unusual seismograms of January 17, 1922, was undertaken by the writer because of their intrinsic interest with a view, also, to an investigation of the behavior of waves in groups. The original seismograms of this date were loaned to the Berkeley station by the directors of a large number of seismographic stations throughout the world. Other stations sent copies of their seismograms. (See pp. 46 and 47.)

The most marked features of these records are the great prominence of the second preliminary group and the insignificance of the surface waves.

The epicentral distances, as calculated from the apparent S-P intervals of the various stations, are all too short to reach any common point. This was noted in particular by the La Paz station, and the possibility of two earthquakes was suggested. In the reports of a number of stations, the seismogram was mentioned as being abnormal, and in most of the records an excessive number of marked wave groups was evident.

These seismograms have been found to be the superposed records of three distinct South American earthquakes.

The first of these occurred at $0=3^h 50^m 20^s$, M.G.T., with an epicenter in Brazil at $\varphi=4^\circ 35.2' \pm 32''$ South; $\lambda=63^\circ 56.3' \pm 22''$ West.

The second occurred at $0=3^h 50^m 22^s$, with an epicenter in Venezuela at $\varphi=5^\circ 11.5' \pm 5'$ North; $\lambda=66^\circ 45.2' \pm 4'$ West.

The third occurred at $0=3^h 50^m 24^s$, with an epicenter just off the coast of Ecuador at $\varphi=3^\circ 12.1' \pm 3'$ South; $\lambda \pm 82^\circ 50.2' \pm 3'$ West.

In these three earthquakes may be found the explanation for the many marked wave groups on the records, the P and S groups with their reflections being present for each epicenter. There are no other possible solutions that can account for them.

The most obvious solution would be a single earthquake. But this proves to be unsatisfactory. If a single earthquake be assumed, its epicenter must be taken in or near Ecuador since newspapers in Guayaquil reported a shock felt throughout that country at this time. The S-P arcs fall far short of an epicenter in northern Ecuador, located by the assumption of a time of occurrence and by the drawing on a large terrestrial globe of arcs with the stations for centers and their respective P-O and S-O distances as radii. The S-P arcs of Europe and eastern North America traverse Venezuela at distances of from 450 to 1200 kilometers from the northern Ecuador epicenter. And the S-P arcs of La Paz and of Rio de Janeiro fall short of it by 500 and 900 kilometers, respectively. Those of western North America and the Hawaiian Islands also lie at too great a distance.

On all the seismograms the arrival of the second preliminary group is very marked. This large wave can be tested by the vector method on a number of records where the beginning is very sharp and can be shown to be certainly a transverse wave.

Two movements on the northern Ecuador epicenter cannot be made to explain the seismograms, even though they be assumed to be of such a nature that the P waves set up by the first disturbance were of so small a magnitude that they did not register at any of the stations, while the P waves of the second quake were those which were recorded. These latter P waves, together with the S waves of the first quake, would account for the too short S-P intervals; and for such an assumption, a time of occurrence for quake number one may be assumed which will reduce the discrepancies between P calculated and P observed to values from -43 to $+25$ seconds, and a time of occurrence for quake number two which will reduce the discrepancies between S calculated and S observed to values from -55 to $+65$ seconds. Still this assumption calls for the presence of an S group for the second earthquake, and this is not found on the seismograms. Also certain marked wave groups are left unexplained. An example of this is the very marked wave group in Europe which follows the first S after an interval of about four minutes. It arrived at Göttingen at $4^h 15^m 58^s$, and at Coimbra at $4^h 13^m 47^s$, and is noticeable on all the records.

Two epicenters will not suffice. If in addition to the one in northern Ecuador, another is taken in Brazil, determined from the La Paz record and the Rio de Janeiro report, it is found that the time of occurrence of the Brazilian earthquake differs by only a very few seconds from that of the Ecuador quake. Therefore it would not be possible for both the P and S groups from Brazil to fall within the S-P interval of the Ecuador quake on the European seismograms and thus explain the too short S-P interval. The almost simultaneous times of occurrence also prevent an explanation of the shortness of any of the S-P intervals by means of these epicenters.

If it be assumed that an earthquake took place in Venezuela on an epicenter satisfying the S-P intervals of Europe and eastern North America, its time of occurrence is found to be within a few seconds of the times found for the other two epicenters. Therefore if two earthquakes be assumed, one of which is on the Venezuela epicenter and the other of which is on the Ecuador epicenter, the S-P intervals at La Paz and Rio de Janeiro, together with the P arrival time at Johannesburg, are not explained. And again certain wave groups are not accounted for. If the Venezuelan epicenter is taken with the Brazilian epicenter, there is not only the unanswered problem of the S-P intervals of western North America and the Hawaiian Islands, but also the unexplained shock felt in Ecuador.

If only two of the foregoing epicenters are taken, later shocks on one or both of them will not afford a solution of the problem. Therefore only the assumption of three epicenters will satisfy the seismograms.

These three epicenters, as located above, and their times of occurrence, have been calculated as follows. A first approximate position of each was located on the globe by drawing the S-P arcs as above. These arcs arranged themselves in three very definite groups. The intersections of the arcs from eastern North America and Europe were grouped in Venezuela. Those from western North America and the Hawaiian Islands pointed to an epicenter off the coast of Ecuador. La Paz and Rio de Janeiro located the other in Brazil. This last location also satisfies the P arrival time at

Johannesburg, which is the only other station from which we have reports that would have registered this earthquake before it recorded either of the others. Johannesburg gave no S arrival time.

Approximate epicenters were thus located and the distances from each of these to the stations measured on the globe. Only those stations were used in the adjustment of an epicenter which received the waves from it before those from either of the others. A time of occurrence was assumed for each quake. The measured distance to each epicenter was compared with the P-O and S-P calculated distances, and the epicenter was adjusted to minimize discrepancies, the stations being weighted according to the quality of their seismographs and the accuracy of their time service. In each case the newly adjusted epicenter was taken, and the distance from it to each station was calculated, by the solution of a spherical triangle. Again the epicenter was adjusted and the time of occurrence also. The final epicenter was then located.

The wave group mentioned above, which arrived on the Göttingen record at 4^h 15^m 58^s, proves to be the PS group from the Ecuador epicenter. That these three earthquakes explain the many wave groups is well illustrated by the seismograms of the United States Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C. The arrival times of the various wave groups at this station are as below:

EPICENTERS			
Group	Venezuela	Ecuador	Brazil
P	3-57-39	[3-58-51]	[3-59-30]
PR ₁	[3-58-51]	4-0-34	
PR ₂	[3-59-30]		
PR ₃			4-2-10
S	4-3-26	4-4-45	4-5-52
PS			[4-6-33]
SR ₁		4-8-6	
SR ₂	[4-6-33]	4-8-41	4-9-58
L	4-7-48	4-11-10	

Whenever two groups are due to arrive at nearly the same time, the corresponding arrival time is enclosed in brackets.

The PR₁ waves arriving at 4^h 0^m 34^s are of much greater amplitude than any of the preceding longitudinal waves. The distance from Washington to the Ecuador epicenter is 42.5°. For

this distance we should expect PR_1 to be of greater amplitude than P , since the latter has grazed a surface of discontinuity in the earth.²

The PR_3 group from Brazil is very large exceeding all the other longitudinal wave groups in amplitude. The distance from Washington to the Brazilian epicenter is $45^\circ 2'$.

The great magnitude of the reflected waves in comparison with the directly transmitted waves at the critical distances is noticeable on many of the records. This is particularly marked in Europe for the PS and SR_1 groups from the Ecuador earthquake. For example, in Göttingen the S waves from this epicenter are very small, while the PS and SR_1 waves are those of the greatest amplitude on the record. The distance from Göttingen to the Ecuador epicenter is $94^\circ 3'$ and hence within the interval $92^\circ < \Delta < 102^\circ$. In traveling such a distance, the S waves have grazed another surface of discontinuity which corresponds to that found by Gutenberg for longitudinal waves.³ On the other hand, for both the Venezuela and the Brazil epicenters, the distances to Göttingen are less than 90° , and we find the amplitudes of the reflections in a more nearly one to one ratio to those of the directly transmitted waves.

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² Geiger and Gutenberg, Über Erdbebenwellen, VI, Nach. Kön. Gesell. Wiss. Göttingen, Math-phys. Kl., H.6, 1912. Also B. Gutenberg, Über den Erdkern in 2900 km Tiefe und die an ihm stattfindenden Reflexionen und Brechungen von Erdbebenwellen. Zeitschr. für angewandte Geophysik, Bd. 1, H.4 (May, 1923).

³ B. Gutenberg, Ueber Erdbebenwellen VII A, Nach. Kön. Gesell. Wiss. Göttingen, H.2, 1914.