

REPORT SCORE DEAD IN COAST EARTHQUAKE

***Thirteen Killed in Mexicali, and
Others in El Centro, Cal.—
Heavy Property Damage.***

LOS ANGELES, June 22. — Thirteen persons are known to have been killed in Mexicali at 8:05 tonight, when that little Mexican town was thrown into a panic by an earthquake that visited nearly the entire Imperial Valley. The buildings, all of shaky construction, were rocked, and most of them were tumbled to the ground. The military authorities at once declared the city under martial law, and no Americans were allowed to cross the line from Calexico. In Calexico three of the larger buildings were destroyed by fire, but no one was killed.

The damage done by the earthquake will run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

From reports received here, El Centro was hardest hit. On either side of Main Street are ruins of small brick buildings. Practically every display window in town is shattered. The new Barbara Worth Hotel and Masonic Temple, the largest structures, are seriously damaged. The wholesale house of the Delata Mercantile Company was burned to the ground. The annex to the El Centro Hotel is a heap of brick and tangled girders. At Calexico the cornice stones of the Daum Building fell, windows were shattered and goods fell from the shelves. At the Masonic Temple the city trustees were in session, when the building began to rock. Plaster fell and the trustees and spectators rushed to the street.

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