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WHEN THE EARTH ROCKED.  
EARTHQUAKE IN INDIA.  
 NEARLY 9,000 KILLED.

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When the gods are angry the world trembles. So say many Indians who suffered the terrifying experience of seeing the earth open beneath their feet and destroy men, ---

women, children, homes and cattle. These pictures of this unparalleled earthquake disaster were obtained by Universal camera man after a hurried aeroplane flight from Calcutta into the heart of the stricken North East provinces. The town of Patna -- housewives will recognise the name by the well-known rice grown here --- received a terrible and sustained shock. Hardly a house in the whole ---

place survived the tremors. When the disaster occurred the panic of the people saved ---

---many lives. Their terror made them rush from the houses to the open ground, where they were comparatively safe. All activities other than ---

---rescue work are at a standstill. Government offices, banks, shops, and schools, if not in ruins, are closed. Bad was made worse by the electric light supply ---

---ceasing. Telephone ---

---and telegraph services were damaged and the water supply deranged, owing to underground conduits being broken up.

Many of the survivors are reported not to have had water or food between their lips for over two days. The Maharajah's palace, a beautiful example ---

---of Indian architecture, has been shaken to ruins. In the affected area, many dead bodies are ---

---still under the wreckage, and several people disappeared into huge fissures, which opened in the earth itself. Whole panic stricken families fled from their homes far into the open country, and their terror even yet prevents their return to the place of horror and destruction.

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---The General Hospital suffered severely. The roof got away killing and injuring patients who were receiving treatment. At Dharbanga, two hospitals, containing two hundred patients are reported to have crumpled up and fallen upon the inmates. Is---

--- is believed that only one escaped. The Patna High Court--- collapsed, injuring an advocate and others, while at the same moment, the judges, -----

---residence was destroyed. There you see all that remains of the palace of a ruling prince. Immensely----

-----valuable possessions lie buried beneath tons of debris. Palace servants-----

---are temporarily housed in garden tents----

-----Muzaffarpur lost over two thousand lives. Where proud streets stood this bit of stark---

---desolation meets the eye. British residents have not escaped. TENS OF THOUSANDS--- Numerous-----

---stories are to hand of injury and death stalking among the white population. Earthquakes do not discriminate ---

In Jemmalpur, people busy buying in the bazaar were buried when---

---the buildings on both sides of the streets fell together and upon them. Note how the novelty of the cinema camera attracts the---

---poor homeless souls. Work of relief has been organised---

-----as speedily as was possible. It is being prayed for ---

---by the native holy men. In all, nine thousand lives have been lost. The homeless-----

--- are almost countless. Lets hope they suffer no more. They have borne their share.

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