

CANBERRA SHAKEN BY EARTH TREMORS

CANBERRA, March 11.—Terrified women and children ran into the streets screaming, when the worst earth tremor in the history of the district shook Canberra early to-day.

Buildings shook, windows rattled, crockery was broken, the walls of some buildings cracked and furniture shifted out of position.

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Canberra experienced two tremors, the second, occurring at 8.33 a.m., being the most severe and lasting several seconds.

The safe in Parliament House was then dislodged from its position and the picture shaken from the wall.

A third shock, accompanied by a rumbling sound occurred at 1.30 p.m.

In one guest house, the tremor caused doors of bedrooms to fly open. Startled guests, as the building rocked, ran into corridors.

A man who was having a shower when the tremor occurred, said it threw him off his balance and he slipped into the bottom of the bath.

GUNNING FEARS

SYDNEY, March 11.—Many residents of the Gunning district, about 130 miles south-west of Sydney, spread their crockery on the floor before they went to bed to-night. They were afraid that earth tremors during the night might throw it from shelves and cupboards and smash it.

The strongest earth tremors, recorded in New South Wales for 15 years, shook Gunning and about 30,000 square miles of the State early this morning. The shock was felt in Sydney and Katoomba and in Canberra, which was shaken again at 1.30 p.m.

The Gunning district is likely to feel tremors for several days, according to Father O'Connell, director of the Riverview Observatory which recorded the first and most violent tremor in Sydney at 8.33 a.m.

The tremor lasted only about 15 seconds in Sydney, rattling tables and spilling hot tea from breakfast cups. It was noticed at Dalton, about 15 miles from Gunning, where, at the first violent tremor, residents ran into the streets fearing an earthquake and cattle bolted in panic.

It shook down and smashed £60 worth of spirits from shelves of a Dalton hotel and broke plaster work and ventilators from walls and ceilings of several homes.

Nearly every brick building in town was damaged.

One house was rocked off its foundations and several chimneys were cracked or toppled. About 30 less violent shocks were felt again at intervals during the day.





THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT, CANBERRA