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SHANGHAI, China, Sept. 2.-(8:08 p. m.) Bulletins received here from Japan report that 100,000 persons have perished in Tokio and Yokohama alone in Saturday's earthquake and fire. The bulletins received said that fire in the Tokio arsenal caused explosions which destroyed the arsenal and adjoining printing bureaus, killing several thousand persons. The Japanese community of Shanghai is grief stricken.

The most serious damage was done to the tracts covering the Yamanote district, where hardly a single structure was left standing,

Thousands are without water and food. The famed twelve-story tower of A sakusa was demolished. Among the larger buildings destroyed were the Mitsugoshi deportment store, the Imperial Theatre and the Imperial Hotel. Many lofty buildings that lined the street opposite to the Tokio Central Railway station, burned, and thousands of persons were caught in the collapsing walls.

In Yokohama the fire following the earthquake started in hte foreign section and spread first through Benteo and Isezaki streets, wipingout the business district entirely

Tens of thousands of guests in the mountain resorts of the Hakone district, many of whom are foreigners, were panic stricken. There were eleven earthquakes at Mount Hakone and the town of Atama in this district was demolished. Six or seven thousand persons perished.

Tokio, the capital of Japan, and chief resi- anese ports from its proximity to Tokio, the capdence of the Mikado, has a population of about ital of the empire, with which it is connected by a $2,200,000$, ranking as the fifth city in the world railway 18 miles in length. The foreign settlein point of population. It is situated on the bay ment consists of well constructed streets with of the same name and the Southeast coast of business establishments. The harbor, a part of
Hondo, the largest of the Japanese islands. The the Bay of Tokio, is cood and commodious Hondo, the largest of the Japanese islands. The the Bay of Tokio, is good and commodious. majority of the houses are of wood, but there are Steamers from San Francisco, Vancouver Island, many new buildings of brick and stone, with the etc., call regularly. The population has grown imperial palace near the center of the cit and rapidly within recent years, and the last census modern office buildings have been recent years. The streets of the modern city The most remarkable earthquakes of modern have been made fairly wide and regular. They times are those which destroyed Lima in 1746, by sept ean and Education is well organized and Lishon in 1775 . Others more recent are the and there are numerpus private and elementary earthquakes that visited Calabria in 1857. Peru schools.
The imperial university is located at Tokio, Charleston in 1886, and Japan in 1901. The 2ith with full faculty and an attendance of about Century has been notable for earthquakes of 4,000 students. exceptional severity, including those of San Tokio is considered the center of political, Francisco and Valparaiso in 1906, of Kingston commercial and literary activity of Japan. Jamaica in 1907; of Messina, Sicily, 1908, when Yokohama is the most important of the Jap-l $\begin{aligned} & \text { loss of life amounted to about } 150,000, \text { and of } \\ & \text { Central Italy in } 1915 \text { when } 35,000 \text { people perished. }\end{aligned}$


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