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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, Sept. 4th.—Sugar in stock on the 1st inst was 116,000 tons. Last year 100,000 tons.

Osaka, Sept. 4th.—So vast an area of Japan has been devastated by the greatest earthquake in the history of this country that it will be long before the actual loss of life is known. The most reliable estimates of the dead to the present report is 200,000 to 320,000. Tokio and Yokohama, with surrounding towns which formed the centre of the disturbances, are almost completely in ruins. For two days Tokio was swept by flames and apart from the loss of life caused directly through the falling of buildings, thousands must have perished in their attempts to make their way through the fire zones and other thousands through exhaustion. Yokohama, Tokio's busy port, is a city destroyed. Probably more complete destruction has been wrought there than in the capital itself, for its great docks were torn asunder, its shipping wrecked, its public buildings and homes levelled to the earth. All advices received here indicate a succession of earth disturbances in that area, extending for many miles inland and to the North, and everywhere the first destructive forces were augmented by explosions, the bursting of water mains, the overflow of rivers and the terrible overpowering rush of tidal waves. Details of geographical changes are lacking, but it is reported that new islands have been forced up from the bed of the ocean, while whole sections have disappeared. Rivers are said to have changed their courses and volcanoes are erupting in various districts. The disaster spared none who stood in its path. Many members of noble families have perished, but thus far the only notable reign resident in the list of killed is the American Consul at Yokohama, Max D. Kirjashoff, who with his wife is be-



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