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SYMBOLS AND NOTATION

1. Character of the Earthquake—

I. Perceptible. II. Moderately strong. III. Strong.

d (terrae motus domesticus)	Local shock (origin less than 100 kilometers distant).
v (terrae motus vicinus)	Near shock (origin from 100 to 1,000 kilometers distant).
r (terrae motus remotus)	Distant shock (origin from 1,000 to 5,000 kilometers distant).
u (terrae motus ultimus)	Very distant shock or teleseism (origin more than 5,000 kilometers distant).

2. Phases of the Seismogram—

P (undae primae)	First phase, or first preliminary tremors.
PR _n	Waves n-times reflected at the earth's surface.
S (undae secundae)	Second phase, or second preliminary tremors.
SR _n	Waves n-times reflected at the earth's surface.
PS	Waves changed from longitudinal to transverse oscillation, or vice versa, through reflection at the earth's surface.
L (undae longae)	Long waves, chief phase, or principal part.
M(undae maximae)	Greatest motion in the chief phase.
C (coda)	Tail or end portion.
F (finis)	End of discernible movement.

3. Nature of the Motion—

i (impetus)	Sudden beginning of the motion.
e (emersio)	Gradual beginning of the motion.
T (period)	Time of one complete oscillation.
A	Amplitude of the motion, measured from the median line in microns ($\mu = 1/1000$ mm.).
A _E	E-W component of A.
A _N	N-S component of A.
A _V	Vertical component of A.

4. Time—

O (origin)	Time of shock at point of origin.
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THE BERKELEY STATION

CONSTANTS

Latitude and longitude of the center of the seismographic room:

$$\phi = 37^{\circ} 52' 15.''9 \text{ N. Lat.}$$

$$\lambda = 122^{\circ} 15' 36.''6 \text{ W. from Greenwich.}$$

Time. All determinations are reduced to Greenwich mean civil time.

Altitude, 85.4 meters (280 feet) above mean sea-level.

CONSTANTS OF THE SEISMOGRAPHS

	Period	Magnif.	Damping
Bosch-Omori Seismograph N-S component.....	15 ^s	80	8-1
Bosch-Omori Seismograph E-W component.....	15 ^s	80	8-1
Wiechert Seismograph Vert. component.....	6 ^s	80	8-1
Omori Tromometer N-S component.....	2 ^s	60
Omori Tromometer E-W component.....	2.5 ^s	60
Marvin Strong-motion Seismograph—			
E-W component.....	6.5 ^s	5.8	1.3-1
N-S component.....	6.5 ^s	5.1	1.4-1

No.	Date	Charac.	Phase	Time G. M. C. T.			Period	Amplitude			Remarks
				h	m	s		AE	AN	AV	
1	1919 1 Oct.	I _r (?)	e _N e _E e _V M _N F	19	35	59	11				Trace of a distant shock on all components.
				19	36	06					
				19	36	09					
				19	37	09					
				19	45	53					
2	3 Oct.	I _r (?)	e F	10	11±						Trace of a distant earthquake on all components. Very gradual beginning. Waves of even amplitude.
				10	36±						
3	5 Oct.	I _v	e P _N e P _E i P _V L _N L _E L _V F	2	39	22					No definite maximum. Phases doubtful. Registered by both components of the Omori tromometer.
				2	39	23					
				2	39	23					
				2	40	37					
				2	40	26					
				2	40	26					
				2	52±						
4	8 Oct.	I?	e F	5	23±						Flat waves. Trace of a distant shock.
				5	36±						
5	10 Oct.	I _d	e P _E e P _N e P _V L _E L _N L _V M _{1E} M _{1N} M _{2E} M _{2N} M _{3N} M _{3E} C F	1	10	15.5					*Trace amplitude. P doubtful because of microseisms. Δ = 760-880 km.
				1	10	02.3					
				1	10	09.7					
				1	12	22.5					
				1	12	08.1					
				1	11	59.1					
				1	12	49	9	2000*			
				1	12	15	8	3200*			
				1	14	14	7	2600*			
				1	12	57	8	3800*			
				1	18	25	7	4200*			
				1	19	16	3	1300*			
				1	25±						
				2	36±						
6	18 Oct.	I _d	O e P _N i P _E i P _N M _E i L _N i L _E i LM _V M _N F	15	31	12.4					Δ = 98 km. Pen trace on N-S shows side shift 1.3° before rapid vibrations of first preliminary tremors begin. Registered on Omori tromometer.
				15	31	26.3					
				15	31	26.4					
				15	31	27.2					
				15	31	27.9					
				15	31	39.4	1/2	12.5			
				15	31	39.2					
				15	31	40.4					
				15	31	40.5	1/2				
				15	31	40.5					
				15	33±				12.5	3.7	

No.	Date	Charac.	Phase	Time G. M. C. T.			Period	Amplitude			Remarks
				h	m	s		AE	AN	AV	
7	1919 18 Oct.	I _d	O i P _N i P _E i P _V i LM _N i L _E i LM _V F	18	28	48	11				After shock of No. 6. Main phase consists of rapid, irregular vibrations.
				18	29	01.5					
				18	29	02.2					
				18	29	01.4					
				18	29	15.3	1/2		3.7		
				18	29	14.5					
				18	29	14.8					
				18	30	04					
8	20 Oct.	I _r	e P _N e L _N (?) F	15	27	06					Trace of a distant shock.
				15	29	22					
				15	40±						
9	23 Oct.	I _d	i P _N i P _E e P _V M _N M _E F	1	56	27.3					Trace of a nearby shock. Rapid pen strokes on all components.
				1	56	27.0					
				1	56	27					
				1	56	28.5	< 1/2		7.5		
				1	56	28.3	< 1/2	6.2			
				1	57	19					
10	26 Oct.	I _d	e P F	22	39	15					Recorded by vertical component only. Markers out of order on other instruments.
				22	39	40					
11	1 Nov.	I _r (?)	e F	5	49±						Barely perceptible long flat waves on all components.
				5	53±						
12	10 Nov.	I _d	i P _E i P _N i P _V L _E L _N L _V C F	18	51	21.3					Δ = 27.3 km. Main phase consists of irregular vibrations of 1/2* period.
				18	51	21.3					
				18	51	20.9					
				18	51	24.1					
				18	51	24					
				18	51	24.7					
				18	51	30					
				18	51	52					
13	18 Nov.	I _(r) ?	e P _N e P _E F	22	44	02					Long flat waves with microseisms superimposed. No record on V.
				22	41	43					
				23	01±						
14	19 Nov.	I _d	O e P _N e P _E e P _V L _N L _E L _V F	19	26	01					Δ = 620 km. No definite maximum. Phases somewhat obscured by microseisms.
				19	27	20					
				19	27	27					
				19	27	27					
				19	28	56					
				19	28	54					
				19	28	56					
				19	41±						

No.	Date	Charac.	Phase	Time G. M. C. T.	Period	Amplitude			Remarks
						A _E	A _N	A _V	
15	1919 20 Nov.	I _d	O i P _E e P _N i P _V L _E L _N i L _V M _V F	14 23 06.9 14 23 47.8 14 23 48.3 14 23 49.0 14 23 31 14 24 30 14 24 26 14 24 34 14 28±	3	μ	μ	μ	Δ=281 km.
16	20 Nov.	I _r	O e P _E e P _N e P _V e S _N L _E L _N F	14 25 56 14 33 58 14 33 58 14 33 55 14 39 48 14 46 15 14 46 09 15 11±					Δ=4630 km.
17	21 Nov.	I _d	e P _N e P _E e P _V L M _N C F	20 09 05 20 09 05 20 09 04 20 09 06 20 09 13 20 10 14	½		6		Weak focal shock. Registered on Omori tromometer.
18	22 Nov.	I _d	e P _N e P _E e P _V L _N L _E L _V F	23 50 57.0 23 50 57.1 23 50 57.3 23 50 59.4 23 50 59.4 23 50 59.5 23 51 34					Weak focal shock. Phases poorly defined. Registered on Omori tromometer.
19	25 Nov.	II _d	O i P i L M _N M _E M _V F	11 03 05.7 11 03 19.3 11 03 32 11 03 32.4 11 03 32.8 11 03 33 11 10 21	< ½ 1.6 0.8	24	30	21	Δ=98 km. Started Marvin strong motion seismograph.
20	5 Dec.	I _d	i P _E i P _N i P _V L F	10 39 20 10 39 18 10 39 20 10 39 23 10 40 16					Rapid vibrations.
21	11 Dec.	I _d	e P _{EN} L F	23 26 41 23 26 52 23 27 20					Strong thickening of pen trace.
22	14 Dec.	I _{(r)?}	e L? F	1 50 56 1 58 41 2 10±					Trace of a distant quake.

No.	Date	Charac.	Phase	Time G. M. C. T.	s	Amplitude			Remarks
						A _E	A _N	A _V	
23	1919 19 Dec.	I _v	O e P _N e P _E e L _N e L _E M _N M _E F	13 58 13 13 58 50 13 58 48 13 59 21 13 59 23 13 59 28 13 59 27 14 03 21		1.6 1.5	6	10	Δ=234 km. Not registered on V.
24	1920 1 Jan.	I _v	O e P _{NV} e S _N e L _N e L _V F	2 34 47 2 36 13 2 37 14 2 37 36 2 37 32 2 42 04					Δ=546 km. No definite maximum. Main phase consists of irregular waves of amplitude 2.5μ and period 3". Reported felt at San Diego.
25	2 Jan.	I _v	O e P e L M _N M _E	13 18 04 13 19 43 13 21 30 13 24 36 13 23 08		7 9	7	10	Δ=7.35 km. Sinusoidal waves of main phase on N-S have superimposed vibrations of ½ period.
26	4 Jan.	III _r	O e P _N e P _E e P _V e S _N e S _E e L _N M _N M _E M _V F	4 22 04 4 28 18 4 28 22 4 28 16 4 33 13 4 33 11 4 36 02 4 41 59 4 41 52 4 41 41 5 05±		14 10 10	132	101 53	Δ=3170 km. Mexico. See discussion in text.
27	12 Jan.	I _{(w)?}	e F	14 14 35 14 54 35					Trace of a distant quake on horizontal components only.
28	14 Jan.	I _{(w)?}	e F	15 20 53 15 40 29					Trace of a distant quake. Not recorded on V.
29	21 Jan.	I _{(r)?}	e F	6 25 03 6 27±					Trace of a distant quake on horizontal components only.
30	23 Jan.	I _{(v)?}	e F	1 11 07 1 13 44					Irregular waves with average period of 6" and maximum amplitude of 4μ. See Lick Observatory Station, No. 47.
31	30 Jan.	I _{(r)?}	e F	18 51 15 19 01 38					Trace of a distant quake on all components.

No.	Date	Charac.	Phase	Time G. M. C. T.	Period	Amplitude			Remarks
						A _E	A _N	A _V	
32	2 Feb. 1920	III _u	O	11 22 17	22	130	15	130	$\Delta=9770$ km. Centered in province of Minas Geraes, Brazil. See discussion in text.
			e P _V	11 35 08					
			e P _E	11 35 17					
			e P _N	11 35 19					
			e S _E	11 46 15					
			e S _N	11 45 53					
			e S _V	11 46 46					
			e L _E	12 04 38					
			e L _V	12 04 32					
			M _E	12 08 31					
			M _N	12 41 41					
			M _V	12 08 15					
			C	14 04 30					
			F	14 29±					
33	5 Feb.	I _v	O	9 09 10	3	5	8	6	$\Delta=330$ km.
			i P _N	9 09 56					
			i P _E	9 10 05					
			i P _V	9 09 57					
			e S _E	9 10 32					
			e S _N	9 10 40					
			e S _V	9 10 34					
			i L _{NV}	9 10 40					
			i L _E	9 10 44					
			M _N	9 10 41					
			M _E	9 10 45					
			M _V	9 10 42					
			C	9 12 27					
			F	9 15±					
34	7 Feb.	I _{(r)?}	e	12 24 19	14	28	35	17	Trace of a distant quake on all components.
			F	12 30 53					
35	10 Feb.	I _{(r)?}	e	9 51 46	15	35	17	17	Trace of a distant quake on all components.
			F	10 25 34					
36	10 Feb.	I _u	O	22 06 39	14	28	35	17	$\Delta=6170$ km.
			e P _E	22 16 24					
			e P _N	22 16 22					
			e P _V	22 16 20					
			e P _{S_E}	22 23 37					
			e S _E (?)	22 26 12					
			e L _N	22 33 42					
			M _E	22 44 03					
			M _N	22 39 52					
			M _V	22 41 20					
F	23 54±								
37	14 Feb.	I _v	e P _N	20 45 40	8	6	2	2	Time of beginning of main phase is doubtful.
			e P _V	20 45 38					
			e L _N	20 45 59					
			e L _V	20 46 34					
			M _N	20 47 37					
			M _E	20 48 55					
			F	21 02±					

No.	Date	Charac.	Phase	Time G. M. C. T.	Period	Amplitude			Remarks							
						A _E	A _N	A _V								
38	22 Feb. 1920	I _r	O	17 39 56	11	4	3	3	$\Delta=3317$ km. No well defined maxi- mum on V. Incidence of S not determinable.							
			i P _N	17 45 49												
			e P _E	17 45 48												
			e P _V	17 45 48												
			e L _N	17 54 00												
			e L _E	17 53 55												
			M _N	17 54 04												
			M _E	17 54 05												
			F	18 09±												
			39	28 Feb.						I _{(r)?}	e	19 15 19	11	4	3	Trace of a distant quake on horizontal compo- nents.
											F	19 23 49				
40	12 Mar.	I _{(r)?}	e	18 11 33	11	4	3	Not recorded on V. e and F obscured by micros.								
			F	18 31±												
41	15 Mar.	I _{(r)?}	e	12 39 24	11	4	3	Sinusoidal waves, slight- ly irregular. Trace of the main phase of a distant quake, on all components.								
			F	13 04												
42	20 Mar.	II _v	O	17 48 43	5	10	129	101	$\Delta=245$ km. Registered by the Omori tromometer.							
			e P	17 49 19												
			e S _{EV}	17 49 47												
			e S _N	17 49 46												
			e L _V	17 49 52												
			e L _{EN}	17 49 53												
			M _V	17 51 20												
			M _N	17 50 53												
			M _E	17 51 12												
			F	18 13±												
43	20 Mar.	I _{(u)?}	e	18 43 01	11	129	101	59	Record of a very distant quake. Irregularities of the record are com- plicated by micro- seisms, and the phases are quite indetermin- able.							
			F	20 08±												
44	22 Mar.	I _{(r)?}	e	20 35 39	13	80	87	38	Trace of a distant quake on horizontal compo- nents only.							
			F	21 01±												
45	23 Mar.	I _{(r)?}	e	15 39 45	10	80	87	38	Trace of a distant quake on all components.							
			F	15 53												
46	29 Mar.	II _r	O	5 08 25	9	80	87	38	$\Delta=1260$ km. No change in character which could be reason- ably assigned to the arrival of S waves could be detected.							
			e P _{VN}	5 11 09												
			e P _E	5 11 15												
			e L _{VE}	5 13 57												
			e L _N	5 14 04												
			M _E	5 17 17												
			M _N	5 16 45												
M _V	5 17 17															
F	6 26															

THE LICK OBSERVATORY STATION

CONSTANTS

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Latitude and longitude of the center of the seismographic room:

$\phi = 37^\circ 20' 24.''5$ N. Lat.

$\lambda = 121^\circ 38' 34.''$ W. from Greenwich.

Time. All determinations are reduced to Greenwich mean civil time.

Altitude, 1281.7 meters (4202.25 feet) above mean sea-level.

CONSTANTS OF THE SEISMOGRAPHS

	Period	Magnif.	Damping
Wiechert Seismograph N-S component.....	8.0	80	4:1
Wiechert Seismograph E-W component.....	7.0	80	5:1
Wiechert Seismograph Vertical component.....	2.5	80	2:1



No.	Date	Charac	Phase	Time G. M. C. T.	Period	Amplitude			Remarks
						A _E	A _N	A _V	
	1919			h m s	"	"	"	"	
1	3 Oct.	I _{(r)?}	e F	10 14 06 10 26 36					Distant shock recorded by N-S component only. See Berkeley Station, No. 2.
2	5 Oct.	I _d	e P _{EN} F	2 40 54 2 45 00					Irregular vibrations of small amplitude on horizontal components only.
3	8 Oct.	I _d	i P _{EN} i P _V i LM _{NE} L _V F	3 34 39.5 3 34 39.9 3 34 41.4 3 34 41.6 3 34 52		7.5	8.7		Strong thickening of pen trace on horizontal components. Sudden increase in amplitude with beginning of L phase. No maximum on vertical component.
4	10 Oct.	I _{(r)?}	e F	1 10 08 1 11 29					Not recorded on V.
5	11 Oct.	I _d	e F	22 56 07 22 56 08					Thickening of pen trace.
6	13 Oct.	I _d	e F	20 35 54 20 36 10					Thickening of pen trace.
7	13 Oct.	I _d	i P _E i P _N i L _E i LM _{NV} F	22 57 57.2 22 57 56.6 22 57 59.6 22 57 59.7 22 58 03			8	6	Focal shock recorded on all components.
8	18 Oct.	III _d	O i P _{EN} i P _V i LM _{NE} i LM _V F	15 32 07.8 15 32 12.3 15 32 12.5 15 32 15.9 15 32 16.1 15 32 42	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	142	110	22	$\Delta = 32.8$ km. First shift of ground east, south, and down.
9	18 Oct.	II _d	O i P _{EN} i P _V i LM _{EN} i L _V F	18 29 43.2 18 29 48.4 18 29 47.4 18 29 52.7 18 29 52.1 18 31 05		39	54		$\Delta = 37.6$ km.
10	21 Oct.	I _{(r)?}	e F	3 30 07 3 36 \pm					Trace of a distant quake. Not recorded on V.
11	23 Oct.	I _d	i P _{EV} L F	0 08 05 0 08 11 0 08 15					Strong thickening of pen trace on all components.

No.	Date	Charac.	Phase	Time G. M. C. T.	s	Amplitude			Remarks							
						A _E	A _N	A _V								
				h	m	s	μ	μ	μ							
12	26 Oct.	I _{(v)?}	e F	20 28 40 20 34 23												Long flat waves. Not recorded on V.
13	27 Oct.	I _{(v)?}	e F	18 15 42 18 17 49												May not be seismic.
14	29 Oct.	I _d	i F	1 06 22 1 06 30												No phases discernible.
15	29 Oct.	I _d	i F	2 22 14 2 22 21												No phases discernible.
16	31 Oct.	I _d	i F	16 22 19 16 22 27												Thickening of pen trace.
17	3 Nov.	I _d	i F	22 52 46 22 52 49												Thickening of pen trace. Recorded on V as slight shift of trace.
18	3 Nov.	I _d	e F	22 53 30 22 53 37												Thickening of pen trace. Shift of trace on V.
19	5 Nov.	I _d	i P F	0 32 33 0 32 39												Thickening of pen trace.
20	5 Nov.	I _d	i F	0 41 36 0 41 40												Thickening of pen trace on horizontal components.
21	13 Nov.	I _d	e P _N L _N M _N F	20 49 28 20 49 32 20 49 45 20 50 38				11								Best record on N-S. Very rapid vibrations. No phases discernible on E-W and V.
22	18 Nov.	I _{(v)?}	e F	22 47 06 22 56 36												Nor recorded on V.
23	19 Nov.	I _d	i F	19 27 27 19 27 56												Vertical record illigible due to overscoring. Very irregular vibrations on horizontal components.
24	20 Nov.	I _d	e F	14 24 32 14 25 55												Minute irregular vibrations recorded on E-W component only. N-S component out of order.
25	20 Nov.	I _v	e F	14 35 15 09												See Berkeley Station No. 16.
26	20 Nov.	I _d	e P L M _N F	22 38 32 22 38 48 22 38 48 22 39 00	< 1/2			5								V overscored. No maximum on E-W.

No.	Date	Charac.	Phase	Time G. M. C. T.	Period	Amplitude			Remarks							
						A _E	A _N	A _V								
				h	m	s	s	μ	μ	μ						
27	21 Nov.	I _d	e F	19 10 36 19 10 44												Thickening of pen trace on horizontal components. Abrupt shift of trace on V.
28	21 Nov.	I _d	i F	19 37 15 19 37 21												Rapid pen strokes of small amplitude.
29	21 Nov.	I _d	e F	20 09 16 20 09 45												Minute irregular waves on horizontal components only.
30	21 Nov.	I _d	i F	21 51 12 21 51 15												Thickening of pen traces on horizontal components.
31	24 Nov.	I _d	i F	18 45 47 18 45 58												Rapid pen strokes. Abrupt ending.
32	24 Nov.	I _d	e P L F	19 42 44 19 42 47 19 42 53												Strong thickening of pen trace. Preliminary tremors not perceptible on E-W component.
33	25 Nov.	III _d	i P i L _E i L _{NV} M _E M _{NV} C F	11 03 08 11 03 12 11 03 13 11 03 13 11 03 16 11 03 26 11 05 32	< 1/2 < 1/2			75	88	28						Δ = 42.4 km. Very rapid pen strokes superimposed on vibrations having a period of approximately 7 ^s .
34	25 Nov.	I _d	i P F	19 49 10 19 49 19												Thickening of pen trace.
35	11 Dec.	I _d	O e P _E i P _N i P _V i L _{M_E} i L _{M_N} F	23 26 29 23 26 37 23 26 35 23 26 34 23 26 42 23 26 40 23 27 32	1/2 1/2			16		19						Δ = 50 km.
36	19 Dec.	I _v	O i P _N L _E L _N M _E M _N C F	13 58 14 13 58 46 13 59 18 13 59 17 13 59 22 13 59 22 13 59 53 14 01 33	1 3 2			6		16						Δ = 216 km. Not recorded on V. Gradual beginning on E-W.
37	1 Jan.	I _v	e P _E e P _N L(?) M _E M _N F	2 36 49 2 36 36 2 37 11 2 37 41 2 37 21 2 41 03	2 1/2 2 1/2			3		6						Not recorded on V.

No.	Date	Charac.	Phase	Time G. M. C. T.	Period	Amplitude			Remarks
						A _E	A _N	A _V	
				h m s	s	μ	μ	μ	
38	2 Jan. 1920	I _{(v)?}	e P e L(?) _N F	13 19 53 13 21 47 13 32 03					No record on V. Inception of L doubtful.
39	3 Jan.	I _d	i P M _E M _N F	22 12 53 22 12 59 22 12 58 22 13 01		4	5		Very rapid vibrations. Phases not discernible. Not recorded on V.
40	4 Jan.	III _r	e P _N (?) M _{N1} M _{N2} M _E F	4 29 08 4 38 46 4 40 56 4 40 55 4 57			21 22	48	No record on V. Instruments apparently out of adjustment. See discussion in text.
41	9 Jan.	II _d	i P i LM C F	9 05 58.8 5 06 00 5 06 05 5 06 21	8	31	27		Δ = 16 km. Moderate local shock. Extremely rapid vibrations.
42	11 Jan.	I _d	i P _V i LM F	13 01 27 13 01 31 13 01 54		3	3		Δ = 32 km.
43	14 Jan.	I _d	i F	18 26 02 18 26 05					Strong thickening of pen trace on all components.
44	14 Jan.	I _d	i F	19 54 54 19 55 02					Thickening of pen trace on all components.
45	20 Jan.	I _d	i F	21 07 24 21 07 36					Strong thickening of pen trace on all components.
46	21 Jan.	I _d	i M _N F	21 26 54 21 26 59 21 27 02			9		Well developed maximum on N-S only.
47	23 Jan.	I _d	e P _N L _N M _N C F	1 10 46.2 1 10 50.8 1 10 53.4 1 11 00 1 12 40	2		5		Δ = 40 km. Not recorded on V.
48	24 Jan.	I _d	i F	11 31 43 11 31 49					Thickening of pen trace on all components.
49	29 Jan.	I _d	i F	23 53 54 23 54 02					Thickening of pen trace on all components.
50	30 Jan.	I _{(r)?}	e F	18 51 06 18 55 26					Trace of a distant quake registered on E-W only.
51	31 Jan.	I _d	i F	23 50 26 23 50 34					Thickening of pen trace.

No.	Date	Charac.	Phase	Time G. M. C. T.	Period	Amplitude			Remarks
						A _E	A _N	A _V	
				h m s	s	μ	μ	μ	
52	2 Feb. 1920	III _u	e P e L M F	11 35 36 12 05 41 12 08 02 14 10					No record on V. Amplitudes small but much greater on E-W than on N-S. See discussion in text.
53	4 Feb.	I _v	e P e L M _N C F	12 42 12 12 42 42 12 42 46 12 43 25 12 44 26			20	24	Δ = 214 km. Not recorded on V.
54	5 Feb.	I _v	e P e L? M _N C F	9 09 59 9 10 30 9 10 37 9 11 12 9 12 25			24	3	No record on V. Inception of L doubtful.
55	10 Feb.	I _u	e F	22 23 38 23 18					See Berkeley Station, No. 36.
56	11 Feb.	I _d	i F	20 27 16 20 27 22					Thickening of pen trace on all components.
57	11 Feb.	II _d	i P i LM _N C F	21 34 53 21 34 55 21 35 06 21 35 41			33	< 1/2	Δ = 22 km.
58	12 Feb.	I _d	i F	17 31 48 17 31 59					Thickening of pen trace on all components.
59	19 Feb.	I _d	i F	0 28 08 0 28 13					Thickening of pen trace on all components.
60	15 Mar.	I _{(r)?}	e F	12 42 03 13 03					Trace of a distant quake on horizontal components only.
61	20 Mar.	II _v	O e P e S e L M _{N1} M _E M _{N2} M _{N3} C F	17 48 43 17 49 30 17 50 07 17 50 19 17 51 02 17 51 22 17 51 34 17 52 12 17 55 54 18 00			65 60 60	3 4 3 7	Δ = 330 km.
62	29 Mar.	II _r	O e P e L M _N F	5 08 13 5 11 24 5 14 43 5 18 30 6 02			16	9	Δ = 1480 km. Not recorded on V due to defective adjustment.

DISCUSSION OF PARTICULAR SHOCKS

THE MEXICAN EARTHQUAKE OF JANUARY 4, 1920

On January 4, 1920, a destructive earthquake shock was reported from Mexico. Press reports located the area of maximum disturbance in the vicinity of Mt. Orizaba, about seventy miles west of Vera Cruz. The Berkeley and the Lick Observatory Station records of this shock present some interesting peculiarities.

At the Berkeley Station, the energy transmitted by the shock was not sufficient to register on the sheet written by the Omori tromometer, but the seismograms of the Wiechert vertical, and the N-S and E-W component Bosch-Omori instruments, when taken together, afford a fairly satisfactory record of the quake. At the time of the arrival of the P waves, persistent microseisms were being registered on the horizontal components. These, however, do not appear on the vertical, and here an excellent *emersio* of the P waves appears at 4^h 28^m 16^s. It was several seconds later before motion which could be distinguished from the microseisms was recorded on the horizontal components. Except on the vertical component, the amplitudes of the P waves are exceedingly small as compared with those of the S and L phases.

On the E-W component there appears at 4^h 33^m 11^s a new phase marked by an increase in both period and amplitude. Comparison with the other components shows a similar change of character, though far less sharply marked, at approximately the same time. This constitutes the only appreciable change in the nature of the record before the arrival of the long waves. The change is therefore interpreted as the arrival of the second preliminary tremors.

The only clue as to the time of inception of the main phase is obtained from the N-S component. On it there is a suggestion of the arrival, at 4^h 36^m 02^s, of waves of longer period, which, although complicated by the continuance of S waves for several minutes, soon increase rapidly in amplitude and become distinctly sinusoidal. The interpretation of this time as the beginning of the main phase is consistent with the preceding part of the record.

On the other two components S waves effectively mask the probable beginning of the main phase, and it is not until some two minutes later than the time given above for its inception, that characteristic L waves begin to dominate the records.

The maxima occur at approximately the same time on all components. The waves at the time of the maximum were of notably longer period on the N-S component than on V and E-W. The latter two had equal periods. The maximum displacement was twenty-five per cent greater on E-W than on N-S.

The Lick Station records were very unsatisfactory. Due presumably to defective adjustment, they were poorly written, and little of value could be learned from them.

BRAZILIAN EARTHQUAKE OF FEBRUARY 2, 1920

The disturbance set up by this destructive earthquake in the province of Minas Geraes, Brazil, affected the three sensitive instruments of the Berkeley Station for almost three hours. The seismograms appear typical of a teleseismic record, but certain puzzling inconsistencies developed when the measurements were made.

The arrival of the first preliminary tremors was best marked on the vertical component where an *emersio* sets in at 11^h 35^m 08^s. About ten seconds later the first perceptible movement appears on the horizontal components. The P waves have a period of about four seconds and the amplitudes are very small. They continue for approximately two minutes on the vertical component, and less on E-W and N-S. Thereafter only a little irregular motion is observable until 11^h 45^m 53^s, when there is a decided revival of movement on N-S. The new waves are of longer period than the preceding, but at first show superimposed vibrations similar in period and amplitude to the P waves. If this point has been correctly interpreted as the beginning of the S phase, it is peculiar that no corresponding change in character is observed until twenty-two seconds later on the E-W component and fifty-three seconds later on V. However these latter points are no less inconsistent with the other components, and are less sharply marked than the change on N-S which is taken as the arrival of S waves.

The main phase is interesting because of its long duration and also because of the strikingly smooth, regular, sinusoidal waves which characterize it throughout. There is a notable rhythmic succession of groups of waves of greater amplitude alternating with groups of less. Maxima on E-W and V occur close together. Periods and amplitudes are equal. Compared with the horizontal, the vertical amplitude is extraordinarily large. It is difficult to pick a definite maximum on N-S. The greatest displacement recorded on that component occurred some thirty-three minutes later than the maxima on V and E-W, and gave a calculated amplitude only one-ninth as great. The period at this time was notably less on all components than at the time of the preceding maximum.