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IT RAINED FIRE.

Terrific Volcanic Eruption In Martinique.

THIRTY THOUSAND DEAD

Reported Destruction of St. Pierre Is Confirmed.

ETAILS OF AWFUL CATASTROPHE

Twelve Survivors Only Remain of More Than 30,000 Dwellers In the III Fated Town—Heartreading Sights.

FORT DE FRANCE, Island of Martinique, May 13.—N now seems to be generally admitted that about 30,000 persons lost their lives as a result of the outbreak of the Mont Pelee volcano at St. Pierre on Thursday last, Careful investigation by competent government officials shows that the earlier reports were accurate,

Briefly put, in ten minutes last Thursday morning the city of St. Pierre disappeared in a whiriing fire vomited from Mont Pelee, and 20,000 persons were instantly and horribly killed, and the volcano, which for more than fifty years had been a quiet lake occupying its ancient crater, in which pienic parties bathed, suddenly discharged torrents of fiery mud which rolled toward the sea, sweeping everything before it.

Then the last cable communication was broken, and the doomed city was isolated from the world.

The commander of the French cruiser Suchet gave the American consul at Guadeloupe, Louis H. Ayme, the first news of the appalling disaster the fay after it occurred. Mr. Ayme has reached the desolate spot where St. Pierre stood and confirms the awful sfory in all its essential features.

Twelve survivors only are in the milfary hospital at Fort de France, while \$0,000 corpses are strewn about or burled in the ruins of St. Pierre or else Goating, gnawed by sharks, in the surrounding seas. Twenty-eight charred, half dead human beings were brought bere. Sixteen of them are already dead, and four others only are expected to recover.

A steamer chartered in Guadeloupe reached Martinique at 6:30 Sunday morning. The lofty hilled island was hidden behind a huge veil of violet or leaden colored haze. Enormous quanlities of the wreckage of large and mull ships and houses were met with. Huge trees and too often floating bodles, with flocks of sea guils soaring above and hideons sharks fighting about them, were floating here and there. From behind the volcanic vell name blasts of hot wind mingled with others ice cold.

At Le Precheur, five miles north of St. Pierre, canoes with men and wom-

Vincent reaches 2,000. Most of the vietims are said to be Carib Indians. Seven estates on the Island have been burned to ashes, and it is authentically reported that two earthquakes occurred there. It is believed the submarine cables in St. Vincent have been broken by the disturbances. The present volcanic cruption on St. Vincent is the Syst since 1812. The northern section of the island is depopulated.

Provisions are needed here for 100,-000 geople immediately. A shiplond of tme is also needed at St. Pierre for

sanitary purposes. The stench there from the dead bodies is overpowering. Mont Pelee is still erupting smoke and fire.

Seismic Disturbances In Alcutians. SAN FRANCISCO, May 12. - The Alaska Commercial company has received from its agent at Unalaska, Aleutian islands, a letter, dated April 10, giving information of volcanic disturbances in that section. The letter says: "Unalaska has been shaken up by earthquakes lately, and on several pecasions the ground was covered with fine ashes from some volcano. Reports reach us from Unimak to the effect that with every westerly wind their village is covered with some kind of ashes, indicating that some western volcano is in action."

Strange Phenomenon in Dominica. ST. THOMAS, Danish West Indies, May 12.—A dispatch just received here from the island of Dominica, British West Indies, says that a man who has just returned from the boiling lake district of the island went within a hundred yards of the lake and found that the water had disappeared and that from a vent ten feet in diameter in the center was arising a column of steam to a height of thirty feet before spreading into the atmosphere. That district otherwise was apparently unchanged, but the sulphur gases were very strong.

NOVELIST MURDERED.

Paul Ford Shot by Brother, Who Also Kills Himself.

NEW YORK, May 9.—Paul Leicester Ford, the celebrated novelist, was shot and killed in his home at 33 East Seventy-seventh street yesterday afternoon by his brother, Malcolm Webster Ford, the athlete, who then committed sulcide.

The brothers had been enemies for eleven years, since the death of their father, Gordon L. Ford of Brooklyn, who left an estate valued at \$2,000,000 to all of his children save Malcolm, whom he disinherited because of his connection with athletic sports.

Paul Leicester Ford was one of the best known novelists in the country. His novel, "Janice Meredith," enjoyed a remarkable sale and is still considerted a productive piece of property. In its dramatized form it was a great success and was played throughout the country, with Mary Mannering in the star part.

Mr. Ford before his success with "Janice Meredith" turned out a historical novel, "The Hon. Peter Sterling," that was also a great success. He was the author of many other works, several plays and had arranged for the publication of a new novel in the near future.

Because of his physical deformity Mr. Ford was more or less of a hermit. He suffered a great deal, and, considering his handicaps, the amount of work he performed was wonderful. It is said that he had the finest private library in New York packed away in vaults in the old family residence on Brooklyn Heights.

WEST INDIAN RELIEF

Government and Citizens Join In the Work.

THE DIXIE LOADING IN SUPPLIES.

President Names Committees to Receive Funds to Alleviate Distress of the Survivors of the Vol-

canic Upheaval.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—From this point on the war and navy departments have decided to divide the work of West Indian relief between them so as to give the navy full charge of the general subject of transportation and intrust the war department with the accumulation of the supplies.

Of the little fleet of naval colliers which was placed at the disposal of the relief workers by Admiral Bradford, the Leonidas, which is now discharging her cargo of coal at Port Royal, has been selected as the most suitable one to dispatch to Martinique, and orders have gone forward to load her with supplies and get her under way as soon as possible. The question of chartering merchant vessels to carry supplies to the desolate island has now arisen, but will depend upon the extent of the voluntary contributions asked for by the president and upon the further reports of the situation in the island,

A telegram was received from the Dixle saying that she was at pier 15, Brooklyn, loading the supplies of food and clothing which have been so diligently gathered by the army officers in charge of that work. She probably will be able to get under way for Martinique during the day.

Offers of assistance for the Martinique sufferers continue to pour in. Dr. Louis Klopsch, proprietor of The Christian Herald, New York, telegraphed the war department offering to furnish fifty nurses, thirty male and twenty female, and 1,000 barrels of flour for the stricken islands, to be contributed by The Christian Herald,

The president has appointed a committee to receive funds for the relief of the sufferers from the recent catastrophes in Martinique and St. Vincent. The men appointed from each city are asked to collect and receive the funds from their localities and neighborhoods as expeditiously as possible and forward them to Cornellus N. Bilss, treasurer of the New York committee, which committee will act as the central distributing point for the country.

Half a Million Voted.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—An additional appropriation of \$200,000 was made by the senate for the stricken people of the French West Indies, in accordance with the recommendation of the president that \$500,000 be appropriated. The agricultural appropriation bill was passed, and then Mr. Stewart (Nev.) in supporting the Philippine bill warned the minority that no political gain would accrue to them from their attack on the army.

Chaffee Sends Report.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—General Chaffee has made the following cable report to the war department of the progress of the negotiations with the dattos in Mindanao: "Been here past three days studying situation with

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Notable Events of the Week Briefy and Tersely Told.

The rebels in the Chinese province of Chill were defeated after severe fighting, and their leaders were captured.

Starving Russian peasants are flocking to Moscow by thousands. The winter sowings in Baltic provinces have been damaged by drought and frost. The final distribution of the Fair es-

iate was ordered by the California court. By it the children of the decedent will receive about \$7,000,000 additional.

Tuesday, May 13.

Elias Brewer, chief of the Brewer gypsy tribe, died in Coney Island, N. Y. Thirteen persons were killed in a landslide at Marola, province of Emilia, Italy.

A combination of steel casting firms was organized at Chester, Pa., with \$40,000,000 capital.

The Charleston exposition art awards were made by jury. Many New Yorkers received honors.

Civil war was begun in Haiti over the succession to President Sam. Severe fighting is reported in streets of **P**ort au Prince.

The extensive planing mills, lumber sheds and dry kilns of the Southern States Lumber company at Muscogee, Fla., with about 600,000 feet of lumber, were burned.

Monday, May 12.

President Elect Palma was welcomed to Havana with great enthusiasm. General C. H. T. Collis of New York died in Bryn Mawr (Pa.) hospital after an operation.

At Paris Tom Linton, the English cyclist, broke the world's record for the distance covered in one hour on a bleycle.

General Chaffee has arrived at Malabang, island of Mindanao, where he was met by General Davis, and started for the interior.

Generals Simon Suyder and William Anman, recently appointed brigadier generals, have been placed on the retired list after forty years' service. Saturday, May 10.

The president signed the oleomargarine bill.

President Sam of the republic of Haiti has resigned his office.

Wilhelmina was reported much improved and able to sign state papers. Earthquake shocks were felt at various places on the southeastern coast

of Spain. The Roeblings of Trenton plan to build a million dollar steel mill in East St. Louis. A heavy snowstorm occurred in the

Adirondack region about Lake Saranac, also in the northwest.

Friday, May 9.

Dawson. A British officer and ten men were killed by a train wreck in the northern Transvaal.

Swan & Finch's oil plant at Elizabethport, N. J., was destroyed by fire; loss, \$100,000.

Judge Earle as referee has declared the New York state franchise tax law constitutional.

Thursday, May 8.

Japan's issue of \$5,000,000 exchequer bills was coldly received in Yokohama.



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en, frantic to get away, begged for a passage on the steamer.

The whole north end of the island was covered with a silver gray coating of ashes resembling dirty snow. Furious blasts of fire, ashes and mud swept over the steamer, but finally St. Pierre was reached.

The city of St. Pierre stretched nearly two miles along the water front and half a mile back to a cliff at the base of the volcano. The houses of the richer French families were built of stone. The ash covered hills were flanked by the still smoking volcano. The ruins were still burning in many places, and frightful odors of burned flesh filled the air. With great difficulty a landing was effected. Not one house was left intact. Everywhere were viscid heaps of mud, of brighter ashes or piles of volcanic stones.

The streets could hardly be traced. Here and there amid the ruins were begaps of corpses. Almost all the faces were downward. In one corner twentytwo men, women and children were mingled in one awful mass, arms and legs protruding as the hapless beings fell in the last struggle of death's agony.

Through the middle of the old Place Bertin ran a tiny stream, the remains of the river Goyave. Great trees, with roots upward and scorched by fire, were strewn in every direction. Huge blocks and still hot stones were scattered about. From under one large stone the arm of a white woman protruded. Most notable was the utter silence and the awful, overpowering stench from the thousands of dead.

Careful inspection showed that the fiery stream which so completely destroyed St. Pierre must have been composed of poisonous gases, which inhaled them, and of other gases burning furiously, for nearly all the victims had their hands covering their mouths or were in some other attitude showing that they had sought relief from suffocation. All the bodies were carbonized or roasted.

ST. VINCENT'S DEATH LIST.

The United States government tug Potomac will sail for St. Vincent, where conditions are reported to be worse. La Soufriere, on St. Vincent, was in full eruption May 10. A stream of stone and mud half a mile wide was then issuing from the volcano. Stones two inches in diameter fell-twelve miles away. At Kingstown, the capital of the island, the ashes were two inches deep. Seven hundred dead were reported Sunday, May 11. It is estimated that the total number of deaths on St.

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More Russian Riots.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 14.—Serious Russian Easter riots have occurred in the province of Kuban, north Caucasia, between Russians and Armenians. The latter were outnumbered and routed. The Russians then stoned the houses of the Armenians and pillaged their shops. The Armenians would undoubtedly have been massacred but for the timely arrival of troops. Many arrests were made.

Son of Late Earl Li Dead.

TOKYO, via Victoria, B. C., May 14. —The death is announced at Peking after a long illness of Marquis Li, the oldest son and heir of the late first marquis, Li Hung Chang, at the age of forty. He died of diphtheria and leaves a son aged twenty-one to inherit the title and vast wealth left by the first marquis. Before inheriting the title the hast Marquis Li was known as Li Ching She. It is reported that Field Marshal Marquis Saigo is seriously ill.

President Loubet Off For Russia. PARIS, May M.—President Loubet, who is on his way to visit the czar of Russia, left here for Brest last evening from the Depot St. Lazare. He arrived at Brest this morning, and the French cruiser Monteaim, which is to take the president to Russia, will leave that port at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Aeronaut Killed In Paris.

PARIS, May 12.—The airship belonging to Senhor Augusto Severo, the Brazillan aeronaut, made an ascension this morning. The airship exploded, and Severo and one of his assistants were killed.

Brigadier General George W. Davis. Think two battalions should remain if they can be supplied. Genassi trall very difficult, but another trail promises much better. Think withdrawal from lake would seriously jeopardize safety weaker dattos. Would have given friendly assistance, but believe that if we remain the more powerful dattos will come in when it is apparent our mission is friendly. The lake country is beautiful and more suitable for the occupancy of Americans than any part of archipelago. Elevation, soil, climate perfect, comparing favorably with any valley of the Alleghanies."

Lieutenant Governor Stone Dead. WATERTOWN, Wis., May 12.—Lieutenant Governor Stone of Wisconsin died here last night after a lingering illness from cancer of the stomach. Mr. Stone spent some time in the south, hoping to get relief, but without avail. On his return-he underwent an operation in a Chicago hospital, where the real cause of his trouble was ascertained. After the operation he was removed to his home in Watertown, and death had been expected for several days.

Joe Gans the Champion. FORT ERIE, Ont., May 13.—Joe Gans, the Baltimore lightweight pugil-

Gans, the Barimore fight weight pugnist, is champion in his class at last, after knocking at the door for the past ten years. Frank Erne lost last night a fight which was a decisive tussel, although of very brief duration. The end came with startling suddenness. The men were scarcely warmed up when Gans, trying cautiously, caught Erne napping and landed the knockout blow.

Dead at the Age of 111.

ST. JOHN, N. B., May 12.-Word has been received here of the death at St. Martins, N. B., of James Ross, who was 111 years old. On the occasion of his one hundred and tenth birthday the municipal council of St. John county presented him with au easy chair.

Well Known School to Close, MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., May 9.—The Delaware Literary institute at Franklin, N. Y., one of the oldest educational institutions in the state, has decided to close its doors owing to lack of financial support.

Mrs. Denison Elected President. LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 9.—Mrs. Dimles T. S. Denison was elected president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs by a ballot vote of 667 to 258 for Mrs. Sarah Platt-Decker.

The Boer slege of the town of O'okiep, in Cape Colony, was raised by a British force under Colonel Cooper.

The appellate division at Albany unanimously affirmed the conviction of Police Captain Diamond in New York city.

The five masted ship Preussen, said to be the largest sailing ship in the world, was launched at Geestemunde, Prussia.

Preparing For Alfonso's Coronation. MADRID, May 14.—The streets of

this city are assuming gala attire. A large section of the route to be followed by the procession next Saturday, the day of the coronation of King Alfonso. has been hung with festoons of foliage and flowers among which are hidden multicolored electric lamps. Triumphal arches are being constructed along the line of march, but this work is being done in a leisurely manner. Venetian masts from which float banners of the national colors have been erected in the central square at the Puerta del Sol and in the principal thoroughfares. A number of private houses have been tastefully adorned with devices of evergreens. Many foreigners are arriving.

Palma and Wood to Confer.

HAVANA, May 14.—Governor General Wood and President Elect Palma have arranged to hold daily conferences in the palace here until next Saturday. These meetings will take place at 2 o'clock. Governor General Wood, Senor Palma and Gonzalez de Quesada visited the public buildings of Havana. Salvador Cisneros and the president elect were together for two hours.

Frenchmen Mob Baraum's Show. BEZIERS, France, May 12.—Barnum & Balley's circus was the cause of a serious riot here. The crowd seeking admission to the performance was greater than the tent could accommodate, and those who were unable to enter began stoning the circus employees. five of whom were injured. One man had his skull fractured and will probably die. The crowd numbered about 7,000.

Queen Wilhelminn Much Better. THE HAGUE. May 14.—It is announced from Castle Loo that the condition of Queen Wilhelmina continues to improve. It is understood that with the departure of Dr. Roessinghs the bulletins concerning her majesty's health will be discontinued. Messages congratulating her majesty upon her improvement have been received from all the foreign courts. YOU WILL FIND A NICE LINE AT

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