

IT RAINED FIRE.

Terrific Volcanic Eruption In Martinique.

THIRTY THOUSAND DEAD

Reported Destruction of St. Pierre Is Confirmed.

DETAILS OF AWFUL CATASTROPHE

Twelve Survivors Only Remain of More Than 30,000 Dwellers in the Ill Fated Town—Heart-rending Sight.

FORT DE FRANCE, Island of Martinique, May 13.—It 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.

Briefly put, in ten minutes last Thursday morning the city of St. Pierre disappeared in a whirling fire vomited from Mont Pelee, and 30,000 persons were instantly and horribly killed.

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 day after it occurred.

Twelve survivors only are in the military hospital at Fort de France, while 20,000 corpses are strewn about or buried in the ruins of St. Pierre or else floating, gnawed by sharks, in the surrounding seas.

A steamer chartered in Guadeloupe reached Martinique at 6:30 Sunday morning. The lofty hill island was hidden behind a huge veil of violet or leaden colored haze.

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

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 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.

The streets could hardly be traced. Here and there amid the ruins were heaps of corpses. Almost all the faces were downward.

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.

Careful inspection showed that the fiery stream which so completely destroyed St. Pierre must have been composed of poisonous gases, which instantly suffocated every one who inhaled them.

ST. VINCENT'S DEATH LIST. The United States government tug Potomac will sail for St. Vincent, where conditions are reported to be worse.

PARIS, May 12.—The airship belonging to Senor Augusto Severo, the Brazilian aeronaut, made an ascension this morning.

Vincent reaches 2,000. Most of the victims are said to be Carib Indians. Seven estates on the island have been burned to ashes.

Provisions are needed here for 100,000 people immediately. A shipload of lime is also needed at St. Pierre for sanitary purposes.

Seismic Disturbances in Aleutians. 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.

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.

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 suicide.

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 considered a productive piece of property.

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.

BASEBALL.

Standing of the Clubs in National and American Leagues.

Table with columns for National League (W, L, P.C.) and American League (W, L, P.C.) listing teams like Pittsburgh, Chicago, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, St. Louis, Cincinnati.

More Russian Riots. ST. PETERSBURG, May 14.—Serious Russian Easter riots have occurred in the province of Kuban, north Caucasus, between Russians and Armenians.

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 eldest son and heir of the late first marquis, Li Hung Chang, at the age of forty.

President Loubet Off For Russia. PARIS, May 14.—President Loubet, who is on his way to visit the czar of Russia, left here for Brest last evening from the Depot St. Lazare.

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WEST INDIAN RELIEF

Government and Citizens Join In the Work.

THE DIXIE LOADING IN SUPPLIES.

President Names Committee to Receive Funds to Alleviate Distress of the Survivors of the Volcanic Upeaval.

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.

A telegram was received from the Dixie 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.

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.

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.

Half a Million Voted. WASHINGTON, May 14.—An additional appropriation of \$500,000 was made by the senate for the stricken people of the French West Indies.

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.

Japan's issue of \$5,000,000 exchequer bills was coldly received in Yokohama. The Boer siege of the town of Ookiep, in Cape Colony, was raised by a British force under Colonel Cooper.

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CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Notable Events of the Week Briefly and tersely told.

The rebels in the Chinese province of Chili 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 estate 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 Port 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 bicycle.

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

Generals Simon Snyder and William Auman, 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 Roebblings 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. Over \$10,000,000 worth of gold bearing dirt was ready for washing at 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.

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