DEATHINTIDALWAVE

A Thousand Lives Lost In the Society Islands.

SURVIVORS LEFT IN DESTITUTION.

Huge Wall of Water Caused by Hurrienne Swept Over Eighty Islands-The French Government Takes Measures For Relief.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—News of a fearful loss of life in a destructive storm that swept over the south sea islands last month has just reached here by the steamer Marinesa, direct from Tabiti. The loss of life is estimated at 1,000 persons. On Jan. 13 ast a huge tidal wave, accompanied Society Islands and the Puamoto group with fearful force, causing death and devastation never before equaled in a land of dreaded storms.

The storm raged several days, reach-16. From the meager news received at Tahiti up to the time of the sailing of the Mariposa it is estimated that 1,000 of the islanders lost their lives, It is feared that later advices will increase this number.

The first news of the disaster reached Papeete, Tabiti, Jan. 26 by the schooner Elimeo. The captain of the schooner placed the fatalities at 500. The steamer Excelsior arrived at Papeete the following day with 400 destitute survivors. The captain of the Excelslor estimated the total loss of life to be 800. These figures comprised only Hikuera and Makokan, whose ordinary population is 1,800. On Hikucra island, where 1,000 inhabitants were engaged in pearl diving, nearly one-half were drowned. On an adjacent island 100 more were washed out to sea.

Makokan and Hao are depopulated. Conservative estimates at Tabili place the number of islands visited by the tidal wave and lurricane at 80. All of them are under the control of the French governor at Tabitl.

The surviving inhabitants are left destitute of food, shelter and clothing, all having been swept away by the German and Italian Conventions Not

The French government, upon recelot of news of the disaster, took sions.

feet above sea level and were not surrounded by coral reefs, it was necessary for all the inhabitants to take to the cocoanut trees when the tidal wave began to cover the land. These trees grow to an immense height, many ceaching an altitude of 100 feet. All of the lower trees were covered by the force about and over them. The natives in the taller trees were safe until the cocoanut roots gave way, and then they, too, were swept out into the sea.

The 400 survivors brought by the Excelsior to Papeete gained the ship's side by swimming three and four miles from the tops of the coconnut trees. Thousands of tons of copra and more than 200 tons of mother of pearl shells | however, has made a rough draft of his are known to have been lost. The pearl shells are valued at \$1,800 per | short while after the completion of the even the almost inexhaustible deposits ton, and many valuable pearls may German convention for Signor des n the upper peninsula of Michigan, It now be lost to the world forever, as Pianches to put the finishing touches these were considered some of the best pearl Islands in the world.

Historic Ground Sold.

DUBLIN, Feb. 6.-The historic Hill of Tara has been sold at auction and realized the sum of \$18,500. The purchaser was a lady whose name was not announced. Until the sixth century Tara was the chief seat of the Irish kings, and a pillar six feet high is still pointed out as the coronation stone. Then it was also the Druids' headquarters and the site of King Cor- proved. mack's splendid court. The last important gathering on the Hill of Tara was in 1843, when a gigantic meeting was held there under the auspices of Daniel O'Connell, who urged the repeal of the union.

Ex-Senator Dawes Dead. PITTSFIELD, Mass., Jan. 6.-The death has occurred here of Hon. Henry L. Dawes, for many years United States senator from Massachusetts. He was eighty-six years of age. While Mr. Dawes was active in many directions during his term in congress, he gained his most enduring reputation for his work in behalf of the Indians. The entire system of Indian education due to legislation was created by Mr. Dawes. Among the important bills of his authorship passed were the severalty bill, the Sioux bill and the bill making Indians subject to and protected by our criminal laws.

New, York Savings Banks. ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 11.-The total resources of the savings banks of the state on Jan. 1 last were \$1,191,327,573. an increase during the year of \$59,762,-949, according to a statement issued by Bank Superintendent F. D. Kilburn. The amount of money deposited with those institutions is \$1,077,383,743, an increase of \$63,077,885. There was likewise an increase of \$100,872 in the number of open accounts during that period, the number on Jan. 1 being

Tin Found Near Cape Town. CAPIL TOWN, Feb. 7,-A syndicate has discovered deposits of tin sixteen miles from Cape Town. A sample of seventeen pounds of alluvial earth was washed and produced six pounds of pure tin.

For Popular Election of Senators. SPRINGFIELD, DL. Feb. 11.-The state senate by a vote of 43 to 1 adopted a joint resolution in favor of elect. vote of the people.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS.

House Adopts Conference Report on Department of Commerce Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.-The house restorday adopted the conference report on the department of commerce bill by a vote of 251 to 10. One Republican, Mr. Littlefield (Me.), and nine Democrats voted against this action. Several Democrats took the position that the "Nelson amendment" to the bureau of corporations was a weak and ineffectual attempt to provide the machinery for corporation publicity. Mr. Many (Ill.) in behalf of the Republicans contended, on the contrary, that it was a better measure of publicity than had been presented in any other bill.

The remainder of the day was devoted to the sundry civil appropriation bill. Mr. Cannon, chairman of the appropriations committee, gave notice that at the proper time he would move by a terrific hurricane, attacked the two amendments, one to provide for the purchase of a site and the erection of a three story, 400 room office building for members, to be connected with the cap-Itol by a subway and to cost \$3,800,000, and the other an appropriation of \$2,ing its strength between Jan. 14 and 500,000 to carry out the original plans for beautifying and enlarging the main wing of the capitol. The notable feature of the general debate on the bill was a speech by Mr. De Armond (Mo.) on the Hanna bill to pension ex-slaves. He spoke in a sarcastic vein, but the subject assumed a serious phase when Mr. Richardson (Tenn.) said that adventurers in the south were using the bill to impose on ignorant, credulous negroes and called on Mr. Cannon to give assurance that the passage of such a measure was not contemplated. This assurance Mr. Cannon gave.

She statehood bill again came up in the deaths on the three islands of Hao, the senate, and Mr. Morgan (Ala.) spoke on it for some time. In the course of his remarks he referred to bills regarding trusts, which, he said,' have been kept back and will be kept back until it is too late for discussion regarding them. The time of the senate was being wasted on account of what he termed "a peaceful political blockade" on the statchood bill when more important measures were await-

BRITISH PROTOCOL ACCEPTED.

Yet Acceptable to Bowen.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.-Great Britain's protocol has been formally neprompt measures to relieve the dis-cepted by Mr. Bowen for Veneguela. tressed districts and dispatched two The German and Italian conventions warships with fresh water and provi- are still undergoing revision, but assurances are given in authoritative As the islands were barely twenty quarters that they eventually will be made to conform in all essential respects to that of the British ambassa-

It appears that the insertion in the German protocol of the provision for advance payment of the original \$340,-000 demanded of President Castro in the German ultimatum was the result raging seas, which swept with pitilese of a misunderstanding on the part of the German foreign office of certain steps in the negotiations here. Through the activity of the German minister, Baron Speck von Sternburg, this point is being cleared up.

The Italian ambassador's instructions are such that he can make little headway until he knows what is contained in the German protocol. He. convention, and it will take only a to his protocol.

Mr. Bowen has done everything possible to conclude the negotiations with dispatch in order that the blockade might be raised.

MARCONI'S LATEST FEAT.

Ship In Wireless Communication From Port to Port.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.-The possibility of maintaining by wireless telegraphy a daily paper at sea has been

The Atlantic Transport company's steamer Minneapolis, which left here a week ago last Saturday and arrived at London yesterday, reports being in wireless communication either with Cornwall in England or Siasconsett in America all the way across.

The officers of the ship published a newspaper every day containing the news of the world as sent by wireless telegraph.

Missouri and Illinois Shaken Up.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 9.-Two distinct earthquake shocks were felt in St. Louis and vicinity between 6:20 and 6:25 o'clock last night. The first shock was of almost twenty seconds' duration, and while it was not so distinctly felt immediately in St. Louis, in the western suburban towns and in Alton, Belleville, Edwardsville and other nearby towns in Illinois it was sufficiently forceful to rattle dishes and swing doors. The second shock followed within two minutes and was

slight and of short duration. A New Haven Tragedy.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 7 .- The body of Mrs. Peck, wife of Professor Peck of Yale university, has been found in Fort Hale park, at Morris ove, after searching parties of students had searched in all directions for the missing woman. It is believed that Mrs. Feck wandered to the park while demented. Her pocketbook was ound untouched clasped in her hand. She was fifty-three years old and lived approval. The building will be erected at 124 High street.

Russia's Warlike Preparations. LONDON, Feb. 11 .- It is announced n a dispatch to a news agency from st. Petersburg that all the officers of ours in the event of mobilization orders being issued. The measure, it is fears of trouble in the Balkans.

WRECKED ON A REEF

Excursion Steamer Goes to Pieces Off Bermuda.

PASSENCERS AND BAGGAGE ARE SAVED

Shock Came In the Night, and For Many Hours There Was Great Peril and Suffering While the Sea Broke Over Them.

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Feb. 11.-The Quebec Steamship company's steamer Madiana, Captain Frazer, which sailed from New York last Saturday with a party of excursionists for a special cruise around the Caribbean Islands, went ashere on the reefs off this island at 3 o'clock in the morning. The passengers had a thrilling experience. The ship is a total loss, but all on board were rescued and brought safely to land after a perilous trip in lifeboats from the wreck to a tug standing a mile off. The mails and the passengers' baggage were also saved.

According to statements made by those on board, the Madiana was threading her way in the night through the narrow channel between the coral recfs which lead to Hamilton harbor when she struck a reef one and a half miles northeast of North Rock. No explicit explanation is yet forthcoming as to how the vessel went on the rocks, and the only information obtainable from the officers is that the light which indicates the channel for some reason could not be seen.

All the passengers were in their bunks when the Madiana struck the rocks, but the shock of the impact awakened them, and they rushed on deck, the majority of them without attempting to dress. Considerable glarm. though not a panle, prevailed among the passengers when they found that the vessel was hard on the rocks, but the officers went among them and calmed them, although a number did not venture below again to seek proper clothing. A part of the crew did not share the coolness of the officers, but the latter soon restored order among the troublesome seamen.

Distress signals were sent up, and the passengers passed an anxious timeduring the latter part of the night. The Madiana listed heavily during the night and when morning broke lay broadside to the wind. The passengers, many still scantily dressed, were huddled together on the hurricane deck, and the sea breaking over the steamer drenched them to the skin.

As soon as the news of the wreck became known here government and other tugs proceeded to the scene to endeavor to render assistance. A heavy sea, however, was running, and 'they dared not approach too closely to the reef on which the Madiana was pounding. For some time no communication with the Madiana was possible. The tue Gladisfen stood about a mile off awaiting an opportunity to assist, but it was not until 11 o'clock in the morning that it became possible to effect a

Arizona's Rich Copper Field. MARQUETTE, Mich., Feb. 9.-According to reports brought back from Arizona, the copper field which has been discovered there will far excel is said that several millionaires have taken up land in the vicinity of the ind. Some mines are already in operation, and so cheaply is the ore mined and handled that the discovery promses to materially reduce the price of the metal. The ore is described as beng far richer than the dreams of any copper miner of the upper peninsula

The new district centers about Bisbee. For Loss of Legs, \$21,000. BOSTON, Feb. 11 .- A jury in the

and far ahead of the best mines here.

supreme court here gave a verdict of \$21,000 to Charles Bjoinquist, aged twenty-one, for loss of both legs in his suit against the Boston and Albany railroad. Bjoinquist was stealing a ride on a freight car in East Cambridge in 1899, when one of the trainmen ordered him off. The boy jumped and fell under the wheels. The plaintiff claimed that the accident was due to the fright given to the boy by the company's employee, while the defendant corporation contended that the fact that Bjoinquist was a trespasser cleared it of liability.

An Important Postal Change. WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.-The postoffice appropriation bill passed by the house contains an important provision that has not attracted much attention. It provides that hereafter postoffices shall accept for transmission in the mails quantities of not less than 2,000 identical pieces of third or fourth class matter without postage stamps affixed, provided that the postage is fully prepaid. This action was recommended strongly by Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden in the interest of economy to the government and to the business public.

New Agricultural Building Assured. WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.-The president has signed the bill appropriating \$1,500,000 for the construction of a new building for the department of agriculture in this city. Plans for the new structure will be drawn at once and work begun immediately on their on the plaza directly in front of the present building.

Woodruff Heads Syracuse House. SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 10.-Timothy L. Woodruff, late lieutenant govthe Russian army 'reserve have been ernor, was elected this morning to sucactified to hold themselves in readlness | ceed Lyman C. Smith as president of to rejoin their regiments in twenty-four | the Smith Premier Typewriter company of Syracuse. The establishment over which Mr. Woodruff will thus have immediate personal control is the second SHFEF AND LAMBS—Market steady; hergest industrial enterprise in this city. C.75@2; cheice hambs, \$6.32-6.50. ing United States senators by direct added, appears to be connected with mediate personal centrol is the second

BODY USED FOR FUEL

Shocking Details at Hearing In the Taylor Murder Case.

MONTICELLO, N. Y., Feb. 11.-The hearing in the Taylor murder case has begun in the Monticello courthouse. Mrs. Kate Taylor is charged with having murdered her husband, Lafayette Taylor, at their farmhouse near Centerville Station, Sullivan county, on the night of Jan. 27.

District Attorney F. S. Anderson conducted-the inquiry. The only witness examined was the fourteen-year-old daughter of the accused. She testified that her stepfather came home drunk and that she retired while he and her mother were quarreling. A short time after she heard a shot and, running into the kitchen, saw Taylor lying on the floor and saw her mother shoot him again. Mrs. Taylor then seized an ax and cut off his head and right arm, both of which she placed in the stove,

The remainder of the body was cut in four pieces and put in a sack in the pantry, and during the two succeeding days parts of the body were burned until it was all consumed. The bloody clothing was placed in a washtub and later burned.

The tub, which became stained with blood from the clothes, was scraped and burned on the inside with kerosene to remove the stains, and places on the wall where blood had spattered when the body was being chopped up were repapered. The ax was afterward burned. During the time the body was being burned the usual meals were cooked by Mrs. Taylor.

The daughter is attractive and intelligent looking, but Mrs. Taylor has a brutal and animal-like face. During her daughter's recital of the story Mrs. Taylor showed no sign of nervousness. The hearing was adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning, when Mrs. Taylor will be examined.

MINERS' UNION SCORED.

Nonunionists Present Their Case to the Commission.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 11. - The United Mine Workers of America as an organization was severely scored yesterday by counsel before the authracite coal strike commission. The nonunion men through their attorney, John T. Lenahan, presented their side of the controversy and demanded consideration at the hands of the commission, claiming the legal right to earn a livelihood as they might elect without the consent or dictation of the union. During his presentation of the case Mr. Lenahan denounced the union as the fomenter of crime and anarchy. The main feature of his argument was the claim that the union had no legal or moral right to coerce miners into membership or to arrogate to itself the authority to fix the wages of mine work-

James H. Torrey, counsel for the Delaware and Hudson company, claimed that the question of recognition of the union was not an issue before the commission, but he devoted considerable time to the consideration of that demand. He asserted that violence and intimidation were agencies selected for the promotion of the purposes of the mine workers. Regarding the demand for an eight hour working day Mr. Torrey said the evidence showed that for various reasons the breakers did not average more than eight bours a day so that the physical effects of long hours were not felt.

Major Everett Warren, counsel for the Hillsdale Coal and Iron company and the Pennsylvania Coal company, answered the demands of the miners in detail and declared the socialistic theories of the union or some of its leaders to be responsible for unreasonable claims.

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The commission has heard 566 witnesses. Nine of these were called by the commission, 244 by the union miners, 155 by the non-union miners and 158 by the operators. The stenographers took down approximately 9,200 typewritten pages of testimony, or 2,300,000 words,

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