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DESCRIPTION OF THE PORTO RICAN STORM

ANOTHER INTERESTING LETTER FROM VICTOR H. PINKNEY.

The Results of the Cyclone Are Awaiting to Contemplate—It Will Require Over a Million Dollars to Save the Afflicted People from Starvation—More Than 2,000 Killed and 900 Wounded, and All the Reports Are Not In Yet—Porto Ricans Appreciate the Help from America.

H. Pinkney, of Dunmore, is in receipt of the following interesting letter from his son, Victor H. Pinkney, who is with the Porto Rican army in the inspector general's office at San Juan:

August 25, 1899. My Dear Parents: I regret very much my inability to write you this with reference to the destructive storm which passed over the island the 13th inst., and regret further that you should have had cause to be alarmed for my welfare.

You must bear in mind that the months we are now passing through are very sickly ones for us Americans. A suffocating heat reigns throughout the day, and when night comes, it is useless to seek for coolness, as the zephyr that should bring a calm of several hours, the atmosphere becomes oppressive, and the body weakened by perspiration, becomes languid; the appetite fails, and the most quietude, buzzing about our ears by day and night, perplex and annoy you by their stings, while the innumerable vermin, such as flies and other insects, which as the natives say "que me molestan" almost worry the life out of you.

The rains come down like an immense quantity of water poured through a sieve, flooding the low lands, causing the rivers to overflow their banks, and making the smallest brooks become deep and rapid torrents. In such a season therefore, fevers are prevalent and they attack one with a sudden and irresistible violence.

The cause, therefore, of a slight sickness, is the apology must offer for my neglect to write you. With reference to the cyclone, I can say but little, as perhaps you have been informed from the home papers of all the details, and the graphic of which, I feel sure, but half portrayed the awful destructiveness, misery and desolation, which have been left in the track of the hurricane.

HARD TO REALIZE. This morning as I gazed over the wall of the garden which almost surrounds our office, away across the waters of the bay, whose vast expanse, without a wave or a ruffle to mar its surface, appeared like an immense mirror, to the long ridge of undulating mountains which command the city, covered with their dark purple foliage, to which the sun's rays penetrated the mists arising therefrom, added a golden tint, I could scarcely believe that beyond such a scene of loveliness there could be the desolation described.

The day preceding the storm I remember was a perfect one. The weather had cleared up after a few days' rain, and the sun, whose heat was in a measure moderated by partial clouds and showers of rain, seemed as it were to set in a cloudless sky. The cattle in the pastures brought the friendly shade of the trees, and the leaves of the stately palms, and tall cocoanuts seemed as if afraid to stir, and a calm seemed to pervade the whole face of nature. And yet from the summit tower of the weather bureau hung around two red flags, conveying the ominous warning that a hurricane was approaching.

Some laughed at the signs, and others related strange things which they had observed, which proved beyond a doubt that a storm was at hand. One old native stated that on the preceding night he had observed that the stars seemed to be twice their size, that around each one of them appeared a vapor, which appeared yet seemed to magnify them. The sun, himself, had appeared like a mammoth ball of blood, and that the waters of the small stream which ran close to his cabin had emitted a sulphurous smell.

That very night, the small stream which ran babbling by his home became a fierce and mighty torrent, sweeping everything before it. Such a night can never be forgotten. The fierce roar of the waters and of the trees being destroyed by the winds, the shrieks and moans of persons, the howling of the wind among the tops of the trees, the blackness of the night, now and again craved with fire let loose in flashes and streaks of lightning, must have seemed to have announced to all the last convulsion of the universe and the death agonies of nature itself. Yesterday, a garden of paradise; today, a dreary waste of a cruel winter.

SOME OF THE CONDITIONS. To enter details is unnecessary. Reports declare the alarming fact that there are probably 250,000 people on the island who will be shut off from their usual food supply, and in fact shut off from any food whatever.

Plantations have been laid waste, their crops all destroyed, and none can be reproduced from the seed in less than seven or eight weeks, and during this period these people must be fed, and it has been estimated that no less than a total of \$1,200,000 will be necessary to prevent starvation.

About 12,500,000 pounds of rice, 12,500,000 pounds of beans and 4,500,000 pounds of corn are required to feed the people at a rate of one pound per day per capita. This is not very large when it is taken into consideration that a soldier's ration is four pounds per day.

Some estimate the number of killed to be more than 2,000, and the wounded at 900; houses destroyed, 7,000; homeless persons, 25,000; dependent families, 60,000 and missing, 1,000. Take into consideration that all reports are not as yet in, as in some places no means of communication are available, all the lines are broken down, and the swollen rivers and streams make passage impossible. In Porto Rico the loss of life is aggregated to 2,000, and the stench, which emanates from the sewers and cellars is fearful, due to the carcasses which have lodged there and become decomposed.

Several boat loads of supplies have arrived here from the states and a good deal of money has been contributed. The people here show a great appreciation of the same. They do not sit and moan and bewail their fate and wait for some one to feed them, and they have shown themselves on a good many occasions to be people of grit and pluck. They want to work and help themselves, and prove that they are worthy of all that the people of America are doing for them.

However, I will write you further particulars later, until then will close with love and affection to you all. From your affectionate son, Victor H. Pinkney.

LIVE NEWS OF THE INDUSTRIAL WORLD

LACKAWANNA ROAD RECEIVES ONE OF ITS BIG ENGINES.

Exceeds in Many Dimensions the Monster No. 888 Built at the Scranton Shops—Was Built at the Brooks Locomotive Works and is One of Fourteen Contracted for by Superintendent of Motive Power FitzGibbons—Other Notes of Interest.

The Lackawanna road received at its round house in this city Tuesday night from the Brooks Locomotive Works at Dunkirk, N. Y., the largest locomotive ever built for the Lackawanna company.

It exceeds in various details the mammoth 888, built recently at the local shops of the company, and that was considered to be a wonder. The engine, which is numbered 901, has a total weight of 201,000 pounds, 159,000 on the driving wheels and 42,000 pounds on the trucks. Its boiler is 78 inches in diameter, the cylinder 21 inches in diameter, with a 32 inch stroke. The driving wheels are 54 inches in diameter and the driving wheel journals are 9x12.

The tank is a new feature in engines. It has a sloping coal space, which keeps the coal coming down as the fireman shovels it. The fireman will stand on a deck two feet higher than the ordinary decks of locomotives. A water tank of two feet will be under the deck.

The new 901 will be fired today and given a trial in about the yards of the round house.

The new engine weighs 3,250 pounds more than the mammoth 888, and has a boiler 4 inches longer, but its driving wheels are two inches smaller in diameter than those of 888.

The latter mentioned engine has two wheel pony trucks, while the new one has a four wheel engine truck. There are fourteen more of the mammoth engines to be received by the company from the Brooks works. They are now turning out one a day, and will send two every other day for the next two weeks. Two engines will be received today or tonight. They are to be used principally as hill engines between this city and Lehigh.

Delano Shops Declining. The Delano shops are destined soon to be a thing of the past, so far as employment is concerned. The pay roll is fast depleting, and where once the busy rattle of 300 machinists, boiler makers, blacksmiths and others employed about the several departments made the place a scene of bustle and life, only one-half that number are now employed.

Yesterday an engine left the shops with the greater part of the mechanism loaded on flat trucks, for the reason that the work could not be completed at Delano owing to lack of men. And nearly every day sees some portion of the work usually done at the shops sent away because of the reduction of the force.

Contracts for Two Steel Plants. Within a short time the large foundry of the Pottstown Bridge company will be started and the force of hands greatly increased. The company has received contracts to furnish all the structural iron for all the buildings of the Republic Iron and Steel company, at Youngstown, O., and the structural steel for a new steel plant at Chester, Pa.; also several steel bridges on the Northern Pacific railroad at Duluth, Minn.

PITTSBURGH POINTERS. A Pittsburg constable has a warrant for the arrest of Joseph Androlis, who is charged with breaking open the trunk of a fellow boarder and stealing therefrom \$217 in cash and a gold watch. The thief has left for parts unknown.

The Brothers base ball club challenge any amateur team in Luzerne or Lackawanna counties to a game of ball for a purse of from \$25 to \$100.

MOOSIC. A meeting of milk dealers, of interest to the people of Moosic and vicinity, was held last week when the Milk Dealers' union of Luzerne and Lackawanna counties was formed and by-laws adopted. The formation of this union is the outcome of an effort to maintain a uniform price for milk and guarantee the customers of the union dealers that they will have pure milk.

William Crompton and John Morgans, of Moosic, are members of the union. J. Edwin Davies, of Crystal Farm, Avoca, is secretary. Anyone interested in the union and desiring information can obtain it by writing the secretary.

John H. Reed and William Scott went to Wilkes-Barre last evening to see George Tillman, who is still at the city hospital.

Nathan W. Bailey, of Chinchilla, spent Sunday with his son at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage.

William Edinger, of Stroudsburg, is building the stone wall for the Methodist parsonage and boarding at E. C. Berlows.

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men engaged in cutting a new channel across their own property above the Methodist Episcopal church, so that the old outlet for the tail races may be filled in.

MONTROSE. E. R. W. Searle, of Susquehanna, was in town yesterday. Hon. Galusha A. Grow was in town yesterday.

Great preparations are being made for the Susquehanna county fair, to be held at Montrose Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. It promises to be the largest exhibition ever held in the history of the society. Excursion tickets from Scranton, \$1.

Ralph Northrop is acting as secretary of the Young Men's Christian association. The former secretary, Carlton Shaffer resigns his position to take up a course of study at Princeton university.

Prothonotary and Mrs. H. F. Manzer recently visited Susquehanna friends. Glen Guy and sister, Miss Meta, have returned to State college.

R. J. McCausland has been appointed battalion adjutant, Second battalion, with rank of first lieutenant, on Colonel Waters' staff.

Mrs. Ann Backus and daughter, Miss Lillian, have returned from Philadelphia, where they have been spending the summer, accompanied by Lou Backus and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Scott.

Mrs. W. C. Cruser and daughter, Frances, have returned from Wilkes-Barre.

At the Women's Christian Temperance union oratorical contest, held last evening in the Presbyterian church, of the four contestants, Miss Nellie Conklin was the successful participant.

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Gent's Solid Silver Watch, Elgin movement, \$2.50. Ladies' Sterling Silver Watches, worth \$5.50, now \$2.75. Gent's Nickel Watches, S. W., price \$2.50, now \$1.75. Rogers Bros' Spoons, warranted, 50c. Rogers Bros' Butter Knives, Sugar Spoons, Pickle Forks, etc., previous price 75c.

Ladies' Solid Gold Watch, Elgin movement, \$1.50. Ladies' Gold Filled Watches at \$5.50, worth \$11.00. We also have about three hundred Ladies' Solid Silver Rings, worth 50c. and 75c., will close them at 25c. each.

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