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### DESCRIPTION OF THE PORTO RICAN STORM

ANOTHER INTERESTING LETTER FROM VICTOR H. PINKNEY.

The Results of the Cyclone Are Aw- seized a knife and cut the finger to quire Over a Million Dollars to Save the Afflicted People from Starvation-More Than 2,000 Killed and Are Not In Yet-Porto Ricans Appreciate the Help from America.

H. Pinkney, of Dunmore, is in rebit him was, with the others, capceipt of the following interesting lettured a few days ago' on the mountains ter from his son, Victor H. Pinkney who is with the Porto Rican army i the inspector general's office at San

August 25, 1899. My Dear Parents: I regret very much my inability to write you ere this with reference to the destructive storm which passed over this island the 5th 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 suffo-cating heat reigns throughout the day, and when night comes, 'tis uncless to seel for coolness, a faint zephyr is succeeded by a calm of several hours, the atmosphere becomes oppressive,, and the body weakened by perspiration, becomes lau-guid; the appetite fails, and the mos-quitoes buzzing about your ears by day and night, perplex and annoy you by their stings, while the innumerable vermin, such as fleas and other insects, which as the natives say "que pica mucho" almost worry the life out of you. The rains comes down like an immense quantity of water poured through a sieve. foundating the low lands, causing the rivers to overflow their banks, and making the smallest brooks become deep and rapid torrents. In such a season there-fore, fevers are prevalent, and they attack one with a sudden and irresistible

violence.

The excuse, therefore, of a slight sickness, is the apology I must offer for my neglect to write you. With reference to the cyclone, I can say but little, as per haps you have been informed from the home papers of all the details, the most graphic of which, I feel sure, but haif portrayed the awful destructiveness, misy 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 penetrating the mists arising therefrom, added a golden tint, I could scarcely believe that by ond such a scene of loveliness there could be the desolation described. The day preceding the storm 1 remem-

ber was a perfect one. The weather had cleared up after a few days' rain, and the sun, whose heat had been hitherto moderated by partial clouds and showers of rain, seemed as it were to set in a cloudless sky. The cattle in the pastures sought the friendly shade of the trees, 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 signal tower of the weather bureau hung languid two red flags, conveying the ominous warning

that a hurricane was approaching Some laughed at the warning, others re-lated strange things which they had ob-served, 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 obscured yet seemed to magnify them. The sun, himself, had appeared like a man-muth 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 flerce 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 shricks and means of persons, the bellowing of cattle and neighing of horses, the torrents of water inundating the fields, the blackness of the night. now and again crased 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, 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 re-produced from the soil in less than seventeen weeks, and during this period these people must be fed, and it has been estimated that no less than a total of \$1,389,-

About 12,750,000 pounds of rice, 12,750,000 pounds of beans and 4,250,000 pounds of codfish are required to feed the people, at a ratio 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 \$90; houses destroyed, 7,000; homeless per-sons, 25,000; dependent families, 600, 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 swellen rivers and streams make passage impossible. In Ponce alone the loss of life is aggregated at 600, and the stench which emanates from the newers and cellars is fearful, due to the arensses 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 above their appreciation of the same. They do not sit and mean and bewall their fate and wait for some one to feed them, and they have shown them-selves on a good many occasions to be people of grit and pluck. They want to wark and help, themselves, and prove that they are worthy of all that the neo-ple of America are doing for them. They have been smilten with an awful calam-ity. Their means of support have been taken away from them, and their country ted a loss from which it will

take years to recover. Further news I cannot give you. For my part, I suffered none from the storm, and at precent am enjoying fairly root and at present am enjoying fairly good health. However, I will write you fur-ther particulars inter, until then will close with love and affections to you all. From your affectionate son,

THE SNAKE BIT HIM.

Victim Used Knife on Wound but the Poison Quickly Spread.

Shamokin, Sept. 13.-While Stephen

Hughes was giving an exhibition of charming several rattlesnakes in a restaurant here, Dr. Francis J. Meek, a spectator, was bitten on the finger by ful to Contemplate-It Will Re- the bone, after which he poured whiskey on the wound. His hand and arm grew black and swelled to a great size Meek grew critically ill and was taken home. He became delirious, and was in a dying condition when sever-900 Wounded, and All the Reports al physicians arrived. They administered antidotes and for hours fought hard to stave off death. This morning the doctor became unconscious. He grew stronger during the day, but is

### WILLIAMS MAKES DENIAL.

still in a grave state. The snake that

American Soldiers Commit No Barbarities and Do Not Wantonly Destroy Property, as Has Been Alleged.

The following letter from Hon. O. F. Williams, formerly United States consul at Manila, appeared in the Manila Freedom:

Manila, July 12, 1899. Editor Freedom:

I thank you for your request for my opinion as to the vicious and treasonable utterances of certain United States papers concerning the sort of warfare waged by the United States army in the Philippines.

It has been my honor and pleasure ince May 1, 1898, to stand close to both navy and army and to enfoy the ontidence of all leaders.

I have been in camp, on firing lines nd at conferences, and I know that reports of massacre of women, children and prisoners, of Americans, destroying homes and robbing, are absoutely and maliciously false

I am aware that perhaps a score of Nipa shacks have been destroyed by order of our commanders because they were nests for Filipino sharpshooters, but nine hundred and ninety-nine out of every one thousand houses and business places burned in the Philippine islands, since Feb. 1, have been wan-tonly burned by the Filipinos. It is well known that Filipino officers ordered every place burned as soon as it became evident that they must evacuate. At Santa Ana, Paco, Pasig, Calooan, Malolos, San Fernando, Iloilo, etc.

Our kindness to the vanquished has been the greatest surprise to the Filipinos, who were accustomed by Span sh victors to torture, solitary and loathsome confinement and execution. When by Major General Otis' order

e care for Filipino wounded as tenderly as for our own; and when he sends scores of tons of food to the starving omen and children. Paranaque, Las Pinas, Bacoor, Imus, etc. the tongue should be palsied when uttering aught but praises for the numanity displayed by the victorious warriors of the Eighth army corps.

After Dewey sunk Montejo's fleet he ent United States navy surgeons to care for Spanish wounded, as he had none of his own to care for, and Otis has shown the same high degree of humanity

It is lucky for the reputation of Ananias that he made his record and died before these modern liars were born.

Respectfully, O. F. Williams, Late United State Consul, Manila.

AVOOA.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Davis, of Cininnati; Mrs. Haffelnin, of Frankfort, Ky.; Mrs. Thomas Morgan, Mrs. Benjamin Williams and Mrs. Charles Morris, of Pittston, were guests of Mrs. Solomon Deeble, yesterday.

Charles Webber, a graduate of Strondsburg Normal school, has been appointed assistant principal of the Old Forge schools.

Clair Hollister left yesterday to attend the Bethlehem fair and the Philadelphia exposition. Mrs. Harden left on Tuesday for her

home in Ireland, after several years' residence in Avoca. Her son, Thomas, accompanied her to New York.

The Home Dramatic company will produce Steele Mackey's drama, "Hazel Kirke," on Friday evening, Sept. 22, for the benefit of the St. Aloysius

James Walsh has accepted a posttion as mine foreman at the Franklin works, above Carbondale, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Devine, of Etwood City, Pa., are guests of Mr. and

Mrs. J. J. Hanlon. Miss Anna McLaughlin has returned to Corry, Pa., after several weeks' visit at the McLaughlin residence.

T. J. Newton will represent the Avoa Hose company in the firemen's convention at Scranton, Oct. 2. Miss Maggie Morton is visiting

friends in New York city. Llewellyn, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. William Owens, is seriously ill of Miss Anna McGuire has returned to

her home in Philadelphia, after a few weeks' visit with Miss Nellie Dough-

### WYALUSING.

Mrs R.W. Farks, of Westfield, Mass., s visiting relatives in town. Mr. J. R. Smith, of East Stroudsburg. is spending some time with friends in

Mrs. J. G. Keeler is spending a few days with her son. J. V. Keeler, at Le Raysville

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Ellsworth have issued invitations to the marriage of their sister, Emma Bessle Ellsworth, to Frank S. Mitten, of Athens, Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 4 o'clock.

Mrs. G. T. Baldwin and Miss Leffer. of Brooklyn, N. Y., visited friends in town recently.

N. J. Gaylord, Dr. Hernet and Hon. E. D. Lewis attended the funeral of Judge Peck, on uesday, at Towarda. Mr. Joe Middendorf, proprietor of Hotel Middendorf, was quite seriously injured by being knocked down and run over by the book and ladder truck at Tuesday night's fire.

### 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 th Brooks Locomotive Works and Is One of Fourteen Contracted for by Superintendent of Motive Power FitzGibbons-Other Notes of In-

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

It exceeds in various details the nammoth 888, built recently at the local shops of the company, and that was considered to be a wonder. The engine, which is numbered 801, has a total weight of 201,000 pounds, 159,009 on the driving wheels and 42,009 pounds on the trucks. Its boller is 78 inches in diameter, the cylinder 21 inches in diameter, with a 32 inch The driving wheels are 54 stroke.

wheel journals are 9x12. The tank is a new feature in engines. It was 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 801 will be fired today and given a trial in about the yards of the round house.

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

The latter mendored engine has wo wheel pony trucks, while the new one has a four wheel engine trucks. There are fourteen more of the mamnoth engines to be received by the ompany 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 reseived 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 360 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 \$10.50. received contracts to furnish all the 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,

### PITTSTON POINTERS.

A Pittston 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

The Brothers base ball club challengany 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 bylaws adopted. The formation of this union is the outcome of an effort 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 Edwin Davies, of Crystal Farm, Avoca, is secretary. Anyone interested in the union and desiring information can obtain it by writing the sec-

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.

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Myrtle Howard, of Lestershire spent Sunday with her parents and returned Monday.

### MONTROSE.

E. R. W. Searle, of Susquehanna, was in town vesterday. 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 secre-tary of the Young Men's Christian as sociation. The former secretary, Carl ton Shaffer resigns his position to take up a course of study at Princeton uni-

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

R. J. McCausland has been appoint

ed battalion adjutant, Second battalion, with rank of first lieutenant, on Colonel Watres' staff.

Mrs. Ann Backus and daughter, Miss Lillian, have returned from Philadelphia, where they have been spending the summer, accompanied by Len inches in diameter and the driving Backus and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Scott. Mrs. W. C. Cruser and daughter. Frances, have returned from Wilkes-

At the Womans' Christian Temper ance 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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ment, \$14.50 Ladies' Gold Filled Watches at \$6.50 worth \$15.00. We also have about three hundred Ladies' Solid Silver Rings, worth 50c. and 75c., will close them at 10c. each. Special sale now going on at Davidow Bros. Attend as we are offering goods at one-fourth their original value.

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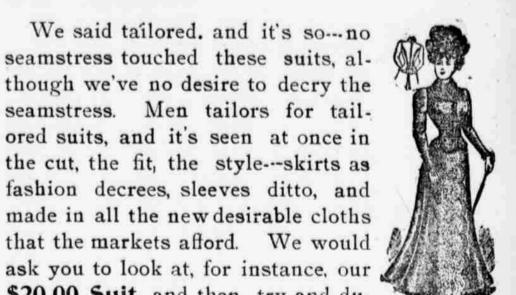
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