

SCIENTISTS FEAR A NEW PERIL

They Think That Martinique May Expect New and More Violent Eruptions.

MONT PELEE IS AN EXPLOSIVE VOLCANO

It is the Unanimous Opinion of the Visitors Now at Martinique That a New Period of Rest is Now on, but the Next Outburst Will Be Far More Disastrous Than the Former Eruptions—Inhabitants Leave the Island as Rapidly as Possible.

Fort de France, Island of Martinique, May 22 (Thursday).—A torrential downpour of rain this morning washed off the ashes from the vegetation on the mountain.

The United States steamer Potomac made her usual trip to St. Pierre today with another party of scientists. She found the conditions there unchanged from yesterday.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the Potomac left here for St. Lucia and St. Vincent. The United States steamer Dixie, having landed 400 tons of supplies, called at 5 o'clock for St. Vincent.

Many of the shops have been forced to close by the flight of the employees. In addition there has practically been killed by the free distribution of supplies of all kinds, food, clothing and medical stores.

The latest reports show that the explosion of May 20 did not result in any casualties. As this dispatch is closed Mont Pelee is slowly emitting heavy clouds of smoking steam, but otherwise the volcano is quiet.

POLITICS IN KANSAS.

Democrats and Populists May Unite on a Ticket.

Wichita, Kan., May 23.—The Democratic state convention has adjourned after nominating six of the fourteen places to be filled at the November election.

Hayti Quiet Again.

Port au Prince, Hayti, May 23.—The Haytian warship Crete A. Pierot arrived here today and landed Antonio Firmin, the former Haytian minister at Paris, who was recently at the head of the army of the north, which advanced until within two days' march of Port au Prince.

EARTHQUAKE IN GUATEMALA.

Business Entirely Suspended—The Coffee Crop Destroyed.

Hamburg, May 23.—A special dispatch from Guatemala says that the town of Quetzaltenango has been wholly destroyed by an earthquake, which lasted three-quarters of a minute.

PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY

Moderator Rebukes Some of the Commissioners for Lack of Interest.

New York, May 23.—At today's general session of the Presbyterian general assembly, during the consideration of the report of the special committee on Sabbath observance, R. M. Garver, of Grand Rapids, N. D., moved to strike out a part of the report in which card parties on Sunday are condemned.

After the adoption of the Sabbath observance report, the moderator administered a rebuke to some commissioners, who, he said, were members of a judicial committee and yet could not be found when called.

The report of the standing committee on church erection was next called up. The report which was presented by the chairman, the Rev. Dr. Arthur C. McMillan, of this city, opens by saying that 23 per cent of all churches established sooner or later cease to exist, but that this is no reason to cease to add in building new ones.

The Rev. Dr. Hubbell, of the New York Sabbath school board, then introduced and briefly described the work of that organization. Dr. Hubbell said the police department had helped them very much in their work.

The committee on bills and overtures reported adversely on the report of a committee, asking that a protest be sent to congress against the printing at public expense of Thomas Jefferson's "Life of Christ." In spite of the action taken by the committee on bills and overtures, the assembly, by a vote of 205 to 139, decided that the protest should be sent.

The report of the committee on church policy was next presented. It states that a communication from the committee of the general association of the Protestant Episcopal church had been received, making a request for the appointment of a committee of conference on marriage and divorce and that overtures on the same subject had been received from the Presbyterians of Baltimore and Washington.

Rev. Dr. William H. Roberts, stated clerk of the general assembly and treasurer of the Twentieth Century fund, reported a grand total of receipts during the last two years for the fund, amounting to \$7,552,801.84.

Alfred Hamilton Hanged.

Whitcomb, Wash., May 23.—Alfred Hamilton, alias Fred Hawkins, was hanged today for the murder of D. H. Woodbury at Anacostia, September 7, 1899.

PRESIDENT REVOKES ORDER.

War Department Without a Head in Absence of Secretary.

Washington, May 23.—The president has revoked the old executive order, August 29, 1901, by which the lieutenant general commanding the army (General Miles) and the adjutant general (General Corbin) in turn are to assume the duties of secretary of war in the absence of the secretary and the assistant secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE A. M. E. CONFERENCE

Will Publicly Express Disapproval of Lynching.

Harrisburg, May 23.—The Philadelphia and Baltimore conference of the African Methodist Episcopal church, now in session in this city, will publicly express its disapproval of the killing of Dudley Morgan, the colored man, who was burned to death at a stake in Texas yesterday.

DU BOIS DISCUSSES THE PHILIPPINES

Believes the Retaining of the Islands Would Be a Disadvantage to Our People.

Washington, May 23.—A temperate and carefully prepared speech was delivered in the senate today on the Philippine bill by Mr. Du Bois, of Idaho. He confined himself almost entirely to a discussion of the commercial and industrial aspects of the Philippine question, his purpose being to show that it would be a disadvantage to the people of this country to retain the islands.

The house devoted the day to private pension bills and to a few other minor measures. Mr. Loud (Cal.) criticized the special pension legislation as a disgrace and drew emphatic responses from Messrs. Sulloway (N. H.), Sulzer (N. Y.) and Miers (Ind.).

LEBANON MANAGER ACTS.

Insubordinate Ball Players Are Discharged and Then Arrested.

Lebanon, May 23.—Manager Hynes, of the Lebanon league club today discharged every player on the team for refusing to go to Lancaster to fill the schedule engagement today. Later he had warrants issued charging nine of the men with larceny as ball players, suits, gloves and hats. The players say Hynes refused to pay them for an exhibition game at night on Wednesday and they refused to work whereupon Hynes fired them seven days' pay for insubordination.

Mr. McCormick's Condition.

Williamsport, Pa., May 23.—The condition of former Attorney General H. C. McCormick is somewhat improved over yesterday, but is still regarded as critical. His ailment is acute Bright's disease, complicated with blood poisoning.

Mr. Hamblin's Promotion.

Milwaukee, May 23.—M. W. Hamblin, manager of the Western Union Telegraph company in this city for the past three years, has been appointed manager of that company's main office in New York city. He will leave for New York within a day or two.

On the Governor's Staff.

Harrisburg, May 23.—Governor Stone today appointed G. Lindsey, of Allegheny, a member of his staff, with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

PEACE RUMORS ARE DENIED

The Struggle Between Mine Workers and Operators Liable to Be Prolonged.

NEITHER SIDE SHOWS SIGNS OF WEAKENING

Yesterday One of the Dullest Days About Strike Headquarters—The Haddock Coal Company Will Grant Demands Made for Engineers, Firemen and Pump Runners—President Mitchell Keeps an Eye Upon Soft Coal Shipments—The Bituminous Miners Not Likely to Be Called Out.

WORK FOR STRIKERS.

Supply Depots Established. Shamokin, May 23.—The Ninth United Mine Workers' district headquarters today granted permission to local 1403 of Shenandoah to purchase five car loads of flour tomorrow at wholesale.

LABOR BUREAU TO BE ESTABLISHED.

Municipalities to Be Urged to Make Improvements Now.

The district executive committee of the United Mine Workers met yesterday in the headquarters in the Paull building and among a number of other things decided to establish an employment bureau.

IN A DILEMMA.

Many of the Mine Engineers at Hazleton Do Not Wish to Strike.

Hazleton, May 23.—Many of the mine engineers in the Hazleton region who have been in the employ of their respective companies for years are in a serious dilemma as to what to do if the operators do not grant the demands of the miners' executive board on behalf of the engineers, firemen and pump runners for smaller operators on June 2.

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DEATHS OF A DAY.

Lebanon, Ky., May 23.—The Rev. Dr. J. M. McKee, a professor emeritus of Centre college and one of the best known Presbyterian teachers and preachers in the south, died today from the effects of a carbuncle on the neck. He was 75 years old.

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HUNTINGDON FOR ELKIN.

Perry Lytle Refuses to Register Pennypacker as a Candidate.

Harrisburg, May 23.—A. S. Welsh, chairman of the Huntingdon county republican committee, has announced that the registration of candidates in that county closed Wednesday and that Attorney General Elkin will be the only gubernatorial candidate who will be voted for at the primaries on May 31. This insures Elkin the two delegates to the state convention.

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Local data for May 23, 1902: Highest temperature, 85 degrees; lowest temperature, 66 degrees; relative humidity, 88 per cent; wind, S. by E., 20 per cent; precipitation, 24 hours ended 8 p. m., .37 inch.