

MARTINIQUE LEFT TO DESOLATION.

ABANDONMENT AUTHORIZED.

People to Desert the Island—They Believe They Are Victims of God's Wrath.

The French government has taken into consideration the possibility of the necessity arising for the evacuation of Ft. de France and the whole island. The ministers are prepared for any such emergency that may arise and are taking all the necessary measures to meet it if it does.

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RAILWAY COMPANIES ACCUSED.

Illinois Officials Bring Suit for Restoration of Chicago Territory.

Five hundred thousand dollars' worth of Chicago river frontage has been taken from the State of Illinois, according to a bill filed in the Circuit Court at Chicago by Attorney General H. J. Hamlin.

FIRE IN BUFFALO.

Two Hundred Freight Cars and a Transfer House Were Burned.

The transfer house of the Lake Shore and New York Central Railroads, just north of the stock yards at Buffalo, N. Y., caught fire Thursday and was destroyed and about 200 cars burned.

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Secretary of the Navy Moody and Admiral Dewey were guests of the President at a dinner at the White House Friday.

Admiral Schley Thursday was initiated into the Ancient and Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. About 800 members were present.

A telegram from General Wood, addressed to President Roosevelt, telling of the change of government at Havana, was received at the White House Tuesday.

Cardinal Gibbons notified the French ambassador that it would be impossible for him to pronounce the invocation on the occasion of the unveiling of the Rochambeau statue.

Secretary Moody has tendered Commander Henry McCrea the thanks of the Navy Department for his excellent services in command of the gunboat Machia at the Isthmus of Panama.

The Committee on Rules of the House decided Thursday to give a day for the consideration of the Coplan Pacific cable bill and to report a rule to that effect.

Representative Warnock, from the House Committee on Labor, reported favorably the bill creating a commission of five persons at an annual salary of \$3,500 each to inquire into the condition of the colored people of the United States.

Postmaster General Payne announced that the portrait of Martha Washington had been decided upon as the first of American women to adorn a United States postage stamp.

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CONGRESSIONAL NOTES.

Deficiency Appropriation.

The Senate Tuesday continued the discussion of the Philippine government bill.

The House Tuesday agreed to the conference report on the omnibus claims bill, and passed the urgent deficiency bill. A conference was ordered on the army appropriation bill, and the House instructed conferees not to recommend any amendment that would permit the expenditure of any sum for construction of permanent buildings at established military posts except as authorized by the statutes.

Restricting Immigration.

At the opening of the session of the Senate Wednesday a resolution was adopted, that the Senate views with satisfaction the appearance of the Cuban republic among the nations of the world, and offers its congratulations.

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Hoar on Philippine Islands.

In the Senate Thursday Mr. Hoar, Massachusetts, spoke for two hours against the Philippine government bill.

The House Thursday continued debate on the immigration bill, with the result that the amendment offered by Mr. Underwood, Alabama, requiring an educational test for immigrants was adopted.

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Twelve companies, embracing seven electric railroad systems and including lighting and heating, refrigerating, ferry and kindred interests are to be merged into a corporation known as the Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News Company at Baltimore, Md.

BEEF TRUST ENJOINED.

Packers Liable for Contempt Proceedings on Slightest Infringement.

The temporary injunction asked for by the Government against the members of the packers' combine was granted at Chicago Tuesday.

COAL DEAL EFFECTED.

Big Purchase of Bituminous Lands in Illinois Consummated.

One of the greatest land deals in the history of the Illinois bituminous coal fields is assured, and fully 50,000 acres of undeveloped land passes into the hands of a syndicate represented by the Morgan interests of New York City.

Kosher Meat Shops Wrecked.

Seven hundred men, women and children attacked the shop of a Norfolk street, New York butcher Thursday.

Cuban Flag at Exposition.

At noon Tuesday the Cuban flag was raised over the West Indian building at the Charleston, S. C., Exposition by the Cuban Commissioners, and a salute of 21 guns fired in honor of the birth of the Cuban republic.

Steel from Germany.

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CUBA'S DREAM OF YEARS REALIZED.

JOINS GALAXY OF NATIONS.

Flag of New Republic Raised Amid the Booming of Guns in Havana Harbor.

At noon Tuesday the Republic of Cuba was ushered into the world of nations. The ceremony by which the United States relinquished its occupation of the island and handed it over to the native government occurred in the palace and was brief and simple.

Roosevelt the Speaker.

Helped to Commemorate the Missionary Centennial.

Countess Believes She Was Wrongly Deprived of Hereditary Rights.

Suit was entered in the United States District Court at New York by the Countess of Buena Vista against General Brooke, U. S. A., for \$250,000.

NO STRIKE OF ENGINEERS.

Will Remain at Work If Granted Eight-Hour Day.

The three anthracite executive committees, United Mine Workers, at their joint meeting at Wilkesbarre, Pa., decided to permit the engineers and pumpmen to remain at work, providing the coal companies grant them an eight-hour day at present wages.

REJECT SALVATION OF INFANTS.

The Southern Presbyterian General Assembly at Jackson, Miss., voted to strike out the proposed revision of the creed the sentence declaring that "all infants dying in infancy are included in the election of grace, and are regenerated and saved by Christ."

STEAMER JOHN K. SPEED BURNED.

The steamer John K. Speed took fire at New Orleans from alcohol stored in the hold, and was burned to the water's edge.

THE PRESIDENT'S TRIBUTE.

Society of Colonial Dames Unveils Monument at Arlington to Dead of Spanish War.

President Roosevelt Wednesday unveiled the memorial shaft erected at Arlington by the National Society of Colonial Dames in memory of the veterans who fell in the recent struggle between Spain and the United States.

LATEST NEWS NOTES.

Cyclone struck Union and Jonesboro, S. C., killing six and injuring six.

General Chaffee disapproved of the acquittal by court-martial of Major Waller.

Warden of workhouse at Wilmington, Del., whipped 12 criminals at the pillory.

Almost continuous earthquake shocks were felt Tuesday at St. Augustine, Fla.

Alfred Hamilton was hanged at Whatcom, Wash., for murdering D. M. Woodbury.

Duas' band, at its opening in New York, was greeted with hearty applause and encores.

Walter White, a burglar, was shot and killed by New York police in a fight with a gang of robbers.

The dedication of the 38 Ohio monuments in the Shiloh National Military Park is set for June 6 and 7.

Presbyterian General Assembly joins the Protestant Episcopal Church in crusade for uniform divorce laws.

President Mitchell has advised mine strikers to stay away from bituminous fields on account of strikes there.

The French Rochambeau Commission gave a luncheon to President Roosevelt on board the battleship Gaulois.

The combination of all the kodak manufacturers in the United States, with a capital of \$25,000,000, has been effected.

Major General Lloyd Wheaton, who is about to start home from the Philippines, will be retired July 15 on account of age.

Right Rev. Dr. Philip J. Garrigan, vice rector of the Catholic University at Washington was consecrated Bishop of Sioux City, Ia.

Saturday, May 21, closing day of the South Carolina Interstate and West Indian Exposition, will be celebrated as "Charleston Day."

Report of committee on revision of the Presbyterian confession of faith submitted to the General Assembly in session at New York Friday.

President A. J. Cassat says the New York Central Railroad need not fear the Pennsylvania as the Pennsylvania is willing to share the trade.

A mob at Paris, Mo., overpowered the sheriff and deputies and hanged Abraham Witherspoon, colored, murderer of the boy, William Grov.

The eighty-fifth annual convention of the American Baptist Missionary Union convened at St. Paul, Minn., with over 800 delegates present.

The sessions of the Baptist Young Peoples Union began at St. Paul, Minn., Sunday. The annual convention will not take place until July.

Accumulating evidence indicates that the breach between the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Western Union Telegraph Company is growing wider.

Daniel Costello, at one time the partner of P. T. Barnum, is dying at the county hospital in Chicago, Ill. He lost \$1,000,000 in a mining venture.

The State Board of Taxation at Trenton, N. J., reduced from \$110,000 to \$60,000 the assessment upon the property of Thomas A. Edison, at Ogdensburg.

Mrs. Collis P. Huntington has offered \$100,000 to the General Memorial Hospital at New York, for the treatment of cancer and allied disease for pathological purposes.

The mystery which has surrounded the disappearance of 4-year-old Kathleen Flanagan of New York, was solved by the finding of the little girl's body in the Hudson river.

PREPARED FOR A LONG STRUGGLE.

ESTABLISH SUPPLY DEPOTS.

Miners Will Have Co-Operative Stores at Convenient Places—Furnish Necessaries at Wholesale.

A report from Wilkesbarre, Pa., Friday, indicates that the struggle between capital and labor in the hard coal fields will be protracted, and only utter necessity is likely to force either side to weaken.

FORTUNE TO A ROOSTER.

Believed the Soul of Dead Husband Had Entered the Chicken.

A wealthy woman, named Silva, died at Lisbon, Portugal, and left her entire property to a "rooster."

INCREASED THE WAGES.

Roebbing Sons Company Admit Cost of Living Too High.

The John A. Roebbing Sons Company, at Trenton, N. J., have announced an increase of wages to its 4,000 employees, averaging 10 per cent.

NOT ONE ESCAPES ALIVE.

Man Blown from Mouth of Coal Creek Mines Is Dead.

Two more dead bodies have been recovered from Fraterville mine, at Coal Creek, making 214 in all.

FREMONT WAS SCARED.

Cyclone Passes Over Town and Picks Up a Few Barns.

A series of funnel-shaped clouds swept around Fremont, Neb., Saturday, and moved toward Hooper, 19 miles west, giving the people a bad fright.

UNVEILING THE STATUE.

Americans and Frenchmen Witnessed Unveiling of the Figure of Count de Rochambeau.

The superb bronze statue of General Count de Rochambeau, who brought the forces of France across the sea at the hour of the great peril in the American Revolution, was unveiled at Washington Saturday.

Want Congress to Stand Loss.

Promoters of the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, N. Y., want the United States government to make good a financial loss of about \$1,000,000, because of the failure of the Exposition owing to the tragic death of President McKinley.

CABLE FLASHES.

New Chile-Argentine peace protocol, about to be signed, leaves relations of those two countries better than they have been for years.

The highest court of Zurich canton, Switzerland, decided that Christian Science is against the medical laws.

The latest statistics show that Germany has now less than 100 persons unable to read and write, among them the reigning Prince of Reuss, who, though insane, recently assumed the crown.

The articles of surrender of the Boers in East Africa were ready to be signed Friday, with the exception that the approval of the British Cabinet of the wording of the secondary provisions was awaited.

President Kruger at The Hague professes to believe that the talk of peace settlement in East Africa is only a maneuver to hoodwink the London populace and claims that without his assent no peace is possible.

The Minister of Public Works at St. Petersburg, Russia, announced his award of the contract to Murry A. Verner, of Pittsburgh, Pa., to build an electric railroad from St. Petersburg to a suburb of that city.

Madrid correspondent wires to France that engagement between King Alfonso and the Grand Duchess Helen, daughter of Grand Duke Vladimir, of Russia, is being considered.

The Grand Duchess Helen was born January 17, 1882.

Latest eruption of Mont Pelée bombarded Fort de France with hot stones made the populace almost insane with fright, and buried the ruins of St. Pierre under boulders.

The Egyptian government is being subjected to severe criticism for having imported 15,000 tons of coal from Philadelphia. The product cost, including freight to Egypt, only \$4.80 a ton, whereas British coal is selling at the Central British markets for \$6.50 to \$7.50 a ton.

Tancredi Auguste, former Minister of the Interior of Haiti, left Port Au Prince, for Jamaica. When leaving the United States Legation a crowd made a hostile demonstration.

A severe inundation at Basse Pointe, on the northeast coast of Martinique island, Tuesday swept away 20 houses, and 50 other buildings were damaged by the flowing mud which has swept over the Valle de la Riviere.

THE MARKETS.

Table with multiple columns and rows listing market prices for various commodities such as Grain, Flour and Feed, Dairy Products, Fruits and Vegetables, and Live Stock. Includes sub-sections for PITTSBURGH, BALTIMORE, PHILADELPHIA, and NEW YORK.