

VOLCANIC CRUISES DAMAGE TO CROP

ENORMOUS LOSSES.

Coffee Plantations in Guatemala Practically Ruined—Several Towns Reported Destroyed.

The entire coffee zone of Guatemala has been destroyed by flames and smoke from the volcano of Santa Maria. Eruptions threaten the destruction of every living thing within reach of the fumes and fire that pours from the burning mountains, according to San Francisco, Cal., received from their coffee plantation in Guatemala. Only meager details are given. "Last Monday," said Louis Hirsch, of Castle Bros., "I wired to our representatives there asking for news of the eruption and received in reply this cablegram. This time, enormous losses. Volcanic eruption. Coffee zone destroyed. Our lives in danger. Further reports will follow. The coffee districts referred to are the Costa Chica and Costa Grande. They are the finest plantations in the country. If the coffee district is destroyed, as the cable seems to indicate, one-third of the crop is most likely involved. The volcano of Santa Maria is located between Retalhuleu and Quezaltenango. The towns in the neighborhood most likely to be destroyed are San Felipe, Mazatenango and Quezaltenango. The volcano has been quiet for many years." Consul General McNally wires from Guatemala city that the eruption of Santa Maria continues; that the city is covered with six inches of volcanic matter; coffee plantations are buried under seven feet of sand and ashes, and that detonations from the eruption were heard in the capital. There have been frequent earthquakes, and another eruption is reported in the department of Tombarador.

BIG COMBINE FORMED.

Malleable Iron Plants in Concern With \$20,000,000 Capital.

The combine of the malleable iron plants of the country has been formed. The deal has been pending since last July. The capital of the concern is placed at \$20,000,000. The concerns involved are: Pratt & Helwig, Buffalo; Michigan Malleable Iron Company, Detroit, Mich.; Whiteley Malleable Iron Company, Muncie, Ind.; Chicago Malleable Casting Company, West Pullman, Ill.; Moline Malleable Iron Company, St. Charles, Ill.; Judge Gray and Max Pam, of New York are the promoters.

More Cattle Than Gold.

The season just closed witnessed the heaviest cattle shipments from the Black Hills country ever known, and it is believed, more cattle were sent from that section since July than from any other place in the west. Total shipments have exceeded 100,000 head. The value is close to \$8,000,000.

Ashes Still Fall.

The latest news from the southern part of Mexico is that the people are less alarmed over the shower of ashes. There were, up to Saturday, 45 distinct shocks of earthquake at San Cristobal.

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITOL.

Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans has assumed command of the Asiatic squadron. Major Harry M. Wright, Ninth Cavalry, recently returned from the Philippines, has been retired at his own request on account of ill health. Secretary Hay and Mrs. Hay have gone to Simsbury, Conn., for the dedication of the chapel erected by the secretary, as a memorial to his son, Adolbert Hay. As Minister Concha held up Colombia's response on the canal matter, the state department will appeal to the Bogota government direct over its minister's head. Cornelius T. Griffiths, acting cashier of the District of Columbia and Maryland branch of the Equitable Life Insurance Company, has been arrested, accused of embezzling \$4,500.

Judge Advocate General Lemley has sent out advertisements calling for proposals for the construction of two armored cruisers of the Tennessee class of about 1,500 tons displacement, the bids to be opened January 6, 1905. The fact that President Palma has returned to Washington the draft of the Cuban reciprocity treaty without his approval has not shaken the belief of the officials that they will have a treaty ready to submit to Congress this winter. The United States will participate in any benefits that may be derived by Germany, Great Britain and France in the arbitration announced in Paris by M. Delcasse of the questions as to the foreign holding of lands and property rights in Japan.

The case of Passed Assistant Paymaster Charles W. Penrose, U. S. N., who was tried by court-martial on charges of irregularities while paymaster of the Michigan, will be settled by the abandonment of further proceedings, and acceptance of his resignation from the naval service. First Lieutenant Von Bredow has been appointed German military attaché at Washington, beginning December 1. He has been adjutant of the First Cavalry Brigade of the guards and is an officer of the cuirassier guards of the Household troops.

The navy department has received a decision by the comptroller of the treasury to the effect that enlisted men on the retired list of the navy are entitled to the extra pay of 75 cents for each medal of honor, pin or service bar earned by them. Alfred Jessup, head of the testing laboratory in the supervising architect's office of the United States treasury department.

DAY OF THANKSGIVING.

Roosevelt's Proclamation Points Out What This Country Has to Be Grateful For.

The annual thanksgiving proclamation has been issued by President Roosevelt. It notes that the people of the United States had more to be thankful for during the last year than had any other people. The day set apart for observance is Thursday, November 27. The text of the proclamation is as follows:

"By the President of the States of America. A Proclamation: According to the yearly custom of our people it falls upon the President at this season to appoint a day of festival and thanksgiving to God. Over a century and a quarter has passed since this country took its place among the nations of earth, and during that time we have had on the whole more to be thankful for than has fallen to the lot of any other people. Generation after generation has grown to manhood and passed away. Each has had to bear its peculiar burdens, each has known years of grim trial, when the country was menaced by malice, domestic or foreign levy, when the hand of the Lord was heavy upon it in drought or flood or pestilence, when in bodily distress and anguish of soul it paid the penalty of folly and a proud heart. Nevertheless decade by decade we have struggled onward and upward; we now abundantly enjoy material well-being and under the favor of the Most High, we are striving earnestly to achieve moral and spiritual uplifting. The year that has just closed has been one of peace and of overflowing plenty. Rarely has any people enjoyed greater prosperity than we are now enjoying. For this we render heartfelt and solemn thanks to the Giver of Good, and we seek to praise Him, not by words only, but by deeds, by the way in which we do our duty to ourselves, and to our fellow-men.

"Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, do hereby designate as a day of general thanksgiving Thursday, the twenty-seventh of the coming November, and do recommend that throughout the land the people cease from their ordinary occupations and in their several homes and places of worship, render thanks unto Almighty God for the manifold blessings of the past year.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the city of Washington, this 23rd day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and two, and of the independence of the United States, the one hundred and twenty-seventh.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT. By the President. JOHN HAY. Secretary of State."

BANK LOOTED BY ROBBERS.

Dynamited the Safe While They Overawed the People.

Four robbers dynamited the safe of the Iowa State bank at Prairie City, Iowa, and escaped with \$4,000. One held a rifle over Watchman Erskine for three hours, while another worked on the safe and two patrolled the street and held off half a dozen citizens. When they had secured the money they fired a fusillade to terrify the people.

DIED ON SHIPBOARD.

Transport Sheridan Brought Six Corpses Into San Francisco. Six deaths occurred on the transport Sheridan on the way from Manila to San Francisco, Cal. They were: J. Howell, late private Troop C, Ninth Cavalry; W. T. Hawthorne, employe quartermasters department; W. J. Johnson, late private Troop C, Ninth Cavalry; Thomas Sawyer, civilian; Frank L. Durkin, private Company F, Twenty-ninth Infantry, and an unnamed private, T. G. Dodsworth. The body of the late Arthur C. McKinnon, former chaplain of the California volunteers, was brought home for burial.

HUGE VESSELS FOR ORE.

Will Furnish the Steel Combine With 9,000-Ton Carriers.

A fleet of the biggest steamers on the great lakes, whose total cost will exceed \$10,000,000, is to be built for the United States Steel Corporation through the Pittsburgh Steamship Company. All will be of the same dimensions: Keel, 550 feet; beam, 58 feet; depth of hold, 30 feet; and on a mean draft of 18 feet of water they will carry 9,000 tons each. It is believed the boats can carry iron ore from the head of Lake Erie and Lake Michigan at less than 50 cents per ton. Present rates are 75 and 80 cents.

Inspect Work of Miners.

The commissioners appointed by President Roosevelt to adjust the differences existing between the anthracite mine workers and their employers have made a tour of the extreme upper coal fields near Scranton, and saw every step taken in the production of coal from the time it is blasted from the ground to the point where it is sent to market ready for the use of the consumer.

Prevent Money Stringency.

Nearly \$100,000,000 has been released from the United States treasury during the past five weeks for the purpose of relieving the stringency, as follows: Additional deposits of government money in national banks, \$18,000,000; purchase of government bonds, \$20,500,000; added to national banks' circulation, \$14,000,000; release of reserve held against government deposits, \$40,000,000; rebate of interest, \$3,500,000; total, \$96,500,000.

ARBITRATORS PENETRATE MINES.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

Commission Traverses Course That Takes Them Beneath Susquehanna—Ask About Rents.

The arbitration commission decided while on their tour of the Wyoming valley to adjourn Thursday until Friday, November 14, when the taking of testimony will begin in Scranton. The first four days of this week will be taken up in inspecting the mines and mining towns from Hazleton south to the end of the hard coal field. All of the territory is in districts Nos. 7 and 9 of the United Mine Workers of America, and is under the jurisdiction of President Thomas Duffy and John Fahy, of the union, who will accompany the commission. Chairman Gray said that the object in taking a recess of one week was for the purpose of giving both sides sufficient time to prepare their cases, and also to give the members of the commission an opportunity to examine the issues. How long it will take to hear all the testimony for the miners cannot be estimated. The 67 individual operators will also be given an opportunity to be heard. The arbitrators spent the entire Saturday in and about the city of Wilkesbarre visiting one mine and making a tour of several of the towns on the outskirts of the city. The commission next visited the Dorrance colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, at North Wilkesbarre. Nearly two hours were spent in the mine, about 850 feet below the surface. The mine is a very gaseous one, and the commissioners and other members of their party were compelled to carry safety lamps. The commissioners saw a vein of coal about 14 feet thick, which is three times the thickness of the seams of coal seen on Thursday and Friday. One of the gateways traversed by the commission runs under the Susquehanna river to the west side of North Wilkesbarre. Saturday was All Saints day, and was religiously observed by the many foreigners. No coal was mined in the Dorrance and many other collieries. The company officials drew the attention to the commissioners to this enforced curtailment in the production of coal.

The party visited South Wilkesbarre, Ashley, Sugar Notch and Plymouth, inhabited principally by mine workers. The commissioners did not leave the trolley car, but wherever it stopped a crowd would gather, which gave the commissioners a chance to ask questions regarding rents and other living expenses. On the return to Wilkesbarre city the party boarded a train and returned to Scranton. The arbitrators left Scranton late Sunday night for Hazleton, where they will continue their inspection of the mines. Bishop Spalding, by invitation of Bishop Hoban, preached in St. Peter's Cathedral at Scranton Sunday morning. His fellow commissioners attended the service.

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Auto Man Sent to Prison.

Judge Kellogg, at Yonkers, N. Y., sentenced to six months in the penitentiary W. B. Raymond, whose automobile collided with a trolley car and caused injuries to 22 persons. The motorist testified that the automobile had crossed the track in front of the car three times within a short distance.

LATEST NEWS NOTES.

A British cable is contemplated across the Pacific ocean.

Official report shows large increase in southern iron and steel trade.

General Miles on board the transport Thomas, has arrived at Manila.

Operators' disposition to cavil may embarrass the anthracite strike commission.

Josiah Finton and his young grandson were killed at Ypsilanti, Mich., by a trolley car.

The bank of Charles K. Knapp, at Sodas, N. Y., was dynamited and \$5,000 stolen.

A large portion of the South is threatened with a coal famine because of poor car service.

A negro murderer was burned at the stake in the presence of 4,000 people at Darling, Mass.

The Foreman Shoe Company, of Cincinnati, O., has assigned. Liabilities, \$70,000; assets, \$30,000.

William Roebuck, aged 10 years, an opera singer, was killed at St. Louis, Mo., by a suburban car.

The executive officers of Western and Southwestern lines at St. Louis renewed agreement on issuance of passes.

An attempt is being made to a combine all of the big stock yards in the country with a capitalization of \$500,000,000.

J. P. Morgan called on Senator Hanna in Cleveland on what is thought to mean a combination of coal interests.

Governor Yates, of Illinois, is sick at Springfield with typhoid fever, but his physician says there is no cause for alarm.

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RELEASED BY BLASTING.

Workmen Employed in Niagara Falls Sewer Were Overcome by Sulphuretted Hydrogen.

By a sudden rush of gas, supposed to have been sulphuretted hydrogen, four men were killed and three seriously injured near the Twenty-fourth street heading of the big tunnel trunk sewer at Niagara Falls, New York, Friday. The dead are Lawrence Fisher, George Rhodes, Hugo Swanson, Niagara Falls; William Bradish, of Tonawanda. The seriously affected were Romano Kovich, not expected to live; Sam Finch, colored, and Michael Murray, foreman, all of Niagara Falls. Thirteen men, comprising the entire second shift, were working on the sewer. They had started a heading at a new level and had loaded up a blast which was to be discharged. After loading they walked back about 225 feet between the heading and the shaft at Twenty-fourth street, but before they could reach the shaft, four of the men fell to the floor of the tunnel, over which a stream of water was flowing. The others, hearing alarmed, pushed ahead to the shaft.

WORSE THAN A BEEF TRUST.

Meat Has Become a High-Priced Luxury in Germany.

Increasing pressure is being brought to bear on the German government to open the frontiers for the importation of foreign animals and a relaxation of the regulations to exclude meat exports, or for something which will afford relief from the excessive prices of meat. The best beef retails at 44 cents a pound, and other meats are proportionately high. The wholesale prices in the German markets are from 15 to 25 per cent higher than in those of neighboring countries; hence the people who advocate government action assert that the scarcity of animals is due to the closed frontiers and the exclusion of foreign dressed meats, the German farmers being unable to raise enough animals for their country's requirements.

FEARFUL CHOLERA SCOURGE.

75,000 Cases in the Philippines 75 Per Cent Fatal.

Writing from Manila Chief Quarantine Officer Perry estimated that 75,000 cases of cholera had occurred in the Philippines since March 20, and that the mortality was 75 per cent. According to latest reports there had been 10,000 deaths in the city of Nanking, China. During the week ended September 15 there were 9,407 cases and 8,278 deaths in 15,577 places in East. Of the 25,520 cases registered between July 15 and August 15, 23,484 were fatal.

SUPPRESSING THE CHOLERA.

The Disease Fast Disappearing From the Philippines.

Governor Tait cables from Manila that the cholera has practically disappeared from the Island of Luzon, and that in Manila there have only been an average of two cases a day lately. Only five provinces are now seriously affected, Holo, Occidental Negros, Capiz, Samar and Misamis. The percentage of mortality has been reduced to generally below 50 per cent.

PRESIDENT GOING SOUTH.

Will Attend Reception to Gen. Wright and May Hunt Bears.

President Roosevelt will make a trip through a part of the South about the middle of next month, the primary object being to attend the reception by the citizens of Memphis to General Luke Wright, vice governor of the Philippines. Subsequently it is expected that the President will accept an invitation to participate in a bear hunt in the canebrakes of Mississippi.

THREE GIRLS SLAIN.

Daughters of an Arkansas Farmer Most Horribly Murdered.

Mary Sophia and Mary Gibson, whose ages range from 17 to 19 years, daughters of Thomas Gibson, a negro farmer at Wynne, Ark., were murdered. David Cross, a captured negro, admitted that he had seen the killing and said that a negro named Johnson was guilty. The girls were butchered with an ax.

Killed by Motor Cycle.

Frank E. Elwell, of Brooklyn, an international authority on motor cycling, was killed near Hicksville, L. I., while participating in a club run. The head stem of his machine broke as he was speeding along at a fast clip, and he was hurled to the ground with such force that his neck was broken.

Epidemic of Measles.

The St. Petersburg, Russia, correspondent cables that there is an epidemic of measles on the Kamchatka peninsula. Ten thousand persons have died of the disease and the populations of some country villages have been nearly wiped out.

Rebate Tin Wages Adjusted.

The new rebate tin wage scale has been satisfactorily adjusted. The tin workers accepted the new scale providing for a reduction of 25 per cent in wages on rebate tin, and the company accepted the foot notes as added to the scale by the tin workers. For every seven or so boxes of domestic tin manufactured, one box of tin for export may be made. The rebate tin may be made in whatever mills the company may select.

COMPTROLLER'S BALANCES.

Treasury Statements of Circulation, Coinage and Receipts and Expenditures.

The monthly circulation statement issued by the comptroller of the currency shows that at the close of business October 31, 1902, the total circulation of National bank notes was \$389,476,334, an increase for the year of \$29,564,651, and an increase for the month of \$13,482,736. The circulation based on United States bonds amounted to \$335,783,188, an increase for the year of \$7,584,575, and an increase for the month of \$11,949,045. The circulation secured by lawful money aggregated \$44,592,145, an increase for the year of \$12,989,075, and an increase for the month of \$1,542,691. The amount of United States registered bonds on deposit to secure circulating notes was \$335,423,670, and to secure public deposits \$149,216,929. The monthly coinage statement issued by the director of the mint shows that for the month of October, 1902, the total coinage was \$4,459,550, as follows: Gold, \$1,890,000; silver, \$2,287,000; minor coins, \$282,550. The monthly comparative statement of the government receipts and expenditures shows that for the month of October the total receipts were \$51,291,282, and the expenditures \$46,904,960, leaving a surplus for the month of \$4,386,322. The surplus for the corresponding month last year was \$9,300,000. The receipts from the several sources of revenue are given as follows: Customs \$25,741,799, increase, \$2,300,000; internal revenue, \$20,476,912, decrease \$3,000,000; miscellaneous, \$4,172,548, increase \$1,200,000. For the four months of the present fiscal year the receipts have exceeded the expenditures by \$13,500,000. One year ago the receipts for the corresponding months exceeded the expenditures by \$27,500,000.

ACTION BY THE QUAKERS.

The five years' meeting Society of Friends at Indianapolis, Ind., issued an appeal to all Christian churches in the country to appoint delegates to a conference in Washington on the second Wednesday of March, 1903, to discuss prevention of the liquor traffic.

An Iowa Banker Missing.

A special to Council Bluffs from Sharpburg, Ia., says: H. E. Christensen, president of the Farmers and Mechanics bank, a private institution, is missing. The funds of the bank are said to be depleted in a sum variously estimated at from \$35,000 to \$50,000.

St. Louis Bookler Convicted.

Edmund Borsch, a former member of the municipal house of delegates, at St. Louis, was convicted of perjury in his testimony before the grand jury as to the \$75,000 bond fund raised to secure the passage of the Suburban railway franchise bill and given five years in the penitentiary.

Methodist Fund Is \$12,000,000.

The board of missions of the Methodist Episcopal church at Wilmington, Del., have appointed Bishops Fowler, Warren and McCabe a committee on the twentieth century trust offering fund of \$20,000,000, which now amounts to \$15,000,000.

Small Assets for Large Debts.

Henry Koper, formerly of the firm of Charles Haight & Co., brokers, filed a petition in bankruptcy in New York. The liabilities are placed at \$202,885, unsecured, and due chiefly to banks on accommodation paper. A watch and chain and ordinary wearing apparel are given as assets.

CABLE FLASHES.

The railroad commission at Havana has granted the Cuba Company the right to register, in the name of the Cuba Railway Company, \$20,000,000 of capital stock.

The Japanese cabinet has adopted the proposed scheme for naval expansion. It involves an annual expenditure of \$2,500,000 for 19 years. The battleships are to be built in England, and the cruisers in England, France and Germany.

The "Official Messenger" of St. Petersburg, Russia, announces the dismissal from the army of the Grand Duke Paul Alexandrovitch, an uncle of the czar.

The German Reichstag discussed an amendment proposed by the Socialists and Liberals empowering the Bundesrath to put goods on the freelist whenever German syndicates set goods abroad cheaper than they do at home.

The Municipality of Berlin, Germany, has decided to devote the new \$50,000,000 loan largely to profit-sharing enterprises, including \$15,000,000 for the erection of gas works near Tegel, six miles from Berlin, and for the construction of a wholesale meat market.

While Emperor Francis Joseph was driving from his country place at Schoenbrunn, Austria, the horses attached to his carriage became unmanageable and he jumped out of the vehicle and walked the remainder of the distance to the Hofburg.

A telegram has been received at Manila from General Sumner at Zamboanga, Mindanao, saying he is disposed to give the Bacolod Moros more time to make peace before capturing and