

PEOPLE OF FORT DE FRANCE ARE ALL LEAVING

Despite the Favorable Change in the Situation There is a Large Exodus.

MANY FAMILIES GO TO ISLAND OF TRINIDAD

Reported by French Admiral That Mount Pelee Now Presents a Better Appearance—Another Locality Now Causing Much Apprehension—The Capote River Is Running Hot Water—French Government Relief Commission Arrives.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.] Fort de France, Island of Martinique, May 23.—At 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon the sky was clear and the population was calm, but despite this favorable change in the situation many families left Fort de France by the French steamers Versailles and the Ville de Tanger for the Island of Trinidad.

This, with the 1,200 persons who have gone to the Island of Guadeloupe, and many others who have sought refuge at St. Lucia and other islands, has lessened the population considerably.

Besides these some 2,000 people have left for the southern part of the Island of Martinique, where 3,000 refugees have now assembled.

This desertion of Fort de France has resulted in the disorganization of many trades. A number of bakers have been compelled to close their stores owing to the fact that their employes are among those who have fled.

Looks More Assuring. The French cruiser Tage, having Admiral Servan on board, arrived here this afternoon. She reported that Mount Pelee now presents more assuring prospects. The clouds of smoke leaving the crater mingle with the clouds in the sky and do not have the threatening aspect they formerly had.

A new crater has formed in the vicinity of Ajoupa Boulton.

A locality known as Camae Trianon is causing a good deal of anxiety at present. The Capote river is running with hot water.

The French cruiser De Asses has arrived here from Brest, having on board the French government relief commission and large supplies of money and provisions.

The French cruiser Tage left New Orleans May 11 with money and supplies for the Martinique sufferers, contributed by the citizens of New Orleans.

Will Not Evacuate. The governor of Martinique called the government at Paris yesterday as follows: "Have consulted with the council of the colonies on the partial or total evacuation of the island. They are unanimous in declaring the measure is not justifiable at present."

A trans-Atlantic steamship line now undergoing repairs here might be utilized to transport those who are desirous of emigrating.

About 1,000 persons are leaving by the steamer Versailles and others are sailing on the Ville de Tager for Trinidad and Cayenne. There have been no new fatalities.

EXPLOSION IN COAL MINE IN FERNIE, B. C.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.] Fernie, B. C., May 23.—A terrible explosion occurred at 7 o'clock last evening in No. 2 mine, connected with No. 3 shaft, and also with the Highline shaft.

All three openings were wrecked. One hundred and fifty men were in the mine at the time of the explosion. Of this number 10 escaped.

The remainder of the workmen were caught and small hopes are entertained for their safety.

Good order prevails and everything possible is being done to relieve the situation. The fan was disabled, but was quickly repaired. No. 3 is expected to be opened soon.

A boy, one of those who escaped, has since died.

TWO MEN ARE KILLED AND SEVERAL INJURED

Brakes Refused to Work on a Trolley Car and the Car Jumped the Track.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.] Easton, Pa., May 23.—Two men were killed and many men and women injured in a trolley wreck a few miles beyond Easton at midnight last night.

The dead: EDWARD COMMODORE, Nasareth. JOSE DERHAMMER, Easton.

An Easton and Nasareth car left this city shortly before midnight. On a steep hill the brakes refused to work and the car ran away, descending the incline at terrific speed.

At the foot of the hill, on a sharp curve, the car jumped the track and fell on its side.

PROSPECTS POOR FOR GETTING STORY SOON

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.] Vancouver, B. C., May 23.—Prospects are poor for getting a story of the mine disaster from Fernie for some hours.

MARTIN TOLD OF THE CONFESSION

STARTLED BY NEWS AND DECLARES HE DOES NOT BELIEVE LENNOX HAS SPOKEN OF CASE.

ACCUSED MAN APPEARS NERVOUS AND EXCITED

Believed That He Will Soon Tell His Story and Show That Lennox Killed J. R. Williams in Silver Bow—Coroner's Jury Fixes the Murder Upon the Two Men Now in Jail.

Is James Martin, one of the alleged murderers of J. W. Williams, going to confess, as Lennox, his partner in crime, has done?

Jail officials believe that he will.

Since early morning Martin has nervously paced back and forth along the jail corridor in which he is confined. He starts at the slightest sound, and it is plainly evident that his mind is ill at ease. He has lost his self-composure, which distinguished his conduct from that of Lennox, who has been frightened ever since he was captured in the box-car at Dillon.

Martin learned for the first time this morning that Lennox had made a full confession of the crime. The two men have not seen each other since their incarceration.

It was planned to keep Martin in ignorance of Lennox's confession until after the coroner's inquest, and then break the news to him suddenly.

Don't Believe Confession.

When told of what Lennox had said about the murder, Martin jumped as though some one had shot him.

"I don't believe a word of it," he exclaimed. "This is a put up job to try and get me to confess."

Martin insists that he does not believe Lennox has made a confession, and if he could have it from the lips of Lennox himself that such is the case he would probably either lose heart and tell all he knows, or else would attempt violence on the man who accuses him of having fired the fatal shot.

It is not at all unlikely that Martin will make a confession before tomorrow morning, and in that event nothing will remain to complete the history of one of the most heinous crimes ever committed.

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Mining Company Organized.

[SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.] Helena, May 23.—The Iron Crown Mining and Milling company, organized in Washington, with a capital of \$100,000, to conduct business in Washington, Idaho, Oregon, California, Montana and British Columbia, filed articles of incorporation here today. Frank Lindgren of Schon Spur, Missoula county, is appointed Montana agent. Directors, Lewis P. Larsen and William McKenzie, Spokane; Frank Lindgren, Albert Messing and Henry Bilberg, Mullan, Idaho.

Butte Labor Temple.

[SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.] Helena, May 23.—The Butte Labor Temple association, capitalized at \$40,000, filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state today. Directors, John W. Dale, F. W. Cronin, Henry Rinehart, D. F. Staten, George Tucker, Mack Hendricks, Frank McSherry, Harry Carns and Malcolm Gillis.

BIRDS HER ONLY FRIENDS ON EARTH

MABEL FORD FINDS PLEASURE IN TWO CANARY BIRDS WITH HER IN CITY JAIL.

HUSBAND MAN WHO KILLED JESSE JAMES, THE BANDIT

Woman Drifts From Bad to Worse and Is Now Only a Common Vagrant—Her Parents Are Said to Belong to One of the Old and Aristocratic Families in Missouri.

Shakespeare said: He who is not moved by a concourse of sweet sound is fit for treason, stratagems and spoils.

There is a rather pathetic illustration of this maxim in the police station. Mabel Ford, in jail on the charge of vagrancy, is the possessor of two tiny canary birds which she prizes above every thing else on earth.

Songs of those birds are the only sunshine that come into the desolate life of Mabel Ford.

The most hardened criminal, the dirtiest of all tramps, the most wretched and abandoned of all human creatures have some small store of love left in their hearts that will respond if the right chord is touched.

Mabel Ford loves music dearly but the music of her little songsters she loves above all things else.

Birds Her Pets.

She was arrested yesterday on the oft-repeated charge of vagrancy, but she flatly refused to accompany the officer unless her birds were allowed to go with her to jail. Her request was granted and the gloomy cells of the city jail now ring from early morn to night with "a concourse of sweet sounds."

The canary birds occupy separate cages. The tiny warblers seem to return the affection of their mistress, for whenever she approaches them they break forth into sweet, chirping song.

The jailers and prisoners are always glad when Mabel Ford appears before the police court for they know that she will have her birds with her and their untiring songs reach to the furthest corners of the jail.

The story of the life of Mabel Ford reads like a romance.

Rearing in one of the old aristocratic families of Missouri as an only daughter, she early learned the true value of love and honor. She refuses to tell what her maiden name was, for her old mother is still living and believes her wayward daughter is dead.

Marries Bob Ford.

When but a girl Mabel Ford fell desperately in love with Robert Ford, who afterwards became notorious as the slayer of Jesse James. At that time Ford was a young man who had not entered upon his life of outlawry, but whose habits of life stamped him as reckless and without ambition.

Ford loved the girl as madly as she loved him, but her parents objected to the union. The result was that they ran away and were married. Shortly after

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WHAT! "OUR MARY" A CYPHER VICTIM?

HARD HEARTED BOSTON MAN OF FACTS FINDS A KEY TO MISS MAC LANE'S DIZZY BOOK.

PERSONAL PRONOUNS AND "DAMNS" ARE DISCOVERED

Horrible Story, This, From National Center of Thought and Filipino Sympathizers About the Story Written by Butte Girl—He Makes His Researches With His Feet in the Air.

Sensationalism and Mary MacLane's book seem to be bound together like the Chinese twins. From the effete East, from Boston, the home of culture, stilted, perhaps, but nevertheless culture, comes the report that an Eastern literary student and critic has discovered a cypher, a cryptogram, in the famous book.

This lends color to the statement that Miss MacLane has always been an ardent lover of the works of the late Ignatius Donnelly, who started the famous discussion, recently renewed in London and never to be set at rest, apparently, concerning the authorship of Shakespeare's plays. Donnelly, in his ponderous volume on the Baconian cryptogram endeavored to make it appear that the philosopher and essayist, and not the player and playwright wrote the eternal comedies and tragedies that stand at the forefront of the literature of all time.

Mary MacLane has, it is said, endeavored to make her name and fame everlasting, not only with her startling work, but with a cypher distributed lavishly throughout the book in a maddeningly abstruse and intricate manner. The Donnelly cypher is nothing, it is said, to the MacLane Cryptogram.

Shows She's It.

The erudite master of belles' letters who is engaged in the enormous task of deciphering the labyrinthine system of

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Wants Final Discharge.

Helena, May 23.—William H. Cochran of Butte today filed a petition for his final discharge from bankruptcy.

MRS. WELLCOME SAVES CHILDREN FROM DEATH

FRANCES RUSSELL



MRS. JOHN B. WELLCOME.

Charlotte and Katherine Wellcome.

Heroism has, since the beginning of time, figured in the history of the world. Acts of heroism have been prompted by love for public applause, but true heroism was never inspired by other than parental love.

Picture in your mind's eye a mother plunging into an angry flowing river, and rescuing her children from certain death by drowning, and you will see an act of heroism such as cannot be exaggerated.

This can be attributed to Mrs. John B. Wellcome, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Russell, No. 849 West Quartz street.

Mrs. Wellcome is not the only heroine

which will be recited in this story, which was reluctantly told a reporter for the Inter Mountain by Mrs. Wellcome this afternoon.

Child's Heroism.

The other heroine is Frances Russell, 7 years old. This little girl risked her life to save her little niece by jumping

into Fish creek, near Whitehall, Thursday afternoon. In turn Mrs. Wellcome risked her life to save both children.

Fish creek, a swift-currented and angry little stream in the spring of the year when it is swollen by the freshets, flows through the Wellcome ranch, "Creeklynn," which is located about 10 miles from Whitehall.

Thursday afternoon last as Mrs. Wellcome was preparing to come to Butte for a visit with her parents, she and her two children, Katherine, aged 3 years; Car-

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MYSTERY APPEARS IN GRINDROD CASE

PERTINENT QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO TIME OF MAN'S MOVEMENT ARE RAISED.

SEVERAL INCIDENTS NOT TOLD AT THE INQUEST

Campbell, the Bartender, and Walsh, a Lawyer, Give an Additional Account of the Dead Man's Presence in the Saloon—Widow Denies the Statement That Husband Used Morphine.

Where was James Grindrod Sunday morning, May 11, between 9:25 and 10:10?

This is one of the questions to which no answer can be found and which will be an important point in the evidence which is being gathered.

"At 9:25 he left the house," says Mrs. Grindrod. "Of that I am certain, for I took particular pains to notice."

"It was 10:30 when he came into this saloon that Sunday morning," said Louis Campbell, the bartender at the Senate saloon, where Grindrod was found in a dying condition.

... told C. J. Walsh, the attorney, that James Grindrod was a confirmed morphine user?

That is another question that it would be convenient to find an answer to.

"Coroner Johnson was told by men who worked with Grindrod that he had been in the habit of using morphine for years," said Mr. Walsh this morning.

"Was that before the inquest?" Mr. Walsh was asked.

"Yes, sir," he replied.

"There is no foundation in the story," said Coroner Johnson when asked about it. "I was never told anything of the kind by anyone."

Suppress Inquest.

Mr. Walsh's statement was made in the presence of Campbell, the bartender, who said:

"Never mind about that morphine business. His relatives and I had a talk about that and we didn't want anything said about it. I don't want to stand for that story. Of course his brother-in-law, George, and I thought it would be better not to have an inquest and mention anything about that."

"Do I understand you to say that it was because the dead man was a user of morphine that you thought it not best to hold an inquest?" Mr. Campbell was asked.

"Well, I wouldn't say that. I don't know. I don't want to have anything to say about it."

Campbell's story in a few particulars differed from that told at the inquest, but in the main he asserts that he saw Grindrod but a few minutes until he found him in the back room.

He stated this morning that he had found the bottle of malt out of which Grindrod took his last drink, and pro-

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DIED WITH CURSES FOR SHERIFF ON HIS LIPS

Alfred Hamilton Hanged for Killing A. W. Woodbury at Whatcom, Wash.

HE RUSHED UPON THE SCAFFOLD STAIRWAY

Maintained His Nerve to the Last and Remarkd That He Was There to Die—His Crime Was in Holding Up a Town and Finally Wantonly Murdering a Citizen Who Expostulated Him—Had Considerable Money.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.] Whatcom, Wash., May 23.—Alfred Hamilton, alias Fred Hawkins, was hanged this morning at 6 o'clock for the murder of A. W. Woodbury, in 1899.

His neck was broken by the fall and he was pronounced dead in 16 minutes.

Hamilton maintained his nerve to the last, saying in response to the sheriff's query if he had anything to say: "No; I am here to die."

He cursed the sheriff when he read the death warrant to him 10 minutes before the execution, and rushed upon the scaffold stairway two steps at a time.

Fred Hamilton, alias Fred Hawkins, murdered A. W. Woodbury in Anacost, September 19, 1899.

Hamilton, who was a fisherman, went into Anacost on the morning of September 6, after disposing of his catch for more than \$1,000. He started to hold up the town, first getting well under the influence of intoxicants.

Used His Pistol.

That night and the following forenoon, he enforced his commands at the point of a pistol. Upon the afternoon of the 7th the city marshal attempted to arrest him, but getting the drop on him Hamilton marched him up the street at the point of his pistol.

The marshal turned into a building, and at the top of the stairs Hamilton made the marshal stand still with his arms in the air.

Woodbury opened his door and stepped into the hallway to ask the reason of the commotion. He was ordered to throw up his hands.

He tried to expostulate with the man at the same time trying to back into his room again. Thereupon Hamilton fired, inflicting a wound that proved fatal within two days.

EXTENSION OF TIME IN MINNIE HEALY CASE

Warren Toole Asks for and Gets One Week More in Which to File Brief on Injunction.

[SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.]

Helena, May 23.—The supreme court this morning granted E. Warren Toole, as attorney for Heinze, an extension of time until next Wednesday, for filing a brief in reply to the application of Miles Finlen for injunction in the Minnie Healy case.

This is in addition to the five days originally granted.

The reason given by Mr. Toole for asking this extension of time was that he had been ill and unable to prepare the brief.

Matteson Is Arraigned.

[SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.]

Helena, May 23.—Herbert H. Matteson, indicted on 90 counts by the federal grand jury, for embezzlement from the First National bank of Great Falls, was arraigned in the United States court this morning. He waived the reading of the indictments. T. J. Walsh was entered as his attorney and he took until 2 o'clock Monday afternoon to plead.

Surrendered by Bondsman.

Helena, May 23.—Harry Goldman, indicted for stealing a \$3 money order, has been out on bonds in Butte, but it is understood his bondsman gave up surrendering him, and the marshal has been instructed to take him into custody.

IMMENSE FINANCIAL LOSS OCCURS IN IOWA

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

St. Paul, May 23.—The entire north-eastern portion of Iowa is half submerged by the recent heavy rains, and immense financial losses have been sustained.

Jesse A. Gregg of St. Paul has returned from the inundated district and reports great destruction of property.

Wednesday morning over six inches of rain fell in two hours. The water formed in the low places until the barriers were overflowed and then rushed down the creek beds and ravines, pouring a great torrent into a stream called the Dry Rock and running through Decorah and other towns in the vicinity.

Streets became impassable, and owing to the high wind of the situation for three hours was one of great peril to every one.

Two Lives Reported Lost.

As far as Mr. Gregg could learn, only two lives were lost. A mother, aroused by the encroachment of the water into the house, leaped from her bed in the dark with her child in her arms, and apparently went out of doors. The child fell in the water, and in the darkness the woman was unable to locate the little one and it was drowned.

A large egg warehouse located a half mile from the torrent was swept away and an old man drowned.

Between Conover and Decorah, a dis-

tance of nine miles, seven miles of track owned by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad were washed out.

Sixteen iron bridges in and about Decorah were destroyed. Great damage was done to private and railroad property.

There were six washouts between Austin and Preston on the open prairie.

Ten miles of track were destroyed on the Iowa and Minnesota division of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad.

Mr. Gregg says the damage at Decorah was estimated at \$800,000.

At Decorah houses were washed from foundations and people residing on the flats fled to the hills for safety.

More loss of life is feared as all points have not been heard from.

At Fort Atkinson, 11 cars were washed into the stream and loss of stock is reported throughout the country.

Taking Up a Collection.

Nanaimo, B. C., May 23.—Immediately upon receipt of the news of the Fernie mine disaster Mayor Manson of this city, which has a population of about 10,000 coal miners, authorized the taking of subscriptions at the gates leading to the grounds where the celebration is being held today and tomorrow. The amount will be devoted to alleviating the suffering at Fernie.