AFFAIRS IN ST. THOMAS.

HURRICANE SEASON APPROACHING—VOLCANIC DISTURBANCES MAY HAVE AVERTED OTHER DANGERS.

(From an Occasional Correspondent of The Tribune.)
St. Thomas, D. W. I., July 4, 1902.

A holy calm has settled over these communities for the last few days. We are now approaching the hurricane season, and many are wondering if the eruptions of Mont Pelée and those of the Souffrière, of St. Vincent, will exempt us from cyclones, earthquakes and tidal waves for some time to come. Most geologists are of opinion that volcanic eruptions diminish the risk of earth vibrations, and it has been said by many of our local quidnuncs who are observers of seismic phenomena that the Martinique and St. Vincent calamities have saved the rest of the West Indies from a cataclysm. Be it as it may, every change of the weather during the coming months will be carefully, if not anxiously, watched.

Martinique newspapers which have lately reached us are full of pathetic details. It is evident that the inhabitants had a presentiment of the dreadful fate which awaited them. Many private letters, which were written only a few days prior to the catastrophe, confirm this. One young girl writes to a friend in Paris: "If death awaits us, we shall leave with a numerous company. Will it be by fire or by asphyxiation? It will be as God pleases. Our last thought will be of you." And a man writes to his brother on May 3: "What is reserved for us to-morrow? A river of lava? A rain of stones? A jet of suffocating gas? Or a cataclysm which will sink us all? No one knows, and yet we remain."

That is the most extraordinary part of it—they remained. There was plenty of time to get away after the destruction of the Usine Guerin, with its loss of 150 lives. No one seemed to realize his danger. For instance, the Governor and his wife and the steamship Grappler arrived at St. Pierre only the afternoon before, and, though everything presaged destruction, no one thought of leaving the place, even for a few hours. It seemed as if Mont Pelée, like some horrible serpent, fascinated them, held them there, until ready to destroy them.

It is a sad story, especially for those who have been well acquainted with St. Pierre and its people. All that was brightest and most beautiful, its most accomplished men and women, swept away in an instant. And the insatiable mountain is yet there, ready for more victims, were there any left.

But the people of Martinique are returning home again. They are no longer panic stricken, but are firmly resolved to build another city, in some other spot, to take the place of St. Pierre. And those who know how quickly they rebuilt Fort de France after the frightful fire of a few years ago do not doubt their ability to accomplish it.

The news that Minister Brun has left Washington for Denmark, and will not return until after the elections, has given occasion for conjecture among those of our local politicians who are now looking forward to a quick settlement of the sale question. What the anti-sale party in Copenhagen will bring forward to justify all they have done to oppose it is difficult to say. Now that the committee of inquiry at Washington has reported against the allegations of bribery brought forward by the Danish Conservatives and declared their untruth, it is likely that they may discreetly retire, or, from very shame, may adopt other and more legitimate tactics. Patriotism is a fine card when properly played, and one which does honor to any party. It never requires questionable means to support it, but even in Denmark politicians are liable to be led astray.

Fires have started already in St. Croix, though these are attributed to accident. One, the second for the season, broke out on Estate Paradise about 6 p. m. on June 30, and burned for a couple of hours. It destroyed between twenty and twenty-five acres of cane, and the reflection was seen over a great part of the island.

Things are looking badly in "The Garden of the West Indies." Sugar is now about 5.30, or a little over 5¼ cents, a hundred pounds of cane, or $15.90 a hogshead of sugar.

A PROBLEM IN ROCHESTER.

SMALLPOX EPIDEMIC, BUT POOR EQUIPMENT FOR CARING FOR IT.

Rochester, July 13 (Special).—Rochester, as well as New-York, is face to face with the serious problem of caring for its victims of contagious diseases. For the last two months the Health Department has been fighting an incipient epidemic of smallpox with every means in its power. By vote of the Common Council, at the urgent request of the Mayor and the Commissioner of Public Safety, $50,000 was appropriated as a fund upon which to draw during the prevalence of the disease. It is the department's aim to stamp out the disease before the coming of cold weather, which is peculiarly favorable to a rapid spread of smallpox.

In all there have been about two hundred cases, most of which have been isolated at the pesthouse, Hope Hospital, about two miles from the centre of the city, on a lonely and unfrequented road upon the bank of the Genesee River and canal feeder. The statement was made yesterday by the Rev. Thomas Cardus, pastor of the Cornhill Methodist Episcopal Church, in this city, who has been confined at the hospital for nearly a month with the disease, that the accommodations there are terribly inadequate, not only as regards room, but also as to nurses and attendants. The hospital itself is a small frame building, whose capacity is so limited that as soon as the disease began to spread tents had to be provided, and now they number over a score, many of them containing two and three patients, some of whom are convalescents. There are over eighty cases there now, and only about a dozen nurses.

The statement was made yesterday also that a child suffering from the disease was found Thursday night lying under the open sky on the ground. The child died soon after it was taken into a tent. The hospital is situated under the shadow of Mount Hope Cemetery, with a swamp on one side, the canal feeder in front, and the drainage of Mount Hope Cemetery running past it and under it, and open to rains and winds.

Although rumors of overcrowding have been printed from time to time in the newspapers, nothing definite has been made public until this declaration by the Rev. Mr. Cardus. As a result, the city is aroused, and steps are being taken to alleviate the conditions described. It is probable that the local Red Cross Society will take charge of the relief proceedings. The physicians point out that the reputation which the hospital has acquired is such that many persons afflicted with suspicious skin eruptions have been keeping their sickness secret, thereby placing many other persons in peril of contagion if the sufferer has smallpox.

THE NEW CORNELL CAMPUS.

RADICAL CHANGES FORCED BY THE ERECTION OF NEW BUILDINGS.

Ithaca, N. Y., July 13 (Special).—The officers of Cornell University are already planning for the arrangement of the new campus, which will grow out of the gifts recently made to the university and the receipt of other funds in the near future.

The erection of the new hall of anatomy, Stimson Hall, has materially changed the aspect of the campus, but the addition of the Rockefeller Hall of Physics, on the east side of the main quadrangle, will within the next two years make a still greater alteration. In addition to these two, one of which is completed, other new structures are said to be more than mere dreams. It is confidently expected that the hall which is to be known as Alumni Hall will be erected within the next few years. When it is built it will probably stand on the site of the present Sage cottage, and a large annex will then be built to Sage College. The demand for rooms at the college has already made larger accommodations an almost imperative necessity.

A well known professor says that the new campus is likely to consist of two main quadrangles, one flanked by Boardman Hall, Stimson Hall, the three old buildings—Morrill, McGraw and White—Lincoln Hall, Rockefeller Hall and the proposed new hall of languages and academic arts; the other, to be known as the State Quadrangle, being flanked by the present State Veterinary College, the new astronomical observatory and the proposed new colleges of forestry and agriculture.

These plans will force the razing of the houses of Director R. H. Thurston of Sibley College, Dean E. A. Fuertes of the College of Civil Engineering, Dean H. S. White and Professor W. W. Rowlee, all of which now stand in East-ave. Semi-official reports now are that the proposed hall of languages and academic arts will be placed between Lincoln Hall and McGraw, facing the south, and shutting from view Sibley College on the south side.

The last of the changes which are in contemplation is the construction of new machine and wood shops. A thoroughly modern and well equipped building on the edge of the Fall Creek gorge is proposed. A. N. Gibb, of this city, has already drawn tentative plans for this structure, but the college officials assert that the funds are not yet in sight. It is a well known fact, however, that they are working quietly to obtain the money. Work on the new astronomical observatory was begun yesterday, and that building, with Stimson Hall, will be used for instruction next year.

The new campus will be radically different from the old, and will in some respects be less beautiful, but will gain in size and impressiveness what it loses in compactness and picturesqueness.

AMERICAN STONE PRODUCTION.

REMARKABLE INCREASE IN AMOUNT AND VALUE.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Washington, July 13.—The growing tendency to more permanent structures throughout the country is indicated in the compilation of "Mineral Resources" just issued by the Geological Survey, showing that the value of the entire production of stone in the United States in 1901 was $60,982,060, a gain of $12,295,405 over the value of the product of 1900. This great increase in value was shared by all kinds of stone. Limestone, including blast furnace flux, showed the greatest increase, from $20,954,019 in 1900 to $26,406,897 in 1901, or 30 per cent. Granite showed the next greatest increase, from over $12,000,000 in 1900 to over $15,000,000 in 1901, or over 26 per cent. Sandstone increased from over $7,000,000 in 1900 to not far from $9,000,000 in 1901, about 24 per cent. Marble production increased to $4,965,699 in 1901, or 16 per cent, and slate production increased to $4,787,525 in 1901, about 13 per cent.

In the order of production, Pennsylvania, producing every kind of stone, ranks first, with a total value of $10,772,288; Vermont is second in rank, with a product valued at $5,366,740; Ohio third, with a value of $5,783,225; New-York fourth, followed by Maine, Indiana, Massachusetts and Illinois in the order named, each producing over $2,000,000 worth.

The increase in building stone produced is notable. In 1900 it was valued at $10,672,598; in 1901, at $15,112,600. Crushed stone for road making and various other purposes increased in value from about $6,500,000 in 1900 to $8,500,000 in 1901. The value of the stone imported into this country for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1901, was $1,276,602, as compared with $1,028,550 for 1900, a considerable increase, of which marble and manufactured marble constituted by far the greatest part, amounting to about $1,024,687. The total value of the stone exported from the United States in 1901 was only $1,672,876, a decrease of about $90,000, as compared with 1900. The chief export was roofing slate, valued at $950,543 in 1900 and at $888,262 in 1901.

THE VALUE OF ALASKA.

A MILLION A MONTH WHAT THE TERRITORY OFFERS IN TRADE TO THE UNITED STATES.

Washington, July 13 (Special).—A million dollars a month is the estimate made by the Bureau of Statistics of the present value of the market which "frozen Alaska" offers the producers and manufacturers of the United States.

"Commercial Alaska in 1901" is the title of a monograph just issued by the Treasury Bureau of Statistics. In it are presented some striking figures about this until recently little exploited and little understood Territory of the United States. By reason of the application of modern systems of travel and transportation Alaska is now as accessible as Arizona. Three days of travel by modern ocean steamers from Seattle, among the islands and along the coast which forms the southeastern extension of Alaska, lands the traveller at Skagway. Twelve hours by rail over the mountains carries him to the head waters of the Yukon, where comfortable and well equipped river steamers carry him to the gold field of central Alaska or down the Yukon River, which is navigable for more than two thousand miles at this season of the year. From the mouth of the Yukon another comparatively short trip by steamer carries him to Cape Nome, the latest and greatest of the gold fields of Alaska.

Gold, fish and furs are, according to this monograph, the principal industries of Alaska at the present time, and they send to the United States $15,000,000 worth of their products, $8,000,000 of gold, $6,000,000 of fish, chiefly salmon, and the remainder in furs.

The cost of Alaska was $7,200,000. The revenue which the government has derived from it since its purchase amounts to over $9,000,000, and the value of the products is now twice as much every year as it cost. The total value of the products of Alaska brought to the United States since its purchase is, according to the best estimates that the Bureau of Statistics is able to make, about $150,000,000, of which $50,000,000 is precious metals, $50,000,000 products of the fisheries, chiefly salmon, and $50,000,000 more furs, chiefly seal fur. Probably $50,000,000 of American capital is invested in Alaskan industries and business enterprises, including transportation systems. In the salmon fisheries alone the companies engaged have a capitalization of $22,000,000, and the value of their plants, including vessels, is given at $12,000,000. In the mining industries there are large investments, the great quartz mill at Juneau being the largest quartz stamp mill in the world, while several other quartz mills represent large investments.

With the inflow of capital, the development of transportation systems and the gold discoveries have come the building up of towns and the development of cities with modern conveniences of life. Nome City, which is a comparatively short distance south of the Arctic Circle, has now a population of over twelve thousand. Postal facilities have been so extended that the number of postoffices is now about sixty, and mails are being regularly delivered north of the Arctic Circle.

Agricultural possibilities in Alaska have until within a recent period been considered of slight importance. As the country was explored however, and its conditions of climate and soil were studied, its natural products observed and experiments made with various classes of agricultural productions, it became apparent that the agricultural possibilities of the country, and especially of the south and southeast, where the climate is modified by the Japan current, were of considerable importance, in view of the practicability of furnishing at least a part of the food supply of the population, which the varied resources of Alaska seem likely to sustain and make permanent. These observations and experiments lead those who have participated in them to the belief that vegetables in great variety can be produced all along the southern coast and in the valley of the Yukon, and by some the possibility of the successful production of wheat and oats is strongly supported. The grasses for the support of cattle are abundant, and the experiments with live stock thus far justify the belief that this feature of the food requirements of Alaska may be furnished by the development of stock farms in the southern sections.

In the north vast areas are covered with a moss similar to that upon which the reindeer thrives in other parts of the arctic regions, and the view of this fact the introduction of reindeer from Siberia was begun a few years ago, and has proved extremely successful, about three thousand now being distributed through northwest Alaska. The experiment has advanced sufficiently to justify the confident belief that the reindeer will within a few years prove an important feature in furnishing both the transportation and food supply of northern and northwestern Alaska.

The gross area of Alaska is, according to the 1900 census, 590,804 square miles. The Governor of Alaska in a recent report states that this is equal to the combined area of the twenty States of Maine, New-Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee.

THEFT OF $6,000 FROM LETTER.

SENT BY BOSTON BROKERAGE HOUSE TO A NEW-YORK CLIENT.

Boston, July 13.—Postoffice Inspector McMillin is investigating the reported theft of a letter from the mails containing $6,000 of negotiable securities which had been sent by a brokerage firm in this city to a New-York client. The clerk sent to mail the letter, instead of registering it, put a special delivery stamp on it. Investigation shows that the letter was lost either on the train or after its arrival in New-York.

BREWERY EMPLOYES AT PEACE.

Brewery Workers' Union and the engineers and firemen employed in breweries were declared to be at peace, after a warfare of nearly a year, by Delegate McMahon, of the Eccentric Firemen's Union, at yesterday's meeting of the Central Federated Union.

THE PETROLEUM MARKET.

Further encouragement has followed the efforts of the petroleum operators during the last week. No large pools have thus far developed, but several small ones have come to light. Such discoveries as have been made have not been sufficient to enlarge greatly the output or to replace the continued reduction of the stocks above ground. The trade therefore regards another advance in the market price of oil as inevitable within a short time, and, in fact, it expected such an advance last week. One matter of interest and importance was the $1,000,000 sale of field oil by the Fisher Oil Company.

In the field interest centres largely in the Keener sand strike in the Clay district, Ritchie County, W. Va., where the Three Joes Oil Company struck a well which started at the rate of 200 barrels a day. But when drilled deeper it turned out to be a 1,100 barrels a day producer. Naturally this started much new work in that vicinity and every driller hopes to strike another gusher. Considerable activity exists in the Gordon territory, in Wetzel and Marion counties. The South Penn Oil Company was rewarded with a 300 barrel producer on the Cunningham farm. The same company also found an eighty barrel producer northeast and in advance of the Pine Grove development in Wetzel County. This well is an extension of producing territory of at least a half mile to the northeast. The Southern Oil Company finished its test well on the Riley farm, two and a half miles northeast of Salem, Harrison County, and found it as good as a 300 barrel producer. This section has now quite a reputation for good wells. Several new wells of moderate dimensions were drilled in the Little Germany district, Marshall County. A good many wildcat wells are being drilled throughout the Southwest in hopes of making new discoveries, and some of these may yet disclose new and important fields. There is little of special interest in Ohio or the other regions.

Refined petroleum closed unchanged at 7.40c in barrels at New-York and 4.85c in bulk. Philadelphia prices were on a basis of 5 points lower. Foreign quotations were also unchanged: London 6 13-16d per Imperial gallon; Antwerp, 18 francs per 100 kilos, and Bremen, 6.35 marks per 50 kilos.

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Dated Oct. 23d, 1901.
GEO. M. CURTIS, Plaintiff's Attorney, Office and Post Office Address, No. 52 William St., Borough of Manhattan, City of New York.
To the defendant, John Peter Persch:
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