

VOLCANOES AND A CANAL

Effect of the Activity of the Spouters on the Nicaraguan Route.

A Leading Geologist Who Claims That It Will Favor the Panama.

New York Sun Special Service

Philadelphia, Pa., May 12.—A chart from its appalling characteristics the eruption of Mont Pelee, on Martinique, and the volcanic disturbances on the adjacent island of St. Vincent, upon the most important bearing upon the problem of trans-isthmian canal construction. It emphasizes to the geologist very plainly the danger to which a canal route which is planned on the Nicaraguan route with active and semi-active volcanoes located directly on the line and immediately adjacent to the other hand, the route of the Panama canal is not menaced by either active or semi-active volcanoes.

This statement was made last night by Professor Angelo Hellprin of this city. Professor Hellprin is one of the highest authorities of geology and volcanology in the country. He was recently elected president of the geographical society of Philadelphia and is a member of the academy of Natural Science and of the board of directors of the American Geographical Society. Professor Hellprin said further:

"With the emphasis which is now given by the present eruption to the similar catastrophic events that have preceded it in the last half century it is hardly less than folly to embark upon an enterprise of such vast magnitude and importance as is contemplated in this canal along the route which is so directly menaced by the volcanic activity of the destructive manifestations of this nature."

"There is no reason to assume that any new volcanoes are likely to be constituted in that region. Earthquake disturbances which are so largely associated with the region and which are in a great measure dependent upon the volcanic phenomena are, as compared with those of the Nicaraguan route, insignificant, no truly destructive earthquakes having been known in Panama since 1821."

"The sudden disturbance in the present instance would seem to be due to an almost instantaneous generation of steam. But Pelee as well as the volcanoes of St. Vincent and the neighboring Caribbean islands is situated in a region of extra weakness of the earth's crust which is parallel in the Mediterranean basin on the opposite side of the Atlantic."

"This American region of weakness extends westward from Mexico, where are some of the loftiest volcanoes of the globe such as Popocatepetl and Orizaba, both now in a somewhat quiet condition, to the more westerly volcano of Colima, which has been in almost continuous eruption for ten years."

"The same region of weakness includes almost all of Central America, the volcanoes of Costa Rica and Nicaragua having been repeatedly active almost up to our own time."

"The assertion has been made that there has been a decrease in the volcanic potentiality of these volcanoes, but no geologist is in a position to assert that fact and it should be no surprise to any student of the volcanic activity of the world that the same vigor and intensity of activity should be observed in the southern part of the island."

"The latter has demonstrated the condition of extreme weakness which exists in that entire region which has had its beginning ages ago in the breaking down of the Andean system of mountains and the consequent formation of the Caribbean and Gulf basins. The volcanic activity which has been covered with flowing lava will remain a barren rock for centuries and it will take almost as long a time to start in the volcanic activity which have been spread on other parts of the island."

ACREAGE ABANDONED

Much Winter Wheat Lost—Condition in 76.4.

Washington, May 13.—Advises received by the department of agriculture of the amount of land under cultivation on May 1 show that under winter wheat on that date to have been about 27,103,000 acres.

This is 4,850,000 acres, or 15.2 per cent, less than the area sown last fall.

Of this abandonment, Kansas reports 1,835,000 acres; Texas and Tennessee each, 270,000 acres; Indiana, 305,000 acres; California, 422,000 acres; Oklahoma, 240,000 acres; and Pennsylvania, Virginia, Kentucky, Nebraska and Washington each between 100,000 and 200,000 acres.

For the area remaining under cultivation, the average condition on May 1 was 76.4, against 84.1 on May 1, 1901, 88.9 at the corresponding date in 1900, and 83.2, the mean of the May averages for the last ten years.

The present condition is the lowest May condition with the exception of the years 1899, 1898 and 1895, since 1883.

The department of grain report for 1901 will be issued on Friday, May 15.

The average condition of winter rye on May 1 was 85.4, as compared with 84.4 on April 2, 1902; 84.5 on May 1, 1901; 85.5 at the corresponding date in 1900 and 89 the mean of the May averages of the last ten years.

The present condition is the lowest May condition since 1888 and the lowest, with that exception, in twenty years.

The states whose reports contribute most largely to this low average are Kansas and Missouri, with 12 points below their ten-year average; Iowa, with 14 points; Illinois and Minnesota, 9 points, and Indiana, 6 points. These are the only important deviations from the state averages of series of years.

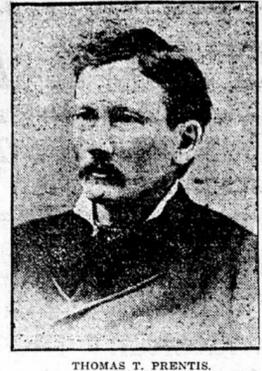
The average condition of spring pastures on May 1 was 89.1, against 91.5 on May 1, 1901; 91.3 at the corresponding date in 1900, and 90.1 the mean of the May averages of the last ten years.

The present condition is, with the exception of that reported on May 1, 1899, the lowest May average since May, 1880.

Of the total amount of spring plowing reported as contemplated, it is estimated that 72.3 per cent was actually done up to May 1, against 67 per cent at the corresponding date last year and a ten-year average of 71.1 per cent.

In the spring wheat states the preparation of the ground for seeding has been seriously delayed by unfavorable weather. North Dakota in particular reporting so late a season as to make a reduction in its spring wheat acreage highly probable.

U. S. Consul at St. Pierre, His Wife and Two Daughters, Who Were Lost in the Volcanic Cataclysm



THOMAS T. PRENTISS.



MISS MARY PRENTISS.



MRS. LOUISA PRENTISS.



CHRISTINE PRENTISS.

ABOUT FIFTY WILL DIE

Twenty Victims of Explosion of Naphtha at Sheraden, Pa., Last Night.

Tank Cars Are Telescoped by Careless Switchmen With Awful Results.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 13.—A disastrous explosion and fire occurred last night in the Sheraden yards of the Panhandle railroad. The cause of the catastrophe was the explosion of a train of naphtha cars which were being switched at the yard, and in the switching the rear car telescoped a car forward. The leaking naphtha ignited from a switch light, causing an explosion which threw the flames fifty feet high.

Much of the escaping naphtha ran through Cork's Run to Espion borough, a distance of one and one-half miles, and caused another explosion, blowing to atoms the Seymour hotel and the Collins house on River road, and badly wrecking a frame building near by, in which were congregated 200 or more sports from Pittsburg and vicinity betting on the races.

Before the second explosion a crowd had gathered and the torrent of flames belched forth on each side of the track, sweeping back the terrified spectators like a charge of artillery and sending a shower of flames over their heads.

Then followed a scene of frenzy. Men and women, their clothing ablaze, their faces scorched and blistered and their hair burned off, ran shrieking wildly, intent on escape from the awful furnace of fire.

Fourteen are dead and not less than 300 injured as the result of the catastrophe. The physicians say at least fifty will die.

At 9:30 o'clock this morning nine bodies were at the Pittsburg morgue and five at the Carnegie morgue. The last body was brought in at 5 o'clock this morning. A list of the dead follows:

JAMES KEENAN, aged 20, single, Carnegie, clerk on wreck train, died at Mercy hospital.

CHARLES HEARTIG, aged 13, Chestnut mines, Pennsylvania, died at Mercy hospital.

W. W. TAYLOR, aged 27, brakeman, Millers Station, Ohio, died at Mercy hospital.

HARRY F. SMITLEY, aged 20, Urchaville, Ohio, level man on Pan Handle, single, died at Mercy hospital.

FINNERTY, Slaterville, W. Va., aged 40, died at Mercy hospital.

G. E. HUNTER, married, 23 years old, five children; freight conductor, Sheraden, killed at wreck, body taken to McDermott's undertaking rooms, Carnegie.

WALTER E. WRIGHT, aged 28, Sheraden, killed at wreck, taken to McDermott's undertaking rooms, Carnegie.

DALLAS M. BYRD, fireman, aged 28, Sheraden, killed at wreck, taken to McDermott's undertaking rooms, Carnegie.

PASCAL MADER, aged 28, section foreman; badly burned, died at Allegheny general hospital.

UNKNOWN BOY, badly burned; taken to Allegheny general hospital, died in short time.

DONALD SMITH, aged 10, Sheraden, son of Jerome Smith, train dispatcher; badly burned, died at Allegheny general hospital.

GEORGE WILSON, aged 15, messenger, of Sheraden; body almost cooked, died at 2:30 this morning at the Homopathic hospital.

MATTHEW MARXON, teamster, aged 24, single, McKees Rocks; body fairly cooked, died at Homopathic hospital at 4:40 this morning.

JOHN SWAN, brakeman, aged 20 years.

Later the list of dead was increased by the following:

ALBERT MCKEAN, aged 22, brakeman.

HUGH FLAHERTY, 65.

TONY LEO, laborer, 65.

LEWIS, burned to death on the track.

UNKNOWN BOY, found in potato field on farm of J. R. Douglas, burned to crisp and unrecognizable.

BANKERS MEET

The Association Holds Its Opening Session in Kansas City.

Kansas City, May 13.—The Bankers' convention opened here to-day. One of the first speakers was Thomas P. Paton, editor of the Banking Law Journal. He said in part:

The law governing bills, notes, checks and the dealings of bankers is the result of a peculiar process. It consists of a body of rules which have been built up piecemeal by the courts in the exercise of their judicial discretion founded on custom. It has developed out of the disputes of men. Mr. Patton pointed out many instances of conflicting state laws and showed, as the result of the present condition of the law, that it is largely of an independent and antagonistic state rules, that great losses are caused to the mercantile and banking community and that commercial transactions between the states are hampered.

Of late years the condition of the law governing bills, notes and checks, when used in interstate dealings, had been improved by the enactment of the uniform negotiable instruments law which up to date has been enacted in seventeen of the states and territories besides the District of Columbia.

SOWING IN THE MUD

Abandoned Broadcast Seeders Now Used in the Red.

JUST THE THING FOR WET FIELDS

Conditions in the Grand Forks Country Declared to Be Satisfactory.

Grand Forks, N. D., May 13.—In Grand Forks county the wheat outlook is far better than it is generally supposed to be. There is plenty of time to sow other grains. In the townships of Lakeville, McKinnock, Gliby and Hegton there is a large acreage in, and many farmers have finished seeding wheat. The acreage will be some less than it was last year, however, probably 20 or 30 per cent less in the townships mentioned, and the additional acreage will be put into fax, barley and corn.

In the vicinity of Northwood farmers are practically through with wheat seeding. Around Larimore, Emerald and Arvilla the same conditions prevail in most cases. Occasionally there is a farmer who is behind. Farmers who have very low land are behind, and there are scattered communities where seeding is very backward.

However, taking the entire northern and western portions of the state the conditions are satisfactory, as reported by all the leading elevator superintendents who make Grand Forks. Traveling men say the same. North Dakota certainly has no well to send up this season.

Fargo, N. D., May 13.—The farmers of the Red River valley are bringing out some old broadcast seeders that had been abandoned for years, and are using them instead of attempting to drill the wheat into the mud. The drills were laid aside years ago because grain seeders in that manner suffered so quickly from drought and from winds. This year, with the fields so wet the broadcast methods are what are needed.

THE CASE OF RATHBONE.

Washington, May 13.—The president has directed Secretary Root to confer upon the Cuban court of appeals the right to review the testimony in the case of Eusebio G. Rathbone, convicted of complicity in the Cuban postal frauds, with authority to take additional evidence, if so desired. This authority will be immediately conferred, and it is presumed the court will act on once.

NORTHERN SECURITIES STOCK DIPPED UNDER PAR TO-DAY FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE COMPANY'S ORGANIZATION. It was quoted at 99 1/2. Local men who follow the stock market are in sympathy with the declines in nearly all active stocks.

Several Mindreaders Trying to Foretell J. J. Hill's Course.

Special to The Journal.

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HAITY FIGHTS

Various Political Parties Shot Around in the Streets Last Night.

Port au Prince, Haiti, May 13.—Ex-President Sam embarked at 11:30 a. m. to-day on the French steamer Olinde Rodriguez. He was accompanied to the landing place by the American, French and German ministers.

Port au Prince, Haiti, May 13.—Further fighting occurred in the streets here before and after midnight. Some of the leaders of the revolution have retired to the United States legation. The situation is very serious. The whole population is armed and insists on the immediate departure from the country of former President Sam.

Clashes between the partisans of the numerous presidential candidates continued yesterday afternoon. The followers of General Saint Felix Colin attacked the adherents of General Defly, the artillery command. The firing was severe for about an hour, but so far as known very few were killed or wounded. General Defly was compelled to evacuate the Hotel de la Ville and to take refuge in the palace, where he barricaded himself and his followers, having previously secured a good supply of ammunition.

Some of the fighting last night there was another outbreak of firing, and this time the casualties were somewhat severe. In the meanwhile firing occurred in other parts of the city, but the situation became calmer.

Former President Sam, Tancredi Auguste, the minister of the interior and of police, General Defly and M. C. Leconte, the minister of agriculture and public works, gathered their forces in the palace at midnight with the presidential guard on the side. Opposed to this party was General Saint Felix Colin, at the head of a large body of armed citizens. The latter are determined that the members of the former government of Hayti shall embark to-day on the French mail steamer.

Early in the morning M. Tancredi Auguste seemed to have abandoned the Sam party, for he sought safety in the United States legation. His example was followed by M. Brutus Saint Victor, the minister of foreign affairs and public instruction, who also sought the protection of the United States flag.

At about the time that ex-President Sam embarked on the French steamer here to-day, news was received from Cape Haytien, on the north coast, that General Firmin, late Haytien minister in Paris, had arrived at Cape Haytien and had been proclaimed president. The dispatch declared that the whole north and northwest of Hayti had declared in favor of General Firmin.

N. SECURITIES DECLINES

A DIP IN THE MERGER STOCK

Caused in Part by the Reports of James J. Hill's Retreat.

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Mrs. Emma E. Felch, Treasurer Fond du Lac, Wis., Social Economic Club, Tells How She was Cured of Irregular and Painful Menstruation by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for irregular and painful menstruation, and was entirely cured after using two bottles. I can truly say it is a boon to suffering women, and I would recommend all suffering from the above troubles to try a few bottles and be cured. Very thankfully yours, EMMA E. FELCH, Division St., Fond du Lac, Wis."

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TAXATION OF ROADS

Iowa Executive Council Is After More Information.

THE RULE FOR NET EARNINGS

Monthly Reports of Gross Earnings Will Be Required—New English Law Provisions.

Special to The Journal.

Des Moines, Iowa, May 13.—The executive council has adopted the rules and regulations required by the new English law, prescribing the methods to be followed by the railroad companies in making their reports of gross earnings. The rules are not drastic, though it is expected they will add materially in security of additional information needed in determining assessments.

The most important feature of the rules is the law laid down for the determination of net earnings. The general rule is that "whatever expense is incurred to preserve the property in the physical condition existing when the material, building, structure or equipment replaced, renewed or repaired was originally put in use and to operate it, is to be deducted from the gross earnings in order to ascertain the net earnings."

The council requires that any expense required to put the property in a better condition than it originally was, shall be charged to betterments and not to maintenance or operating expenses. The contention of the representatives of the roads was that in replacing, renewing or repairing any property they should be allowed to charge everything to maintenance and operation, even if in the process of the replacement, renewal or repair the property was brought to a much higher standard than it was originally. This system has been practiced heretofore and the benefit of it has been to cut down net earnings largely. As illustrative of the change required by the council, one rule prescribes: "In renewals of rolling stock it shall be ascertained whether the engine or car renewed or one of like efficiency would cost and such amount shall be charged to maintenance and any excess to betterments."

Monthly reports of gross earnings will be required hereafter. The report of gross earnings for the month of April is to be made on or before the 15th of this month and thereafter monthly reports must be made. The executive council in making the assessment of the year will get the reports of gross earnings for each month and thereafter monthly reports must be made. The executive council in making the assessment of the year will get the reports of gross earnings for each month and thereafter monthly reports must be made.

PLANS FOR SNELLING

Congressman Stevens Expects to Have Them Approved Soon.

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Washington Small Talk.

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PRINCE AFTER AN HEIRESS.

Baltimore, Md., May 13.—Baltimore's 400 is entertaining a real prince, who came here so unostentatiously a few days ago that only those to whom he had letters of introduction suspected who he really was. The visitor is Prince Shah, chamberlain to the Emperor of Austria. While reported to be wealthy, the prince seems to be plain in his tastes and occupies a single room at the leading hotel.

Children's Dress Shoes

The large lot of children's Patent Leather Dress Shoes, that we are selling at less than half price, is fast diminishing. Have you been supplied?

Sizes 6 to 8, regular price \$2.25, now 50c

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