

VOLCANO LIGHTED ENTIRE ISLAND; FIFTEEN VIOLENT DETONATIONS.



Street scene in Kingstown, St. Vincent Island, where are gathered thousands of refugees who fled from districts threatened by the eruptions of the Soufriere volcano.

Eruption From Mont Pelee Redoubled in Violence and the Entire Population Was Panic-Stricken—New Craters Are Forming Near Village of Le Precheur.

REFUGEES RETURNING HOME IN FACE OF IMPENDING CALAMITY.

Paris, May 18.—A dispatch to the Matin from Fort de France, dated Saturday, May 17, says that during the previous night fifteen violent detonations from Mont Pelee were heard, and that they were accompanied by lightning, which lit up the entire island.

New craters are forming in the neighborhood of Le Precheur. In spite of the danger which threatens them the refugees from the northern part of the island are beginning to return to their homes.

THRILLING STORY BY RODDAM'S CAPTAIN.

Enormous Black Cloud, Accompanied by Trumps of Thunder and Flags of Flame, Swept Over St. Pierre and the Ship—Flesh of Sailors Burned Away in Chunks—Vessel Manned by Half-Roasted Men.

New York, May 18.—The Norton steamer Elona arrived here today from the River Plate, via St. Lucia, where she called for bunker coal on May 10.

"At St. Lucia, on May 11," says Captain Cantell, "I went on board the British steamer Roddam, which had escaped from the terrible volcanic eruption at Martinique three days before. The state of the ship was enough to show that those on board must have undergone an awful experience.

were smashed and cabins were filled with volcanic dust. The scene of ruin was deplorable.

TERRIBLE EXPERIENCES OF RODDAM'S CAPTAIN. "I visited the Captain of the Roddam in the hospital at St. Lucia, where he gave me an account of his terrible experience. He had just arrived and anchored at St. Pierre, Martinique, on the morning of Thursday, May 8. The Captain was standing near the accommodation ladder talking to the agent of the vessel, who had come on board, when he saw what appeared to be an enormous black cloud, like a wall with patches of fire in it, approaching the sea from the land. With it came an immense tidal wave of boiling water, accompanied by a loud and terrible noise. He shouted 'Take shelter' to the crew. Immediately the steamer was caught and tossed over on her side, almost capsizing. Darkness fell like a pall, and volumes of red-hot matter showered down, while the air was thick with sulphurous fumes and dust. The sea was a confused mass of boiling mud.

EARTHQUAKES REPORTED IN SOUTHERN PORTUGAL.

Lisbon, May 18.—Earthquakes are reported from the southern part of Portugal, but no fatalities occurred. The disturbances are supposed to be connected with the upheavals in the West Indies.

FIRE BROKE OUT IN SEVERAL PARTS OF SHIP.

"The captain of the Roddam, knowing that his vessel had steam up, and instantly realizing the necessity of escaping, rushed to the engine-room annunciator and signalled below to start the engines at full speed. The anxious moments, increased by his sufferings from burns and agony of mind, were relieved by the vibration of the engines and the reply from below.

TIDAL WAVE PARTED CABLE WHICH HELD SHIP TO SHORE. "It happened, fortunately, that although the crew had been run off from duty at the engines, some of the engineers were nearby. The terrible tidal wave which had swept over the Roddam and nearly captured her, had parted the cable and the vessel was adrift. When the engines started, it was found that the steering gear had become disordered in some manner and could not be worked. For more than a hour the Roddam's engines were worked, backing and going ahead, with the hope of bringing her head toward the sea and away from the land. Once she got dangerously near the steamer Roraima. Both vessels were in flames.

JUMPED INTO BOILING SEA OR WELL DEAD ON DECK. "Some of those aboard jumped into the boiling water; some fell lying to the deck. All this time the red hot matter was falling and the water was hissing and steaming dense masses of vapor. Smoke and dust filled the air and poisonous fumes spread about.

"After some time the Roddam's steering gear moved a little and enabled the captain to head her out to sea and, with considerable difficulty, he managed to steer her a little distance from the land. As the air cleared the scene on board the ill-fated Roddam became all the more ghastly. The

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SHOWMAN SLAIN AT CREVE COEUR

Murderer of James Reynolds Was Captured, Beaten and Released by Friend of Victim.

NO CLEW TO HIS IDENTITY.

With a Companion, He Engaged in a Fight With Reynolds, Whom He Stabbed Through the Heart.

As a result of an encounter with two strangers, who had attempted to cut the ropes of the tent show of the "Hunting Scene" at Creve Coeur Lake, Joseph Reynolds, an acrobat, was stabbed through the heart last night and almost instantly killed.

Seeing two men beating his companion, Frank Norse, a rider with the show, started after the two assailants with a drawn revolver. One of the fugitives was a small man and the other was a tall, slender fellow.

The little fellow escaped, but Norse overtook the tall man. Not knowing that his companion had been stabbed, Norse gave his captive severe beating on the head with the revolver and allowed him to go his way.

When Norse returned to the scene of the trouble he was surprised to find that his friend had been fatally stabbed. Reynolds died a few minutes later.

The tragedy was enacted a few minutes before 10 o'clock at the entrance of the tent, not far from the lake. Many visitors to the lake witnessed the fight between Reynolds and his two assailants, but none interfered.

The trouble that led to the tragedy occurred early in the day. Jesse Sigby, who is the authority in the city, is the statement that the two men attempted to cut the tent ropes. Reynolds caught them in the act and knocked them down and gave them both a beating.

After this trouble, Reynolds retreated, and when he saw the men hovering about the tent and heard the making of the tent to get even with him, he quietly asked them to go away, as he wanted no more trouble with them. After the show closed last night Reynolds came out of the tent and both men attacked him.

The little fellow struck him over the head with an instrument. As he fell to the ground the big man pulled a dirk knife from his pocket and stabbed Reynolds three times. One cut was in the abdomen and the other two in the region of the heart. Norse then took after the men. When he returned he found his companion in a dying condition. He expired a few moments later.

The body was taken to the shooting gallery on the grounds. The Coroner of St. Louis County was notified and took charge of the body. The inquest will be held today.

Reynolds was 22 years old. He was the son of James Reynolds, who lives at Marine, Ill. The authentic name of the man who shot the police in St. Louis, giving them a description of both men. At a late hour last night they had not been apprehended.

The man who did the cutting is described as six feet tall, slender build and sandy mustache. He wore a suit of black clothes and a light hat. He is about 20 years old. His complexion is about 18 or 20 years old, and has a prominent Roman nose. He wore a black suit of clothes.

CHICAGO'S OLD CHIEF DEAD.

Robert Williams Led the Volunteers Against Flames in 1871.

Chicago, May 18.—Robert A. Williams, chief of the fire-fighters, who struggled with the \$200,000,000 Chicago conflagration of October, 1871, died today in a sanitarium, at the age of 73 years.

"Old Bob," as he was familiarly called by his comrades of thirty years ago, was a hero in their eyes, and in the eyes of Chicago nearly a half century, for he belonged to the volunteer fire department in the early days of the city. He was one of the men of the big fire. His pall will be borne to the grave by members of the old volunteer fire department.

LEADING TOPICS

TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 4:44 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 7:08. THE MOON SETS TO-MORROW MORNING AT 3:29.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

For Missouri—Showers and thunderstorms and cooler Monday and probably Tuesday.

For Illinois—Showers and thunderstorms Monday; Tuesday showers and cooler.

For Arkansas—Showers and cooler Monday; showers Tuesday.

For Eastern Texas—Showers Monday; showers in south Tuesday.

For Western Texas—Showers in the north Monday; Tuesday fair, with brisk winds.

- 1. Anarchists Plotted Against Alfonso. Volcano Lighted Entire Island. 2. Oil Exchange Test Made at Beaumont. Chin's Burden Too Heavy to Sustain. Methodists Begin Revival Campaign. 3. Corbett Believes Jeffries Will Defeat Fitzsimmons. Baseball. Race Entries. 4. Sermons and Services at the Churches. 5. Editorial. Beginning of Summer Theatricals. 6. Jewish Hospital Formally Dedicated. Lessons From Fruits and Flowers. Carry Fight Into City and Country. 7. Republic "Want" Advertisements. 8. Republic "Want" Advertisements. East Side News. River Paragraphs. 9. Profit-Taking Sales Cause Slight Decline. Live Stock. Cotton. 10. Large Fields Make Form of No Value. Race Entries. 11. Run Crowned With a Laurel of Gold. Lead and Zinc Report.

TEXAS TORNADO KILLS SEVENTY-FOUR; SEVENTY-FIVE SERIOUSLY HURT.

Hundred Homes in Goliad Demolished and as Many More Damaged—Path of Destruction Through City 250 Yards Wide—Only One House Left Standing in Afflicted District—Surrounding Cities Sent Special Relief Trains—Wind Damages Other Texas Points.

HURRICANE CAUSES DAMAGE TO PROPERTY AND CROPS IN SEVERAL NORTHWESTERN STATES.

A tornado struck Goliad, Tex., yesterday and killed seventy-five persons and seriously injured seventy-five others. It swept clean a path through the residence portion of the city about 250 yards wide, leaving only a single house standing in the ribbon of destruction.

Over a hundred residences were razed and many hundred others on the edge of the destroyed area badly damaged. Surrounding towns were requested to send aid and special trains with doctors, nurses and medicines administered to the stricken in emergency hospitals.

Terrific wind and rain storms visited many other parts of Texas, inflicting much damage at San Antonio, Austin, Mexia and Walteris Park. Severe wind and rain storms also swept through the Northwest, unroofing houses and outbuildings and injuring wheat.

Iowa, Nebraska, Michigan, Wisconsin and North Dakota report heavy winds approaching the velocity of a hurricane.

Very little damage was done except within these boundaries, a width of 250 yards. The tornado was preceded a few moments by a heavy hailstorm and a deep rumbling, but no one had any premonition of the disaster and there was no opportunity for escape for those in the pathway of the storm.

The section which suffered was the residence portion, the lower part being the new settlement, while the upper part contained many fine residences. The Methodist and Baptist churches and the Baptist parsonage, both just completed, and the negro Methodist Church were destroyed.

The Episcopal Church was badly damaged, but only one hundred houses totally destroyed. The stone residence of R. T. Davis of the Goliad Guards was the only building in the pathway of the storm not demolished and it is a wreck. The people of Goliad, realizing at once the nature of the calamity and the terrible loss of life and injured, telephoned to Curvo and Victoria for assistance, which was responded to immediately.

General Superintendent Forties stopped the regular Beeville train at Goliad and turned it back to Victoria, bringing on the return train six doctors from there and an abundance of medicines and surgical appliances.

Another train came later from Curvo with the same number of physicians and dozens of nurses and many citizens. Meanwhile the citizens here had effected as systematic an organization as possible and provided temporary morgues here.

The Courthouse, the hotels, public places, private residence and several other places were used for the whites. The negroes were well cared for.

MRS. JOHNSON, aged 60. MARGARET POPE, aged 8. STUART DEAL. PINKIE LOTT, daughter of William Lott. MRS. PY PURL, and two children, Maud and Alice. Two Augustine children.

MRS. ITAPPLE and all children, except one, his daughter here. MR. AND MRS. BILL HOAD and three children. JOE SAVAGE and child. FARRINELL and PHOBA SAVAGE. MR. NEWCOMB, wife and child. MR. SMITH of Rockport, who was visiting his daughter here. MRS. HARRISON and little boy. RUBY MADDOX and Maddox baby. MRS. CASEY.

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BUTLER WILL ASK CHANGE OF VENUE

Says Community Is So Prejudiced He Cannot Get a Fair Trial—Status of Other Cases.

Judge Ryan will hear the arguments this morning for a change of venue in the cases against Edward Butler, charged in two indictments with attempted bribery. Notice was served last Wednesday by Butler's attorneys of such a motion when the case should be called for trial. The case against Butler is the first one on the call for this morning.

The ground on which the change of venue will be asked is that the community is prejudiced and the defendant cannot have a fair trial. This is the third attempt the attorneys for Mr. Butler have made for a change of venue. In their previous efforts they failed. The case was first set for trial in Judge Douglas's court. A motion was made in this court to disqualify Judge Douglas and Judge Ryan. The former held that but one Judge could be disqualified and certified the case to Judge Ryan's court.

A motion was then made in Judge Ryan's court to disqualify him on the ground that Judge Douglas was prejudiced against him by his previous office. Judge Ryan in accordance with a ruling by the Supreme Court sustained the point made by Circuit Attorney Folk. Notice was then served of the motion which will be argued this morning.

In the event that Judge Ryan overrules the motion, the case will go to trial unless the attorney for Mr. Butler appeal to the Supreme Court. Such an appeal will be the last resort for a change of venue. If the case goes to trial to-day, Circuit Attorney Folk will call for a special jury. It is not probable that Judge Ryan will hear the motion for a new trial in the case against Julius Lehmann, found guilty of bribery and whose punishment will be discontinued and the punishment will be suspended of the Butler case. The motion for a new trial was filed by Attorney Gernez as soon as the verdict was announced. If the motion is overruled, Mr. Gernez will file an appeal to the Supreme Court.

After the case against Butler is disposed of the case set for trial next is that against Harry A. Faulkner, charged with perjury. The date is set for trial in Judge Ryan's court on June 15. The case against George J. Kobusch, charged with perjury, comes up in Judge Douglas's court, May 25. The case against John H. Becker, charged with attempted bribery, has been certified to the Criminal Court of Correction.

ANARCHISTS PLOTTED AGAINST ALFONSO.

Gabriel Lopez Had Been Assigned to Kill the King in Procession.

Madrid, May 18.—An anarchist plot against King Alfonso has been discovered, and six arrests, including that of Gabriel Lopez, an employe of an insurance company, have been made.

Dynamite cartridges were found on the premises where Lopez was arrested. Lopez says he received a package of cartridges from another anarchist with instructions to throw them at the moment of the passage of the royal carriage in yesterday's procession.

The discovery of the plot against the King is confirmed by the newspapers here. It is now said that nine dynamite cartridges were seized.

The prisoners include six medical students, a printer, a carpenter and a mason. The captured cartridges are being analyzed by military authorities.

CORONATION CELEBRATED. Manila, May 18.—The coronation of King Alfonso was celebrated with much ceremony to-day by all the Spanish residents of Manila, and Acting Civil Governor Wright represented the American Government at the principal function.

MARK HANNA'S CONVERSION.

Salvation Army Offered Thanks for Acquisition of Senator.

Washington, May 18.—Senator Hanna, the other day, confessed to being in sympathy with the work of the Salvation Army and this afternoon a member of that organization was seen in front of the Senator's residence on Lafayette Park, vigorously endorsing and offering thanks for the conversion of such a distinguished sinner.

HUNDRED FINE HORSES KILLED.

Lightning Caused Fire That Destroyed Stables. Milwaukee, Wis., May 18.—One hundred and two thoroughbred horses were killed early to-day by the burning of the Andrew Tichin Stock Farm near Racine. The fire was caused by lightning.

Child Run Down by Automobile. Toledo, O., May 18.—James T. Bralley, a well-known Independent Telephone magnate, while speeding his automobile, collided with May School, a 12-year-old girl, riding a wheel. The girl was almost instantly killed.

ANDREW ROSSMAN. COLLINGSVILLE, ILL., May 18.—Andrew Rossman, aged 75 years, one of the oldest residents of this city, died to-day.

STUEVER PURCHASED VALUABLE LAND

Ten Acres Fronting Forest Park Is Bought by Highlands Company for World's Fair Business.

Anton C. Stuever, president of the Home Brewing Association, last night said he had purchased ten acres of land adjoining the Forest Park Highlands at a cost of \$50,000. The tract purchased has 1,500 feet of frontage on the south side of Forest Park and is considered a valuable acquisition for the Forest Park Highlands Amusement Company.

Up to date the Highlands company has invested \$150,000, which, with the additional \$50,000 expended, amounts to \$200,000.

The property is said to have been purchased from the Beattie estate, and the transfer was made some time last night.

Mr. Stuever would not discuss for what purpose the land had been purchased. He stated that no changes would be made at the Highlands this season, but intimated that many new features would be added before the World's Fair.

MUCH WORK FOR CONFERENCE.

War-Claim Issue and Other Problems on Programme at Dallas. Dallas, Tex., May 18.—The work of the Methodist Episcopal Church Conference was not as productive of results during the past week as had been hoped by the delegates, but the coming week promises to bring about the settlement of some of the most important questions.

Excitement in the church yesterday was at fever heat over the discussion of the "war claim" and it was finally decided to change the matter Beattie estate, and Tuesday, and give it the right-of-way until a settlement of some kind was reached.

The principal work during the week was the passage of resolutions to provide for better education of clergymen and establishment of a school of correspondence in connection with Vanderbilt University.

The British and Canadian fraternal messengers presented their addresses and were cordially received by the conference as a whole.

As soon as the war claim is disposed of, it can be disposed of at all, the question of establishing an order of deaconesses and the election of Bishops will be taken up.

ROBBED OF A DIAMOND PIN.

Charles Petcher, Traveling Salesman, Was Held Up by Two Men. Charles Petcher, who says he is a traveling man, stopping at the Southern Hotel, reported to the police of the Central District Station that he had been held up by two men and robbed of a diamond pin, valued at \$50. He said he was walking on Market street, near Eleventh, when the men stopped him. One man, he said, held him, while the other took the pin. Petcher was unable to give a description of the men he claimed robbed him.

EMPEROR'S PURPOSE FORMED SUDDENLY.

Announcement That He Would Present Statue to United States Caused Surprise.

Berlin, May 18.—The purpose of Emperor William to give a statue of Frederick the Great to the United States was seemingly quite suddenly formed. Last Tuesday evening his Majesty was holding an informal reception in the court box of the new theater at Wehdsheden, between the acts of the opera, "The Merry Wives of Windsor," when he turned to Professor Uphues, the sculptor, and said:

"Uphues, I want you to make another statue of Frederick the Great."

"I shall be delighted, your Majesty," replied the professor.

This was the first sculptor had heard of the project, and it was, apparently, the first that any one had heard of the Emperor's intention.

His Majesty then told Professor Uphues that the statue was for presentation to the people of the United States, and his cablegram to President Roosevelt on the subject was written and sent the next day.

MISS ROOSEVELT SET STYLE.

Young Ladies of Washington Are Now Carrying Canes. WASHINGTON, May 18.—Many young women of the capital are taking up the fad of carrying a cane, which was inaugurated by the President's daughter. Miss Roosevelt seldom goes out without this new toy and has become quite expert in manipulating it, being able to twirl it round her fingers like a college boy. Now she encounters young women and girls up and down the avenues armed with canes. They are not most formidable weapons, however, being but about two feet in length and very slight.

TOT VISITED WORLD'S FAIR SITE ALONE.

Little John Sawyer Caused His Parents Anxiety by His Unexplained Absence.

Little John Sawyer, 6 years old, of No. 442 Washington boulevard, thinking yesterday afternoon a delightful one for visiting Forest Park, toddled out there all alone from his home, toured the driveways, inspected the World's Fair site and returned home jubilant about 9 o'clock in the evening.

Meantime his parents did not know what had become of him, feared that an accident had befallen him, or that he might have been kidnaped by somebody desirous of emulating Pat Crowe.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Sawyer, had intended taking a drive yesterday afternoon, and were awaiting the carriage. The boy was allowed to go upon the street and walk up and down the sidewalk. Young John grew weary of waiting for the horses to come, and it was then that he decided to set out independently for Forest Park.

Several times he had been driven thither by his mother and father, but he had never been there on foot. How he became acquainted with the streets is a puzzle. He knew them well enough, however, to find his way in safety. He must have explored a large area of the park, for he found his way to the World's Fair site, saw the beginning of the buildings which are to compose the Fair and watched the throngs of "grown-ups" who were also visiting the site.

Mr. Sawyer, when it became dark, and the boy did not appear, became anxious and notified the police. He went to the Tenth District Station on Easton avenue, but the lad was not there. Returning home, he was surprised and delighted to find that his son was safe.

FOUR-YEAR-OLD GIRL RUN DOWN BY CAR

Little Lena Lakare Missed Fender and Both Legs Were Crushed Under the Wheels.

While playing in the street near her home last night, Lena Lakare, a four-year-old, was probably fatally injured by being struck and run over by a Spring avenue car near the corner of Seventh and Wash streets. Both legs were broken, the left being so severely crushed that it had to be amputated. The skull was also fractured, and she was severely bruised about the body.

Great excitement prevailed in the neighborhood, and several women fainted. The Italian residents of the vicinity crowded around the car, threatening the train crew with violence.

Shortly after 7 o'clock the car, No. 531, westbound, was going at the usual rate of speed along Wash street. As it neared the corner of Seventh street the child, who was playing with some companions, ran directly in front of the engine. The driver, John Brown, of No. 1719 Bacon street, told the police he did not see the little girl until she was struck. The little body missed the fender, and before the car could be stopped the front wheels had passed over the limbs.

Doctor Louis E. Rarick, who was passing, quickly lifted the child and carried her to his office, No. 195 North Broadway. He found that it was necessary to amputate the left leg below the knee. The child's parents live in the rear of No. 616 Franklin avenue.

THEFT OF A MILLION RUBLES.

Officers Arrested for Robbery at Cracow, Galicia. London, May 18.—A dispatch from Vienna to a news agency says it is reported from Cracow, Galicia, that 1,000,000 rubles have been stolen from the headquarters of the General Staff there.

Two Generals and several naval officers, the dispatch, have been arrested in connection with the robbery.