

Loss of Life at Kingston Perhaps 1000; Property, \$10,000,000

Houses Are Wrecked for Miles Around City

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roaming at large. The natives refuse to work. Sir Alfred Jones says they will continue to seek employment on the Panama canal, and that their places here must be taken by coolie labor from India. Of the dead it is safe to say that 100 are white, among them Captain Constantine, the local representative of the Royal Mail steamship line, and Captain Lamont, who was soon to

be married to an American girl. Among those reported missing are Charles and Edward de Cordove, J. W. Middleton; Mr. Bradley, who married Miss Starley, of the family extensively interested in sugar cultivation; Bertie Starley, Charles Sherlock and his brother, well-known merchants. Baker and Angier of Boston and Francis Kahle of Buffalo escaped without injury. Sir James Ferguson was killed instantly in the street by falling masonry.

EXPERTS TELL OF HARRISON MARRIES FREIGHT RATES MRS. MABEL COX

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

SPOKANE, Jan. 16.—A water competition and the rights of coast cities figured largely in the defense of the transcontinental lines at the rate hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission this afternoon. Seth Mann of San Francisco introduced H. E. D. Jackson of the American Hawaiian Steamship Company to show that it can carry freight from New York to San Francisco in twenty-five days, thereby equaling the average time of the railroads and that the rate was 20 to 30 per cent cheaper. He admitted that no rate schedules were maintained, the price varying with different customers and depending largely upon conditions. He said the completion of arrangements for transferring freight and hauling it across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec rendered this saving of time possible.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—A London cable announced the marriage today of Francis Burton Harrison to Mrs. Mabel Cox. There was much amazement expressed in society at the announcement several weeks ago that Harrison was about to wed Mrs. Cox, the former wife of Dr. Rowland Cox Jr. of this city, who obtained a divorce last autumn. The divorce had been carefully guarded. Harrison is a son of the late Burton Harrison, a lawyer of this city who was private secretary to Jefferson Davis. His mother, Mrs. Constance Mary Harrison, is a well-known writer. Mr. Harrison married Miss Mary Crocker, a daughter of the late Charles F. Crocker of San Francisco. She was killed in an automobile accident in Long Island City November 25, 1905. She left a fortune of \$3,000,000, of which her husband received one million.

SAN FRANCISCO POLYCLINIC HOLDS ANNUAL ELECTION

Report of Officers Shows That Charitable Institution Is Seriously in Need of Funds. At a meeting of the board of trustees of the San Francisco Polyclinic held Tuesday evening at the new quarters, 443 Fillmore street, the following were elected officers: President, Dr. W. A. Martin; first vice president, Dr. L. Newman; second vice president, Dr. Henry H. Wagner; secretary, Dr. Martin Regensberger; treasurer, Dr. Louis Basset. The new quarters of the Polyclinic have been purchased by the organization since April last and the cost of the property has exhausted the funds on hand. All work is being carried on with funds from the Relief and Red Cross Corporation. The work done by the Polyclinic is exclusively among the sick poor and is free, save in instances where the patient is able to make small payments for medicines or supplies. The San Francisco Polyclinic has been active for seventeen years in this city and has treated on an average 35,000 patients annually. The annual reports of the officers showed that the institution was sorely in need of funds with which to continue its work.

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SAV HENEY'S GUARD WAS POISONED

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in twenty-four hours after the arrival in this city of Mrs. Kendall and the nurse with the body of the deceased, another nurse from San Francisco arrived and registered at a local hotel. The second nurse made an appointment with the one who accompanied the remains and they were in consultation. The authorities sent persons to interview them, but they declined to give any information desired. The fact that the second nurse followed the first so closely, that they held a conference and then that both declined to talk, leads those who are investigating the matter to believe that the second nurse was hurried here with instructions to warn the first nurse not to give out any information which she might possess about the case. A motive for foul play is not lacking, according to the authorities. It is pointed out that Kendall, who was the body-guard of Francis J. Heney, was also a most active agent in the prosecutions which bid fair to send several of San Francisco's prominent men to prison. Oscar J. Kendall died at the Lane Hospital on Thursday, January 10, after an illness of a few days. His death was ascribed to spinal meningitis, which followed a severe cold and an attack of pneumonia. No report was made here other than that Kendall died from natural causes.

TWO HOTELS BURNED VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 16.—Fire destroyed the Filbert Hotel and the Balmoral Hotel at Sandon, B. C., last night. The occupants barely escaped with their lives and lost all their possessions. The thermometer was 29 degrees below zero, but firemen and citizens worked heroically. The loss is about \$40,000.

Situation in Ruined City Said to Be One of Horror

Advices From St. Thomas Declare Stench Is Awful and Misery Is Indescribable

ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., Jan. 16.—Reports received here from Jamaica say that it is estimated that 1000 persons have been killed by the earthquake and fire, and that 90,000 persons are homeless. The damage to Kingston alone is placed at fully \$10,000,000. Advices received from Jamaica are that all people have been warned to keep away from Kingston. The stench is described as awful. Money is useless. The banks have been burned, but the vaults are supposed to be safe. The misery on all sides is indescribable. Rich and poor alike are homeless. Provisions of all kinds are urgently needed. Sir James Ferguson, vice chairman of the Royal Mail Steamship Company, is among the killed. The dead are being buried under the smoldering ruins. People in the mercantile community suffered most severely, warehouses falling on them. Many men are dead or injured. The negroes are looting

conditions and the phenomenal drop in temperature. The telegram which was sent by Governor Swettenham is undated, but is presumed to have been sent on Monday. The text is as follows: "Severe earthquake shocks this afternoon between 3 and 4 o'clock, causing considerable damage to houses at Kingston. It was followed by a fire which continues, though it is confined to about one-sixteenth part of the town containing warehouses and a warehouse. The Myrtle Bank Hotel has been destroyed and thirty men were killed. There were no officers among them. Major Headman was seriously injured. The town hospital is crowded with 200 injured. The fire is decreasing. The Myrtle Bank Hotel has been destroyed and also the cable office. The conference delegates and the members of Sir Alfred Jones' expedition are believed to be uninjured and are now on board the Port Kingston. In the harbor numbers were killed or wounded, but the figures have not been ascertained. Light shocks continue."

Great Anxiety Is Felt in London

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The brief dispatch received here tonight from Kingston direct, declaring that 100 persons had been killed in the earthquake on Monday, leaves the country apparently to renewed suspense as to the fate of Jamaica's capital. Earlier reports, including Government dispatches, had tended to minimize the worst features of the first message received, and although there is an inclination still to credit these official accounts in the absence of confirmation of the latter reports, the relief felt this afternoon tends to give place to despondency at the possibility that the worst fears will be realized when the full accounts of the disaster come to hand. Two things stand out of the general gloom and bring intense satisfaction to the British public. The first is the fact confirmed tonight in a dispatch from Sir Alfred Jones himself that the Jones party is safe. The second is found in the prompt and active steps taken by the American Government to investigate the real conditions and afford the necessary succor to the unfortunate city.

Special appreciation is felt at Secretary Metcalf's decision to act without waiting for congressional sanction. All possible steps are being taken here, but his generous action is nevertheless appreciated. The King and the Queen and also the Premier, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, have taken an interest in expressions of the country's sympathy and are arranging to hold meetings to express their sympathy and afford relief to the victims. Up to a late hour tonight the Colonial office had no further information to communicate and the public finds satisfaction in the belief that the casualties among the English residents in the islands have been few. At the time of the writing of this dispatch, however, a dispatch from Sir Alfred Jones, addressed to Elder, Dempster & Co., which confirms the worst fears. The message is as follows: "Kingston was overwhelmed by an earthquake Monday afternoon at 3:30. All the houses within a radius of several miles have been damaged and almost all the city is destroyed. Fire broke out after the earthquake and completed the destruction. It is estimated that 1000 persons have been killed and 1000 injured. The public offices and hospitals are in ruins. Among the killed are Sir James Ferguson, many prominent merchants and professional men and many natives. There are no fatalities at the Swettenham Springs Hotel. The business quarter of Kingston is now smoldering ashes. We are thankful that our party is all right."

The message from Sir Alfred is practically identical with other messages received from Kingston, including one from a correspondent of the Standard who is with the Jones party, with the exception that all the others give the death list as several hundred, while a dispatch from Sir Alfred received by the direct West Indian Cable Company says the loss of life was "heavy," and adds that Port Antonio was not badly damaged. At the present time, therefore, it is quite impossible to form a reliable idea of the number of lives lost, from the information available. King Edward, through the Earl of Elgin, Secretary of State for the Colonies, telegraphed to Sir Swettenham, Governor of Jamaica, as follows: "I am commanded by the King to request you to express to the inhabitants of Kingston the sympathy of His Majesty and the Queen which has been manifested by the Government of the United Kingdom in connection with the terrible catastrophe which has befallen the town, with the loss of so many lives, and the deep sympathy of their Majesties with the sufferers and the relations of the United Kingdom to the Government of Jamaica." The Earl of Elgin and Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman also have telegraphed to the Governor of Jamaica assurances of the Government's sympathy. At a meeting of Jamaican proprietors held in London tonight, at which Sir Neville Lubbock, chairman of the West Indian committee, presided, resolutions of sympathy were adopted. It transpires that the Earl of Elgin, during the performance of "The Bondman," Hall Caine came before the curtain and announced the safety of Sir Alfred Jones' party. He said also that the Lord Mayor of London, Sir W. Trevelyan, would probably open a relief fund tomorrow, and expressed the hope that the mimic representation of the desolation of an earthquake in "The Bondman" would open the purse strings of the audience. Personal messages were received here during the day announcing the safety of Lord and Lady Dudley, Lord Mountmorris, Henniker Heaton, M. P., and others. It is mentioned that the Hall Caine mentioned as being among the party en route to Kingston is William Hall Caine, brother of the novelist. The West Indian and Panama Cable Company's office at Bull Bay cable station states that between Bull Bay and Kingston there is not a sign of life. Ruin and desolation are everywhere. John Armstrong, an official of one of the largest establishments in Jamaica, informed the Associated Press today that the latest advices he had received foreshadowed the disaster owing to the unusual meteorological

earthquake at Kingston, Jamaica, was coincident with increased activity of Mt. Etna and slight earthquakes in the Midionian mountains. Professor Ricke, director of the Mt. Etna observatory, says that the fire openings inside the crater, which were discovered in 1893, have increased in size or that eruptions are occurring inside the volcano. From the outside nothing but smoke can be seen. The volcano is throwing out ashes and subterranean detonations are heard. The present phenomena are similar to those of 1893, when one of the most severe eruptions occurred.

Cable Is Received by Fruit Company

BOSTON, Jan. 16.—The United Fruit Company in this city received a cablegram from Jamaica today, dated Holland Bay, January 15, stating that several hundred persons had been killed in Kingston. The message follows: "Mercantile section of Kingston, including our office, completely destroyed by earthquake and fire. Several hundred killed. Myrtle Bank and Constantine Springs Hotel practically destroyed." The steamer Dewey will sail from this city for Jamaica today with a miscellaneous cargo of freight.

WARSHIP SUBDUES EMIGRANTS

FORT DE FRANCE, Island of Martinique, Jan. 15.—The French cruiser D'Estrees left Fort de France yesterday afternoon for Trinidad, conveying the French line steamer Canada, which had been detained here by a mutinous outbreak among the emigrants on board that vessel.

Kingston Temblor Lighter Than Here

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The Weather Bureau today issued the following bulletin: "The earthquake recorded at the Weather Bureau on Monday afternoon is undoubtedly a record of an earthquake that is reported to have destroyed Kingston, Jamaica. Judging from the magnitude of the motion recorded at Washington, we regard the present disturbance as of relatively slight intensity as compared with other great earthquakes, as for example those at San Francisco, Valparaiso and the great earthquake reported in the Indian Ocean October 1. The amplitude of the motion at Washington in the present case was distinctly less than in each of the other great earthquakes, and we may therefore conclude that the violence of the motion at Kingston was also less."

Famine Threatens Kingston People

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Jan. 15.—Kingston harbor as the result of the earthquake, is closed to shipping, but Bowden is open. There is need of quantities of provisions. Famine and pestilence are threatening and there is misery everywhere. Bowden is a small port on the south coast of Jamaica, thirty miles south of Kingston. The United Fruit Company's Boston steamers clear from Bowden. There is no communication by rail between Bowden and Kingston.

American Consul Tells of Disaster

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The following cablegram was received at the State Department this afternoon: "JAMAICA, Jan. 16, 3:31 p. m.—Secretary of State, Washington: Fearful earthquake, followed by fire. Kingston destroyed. Hundreds of lives lost. Food badly wanted. Consulate probably destroyed. Fireproof safe." "AMERICAN CONSULATE." The last sentence of the dispatch is supposed to have referred to the consulate papers.

Katherine Tingley Sends First Help

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 16.—Immediately after the first news reached this city that Kingston had been destroyed, Katherine Tingley, head of the Theosophical Brotherhood at Point Loma, telegraphed her representatives at Santiago, Cuba, to start a steamer for Kingston, carrying to the stricken city food and assistance. Mrs. Tingley has received word that the steamer will sail today. It will therefore be the first relief to reach Kingston.

Mt. Etna Showing Alarming Activity

CATANIA, Sicily, Jan. 16.—The

Metcalf Sends Supplies to Jamaica at Once

Two Shiploads Are on Way to Sufferers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The appeal for food supplies for the Kingston earthquake sufferers directed attention to the fact that under ordinary conditions none of the Government supplies could be used for outside relief save by special authority of Congress. That fact, however, did not prevent Secretary Metcalf from ordering two supply ships, with full cargoes of food, to Jamaica at once, leaving for tomorrow the question as to how supplies are to be legally given to the needy inhabitants. The War Department up to the close of business had not acted upon the application for food, but it is assumed that in anticipation of the passage of the necessary legislation by Congress it will at least take care to get supplies ready for the distributing agencies. There are stores of food at San Juan, Porto Rico, and at Havana that might be used for emergencies, leaving the department to draw later upon the large stocks at New York.

Secretary Metcalf wired Admiral Evans at Guantanamo today to send one or more ships to Jamaica, as he may deem desirable. Captain Beeler, at Key West, has informed the Navy Department that he has received a wireless dispatch from Guantanamo stating that Admiral Evans, commanding the Atlantic fleet, has sailed from that place on the torpedo boat destroyer Whipple for Kingston to ascertain conditions and extend such aid as may be necessary. A later dispatch says that the battleships Missouri and Indiana have followed Admiral Evans.

The supply ships Celtic and Glacier, attached to the Atlantic fleet, and fully provisioned, have been ordered to proceed to Kingston, where their cargoes of food will be distributed among the needy.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Plans looking to the relief of the Jamaica earthquake sufferers were formulated at a meeting tonight of a number of representatives of steamship lines and commercial firms. A committee was named to attend to the collection of funds and the purchasing of supplies. The steamer Allegheny of the Hamburg-American line will sail for Colon Friday next and stop at Kingston. The Prinz Joachim of the same line will sail for Kingston Saturday. The royal mail steamer Atrato will sail for the same port Monday. All three will carry as many supplies as the committee can secure.

White Star Laundry Company Has resumed business. Tel. Market 2047. ANOTHER BIG RESERVE—Washington, Jan. 16.—The President signed a proclamation today establishing the Carbon forest reserve in Idaho and Wyoming, containing approximately 600,000 acres, mainly in Idaho.

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Brief Local News

HIGHBINDER SUSPECT ARRESTED—A Chinese named Ho Hien was arrested Tuesday for carrying a concealed weapon. On being arraigned yesterday he was unable to give a satisfactory account of his whereabouts during the past few days and as he holds from Oakland Judge Shortall, feeling that he might be connected with the recent shooting in the Oakland Chinatown, turned him over to the authorities of that city.

SENTENCED TO COUNTY JAIL

Redmond, a youth who trod the primrose path at the expense of a restaurant keeper on whom he passed a worthless check for \$27.50 last week, was sentenced yesterday to ninety days in the county jail. Only because of his youth and the fact that it was his first offense did he escape having to face a charge of felony embezzlement. He got off with the charge of obtaining money by false pretense.

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