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A Second Pompeii at St. Pierre, Island of Martinique.

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San Juan, P. R., May 8.—The cable officials here have received advices from the island of Dominica that a schooner which has arrived there from the island of Martinique reports that over 40,000 people are supposed to have perished during the volcanic disturbance in Martinique.

Washington, May 10.—The following cablegram, has been received at the state department: "Pointe a Pitre, May 9, 1902.—Secretary of State, Washington: At 7 o'clock a. m. on the 8th instant a storm of steam, mud and fire enveloped the city and community. Not more than 20 persons escaped with their lives. Eighteen vessels were burned and sunk with all on board, including four American vessels and a steamer from Quebec named Roraima. The United States consul and family are reported among the victims. A war vessel has come to Guadeloupe for provisions and will leave at 5 to-morrow. (Signed) Ayme, Consul."

Paris, May 10.—The Colonial minister, M. DeCraus, received at 6 o'clock Friday evening two cable messages from the secretary general of the government of Martinique J. E. G. L. Hurre, sent respectively at 5 p. m. and 10:30 p. m. Thursday. The earlier cable reported that the wires were broken between Port De France and St. Pierre, but it was added in view of reports that the eruption of Mont Pelee had wiped out the town of St. Pierre. All the boats available at Port De France were dispatched to the assistance of the inhabitants of that place.

St. Thomas, D. W. I., May 12.—Advices received here from the island of Dominica Sunday say that boats arriving there report that many persons were drowned while crossing to Dominica from the island of Martinique, where some of the out parishes have been inundated. The eruption of Mont Pelee (Martinique) continues. The lava is progressing northward. The whole northern region is now a rocky waste, denuded of vegetation.

Reports from the inland of St. Vincent say that up to the afternoon of Friday last over 200 deaths had occurred there owing to the volcanic outbreak in that island. Definite news, however, is lacking. Many estates were destroyed and steam and ashes were belched forth from 7 in the morning until 9:30 o'clock at night. The eruption is now invisible at Kingston. Huge dust clouds were blown eastward. Great distress prevails at St. Vincent, where there are many injured persons. It is believed that about 400 persons have lost their lives at St. Vincent. The majority of the corpses are still unburied.

The British mail steamer Solent has gone from Barbadoes to Martinique with supplies and doctors. From the island of Trinidad, the British Royal mail steamer Kennel has gone to Port De France. The British second-class cruiser Indefatigable is on her way from Trinidad to St. Vincent with stores and relief for the sufferers there. It is reported that Port De France (Martinique) is threatened. Great tension prevails everywhere throughout the West Indies.

Port De France, Island of Martinique, May 12.—Advices received here Sunday from the vicinity of St. Pierre (ten miles from here), contain further details of the terrible volcanic upheaval which resulted in the utter destruction of that town and the death of nearly all its inhabitants. The crater of Mont Pelee has been wearing its "smoke cap" since May 3; but there was nothing until last Monday to indicate that there was the slightest danger. On that day a stream of boiling lava burst through the top of the crater and plunged into the valley of the river Blanche, overwhelming the Guerin sugar works and killing 23 work people and the son of the proprietor.

A commission was appointed by the governor to investigate the outbreak and it returned a reassuring report on Wednesday evening. But about 8 o'clock on Thursday morning a shower of fire rushed down on St. Pierre, and the coast from Le Carbet, which had a population of 6,000, to Le Precheur, which had a population of 4,000, burning up everything in its path. Throughout Thursday the heat in the vicinity of St. Pierre was so intense and the stream of flowing lava was so unremitting that it was impossible to approach the town during the early part of the day. As evening approached the French cruiser Suchet, after a heroic battle with the heat, suffocation and sulphur fumes, succeeded in making a dash toward the shore, nearing the land close enough to enable her to take off 30 survivors of the disaster, all of whom were horribly burned and mutilated.

St. Pierre at that time was an absolute smoking waste, concealing 30,000 corpses, whose rapid decomposition necessitated, in some cases, instantly completing their cremation, which was only partially accomplished by the lava. The inhabitants of Port De France

were panic-stricken the morning of the disaster when the sky suddenly blackened until it was as dark as midnight. The sea shrank back 30 yards and hot rain began to fall, while gravel the size of walnuts poured down on the town. This lasted about 15 minutes. The 450 survivors who were brought here Saturday from the vicinity of St. Pierre by the French cable repair ship Bouyer Guertier came from the town of Le Precheur where, surrounded on all sides by flowing lava, they were nearly roasted to death and expected momentarily to be engulfed.

The work of relief is progressing here on the most extensive scale possible, but, in anticipation of disturbances, the treasury building and the warehouses are guarded by troops.

The latest reports received here showed that lava continues to pour down the slopes of the mountain, slowly engulfing the whole north side of the island, while fresh crevasses are continually opening.

Paris, May 12.—A dispatch received at the colonial office here Sunday from Fort De France says there is no doubt that Gov. Mouttet and the commander of the troops at St. Pierre, Col. Jain, are dead. Other dispatches confirm the reports that the American and British consuls and their families perished.

ANOTHER DISASTER.

An Eruption Causes Heavy Loss of Life on St. Vincent.

Kingston, Island of St. Vincent, B. W. I., Saturday, May 10.—After numerous earthquakes, during the preceding fortnight, accompanied by subterranean noises in the direction of the Soufriere volcano on the north-west part of the island, a loud explosion from the crater occurred Monday last, and the water in the crater lake ascended in a stupendous cloud of steam and exploded heavily.

The noises grew louder continually until Wednesday morning, when the old crater, three miles in circumference, and the new crater, formed by the last eruption, belched smoke and stones, forcing the residents of Wallibou and Richmond valley, beneath the volcano, to flee to Chateau Belair for refuge.

The thunderous noises which were continually increasing were heard in neighboring islands 200 miles away.

At midday the craters ejected enormous columns of steamy vapor, rising majestically eight miles high and expanding into wonderful shapes, resembling enormous cauliflower, gigantic wheels and beautiful flower forms, all streaked up and down and crosswise, with vivid flashes of lightning, awing the beholder and impressing the mind with fear. The mountain labored to rid itself of a mass of molten lava, which later flowed over in six streams, down the side of the volcano, and the greater noises following united in one continuous roar all evening, through the night to Thursday morning, accompanied with black rain, falling dust and favilla scorial, attended with midnight darkness all Wednesday, creating feelings of fear and anxious suspense.

On the morning of Friday there was a fresh eruption and ejections of fiery matter, more dust covering the island, in some places two feet deep. The crater is still active as this dispatch is sent, and great loss of life is believed to have occurred. The lava has destroyed several districts, with their live stock. People are fleeing to this town, streams are dried up and in many places a food and water famine is threatened. The government is feeding numbers of sufferers from the outbreak. Great physical changes have taken place in the neighborhood of the Soufriere.

Several districts have not yet been heard from, and the scene of the eruption is unapproachable. Every hour brings sadder news. The nurses and doctors are overworked. Among the deaths are whole families whose corpses are, in several places, still lying unburied. The dead will be interred in trenches.

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CUBAN FLAG HOISTED.

President-Elect Palma Arrives in Havana.

He Was Enthusiastically Received by the Populace—Will Be the Guest of Gen. Gomez Until Inauguration Day.

Havana, May 12.—Sunday morning a large Cuban flag was hoisted over Moro Castle here.

This was the signal that the steamer Julia, with President-elect Estrada Palma and his party on board, had been sighted, and cheers went up from the thousands who on the shore opposite Moro Castle had patiently awaited the Julia's arrival since daybreak. The crowd cheered for the new president and for the flag, which was hoisted over the famous fortress for the first time. It was a moment of exultation for the Cubans, and the fact that the stars and stripes floated from its customary flagstaff beside the Cuban flag over the castle did not lessen their enthusiasm.

As the flag rose the bands stationed along the water front played the Cuban national hymn, steamers saluted and church bells were rung.

There was continuous saluting as the Julia sailed between the rows of decorated tugs and barges and there were cheers from the crowded wharves. The several warships in the harbor were also decorated.

When he arrived at the wharf the president-elect was welcomed by Vice President Esteve in a brief speech. A pretty feature of the reception here was Senor Estrada Palma's welcome by 23 young Cuban women dressed in costumes representing the American republics. Senora Durlo, who represented Cuba, delivered an address and read a poem.

From the wharf the president-elect was escorted to the palace by members of the rural guard. Gov. Gen. Wood, his staff and the secretaries received Senor Palma at the palace. From here the president-elect proceeded to the municipal council building, where speeches were made by the mayor of Havana and Senor Zayas. The latter welcomed Senor Estrada Palma in behalf of the people of all classes and all political beliefs.

Replying, Senor Estrada Palma said that his reception was a gratifying experience, and, judging from what he had seen since his arrival in Cuba, the people were unanimous in support of the incoming government. This, he said, boded well for the republic.

Gen. Wood accompanied Senor Estrada Palma to the residence of Gen. Maximo Gomez, where the president-elect will reside until his inauguration, May 20.

AIRSHIP EXPLODED.

Senhor Auguste Severo and a Companion Were Killed.

Paris, May 12.—The airship belonging to Senhor Auguste Severo, the Brazilian aeronaut, made an ascension Monday morning. The airship exploded and two aeronauts who were on board were killed.

Senhor Severo's airship, called La Paix, had made two ascensions at the Vaugrassa Aerostatic park since May 4. Upon both occasions La Paix was held by a rope at the height of 40 metres. In this position the airship maneuvered for a short time successfully.

La Paix was not unlike Santos-Dumont's airships in appearance, but it differed from them in many details. The gas capacity of La Paix was nearly four times greater than that of Santos-Dumont's balloon. It had three main propellers and two smaller ones used for steering and in ascending and descending. The two petroleum motors of La Paix were of 24 and 16 horse power respectively.

Mrs. Soffel Gets Two Years.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 12.—Mrs. Catherine Soffel, who pleaded guilty to releasing Edward and John Biddle, burglars and murderers, was sentenced to two years in the western penitentiary.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 12.—Walter Dorman, of the Biddle gang, who turned state's evidence and entered a plea of guilty to the murder of Kabney, was sentenced to death. It is understood that the pardon board will commute his sentence to life imprisonment.

Prince Henry's Castle.

Berlin, May 12.—Adm. Prince Henry of Prussia has inherited the castle of Rheinstein, at Bingen on the Rhine, from Prince George of Hohenzollern, a cousin of Emperor William, who died May 4.

Much Damage to Fruit Trees. Hoosic Falls, N. Y., May 12.—The cold weather of the past three days having continued in Eastern New York and Western Massachusetts with accompanying frost, much damage has been done to fruit trees.

Troops From Cuba Arrive.

New York, May 12.—The Munson line steamer Olinda, which arrived Saturday afternoon from Cuban ports, brought as passengers 199 enlisted men of the 10th cavalry, U. S. A., who have been stationed at Holguin, Cuba, for nearly three years.

Steamer Tago Sails.

New Orleans, May 12.—The steamer Tago Sunday night finished loading between \$4,000 and \$5,000 worth of provisions and supplies, and Adm. Sorvan sailed for Martinique with her Monday at daybreak.

KILLED A FELLOW WORKMAN.

A Chef Horribly Butchered By a Fireman in a Hotel.

Bridgeport, Ct., May 12.—Lawrence Bressano, a fireman in the Atlantic hotel, crept into the meat room Sunday morning and split the skull of Michael Tornish, the chef, with a meat cleaver. He then took a large butcher knife and slashed the body, cutting off the nose and ears, gouging out the eyes and cutting strip after strip of flesh off the face of the victim. When the upper part of the body was unrecognizable Bressano jumped on it and danced from the head to the feet until the arrival of the police, who were attracted by the frenzied yells of the murderer. Bressano then turned his attention to his would-be capturers, and was not subdued until one policeman broke a club over his head, and another knocked him senseless to the ground with the brass buckle of a belt.

Bressano at police headquarters acknowledged the murder, and said he felt better for having committed it. It is believed that trouble over a woman led him to kill his fellow workman. He will be given a preliminary trial Monday.

RIOT AT A CIRCUS.

Troops Were Called Out to Quell the Disorder.

Beziers, France, May 12.—Barnum & Bailey's circus was the cause of a serious riot here Sunday afternoon. The crowd seeking admission to the performance was greater than the tent could accommodate, and those who were unable to enter began stoning the circus employes, five of whom were injured. One had his skull fractured and will probably die. The crowd numbered about 7,000. Several thousand persons forced their way to the arena. The police were powerless to check them. Troops were called out and restored order, finally driving the rioters away. The performance was concluded, but at its termination the tents were taken down and arrangements were made to start immediately for Carcassonne, the next place on the route.

AFTER A LINGERING ILLNESS.

Lieut. Gov. Jesse Stone Died of Cancer of the Stomach.

Watertown, Wis., May 12.—Jesse Stone, lieutenant governor of Wisconsin, died at 8:15 o'clock Sunday night after a lingering illness from cancer of the stomach. Mr. Stone spent some time in the south in the hope of getting relief, but without avail. On his return north he underwent an operation in a Chicago hospital, where the real cause of his ailment was ascertained. After the operation he was removed to his home in Watertown and death had been expected for several days.

THE DREAD DISEASE.

Another Case of Cholera on Board An Army Transport.

Manila, May 12.—Another case of cholera has occurred on board the United States army transport Warren. The ship and her passengers will be detained in quarantine for an additional five days. The Warren has already been quarantined for cholera for over ten days. There have been 913 cases and 736 deaths from cholera in Manila, while the provinces report 2,170 cases and 1,970 deaths from the disease.

Clara Taylor in Jail.

Washington, May 12.—United States Ambassador Von Meyer, at Rome, cabled the state department Sunday to the effect that Consul Pearson has informed him of the arrest of Clara Taylor, the woman charged with the abduction of her niece, Margaret Taylor, and of her lodgment in jail at San Remo.

Will Be Arbitrated.

Detroit, Mich., May 12.—After a session which lasted from midnight until 4 o'clock Sunday morning, the street railway employes of this city resolved to submit the dispute with the Detroit United railway over their demand for a raise in wages from 21 cents per hour to 25 cents per hour, to arbitration.

Queen Wilhelmina Recovering.

The Hague, May 12.—The bulletins issued at Castle Loo concerning the condition of Queen Wilhelmina have been reduced to one a day, and it is expected that they will soon cease altogether. The marked improvement in her majesty's condition continues and the constant attendance of her physicians is no longer necessary.

Lieut. Avery's Body Found.

Detroit, Mich., May 12.—The body of First Lieut. Howard S. Avery, of the 14th United States infantry, who was drowned in the Detroit river by the capsizing of a sailboat on April 3, was found Sunday. It will be shipped to Lieut. Avery's relatives in San Francisco Monday.

Dead at the Age of 111 Years.

St. John, N. B., May 12.—Word was received of the death at St. Martins, N. B., on Friday night, of James Ross, who was 111 years old. On the occasion of his 110th birthday the municipal council of St. John county presented him with an easy chair.

Death of Mrs. Penelope Allen.

St. Louis, May 12.—Mrs. Penelope Allen, widow of the late Beverly Allen, at one time a prominent St. Louis attorney, and sister of Maj. Gen. John Pope, is dead of heart disease at her home, aged 87 years.

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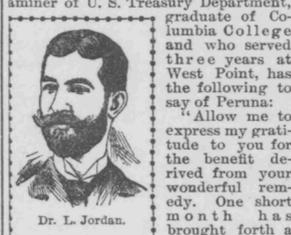


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