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United States Consul Ayme Calls Halt in Gifts to Martinique Sufferers.

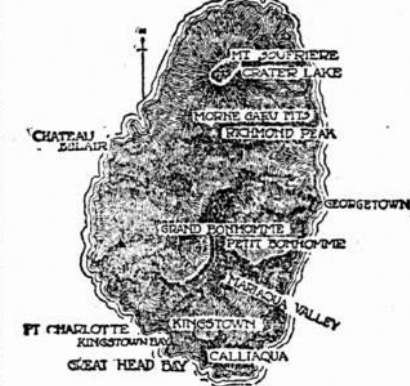
MONT PEELE AGAIN BREAKS FORTH.

People in Districts of Lorrain, Marigot, Sainte Marie and La Trinite Panic-Stricken—Dead in St. Vincent Number 1,700—Survivor of St. Pierre Says He Warned Prentiss.

Washington, May 19.—Secretary Hay has received a cablegram from United States Consul Ayme at Fort de France announcing that the relief supplies now afloat are quite sufficient for the Martinique sufferers and suggesting that while St. Vincent may be in need the public subscriptions in the United States should cease at once.

Relief Fund at New York City. New York, May 19.—Cornelius N. Bliss, national treasurer of the West Indies Relief Fund, said Saturday the total so far received was \$73,207.

Breaks Out Afloat. Fort de France, Island of Martinique, May 19.—Great flashes of very bright light were emitted from Mont Pelee between 10 and 11 o'clock Thursday night. They were visible from here. Thick, glowing red clouds, interspersed with flashes of light,



ISLAND OF ST. VINCENT. Showing Location of the Great Crater and Principal Towns Which are Threatened. are now issuing from the volcano. Showers of cinders, lasting for 20 minutes, accompanied the activity. The people in the districts of Lorrain, Marigot, Sainte Marie and La Trinite are panic-stricken.

Situation on Island of St. Vincent. Washington, May 19.—Late Friday afternoon the navy department received an unsigned cable, dated at St. Lucia Friday, and apparently from Lieut. McCormick, of the Potomac. It read as follows: "Island St. Vincent devastated north of line Georgetown east, Chateau Belair west. Sufferers country people. Dead, 1,700; destitute, 5,000. Immediate relief supplied by local government. Desolation will continue several months."

Inhabitants Calming Down. Washington, May 19.—Secretary Moody Saturday received the following cablegram from Commander T. S. McLean, of the Cincinnati: "St. Lucia, May 17.—Excitement Martinique calming down. Many refugees, not destitute or starving, but frightened by appalling disaster at St. Pierre and Guadeloupe. Less serious damages in more northern portion of island, were leaving estates and sections which had not suffered. Many cases of pillaging in those districts. Government taking action to stop it. In some northern districts many cattle may die because volcanic dust over vegetation. A few good rains would cure much of this condition. To-day visited and explored ruins United States and British consulates at St. Pierre. Found some portions charred remains. Potomac has returned to De France. Reports disaster St. Vincent very serious. I believe volcanic conditions are worse and in some respects conditions of living as bad or worse than Martinique."

Another Relief Steamer Sails. New York, May 19.—Laden with contributions for the relief of the inhabitants of Martinique, the Quebec line steamship Fontabelle sailed Saturday for Fort de France. Every cubic foot of freight space was occupied by the cargo of 21,000 barrels of goods, more than half of which are food-stuffs and medical supplies contributed by the associated relief committees, and the main deck was filled with sheep, baled hay, carboys of disinfectants and lumber.

Warned Consul Prentiss. New York, May 19.—Ferdinand Clerc, a millionaire, and mayor of Trinite, is one of the few persons who witnessed the eruption of Mont Pelee and lived to tell about it, says a dispatch to the World from St. Marie, Martinique. He says on the morning of May 8 he noticed the rumblings from the volcano which were louder than they had been up to that time. The barometer in his house fluttered violently and he at once notified his servants to harness mules to his carriage and prepare for flight. Clerc took his wife and four children with him and rushed from the city. He warned all his friends to hasten away also, but his advice was discredited.

He left behind him at the house 28 of his friends gathered at his call and whom he advised to get away as quickly as they could. As Clerc and his family were leaving St. Pierre, he saw Mr. Prentiss, the American consul, standing in front of his house with Mrs. Prentiss. Mr. Clerc called out to Prentiss and warned him to flee the city at once, but the consul only laughed and waved his hand as he answered: "Oh, there is no danger. Don't be afraid."

When Clerc reached Morne Rouge, distant from St. Pierre about six miles, he looked back and saw a huge mass of slate colored stones and ashes burst from Mont Pelee and tumble down on St. Pierre. This was

immediately followed by a great wall of flame which seemed to rise and topple over on the doomed town. The whole thing lasted not more than two minutes.

So shortly defined was the fall of flame that a bull caught on the edge of its tracks was roasted to a crisp on one side and not a hair of the animal was singed on the other.

A man named Lazzerte with a companion was entering St. Pierre in a small carriage drawn by a pair of mules. The mules were instantly killed and Lazzerte and his friend were severely burned, but the coachman, who was between the mules and the two men, was not burned or injured in the least.

PLEADS FOR AGED MINISTERS. Case Cited Before Presbyterians Where Minister Was Given Pauper Funeral in Wealthy Church.

New York, May 19.—The Presbyterian general assembly met Saturday in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church, with Vice Moderator Daniel R. Noyes presiding. A half-hour devotional service preceded the business session, which was opened by reading the minutes of Friday's meeting. The several standing committees were requested to go into session in the chapel and prepare their reports for hearings before the assembly next week.

Dr. Parry made a plea for the old Presbyterian clergymen, and mentioned many instances where superannuated clergymen had suffered cruel want. "Is this worthy of the wealthy Presbyterian church?" he asked. "I know of one instance not long ago where an old minister 70 years old died, and had to be given a pauper's funeral, in a church where there were over 70 millionaires. Shame on such a church."

The report of the committee on ministerial relief was accepted, and it was agreed that there should be a further discussion of it next week.

REINTERRED IN ARLINGTON. Henderson Absent from Saturday's Session of the House Owing to Attendance at Funeral.

Washington, May 19.—With imposing ceremonies the remains of Maj. Gen. William Starke Rosecrans Saturday were reinterred in Arlington cemetery, under the direction of the Society of the Army of the Cumberland. The services were presided over by Gen. David B. Henderson, speaker of the house of representatives. President Roosevelt, members of his cabinet, senators and representatives and a host of friends, including many of his old army associates, were present to pay their last tribute to the noted soldier.

Full military honors were accorded the remains, which were borne to the grave on a caisson. The exercises at the pavilion over the cortege moved slowly to the grave, where the commitment service was read by Dr. Stafford, closing with "Nearer, My God, to Thee," by the quartette. Taps was sounded, followed by a salvo of artillery, and the last sad rites over the distinguished soldier had been performed.

Million Dollar Fire. Chicago, May 19.—Surging up a wooden runway, sitting under the crossbeams of it, and standing beneath it to watch the destruction of the lard refinery of the Armour & Co. Friday evening 200 persons out of a crowd of 2,000, who stood on the top of the runway, were thrown 30 feet to the ground by the collapse of one section of the runway. Besides the list of injured, others were hurt at the fire. Those whose injuries were sufficient to demand hurried attention number 35. The loss to the building and contents is estimated at \$1,000,000.

Indictments Cause Sensation. Minneapolis, Minn., May 19.—The grand jury, which has been investigating the stories of bribery in the police department, threw another bomb into the police camp Saturday by the return of another bunch of indictments calling for the arrest of Superintendent Fred W. Ames, Detective Christopher Norbeck, Irving Gardner, son of License Inspector Gardner, and Detective James C. Howard, for whom three indictments had already been returned.

Details Regarding Statue. Berlin, May 19.—Emperor William's court marshal has telegraphed to the correspondent of the press here as follows: "The statue of Frederick the Great will be executed, by his majesty's command, by Prof. Uphues, after a bronze statue standing in the park grounds at Potsdam." Prof. Uphues is one of the foremost sculptors of Germany.

East Bound Flyer Wrecked. Williamsport, Pa., May 19.—The east-bound flyer on the Philadelphia & Erie division of the Pennsylvania railroad ran into the rear end of a freight train one mile west of Jersey Shore Saturday, injuring Conductor George Kinley, of the freight train. The passengers were uninjured.

To Meet Next at Indianapolis. St. Louis, May 19.—Before adjourning, the convention of the National Hardwood Lumber Men's association selected Indianapolis as the meeting place next year.

Delays Return to Albany. New York, May 19.—Gov. Odell, who is on a tour through the west, has delayed his return to Albany until June 7. He had been expected back on May 27.

Sawmill Burned. Marquette, Mich., May 19.—The sawmill of the South Arm Lumber company, at South Arm, Mich., near Charlevoix, was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$25,000.

MINNESOTA NEWS.

Wheat Acreage.

E. A. Burrage, secretary of the Southern Minnesota and South Dakota Grain Dealers' association, has compiled an estimate of the wheat acreage of the state for this year, as compared with last year, based on reports from members of the association. Reports received from a major portion of the territory covered by the association indicate a material falling off in the acreage planted to wheat and an increase in the coarse grain acreage.

Of thirty-five counties in Minnesota covered by the report, four—Fillmore, Waseca, Olmstead and Swift—report the same acreage planted to wheat as last year, and but slight change in the coarse grain acreage. Jackson and Pipestone counties are estimated to have about half the wheat acreage of last year. In no instance was there an estimate of a smaller coarse grain acreage, while Big Stone county is estimated to have a corn acreage twice as large as last year.

The average decrease in wheat acreage of the thirty-five counties reporting is estimated at 19.9 per cent, as compared with last year, while the acreage of oats is estimated to have increased 8 per cent and corn 11.4 per cent.

Climate and Crop Bulletin.

The very wet conditions of previous weeks continue in the Red River valley, so that very little or no seeding has been possible. In other parts of the state field work has been partly or entirely suspended because of the wet condition of the soil. In the south-west considerable corn has been planted, but elsewhere, except in small areas, warmer weather is being waited for before planting. Flax seed and potato planting are generally well advanced, and the earliest are coming up. It is said that the soil is in splendid condition for sowing flax on newly turned sod. There seem to be poor stands in a few fields in the south where broadcasted wheat and oats were blown out or buried by the wind storms of April, but generally all the small grains are in fine and healthy condition, the abundant moisture and cool weather being very favorable for these grains. Stooling is going on satisfactorily in the early sown fields. Pastures are growing nicely, notwithstanding the cool weather. Clover and timothy promise well. The plum blossoms are nearly over, and apple and cherry trees are ready to burst into bloom.

Medals Received.

Minnesota's winnings at the Buffalo exposition have been received by Governor Van Sant. There are five gold medals, three silver and one bronze. The gold medals were received on the following exhibits. Educational exhibit in the Minnesota building; butter model of the state capital; display of fruit representing Fort Snelling; collective display of agricultural resources and exhibit of sugar beets.

The silver medals were received for the exhibit of mineral resources; the collective exhibit of iron ores illustrative of the iron resources of the state, and the display of butter. The bronze medal was for the grain and grass figure exhibited in the agricultural booth.

Indicted.

Detectives James C. Howard and John E. Morrissey are the first members of the Minneapolis police department to be called to the bar of justice by the grand jury. They were arraigned before Judge Simpson on three indictments each, charging them with asking for a bribe, agreeing to receive a bribe and finally receiving a bribe. Although the charges grow out of the same transaction, the men have been indicted separately and will be tried separately.

Both men pleaded not guilty after the indictments had been read.

Double Murder.

Julius W. Voight, a traveling man, shot and killed Miss Ruth Welch, of Verdala, and then blew out his own brains at the Parker hotel, Minneapolis. Unrequited affection is believed to have been the cause of the double tragedy. The young woman's death was not instantaneous. She expired in the patrol wagon that was conveying her to the hospital. Her murderer, who turned the gun upon himself immediately after shooting the woman, fired a bullet into his mouth and fell to the floor dead.

News Notes.

C. W. Hayden was run over by a passenger train and one foot cut off at Elk River.

Redwood Falls is to have a system of free baths in connection with the artificial lake.

Myrtle Lynch, aged 7 years, was nearly killed by the street cars in Minneapolis.

W. A. Fahey, a switchman at Two Harbors was run over by a train and died within an hour.

A PUBLIC BLESSING.

Playgrounds For Children Will Make Better Citizens.

The progressive city of Newark, in New Jersey, recently inaugurated a system of playgrounds for the unfortunate street gamins, whom poverty denies the wholesome pleasure of a country outing, that may well be imitated by other cities.

A privately officered educational association conceived the beneficent scheme, says the New York News, but the city authorities have done all in their power to contribute to its successful operation.

In all there are eleven recreation places. Ten of these are in the yards of as many public schools, six of them open all day and four others in the afternoon. They have been fitted with bins and the bins filled with sand, and to the little ones who are to play in and play with the sand, with its accompanying shovel and pail, will bring imaginary whiffs of the cooling sea air in the heated season. It was tried in the summer with the idea of keeping the juveniles out of the streets. The experiment proved an unqualified success and a blessing to the little ones, whose parents or guardians are not endowed with a fair supply of this world's goods.

There is no denying the fact that the benevolence that prompted these breathing spots for the poor children of the city of Newark is of the serviceable kind. Better citizenship into which the favored little ones will grow will be the result.

If all great cities had these playgrounds, the children would not throng the streets, where they grow wild and hear things and see sights which cannot fail to have a bad effect upon their morals.

Anything that keeps these waifs out of mischief and contaminating influence is to be commended.

OVERHEAD WIRES.

Not Only Dangerous, but Destroy Beauty of a Street.

Among the city nuisances with which the coming years will have to deal energetically is the cumbering of the streets with overhead wires, says the Springfield (Mass.) Daily Republican. A network of wire is not only ugly in itself, but it destroys the beauty of a street. No one who has seen a busy thoroughfare cleared of all this wire rigging overhead can fail to have noted the great relief to the eye, the effect of trimness and largeness given by the removal of all this cumbersome apparatus, which is as out of place in a public thoroughfare as a clothesline in a parlor.

The transfer cannot be made all at once, and it is already going on slowly. It is to be seen to with vigilance that there be no needless delay in effecting a change which is imperative on both utilitarian and aesthetic grounds. Here the representatives of the people will from time to time have an opportunity to do good work, not in an unreasonable spirit, but with steady firmness.

The ideal, not to be reached at once, but some time, is the common great conduit underground, built and owned by the city, and giving room for all wires. The mechanical difficulties are considerable, but not insurmountable. Cambridge intends to try the experiment, and when there are sufficient data Springfield will doubtless be prompt to adopt a system bringing so substantial relief.

Light in the Schoolroom.

Too much attention cannot be paid to the question of light in the schoolroom, says Youth's Companion. Many children are made premature wrecks from unrecognized eye strain, and school visitors may often see small, helpless children sitting blinking in the sunlight which streams through a large window in front of them, making frowning efforts through the glare to read from a blackboard and using up in a few hours the nerve force of a week. Light should be abundant and should come from the left side, so that no shadow is thrown on slate or book, as is the case when the light comes from behind or from the right.

Inquisitive Penguins.

We often met companies of six or eight or more penguins promenading on the arctic ice pack in the sunshine. When they saw us, they generally exhibited curiosity and approached to get a nearer view. I do not know if these birds have the instinct of the naturalist and take a lively interest, doubtless philosophic from their point of view, in everything new which presents itself or if the object of their investigations is entirely practical, but they certainly came near us with a distinct purpose of making examination. But if we had the misfortune to excite much curiosity they became aggressive. One would first come close to us and reconnoiter, and then, on his order, the others would advance with a menacing air, and the battle began, a battle in which we sometimes had trouble to demonstrate effectively our superior strength—Geographical Magazine.

The Black Maria.

The following is given as the origin of the term "Black Maria." When New England was filled with emigrants from the mother country, a negro named Maria Lee kept a sailors' boarding house in Boston. She was a woman of great strength and helped the authorities to keep the peace. Frequently the police invoked her aid, and the saying, "Send for Black Maria," came to mean, "Take him to jail." British seamen were often taken to the lockup by this amazon, and the stories they spread of her achievements led to the name of Black Maria being given to the English prison van.

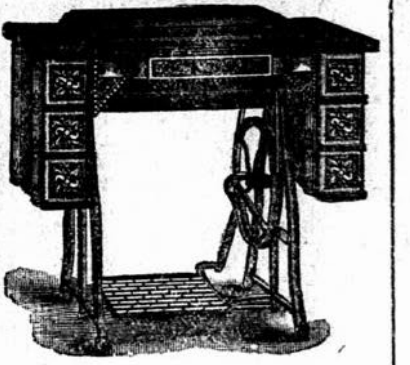
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