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The business section of the city has been wiped out, and the estimated damage ranges from \$10,000,000 to \$25,000,000. Among the dead and injured are a number of prominent English persons, and almost every dispatch adds a new name to this list.

A new horror is added to the situation by reports that the city seems to be slowly sinking into the sea. The contour of the bottom of the harbor has materially changed, and two lighthouses at the harbor entrance are said to have disappeared.

The fearsome extent of the epidemic that has visited the capital of Jamaica has not yet been recorded to the outside world, and it is doubtful if even the people of Kingston themselves are yet aware of the full extent of the disaster that has belimed them last Monday afternoon.

REPORTED DEAD AND MISSING.

- Many Prominent Persons Included Among Victims, According to List Gathered From Various Sources. The following is a list gathered from various sources of the more important persons reported killed, injured and missing in the Kingston disaster.

- SIR JAMES FERGUSON, M. P., deputy chairman of the Royal Mail Steam-Parcel Company of London. CAPTAIN CONSTANTINE, superintendent of the Royal Mail Steam-Parcel Company. CAPTAIN YOUNG, commander of the Royal Mail Steam-Parcel Company's fleet. CAPTAIN LAMONT, who was soon to be appointed an American girl.

HOUSE PASSES EMERGENCY BILL

President Authorized to Distribute Necessary Provisions to Jamaica Earthquake Sufferers—Devastation Even Greater Than Reported—Secretary Probably Take Up the Re-Heard Bill Today.

Washington, Jan. 17.—An emergency bill for the relief of the sufferers on the island of Jamaica was passed by the House today. The bill is as follows: That the President of the United States be and he is hereby authorized to distribute among the sufferers and destitute people of the island of Jamaica such provision, clothing, medicines and other necessary articles belonging to the Government, and other stores of the naval establishments as may be necessary for the purpose of securing the people who are in peril and threatened with starvation on the said island in consequence of the recent earthquake and attending conflagration.

ROOT AGAIN LOOMING UP

Secretary of State's Pronouncement in Favor of Tariff, Together With Gathering Sentiment Favoring Maximum and Minimum Tariff, Makes Some People Think This Idea Will Be Made the Paramount Issue in the Next Election—Root's Friends Want Corporation Issue Kept in the Background—Mr. Tompkins Confers With Speaker Cannon About Park.

BY W. A. HILDEBRAND. Observer Bureau. 1111 N. Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., Jan. 17. From a Republican source the statement is made to-night that prominent callers at the White House during the day had made the mighty important suggestion that it begins to look as if the administration is leaning toward the maximum and minimum tariff issue in the next election.

As the radical wave appears to recede, the Root talk comes to the front again. By the President's renewed phrase last night the tariff has been given by his Secretary of State. "As I see it," declared a Representative today, "Root is again looming up for presidential nomination and back of him I see the fine hand of a master in politics. If the issue next year can be turned from the tariff to the corporation issue, the tariff will be put forward as paramount, Root will be a tremendous factor. I can't help but believe that the tariff issue will quietly force the tariff forward, the chief being to have the Republican national convention declare for the doctrine promulgated by Root and promise the people that the Dingley tariff will be revised immediately after the election shortly to come."

USUAL SEANCE WITH CANNON. The usual seance was held with the Speaker today regarding the forest reserve in the harbor of Kingston. The Speaker, who was accompanied by members of the convention for the extension of foreign commerce, Mr. Tompkins, of Rhode Island, was asked to accompany the visitors to the speaker's mind of the erroneous impression that the South is not greatly interested in this matter.

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BURNED AREA BEING CLEARED.

Governor of Jamaica Continues Report on Disaster—Fire at Kingston Burned Out—Bodies Buried—Up Date Dispatch Number 343—Cable Broken Three Miles Out. London, Jan. 17.—The Colonial Office has received a cablegram from Sir Alexander Swinburn, the Governor of Jamaica, in which he reports that the fire at Kingston has practically ceased; only coal and rubbish are now burning.

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THE CASE OF MILL MEN UP

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OCELL STOCKHOLDERS MEET

Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Odell Manufacturing Company Held in Company's Offices in Concord—All Shares Represented Either by Proxy or in Person or by Proxy—President Odell Makes Oral Report on Finances—Says Failure Was Caused by That of Odell Mills—Mr. Odell Plans Reorganization—Committee to Plan Reorganization.

Concord, Jan. 17.—The stockholders of the Odell Manufacturing Company met in annual session this afternoon in their offices at the mill's plant, the meeting having been called to order at 2 o'clock. Mr. George E. Wilson, of Charlotte, was called to the chair and presided, while Mr. J. A. Odell, of Greensboro, and Mr. James C. Fink, of this city, were secretaries. One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven shares of stock were represented by shareholders in person, and 1,627 shares were represented by proxy.

Among those present were: President J. M. Odell, Secretary and Treasurer W. R. Odell, J. A. Odell, of Greensboro; S. Wittkowsky, of Charlotte; Cesar Cone, of Greensboro; J. M. Miller, Jr., of Richmond, Va.; J. B. Collier, Geo. E. Wilson, F. L. Emery, J. F. Hurley, J. R. Mercer, L. F. Dorch, of Raleigh; B. W. Pressley, of Mooreville; B. Sherrill, J. L. Riddle, W. F. Smith, T. W. Smith, W. M. Curtis, V. H. Royden, J. W. Whitard, R. D. Johnson, E. C. Barnhart, R. F. Coble and J. S. Harris. PRESIDENT ODELL REPORTS.

Mr. J. M. Odell, the president, did not present his report in written form, but gave a verbal account of the situation, and spoke feelingly, expressing his regrets at the misfortunes of the company and also stating that one reason for the application for a receiver had been the fact that he and his son, Mr. W. R. Odell, were heavy endorsers for the Southern Mills at Bessemer, which failed last week. Mr. Odell's remarks were well received by the stockholders, and they agreed that all Republican Senators should vote against the Blackburn amendment upholding the President's authority in the discharge of the negro troops.

Assets: Real estate, \$20,000; building and tenements, \$260,211.66; mill machinery and additions for year, \$55,744.77; fire protection, \$231,225.50; live stock and equipment, \$500; accounts and receivable, \$73,963.27; inventory, raw material, finished product, \$4,400,000; \$288,572.44; inventory merchandise, \$12,703.62; total, \$1,365,823.47. Liabilities: Capital stock, \$597,500; reserve for depreciation, \$21,558.52; bills payable, \$465,458.29; accounts payable, \$53,872.89; advances on contract, \$100,000; commission Co., \$92,480.83; surplus and dividends January and July, 1906, \$114,257.07; total, \$1,365,823.47.

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FOR ANOTHER AMENDMENT

Notice of More in Compromise of Foraker Resolution, Disclaiming to Question or Deny President's Right to Discharge Enlisted Men Without Honor, Causes Legal Phase of President's Action Again to Be Highlighted in Brownsville Controversy—Foraker Opposes It and Consideration Goes Over to Monday—Talk of Caucus in Case Developments Warrant It.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The legal phase of President Roosevelt's discharge of the negro troops was again injected into the controversy in the Senate today by notice of an amendment to the Foraker compromise resolution, which Senator Blackburn said he would press.

The amendment offered expressly disclaimed "any intention to question or deny the legal right of the President to discharge without honor enlisted men of the army of the United States." Senator Foraker at once declared his opposition to the amendment, as he believed the power of the Executive, holding that the affair at Brownsville ought to be investigated simply as to the facts, and the question of power determined later if it should arise as the result of the inquiry. He defended his previous utterances, maintaining the same position in every respect. He replied to arguments which have been made since his first speeches, especially those of Senators Spooner and Knox. He defended the record furnished the Senate by the War Department in this particular, reviewed his previous utterances, maintaining the same position in every respect.

REPUBLICANS TO OPPOSE IT. After Senator Foraker concluded his speech a number of Republican Senators met in formal conference and made an effort to agree upon a programme with reference to that measure. So far as they could do so they agreed that all Republican Senators should vote against the Blackburn amendment upholding the President's authority in the discharge of the negro troops.

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COTTON MEN IN SESSION

The Several Welcoming Addresses Responded to by Head of Georgia Division of Southern Association, Who Asked If the Growers Were Ready for a Battle Against Street Gamblers and Speculators of Europe and Spinners of Our Own Country—President Jordan Directs Attention, in His Address to the Achievements of the Organization—He Enumerates the Benefits It Urges Continued Effort—Old Methods Revolutionized.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 17.—"Throg of the Wall street yoke," was the predominant sentiment among the speakers at the third annual convention of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association, which assembled here today. Ringing words favoring closer organization among cotton growers and standing up for what they think are their rights were cheered to the echo by the delegates.

The idea prevails that there has been a marked prosperity among cotton growers since the formation of the association two years ago, than ever before and the speakers, who urge further steps to protect their own industry and to reduce the prices of the South's great staple to be fixed in Wall street, were applauded.

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