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MOUNT PELEE AGAIN IN VIOLENT ERUPTION

Access to the Devasted City, However, is Less Difficult—Evidences of the Fierce Heat that Swept Through the City—Center of the Town Under Several Yards of Cinders—Sulfuriere Still in Eruption.

London, May 13.—A despatch from Fort de France, received here this evening, bearing no date, says that access to St. Pierre has been easier since the day before yesterday. No signs of fire are now visible. At the water front everything appears scattered as by a tornado. The iron gates of the customs house are standing. The iron beds that were used in the hospital are twisted by the great heat, but do not bear any other signs of fire. The bedclothes and other textiles have completely disappeared.

Two thousand corpses were found in the streets, most of the bodies lying face downward. The center of the town and the front are buried under several yards of cinders. In the neighborhood of the creek several houses were found intact but the dead bodies of the inmates looking as though they had been struck by lightning.

Today there was another violent eruption of Mount Pelee.

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Fort de France, dated the 12th, tells of a correspondent's arrival at the village of Precheur, a few miles north of St. Pierre. The correspondent found the village partly destroyed by fire. When the boat bearing the correspondent arrived the few surviving inhabitants begged to be taken off. They were informed help was coming and the boat proceeded off St. Pierre. It was observed that all that remained of St. Pierre were long rows of ruined wall plastered with volcanic mud. In many instances tens of scores of victims were seen in a single mass.

Another despatch from Fort de France says: Persons returning from St. Pierre report that looting of the dead has begun. The United States tug Potomac, ordered by the American government from Porto Rico to Martinique, cruised along the coast of Martinique yesterday. While on the way to Fort de France the Potomac picked up a small boat containing five negroes and a white man. They had their pockets stuffed with gold and jewels, which they had stolen from victims at St. Pierre. The commander of the Potomac put them under arrest and turned them over to the commander of the French cruiser Surcouf.

London, May 13.—A Fort de France despatch dated May 13 to news agency says that stories of the strange action of the fiery wave that swept down from Mount Pelee are beginning to come in from St. Pierre. The body of a woman was found burned to a crisp in the middle of a street, but a silk handkerchief tightly clasped over her mouth was in perfect condition, the fire not having injured it in the least. Bodies of girls completely incinerated were also discovered, in many instances with shoes untouched. Jewels of the value of a million francs have been recovered and brought to St. Pierre.

The Italian consul at Barbadoes has found the body of his daughter. The young woman was visiting St. Pierre at the time of the disaster.

New York, May 13.—James Taylor, who was one of the officers of "Roralma," the Quebec line steamship which was destroyed in the harbor of St. Pierre, gives a graphic story of the tragedy of last Thursday, says a dispatch to the Herald from St. Kitts, island of St. Christopher, B. W. I.

"We experienced the greatest difficulty in getting into port," said he. "Appalling sounds were issuing from the mountains behind the town, which was shrouded in darkness. All the passengers were up and some were trying to obtain photographs."

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"Suddenly I heard a tremendous explosion. Ashes began to fall thick upon the deck and I could see a black cloud sweeping down upon us. I dived below, and dragging with me Samuel Thomas, a gangway man and fellow countryman, sprang into the room, shutting the door to keep out the heat that was unbearable."

"The ship rocked and I expected every moment that it would sink. Outside I heard a voice pleading for the door to be opened. It was Scott, the first officer, and I opened the door and dragged him into the room."

"It soon became unbearable and I went on deck. All about was lying the dead and the dying. Little children moaning for water, I did what I could for them. I obtained water, but when it was held to their swollen lips they were unable to swallow, because of ashes which clogged their throats. One little chap took water in this method, rinsed out the ashes, but even then could not swallow, so badly was his throat burned. He sank back unconscious and a few minutes later was dead."

"All of the ship was afloat, and from the land came draughts of terrible heat. At last, when I could stand it no longer I sprang overboard, the water was hot enough to par-boll me, but a wave soon swept it from the ocean, bringing with it cool water. I was caught in the receding wave, which was of tidal velocity, and was carried out to sea. Then on the second return of the wave, I was washed against the upturned sloop to which I clung. Picking up some wreckage and a tool chest, I and five others who joined me, succeeded in forming a rude raft, on which we placed the captain. Seizing the upturning boat, I asked one of the five to swim out to it and bring it over so that Captain Muggah might have an opportunity to live. He succeeded in getting the boat, but instead of returning he picked up two of his countrymen and went away in the direction of Fort-de-France. Seeing the 'Roddam' which had arrived in port soon after we anchored, making for the 'Roraima,' I said good-bye to Captain Muggah and swam to the 'Roddam.' Before I could reach her she burst into flames and put out (Continued on 4th page.)

YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS

STEWART CHAMPIONS PHILIPPINES CIVIL GOVERNMENT BILL.

Resolution Appropriating \$500,000 for Martinique Sufferers Passed Early in Session.

THE NAVAL BILL ENGAGES THE HOUSE

VACANCY ON HOUSE NAVAL COMMITTEE CAUSED BY CUMMING'S DEATH, FILLED BY APPOINTING

LESSLER OF NEW YORK.

Washington, May 13.—Philippines civil government was the bill championed by Stewart in the senate today. Lodge at the conclusion of Stewart's remarks explained the coinage provision of the bill and defended it as the best possible means to meet existing monetary conditions in the archipelago. Stewart in his remarks declared the acquisition of the Philippines was the act of no political party but of the government itself and expressed the belief that the acquisition would redound to the benefit of the American people. The bill went over.

The conference report on the bill making an appropriation on diplomatic consular service and Cuba was agreed to. Early in the session a resolution appropriating half a million dollars for the relief of the Martinique sufferers was passed. The agricultural appropriation bill was also passed.

Washington, May 13.—The house today entered upon consideration of the naval appropriation bill and heard speeches of Foss & Rixey. It is likely the bill will be before the house for the rest of the week. The house rejected the conference report upon the omnibus claim bill and further conference was requested.

The vacancy on the naval committee caused by the death of Cummings was filled by the appointment of Lessler, (rep. N. Y.)

RATHBONE TRIAL IS TO BE REVIEWED

Washington, May 13.—The president has authorized General Wood to amend the law of criminal procedure of Cuba as to permit the Supreme court of the island to review the trial of Rathbone.

FOURTEEN DEAD, 300 INJURED, ACCORDING TO LATEST ACCOUNTS FROM SHERADAN

Officials of Pan-Handle Fear Possibility of Even a worse Explosion than those of Monday—Fire of Burning Debris May Reach a Great Natural Gas Main, Adding to Disaster—Wreckage Burns Stubbornly, Saturated With Oil.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 13.—Fourteen are dead and not less than 300 others injured as the result of the terrible catastrophe at Sheridan last evening. Of the 300 injured, the physicians say at least fifty will die.

At 9:30 o'clock this morning nine bodies were at the Pittsburg morgue and five at the Carnegie morgue. The last body was brought in at 5 o'clock this morning.

The officials of the Pan-Handle road fear a worse explosion than the three which wrought so much damage yesterday. A danger line has been established five hundred yards on all sides of the burning wreckage and the railroad police are keeping the curious crowds back. A few feet below the burning wreckage the big thirty-six inch main of the Philadelphia company, which comes from the gas fields in the southwestern portion of the state and which supplies the McKees Rocks and Allegheny district with natural gas, lies. It is feared that the

conclusion was so great yesterday that some of the joints or even pipes might have been damaged and if such is the case, the gas which is under great pressure will soon force its way through and another terrific explosion will follow. About twenty cars are piled up between the Sheridan station and Corks Run in the Sheridan yards. This is still a mass of flames. In this there are all kinds of merchandise. The firemen of Sheridan and an engine company from the west end are playing streams on the burning debris, but little headway is being gained owing to the fact that the wreckage is saturated with naphtha and kerosene and every now and then fresh volumes of flames shoot out from various portions of the smoldering ruins.

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GREAT EXCITEMENT IN PORT AU PRINCE

Firmen, Late Haytien Minister to Paris, Marching with Army Upon Port Au Prince—Ex-President Sails for France—Several Killed or Wounded in Fight with Mob.

Washington, May 13.—Official advice in regard to the political conditions in Hayti received from Minister Powell at Port Au Prince tell of an attack on Chambers by the mob, the subsequent

fighting and mortal wounding of a deputy. He says the populace attacked the Palace arsenal last night. Several were killed or wounded. The ex-President (Continued on 4th page.)

MINERS GATHERING FOR BIG CONVENTION

Strike Sentiment Seems Less Pronounced—Mitchell Serenaded and Makes an Address.

Hazleton, Pa., May 13.—A large number of delegates to the miners' convention arrived this evening. The strike sentiment does not seem so pronounced as during the past few days. Mitchell arrived this morning accompanied by District President Nichols and a big representation of delegates. He was serenaded at the hotel and made a brief address. He said the decision to strike or to resume work rested entirely with the miners and expressed a hope that the decision, what it was, would be for the best. If the miners decided to continue the present temporary suspension he would remain in Hazleton throughout the strike. If they decided to resume he would use his best efforts to make better conditions for the miners. Mitchell subsequently refused to make any prediction as to the outcome of the convention.

STATE EMBALMERS' MEETING IN RALEIGH

C. W. Brown Presiding—King's Daughters in Session.

Raleigh, N. C., May 13.—The trustees of the Methodist orphanage decided today to award the contract for the main building in ten days. The building will be 125x100 feet in dimensions, four stories high, of brick, with slate roof. The directors of the school for the blind last night and re-elected John E. Ray principal for three years. The report shows that the attendance is larger than usual.

The state conventions of King's Daughters and the Association of Funeral Directors and Embalmers met here today. C. W. Brown of Asheville is presiding over the latter.

The weekly crop bulletin reports farm work well in hand and all crops doing well. Rains fell Sunday where most needed.

CHAFFEE IN MINDANAO STUDYING MORO SITUATION

Capture of Bayan Fort Taught Wholesome Lesson.

Washington, May 13.—General Chaffee, under date Manila 13, reports that he has been in Mindanao for the past three days to study the Moro situation. He thinks further hostilities will not be necessary unless provoked by the Moros. He says the capture of the Bayan fort taught the Moros a wholesome lesson.

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