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STILL SPOUTING FIRE

Volcanoes of Lesser Antilles Continue Active.

REMANT OF BASSE-POINTE GONE

Eruptions on St. Vincent Spread Terror—Heat and Drought Unprecedented—Simultaneous Selsmic Disturbance in Portugal.

PORT DE FRANCE, Island of Martinique, Saturday, May 24.—Mount Pelee was comparatively quiet yesterday (Friday). Today the volcano belched forth a torrent of lava and mud, which rushed down the northern slope of the mountain and swept away what was left of the town of Basse-Pointe. New fissures have opened in the side of the mountain.

St. Pierre Completely Covered. LONDON, May 25.—The Morning Post this morning publishes a dispatch from the island of St. Lucia, dated May 24, which says that St. Pierre is now completely covered with lava, and that it will be dangerous to approach the place until the covering hardens. Ash showers and detonations continue, says the dispatch. Fort de France, according to the Post's correspondent, is safe, but the people are apprehensive lest the lightning flashes shall fire the hundreds of tons of explosives stored in the forts. The inhabitants are fleeing. Two hundred of them arrived here yesterday, and 17,000 are in the island of Guadeloupe. Most of them are destitute.

AMERICAN AID APPRECIATED.

People of Martinique Still Panicked—Stricken—Business Dead.

PORT DE FRANCE, Martinique, Sunday, May 25 (P. M.).—The United States cruiser Cincinnati arrived here from St. Lucia yesterday. The steamer Luckenbach arrived this morning and left at once for Porto Rico. The steamer Pontabelle reached here at 9 o'clock this morning with 150 tons of supplies from the Chamber of Commerce of New York and other citizens. Among her passengers are W. H. Corwin, who was especially named by President Roosevelt as secretary of the various bodies in the United States contributing for the relief of the sufferers; Professor Angelo Heilprin, and other scientists. Mr. Corwin and Captain Scott, brother of Chief Officer Scott, of the Rosinima, were presented to Governor L'Houssaye and the French delegates today. The steamer Topaze has been placed at the disposal of Mr. Corwin to visit St. Vincent. Her cargo will be discharged Monday.

Captain Scott visited the survivors of the steamship Borloma at the hospital today. Professor Robert T. Hill, the eminent geologist, with his party, has chartered a steamer and is carefully studying the volcano from the sea. George Kennan, with a land party, is examining the northern part of the island. Mount Pelee was fairly quiet yesterday, although there was a big eruption of ash, which covered the extreme north of the island. The only crater is active. Mr. Corwin has investigated the method employed in the distribution of supplies and has informed Governor L'Houssaye that the excellent work it is expected official notification will be issued that sufficient supplies have been received.

Most of the refugees who have come into Port de France have deserted the town for points further south, as terror still possesses all souls, and Port de France is expected to be doomed. All business is suspended, and no amount of supplies received has killed sales.

The French delegates, Admiral Servan and the citizens are unanimous in expressions of gratitude for the generous friendship of the American people which has been manifested by the swift with which great quantities of supplies have been furnished and forwarded, and the character of the delegates in charge of them. Port de France looks deserted. Nearly 200 persons have gone to the islands of Guadeloupe, Dominica and St. Lucia, and as many more are trying to get away. The simple object of all minds is to escape from the island.

The scientists are divided in opinion as to whether or not new and active outbursts are to be expected. A majority of them think volcanic energy will be displayed for a long time, but that no further loss of life will occur, as there are no large places left to be destroyed, and Port de France, they say, is absolutely safe from any possible outburst of Mount Pelee. Admiral Servan today called upon United States Consul Axme to express to him his high appreciation of what the United States has done for the victims of the disaster. For two days heavy rains have fallen.

ST. VINCENT STILL TROUBLED.

Eruptions Continue and Heat and Drought Are Unprecedented.

KINGSTOWN, Island of St. Vincent, B. W. I., Saturday, May 24.—Another eruption the night of Sunday, May 18, caused a greater fall of ash and stones and more consternation at Chateau Belair, Island of St. Vincent, than resulted from the eruption of May 7. Shortly after the appearance of a cloud May 18, which was belched from the mountain, Egyptian darkness enveloped the village of Chateau Belair. The inhabitants rent the air with shrieks and groped against the banks of the road leading to the volcano. In their efforts to flee from the threatened danger, and the exodus from Chateau Belair continued all night. Detonations and smoke and lava from the volcano continued the next day, May 19, and the people still tried to leave Chateau Belair for Kingstown and other towns. A heavy rainfall occurred at Chateau Belair the 19th, the first in the district for years to come. The clouds that issued from the crater streets, huts and shops were flooded. As the volcanic eruptions diminished after the 19th, some 30 of the inhabitants returned to Chateau Belair, but they are still apprehensive.

Kingstown is long for rain. The heat and dryness here are unprecedented. There is no hope for the reclamation of the Carib country for years to come. The canal that supplied water to that country for domestic or manufacturing purposes has dried up, and the district is desolated. The government is treating for the purchase of an estate upon which to settle the refugees, and carpenters are engaged in erecting huts on safe locations to relieve the congestion in Kingstown. The clouds that issued from the crater Sunday night was visible to the inhabitants of the neighboring island of St. Lucia and inspired them with awe. Vivid flashes of lightning were seen on the

morning of the 19th, and those were accompanied by slight volcanic rumblings. The number of new craters in the disturbed district cannot be ascertained, as ascent of the mountain is impossible, but there are apparently four active craters there.

Rumbling sounds are heard and vapor is still issuing from different portions of the mountain and the lava is flowing. Mount Enham shows no distinct signs of activity.

The United States steamer Dixie arrived here yesterday with 500,000 rations and clothing, medicine and supplies. The interruption of the cable between here and the island of St. Lucia has caused delay in the transmission of messages.

Too Much Relief at Port de France. PORT OF SPAIN, Island of Trinidad, B. W. I., May 25.—Four hundred more refugees from the island of Martinique have arrived here on board the French steamer Versailles, and they are all in urgent need of relief. These refugees report that the majority of Martinique property owners are either killed or have left the island. Robberies there continue, and, owing to the excessive relief distributed, the laborers of Port de France are refusing to work.

First Steamer From Martinique. ST. NAZAIRE, France, May 25.—The French Line steamer France arrived here today. She is the first steamer to reach France from Martinique since the catastrophe. The France was boarded here

WASCO LOOKS GOOD

Republicans Are Confident of Carrying the County.

MOODY LEADERS HARD AT WORK

They Estimate Majority of Williamson and Furnish at 200 to 300 Votes—Good Reports From Outlying Districts.

THE DALLAS, Or., May 25.—Upon the result of the efforts of the Moody leaders to keep their followers in line depends the success of the Republican state and Congressional ticket at the polls. Present indications are, while the Republican majority will be reduced both for J. N. Williamson and W. P. Furnish, that they will carry the county by 200 to 300 votes. The normal Republican majority is 400. Few



AN OVERDOSE OF THE WATER CURE.

traces of the bitter factional fight in the primaries can now be seen on the political horizon. The Moody men have control of the county organization, and its officers are making an honest endeavor to contribute to the success of the ticket. The Williamson forces are active and are making a quiet but effective canvass of the county in support of the Republican candidates. In the interior counties reports received indicate that the ticket is receiving loyal support. Sherman County is expected to give 150 majority; Grant and Wheeler, 200 to 300 each; Gilliam County is considered safely by 50 to 100. Crook County, it is confidently asserted here by Williamson men, will give him 50 majority. Furnish will poll his full party vote, and should win by a safe majority.

The Republicans have put a strong Legislative ticket in the field, and its chances of election are considered good. For Joint Representatives of Wasco, Crook, Lake, and Klamath Counties, N. Whelan and J. N. Burgess, of Wasco, and R. A. Emmitt, of Klamath, are the candidates. For Joint Representatives for Grant, Gilliam, Sherman, Wasco and Wheeler, the nominees are C. A. Demmon, of Gilliam; R. J. Ginn, of Sherman, and C. P. Johnson, of Grant. The candidates are confining their efforts to their own counties, relying on the work of their colleagues to pull them through in the outlying districts. R. J. Ginn, of Sherman, was in The Dallas yesterday, and he reported that the conditions were favorable in his county for the whole ticket. In Wasco County there is no fight on the Legislative ticket, and it should reach the normal majority.

Moody Leaders Confident.

Prominent party workers of both the Williamson and Moody factions are confident that the Republican majority of 400 can in no way be overcome by the Democrats. The Moody leaders feel that their party loyalty will be called into question if the ticket is not successful at the polls. Out of their regard for Malcolm A. Moody, if for no other reason, the Moody leaders say that they will give the same ardent work to the ticket that they have given in the past. The majority will not be so large as two years ago, for the reason that Gold Democrats who supported Moody in his Congressional fights have returned to their old party alliance.

Speaking of the conditions in Wasco County with reference to the chances of Republican success, N. Whelan, candidate for Joint Representative and one of the active Moody men in the primary fight, said: "I can see no reason why the whole state ticket should not carry Wasco County by a comfortable majority. Mr. Williamson and Mr. Furnish should win by at least 200 to 250 votes. While we had a pretty hard fight in the primaries, the Moody men are loyal to the ticket and interested in its success. The Democrats are not making an active canvass. Butcher has made a speech here, and it has already been forgotten. The state candidates, including Mr. Williamson, will receive a cordial welcome here on May 31. "In my opinion the next four years will be the banner years for Oregon if nothing occurs to retard the progress of the state in that time. I should not like to see a change that will place the state in the Democratic column, with a Democratic Governor, and place its citizens on record as being opposed to reaping the fruits

of the National expansion policy. Oregon has profited and prospered under a Republican Administration, and for that reason, if for no other, it owes a hearty indorsement to the policies which have brought it material welfare. Elect Chamberlain, and we go on record as opposing President Roosevelt, National expansion, the retention of the Philippines, and the party which has made it possible for Oregon in the next four years to make greater progress than in any other period of its history."

Congressional Committeeman J. H. Worsley said: "The state ticket will carry the county by a safe majority. Mr. Furnish and Mr. Williamson should both get 200 to 250 votes. They will be given loyal Republican support."

County Safe, Says Chairman Kueck. "The Republicans will carry the county by 200 to 300 votes," said H. L. Kueck, chairman of the Republican County Central Committee. "The county campaign is in good shape, and the heads of the tickets, Mr. Furnish and Mr. Williamson, will get their full party strength. This should give them a safe lead of 200 to 300. The registration is about 30 short of what it was two years ago. We will make this up on the voters who present their affidavits on election day. The registration two years ago was 3102. We should poll almost that many votes this year, as the present registration is 3072."

"Wasco County will be close," said Mayor T. J. Farley, who is prominent in the Williamson campaign, "but there is no question in my mind of the success of the ticket. Of course the vote is short at least 250 votes. The actual shortage is only 30 votes, but in addition to that there are all the voters who have come into the state within the last two years. The Wasco Republicans are giving the state and Congressional nominees loyal support. Mr. Williamson should carry the county by 200 votes, and Mr. Furnish by about the same majority."

Ticket Will Get Loyal Support.

"Mr. Williamson should carry the county by more than 200 votes," said Grant Mays. "Mr. Furnish will run well and will get a majority of 200 to 250. I have just returned from a visit to the southern part of the county, where I found political conditions in good shape, with the people of the interior giving the Republican ticket their hearty support. There has been a great improvement in local conditions since the primary fight, and I think the whole ticket will receive the normal Republican majority."

J. C. Hostetter, cashier of a leading bank and a shrewd political observer, is confident that a full party vote will be given both Mr. Williamson and Mr. Furnish, and the rest of the state ticket. "Mr. Williamson should run slightly ahead of the rest of the Republican ticket," said he. "Mr. Furnish from present indications will carry the county with the rest of the state ticket by at least 200 votes. The conditions in the county are improving every day, and indications are that the candidates will be given the full party vote."

Claims of the Democrats.

While the Democrats are not making a very active canvass in Wasco County, the party leaders make claims of carrying the election for Chamberlain, although they are dubious of the success of the county ticket and practically concede the election of J. N. Williamson. "We will have to cut down a big Republican majority," said E. M. Wingate, secretary of the Democratic State Central Committee, "but we are confident of carrying the county for Chamberlain by a good, safe majority. In our county ticket we are relying on the personal popularity of our candidates to carry them through. The Democrats are well organized, and the Gold Democrats are at the head of the organization, men who have long associated themselves with the party for years."

Heavy Storms in Alberta.

MACLEOD, Alberta, May 25.—The disastrous results of the five days' storms just over have completely isolated this district from the rest of the world. The whole county has been flooded, rivers and smaller streams are swollen to impassable proportions and railroad and highway bridges have been swept away. Traffic is practically dead up on the Crow's Nest Pass Railroad to the Fernie mines. The Dominion Government bridge across the Old Man River and also the railroad bridge, have been carried away. Other bridges carried out are the traffic bridges across the Pelly and the Old Man Rivers, at Willow Creek. The destruction to livestock on the ranges is enormous.

Prominent Freemason Dead.

LEHANNON, N. H., May 25.—Norman U. Hewes died at his home here today, aged 74. He had a Masonic record said to be unparalleled.

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INVOKE LYNCH LAW

Fernie Miners Expel Provincial Policeman.

SAID HE WANTED MORE KILLED

One Hundred and Fifty-One Dead Men in Mine—Thirty-Five Killed in One Day—Exploration Slow—But Fifty Bodies Recovered.

FERNIE, B. C., May 25.—Chased by a sober, but angry, mob of 500 miners and citizens, William Stevens, a provincial policeman, lost no time in placing himself outside the town limits this evening. What incensed the miners was the report that last night Stevens had stated that he wished 500 more miners had been killed in the explosion Thursday night last.

Stevens is alleged to have expressed that wish during a street conversation. The men lost no time in convening a court, which brought up remonstrances of Judge Lynch. Men gathered from all quarters, assembling in front of the jail. Searchers were dispatched to secure Stevens, and he was brought up for rough and ready trial. Witnesses appeared against him, and he was summarily convicted, as quickly sentenced and chased to the brushy hills fringing the town. There are three other provincial policemen in town, but none of them dared raise a hand to interrupt the proceedings.

Fernie this evening is but recovering from the stupor into which it was thrown by little over 72 hours ago by the explosion in No. 3 deep workings on Coal Creek. Men who were in the vicinity of the tunnels when the calamity occurred state that the top of the tippie and the fan-house shot 100 feet into the air, while around there fell tons of coal dust and small stones. Careful and conservative checking of information from all sources now leads to the placing of the number of killed by the explosion at 131, and up to midnight tonight but 50 bodies had been recovered. It is expected that many more bodies will be recovered during the night.

Explorations which have so far been made in the underground workings have demonstrated beyond a doubt that the explosion took place at some point in workings of No. 3 deep, probably at a point about 300 feet from the entrance. By 7 o'clock this evening all the bodies in No. 3 deep had been recovered, and the tunnel stopped at a point about 200 feet in and also at the exit. The reason for this stoppage of the tunnel is because it is deemed to clear the gas from the workings of lower No. 3.

THIRTY FUNERALS IN ONE DAY.

Work of Burying Victims of Crow's Nest Mine Explosion.

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 25.—A special train from Fernie, B. C., says Saturday was a day of funerals in Fernie, and one which will long be remembered. There were 17 public funerals, and in one instance there were 14 coffins in the procession. All told there were 30 funerals during the day, and a line of graves marks the increase in the city of dead, an increase which, unfortunately, must be quadrupled before all the victims of the disaster are laid to rest.

At the mine the active work of recovering the bodies has been for the time suspended, and all energies are being expended along the line of making the mine safe for the rescuers. The gas is clearing, but the force of the explosion is now seen to be almost inconceivable. The roof in some places has been fearfully shattered, and to such an extent that it would now be nothing short of foolhardiness for the rescuers to remain longer in the mine without taking necessary precautions for their own safety. Lack of air is greatly impeding the work of rescue. It is possible to go into the mine for a considerable distance now, and in No. 2 it is possible for the rescuers to see a number of victims, but it will be days in some cases before the rescue party can work around to them.

The men in No. 2 mine were evidently killed by a concussion from the explosion. The bodies, so far as can be seen, do not appear to have been mutilated, and in the majority of instances there is nothing in their positions to even suggest that their lives have been snuffed out. But not one of the entire crew in this mine made his escape except the motorman, who was away when the explosion occurred.

Opinions as to the cause of the explosion differ widely, but one that is generally offered by miners themselves is that it was caused by the drilling of a machine hole close to the "rib." When this is done the black powder has not sufficient chance to expand, and not infrequently catches fire. It is said that difficulties of this kind have been experienced before.

DISCOVERY OF CROW'S NEST COAL.

Hard Struggle to Get Recognition—Now Developing Fast.

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 25.—The history of the Crow's Nest coal mines, where the frightful disaster occurred, is as the case with so many Western mines, full of romance. Some people say they are the most valuable mines on the whole continent, and yet a few years ago no one would look at them. It was in 1888 that the first coal was discovered in the Crow's Nest Pass. William and Peter Fernie were cutting a trail for the government, when they came across a 14-foot seam cropping out over a creek. They were not looking for coal at the time, and thought so little of the find that they said nothing about it until a year afterwards. At that time Dr. Dawson, the late head of the Canadian Geological and Mines Department, when making a geological survey of the pass, also found a seam of coal 18 inches thick. It was his business to know the ground, and he gave it as his opinion that large coal deposits would be found where that indication was. Dr. Dawson lived long enough to see his prophecy fulfilled. The report of Dr. Dawson may or may not have had some effect on William Fernie, but at any rate he went back to the pass in 1897, with Colonel Baker, the former Minister of Education and Crimen veteran, who was long a familiar figure in political circles in British Columbia. The two tramped many weary days, but their trouble was rewarded, as they found numerous large seams of excellent bituminous coal. Colonel Baker found that the pass was