

## 3:30 EDITION.

### DONE IN A MOMENT

#### No Possible Way of Escape From the Rain of Molten Rock.

Probably 40,000 Persons Perished, and Pestilence May Kill Thousands More.

Souffriere, On the British Island, Likewise in Eruption.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)  
PARIS, May 10.—The Minister of Marine today received the following dispatch from the commander of the gunboat Suchet, dated Point a Pitre, this morning:

"Here is all the information obtainable regarding the catastrophe:  
"Towards 8 o'clock in the morning the volcano threw out a considerable volume of smoke and immediately afterward a spout of flame shot up.

"A moment later the entire town was destroyed by fire, and ships in the harbor were unmasked and burned.

"The ruin of rocks lasted a quarter of an hour.

"I reached St. Pierre at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, saving a few persons from the ships.

"No living person was visible in the town, which it was impossible to enter.

"Numerous corpses lay near the quay.

"Senator A. Knight, president of the Martinique Council, who, it was feared, had perished, sent a dispatch from Fort de France which was received here this morning, in which he says: 'Morneuse district, near St. Pierre, was saved.'

"This gives hope that, perhaps, refugees from the stricken district might have been able to find succor there."

**SLOWLY UNRAVELING.**  
PARIS, May 10.—Slowly but steadily the awful fate of St. Pierre is being confirmed.

The government this morning received dispatches from several of the small islands lying close to the ill-fated Martinique, giving additional details of the calamity.

An official note from the Minister of the Colonies says that the steamer Guadeloupe has telegraphed to the ministry under today's date as follows:

"The gunboat Suchet has just arrived from Martinique.

"St. Pierre was destroyed by a water-spout and fire.

"Only 20 persons were rescued, and these were taken from a ship in the harbor.

"The Suchet came to get provisions.

"The gunboat will leave today for Martinique, with a full complement of men.

"All means of rescue are at your service."

**PESTILENCE FEARED.**  
ST. THOMAS, May 10.—The Danish cruiser Valkyrie has sailed for St. Pierre to render any assistance in her power.

It is feared here that pestilence is almost certain to follow the St. Pierre disaster, and it will be years before Martinique recovers from the blow.

**WORSE THAN EVER.**  
LONDON, May 10.—A Central News dispatch from St. Lucia says the situation in Martinique is worse than ever.

Other mountains are burning forth in eruptions.

**RAIN OF MOLTEN ROCKS.**  
POINT A PITRE, Island of Guadeloupe, May 10.—The city of St. Pierre was destroyed so quickly that no one had an opportunity to escape. The Mont Pelée (St. Pierre) crater belched forth molten rocks and ashes for a space of about 15 minutes, and the ruin of the city had been accomplished. Those without shelter were doubtless burned to death in their tracks, and those in buildings were cremated without power to shield themselves from the awful visitation. All the inhabitants of the city and a district within four miles were burned to death. Probably 40,000 to 50,000 persons perished.

**BRITISH VOLCANO VIOLENT.**  
LONDON, May 10.—The Colonial Office this morning received some details of the volcanic eruption on the island of St. Vincent.

This news comes from the Governor of Barbadoes, and reads:

"Soufriere, on the island of St. Vincent, erupted violently yesterday, with a loud report resembling artillery fire.

"The explosion was heard in Barbadoes.

"In the afternoon, darkness and thunder, accompanied by a strong downpour of dust, set in.

"Barbadoes is covered to the extent of several inches this morning."

A message from the Governor of the Windward Isles was received this morning as follows:

"Thirty deaths are reported in St. Vincent, but my information is incomplete.

"The eruption is still proceeding.

"Messages from the Administrator of Dominica says that provisions are being sent to Martinique for the relief of the survivors.

"This is the first indication that there were survivors.

**ST. PIERRE REFUGEES.**  
NEW YORK, May 10.—Four hundred and fifty refugees from St. Pierre have arrived at Fort de France.

This good news was made public by the French Cable Company here today, which has established communication with the island of Martinique.

The refugees were picked up by the cable company's repair steamer Poneyer.

The steamer is preparing to return immediately to the vicinity of St. Pierre, and it is expected that others will be saved. The refugees landed in Fort de France are all well.

**WILL BURN CORPSES.**  
PARIS, May 10.—The Minister for the Colonies this evening received a dispatch from the Secretary General of Martinique, which puts a somewhat brighter light on the situation.

It is dated at Fort de France and reads: "The work of clearing the ruins of St. Pierre has commenced."

"Orders have been issued to burn all corpses to prevent an epidemic.

"The population of the environs of St. Pierre are being conveyed to Fort de France."

"All means possible have been taken to provision the rescued and relieve the wounded."

**VISIT TO MARTINIQUE.**  
PARIS, May 10.—The Minister of the Colonies, who is a cadet now serving on the U. S. S. Indiana in West Indian waters. His vessel called at St. Pierre, Martinique, on April 6, 1902, and the young sailor sent the following account of the ill-fated island to the Zeitung of Sheboygan, Wis., which printed it in its edition of May 2. Through the courtesy of Paul Dacheux, formerly editor of the Zeitung and now bookkeeper in the Portland office of the Star Brewery Company, The Journal has been furnished with the following verbatim translation of Cadet Fuere's account of his visit to St. Pierre:

**A BEAUTIFUL VIEW.**  
Early this beautiful Sunday morning our squadron cast anchor here. We had a quiet and fine trip. When we went on deck at sunrise, a beautiful view as we ever beheld in the West Indies greeted us. The northern part of the island of Martinique spread out all its scenic beauties before our astonished eyes. The mountains, bedecked with luxuriant vegetation, shone in their fairest morning dress. The peaks were surrounded by white cloud-vells as by a night-cap. Palms and other tropical trees increased the picturesque of the scene. The level portions of the island have the appearance of a checker-board quilt on account of the sugar cane fields being laid out in exact squares. As every separate field has a different shade of color, it looks from the distance as though the slopes were covered with a huge quilt.

**FERTILE VALLEYS.**  
The valleys are very fertile and abound in the choicest specimens of tropical vegetation. The pretty white cottages peak out so lovely from the dense green, as though they would convey to us a friendly good-morning. From time to time we could catch a glimpse of the great highway which connects the two principal cities of the island.

The island is the best cultivated in the West Indies.

Everything proves the great industry of the inhabitants, circumspection and strict control by the government.

The inhabitants are chiefly negroes. The island belongs to France which has ruled it for 200 years and has managed to secure the island from all rapacious neighbors.

**PROUD OF THEIR NATIONALITY.**  
The harbors are very well defended and a chief rendezvous of the French fleet. This is especially true of Fort de France. St. Pierre is the main commercial port. The inhabitants number about 175,000, mostly negroes or mulattoes.

The ocean is very deep here, even close to the shore.

## THE MASK THAT COVERS A MULTITUDE OF SINS.



THE JOURNAL'S MAYORALTY PUZZLE.

The only fault with it is that there is no trouble to "work out" the puzzle.

### DEMOCRAT SHOT

He Never Worked and Always Had Money.

(Journal Special Service.)  
NEW YORK, May 10.—The police are puzzled over the mysterious murder of Frank Diconsa, a political leader among the naturalized citizens in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn. The police believe that he was a victim of the Mafia. Two shots were fired at the Italian, on Priggs avenue, and two men were seen running away.

Diconsa, who was 40 years old and lived with his wife and three children at 540 Driggs avenue, was a power in a political way. He was generally a Democrat and was about to swing for his side a considerable following.

He was never known to work, but lived comfortably and spent most of his time at a political club.

**A GIFT TO HIS COUNTRY**  
(Journal Special Service.)  
LIBSON, May 10.—Archer Huntington, the son of Collis P. Huntington, recently bought the rare library of the Marquis de Jerez for a million francs.

He intends to present it to the United States government to be incorporated in the Congressional library.

In the Jerez library each manuscript has literary interest rather than historical importance. Among them are many of Cervantes' manuscripts and first editions.

**SENSATION IN TOLEDO**  
(Journal Special Service.)  
TOLEDO, May 10.—Mayor S. M. Jones, who is also President of the Board of Police Commissioners, today refused to surrender the Police Department to the new Board of Police Commissioners created by an act of the Legislature and approved by Governor Nash.

A demand was made upon him by President Kniesley of the new board and the Mayor positively refused to grant the request or recognize the authority of the new board.

He takes the broad ground that there is no authority superior to the will of the people and he refuses to recognize the right of the Legislature to oust a board elected by the voters of the city. Sensational developments are expected.

**BEASTLY ITALIANS**  
(Journal Special Service.)  
RACINE, Wis., May 10.—Fifty Italian laborers employed by the Milwaukee railroad made murderous attacks last night on Miss Nellie Brown and Mrs. Sarah Burns and fought so desperately against capture that only two were caught, after the Sheriff had chased them with an automobile. The two prisoners were lodged in jail after running the gauntlet of a mob bent on summary justice.

### ROBBERY

SafeCrackers Break Into City Laundry.

Some time during last night on early this morning burglars forced an entrance to the building occupied by the City Laundry, on North Fourth street, and breaking into the safe took the contents amounting to about \$200.

Detective Cordano was detailed on the case, and he is satisfied that the safe crackers are amateurs in that line. The safe is an old-fashioned one and could almost be broken into with a stick of wood. All the burglars had to do was to knock off the knob with a hammer, and complete the job by disarranging the combination with a steel punch. Then the door could be swung open with ease.

Whoever did the job were very deliberate in their movements, as they evidently counted over the money, and divided it before leaving the building. This is made evident by the fact that they left a bad dollar on the floor. In speaking of the case Detective Cordano said:

"I think tramps did the work. The sledge hammer used in breaking into the safe was stolen from the O. R. & N. car shops on the East Side, as was probably the other tools I found beside the safe. It is hardly likely that a professional safe-cracker would carry this heavy outfit this far, when it would be just as easy to get them nearer the scene of the burglary."

"It was simply an accident that the burglars hit upon last night as the time for the robbery. I don't believe in the theory that some one familiar with the place had a hand in it, but still I may be wrong. Usually there is very little money left over night in the safe, but this being pay day, yesterday's collections were not banked."

No arrests have been made.

**MAY 20**  
Boer War to Last Ten Days More.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)  
LIBSON, May 10.—A Lorenzo Marques dispatch says that the Boers are certain to agree to the British terms of peace, and that a proclamation to this effect has been set for May 20.

Rejoicing is being arranged for at Delagoa Bay.

**4,000 WETHERS**  
Prices \$3 to \$3.50 Per Head in Montana.

(Journal Special Service.)  
CHINOOK, Mont., May 10.—A sheep deal of large proportions was concluded this week when M. P. Jones bought 4,000 head of wethers from Sam Williamson. The band is composed of one, two, and three-year-olds, and the price was \$3.00 for yearlings and \$3.50 for two and three. The sheep are to be delivered on May 15.

**LABOR NOTES.**  
Three glaziers in the employ of Nicolai Bros., the planing mill men, walked out yesterday in sympathy with the union strikers.

The cement workers organized a union this week, and started out with a strong membership.

The blacksmith employees will organize a union sometime next week. "We are compelled to take this step," said one of the men this morning. "For self-protection. It is necessary that we should do something to make a stand-off for the high prices now charged for everything we buy."

On Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the ladies' reading circle of the People's Christian Union (applied Christianity) will hold a session at the home of Mrs. Bowers, 220 North Twenty-first street.

### AMERICAN MONEY GOES ABROAD

John D. Rockefeller Will Now Proceed to Own Germany.

(Journal Special Cable.)  
BERLIN, May 10.—John D. Rockefeller is financing the latest monopolistic invasion of Europe from America, involving an immediate payment of \$50,000,000 to acquire plants and a capitalization of many millions more. It is now conceded that he is back of the Virginia, North Carolina Chemical Company whose plan it is to secure possession of all the German potash fields.

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**COMPLAINT READY**  
CHICAGO, May 10.—The government's bill of complaint against the meat-packer's combine arrived from Washington this morning, and will be filed at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

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### Getting Up in the Morning for Breakfast

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