

## POWERLESS BEFORE NATURE'S CONVULSIONS

### Thousands Die Like Flies in St. Pierre and Guatemala—Man's Works the Toys of Giant Forces.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) FORT DE FRANCE, May 12.—A GREAT CLOUD STILL HANGS OVER ST. PIERRE AND THE COUNTRY FOR MILES AROUND. EVERY PERSON WHO ESCAPED FROM THE ERUPTION HAS FLED TOWARD FORT DE FRANCE, LEAVING ONLY THE SOLDIERS AND OTHERS SENT BY THE GOVERNMENT TO THE SCENE. THE WORK OF BURNING THE BODIES IS GOING ON AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. OUTSIDE HELP IS QUICKLY NEEDED HERE, AS THE TOWN IS FILLING UP WITH REFUGEES. THE FOOD SUPPLY AT HAND IS TOTALLY INADEQUATE, AND THE TERRORS OF STARVATION CONFRONT THE SUFFERERS. THE HEAT IS INTENSE, THE UNHEALTHY SEASON IS AT HAND, AND AN EPIDEMIC IS GREATLY FEARED. FOOD IS BEING DEALT OUT CAUTIOUSLY, BECAUSE OF THE SHORTNESS OF THE SUPPLY. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT MANY WILL DIE OF STARVATION AND EXPOSURE BEFORE PERMANENT RELIEF CAN REACH THE ISLAND. THE CONDITIONS CAUSED BY THE DECOMPO-

#### SITING OF THE BODIES DEAD AT ST. PIERRE ARE HOURLY BECOMING MORE UNENDURABLE.

### \$300,000 MORE.

(Journal Special Service.) WASHINGTON, May 12.—Late yesterday afternoon both houses of Congress appropriated \$300,000 for the relief of the Martinique sufferers, and today, in accordance with the recommendation of President Roosevelt, they appropriated \$300,000 additional, the same to be immediately available.

### CITIES WIPED OUT.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) NEW ORLEANS, May 12.—The steamer Anselm, from Fort Barrios, Guatemala, arrived here last night with additional reports of the Guatemalan earthquake, which confirms the previous reports of the complete destruction of Quezaltenango and other cities. Estimates of the total loss of life are between 2500 and

3000. The disturbances extend into Nocomam, and the city of Montombo has been partially destroyed. Mount Montombo, on Lake Manamua, an active volcano, has shown new signs of life. Hot ashes are falling down its sides, and the people are fleeing in fright.

### BURIED HUNDREDS

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) PARIS, May 12.—The following dispatch from the Secretary of the Martinique government was received by the Minister of the Colonies today: "The perimeter ravaged by the eruption includes Le Carbet, Le Precheur, Grand Riviere, Macouba and Basse Pointe. Le Precheur was entirely destroyed, and it is probable the same fate overtook Grand Riviere and Macouba. "Despite repeated efforts, Senator Knight has been unable to reach St. Pierre, owing to the ashes from the volcano, which it is still throwing. He went to Le Precheur, buried 400 dead, and brought all the survivors he could find back to Fort de France. The cable company says the cable will be repaired tomorrow."

## LAST EDITION. BATHED IN FLAMES.

### Explosions Deal Death and Ruin in Pittsburg—Further Disasters Feared.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) PITTSBURG, May 12.—Late last evening the yards of the Panhandle Railroad at Sheridan was the scene of one of the most awful catastrophes which has ever occurred in this state. In making up a train four cars of naphtha and petroleum were shunted with too great force. One of the tanks of naphtha was burst, and the dripping fluid, escaping, caught fire from a signal lamp, instantly resulting in a fearful explosion. Showers of flame were sent over the freight station near at hand and cars of lumber and other inflammable materials were ablaze in a few moments.

In 10 minutes the hills surrounding the yards were covered with people eager to watch the conflagration, and then the two other cars of petroleum exploded with a terrific report, which was heard in Pittsburg, five miles away. This was followed by a muffled roar from the direction of the Ohio river. The flaming oil had run through a sewer and, exploding when it reached the open air, had blown to atoms the Sumner Hotel and the Collins House, on River road, and badly wrecked a frame building near by, in which were congregated 200 or more men from Pittsburg and vicinity, betting on the races and ball games. Few of the occupants of the building escaped injury, many being badly hurt. Mrs. Seymour and her daughter, of the Sheridan Hotel, were seriously and, it is feared, fatally injured.

#### DEADLY FOURTH EXPLOSION.

The third explosion served as a warning to but few of the spectators at Sheridan. Without a moment's warning there was an awful roar, loud enough to be heard in the heart of Pittsburg, five miles away, and a sheet of flames shot up from the wreckage and enveloped both hillsides, even to their tops. There was a moment's lull, as though every living thing in the vicinity had been annihilated, and then came the cries and screaming for help, and the blanks in the crowd told of the explosion's dread result. Both of the two remaining tank cars had blown up. A torrent of flames belched forth on each side of the track, sweeping back the terrified spectators like a charge of artillery. The scene that followed is beyond description. The successive explosions had heated the air to such an extent that before the third explosion many were rendered unconscious by the extreme heat

and the gaseous fumes and were being carried away when the torrent of flame swept over the excited crowd. There was an awful hush for a moment. Then followed a scene of frenzy. Men and women, their clothing ablaze, their faces scorched and blistered, and their hair burned off their heads, ran wildly shrieking hither and thither, only intent on escaping from that awful furnace of fire. Some gave vent to frenzied appeals to kill them and put them out of their misery, and little children, with their curly locks and light summer clothing, small pillars of fire, cried piteously as they were swept along by the tide of burning humanity. The townspeople did all in their power for the stricken victims, and all the Pittsburg ambulances were immediately dispatched to the scene with a corps of physicians. Many of those not seriously burned were removed to their homes in Sheridan, while others were sent to the various Pittsburg hospitals and the dead removed to undertaking establishments in Sheridan and vicinity and to the Pittsburg morgue. The list of dead will reach 30. Over 200 are badly injured. FEAR FURTHER CALAMITIES. It is feared a greater explosion than those that occurred yesterday may result as a possible disadvantage of a 36-inch gas main situated below the wreckage caused by the naphtha explosions. If the gas forces its way through to the surface Monday's disaster will be more than duplicated.

#### THE SCRANTON VERSION.

SCRANTON, Pa., May 12.—Thirteen were killed and over 300 injured in two explosions of naphtha last night in the Panhandle yards at Corcus Run. Many of the injured are in a serious condition and several are expected to die. The dead are: James Keenan, Charles Hearty, W. W. Taylor, Harry Smitley, — Finerty, G. E. Hunter, Walter Wright, Dallas Byrd, Pascal Mader, Donald Smith, George Wilson, Matthew Marnon, unknown by.

#### TWENTY-FOUR DEAD.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) PITTSBURG, May 12.—Four names were added to the list of dead before noon, bringing the total up to 17, and this afternoon further information of the catastrophe has increased the number of the unfortunates to 21.

## ROOSEVELT ASKS PUBLIC TO AID SUFFERERS

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The Senate today passed a resolution providing for an appropriation of a half million dollars for the relief of the people of Martinique and St. Vincent. In this is included the \$300,000 appropriated yesterday. The Cabinet meeting today was devoted almost entirely to the discussion of meas-

ures for the relief of the stricken people of St. Vincent and Martinique. It was decided to appoint committees and citizens of all the large cities of the United States to take charge of the popular subscriptions. Later the President appealed to the people of the United States for subscriptions.

## BLOODY BATTLE

### Going on in the Streets of Hayti Cities.

### The Entire Population Either Fighting or Under Arms.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) CAPE HATTIEN, Hayti, May 12.—More fighting occurred in the streets of Port au Prince last night and early this morning. Almost the entire male population is armed, and demands ex-President Sam's immediate departure from the island. Several revolutionary leaders have taken refuge in the United States Consulate.

## HORROR GROWS

### Nearly Two Thousand Dead in St. Vincent.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) LONDON, May 12.—Sixteen hundred lives are now known to have been lost on St. Vincent island as a result of the eruption of the volcano La Soufriere. According to a cablegram received here this morning, on account of the continued flow of lava and the intense heat, the stricken section cannot be penetrated. Refugees arriving at St. Lucia say, however, that the loss of life will far exceed 1600. It is now a week since the eruption began, and the tremendous explosions and rumblings had not ceased when

the cablegram was sent from St. Lucia. This morning many refugees arrived at Dominica in canoes. St. Vincent cannot be seen from the neighboring islands on account of a heavy fog. The sea in the vicinity is covered with trees and other debris swept from the island.

## DIED FOR AN ATONEMENT.

### Erring Couple Pay the Penalty of Misdeeds.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) ORO FINO, Idaho, May 12.—Lying in the hotel here are the bodies of D. F. J. Leadbrooke and Miss Winnie Booth of Moscow, Idaho, who have paid with their lives the crime of loving not wisely but too well. Leadbrooke was a wealthy married man, and had once been a minister. The girl was the daughter of the Rev. G. M. Booth of the Moscow Methodist Church, and the revelation that a criminal intimacy had existed between the dead parties caused great excitement in their home town. The circumstance of their not appearing to their friends aroused the suspicion of the hotel proprietor, and when the door of their room was broken in at noon yesterday both were found on the bed, the girl dead and her lover at his last gasp. They had taken hypodermic injections of morphine. The self-destruction had evidently been deliberately planned, for several letters to friends were left, declaring that, as they could not live together except in adultery, they had preferred to die and end their troubles. One letter to the girl's father contained \$300 to be applied on their burial expenses.

## FAIR SITE LOCATION.

T. T. Steuble has sent in a new proposition for the Love tract for the Exposition site. He offers to sell the tract at the rate of \$50 per acre, one-third payable in cash, the balance payable in five years at 6 per cent. The Love tract consists of 753 acres, 200 of which are on the Vancouver road. This 200 acres is offered for the Fair site. Five acres would be given to the city free of charge for the use of a permanent building.

## CHICAGO CRIPPLED

### Has Only Forty Hours Gas Supply on Hand.

### Six Hundred Gas Workers Have Gone Out on Strike.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) CHICAGO, May 12.—Six hundred gas workers struck here this morning and every company in the city is affected. The present supply of gas in the tanks will last 24 hours, and by strict economy and impressing clerks and other office attaches into service, it can be made to last 40 hours. If the strike is not settled by that time, it is likely that gas consumers will be compelled to use lamps or candles. The strike was precipitated by the refusal of the companies to reinstate men discharged for asking permission to organize a union.

## INMAN SPOKE TO MILLMEN

Before the union of millmen, numbering several hundred, R. D. Inman spoke on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Inman is an honorary member of the union and was present by their special invitation. The hall was filled with the men who carry the burden of the labor in Portland sawmills. President Bushman was in the chair and introduced Mr. Inman as one of them, a man who has worked like them in the daily toil of everyday work. Mr. Inman spoke on subjects of technical interest to mill workers. The meeting was enjoyable and profitable, and was one of the features of modern union labor organization, which demands such discussions as men of experience, both as laborers and proprietors, can give. Mr. Inman received the thanks of the men for the valuable advice given on Sunday afternoon.

## RATHBONE

### Mark Hanna Forces New Trial From Roosevelt.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—President Roosevelt has directed Secretary Root to confer with the Cuban Court of Appeals and ask jurisdiction to review the case of Rathbone and to take additional testimony.

## WHEAT MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—Wheat, \$1.17 1/2. CHICAGO, May 12.—Wheat, 76 1/2 c.

## POLICE AT SEA

### Murderer Williams Not Yet Captured.

While there is absolutely no doubt as to who killed "Cockey" George Hicks, the police have no clue whatever to the whereabouts of the murderer. All trace of him has been lost since he called at a North End cigar store, three hours after the crime, to inquire about the time of outgoing trains. The entire detective force is working on the case. Every outgoing train and boat is carefully watched and a systematic search of the North End lodging-houses is being made. It is not thought that Williams has succeeded in leaving town, as yet, but that he is being harbored by some friend. However, in case the murderer has succeeded in getting out of the city, it is hardly likely that he can get very far, as every station through which he might pass is being watched by officers, who have a full description of him, furnished by the local police. The coroner held an inquest over the body of Hicks yesterday, but nothing new developed.

## PARDONED

### Roosevelt Liberates One of the Nome Grifters.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) WASHINGTON, May 12.—President Roosevelt has granted a pardon to Cas Frost, formerly a special attorney in the Department of Justice, who is serving a year term in Alameda County jail, California, for contempt of court in connection with the Nome mining scandals, in which Judge Noyes was involved.

## SETTLED OUT OF COURT.

The contest of Margaret Ferris against the report of her guardian, Thomas Gibbons, has been settled out of court. The settlement is upon liquidation of the amount of the mortgage, \$1005, assigned by Gibbons to Dr. Harry MacKay, and the cutting down of the guardianship claims several hundred dollars; in addition, the plaintiff agrees to cancel the mortgage and forego the attorney fees. Attorney J. H. Hitchings represented the ward, and S. C. Spencer was attorney for Gibbons.

## BRITISH SUCCESS

### Transvaal Boers Rapidly Losing Ground.

### Nearly One Thousand of Delarey's Men Are Taken.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) LONDON, May 12.—An official dispatch from Pretoria says: "Bruce Hamilton has captured 27. Colenbrander 70 and Ian Hamilton 30 Boers, with practically all the wagons and stock of the commandos in the central area east of Hart's river, Transvaal. "Since March, Delarey's forces have been reduced by 500."

## CHINESE REBELS ARE WORSTED

PEKIN, May 12.—An official note announcing the defeat of the rebel forces in Pechili province and the capture of their leaders after two days' fighting has been issued by the government.

## COAL MINERS STILL STRONG

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) SCRANTON, Pa., May 12.—The complete suspension of anthracite mining operations throughout the state continues today. The result of the Haakon convention tomorrow continues uncertain, but public opinion leans toward a continuation of the tie-up.

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### DIED OF HIS WOUNDS.

LOUISVILLE, May 12.—Walter Halderman, owner of the Louisville Courier-Journal, died this morning from injuries received on Saturday when he was struck by a streetcar.

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