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FIRST SECTION-EIGHT PAGES

HORRORS OF THE ERUPTION

Awful Reports from Martinique Are Confirmed.

RELIEF PARTIES ON HAND

Molten Lava Swept Everything in Its Path

IN ITS LIGHTNING-LIKE RUSH FROM THE CRATER TO THE SEA - TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE OF THE FEW PEOPLE SAVED-RE-LIEF FROM AMERICA .

FORT DE FRANCE, Martinique, May functions with dignity and ceremony. 10.-It is estimated that 20,000 persons perished at St. Pierre, The roads leaddead -bodies, -according -to -reports reaching here.

The second relief expedition brought back some of the inhabitants of Corbet. They were crazed with terror and dying from hunger. An expedition succeeded in reaching St. Pierre which is entirely destroyed. Houses seem to have disappeared as though swallowed up in a great pit. Immense iron columns were found twisted and bent over in the direction of the sea.

The Awful Details.

CASTRIES, St. Lucia, British West Indies, May 10.-Mount Pelee on May 3d began to throw out dense clouds of smoke. On May 4th, hot ashes covered St. Pierre an inch thick and made Mt. Peles invisble, At noon on May 5th, a stream of burning lava rushed 4400 feet drivn the mountain side, following the dry bed of a torrent and reaching the sea, five miles from the mounfain, in three minutes. In its rush the hery flood swept from its path plantations, buildings, factories, cattle and human beings over a breadth of about

As the lava rushed into the sca, the latter recoded 300 feet all along the west coast. The terror-striken inhabittants rushed for the hills, screaming, shouting and waifing, mad with terror;

Thirty-five women and children arrived here on Mny 6th and furnish-

ed the above details. on May 8th, the British steamer harbor. Captain Whatter reported that, having just east anchor off, St. Pierre at 8 p. m., he saw tremendous clouds of smoke and glowing cinders rushing with terrific rapidity over the town and port, completely and in an instant enveloping the former in a sheet of flame and raining fire on board. By superhuman efforts the cable was slipped and the steamer, nine

hours later, managed to reach Castries. The mail steamer Esk, which called off Martinique at 10 o'clock last night, reported that the whole sea front was blazing for miles. .The Esk sent a boat ashore, but it could not land on account of the terrific fire. Not a living soul! appeared ashore after the boat had waited for two hours.

In the afternoon a French coasting steamer arrived here from Fort de France, seeking assistance. The steamer was loaded with food and sent back to Martinique.

All attempts to get-to St. Plerre are barred by fire.

The volcano island of St. Vincent has burst out in sympathetic eruption. The steamer which returned from there last night reports the northern third of the island in flames and cut off from assistance by a continuous stream of

Kingston, caultal of St. Vincent, is safe, but the people are very anxious as to the fate of the rest of that island.

The Cable Breaks.

Point-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe, May 10 .-On the morning of May 5th Guade loupe learned that Mount Pelee volcano in Martinique had been in a state of eruption since May 3d, throwing out ashes. The same day violent thunderstorms occurred and loud detonations were heard. At noon there came a rumor that lava was flowing from Mount Pelee and that 300 lives had been lost at St. Pierre. All that day were heard loud noises like the discharge of heavy artiflery far off.

In the afternoon the cable connections with Martinique all disappeared. The earth was trembling and volcanic rumblings were heard. The news of the disaster in Martinique reached here Friday morning. Nearly everyone here has relatives in Martinique and intense sorrow prevails.

Eruption Continues.

London, May 10 .- A cable company received a message from Martinique today saying the volcanic eruption continues, and that ships are afraid to approach the island.

Americans Give Relief.

Washington, May 10.-The Secretary of the Navy has ordered the cruiser Cincinnati from Santo Domingo to Martinique. Secretary Moody also sent the following telegram to the command ant of the Brooklyn Navy Yard: as soon as practicable. Report when "Order theDixie to prepare for sea

she can be made ready." The Dixle is a ship of considerable carrying capacity and would be better fitted than any of the regular naval ships to hasten to Martinique with relief supplies which can probably be obtained more readily at New York than ferred to North Yakima. Wash., and ious Pfttsburg hospitale and the deaat any of the West Indian Islands, As a still further measure of help the State Department today cabled Legal blanks at the Statesman office, the Pittsburg morgue,

United States Consul Ayme at Guade loupe, to proceed at once to Martinique, to report upon the conditions there and to inform the Government what help is needed. C

CROWNED SPAIN'S KING

THAT GOVERNMENT IS ENTER TAINING MANY FOREIGN PRINCES AND DIGNITARIES.

NEW YORK, May 12.—The Spanish Government is following English precedent in entertaining a large body of European princes and foreign representatives who will witness the king's inauguration, says the Madrid dispach to the Tribune. The princes are either the guests of the crown in palaces, or houses with a complete retinue of servants are placed at their disposal. Special Ambaszador Curry and General Floentin, as representatives of the United States and France, are provided with houses, and all the special Ambassadors are treated with distinction. Each has a royal carriage at his command and a Spanish grande to wait upon him .- Spain may have lost her colonial empire, but she has her old time pride in conducting state

The king has impressed the diplomatic corps here as a remarkably capable and clever sovereign, who is both ippines. He will leave New York on ing out of the city are choked with precocious and resourceful. While only 16, he is tall, graceful, self-possessed, Manila. He will stop at Rome to disand has a manner of great distinction. He is an accomplished linguist. The diplomats who have met him this week have been astonished by the maturity of his character and the air of dignity and stateliness in a boy who has not yet attained his full stature,

Arrangements for decorating the route of the royal progress are now being made. The streets are lined with Venetian masts, from which banners will be hung over the road-ways. There will be few flags, but the sides of the buildings will be decorated in the Spanish style with rugs, carpets and hangings of brilliant colors. The decorations will be simple, but not ineffective.

THE DEBATE

the Senate Discussed

THE CORONATION EMBASSY

Roddam erawled slowly into Castries Made the Subject of Considveration Yesterday

> BAILEY CONTENDED THAT NO SPECIAL AMBASSADORS SHOULD REASONS FOR HIS POSITION-HELP FOR SUFFERERS.

WASHINGTON, May 10 .- A lively debate occurred in the Senate today, upon the army appropriation bill ofof the appropriations made by the mea- Of a Train of Naphtha Cars Foraker Says the Philippines sure should be used in defraying the expenses of the special embassy to the coronation of King Edward. Bailey should not send a special ambassador MANY LIVES WERE LOST UNTIL GOOD GOVERNMENT to the coronation of England's king, or to the coronation of any ruler, when the country thus honored did not extend tend a like courtesy to the United States inauguration of the President. After a considerable discussion the amendment was withdrawn. amendment was withdrawn and the bill passed.

For the Sufferers.

WASHINGTON, May 10 .- The Senate passed a bill appropriating \$100,000 for the relief of the sufferers by the disaster in the Island of Martinique.

In the House,

WASHINGTON, May 10: - The House today transacted some minor business, including the passage of a resolution to print five thousand lopies of the Jefferson Bible, and then laid Douds, David Smith. aside public business, to pay a tribute to the memory of the late Representa-tive Rufus K, Polk, of Pennsylvania, and the late Senator I. H. Kyle, South explosion. Much of the escaping nap-Dakota. Underwood objected to the the ran to Esplainborough, one and a considerationof the Senate resolution for the relief of the victims f the West lon, blowing to atoms the Seymour ho-Indian disaster because no official report had been made to Congress.

SALVADOR IS INDIGNANT. NEW YORK, May 12 .- General in-Herald, Panama, dispatch, over the crowd on the streets. When the cars award of the arbitration commission in exploded a torrent of flames beiched Washington, which compels the Gov- forth sweeping back the terrified spec-\$500,000 to satisfy the claims of American citizens in the Port of El Tri- scription. umfo matter. It is said Salvador will not be disposed to enter into contracts with Americans in the future.

Captain and Mrs. J. Connor, of The Dalles, have been assigned to the Salem Salvation Army post to relieve Captain M. McGregor and Lieutenant E. V. Seeley, who have been trans dan, while others were sent to the vardeparted yesterday afternoon.

TAFT LEAVES FOR MANILA

Next Saturday

About The

Friars

ON HIS VISIT TO THE VATICAN HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY SEVERAL OFFICERS FROM THE PHILIPPINES WHO WILL AS-SISTS HIM IN HIS WORK.

WASHINGTON, May 10 .- Governor Taft closed his business here today in connection with the affairs in the Philthe 17th on the return to his post at cuss the question of the Friars in the Philippines with the authorities at the Vatican. He will be accompanied to ly, is regarded as an actual strike con-Rome by Judge Jas. F. Smith, of the dition, which simply smoothed the Supreme Court of the Philippines, and way for the delegates to act. Major John B. Porter, of the Judge Advocate's office. These gentlemen day will be followed by the Mineworkwre selected because of their familiar- ers is already an assured fact. ity with th question at issue.

GOOD PROGRESS MADE

SOWING FLAX ABOUT COMPLET-ED AND THE PLANTS ARE GROWING NICELY.

Mr. Eugene Bosse, the representatife of the Eastern syndicate or company in putting in the flax and carrying on the preliminary work preparatory to establishing a flax- fibre plant in this city, is making good headway in getting in the crop. He stated yesterday that 200 acres had been sown vigorous growth. He is sowing more and expects to have in at least another wenty acre tract by this evening.

Regarding the condition of the growing crop and the prospects, Mr. Bosse remarked that he was a very hard man to please in those respects but expressed himself as being well satisfled in every way and he predicted great success. He is now ready to scutch the old stock of flax, of which there is about thirty-five tons, and is waiting for the power to operate the machinery.

The Greater Salem Commercial Club recently invited bids for the construction of a dam in Mill creek, to furnish power for the plant. They have been opened but the contract has not been BE SENT, AND HE CAVE GOOD awarded as yet, and it will probably not be completed before June 1st.

DISASTROUS **EXPLOSION**

at Pittsburg

A Great Panic And Dreadful Has Been Established by the Scene of Carnage

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 12,-The the most disastrous explosion and fire, made in the Senate today by Foraker. known in this section for many years. He maintained that the United States A score of lives were lost, and about 200 persons so badly burned that seventy-five per cent of them will die.

The dead are: Albert McKean, John Swain, unknown boy, H. F. Smithley, — Finnerty, Chas. Hertig, W. W. Taylor, G. E. Hunter, W. E. Wright, Dallas Bort, unknown man,

The cause of the catastrophe was the explosion of a train of naphtha cars. Leaking naphtha ignied causing the half miles and caused another explostel and the Collins House and badly wrecking a building near by, in which were congregated two hundred or more men. Few occupants of his build. ing escaped injury, many being badly dignation is felt in Salvador, says a hurt. The spectacle attracted a large ernment of Salvador to pay more than tators like a charge of artillery . The soene that followed is beyond de-

> Before the third explosion many were rendered unconscious by the extreme heat and gaseous fumes. Men and women, with clothing ablaze, faces scorched and blistered, ran wildly shricking, hither and thither, only intent on escaping from the awful furnace of fire.

All the Pittsburg ambulances were immediately despatched to the scene with physicians.

Many who were not seriously burned were removed to their homes in Sheriremoved to the undertaking establishremoved to the undertaking establish- opposition.
ments in Sheridan and vicinity and to. The rest of the day was devoted to

ANTHRACITE MINES CLOSE

Will Sail From New York on Strike in the Coal Fields Is **Effective Tomorrow**

DIRECT TO ROME THE ORDER TO SUSPEND

There To Settle the Trouble Issued by President John Mitchell Will Be Obeyed

> THE HAZELTON CONVENTION OF THE UNITED MINEWORKERS WILL DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO MAKE THE STRIKE A PERMANENT ONE.

SCRANTON, Pa., May 10.-Today the order of the Executive Committee of the United Mineworkers, made through President Mitchell to suspend work at all the anthracite mines Monday, and to continue until the Hazelton convention may decide the question final-

That the order to suspend work Mon-

TO IMPROVE SALEM

THE NEW CIVIC LEAGUE HELD AN IMPORTANT MEETING LAST NIGHT.

The committee appointed last Friday evening by the Salem Improvement League met at the council chamber in the city hall last night and organized by the election of Prof. J. S. Graham, chairman, and O. W. T. Muellhaupt, secretary.

Dr. H. C. Epley moved for the appointment of a committee of five to to flax, about eighty acres of which draft a constitution and by-laws, but Army Appropriation Bill in was already up and putting forth a upon the suggestion of Gideon Stolz Against the Beef Trust Filed that the meeting was prepared to han die the subject as a whole, Dr. Epley withdrew the motion. The members present had been supplied with copies of constitutions of similar organizations and on motion one of the members BY present was requested to read one of them section by section, which was done and after various amendments to adapt them to the wants of Salem, a Illegal Control of the Meat constitution was agreed upon, and adopted .

The hour being late when the constitution was completed, it was deemed wisest to leave the matter of bylaws to a sub-committee of five to report their work with the constitution to the leagues H. A. Thomas, Dr. H. C. Epley, Gideon Stolz, Mrs. Mary R Davis, and .. W. T. Rigdon were appointed as such committee.

AMERICANS WILL REMAIN

Will Be Retained

United States Forces

WASHINGTON, May 12.-An impor-Sheridan yard of the Pan-bandle rall- tant contribution to the duscussion of road was the scene, this evening of the Philippine Government bill was could not leave the islands until order had been restored and until a stable government had been established. He declared this Government would not come away from the islands under the present or next administration, even though the latter be Democratic bcause the American people never would consent to poltroonery.

Foraker read editorials from the Denver News of which Patterson is proprietor. The editorials maintained that the United States must retain control of the Philippines and put down the insurrection among the Filipinos. With keen sarcasm, the Ohio Senator declared that the editorials did not read as did Patterson's speeches now. Foraker held that the policy adopted in the Philippines was one of the kindest and gentlest possible.

The Senate concurred in the House amendment to the bill making an appropriation of \$200,000 for the relief of the French West Indies.

Relief for Martinique. WASHINGTON, May 12.—The House today passed the bill granting \$200,000 for the relief of the sufferers in the great calamity in the West Indies. The bill was a substitute for the relief measure passed by the Senate and followed the receipt of a message from the President setting forth the magnitude of the calamity and urging an appro-

printion of \$500,000. Hemenway, acting chairman of the Appropriation Committee, explained that the amount was limited to \$200,-000, owing to the fact that large private contributions were being made. The discussion was brief. Underwood (Ala.) being the only one to speak in

PERSONALS

Jonathan Whitney, of Woodburn, s in the city on business. A. W. Hoover departed for Walla Walla yesterday afternoon.

Governor T. T. Geer returned last night from a business trip to Portland. Swept Down Upon the City of F. H. Campbell returned last night from an over-Sunday visit to Portland. Miss Olga Hewitt, of Albany, is visiting with Dr. Grace Albright in this

Mrs. M. E. Howard went to Portland yesterday afternoon for a visit to

Mrs. C. A. Sehlbrede returned last evening from a visit to her husband in Mrs. C. T. Pomeroy returned last

evening from a visit to her mother in

Mrs. Al. Stump, formerly of Dallas, is in the city expecting to reside here permanently.

Mrs. Helen A. Dearborn, of Portland, is visiting with her daughter. Mrs. Scott Bogorth, on South- Commercial street. Mrs. J. P. Emerson and little grand-

son, Emerson Trainer, of Stockton, Cai., are visiting with Mrs. Emerson's daughter, Mrs. J. Conner, in this city. Mrs. Sol Durbin and little grand-daughter. Gertrude Kottes, returned to Portland yesteday afternoon from a Pierre, on Thursday. visit to the home of Mrs. C. M. Walker, near this city,

Mrs. T. E. Cornelius departed for Hillsboro yeserday afternoon to w. end the funeral of her father, Rev. Wm. Smith, who died in that city yesterday morning.

Louis Lachmund and liftle daughter departed for Portland yesterday afternoon where they will take the train this morning for New York expecting to remain several weeks.

Rev. A. S. Worrell, of Louisville, Kentucky, arrived yesterday afternoon and will preach at the First Baptist church in this city afternoon and evenings during the rest of the week.

INJUNCTION

In Chicago

FEDERAL OFFICERS

Trade of The Country Charged. CHICAGO, May 10 .- District attor-

ney Berthea this evening filed with the clerk of the Federal Court a bill for an injunction sweeping in character, designed to destroy the alleged giant conspiracy to illegally control the meat trade of the United States. District Attorney Berthea also served notice that on May 20th he will appear before the Federal Judge Grosscup and ask for a temporary injunction against pack-Sherman anti-trust law.

ers and their representatives under the The petition charges conspiracy, unlawful combination, blaksifnigt em emt lawful combination, blacklisting, illegal cartage charges, and illegal credit agreement creating false prices, illegally depressing the market, and accepting railroad rebates. All the principal packing companies organized under the laws of New Jersey, Michigan, New York and Illinois are made parties to the defense, and all are residents of Illinois, save Sulzberger and Noyes, New York, and Swift of Boston.

STREAM OF MOLTEN LAVA

St. Pierre

AND DESTROYED ALL'LIFE

Thirty Thousand Corpses are Strewn About the Ruins

RUINS ARE FOUND BURNING AND FRIGHTFUL ODORS OF BURNED FLESH FILL THE AIR-AN AWFUL SILENCE OVER-HANGS THE LUCKLESS PLACE.

FORT DE FRANCE, Martinique, May 12.-About 30,000 persons lost their lives as the result of the outbreak of Mount Pelee volcano, at St.

The American Consul at Guadeloupe, Louis H. Ayme, has reached St. Pierre and confirms the awful story in all the essential details. From an interview with Consul Ayme, the corespondent of the Associated Press, learn-

ed the following: Thursday morning the inhabitants of the city awoke to find heavy clouds shrouding Mont Pelce crater. All day Wednesday horrible detonations had been heard. The cannonading ceased Wednesday night, and fine ashes fell like rain on St. Pierre. About 8 o'clock with a frightful roar and terrific electric discharges, a tornado of fire, mud and steam swept down from the crater over the town and bay, sweeping all before it, and destroying the fleet

of yessels at anchor off shore. Thirty thousand corpses are strewn about, buried in the ruin of St. Pierre, or floating, gnawed by sharks, in the

surrounding seas. The Associated Press steamer neared Martinique at 6:30 this morning. From behind the volcanic veil came blasts of hot wind, mingling with others ice

The whole north end of the island was covered with a costing of ashes. Furious blasts of fire, ashes and mud swept over the steamer, but finally St. Pierre was reached. The ruins were burning in many

places, and the frightful odors of burned flesh filled the air. Not one house was left intact. Most notable was the utter silence and the awful, overpowering stench from the thousands of dead. The firy stream which destroyed St.

poisonous gases, which instantly auffocated everyone who inhaled them, and of other gases burning furiously, for nearly all victims had their hands covering their mouths or were in some attitude showing that they had sought relief from suffocation. The village of Irrine, south of St. Pierre, was almost entirely hurned

Pierre must have been composed of

and almost all the inhabitants were killed. One of the survivors of Irrine says the sea, boiling hot, invaded the land. Ten women, severely burned, were brought in from Irrine, and four of them have died.

Evidence of the swiftness of the on slaught of fire is found in the fact that none of the victims were blinded, although the eyelids of most of them are nearly burned through. There were eighteen or twenty vessels in the roadsted at the time of the disaster,

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Every piece of black dress goods in the store will be sold at sale prices this week