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AWFUL RAIN OF FIRE

Almost an Entire Island Destroyed
By Volcano

FOURTY THOUSAND LIVES ARE LOST

City of St. Pierre, Island of Martinique, and All Shipping in the Harbor, Consumed.

Washington, Special.—The following cablegram has just been received at the State Department:

"Point-a-Pitre, May 9.

"Secretary of State:

"At 7 o'clock a.m., on the 8th inst., a storm of steam, mud and fire enveloped the city and roared through the streets of the Mont Pelee volcano at St. Pierre, on Thursday last. Careful investigation by competent government officials show the earlier reports of the Associated Press were accurate. The American consul at Guadalupe, Aymé, had reached the desolate spot where St. Pierre stood, and confirms the awful story. In all its essential details, from the French war ship Gaulois while that vessel lies off Annapolis.

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LIVE ITEMS OF NEWS.

Many Matters of General Interest in Short Paragraphs.

The Sunny South.

Bishop Potter confirmed a number of cadets at West Point.

Admiral and Mrs. Schley visited the battlefield of Lookout Mountain.

Dr. B. M. Palmer, the noted Presbyterian clergyman, was knocked down by a trolley car in New Orleans and badly injured.

The battleship Gaulois sailed from Toulon for Annapolis, bearing the members of the Rochambeau mission.

Charged with forgery of notes on the school fund Postmaster George W. Shoemaker, of Albany, Mo., is under arrest.

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At The National Capital.

The Government is said to have new and important evidence against the beef combine.

Jealous of his wife, Charles Thom, of Washington, D. C., shot and killed her about midnight Saturday.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee heard appeals from pro-Liberals asking this Government to try to have the South African was stopped.

It is rumored that Senator John L. McLaughlin's final break from the Democratic ranks will be followed by a Federal appointment.

The President has selected H. G. Squiers, Secretary of Legation in China, to be Minister to Cuba, and Gen. E. S. Bragg, of Wisconsin, to be Consul-General at Havana.

President Havemeyer, of the American Sugar Refinery Company, continued his testimony before the Senate Cuban Committee.

In deciding two Chinese exclusion cases the Supreme Court holds that they did not involve a constitutional question.

In the Senate Mr. Lodge defended the Administration's policy in the Philippines, and in replying Mr. Rawlins said to Rawlins he held Mr. Lodge and others responsible for the present conditions.

At The North.

Twenty persons were injured in an explosion of natural gas at Marion, Ind.

New York companies in 1901 issued 175,623 life insurance policies for \$205,323,679 insurance.

Archbishop Michael A. Corrigan died at 11:20 o'clock Sunday night in New York.

Three Wall street firms suspended and there was a fall in stocks following the collapse of the Webb-Meyer securities, but later the market rallied.

The answer of the companies to the Northwestern railroad merger to the Government's suit in an effort to break it was filed at St. Paul.

Mrs. Kate Sofel pleaded guilty in Pittsburgh to aiding convicts to escape and will be sentenced later.

Union officers have little hope of averting the strike of the 147,000 Pennsylvania anthracite coal miners.

Michael J. Ichniowski, of Philadelphia, drank a quart of whiskey in order to win a wager and died soon afterward.

The captain of the British steamer Quebec Steamship Company's steamer Rosalma was seen to explode and disappear. The commander of the Suchet reports that at 1 o'clock on Thursday the entire town of St. Pierre was destroyed at 8 o'clock on Thursday morning by a volcanic eruption. It is supposed that most of the inhabitants of St. Pierre were killed, that the neighboring parishes were laid waste and that the residue of the population of St. Pierre is without food or shelter. The British royal mail steamer Esmeralda, which arrived at St. Lucia this morning, reports having passed St. Pierre last night. The steamer was covered with ashes, though she was 5 miles distant from the town, which was in impenetrable darkness. A boat was sent in as near as possible to the shore, but not a living soul was seen ashore, only flames.

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The captain of the British steamer Rosalma was very seriously injured and is now in the hospital at St. Lucia. All of his officers and engineers are dead or dying. Nearly every member of the crew is dead. Super-cargo Campbell and ten of the crew of the Rosalma jumped overboard at St. Pierre and were lost.

The British schooner, Ocean Traveller, and fire from it swept the whole town of St. Pierre, destroying the town and the shipping there. In St. Pierre was wrapped in flames. He endeavored to save about 30 persons, including the cable repair ship Grappler of the West Indian & Panama Telegraph Company, of London, which was engaged in repairing the cable near the Guernsey factory. The Ocean Traveller, while on her way to Dominica, encountered a quantity of wreckage.

Paris, By Cable.—The commander of the French cruiser Suchet, has telegraphed to the Minister of Marine, M. DeLaessan, from Fort DeFrance, Island of Martinique, under date of Thursday, May 8, at 10 p. m., as follows:

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From Across The Sea.

Sixty-one bodies have been recovered from the scene of the fire at Mt. Gamm. Egypt.

Queen Wilhelmina's condition is improved and it is now believed she will recover.

The Chinese Government is making strenuous efforts to put down the rebellion.

The first Cuban Congress assembled at Havana.

Princess Beatrice, daughter of Don Carlos, attempted suicide by dressing in such attire and throwing herself into the Tiber.

Disaster Complete.

Washington, Special.—Secretary Hay has received the following cablegram dated May 11, from Consul Aymé, at Guadalupe, who went to Fort-de-France, Martinique, by instructions from this government: "The disaster is complete. The city wiped out. Consul Prentiss and his family are dead. Governor says 25,000 have perished, 50,000 are homeless and hungry. He requests that the Red Cross be asked to send red cross, beans, rice, salt meat and biscuits as quickly as possible. Wishes of war vessel value."

Miscellaneous Matters.

John H. Rockfeller, Jr., is spending four days at the University of Oxford investigating the mechanics for

FURTHER DETAILS

Of the Frightful Volcanic Eruption in Martinique.

FIRST REPORTS NOT EXAGERATED

Fuller Investigation Reveals the Situation as Being Even Worse Than at First Believed.

Fort-de-France, Island of Martinique, By Cable.—It now seems to be generally admitted that about 30,000 persons lost their lives as a result of the eruption of the Mont Pelee volcano at St. Pierre, on Thursday last. Careful investigation by competent government officials show the earlier reports of the Associated Press were accurate. The American consul at Guadalupe, Aymé, has reached the desolate spot where St. Pierre stood, and confirms the awful story. In all its essential details, from the French war ship Gaulois while that vessel lies off Annapolis.

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SOUTHERN INDUSTRIAL

Big 100 Addition.

The Manufacturers' Record is an authoritatively informed that the proposed increase of capital of the Massachusetts Mills in Georgia has been fully subscribed. This is an increase of capital from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 for the purpose of erecting an additional plant. The new mill will contain about 40,000 spindles (not 50,000 as was previously stated), and its construction and equipment will be begun and pushed to completion as rapidly as is practicable. Messrs. Lockwood, Greene & Co., of Boston, Mass., have been appointed architects and engineers for the new addition. They will soon have plans and specifications completed, and the necessary contracts will then be arranged.

The Manufacturers' Record of April 3 presented an outline of these enlargements as contained in the foregoing Massachusetts Cotton Mills, Lowell, Mass., operates the plant of the Georgia company under lease.

Dallas, Tex., Special—H. Warner Hill, of the North Georgia Conference, precipitated a spirited five minutes debate on the war claim issue in the Methodist General Conference by a resolution calling to instruct the committee on publishing interests to hold continuous sessions until the matter be settled, because of the importance of the matter and the universal interest of the church in it. On motion of Dr. Rankin, the resolution was tabled, 59 to 68.

Soon after this vote was taken J. P. Strader, of Los Angeles, presented a paper to be read to the open Conference on the defense of the attitude of the majority of the local committees at Baltimore in 1898 on the war claim. One of the most interesting debuts since the most controversial opened resulted. The paper was finally referred to the publishing committee.

Dr. William of South Carolina, gave notice to reply from the minority members of the local committee of 1898.

A resolution signed by A. Coke Smith of Virginia, expressing gratification at the visit and address of the fraternal delegates of the Methodist Episcopal Church, North, and endorsing the sentiments contained in the address was adopted.

A greeting from the Southern Baptist Convention at Asheville, N. C., during the week have stated that it is reported, though not confirmed, that Messrs. Moses Cone and Caesar Cone of that city will build an immense cotton mill. However, the fact that the plant will be erected was definitely announced in the Manufacturers' Record of April 3, in accordance with information submitted by Mr. Moses H. Cone. He wrote at the time that he intended to build a mill of 60,000 spindles and 2,000 looms for the manufacture of cottons, but that the location of the plant was yet in doubt. It may be built at Greensboro, but it is quite possible that Roanoke Rapids, N. C., will be selected as the location.

Constitution in Wilmington.

The Wilmington Seaboard Railroad, the Wilmington Street Railway and the Wilmington Gaslight companies of Wilmington, N. C., have been consolidated under the name of the Consolidated Railway, Light & Power Co. Hugh MacRae was president; A. R. Woodcock, general manager; Barry Woodcock, secretary; and Richard J. Jones, treasurer. It is proposed to convert the Seaboard Railroad into an electric line. It extends from Wilmington to Wrightsville Beach. A new power plant and new car barns are to be constructed for the Consolidated Company. The deal was affected through the firm of Hugh MacRae & Co., bankers of Wilmington.

Textile Notes.

Facet (S. C.) Manufacturing Co. now has its branch mill (recently completed) at Gainesville, Ga., in operation with 25,000 spindles and 850 looms, producing standard sheetings. There are 620 operatives employed in this million-dollar plant, and only half of the equipment is in operation. Just

then the full complement will start up as is not yet known. The company will begin the erection of 100 additional operatives' cottages next week.

The freight engine, two postal cars, club car and Pullman sleeper, which were wrecked and burned to ashes. Engineer McCormick and Fireman Abe Gordon, when they saw that the collision was unavoidable, jumped to their lives and escaped with cuts and bruises. W. T. Rucker, chief clerk, and W. C. King, colored porter, were slightly injured.

The freight engine and five or six cars loaded with lumber and flour were wrecked and burned. Not a passenger was hurt.

Help For Volcano Sufferers.

Washington, Special.—An additional appropriation of \$200,000 was made by the Senator for the stricken people of the Philippines. The amount of the appropriation was made in accordance with the recommendation of the President, who had asked that the amount of relief be \$500,000. The joint resolution carrying the appropriation was adopted without debate. Before proceeding to the consideration of the Philippine government bill the Senate passed the agricultural appropriation bill.

\$1,500,000 in Gold Lost.

Valparaiso, Chile, By Cable.—The German steamer Sakkhar, Captain Plenig, has become totally lost at Huambal last night on the coast of Chile. The fate of the steamer's crew and passengers is not known. The cargo of the Sakkhar included \$1,500,000 in gold specie which was being demitted by the Chilean government. The freight was left here April 24 for Ham-

burg.

The Sheridan Horror.

Pittsburgh, Special.—A careful and systematic search for the dead and injured in the Sheridan horror reveals a list of 23 dead and 202 injured. The complete list of injured will never be known as many were able to get away without assistance. A conservative estimate, made by those thoroughly familiar with the situation places the number more or less seriously hurt at not less than 2,000. The scenes in and around Sheridan were pitiful in the extreme. Practically every house in the village had one or more inmates and many homes and families were gathered about the charred and distorted remains of loved ones who were victims of the terrible calamity.

To Retire Hobson.

Washington, Special.—The sub-committee on naval affairs has under consideration today the bill to place Capt. Richmond P. Hobson upon the retired list, but no conclusion was reached. Capt. Hobson addressed the sub-committee, saying he should be placed on the retired list on account of the condition of his eyes. He referred to the favorable recommendation of President Roosevelt on the proposed mea-

THAT BOOK MATTER

Methodist General Conference Takes Mooted Question Up.

A HARD PROPOSITION TO TACKLE

What the Outcome of the Matter is to Be: Remains Problematical—The Other Proceedings.

Dates.

Clemson Matter Settled.

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Cadet Thornwell Reinstated By the Board of Trustees.

Clemson College, Special.—The investigation of the recent trouble in the college has been concluded and the trustees have adjourned and gone home. The net results of the investigation are these:

Cadet Thornwell has been reinstated. The sophomore class will be allowed to return and resume their studies, on the condition that they will be ready to stand their examination in September for entrance to the junior class. The charges which were preferred by the committee of students against President Hartzog were withdrawn. President Hartzog has tendered his resignation.

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