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THE EARLY DAYS OF HORROR FOR THE PEOPLE OF MARTINIQUE ISLAND.

West India Papers Just Received Tell of the First Outbreak of Mont Pelee—Terror-stricken People, Wailing and Screaming, Rushed Aimlessly Through the Streets.

New York, May 22.—The West Indian newspapers containing accounts of the volcanic outbreak began to reach New York today. The following are extracts from the Voice of St. Lucia, printed at Castries, St. Lucia, May 8:

"The Montage Pelee, in the last days of April, began to show signs of uneasiness. On the third instant it began to throw out dense signs of smoke and at midnight belched out flames accompanied by rumbling noises. At 5:30 p. m. flames were again visible and similar noises were audible. At the foot of the Montage Pelee are the villages of Procheurs and Ste. Philomene. The inhabitants were thrown into the greatest consternation by the sights and sounds of the laboring mountain and especially by the dark wing of the sky, by volumes of thick smoke and the clouds of ashes which began to fall.

There was an exodus from all the districts. The town of St. Pierre was on lower morning of last Saturday, covered with a layer of ashes about one-quarter of an inch thick and appeared as though enveloped in a fog. The mountain was visible, being wrapped in the smoke which issued from it. The greatest anxiety prevailed and all business was suspended.

"A very anxious morning was spent at Martinique May 4. Thanks, however, to a sea breeze from about 11 a. m. the situation then appeared better, but, as the breeze died away at sunset, a large quantity of ashes again began to fall and the mountain and its environs presented a most dismal spectacle, causing much alarm as to what the night would bring forth. Nothing happened, however, and on Monday morning (May 5), although everything was not quite serene, the aspect was decidedly encouraging. Less excitement prevailed.

"At about 9 a. m. on the morning of the 6th, a private telegram was received from Martinique advising that the Pisonneau family had chartered the steamer Topaze. One of the boats of the Compagnie Girard, and had started for St. Lucia at 5 a. m.

"At about 11 o'clock the Topaze arrived with Mrs. Pisonneau, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pisonneau and three children, Mrs. Pierre Pisonneau and child, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ernout and three children, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McEligh and four children, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon De Grandmison and Mrs. Anstole De Pompanin, Mrs. Cecile De Pompanin, Masters Maurice De Pompanin, Ernest and Gabriel Hayot, and Miss Suzanne Hayot.

"They reported that at noon on Monday, May 5, a stream of burning lava had suddenly rushed down the southwestern slope of the mountain, and following the course of Riviere Blanche, the bed of which is dry at this season of the year, had overwhelmed everything which obstructed its tremendous rush to the sea. Houses and buildings were covered up by the fiery wave, which appeared to rise to a height of some 20 feet over an area of nearly a quarter of a mile. When the torrent had poured itself into the sea it was found that the Guerin sugar factory, situated on the beach near the mouth of the Riviere Blanche, some five miles distant from the mountain and two from St. Pierre, was entirely embedded in lava, the tall chimney alone being visible. The burning mass of liquid had taken only three minutes from the time it was first perceived to reach the sea, five miles away. Then a remarkable phenomenon occurred. The sea receded all along the western coast for a distance of about a hundred yards and returned with gentle strength, covering up the whole of the seafloor of St. Pierre and reaching the first houses on the Plage de l'Est. This created a general panic, and the people made, terror-stricken, for the hills. Though the sea retired again, without any great damage being done ashore or along the piers, it was feared that by the terrible denotations which broke from the mountain at short and irregular intervals, accompanied with dense emissions of smoke and flashes of flame, this was a warning of a more terrible still, and, at each manifestation of the volcano's anger, people in their night clothes, carrying children, and lighted by any sort of a lamp or candle, they had caught up in their haste, ran out into the dark streets, wailing and screaming and running aimlessly about the town.

"The mental strain becoming unendurable the Topaze was got ready at 2 a. m., the refugees hurriedly went on board and started for St. Lucia. At 2 p. m. the gentlemen of the party having placed their families in safety, returned by the Topaze to Martinique.

"In the meantime, telegrams were being sent from Martinique imploring that a steamer might be chartered to bring away terrified people from St. Pierre. But, the superintendent of the Royal Mail Company at Barbados would not allow one of the coasting boats, the only steamer available, to go to Martinique. At a little before 5 p. m. cable communication was interrupted and remains so.

BRITISH COLONIAL TRADE.

Imperial Zollverein Opposed by Liberal Press—Liable to Be Strong Opposition to Any Proposal for Preferential Trade Within the Empire.

London, May 22.—The conference of the colonial premiers at the coronation is anticipated here with the liveliest interest, which has been increased by the recent speeches of Mr. Chamberlain and Sir Wilfrid Laurier on the commercial relations of England and the colonies. The Liberal newspapers are already talking of the serious dangers and preferential tariffs which threaten the empire in these proposals, and are stirring up an agitation which has as its object the inducing of the colonial secretary to leave the imperial Zollverein in the pigeon hole where it was placed a few years ago. The Conservative daily press fights shy of the topic, although the Spectator has condemned the proposal in uncompromising terms. The people in this country are inherently opposed to a new order of things and it is reasonably certain that any proposal to adopt a system of preferential trading within the empire will meet with vehement opposition. Englishmen are eager for a closer union with the colonies, but the words "commercial relations" frightens them.

THINK BODY IS THAT OF A NOVA SCOTIAN.

Found in the Saco River—Mystery of John Glenn's Disappearance Likely Solved.

Baldorf, Me., May 22.—The badly decomposed body of a man was found in the Saco river near the railroad bridge, this afternoon, and the police believe it is the partial solution of the mysterious disappearance of John Glenn, on January 17 last, and that he was a victim of foul play. Mr. Glenn was a Nova Scotia about a year previous to his disappearance and was employed as a moulder in a local foundry. At the time of his disappearance he was supposed to have had about \$200 and a gold watch and chain in his possession. Although it is the general opinion that the body found today is that of Glenn, there was nothing found in his pockets with the exception of a briar pipe and a string of rosary beads.

"It is known that he secured a lady correspondent through a matrimonial paper just previous to his disappearance, and he had told his friends of his purchase of a watch and chain for the woman he proposed to marry. He failed, however, to make the presentation and he had the articles in his possession when last seen in Saco, where he boarded.

"The police advance the theory that Glenn was foully dealt with, and after the money and chain for the woman he proposed to marry were taken from him, he was thrown into the Saco river. An effort will be made to ascertain the name of the woman he corresponded with in Saco, with a hope that she may be able to tell who he was with on the day of his disappearance. An autopsy will be held tomorrow and it is likely an inquest will follow.

"Glenn was about 35 years old, and several of his friends who have seen the body today are strong in the belief that it is the body of the missing man.

DAMAGE BY FOREST FIRES.

Loss in Vicinity of Amherst is in the Thousands.

Amherst, N. S., May 22.—(Special)—Pierce forest fires are raging throughout the country at Southampton and Amherst, where lumber and standing timber has been destroyed. Albert Pugsley, one of the largest operators in that vicinity, losing about \$2,500, insured for \$4,000. At River Philip about \$10,000 is estimated as the loss, among the heavy losses being C. Bragg and James Ripley. The principal loss there is from the burning over of a large area of valuable young growth of timber lands.

Victoria day will be observed as a public holiday here.

ULTIMATUM BY BRITAIN TO BOERS.

London Information That Haggling of the Leaders at Conference Has Caused British Action Which Will Lead to Settlement—Ready to Battle Again.

London, May 23.—The Daily Mail, in its issue of this morning, says it understands that, owing to the protracted haggling of the Boer leaders at Pretoria, Great Britain has presented them with what is practically an ultimatum, their reply to which is awaited and which it is expected they will accept.

CABLE FROM ANTICOSTI TO THE MAGDALENS.

One to Be Laid—Communication Soon Between Canso and Quebec—Half Band to Coronation.

Ottawa, May 22.—(Special)—Arrangements are about completed for laying a cable from Anticosti to Magdalen Islands, and children—attacked a meat store conducted by Isaac Leibman, on Brighton street, and threw eggs and decayed fruit at the building. The windows were smashed and the stock of meats was ruined. Police interfered and arrested two women and one man, who were the ring leaders. A customer of Leibman was attacked by a woman, who took meat home bought from him and struck him in the face with it. She was arrested. Another woman was injured during the stampede of the crowd. Later crowds attacked two meat stores in the North End, smashed the windows and spoiled the stocks.

MEAT RIOTS ON BOSTON STREETS.

Hebrew Men and Women Make Attack—Troubles Grow to Such Extent That Police Are Defied, and Clashes Result.

Boston, May 22.—The "Kosher meat" disturbances which have prevailed here in the past few days, were resumed today. Three hundred Hebrews—men, women and children—attacked a meat store conducted by Isaac Leibman, on Brighton street, and threw eggs and decayed fruit at the building. The windows were smashed and the stock of meats was ruined. Police interfered and arrested two women and one man, who were the ring leaders. A customer of Leibman was attacked by a woman, who took meat home bought from him and struck him in the face with it. She was arrested. Another woman was injured during the stampede of the crowd. Later crowds attacked two meat stores in the North End, smashed the windows and spoiled the stocks.

REVENGE FOR FLOGGING MOTIVE FOR ATTACK.

Russian Who Attempted to Assassinate Governor of Vilna Had Been Whipped.

London, May 23.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail says in a despatch that in the course of a performance some time ago in a theatre at Vilna, revolutionary proclamations were thrown from the gallery to the stalls. Gen. General Von Wahl, governor of Vilna, thereupon ordered all the occupants of the gallery to be arrested and flogged. Among the persons thus treated was the man who subsequently shot at and wounded Governor Von Wahl. He acted in revenge.

CAME INTO FORTUNE OF TWENTY MILLIONS.

Fishmonger of Belfast Said to Be Heir to Great Wealth.

London, May 21.—A great sensation has been caused in Belfast by the news that a fish monger named by the press that he inherited \$20,000,000. A few days ago Mr. O'Rourke was waited upon by a gentleman from Georgia, U. S. A., whose mission it was to trace the whereabouts of the heir to a fortune. In 1868 Page O'Rourke, a native of Drumhair, Leitrim, died in Chicago, leaving \$7,000,000, in addition to considerable properties. There was a note in his diary indicating his intention that his wealth should go to the next of kin.

LUMBER NEWS BAD.

DISCOURAGING REPORTS BROUGHT FROM THE UPPER ST. JOHN.

W. J. Nobles Abandons His Six Million Drive, But Stands By in Hope of Water Rising—Kilburn Stuck With Big W. H. Murray Drive.

Fredericton, N. B., May 22.—(Special)—Harry Finmore, of this city, who has been working on William J. Nobles' drive on the Upper St. John, arrived home last evening. He brings the first direct news from the lumber drives received here for more than a week, and it is not of a very encouraging nature. He says that Mr. Noble, who operates in Hope of Water, has been obliged to abandon his drive of 6,000,000 at Priestly Rapids, about nine miles above the upper corporation limits. Mr. Noble is remaining in the locality with some of his men for a few days with the hope that a rise of water may occur. According to Mr. Finmore, he has been driving 40 days altogether.

FIFTH TO EMBARK TODAY.

Another Section of Fourth Contingent Ready at Halifax—Minister of Militia There.

Halifax, N. S., May 22.—(Special)—The Fifth C. M. R. Regiment is seen today at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. Horses were put on board today.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Little Ones Struck as They Hurried Home for Refuge.

Fenlon Falls, Ont., May 22.—(Special)—During a thunder storm here this evening, Jennie and James Smith, aged 14 and 16 respectively, children of Thomas Smith, were killed by lightning while running home to take refuge from the storm.

STEAMER BURNED.

New Orleans, May 22.—The steamer John K. Speed, lying at her wharf at the foot of Lafayette street, was burned to the water's edge this afternoon. The boat was started in a fire, but not before the wharves had taken fire and a very large wharf burned away.

NEW YORK CENTRAL FIRE AT BUFFALO.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 23.—Fire which started about midnight last night destroyed the transfer house of the New York Central at the East Buffalo stock yards. The flames spread to the hundreds of cars surrounding the building and a great number of them were destroyed. Some of the cars were empty, but the most of them contained valuable merchandise.

HORRIFYING DEATH OF A NEGRO AT THE HANDS OF A FURIOUS MOB.

They Led the Shrieking Black to a Stake, Inflicted Awful Tortures, and Finally Burned Him Alive—Many Women Took Part.

Long View, Tex., May 22.—The culmination of a man hunt which has been in progress since last Saturday, was reached today when Dudley Morgan, colored, who assaulted Mrs. McKee, wife of a Texas & Pacific foreman, at Lansing, Texas, was burned at the stake near Lansing.

The crowd surged around him and those in charge tried in vain to make them stand back and keep quiet while the negro talked. He implicated another negro named Franklin Heard, saying Heard was to get part of the money which was to be stolen. Morgan confessed to having committed the crime, and after being tied to the stake with his hands and legs free, the members of the mob began to take ties from a fire already built and burn on his eyes. They held the burning timbers to his neck and, after burning his clothes off, to other parts of the body. The negro screamed in agony. He was tortured in a slow and painful manner, with the crowd clamoring continuously for a slower death, and the negro, writhing and groaning, begged piteously to be shot.

LEAVE THE PHILIPPINES SAYS SENATOR HOAR.

Venerable Massachusetts Statesman Denounces Government Policy—Says United States Should Withdraw as in Cuba.

Washington, May 22.—A notable contribution to the discussion of the Philippine question was made in the senate today by Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts. When the venerable senator began to speak, every eye in the senate was turned to him, and he consumed his time in the most careful attention.

VISIT OF PRESIDENT OF FRANCE TO RUSSIA.

M. Loubet Warmly Received at St. Petersburg—Gives 100,000 Francs in Charity—Labor Disorders.

St. Petersburg, May 22.—President Loubet arrived here this morning and was accorded an enthusiastic and popular reception. The railroad station and city were lavishly decorated and many women wore French flags and wearing Franco-Russian alliance souvenirs. The French president was welcomed by the governor of St. Petersburg, who offered him the customary bread and salt and hearty welcome. M. Loubet, in reply, said he entertained no doubt of the cordiality of his reception in any part of Russia, as he knew the hearts of Russia and France beat in unison. Deputations of ladies presented M. Loubet with bouquets of flowers for the route, followed by enormous crowds of people.

BURGULARS DOING NOVA SCOTIA.

Four Hundred Dollars Worth Stolen from Port au Pique Store.

Truro, May 22.—(Special)—The gang of outlaws operating in the Telegraph last winter as operating between Amherst and Halifax are evidently on the path again. Following the Musquodouit burglary last night, the store of T. D. Crowe, at Port au Pique was entered by breaking through the door. Three fur coats, a large quantity of dry goods and crockery ware and shoes were taken, amounting to \$400. There is no trace. This is the third time Crowe's store has been burglarized in the last five years.

CORONATION DAY SERVICES.

Bishop of Ottawa Receives Request from King Through Archbishop of Canterbury.

Ottawa, May 22.—(Special)—The Bishop of Ottawa has received a letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury, writing at the command of the king, asking his lordship to provide copies of the service authorized by the Archbishop of Canterbury for distribution to the several parishes.

ENGINES FOR MARCONI STATION AT GLACE BAY.

Amherst, May 22.—The Robt Engineering Company has shipped two engines to the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company for the station they are building at Glace Bay (C. B.). One engine of 100 horse power is for driving the electric generator that supplies the current for the signaling apparatus, and the other of 20 horse power is for lighting the station and the buildings adjoining.

DOMINION COAL AND IRON & STEEL AMALGAMATION.

Montreal, May 22.—(Special)—The amalgamation of the Dominion Coal & Iron and steel companies will be ratified tomorrow by the directors.

RUSSIAN POLICE CHIEF LOSES HIS JOB.

St. Petersburg, May 22.—The chief of the state police, Svolskiy, has resigned in consequence of a suggestion on the part of the minister of the interior that the recent assassinations of ministers clearly indicated Svolskiy's unfitness for his position.

CITY OF TORONTO INDICTED.

Toronto, May 22.—(Special)—The grand jury of the court of general sessions today brought in a true bill indicting the city for maintaining a nuisance in Court street police station. This is part of the old Court house now disused.

NORTHWEST GOVERNMENT HAS NINE MAJORITY.

Further Election Returns Show 22 Supporters and Nine Independents and Opponents.

Winnipeg, May 22.—(Special)—From present indications the Manitoba government will have 22 supporters and nine independent members in the North-west legislative assembly. Since last election four new constituencies have been formed. Returns from one of them are incomplete, but the others all return government candidates.

MONTREAL DETECTIVE FOUND DEAD.

Montreal, May 22.—(Special)—James Reid, central office detective of the city force, was found dead in bed this morning.