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New Danger, However, is Feared in Startling Report That Kingston is Slipping Into Sea - Governor of Jamaica Reports That Population is Patient But Listless Under the Strain.

FAMINE AND PESTILENCE FACING THOUSANDS

BULLETIN. St. Augustine, Fla., Jan. 17.—Wire messages received at the station on Anastasia Island by Chief Electrician Elkins say that Kingston is sinking gradually; that holes and cracks 100 feet deep were formed by the earthquake and that grave fears are felt that the entire city will slip into the bay.

THE OFFICIAL NARRATIVE.

London, Jan. 17.—The colonial office has received a cablegram from Sir Alexander Swettenham, the governor of Jamaica. It is without date and runs: "Continuing my previous telegram on the subject of the earthquake. The evil effects have been confined almost to three parishes of the island, namely, Kingston, Port Royal and St. Andrew. The fire at Kingston has practically ceased; only coal and rubbish are now burning. The district burned comprises a triangular area between the parade gardens, the sea, Duke-street, and Princess-street. The parish church forms the apex of this triangle, which comprises about one-third part of the town. The wharves burned are George and Branday and Malabre, Haggart, Lyons, Solomon, Demerara, Henriques, and one, not both of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co.'s wharves. The burned area is being cleared slowly owing to the indisposition of the population to labor at double the usual wages. There are a few bodies still covered with ruins. The burials to noon this day comprise 243. The persons admitted to hospital in Kingston total 440, excluding some 60 cases sent to Spanish Town from Kingston for treatment. "The population generally is encamped on the parade grounds, in a race course and the open spaces. It is reluctant to return to its ruined houses during the fine weather. "The usual provision shops are in the burned area, and there is consequently difficulty in buying provisions. I am arranging for sales temporarily, and for the transfer of persons to other parishes. There was some pillaging last night from deserted shops. The population is wonderfully patient, but listless. "Among the killed are Sir James Ferguson, J. W. Middleton, A. M. Nathan, E. Decordova, J. R. Munday, J. A. Payne, Dr. R. C. Gibb, R. W. Bradley, B. Verloy, W. George, H. Burrows, Chas. Sherlock, E. Morris, Captain Constantine and Miss Lockett. "Great assistance has been given by Sir Alfred Jones, who converted the steamer Fort Kingston into a temporary hospital and refuge, by doctors and firemen from Spanish Town, and by the commander of the troops, who supplied men to assist in keeping order and to patrol. "The direct line cable is broken three miles off the coast. Both the telegraph offices are burned.

THOUSANDS OF HOMELESS PEOPLE FACE FAMINE AND PESTILENCE

THOUSANDS DEAD. Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 17.—(Bulletin.)—The disaster here is as great as the calamities of San Francisco and Valparaiso. Thousands of persons have been killed and the dead bodies are being taken from the debris by hundreds. The whole town is in ruins. RESOURCES UNHARMED. London, Jan. 17.—John Henniker Heaton, M. P., has telegraphed a vivid account of the earthquake. He quotes Sir Alfred Jones as saying that the catastrophe will not affect the property of the island because the produce and the products of the country have not been interfered with to the slightest degree. The houses that have been destroyed were mostly old and deserved to be destroyed. According to information received on Thursday, the Kingston horror is growing. Communication with the island is partially restored, and every message that comes thru brings fresh details of appalling catastrophes. The number of dead is placed variously at from 500 to 1200, and the number of injured runs into the thousands. Ten thousand people are said to be homeless. The danger of famine has increased, and with it danger of pestilence. There is urgent need of supplies of all kinds. Energetic efforts are being made in America and in England to send aid. The business section of the city has been wiped out, and estimates of the damage range from \$10,000,000 to \$25,000,000. Among the dead and injured are a number of prominent English persons, Myrtle Bank Hotel; Dr. R. C. Gibb, name to this list. Eight Americans are reported to be missing, and it is said that many tourists undoubtedly were crushed by falling walls in the shopping district. The United States battleships Missouri and Indiana have reached the scene, and officers and sailors are trying to render assistance. Making into the Sea. A new horror is added to the situation by reports that the city seems to be slowly sinking into the sea. The water has materially changed, and the two lights at the harbor entrance are said to be disappearing. A despatch from New York says: "The shores of the harbor of Kingston are sinking, and there is terror according to a private despatch received today from Port Antonio, where a large mercantile house Hayti. The harbor is said to be sinking, and the water in many places is now 100 feet deep. Every wharf not destroyed by fire is said to have sunk into the sea, or to have been tilted to a dangerous position. Advice received from various parts of the island show that Kingston was the only place damaged by the recent earthquake. All the other towns of Jamaica are in good condition. No further earthquake shocks have been felt in Jamaica. Ships Crowded With Injured. The ships in the harbor are crowded with injured people, and the death list is being increased daily. Corpses lie in the streets, or are being thrown into trenches. The fearsome extent of appalling calamity that has visited the capital of Jamaica has not yet been recorded in the outside world, and it is doubtful if even the people of Kingston themselves are yet aware of the full extent of the disaster that overwhelmed them last Monday afternoon. The Dead. Following is a list from various sources of all the persons reported killed, injured or missing in the Kingston disaster, without date: Sir James Ferguson, M. P., deputy chairman of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, of London; Captain J. Constantine, superintendent in Jamaica of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's fleet; the Captain Lamont, who was a son to be married to an American young woman; Mr. Brantford, reported to have been killed in the Myrtle Bank Hotel; Dr. Robertson and wife; Charles Sherlock, a prominent merchant; A. M. Nathan, partner of Charles Sherlock in the firm of Nathan, Sherlock & Company; Bradley Verley of the family extensively interested in sugar cultivation; two other members of the Verley family; G. McN. Livingston, senior clerk in the audit office of the colonial government; Dr. Menier (or Maynier); four Livingston children, reported to have been killed in the Myrtle Bank Hotel; Dr. R. C. Gibb, Miss Lockett, killed in Jamaica Club; Miss Sullivan; Edward Decordova, carriage and wagon maker. Missing: J. W. Middleton; Chas. Decordova; Edward Decordova, a brother of Chas.; a brother of Chas. Shephard, the merchant who was killed. The Injured. Injured—Major W. H. Hardyman of the West India Regiment, seriously; Lieut.-Col. J. R. M. Dalrymple-Hay, D. S. O. of the West India Regiment; Captain Motley (probably Captain W. F. Marley) of the West India Regiment; Lieut. A. C. H. Dixon of the West India Regiment; Quartermaster S. H. Price, honorable lieutenant of the West India Regiment; Mrs. S. H. Price, seriously; Mr. Constantine, seriously; Mrs. A. W. Wedderburn, wife of deputy police inspector, seriously; Mr. Codner of the Direct West India Cable Company, severely; Mrs. Marshall, wife of Brigadier-General J.

ROYALTY QUICK TO RENDER AID

Large Subscriptions to Relief Fund Are Forthcoming in London, Headed by King and Queen and Prince and Princess.

U. S. FORWARDING SUPPLIES

Congress Gives Authority, While Steamer is Already En Route—Canada Will Do Her Part.

The calm, official recital received in London of the actual conditions at Kingston, sent by Sir Alexander Swettenham, the governor of the island, realizes the worst fears of the earlier despatches, and brings home to the British public in a manner the press messages failed to do, the terrible nature of the calamity. His description of the listlessness of the population points in a way no picture could do, the effect of the utter desolation that the earthquake and fire left in their track. With characteristic promptitude, the royal family hastened to set an example to Great Britain of generous assistance to the afflicted city. The King and Queen have each contributed \$5000 to the lord mayor's fund. The Prince and Princess of Wales have contributed \$2500 each, and the big companies interested in the West Indies are following suit. The corporation of London have subscribed \$5000, and theatres will tender benefit performances. The United States embassy has telegraphed condolences to his majesty. In the house of commons, Ottawa, last night, Mr. Cocksbutt (Brantford) asked for government action respecting the Kingston earthquake, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier promised immediate attention. It is said that the governor-general will send a message to the house today, recommending an appropriation of \$50,000 for the relief of the Kingston sufferers. Washington.—An emergency bill for the relief of the sufferers on the island of Jamaica, such as clothing, medicine and other necessary articles belonging to the subsistence and other stores of the naval establishment as may be necessary for the relief of the earthquake and attending contingencies. Without waiting for the authority of congress, secretary McInnis had telegraphed Admiral Evans to send the supply ship Celtic, which is now on her way to Quantanamo, to Kingston, and turn over her full cargo of supplies to the sufferers of the stricken city.

TRIFLING WITH THE "COUNTRY."



MR. HAYS: The old man begins to suspect you're fooling him? SIR WILFRID: Well, you see, he elected me to look after you fellows and I handed the job to Emerson and Emerson passed it to a Board of Railway Commissioners and the Board of Railway Commissioners has just passed it along to a Mr. Shepley. We haven't heard from Shepley.

Non-Resident Senators Violate the Constitution N.B. Members Protest

Messrs. Crockett and Daniels Assail the Appointment of Costigan and Gilmore to the Upper House—One Lives in Ontario; the Other in Montreal

MEAT INSPECTION BILL IS UP FOR ANALYSIS

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The government not being ready to go through the tariff to-day, resorted to the threadbare device of putting up Hon. Sydney Fisher to obstruct one of his own measures, which he did, as usual. To-day it was the meat and canned food inspection bill, and enough members of the opposition asked questions to keep the minister going till 6 o'clock. At the evening session Mr. Crockett (Conservative—New Brunswick) made a terrific attack upon the recent appointments of Costigan and Gilmore as senators from New Brunswick. Mr. Costigan for years had owned property in the town of New Brunswick, and was voted in the City of Ottawa. He had lived in Montreal, with an occasional glimpse at his summer cottage in New Brunswick. Was it fair, when the sea-girt provinces were being robbed of representation in the commons, that they should be deprived of their constitutional equality in the senate of the Dominion? Mr. Crockett concluded as follows: "When this government came into power in 1896 we had in the cabinet two ministers from New Brunswick. One of the first acts of the right hon. gentleman was to reduce that cabinet representation to one. Then it is well known to every member of this house that the representation of the Province of New Brunswick in this house of commons has been reduced from sixteen to thirteen members, and that much disapproval was occasioned in that province by that reduction. It is well known that such was the feeling that the government of New Brunswick initiated a special case for determination by the supreme court of the province, as to whether that reduction was right and proper, having regard to the provisions of the B.N.A. Act. "The claim of the Province of New Brunswick to its full representation was based to a large extent on the provisions of the B.N.A. Act regarding the representation of the maritime provinces, although smaller, were given representation with the Province of Ontario and Quebec, and only last session, when a motion was made by the hon. member for South Perth (Mr. McInnis) to reform the senate, the right hon. the first minister made this statement as a reason for opposing any proposal to abolish that body. "But one consideration, which, in my mind, is absolutely conclusive and

OHIO IN FLOOD MANY HOMELESS

Cincinnati Authorities Begin to Take Care of Sufferers Who Number Thousands.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 17.—With the Ohio River in flood in a region of more than 400 miles, thousands of persons are suffering for necessities, and thousands more are homeless. All the indications point to at least 65 feet in flood since February, 1884. The city authorities to-day began to care for persons who have been made homeless or are otherwise suffering. School buildings and churches have been opened as temporary dwellings. About 2000 residents of Turkey Ridge, in the east end, have been isolated by the floods. Many of them were forcibly removed by the police to places of safety to-day. In Newport, Ky., the flood area covers eight blocks, and 300 families have been compelled to vacate their homes. Much damage is being done in Covington to residences and business houses along the river front. The railroads are also great sufferers, and the traction lines in all directions also.

THE BARRISTER.

Time. Bar. Wind 8 a.m. 6.5 19.5 9 a.m. 6.5 19.5 Noon 12 20.5 20.5 2 p.m. 17 20.5 20.5 4 p.m. 17 21.5 14 N. 8 p.m. 17 21.5 14 N. 10 p.m. 17 21.5 14 N. Difference from average, 14 below; highest, 15; lowest, 1 below; snowfall, 4.7 inches.

DEATHS.

McDONNELL.—At her late residence, 220 Logan-avenue, Mrs. McDonnell, wife of Andrew McDonnell, in her 25th year. Funeral notice later. McLEAN.—At Richmond Hill, Jan. 17th, James McLean, in his 70th year. Funeral on Saturday at 2 o'clock, to Richmond Hill Cemetery. LYNCH.—At Maynooth, Hunting County, Ont., on Jan. 16th, Mrs. John Lynch, nee Jane Ryan, sister of P. Ryan, 11 Grosvenor-street, Toronto; M. Ryan of Fenwick, Michigan; and Mrs. John Rosly, Luddington, Mich. papers please copy. The W. F. Matthews Co. Undertakers Who is General Dca-Ifs

R. C. CHURCH BURNED.

Parishioners Nearly Lose Lives in Trying to Save Altar Pieces. Montreal, Jan. 17.—The Roman Catholic Church at Port Leonard St. Maurice was destroyed by fire early to-day, the loss being \$75,000. A detachment of Montreal firemen drove the six miles with their apparatus in 45 minutes, but could do no good. Several people were nearly killed trying to save altar pieces. Hub Hotel, Cor. Yonge and Alice Sts. Remodeled under new management, W. J. Davidson, Prop.

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LACKS MATERIAL FOR NEW CABINET

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Faces a Difficult and Worrying Task in Strengthening His Ministry.

ROSS WON'T SUCCEED HYMAN

Premier Sets His Foot on the Proposal—Fitzpatrick Not Unlikely to Re-Enter Politics.

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The corridors of the house these days are filled with gossip of impending cabinet changes. It is asserted in certain Liberal circles that Hon. Mr. Hyman will never return to the house, that Sir Richard Cartwright is slated for retirement, and that the increasing age of Hon. Mr. Scott will soon suggest to him the reasonableness of getting out. It is even said that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has passed the word around that he is on the warpath and proposes to renovate his cabinet even at the expense of retiring the aged from it. He is desirous of getting somebody from Ontario who will carry weight and influence, not only in the cabinet councils, but also among the people of the province. With Mr. Hyman, Sir Richard and Hon. Mr. Scott outside the pale, Sir Wilfrid would have three portfolios to dispense, and granted that he used his political acumen in filling them he could do much to restore confidence in the Liberal party among the people of Ontario. But it is well understood that he is beset with a horde of Liberal members of greater or less prominence, with followers and hangers-on of the party asking for places, and he is not a little worried. Being a man of kindly disposition with a friendly nature of the office-seekers, he finds it difficult to choose from among the many who think they are called, but who are not yet chosen.

ROSS FOR THE CABINET

A coteries of Liberals are at present urging Sir Wilfrid to appoint Senator George W. Ross to Mr. Hyman's portfolio. Continued on Page 5.

See the Little Michus.

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HIGHER TEMPERATURE.

Observatory, Toronto, Jan. 17.—(6 p.m.)—Light snowfalls have occurred to-day in many portions of Ontario, also in British Columbia; elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fair. Temperatures have risen above zero in Southern Ontario, and in other parts of the Prairie Provinces it remains quite cold. Extremely cold conditions have also prevailed in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

What is a Gazebo?

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