

ISLAND OF ST. VINCENT

New Crater of Soufriere Volcano--Lake Has Disappeared.

Starvation Threatens Inhabitants--Sickness Increasing.

KINGSTON, Island of St. Vincent, B. W. I., Monday, May 12.—Scientists who have come here from the British island of Trinidad predict another volcanic eruption on St. Vincent within a short time.

CONTINUOUS AGITATIONS.

The damage done to St. Vincent by the volcanic eruptions is now known to be considerably greater than was at first estimated. The present uneasiness of the inhabitants of the island is increased by the continuous volcanic agitations of the craters. Friday morning, May 9th, large stones and volcanic dust fell in the neighborhood of Georgetown for two hours, terrifying the people there. A cloud of hot vapor then passed over that port. Two eruptions, of less magnitude than the first, which occurred on Saturday, May 10th, and from then until today fire and smoke have been ascending at intervals from the craters. Owing to the great heat it is impossible to approach the Soufriere volcano from the leeward side.

SEVERAL FISSURES.

Interesting discoveries have been made in regard to the physical changes on St. Vincent resulting from the eruptions. Several fissures have been observed on La Soufriere.

The estate of Wallbous has disappeared and has been replaced by an inlet of the sea.

COMPLETELY BURNED.

Richmond, an estate formerly adjacent to Wallbous, which was formerly a flat and upon which were a number of laborers' cottages, has been completely burned, and out of the estate there now arises a large ridge of ground.

It is believed that the Rabbaet crater in the Windward district of the island, has also erupted.

WEARS A DARK CAP.

From a distance La Soufriere, although less violent, still wears a cap of dark clouds, which is illumined every now and then by flashes of red light.

VOLCANIC DUST.

Volcanic dust fell here again yesterday, but fortunately there have been also several heavy rain showers, which washed away the dust from the grass and restored the verdure of the fields.

Owing to the destruction of several estates the sugar and arrowroot industry of St. Vincent are seriously injured.

DESTITUTION PREVAILS.

Destitution prevails among the laboring classes, who are without homes, without clothes and hungry. Nearly 2000 deaths on this island have been reported. Bodies have been discovered in houses in life-like attitudes. These present a gruesome spectacle. There are decomposed bodies in many houses, and in order to guard against disease it will probably be necessary for the authorities to burn these dwellings down. A British warship has arrived here from Trinidad. She brings provisions for the relief of the sufferers.

LAKE DISAPPEARED.

KINGSTON, Island of St. Vincent, Tuesday, May 13.—No person has yet been able to approach within eight miles of the new crater of the Soufriere volcano, but judging from what can be seen from a considerable distance the lake at the summit of the mountain has disappeared. The numerous fissures in the mountain sides continue to throw out vapor.

DENSE SMOKE.

During the afternoon of Monday a dense volume of steam and smoke arose from the volcano, and the whole island was covered by a peculiar mist. The inhalation of obnoxious vapors is increasing the spread of sickness. An ambulance corps from the island of Barbados has arrived here. Mutilated bodies are tied with ropes and dragged to the trenches, where they are buried. Sometimes bodies are cremated.

The local government is feeding and sheltering about 2000 refugees. Subscriptions for the relief of the sufferers are being raised in all the British West Indian islands.

KINGSTON, Island of St. Vincent.

May 17.—In the absence of further eruptions of the volcano of Soufriere the inhabitants of St. Vincent are gradually becoming settled. The most horrifying details of the condition of the country, where thousands of cattle and human corpses lay in a state of decomposition for several days during the agitation, are repeated. Although the number of deaths in the island due to the disaster is estimated, judging from the missing inhabitants, at 2000, up to the night of May 13th only 1283 bodies had been buried. The undiscovered bodies are probably covered with lava.

87 CORPSES.

In a small shop which was opened three days after the eruption 87 decaying corpses were discovered, and not one of them was recognizable. In the dwelling house of the manager of one of the estates 30 corpses were

found in a similar condition, and other sickening discoveries have been made. The district is being rapidly cleared. A number of patients have been brought to the city. Of these many are suffering from fractured skulls caused by the stones thrown from the volcano, and the majority of them were burned by the lava thrown up with the vapor.

ANOTHER CONVULSION.

Towards evening yesterday there was a small convulsion followed by a small discharge of smoke, but this caused no alarm. The weather is fine and the excitement is abating. The bed of lava in the Windward district is still hot. The abyss, 500 feet deep and 200 feet wide, which existed between Langley Park and Rabbaet, is filled with lava and the physical features of the mountain on either side are apparently more beautiful than before the eruption.

EARTHQUAKES NOT GENERAL.

A curious circumstance connected with the eruption is that the earthquakes were not general, notwithstanding the smallness of the island, which at Chateau Pelair the convulsions preceding the eruption of May 7th were almost continuous, every few hours. In Kingston and Georgetown 60 shocks were felt in four hours. Although attended with smaller loss of life, the eruptions of La Soufriere were not less violent than that of Mont Pelee in the island of Martinique.

THE LAVA OVERFLOW.

The area covered by lava here comprises 15 square miles. The fact that the loss of life and damage to property in St. Vincent were smaller than in Martinique is due to the position of La Soufriere and the smaller population of the district. The mountain overhangs Sugar and Arrowroot estates, whose inhabitants were given warning of the approaching disaster and fled for their lives, but all the villagers who remained were killed.

RELIEVING DISTRESS.

The officials of St. Vincent are busy relieving the sufferers and housing the sick and homeless. The problem now facing the government is how to provide permanently for the natives who lost houses, lands and everything they possessed. Peasant settlements may be formed on the estates, the lands of which the government possesses the legal machinery to acquire, but money is needed to assist the settlers to build houses thereon and to provide them with sustenance during the cultivation of their lands.

MARTINIQUE ISLAND

HUNTING FOR THE BODY OF U. S. CONSUL THOMAS T. PRENTISS.

GERM-CARRYING FLIES HAVE INFESTED THE CITY--STENCH IS INTENSE.

FORT DE FRANCE, Island of Martinique, May 17.—United States Consul Amee, Commander Thomas C. McLean, Lieutenant Commander J. C. Gilmore and other officers of the United States cruiser Cincinnati, with a guide, searched the St. Pierre ruins yesterday for the body of United States Consul Thomas T. Prentiss. The guide positively identified the consulate.

A party found a large quantity of table silver bearing the initials "M." Portions of rock will have to be removed before a thorough search can be made. The searchers found one body, the sex of which it was impossible to determine. The bodies buried beneath the rocks have, it is believed, been reduced to ashes.

EXPOSED BODIES BURNED.

The French officials have burned most of the exposed bodies, but the stench is intense. Within three days past immense swarms of germ-carrying flies have infested the city, rendering exploration dangerous.

INTERIOR SUFFERED LITTLE.

The members of a party which yesterday returned to the town from the interior reported that little destruction was done there, and that the country, except in the immediate vicinity of the volcano, suffered little.

MADE CIRCUIT OF ISLAND.

The French cruiser Suchet returned to Fort De France last evening, after having made a circuit of the island. She landed some supplies at various villages and took off some refugees. Immense quantities of supplies, such as are being prepared in the United States, are not needed in the island. Martinique does not know officially the extent of the relief that is coming. Every safe visible in the ruins is open. Seventy-one persons have been sentenced to imprisonment for five years, and eleven women have been sentenced to serve three years for looting.

FROM GRAND FORKS.

Kettle River Is Falling--Further Damage Not Anticipated.

GRAND FORKS, B. C., May 17.—A. C. Flumerfelt, assistant general manager of the Granby Mining & Smelting company, left today for Montreal.

The water in both forks of the Kettle river is falling and no further danger of a flood is anticipated. Householders, whose dwellings were partially submerged, are returning to their dwellings.

REV. JOHN W. STEPHEN.

Formerly Did Missionary Work in British Columbia.

TORONTO, May 15.—Rev. John W. Stephen has been called to the Church of the Covenant, Presbyterian, Avenue Road, from St. Andrew's, Winnipeg.

He graduated a year ago from Knox College and has done missionary work in British Columbia.

EIGHT MEN WERE KILLED

Most Fatal Riot in the History of Atlanta, Georgia.

The Police and Militia Had All They Could Handle.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 17.—An effort by officers of the law to arrest negro outlaws who had been barricading themselves in a store resulted today in the most fatal riot in the history of the city. Eight men were killed, including three policemen, a white citizen and four negroes. Six people, black and white, were wounded.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

125 Families Rendered Homeless--Loss Will Require Years to Repair.

HOULTON, Maine, May 17.—What proved to be the most disastrous conflagration in the history of the town started at noon today, and before it was finally gotten under control had destroyed the best part of the business section, seventy-five residences and three churches, entailing a loss of \$48,400, one-third of which is insured. One hundred and twenty-five families are rendered homeless and the loss to the town is one which will require years to repair.

TWO STIKES ENDED.

The Workmen in Both Instances Were the Gainers.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 13.—Two of the big strikes inaugurated lately were officially declared ended today. The workmen in both instances being the winners. The carpenters to the number of 5000 return to work tomorrow at the minimum wage of \$3.50 per day, and 2300 structural iron workers will resume work at 47-1/2 cents an hour. Their original demand was 50 cents.

FROM THE FAR SOUTH

PEOPLE ON THEIR WAY TO ATTEND CORONATION OF KING EDWARD.

A TERRIBLE CRIME--TWO CONSTABLES MURDERED AND BODIES CREMATED.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 16.—Another contingent from Australia going to London to attend the coronation of King Edward VII. arrived on the R. M. S. Mowera from the south this morning. The party includes Messrs. Eden-George and Fisher, members of the Federated Parliament of Australia; Lee Hunt, governor of British New Guinea, and Mrs. Syer, sister of Hon. George Reid, a prominent politician of New South Wales. These were the most notable on the big passenger list brought by the Mowera.

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There has been a gradual diminution in the cases of bubonic plague reported at Sydney, N. S. W., when the Mowera sailed for Victoria. The total number of cases reported in connection with the present outbreak is 100. Of these there have been 28 deaths, 37 have been discharged and 36 remain in the hospital.

FIRE FOURS SHOTS.

Miss Nina Danforth Shoots and Kills Andrew J. Emery.

SOUTH FARMINGTON, Mass., May 12.—Shortly before midnight Andrew J. Emery was shot dead at his home at 52 Hartford street on the outskirts of this town by Miss Nina Danforth of West Newton. The motive is unknown. The girl is under arrest and has confessed to having done the shooting. Four shots were fired from a 32-calibre revolver. Three of them took effect.

GERMAN RED CROSS.

BERLIN, May 15.—The empress has invited the German Red Cross Society to attend a meeting today for the purpose of issuing a circular asking contributions for the relief of the victims of the volcanic eruptions in the West Indies.

LACROSSE GAME.

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 17.—The New Westminster lacrosse team won from Vancouver today by a score of 14 to 2.

RAILWAY COLLISION.

Four Passengers Are Killed and a Dozen Injured.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 17.—Word has reached here that an eastbound passenger train on the Montana line of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railway collided with a stock train this morning at Cyanils, Neb. Four passengers were killed and a dozen injured.

ANOTHER DISPATCH.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 17.—Four men were killed and four others injured in a collision on the C. B. & Q. near Hyannis, Neb., early today.

The dead are: Wm. Ray, Tecumseh, Neb.; W. W. Pitts, El Dorado Springs, Mo.; M. Tuttle, Whitman, Neb.; John Cox, Strong City, Kas.

All the injured have been removed to Alliance. The collision occurred a mile east of Hyannis, between the Portland-St. Louis flyer, eastbound, and an extra stock train bound west with 25 carloads of cattle. There is nothing to indicate who was responsible for the train being on the same track as no details as to the rate of speed at which either was going. It was necessary to build a track around the wreck, and this has indefinitely delayed the arrival of the express train, which was due here shortly after noon.

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LATE NEWS FROM THE SMELTER CITY

(Special to the Miner.)

TRAIL, B. C., May 15.—Word has been received here from Victoria announcing an interesting decision in connection with the recording of assessments on mineral claims, necessary to crown grant the same. For a long time there was a contention that while under the provisions of the mineral act it was necessary to do five assessments of \$100 each, there was nothing in the act which made it compulsory to record five assessments in order to secure a crown grant. The gold commissioner at Nelson contended that it was necessary to record every assessment, which meant a fee of \$2.50 for each one. Several provincial land surveyors then appealed to the minister of mines, and he ruled contrary to the holding of the gold commissioner. Then, when Hon. Smith Curtis became minister of mines, he upheld the view of the gold commissioner, and an order-in-council was passed to that effect, so that if a man did \$500 worth of work at one time and applied for a crown grant it was first necessary to record five assessments.

Now the lieutenant-governor-in-council has revoked the order-in-council of March 5, 1900, with regard to this interpretation, and a crown grant will issue without the recording of the many assessments now required. Of course, will be some time before trains are running through, as the whole tunnel has to be lined with concrete, no rock having been encountered in its entire length.

FERRY IS FLOATED.

Trail's new ferry boat was floated this evening and will be ready for operation tomorrow or Monday. It is a handsome boat, not so large as the old one, but much stronger, and built on better lines to resist the current. The cable, which is of galvanized iron, is now being stretched, and the first step of the company will be to put the recreation grounds across the river in good shape. The government will repair the road to Sayward, which will make an excellent drive of seven miles out of Trail, over a road as level as Columbia avenue. It skirts the banks of the Columbia and affords excellent fishing opportunities at Beaver creek. The ferry will be a great convenience to prospectors from Rossland to the Ymir district, and will open a section to travel which has been closed for the past three years. The ferry will be operated under a lease.

FORESTERS' ENTERTAINMENT.

Court Trail, Independent Order of Foresters, is arranging for its first entertainment, which will be in the nature of a burlesque imitation, together with a program of minstrel numbers. The committee having the matter in charge is composed of Messrs. Devitt, Viets, Kamm, Worth, Stewart, Weir, Isley, Gill, Ball, Chapman, Shaw and Esling. The entertainment will take place in the latter part of the evening.

A FAREWELL GATHERING.

Several young people were guests last evening at the house of the Messrs. Grant-Fraser to say farewell to Mrs. J. G. Sullivan and Miss Farrell, who have been residents of Trail for the past four years, and who have a host of friends in this city. Music, dancing and ping-pong contributed to a most enjoyable evening.

UP THE LAKES.

Several of the Trail residents have decided to take advantage of the excursion to Deer Park and the lake points on Victoria Day, via the steamer Rossland. A special train will leave here at 8:30 a. m. There will be six hours at Deer Park and four at Edgewood.

TRAIL NEWS NOTES.

Wesley Brock and Ed. Boulton are in the city from Grand Forks. The ladies of St. Andrew's church will give an afternoon tea on Victoria Day.

The Rev. Mr. Irvine has accepted a call to St. Andrew's church, this city, and will enter upon his duties next Sunday. The new rector is from Vancouver, and has been engaged in organizing courts of Foresters.

W. Percival and wife have gone to Eholt to reside. B. H. Graves and family left today for Nelson, where they will hereafter reside.

The mission band of the Baptist church picnicked at Rock Island Tuesday.

L. J. D. Berg is in Greenwood. Last night's thunder storm played havoc with a number of 'phones. Richard Coleman, of the firm of Coleman, Strachan & Co., is doing business in Eholt.

Mrs. Linton will remove next week to Nelson.

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