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KINGSTON WORSE THAN 'FRISCO; DEAD NOW BURIED UNDER 1200

WILL RE-OPEN TOMORROW

Victoria School Has Been Completely Fumigated.

BY NEW PROCESS

Board of Health Says New Method Has Been Eminently Successful and Will Probably be Used Exclusively in Future--How it Was Done.

The work of fumigating the Victoria school building was completed yesterday morning by the board of health authorities and the pupils will resume their studies tomorrow morning.

The board authorities state that the new system of disinfecting--which has been already tested at the island by Dr. March--has been successful in every respect, having accomplished the work in much less time than by the old method.

SITUATION IN VENEZUELA

New Year's Week Passed Without Any Noteworthy Incident.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press).

CARACAS, Venezuela, Jan. 7.--New year's week has passed without noteworthy incident in Venezuela history. Two coups d'etat were predicted for the beginning of 1907. One would have been made by President Gomez, the other would have been given the dictatorship to Dr. Revenga, secretary general to President Castro, and also the latter's private physician. Neither rumor seems to have had any foundation in fact.

The all important subject here is the health of President Castro. Since he became ill, over six months ago, his condition has been the most jealously guarded of state secrets. For political reasons all official information concerning his condition has been optimistic. For the same reasons reports from his private quarters have invariably been pessimistic. Hence the conflict of reports reaching the United States. If he is suffering from gastric fever, as his physician, Dr. Revenga, states it is merely a contributory ailment. His real malady is more serious, sometimes results fatally and seldom fails to leave its victim weakened in some way.

Castro is at present reported better by a source of information apparently unprejudiced.

In the meantime the country suffers from lack of an active head. Scarcely any headway is being made by any of the foreign concessions. Conditions are too uncertain. There is sufficient popular discontent for a dozen revolutions, but no leader strong enough can bring about concentrated action. Should Castro die, however, it is commonly accepted as a fact that there would very promptly be a revolution.

It is reported here that President Roosevelt will send to Congress a special message dealing with Venezuelan affairs and the deepest interest is felt concerning it. It is hoped by commercial interests that if such a message is delivered it will bring a change for the better in the economic situation in this country.

A merchant recently, in conversation with the Associated Press correspondent, asserted emphatically that eight per cent. of the business men of Venezuela would welcome American intervention in almost any form. They view with envy the prosperity of Cuba, Porto Rico and Panama.

THEY MUST LIKE JOHN

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 17.--The office of Euclid street Baptist church last night re-elected John D. Rockefeller superintendent of the Sunday school. His term had almost reached the quarter cen-

MERGER WILL BE CONFIRMED

Annual Meeting of People's Bank Today

WILL VOTE FOR IT

And the Bank Will Be Taken Over by the Bank of Montreal on Terms Arranged by the Directors--Bank Had Very Prosperous Year.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 17.--(Special)--The report of the board of directors submitted at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the People's Bank of New Brunswick this afternoon shows that the institution has had a very prosperous year. The net profits after deducting charges for management, totalled \$24,230, against \$23,272, for the previous year.

The capital stock of the bank is \$180,000 and the rest has now reached the same amount. The deposits bearing interest total \$374,580 and deposits not bearing interest amount to \$104,945 and the note circulation is \$142,428.

TALK ABOUT COLD WEATHER

MAPLE CREEK, Sask., Jan. 17.--(Special)--The coal situation is desperate here, no coal is to be had, several families are now sleeping, eating and cooking in one room, due to the scarcity of fuel, while some are obliged to leave their homes and live with others. Unless something is done soon there will be suffering. The thermometer has been ranging all the way from 29 to below zero for the past week. Stock is suffering now and drying on the ranges and if the present weather continues much longer there will be heavy losses, probably 25 per cent.

ASK PARDON FOR PATRICK

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.--Upon receiving a report of its special committee on the effect of embalming fluid upon the lungs, sustaining the contention that Albert T. Patrick did not cause the death of William M. Rice, the Medicolegal society last night voted to memorialize Governor Hughes to pardon Patrick.

P. E. I. NEWS

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Jan. 16. (Special).--On Sunday last Mrs. Austin Murphy went out of the house for a few moments, leaving her four months old child in the cradle playing with newspapers. When the mother returned the cradle was on fire, a spark having caught the papers. The baby was fearfully burned and died today.

EXCHEQUER COURT

Argument of counsel in the Crosby malasses case was completed in the exchequer court before Mr. Justice Burbridge this morning, and decision reserved until a later date.

MONTEREAL, Jan. 17.--(Special)--The Cheese market today is very strong, prices ranging from 13 to 13 1/4 cents. The butter market is exceptionally steady at 25 to 25 1/2 for choicest creamery, while the finest makes are selling from 24 to 25.

(By Evening Times Special Service.) TORONTO, Jan. 17.--The Globe today publishes the following cable from Francis Kahl, of Buffalo, who is at present on the devastated island, which, it says, may be regarded as presenting an authoritative statement of the conditions in Kingston yesterday afternoon.

KINGSTON, Jamaica: The dead from earthquake and fire will surely number one thousand, of whom it is estimated one hundred are whites.

Henniker Heaton, M. P., who has been an active relief worker, puts the total at from five to ten hundred, while the manager of the cable service, with a better knowledge of local conditions, says the number will be a thousand.

Today one hundred and eighty persons were buried in the Catholic burial grounds, and one hundred and thirty were buried yesterday.

The relief work being carried on under great difficulty. Business is at a standstill. The negro population is in consternation. People are sleeping in streets and parks and feeding upon bananas.

The headquarters of the troops and many country homes have been completely destroyed.

In the city the streets are filled with debris and the bodies of the dead.

The earthquakes have not ceased, there were two terrific shocks yesterday and one today.

An asylum for the insane was one of the buildings destroyed, and a hundred insane people, its inmates, are now wandering about at large, while some of them were killed.

One of the immediate needs is a consignment of tents. There will be great suffering if it rains.

Sir Alfred Jones, talking of the future, says the negro population will find work in the Panama canal, where there is a great demand for labor and their places on plantations here be taken by coolies from India.

ANOTHER HORROR

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.--The shores of Kingston harbor are sinking. There is terror lest the city slip into the sea, according to a private despatch received by a large mercantile house here today from Port au Prince, 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 rendered worthless.

Dead Number 1200

LONDON, Jan. 17.--Kingston has been visited, the damaged area comprising about a square mile. All the large warehouses in the lower part of the city were consumed, while not a single house which remained undamaged and the majority were unfit for habitation.

When the despatch was filed the bodies of many white persons who had been staying in the Myrtle Bank Hotel, were still beneath the wreckage as it was impossible to secure workmen to search the debris. A conservative estimate of the casualties made by the police of Kingston places the number of killed at 1200, judging from the number of bodies already discovered in the cord.

Bank of N. S. Wrecked

The treasury on Harbor street was standing, but the post office and court house was in ruins. The government office was unusable for occupancy. The government bank was badly damaged. The Colonial Bank was burned out.

Reputed Claims

LONDON, Jan. 17.--The reports received here from St. Thomas direct estimate the casualties at Kingston at about 1,000 killed, say that some 8,000 persons are homeless and place the damage done at \$10,000,000. Concerning the latter, while the fire insurance companies here, as already cabled, the marine insurance companies, the marine insurance societies are likely to be pretty hard sufferers, the risks of fire to merchandise wharves and warehouses having largely been carried by these companies of recent years and their policies do not appear to include an earthquake clause.

Resembled a Shambles

The dock of the steamer Port Kingston, which brought Sir Alfred Jones and his party to Jamaica, resembled a shambles. The cabins were full of dead and dying. Dr. Evans, the ship's doctor was busy performing amputations from five in the

company's agency in New York. "Relief measures should be carried out only through and under the sanction of the governor of Jamaica, who is the best judge of the extent of the distress and the best measures to be taken for alleviating it, and who will in any case bear the responsibility."

Many Buildings Burned

All the buildings along Duke, Port Royal, King and East streets are ripped out. The advice received here indicates that order was soon restored so that the work of rescue could be begun. The two regiments of soldiers stationed in the city were called on to do police duty. The banks and other places where valuable property is stored were quickly guarded. There have been some reports of looting but late advice says this was confined chiefly to petty thievery and was speedily suppressed.

While there is necessarily great confusion, the panic itself is over. The city practically is under martial law. A later despatch reports the destruction of the insane asylum and says hundreds of lunatics escaped and are roaming at large. Thousands of homeless persons are sleeping in the streets and parks, their principal food being bananas. If rain should fall, the suffering outside of Kingston is reported as not being great. Trains are running to Titchfield. Port Antonio is reported to be damaged and Spanish Town the same.

The Work of Rescue

The rescue work was undertaken under the direction of the military and the municipal authorities, the general hospital, which was not seriously damaged by the earthquake, was soon filled with hundreds of others of the injured. Work was taken up to loss in the harbor. A camp for refugees was located on the race track and there several thousand negroes are sheltered. Thousands of others are camping in the surrounding country.

Hotels, banks, churches and office buildings are levelled in wrecks and--the fire, which started immediately after the earthquake on Jan. 16. Port Antonio may be said to be completely annihilated, though the poorly built town hall was partly destroyed. The Litchfield Hotel at Port Antonio is uninjured and all the clerks and employes of that establishment are safe.

The gutted section of Kingston including that portion of the town between East and West streets, from Tower street to the water front. All the piers are down with the exception of that of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, and that of the government railway. The large dry goods house of Nathan, Sherlock & Co., and all the other buildings nearby have been burned.

The Elder-Dempster company's steamer, as already cabled, the military hospital, belonging to the United Fruit Company, are safe in Kingston harbor. The Fort Kingston is being used as a hospital. Lighters of the United Fruit Company have been doing good work in rescuing persons who were pushed overboard from the wharf by the half-maddened crowds seeking shelter from the flames, about 700 persons were saved in this way.

Roasted in Their Beds

The city hospital is overcrowded, and, as already cabled, the military hospital, Up Park camp was destroyed by fire. Forty patients, who were in their beds, being burned to death. Hardly a building is left standing in the city, and every one not demolished is dangerous for habitation. The post office and the telegraph office are among the buildings destroyed.

Fleeing to the Hills

A great exodus to the hills is reported, as the people fear a recurrence of the tremors. Medical supplies are the chief things at present, and there is a dearth of doctors. Volunteer nurses are plentiful. The work of burying the dead was begun immediately, a necessary proceeding in a tropical country. Many bodies have been buried without identification. Scores of bodies are still in the ruins and from a sanitary point of view this causes alarm. Efforts to recover the bodies are going on.

Other Towns Are Safe

HOLLAND BAY, Ja., Jan. 17.--Advises received from various parts of the island show that Kingston was the only place damaged by the earthquake. All the other towns of Jamaica are in good condition. No further earthquake shocks have been felt in Jamaica.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 17.--Definite advice as to the extent of the catastrophe at Kingston, Jamaica, were still lacking early today. Conflicting reports received indicated that the death toll might be anywhere from 100 to 1,000. One despatch reported that 310 bodies had already been recovered and buried.

From the meagre advices that have come through, it is indicated that there is no immediate danger of a food famine, as fruit is plentiful and other Jamaican towns can send aid. Doctors and medical supplies are, however, urgently needed.

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Newspaper men and others who have arrived at the telegraph station connecting with Holland Bay have different versions of the catastrophe and of the loss of life. Statements as to the latter must of necessity be largely conjectural until a search of the ruins has been made.

The report from St. Thomas that 80,000 way homeless is on its face an exaggeration as the population of Kingston did not exceed 50,000.

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