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### SOUTH AFRICA.

The British Cabinet Was in Session This Morning,

Discussing Communications Received From Pretoria.

LONDON, May 27.—The British cab-inet was in session for two hours to-day, discussing the communications received from Pretoria since the meet-ing of the ministers on Friday last. It is understood that the committee of the cabinet will telegraph the result of the deliberations to Pretoria this

The Boer delegates at the Transvaal apital will then return to Vreeninging and report to the burghers.

PRETORIA, May 26.—Forty-six 30ers, with their wagons and cattle, uurendered at Balmoral, Transvaal, testenday.

esterday. LONDON, May 27.—The Daily Mail yesterday.

LONDON, May 27.—The Daily Mail this morning says the cabinet council to be held today will decide upon points of detail, mostly of a financial nature, which have been raised by the Boers in the peace negotiations. Great Britain's decision in the matter will then be communicated to the Vereeniging conference by the delegates in Pretoria, says the paper, and being the best obtainable terms, they will almost restainly be accepted. The results should be announced officially either Thursday or Friday of this week, probably on Friday, the day upon which King Edward's birth is celebrated. Peace is quite certain, says the Daily Mail, and the delegates at Pretoria are only engaged in endeavoring to gild the pill for the Vereeniging conference to swallow.

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The Daily Mail says further: "Our despatches from Pretoria assert that numerous communications are passing between Lords Kitchener and Milner, in South Africa and London.

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The consensus of opinion is that the result of recent negotiations have proved Lord Kitchener to be a great diplomatist as well as a great soldier.

The Boer leaders are deeply impressed with his personality and trust him implicitly."

# A PARISIAN MOB

#### Wrecks the American Exchange in the French Capital.

NEW YORK, May 27.—The American Exchange has been smashed by an angry mob, says a Faris deepatch to the American and Journal. The proprietor, Donald Downie, formerly of New York, had an altercation with one of his French employes. The latter was slightly intoxicated and refused to leave the premises, whereupon Mr. Downie caned him severely. An angry mob quickly gathered, as is usual in Faris, and seeing blood flowing from a Franchman, the crowd began by smashing the windows and finally wrecked the place. During the excitement 1,000 people collected in the Rue Scribe.

## THIS WAS IN NEW YORK.

#### A Police Officer Left Estate Worth \$300,000.

NEW YORK, May 27.—James H. Burns, for fourteen years a ward detective on the New York police force, is dead at his home in New Rochelle, leaving an estate said to be worth \$300,000. Burns was detailed at the Eldridge street station, but after the Lexpw investigation was placed on trial and dismissed from the force. He was also indicted, but when the trial was called his bond of \$5,000 was forfeited. He remained for some time in Europe and then returned to this city, where he demanded a trial. The witnesses had disappeared and the case was finally dismissed.

## FOR TRIPLE MURDER.

# Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, May 27.—William Harmon Lane, colored, was hanged at 6.08 this morning. The crime for thich Lane today paid the death penwhich Lane today paid the death penalty was particularly atrocious. On the morning of April 1 he shot and killed Ella Jarden, by whom he was employed as a servant, and her two daughters, Madeline, aged 12, and Eloise, aged 7 years. Lane had stolen money from his employer, and fearing: the consequences of his threats, he deliberately shot the woman and her younger daughter in an upper room of their home and then called the elder child from the street where she had been playing and shot and killed her.

## STOLEN JEWELS.

NEW YORK, May 27.—Mrs. Thomas Kensett and her daughter Gertrude, of Cornwall-On-Hudson, New York, have been robbed of \$50,000 worth of jewelry, says a Paris respatch to the American and Journal. The jewelry was taken from a trunk in the hotel room, close to the Grand opera. Part of the jewelry consisted of heirlooms. There is no clue to the robbers.

## VOLCANIC ASHES.

ROSEAU, Island of Dominica, R. W. I., May 27.—During the whole of last night ashes from the volcano on the Island of Martinique fell here in greater quantities than ever experienced since the outbreak of Mont Pelee.

#### TOO MANY DIVORCES.

Presbyterians Adept Resolutions Calling on Ministers To Be More Careful in Tying the Marriage

Frequency of Divorces granted upon trivial grounds was pronounced a peril to American family life by the Presbyterian General Assembly in New York on Friday, "We are facing an awful syil," said one of the ministers. "Divorce is increasing two and a half times more rapidly than the population of the country."

Among the other actions taken by the Assembly was the vindication of Adam's memory. The commissioners

m's memory. The commissioners armed their belief that the Old reaffirmed their belief that the Old Testament was a veracious record of God's dealings with men from the beginning of human history. In a resolution they stated that they made this reaffirmation in view of the assaults recently made on that which they regarded as vital truth.

This resolution was regarded as a vindication of the New York Presbytery in refusing to grant a preacher's license to Vincent Noil, a theological student, who died recently. Young Noil under examination said he believed the story of Adam was an allegory.

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The Rev. Dr. Andrew Christy Brown, chairman of the Committee on Church Polley, read the "esolutions on divorce and remarriage presented by the committee, which were subsequently unanimously adopted.

In the resolutions the General Assembly says:—"We view with sad apprehension the many perlis to family life in our time, the growing ease and the frequency of diverces upon grounds trivial and unscrupalous. We urge upon all our people the promotion of a wider reverence for the marriage bond and require all our ministers to instruct their people in public and private of the sacredness of this divine institution, and that they exercise due diligence before the celebration of a marriage to ascertain that there exist no impediments thereto, as defined in our Confession of Faith."

Nine persons—five ministers and four elders—will be appointed by the Assembly to confer with a committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church and with similar committees that may be created by other churches, with a view of obtaining some concerted ppinion and action relative to divorce and remarriage.

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After this committee has made its report the Assembly will decide to make another change in the Confession of Faith, but this time with a leaning soward greater severity in the matter of divorce. It is recommended that chapter 24, section 6, of the Westminster Confession be amended by striking out the clause:—"And such wilful desertion as can in no way be remedied by the Church or civil magistrate."

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It was pointed out by the Rev. Dr. McIlvain of Baltimore, that while all other churches permitted the obtaining of absolute divorce on one ground only, that of faithlessness, the Presbyterian church was alone in permitting two causes for divorce—faithlessness and wilful desertion.

"This matter of divorce," said Dr. McIlvain, "is one of the most important that has come before the General Assembly. It has not received the attention it should have. Divorce is striking at our homes, at the country, at the church.

"We agitate a good deal against intemperance, but divorce is the greater evil. You can all see intemperance, but there is no label to show whether a man is divorced and remarried or living in a manner contrary to the rule of Christ."

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## FREDERICTON.

A Negro Paid the Penalty Today in Scott Act Cases Dealt With-Logs Are Runnig.

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FREDERICTON, N. B., May 27.—A conviction was recorded before Police Magiatrate Marsh this morning in the Scott act case against John McCoy, in which Rev. J. J. Colter was complainant. Charges had been entered by Mr. Colter against others, but Mr. Phinney, counsel for complainant, announced that Mr. Colter and those associated with him had been deceived as regards the character and habits of Bleakney, the witness employed by them, and therefore the other cases were withdrawn.

Heavy and frequent showers fell here today. The river is rising half an inch an hour. Many logs are running.

The body of a man was found in the water at mouth of Nashwaak river this forencon. It had apparently been in the water a month or more, and was badly macerated and the features untecognizable. Coroner Seery will hold an inquest. Nothing is known of a man being drowned in Nashwaak at all recently, and the case is a complete mystery as yet.

## FELL TO DEATH.

DENVER, Colo., May 27.—Ben. Bowen, aged 18, an aeronaut, made an ascension and parachute drop at Manhattan Beach, a suburban summer resort, last night, and after failing in the middle of the lake was drowned before a boat could reach him.

# PROF. R. T. HILL

Visits St. Pierre and the Active Volcanic Area.

His Description of the Disaster From the Viewpoint of Science.

FORT DE FRANCE, May 26.—Professor Robert T. Hill, United States government geologist, and head of the expedition sent by the National Geological Society, has just come in from a daring and prolonged investigation of the volcanic activity in Martinique. Frofessor Hill chartered a steamer and carefully examined the coast as far north as Port De Macoaboa, at the extreme end of the island, making frequent landings. After landing at Le Precheur, five miles porth of St. Pierre, he walked through an area of active volcanism to the latter place, and made an examination of the various phenomena disclosed. Professor Hill is the first and only man who has set foot in the area of craters, fissures and fumaroles, and, because of his high position as a scientist, his narrative is valuable.

In addition to his work of investigation, Professor Hill rescued in his steamer many people of Le Precheur who had ventured back after deserting their homes and found themselves in awful danger. He reports as follows:

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"The zone of the catastrophe in Martinique forms an elongated oval, containing, on land, about eight square miles of destruction. This oval is partly over the sea. The land part is bounded by lines running from Le Precheur to the peak of Mont Pelee, thence curving around to Carbet. There were three well marked zones: First, a centre of annihitation, in which all life, vegetable and animal, was utterly destroyed; the greater morthern part of St. Pierre was in this zone. Second, a zone of singeing, bilistering flames, which was also fatal to all life, killing all men and animals, burning the leaves on the trees and scorching but not utterly destroying the trees themselves. Third, a large outer, non-destructive zone of ashes wherein some vegetation was injured. The focus of anihilation was the new crater midway between the sea and the peak of Mont Pelee, where now exists a new area of active volcanism, with hundreds of fumaroles or miniature volcanoes.

"The new crater is now vomiting black, hot mud, which is falling into the sea. Both craters, the old and new, are active. Mushroom shaped steam explosions constantly ascend from the old crater, while heavy ash laden clouds float horizontally from lows:
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steam explosions constantly ascend from the old crater, while heavy ash laden clouds float horizontally from the nev crater. The old ejects steam, smoke, mud, pumice and lapilli, but no molten lava.

"The salient topography of the region is unaltered. The destruction of St. Pierre was due to the new crater. The explosion had great superficial force, acting in radial directions, as evidenced by the dismounting and carforce, seeing in radial directions, as evidenced by the dismounting and carrying for yards the guns in the battery on the hill south of St. Pierre, and the colonial statue of the Virgin in the same locality, and also by the condition of the ruined houses in St. Pierre. According to the testimony of some persons there was an accompanying fiame. Others think the incandescent cinders and the force of their ejection were sufficient to cause the destruction. This must be investigated. J am now following the nature of this hill."

## DESTRUCTIVE FLOOD

#### Does Great Damage Along Colorado River.

Colorado River.

PUEBLO, Colo., May 27.—The high water in the Fountain river reached here last night, tearing out the Colorado and Southern Railroad tracks, flooding the cellar of the Pueblo hospital and doing other damage. At Butte Station on the Rio Grande road the section house and other property was destroyed. A number of tent dwellers had a narrow escape, two women being compelled to cling to a tree for several hours. Several small rouses and tents were carried off.

The three large steel railroad bridges of the Santa Fe, Missouri Pacific and Colorado Southern roads, all within a quarter of a mile above the mouth of Fountain river, were swept away. The approaches to two city bridges and those of the county bridge north of the city were undermined and then destroyed.

## THE WEATHER

TORONTO, May 27.—Fresh winds, mostly southeast to south, unsettled and showery today and Wednesday. Continued decidedly unsettled weather is indicated, but no yery strong winds are likely.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Eastern states and northern New York—Partly showery tonight, cooler in east portion, probably light frost in northern portions; Wednesday, fair, fresh west to northwest winds.

## NAVAL VESSEL AGROUND.

LONDON, May 27.-The British to LONDON, May 27.—The British torredo boat destroyer Recruit grounded
on a rock off Cape Cornwall (a headland on the southwest coast of Cornwall, about four miles north of Land's
End) during a fog. The sea was
smooth and tugs endeavored to get
the vessel off, but the holds were filled with water and according to the
last advices received from the scene it
will probably be necessary to affix
new plates to the Recruit before she
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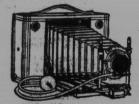
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