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ST. PIERRE.

It is Hoped Some of the Inhabitants Escaped.

But All Reports Indicate Frightful Loss of Life—Franco Grief Stricken.

PARIS, May 10.—The minister of marine has received the following undated despatch from Pointe a Pitre, Island of Guadeloupe, from the commander of the French cruiser Sohel: "I have obtained the following information of the events of yesterday: About 8 a. m. the volcano threw up a considerable mass of smoke and earth. A whirlwind of fire immediately followed. Instantly the whole town of St. Pierre was in flames, and the ships in the harbor were dismasted and burned. The shower of rocks lasted a quarter of an hour. I arrived at St. Pierre at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, saving a few persons from the ships. I saw no living creature in St. Pierre, to which it was impossible to penetrate. There were numerous corpses near the quay."

PARIS, May 10.—A telegram from the governor of the Island of Guadeloupe contains the latest news of the Martinique cataclysm received at the colonial office. After announcing that the French cruiser Sohel had thirty survivors on board, the governor of Guadeloupe says: "Everything tends to the belief that the governor of the colony, M. L. Moutet and Colonel Gerbault and their wives perished with the population of St. Pierre. I have ordered the prompt despatch of provisions from Pointe a Pitre and Basseterre. The Stichel sails for Martinique this evening. All of the people and the supplies of Guadeloupe are at your disposal for relief."

An unending procession of inquirers who have friends and relatives on the stricken island is arriving at the ministry of the colonies, which has telegraphed to every possible source for information.

A few private telegrams received here renew the hope that some of the inhabitants of St. Pierre escaped. The Bishop of Martinique sent a cable message from Fort De France, forwarded at 5.30 p. m. yesterday, announcing the safety of Pastor Koenig and about 20 others who escaped the disaster and sought refuge at Morne Rouge. It is hoped that others fled there. Cable messages have been received by the southern route. All the northern cables are interrupted. At least fifty families of Bordeaux are bereaved. Most of the business of St. Pierre was transacted through Bordeaux.

LONDON, May 10.—Lloyd's agent at St. Lucia, B. W. I., cables later fully confirming the disaster at St. Pierre. He says he cannot ascertain the names of the vessels which have been lost, but they include one Italian barque and two steamers, one probably being the Grappler, the cable ship belonging to the West India and Panama Telegraph company. The total loss of life is estimated at 20,000.

Lloyd's agent at St. Thomas, D.W.I., cables that St. Pierre has been totally destroyed by fire and that all the inhabitants perished. All the vessels in the harbor were lost. These include the Grappler, the steamer Roraima, belonging to the Quebec Steamship Co., which was in port and became a total loss. All on board the Roraima perished.

LONDON, May 10.—The following telegram was received this morning at the Colonial office from Governor Sir Frederick Mitchell Hodgson, of Barbados:

"The Soufriere volcano on St. Vincent, B. W. I., erupted violently yesterday. Loud reports, resembling artillery fire, were heard at Barbados at three o'clock in the afternoon. At five o'clock there came darkness and thunder, accompanied by a rain-pour of dust, which continued until night. Barbados is covered several inches deep with dust this morning. Have telegraphed Sir Robert B. Llewellyn (governor of the Windward Islands) offering him all assistance."

Another cablegram received from the Island of Dominica is as follows: "A terrible eruption has occurred of a volcano at Matinique. Great destitution prevails there. I am sending provisions immediately. All safe at Dominica."

LONDON, May 10.—A cable company received a message from Martinique today saying the volcanic eruption there continued and that ships are afraid to approach the island.

LONDON, May 10.—Thirty deaths are reported to have occurred at the Island of St. Vincent, according to a telegram received at the colonial office this morning from Governor Llewellyn, forwarded from St. Lucia yesterday evening. The governor adds: "Information incomplete. Eruption continues. I am endeavoring to get back to St. Vincent."

Steel, Young & Company of this city, owners of the British steamer Roddam, which escaped from St. Pierre to the Island of St. Vincent, received the first news from their agents at St. Lucia this morning. It was as follows:

"Terrible volcanic eruption at Martinique: Roddam returned. One anchor and chain slipped. Tarpaulline and rinning gear burned. Machinery intact. Captain in hospital. Two mates, chief engineer and eight of crew dead. Ten in hospital. Second and third engineers aboard. Campbell, supercargo, dead. Communication between here and Barbados interrupted."

NEW YORK, May 10.—The agent of the Quebec S. S. Company has received a telegram from the company's agent at Dominica saying that the survivors of the S. S. Roraima, which was destroyed in the Martinique disaster, are on board the steamship Korona. The following are reported as saved: The quartermaster, the stewardess and seamen Morley, Thompson, Moore,

Evans, Benson, Mayer, Leedy and three others, names unknown. The first officer and assistant purser are in the hospital at Fort De France.

REV. DR. GRANT DEAD.

The Distinguished Educationalist Passed to Rest Today.

(Special to the Star.) KINGSTON, May 10.—Rev. Geo. M. Grant died this morning. Dr. Grant's end came this morning. He was conscious to within an hour of his end, recognizing those at his side. These were W. L. Grant, M. A., his son; Mrs. Field, his sister-in-law; and Miss Field his niece, and his medical men. Death was due to oedema of lungs. Funeral fixed for Tuesday, May 13.

Rev. Geo. Monro Grant was born at Albion Mines, N. S., Dec. 22, 1835. He was educated at Pictou academy, and in 1853 received a bursary that entitled him to a course at the University of Glasgow. His career there was an exceptionally brilliant one. Ordained to the Presbyterian ministry in 1860, he was appointed a missionary in Pictou county and later he was sent to Georgetown, P. E. I. Shortly after that he received a call to the pastorate of St. Matthews church, Halifax, where he remained for fourteen years. While there he was a director of Dalhousie College, and a member of various committees of the presbytery and synod. In 1872 he accompanied Sir Sanford Fleming in his journey across the continent and as a result published "Ocean to Ocean," which has passed through several editions. In 1877 he became principal of Queen's college, Kingston, receiving in the same year the degree of D. D. from Glasgow. During his principality he has succeeded in raising for college purposes almost half a million dollars.

Dr. Grant belonged to the liberal school of thought in the Presbyterian church. He has in politics supported every movement looking to the cultivation of Canadian sentiment and the extension of trade in British lines, and the promotion of closer relations between the colonies and the mother land.

In 1889 Dr. Grant was elected moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church; in 1891, president of the Royal Society of Canada, and in 1894 president of the St. Andrew's Society of Kingston. He has published the following works: "New Year's sermons, Reformers of the 19th Century, Advantages of Imperial Federation, Our National Objects and Aims, The Christianity of the World in Relation to Pictou, Canada. In 1872 he married Jessie, daughter of William Lawrie, of Halifax.

HON. F. G. M. DECHENE DEAD.

Commissioner of Agriculture in the Government of Quebec.

QUEBEC, May 10.—Hon. F. G. M. Dechene, minister of agriculture in the Quebec government, died this morning at 7.40 o'clock.

Francois Gilbert Minville Dechene, M. P., barrister, Quebec, Que., was born in St. Roch, Quebec province, August 18th, 1858. He was a son of the late Alfred M. Dechene, merchant, of St. Roch Des Aulnaix, county of L'Islet. He was educated at the College of Ste. Anne La Pocatiere, and, in law, at Laval University. He was called to the bar in 1883. His success as an advocate soon brought him before the attention of the electorate, and in 1886 he was elected to represent L'Islet in the legislative assembly. He has since represented that county in the liberal interest, and has been since May, 1897, commissioner of agriculture. Hon. Mr. Dechene was a clever debater and a strong man in the councils of his party. He was one of the secretaries of the famous Ottawa convention in 1893. He was a member of the law firm of Beaud, Dechene & Dorien, of Quebec city.

A PORTUGUESE REPORT

Says Peace in South Africa is Certain to Come Soon.

LISBON, May 10.—A despatch received here from Delagoa Bay, Portuguese East Africa, says that peace in South Africa is certain to result from the conference of the Boer leaders to be held at Vereeniging, Transvaal, May 15. It is said, the despatch continues, that peace will be officially proclaimed May 29. Preparations are afoot for general rejoicings.

After having met the burghers in the field, and explained to them the British terms, the Boer leaders were to meet at Vereeniging and reach a final decision on the subject of peace.

A despatch from London dated May 2, said it was officially asserted that after the conference at Vereeniging the Boer leaders would proceed to Pretoria and announce to Lord Kitchener their decision in regard to the peace terms they were prepared to accept.

QUEEN NATALIE

Wanted to Kiss the Pope's Foot, But Was Restrained.

ROME, May 10.—The pope received ex-Queen Natalie of Servia in audience today. Immediately after she was introduced into the presence of the pontiff she fell on her knees and expressed a wish to kiss his foot. His holiness gently prevented her and His Majesty's happiness would come to her with her conversion. After receiving the papal benediction she burst into tears. Some time elapsed before she was able to control herself.

THE ANSWERS

Of the Government in Reference to Prohibition and Sunday Observance.

The Government Will Take No Action in Regard to the Memorial of the Prohibitionists.

Some seven months ago in response to a memorial of the Lord's Day Alliance concerning the violation of the Sunday observance act in this city, a commission was appointed by the local government to investigate the matter. The commission sat last September, when several days were occupied in the reception of evidence presented by the alliance, showing that violations of the Sunday law in this city were of frequent and continual occurrence. The complainants, while not excusing the chief of police and his officials from negligence in the enforcement of the law, had no hesitation in stating that the influence of some higher power in the political realm was directly responsible for the lax state of affairs whereby soda-water, beer and cigars, and even liquor, were continually sold on the Sabbath. The testimony submitted was voluminous.

Thursday Commissioner Tweedle's report was approved by the government and today it was received by Rev. Dr. Fotheringham, ex-president of the alliance. He refused this morning to give out the report in full until it was considered by the executive. It is understood, however, that the report, after exhaustively reviewing the evidence received by the commission, will admit the proof that the law has been violated and that last summer soda water, beer, etc., were undoubtedly sold in St. John. But considering the small numbers of the St. John police force, and in view of the fact that St. John is a seaport city and subject to the influx of large numbers of such characters inevitably attendant upon such a situation, the report will consider that the Sunday law, in spite of the proven violations, is remarkably well enforced here.

Dr. Fotheringham said that this report, which had been seven months in incubation was a perfect whitewash of the whole matter. While he admitted the truth of the premier's claim that no evidence was adduced which proved that the influence of some higher power in the political realm was directly responsible for the lax state of affairs, he considered that the testimony brought out in regard to the action of one of the license commissioners advising some druggists to sell soda on Sunday would be sufficient for the general public, as the license commissioner is an officer of the government.

The government has also handed down its answer to the petition presented by a prohibition delegation for the enactment of a prohibitory law. This answer was received today by S. P. McCavour, the secretary of the prohibition delegation, and both he and the minister, J. R. Woodburn, absolutely refused to give it out until it was considered this evening at a meeting of the executive.

The Star is able, however, to present the full report which is as follows: The committee of the executive council has had under consideration the memorial of 9,369 residents of the province asking the government for a law for the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors, such law to be framed on the lines of the Manitoba act.

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"It was pressed strongly on the committee of the council that the legislature would be warranted in passing a prohibition law without further instruction of the people by reason of the vote on the plebiscite taken at the instance of the dominion government. "The result of the recent referendum in Manitoba shows, in the opinion of the committee, that this would not be a safe guide as to the views of the people on the question of the desirability of passing and attempting to enforce a law limited in its application to the province, and also necessarily more limited in its scope than a dominion prohibitory law would be.

"The committee of the council cannot ignore the fact that the Canada Temperance Act, which is now in force in nine counties of the province, is quite as stringent in its provisions as, if not more so, than a provincial prohibition law can possibly be. Neither should the fact be overlooked that the license act which is enforced in the remaining counties affords ample provision for prohibition in any city, town or parish where the people so desire and under these circumstances the committee of the council do not feel warranted, at the present time, in engaging to take any action upon the memorial."



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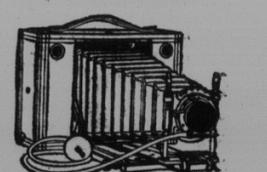


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