

# LA SOUFRIERE IS ACTIVE

# CAUSES OF FAILURE TO REACH THE NORTH POLE

# COAST-KOOTENAY ROAD

## The Eruption of Wednesday Was Longer and More Violent in Its Action Than Even the First Dire Outbreak Occurring in May

KINGSTON, Island of St. Vincent, Thursday, Sept. 4.—7 p. m.—An official who has just returned here found that Chateau Belleaire was safe. Only a small quantity of sand and stone fell there. An adjacent estate, Fitzhughes, suffered generally, all cultivation being destroyed. The parish is evacuated. There was no loss of life. Georgetown is also safe. No one ventured within the fire zone, the Soufriere still being in eruption. The destruction of the Carib country is presumably completed. The eruption of yesterday was longer in duration and more violent in action than even the first dire outbreak of May. With a haunting recollection of the fate of St. Pierre and the first disaster here the people congregated at the safest shelters from the threatening electric cloud spreading over the hills toward the town, while shocks of earthquake, though not severe, increased the panic. At 2 o'clock in the morning loud, rapid detonations were mingled with the terrible continuous roar, and the darkness changed into a constantly glimmering firmament illuminated by the forked lightning balls hurled into meteor-like showers. Such an awe-inspiring scene the wildest flights of fancy could not have imagined. This lasted until 3 o'clock in the morning. The rumor that a tidal wave was expected caused increased agitation, and hundreds of people fled to the hills adjoining the towns. Superheated clouds rose to an immense height and rain clouds from below sent down two showers. At 6 o'clock in the

morning serene silver clouds were issuing from the crater, and throughout they they moved slowly northwards. The heat was abnormal and therefore renewed intimations of a further outbreak of the volcano. Last night there was unmistakable signs of Mont Pelee, Martinique, being in eruption simultaneously with the Soufriere, distinct electric flashes being observed on the northwestern horizon.

### ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., Sept. 6.—Advices from the island of St. Vincent report that a slight eruption of the Soufriere volcano occurred at noon on September 3rd. The outbreak was accompanied by rumblings and caused an exodus of population from Georgetown and Chateau Belleaire. On the 4th, at half past seven in the morning and again at 10 o'clock last night, loud noises, resembling thunder, were heard. These noises were accompanied by electrical discharges from La Soufriere, which continued until 1 o'clock in the morning, when a continuous roar began, lasting until 4 o'clock. This was followed by a murmuring sound, which was heard until 6 o'clock in the morning. In a short time the heavens were obscured by dust or smoke and the scene was fearful. Nobody slept at all during the night. Reports from Chateau Belleaire are to the effect that there has been a heavy fall of sand there, and that the arrow root cultivation on the Sharpe, Petk Borden and Richmond Vale has been destroyed by the sand. No deaths have been reported.

LONDON, Sept. 4.—In response to a telegram from the Associated Press Evelyn B. Baldwin has telegraphed to the Associated Press an explanation of his failure to reach the Pole, and the cause of his dispute with Superintendent Johannson of the America, etc., as follows:

"Tromsø, Norway, Sept. 4.—The public has been deceived by false reports regarding the expedition. Nearly every member has been faithful, and my comrades ought and must derive due credit for their work in establishing large depots at Camp Ziegler during March, April and May. Sometimes they had to traverse the same route ten times. Fifty sledges were destroyed in this work. An open sea near the depot at Tepitz Bay prevented us from reaching the Duke of Abruzzi's headquarters and poor ice conditions in 1901 prevented us from establishing depots north of 80 degrees 22 minutes. In this connection the death of half of our dogs necessitated the postponement of going to the Pole. Nothing favored returning via Greenland.

"I believe the record of being the farthest north would have been broken, but it would have exhausted our supplies and destroyed the hope of finally reaching the Pole.

"Sailing Master Johannson's demands to become the America's captain were untenable and unbearable. His threat, December 15th, to take possession of the ship as captain and deal with the crew in accordance with his own will, might have spoiled the expedition's plans if enforced. The ice pilot, as well as the first mate, who had long experience in Polar ice, were entitled to recognition. Johannson's refusal to obey the ice pilot's orders and his declared unwillingness to take the advice of my representatives on the sleigh expedition, together with other well founded reasons, stated to the American consul, now here, caused his discharge and the promotion of three of his countrymen, who all followed me in the sleigh expedition and obeyed with pleasure the orders given by myself, my representatives and the ice pilot. (Signed) BALDWIN."

## People of Similkameen District Highly Elated Over the Prospect of Getting the Coast-to-Kootenay Railway —Discomfiture of Dewdney

(Special to The Miner.)

GRAND FORKS, B. C., Sept. 6.—Alex McDonald, a railway contractor, reached here today from the Similkameen district, which will be traversed by the J. J. Hill projected Coast-Kootenay railway. He reports that J. H. Kennedy, chief engineer of the V. V. & E. B., and A. M. Luffner, chief locating engineer of the Great Northern, arrived at Princeton on Monday and were given an enthusiastic welcome. The people in that vicinity are elated at the prospect of the early commencement of railway construction. The engineers left Princeton on the following day en route for the coast. They engaged a guide, an experienced pioneer, who expressed confidence in his ability to show them a low pass through the Hope mountains. The pass in question is approached by a tributary of the Skegnet river, and is situated a short distance north of the international boundary. Hon. Edgar Dewdney was dispatched

by the provincial government last year to report on the feasibility of building a railway across the same ridge. He confined his surveys to a region fifty miles farther north and subsequently reported the project to be impracticable. Mr. McDonald stated that Hon. Mr. Dewdney happened to be in Princeton the day that the report was brought in to the effect that Messrs. Kennedy and Luffner were to undertake the survey. He ridiculed the news, and said that when railway communication was established it would be provided by the C. P. R., which would extend a branch from Midway to a point on the main line east of the Hope mountains. An hour or two later Kennedy and Luffner rode into Princeton, and in consequence Mr. Dewdney, after being unmercifully chaffed by the citizens, went into retirement. Mr. McDonald also added that there are three diamond drill plants now at work prospecting the coal measures in the coal basin near Princeton.

## BRADSTREET'S REPORT FOR THE PAST WEEK

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—Bradstreet's will say of the Canadian trade tomorrow: Wholesale trade at the leading centres in the Dominion shows renewed activity. Buyers, attracted by low rates to the two great points of distribution, Montreal and Toronto, left large sized and well distributed orders for fall goods. Toronto reports country trade quiet at the moment, the grain movement being small and farm output of the season considered. August trade compared favorably with former years and the outlook for the current month is very promising. Montreal factories and mills are busy and it is still difficult to get deliveries on some lines. There are no job lots to offer; skilled labor is not too plentiful. Excellent harvests in the west foreshadow further activity. Winnipeg tells of excellent reports of threshing operations and further improvement in trade conditions as a result of record crops. Merchants are still buying largely for fall and winter trade. Collections are only fair, but promise to be better. On the Coast trade is fair for the

season and inquiry for fall goods is looking up with large supplies coming forward from the east. Demand for the Yukon has helped to reduce stocks and the outlook for business is encouraging. Industries, save coal mining, are active. Business failures for the week number 14, as compared with 70 last week and 14 in the same week last year. Weekly bank clearings aggregate \$40,955,483.10, five per cent less than last week but 23.6 per cent over last year. NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—Following are some of the weekly clearings as compiled by Bradstreet's for the week ending September 4th, with percentages of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year: Montreal, \$29,339,270, increase 27.5. Toronto, \$13,529,540, increase 30.7. Winnipeg, \$3,445,438, increase 61.1. Halifax, \$1,475,698, increase 1.2. Vancouver, \$1,002,486, increase 17.8. Hamilton, \$704,831, increase 10.3. St. John, N. B., \$769,368. Victoria, \$364,872, decrease 3.5. Quebec, \$1,256,472, decrease 8.3. Ottawa, \$1,685,062.

## DEJECTION OF THE SURVIVING POPULATION

CASTRIES, Island of St. Lucia, Sept. 5.—The eruption of Mont Pelee on Sept. 3rd was not remarkable, but there was a terrific explosion from La Soufriere on the island of St. Vincent Sept. 3rd. The captain of the steamer Savan, now here, confirming the report cabled to the Associated Press last night that she ran into dense clouds of dust when 20 miles southwest of St. Vincent at 2 o'clock on the morning of Wednesday, adds that absolute darkness prevailed soon afterwards, and that he changed

his course due west in order to avoid the ashes which were falling thick. The first officer could not see the captain two feet away and only knew him by his voice. The steamer Yare further reports that several more valuable plantations were destroyed at the time of the recent outbreak in addition to the townships referred to in previous dispatches, and adds that the anxiety and dejection of the surviving population is general.

## BRITISH AND AMERICAN OFFICERS ARE PRESENTED

BERLIN, Sept. 6.—A number of British officers and Major Generals Corbin and Young and Brigadier General Wood of the United States, were presented to Emperor William today at the Markendort parade field, near Frankfurt-on-the-Oder. After the parade was finished the emperor heartily thanked General Corbin for the attention shown to Prince Henry during the latter's visit to the United States. After further conversation Emperor William presented General Corbin to the emperor. While General Corbin was conversing with her majesty the American generals were presented to the emperor. While the introductions were taking place the German officers assembled in the vicinity to hear his majesty criticize the performance of their respective troops during the parade. Additional splendor was added to the scene by the presence of Lord Roberts, Mr. Swendenck, the British secretary of state for war, and a party in

brilliant British uniforms, who had been presented before the American generals. Emperor William invited all the American generals with their ladies and Lieutenant Colonel John B. Kerr, the United States military attaché at Berlin, to dine with him at the new palace at Potsdam on Monday night. On the special train going to Frankfurt was Prince Henry, who came up especially from Hamburg for the parade. In the royal waiting room at the Friedrichstrasse station the American party were presented to him. Prince Henry conversed with the Americans all the way to Frankfurt, speaking enthusiastically of his American trip and the friends he had made in the United States. He expressed his purpose to visit the United States again after his naval service is completed, to meet personally those on the occasion of his first visit, so as to have a better opportunity to study the country and its people.

## FOURTEEN MILLIONS FOR SEVEN.

Brooklyn Heirs of Cavil Learn of Fortune in Holland.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—Seven heirs of Johanna and Nicholas Cavil, who were owners of an estate in The Hague, Holland, have been found in or about Brooklyn, and they are figuring on coming into property valued at \$14,000,000. Their lawyer, they say, has informed them that the Dutch government has acknowledged their claim to the estate.

## GIRL WANTED TO DIE.

Her Sister Succeeded and She Bought a Similar Death.

TORONTO, Sept. 4.—Tired of life, Catherine Newbiggen, a 19-year-old girl, whose address is 124 Shuter street, tried to end her existence by taking Paris green in Queen's park, and she is now in a critical condition in St. Michael's hospital. Her sister, Alice Newbiggen, died in the same institution six weeks ago, as the result of a self-administered dose of rough on rats.

## TRAGIC DEATH.

A performance Enacted on the Stage Not on the Bills.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—A dispatch to the Daily Chronicle from Vienna gives details of the tragic death of Wednesday last of an Australian actor and actress at Samon-Ujvar, Transylvania, Hungary, as follows: "Julia Pakey and Julius Bardos had been engaged, but the latter had broken off the engagement. The two were acting the part of lovers in a performance during which Julia was supposed to fire at Bardos. She charged her pistol with bullets and shot him dead. The curtain was lowered immediately, but the first persons who arrived on the stage found that Julia had committed suicide by opening her veins.

## WOMAN FATALLY BURNED.

Used Kerosene to Light a Fire with the Too Frequent Result.

TORONTO, Sept. 4.—Mrs. Annie Doyle, aged 29, was fatally burned while lighting a charcoal stove when about to prepare breakfast at her home, 61 Sheridan avenue, yesterday between 8 and 9 o'clock. She poured kerosene on the charcoal and the blaze caught the stream from the can, which exploded. The flames completely enveloped the woman, and she was burned from head to foot. Her cries brought her husband, John Doyle, from upstairs. He threw his arms about his wife and tried to extinguish the flames, and was severely burned about the hands and wrists. His hair and moustache were also burned. It is hardly considered that Catherine will recover. She purchased a pound of the poison in the afternoon, and at 9 o'clock at night a citizen discovered her in great agony near the North-west Volunteer monument. He notified policeman Murray, and the woman was taken to the hospital in the ambulance. The doctors used the stomach pump and half a pound of Paris green was taken from her. She gives no reason for taking the poison, excepting that she wanted to die.

## SHOOTING OF MARRIOTT.

The News Letter Has Always Been a Semi-Blackmailing Sheet.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 4.—Fred Marriott, the publisher of the San Francisco News Letter, was shot three times and seriously wounded at his home last night. His assailants were Thomas H. Williams, Jr., president of the California Jockey Club, and Thuxton Beale, a former United States minister to Persia and Greece, and a well known club man of this city. Williams said: "I considered it our duty to punish Marriott for publishing an article last week reflecting on the reputation of a young lady."

## NEWFOUNDLAND'S ANNEXATION.

Believed That Canada and Newfoundland Will Unite.

MONTREAL, Sept. 6.—In spite of the fact that Sir Robert Bond is opposed to confederation, the public men of Newfoundland believe that the destiny of their country is with Canada and that some day the two countries are bound to be united. A member of Mr. Bond's government has confirmed this opinion. Hon. G. W. Gushue, minister of public works, and Hon. J. B. Woods, acting postmaster-general, of St. John's, Nfld., are in Montreal. They are among the lay delegates to the Methodist general conference.

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## TRAM CAR UNMANAGEABLE.

Jams Into Other Cars—Several Persons Severely Injured.

GLASGOW, Sept. 6.—A tram car became unmanageable while going down the Renfield street incline tonight and crashed into three cars which were waiting at the crossing. One of the waiting cars was driven through the front of a shop. Twenty of the passengers who were injured were removed to an infirmary. The drivers of two of the cars and several passengers are in a critical condition.

## NEW MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. L. N. Tucker Was Appointed Organizing Secretary.

MONTREAL, Sept. 6.—At a meeting of the New Missionary Society of the Church of England today, Rev. L. N. Tucker of Vancouver was appointed organizing secretary. He accepted the position and will have to resign his charge in Vancouver and reside either in Montreal or Toronto.

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