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1,000 REPORTED KILLED--90,000 ARE HOMELESS AND THOUSANDS INJURED--FAMINE THREATENS

Later News Intensifies Kingston Horror--That City's Damage Alone is \$10,000,000--Survivors Face Starvation and Pestilence -- Fire Has Broken Out Again--Panic Prevails--Help Urgently Needed.



MAP OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON Showing the Principal Buildings Destroyed by the Earthquake.

ST. THOMAS, D.W.I., Jan. 16.—Reports received here from Jamaica say it is estimated that 1,000 persons have been killed by the earthquake and fire, and that ninety thousand persons are homeless. The damage to Kingston alone is placed at fully \$10,000,000.

Situation More Serious Than was Feared

Very few messages, and those meagre and lacking in detail, have been received direct from Jamaica today to give additional information of the devastation and death wrought by the earthquake that ravaged Kingston on Monday afternoon. Such intelligence as has come through, however, shows the situation to be apparently more serious than was outlined in the first official reports received at colonial office in London from the governor of the West Indian Islands, Sir Edward Sweetnam, and Alfred Wood, M. P.

List of Injured Number Thousands

The estimates of persons injured is placed in the thousands. It is feared that when the ruins of the city are searched the casualty list will be materially increased. A large majority of the 50,000 population of Kingston is black, and it is probable that nearly all the casualties were among these people. It is reported that about two score black soldiers were burned to death in a military hospital near the city.

Looking and disorder, including raids on rum shops, by the blacks followed the catastrophe, but the prompt repressive measures restored order. Panic prevails, however, and especially as the earth shocks occurred yesterday and today and a great number of the city's population have fled to the neighboring countryside. Food supplies are beginning to be urgently needed and the demand upon medical supplies has exhausted the stock on hand.

United States Send Battleships to Aid

The navy department has sent the battleships Missouri and Indiana from Guantanamo, Cuba, to Kingston to render all the aid possible. Any reliable estimate of the property damage is impossible. It is reported that the business section is in ruins and that a large bank building and a big hotel have been destroyed, while other messages say that almost all the houses of the Jamaican capital have been destroyed and those within a radius of ten miles damaged.

New York Sends Relief to Sufferers

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Plans looking to the relief of the Jamaica earthquake sufferers were formulated at a meeting tonight of a number of representatives of steamship lines and commercial firms. A committee was named to attend to the collection of funds and the purchase of supplies.

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Help Needed for Earthquake Sufferers

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This is the first message Mr. McLeod has received direct from Kingston. BOSTON, Jan. 16.—E. T. Hammett, asst. inspector of the Bank of Nova Scotia, arrived here today and sailed on the steamer Admiral Dewey to look after the bank's affairs in Jamaica.

European Volcanoes Erupt in Sympathy

CATANIA, Sicily, Jan. 16.—The earthquake at Kingston, Jamaica, was coincident with increased activity of Mount Etna and slight earthquakes in the Medianian mountains. Prof. Rieko, the director of the Mount Etna observatory, says that either the fire openings inside the crater which were discovered in 1883 have increased in size or that eruptions are occurring inside the volcano, as from the outside nothing but smoke and reflection of fire can be seen. The volcano is throwing out considerable quantities of ashes and subterranean detonations are heard. The present phenomena are similar to those of 1883, when one of the most severe eruptions occurred.

Cable Brings Halifax Man Good News

HALIFAX, Jan. 16.—C. F. Longley, a Halifax shipping broker received a cable from Kingston tonight stating that his relatives in the stricken city were safe. The dispatch gave little information about the disaster, but stated that the eastern part of the town largely escaped the general destruction. Being anxious regarding his relatives Mr. Longley endeavored to get a message through direct to Kingston, but was informed at the telegraph office that it would be useless for him to try. He then called a friend at Gordonton, a small town on the mountains ten miles from Kingston. The message was delivered to his relatives and a reply received in Halifax inside of 12 hours.

W. L. Marsh of Kingston, Jamaica, when seen last evening at the Royal stated that reports of the Jamaica disaster as far as he could judge from press despatches, were exceedingly exaggerated. Mr. Marsh, who is connected with the Canada-Jamaica fruit service, has not yet received any cable from the island concerning the damage his property has sustained, and expects none before this evening at the earliest.

Reports Inaccurate, Says Mr. Marsh

The city of Kingston, according to Mr. Marsh, has but few buildings of more than two stories in height. Since the great fire of 1878 the edifices erected have been built almost exclusively of brick, so that the city was prepared for either earthquake or fire. The inhabitants of the island of Jamaica are to a great extent accustomed to tremors of moderate violence, these earth-tremblings happening as often as once a month. On such occasions the people at once run from the buildings for fear that they might fall. Even if a person should be caught in the ruins there is the possibility of their removal alive even two or three days afterward.

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FATHER MCAULEY ON THE STAND UNDER CROSS-EXAMINATION.

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HOPEWELL CAPE, N. B., Jan. 16.—The first evidence in the Collins murder trial was taken this morning, when the circuit court resumed business at ten o'clock. Rev. Father McAuley was the first witness and was on the stand several hours. He was examined by Hon. Mr. Skinner for the crown, Hon. Mr. McKewen conducting the cross-examination.

The number of visitors during the early part of the day was not large, but later on in spite of the very inclement weather, the court room, including all of the galleries, was pretty well filled. Father McAuley being sworn, first explained the extent of his parish and the location of his residence at New Ireland, Albert county, and told of the engaging of the prisoner at the bar in August last to do chores at his place. At that time the priest's household consisted of Father McAuley himself and his second cousin and housekeeper, Miss Mary Ann McAuley. The witness told of the prisoner's conduct during his stay, which was nothing out of the ordinary.

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The facts of the fishing trip to the lake on the Thursday were given, and the circumstances of Fr. McAuley's leaving the rectory on Friday to go to another part of the mission. The witness told of his having an axe which he supposed at the time was the only one on the place. On Saturday morning he took the train for Salisbury. Witness described his house and furnishings and the location of his belongings, the evidence being practically the same as that given at the preliminary examination. He gave a partial description of Miss McAuley's gold watch, stating, however, that he had no positive recollection of marks on the outside of the watch. The watch was a present from her sisters and had been repaired at Albert in July.

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BISHOP GARMICHAEL'S WIFE DEAD.

MONTREAL, Jan. 16.—Mrs. Carmichael, wife of the Bishop of Montreal, died this evening after a long illness. For several months her condition has been considered hopeless, but the end came suddenly. The Bishop was absent in Toronto at the time, attending the meeting of the house of bishops.