

# CITY IS IN RUINS

ST. PIERRE AND 40,000 INHABITANTS DESTROYED.

## TWENTY RESIDENTS SURVIVE

Appalling Disaster Said to Be Without a Parallel Except Pompeii—Eighteen Vessels Devoured by Flames and All on Board Perish.

ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., May 10.—It is now estimated that 40,000 persons perished as a result of the volcanic eruption in the island of Martinique.

SAN JUAN, P. R., May 10.—The cable officials here have received advices from the island of Dominica that a schooner which has arrived there from the island of Martinique reports that over 40,000 people are supposed to have perished during the volcanic disturbance in Martinique. The cable repair steamer Grappler, belonging to the West Indian and Panama Telegraph company of London, was lost with all hands during the eruption of Mount Pelee at St. Pierre, Martinique. Grappler was one of the first ships to disappear.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—A cablegram has been received at the state department as follows:

"POINT-A-PETRE, May 9.—To Secretary of State, Washington: At 10 o'clock a. m., on the 8th inst., a storm of steam, mud and fire enveloped the city and community. Not more than twenty persons escaped with their lives. Eighteen vessels were burned and sunk with all on board, including four American vessels and a steamer from Quebec named Koraima. The United States consul and family are reported among the victims. A war vessel has come to Guadeloupe for provisions and will leave at 5 tomorrow. A. Y. M. C. Consul."

The consul at Martinique is Thomas T. Prentice. He was born in Michigan and was appointed from Massachusetts as consul at Seychelles Island in 1871 and later served as consul at Port Louis, Mauritius, Rouen, France, and Batavia. He was appointed consul at Martinique in 1900.

The vice consul at Martinique is Amaree Testart, who was appointed from Louisiana in 1898.

The latest available figures show the total population of the island of Martinique is 185,000 people, of whom 25,000 lived in St. Pierre.

PARIS, May 10.—The commander of the French cruiser *Suehet* recently telegraphed to the minister of marine from Fort de France, Island of Martinique, under date of Thursday, May 8, at 10 p. m., as follows:

"Have just returned from St. Pierre, which has been completely destroyed by an immense mass of fire, which fell on the town at about 8 in the morning. The entire population, about 25,000 souls, is supposed to have perished. I have brought back the few survivors, about thirty. All the shipping of the harbor has been destroyed by fire. The eruption continues."

It is feared that M. L. Mouttel, the governor of Martinique, has perished. He telegraphed May 7 that he was proceeding to St. Pierre. Senator Knight is also supposed to have been at St. Pierre.

## BILL FOR STATES PASSES.

Measures Admitting Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico Successful.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The opposition in the house to the bill for the admission of Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico collapsed at the last minute yesterday and the bill was passed without division as it came from the committee, except for a few verbal amendments. The real test came on an amendment offered by Mr. Overstreet of Indiana to join New Mexico and Arizona and admit them as the state of Montezuma. It was beaten, 28 to 106, and all opposition then ceased.

## Rebels Bombard a Town.

HONG KONG, May 10.—Advices received from Wu-Chou say the rebels bombarded Nan-Ning-Fu for three hours, April 27, using modern field guns. From 300 to 400 of the inhabitants were killed.

## James H. McMillan Dead.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., May 10.—James H. McMillan of Detroit, son of United States Senator James McMillan of Michigan, died in this city tonight of consumption.

## Discuss Rathbone Case.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—At the cabinet meeting yesterday the appeal which is being made by Senator Hanna in behalf of a new trial for Estes G. Rathbone was discussed.

## Wilhelmina Improving.

THE HAGUE, May 10.—Queen Wilhelmina had a quiet night, with no rise in temperature. She is taking sufficient nourishment, and her condition is satisfactory.

## COPELAND CASE GOES TO JURY.

Specialists Testify to the Belief that Accused Was Insane.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 9.—The case of Ned Hartley Copeland, formerly of Omaha, who killed A. C. Rogers of St. Joseph on a train near Wamsutter last summer, was given to the jury late tonight after lengthy arguments by the prosecution and defense. Early in the trial the defense admitted everything set up by the prosecution and the case practically developed upon the question of the sanity of the accused. Eminent physicians from Denver, Rawlins, Rock Springs and the superintendent of the state insane asylum testified that they believed Copeland was insane at the time the deed was committed. Dr. McGhee of Rawlins, who was on the train with Copeland when the shooting occurred, said he thought Copeland was drunk. This evidence seemed to have little weight with the jury and the belief is general that Copeland will be found insane and committed to the state asylum.

## MESSAGE FROM POPE LEO.

Expressions of Sorrow from Vatican on Corrigan's Death.

NEW YORK, May 9.—The Rev. Dr. Ferranti, Italian secretary to Archbishop Corrigan, tonight made public a cablegram which was received at the archiepiscopal residence from Cardinal Rampolla, pontifical secretary of state at Rome, expressing the sorrow of Pope Leo at the demise of Mgr. Corrigan. The cablegram was addressed to the Rev. Dr. Ferranti and is as follows:

"The holy father with great sorrow learns of the death of the grand archbishop, whom he hoped to see in Rome very soon. His holiness, who appreciates very highly the special merits of the dead prelate, expressed his sympathy from the depth of his heart for the metropolitan church of New York, and he prays God to give to the soul of the great archbishop the repose of the just and the premium of eternal glory. (Signed.) 'RAMPOLLA, Pontifical Secretary of State.'"

## GRAVE TROUBLE IN HAYTI.

Revolution in that Island is Now Said to Be in Progress.

SAN DOMINGO, Santo Domingo, May 9.—The United States minister, William F. Powell, owing to the situation of affairs here, has suspended all intercourse with the revolutionary government and is preparing to leave San Domingo for Hayti, to which country he is also accredited. His departure is due to the grave differences existing in Hayti, where a revolution is said to be in progress.

The change of government here has put a stop to the steps taken by Mr. Powell to arrange a settlement of the claims of the Dominican Improvement company of New York against Santo Domingo. These claims were being favorably considered by the government, which has just been overthrown, and were in a fair condition for settlement.

The Dominican congress has been dissolved and a provisional government has been formed.

## Gone for Twenty-Five Years.

NEW ULM, Minn., May 9.—Mrs. Odie Ella Wood returned here today after having been adjudged dead and her estate administered more than a year ago. Mrs. Wood and her husband left New Ulm for California twenty-five years ago and have since resided there. Her relatives gave her up for dead and when, in August, 1899, her father, Thomas E. Chute, was killed, his estate was divided between three of his children known to be living and Mrs. Wood's share also went to them. Mrs. Wood, it is said, has fully established her identity and the judgment of the court probably will be set aside and her claim allowed.

## Senator Money's Worry Ends.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 8.—The cases of alleged assault against Senator Money of Mississippi, Orpha H. Shaner, a street car conductor, and Joseph E. Hooper, a truck foreman in the fire department, all growing out of a street car altercation about ten days ago, were nolle prossed and formally abandoned in the police court yesterday. The only issue which the court permitted to be argued was as to the right of the assistant district attorney to nolle pros. a case without the consent of the court, which Judge Kimball finally sustained.

## Tramp Killed in a Wreck.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 9.—A wreck occurred on the Chicago & Northwestern at Ames at 1 o'clock yesterday. A tramp was killed and Mail Clerk Griffin of Des Moines was seriously injured. Mail Clerk Graves of Chicago was buried under mail sacks and badly bruised and Mail Clerk Alexander Turk of Chicago had his arm and hand injured. Train No. 10 was just approaching the town limits when the accident occurred.

# PHILIPPINES BILL

DISCUSSION IN SENATE TAKES SENSATIONAL TURN.

## TILLMAN DEFENDS SLAVERY

He Reverts to Civil War Issues in an Excited Debate—McComas Joins in Defense of the National Administration.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Discussion of the Philippine bill in the senate took a sensational turn yesterday. Mr. McComas of Maryland, referring to the alleged cruelties of American soldiers in the Philippines, which he deeply deplored, told of some of the cruelties which had occurred on both sides during the civil war. Neither side, he said, was to be held responsible for those regrettable occurrences, as neither side approved them. In this connection he suggested that senators from South Carolina and Mississippi, "where there is less popular liberty than in any other states, were shouting the loudest for constitutional liberty in the Philippines."

This drew a sensational reply from Mr. Tillman, who declared that it was no longer possible to sneer away the responsibilities for the infamies committed by the Americans in the Philippines. He said that if it had been in the south that if the reins of government were to be given to the negroes the civil war would have been prolonged indefinitely. He insisted that in order to maintain their self-respect the white people of the south had been obliged to subdue the negro by whatever means, using the shot gun as one of the means.

He frankly described how the negroes had been defeated at the polls, admitting that the whites had gotten just such majorities as were necessary. "When we get ready to put a nigger's face in the sand," he shouted, "we put his body there, too." He declared the people of the south never would submit to negro domination and he hoped republican senators would turn from their "game of deviltry in the Philippines and assist the south to rid itself of threat of negro domination."

While Mr. Tillman was speaking many of the democratic senators left the chamber, his audience on the floor being largely on the republican side.

Mr. Burton of Kansas vigorously arraigned Mr. Tillman for his utterances. He asserted that the senator who could defend slavery and government by the shotgun could not be expected to carry good government to the Philippines. He was astonished that a senator should in one breath make an appeal for unsullied government in the Philippines, and in the next boast of crimes almost unparalleled in history.

Mr. Burton followed with a warm defense of the government's policy in the Philippines and became involved in a heated colloquy with Mr. Rawlins of Utah, because he had denounced some of Mr. Rawlins' statements as false. He paid a brilliant tribute to General as one of the great heroes of the army.

After declaring that the war with Spain had been forced upon the United States by the democrats and that the Philippines had come to this country through the war, Mr. McComas asserted that in the debates on the Philippine question the democrats ignored all history and ignored the treaty which they helped to ratify. He said they proposed to undo the glorious work of the last four years, to denounce our treaty, to disgrace the army and navy, to throw away the sovereignty over the islands, to defy the verdict of the people, to reverse the supreme court and to scuttle amid the flouts and jeers of all the nations of the world.

## Colonel Sharpe to Manila.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Colonel Henry Sharpe, assistant commissary general, has been relieved from duty in this city and ordered to Manila, where he will be chief commissary of that division, relieving Colonel Charles A. Woodruff.

## Senor Valdez Banished.

MANILA, May 8.—Senor Valdez, editor of *Miau*, as a result of the second libel suit brought against him by Neito Legardo, the Filipino member of the United States commission, has been sentenced to six months' banishment.

## Funeral of Potter Palmer.

CHICAGO, May 8.—Hundreds of Chicagoans of high and low degree attended the funeral of Potter Palmer here yesterday. Services were held at the palatial Palmer residence on Lake Shore drive, when many of the friends of the dead millionaire and Chicago pioneer viewed the remains at the house. Rev. James S. Stone, rector of St. James' Episcopal church, conducted the services. The burial was at Graceland cemetery.

## WAR OPERATIONS CONTINUED.

Peace Negotiations Do Not Interfere with Military Movements.

LONDON, May 7.—Lord Kitchenor's weekly report, dated from Pretoria, yesterday, shows that the peace movement is not allowed to interfere with military operations except so far as to permit of unrestrained meetings between the leaders and their various commandoes.

The week's Boer casualties were ten men killed and 122 made prisoners. General Bruce Hamilton's columns captured eighty-seven men on the Hellbron (Orange River Colony) line.

Colonel Enbrander has resumed operations in the northern part of the Transvaal against Commandant Byers, whose forces have been considerably reduced and General Ian Hamilton has cleared a large district of Klerksdorp, southwestern Transvaal.

## PURCHASES OF CUBAN SUGAR.

Buyer for the Trust Continues His Testimony.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Henry C. Mott, raw sugar buyer for the American Sugar Refining company, continued his testimony before the senate committee on relations with Cuba today. He said the trust purchase of Cuban sugar from October 1, 1901, to January 1, 1902, was 45,100 tons.

There was no way of showing from the books of the trust what Americans own sugar plantations in Cuba.

Mr. Mott said that owing to the cost of storing sugar and deterioration of stored sugars the refiners kept very little on hand and made an effort to keep only a sufficient supply to meet the demands, amounting to 35,000 tons per week. The committee adjourned until tomorrow.

## QUEEN IS VERY LOW AGAIN.

Her Physicians Hold a Consultation, but Issue No Bulletin.

THE HAGUE, May 7.—Advices received here from Castle Loo, dated 1 o'clock this morning, declare that Queen Wilhelmina's condition again excites grave anxiety. Another consultation of the queen's doctors was held at 11 o'clock last night. The result of this consultation is not known. Extreme secrecy is maintained as to the contents of the telegrams dispatched from Loo palace.

This and other measures are believed to indicate that the condition of her majesty is much graver than appears from the official bulletins. It is said the queen is so weak that she has been unable to take any nourishment since last Saturday.

## CANKER WORMS DESTROY FRUIT

Missouri Crop Badly Wrecked by Vermin on the Trees.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., May 7.—Never in the history of fruit growing in this state has such havoc to fruit trees resulted by pests or drought or elements of weather as can be summed up in the present ravages of the canker worm. Whole orchards of apple, peach and cherry trees are entirely stripped of foliage and consequently so thoroughly injured as to be able to produce no fruit this year, if in fact the trees are at all able to survive the summer. One apple orchard in the southern part of the county, which for years has netted the owner an average of \$10,000 for each crop, will produce nothing this year.

## Cuban Congress Convenes.

HAVANA, May 7.—The Cuban senate and house of representatives reassembled at noon today in the palace.

Governor General Wood made an address wishing the legislators success in the work they were about to enter upon. He informed them that no legislative power would be vested in congress until after the formal transfer of the government. Their work now was to pass upon credentials and to inform the military government officially who had been selected president and vice president and senators and members of the house of representatives.

The senators met in the Palacio Zgundo and the representatives in the Comandancia General de la Marina building.

## President Does Not Object.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The published statement that the president had made objections to the declarations of the French government to bestow the decoration of the legion of honor upon Admiral Dewey and General Miles is authoritatively denied at the White House.

## Peace Plans Progressing.

PRETORIA, May 7.—The peace situation is developing encouragingly. According to reliable information which has reached here several of the nearer commandoes have received the burgher delegates in amicable spirit. It is said that Commandant Byers has announced his willingness to abide by decision reached by the Transvaal government. Considerable opposition to the peace movement is developing among irreconcilables.

## THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations from South Omaha and Kansas City.

SOUTH OMAHA. CATTLE—There was a light supply of cattle, but still it was the heaviest of the week. There was a good demand for beef steers showing quality, and the market on such kinds could safely be quoted stronger. When it came to those that were not quite finished, however, it was a different proposition, and trade on such kinds was rather slow and the prices did not look much more than steady. The cow market was active and strong all around. The better quality the better the demand, but still even the medium and common kinds sold without much trouble at steady to strong prices. The trade is very uneven owing to the rapid fluctuations that have taken place within the last few days, so that some sales look a good deal higher than others. It is a good deal of a catch-as-catch-can market. Bulls, veal calves and stags of good quality all commanded steady to strong prices. There were only a few stockers and feeders on sale, and anything desirable sold at just about steady prices.

HOGS—There were not nearly as many hogs on sale as there were yesterday and as other markets were reported a little stronger, trading at this point started out on a basis of about a 5c advance and closed about 10c higher than yesterday's general market. The market was active, so that the bulk of the offerings was disposed of in good season. The advance was general on all classes, though, of course, the light-weight stuff and common grades were neglected and hard to sell, the same as usual. The bulk of the good weight hogs sold from \$7.05 to \$7.20 and the medium weights went mostly from \$6.35 to \$7.05.

SHEEP—There was a light run of sheep and lambs and the packers all seemed to want a few the market held just about steady. With the exception of a few loads the quality was nothing extra, but still buyers bought up about everything offered at just about yesterday's prices. It was evident, though, that they were a great deal more anxious for the better grades than they were for those lacking in quality.

## KANSAS CITY.

CATTLE—Market steady to 10c higher. Choice export and dressed beef steers, \$6.75@7.25; fair to good, \$5.00@6.75; stockers and feeders, \$3.00@5.55; western fed steers, \$5.00@6.05; Texas and Indian steers, \$3.75@4.05; Texas cows, \$2.75@5.19; native cows, \$2.25@3.50; native heifers, \$3.50@6.85; canners, \$1.50@2.75; bulls, \$3.00@5.45; calves, \$2.50@4.00.

HOGS—Market steady to 5c higher; top, \$7.50; bulk of sales, \$7.00@7.25; heavy, \$7.20@7.30; packers, \$7.00@7.25; light, \$6.50@7.05; yorkers, \$6.50@7.05; pigs, \$5.50@6.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Best steady; western, slow, and native lambs, \$5.00@7.15; western lambs, \$5.75@7.20; native wethers, \$5.00@6.00; western wethers, \$4.50@6.15; fed ewes, \$4.00@5.55; Texas clipped sheep, \$4.50@5.55; stockers and clipped yearlings, \$5.75@6.05; Texas feeders, \$2.90@4.75.

## MORTON'S DEATH GREAT LOSS.

Tribute is Paid by Former President Grover Cleveland.

PRINCETON, N. J., May 10.—Speaking of the number of prominent men who have died within the last few days, former President Cleveland said to the Associated Press: "Mr. J. Sterling Morton, who was at one time a member of my cabinet, was the only one I knew personally, so I do not wish to make any comment further than to say that the country has sustained a great loss. The death of the author, Mr. Ford, was a very sad event."

Mr. Cleveland was asked today for his opinion of the effect on the country of the recent effort of the beef combine.

"It looks," said Mr. Cleveland, "as though the packers had overshot the market. I see by the newspapers that the markets are full, and that the farmers' produce is not being used as freely as formerly, and the stock raisers are content to sell their cattle at reasonable prices. I judge the situation is beginning to assume normal proportions."

## Iowa Conductor Injured.

IOWA FALLS, Ia., May 10.—Chas. Knoll, a former Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern conductor of this city, narrowly escaped being killed in the railroad yards at Kansas City, Kan. He had gone to the depot to take the train for this city and in crossing the tracks was struck by a switch engine, but luckily escaped with a broken arm and severe injuries on the side and back.

## May Get Free Delivery.

IOWA FALLS, Ia., May 10.—The announcement is made that this city is entitled to the free delivery service and that the year ending March 31 showed the receipts of the post-office here had passed the \$10,000 mark.

## Cholera in Manila.

MANILA, May 10.—The cholera statistics to date are as follows: Manila, 867 cases and 706 deaths; the provinces, 2,542 cases and 1,085 deaths.

## Ware and Evans Meet.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Eugene F. Ware, who is to succeed H. Clay Evans as commissioner of pensions, was at the White House and met the retiring commissioner in the president's room. The three had a pleasant conversation together and it was announced that Mr. Ware would take charge of the office as soon as he is confirmed. His nomination will go to the senate today. Evans will leave for London in the near future.

## Heavy Betting This Year.

A well known New York betting man, who keeps track of every bet of consequence, said the other day that at least \$2,000,000 has been wagered on the election in that city. Most of this has been bet on the general result, but more bets upon results in states have been made than usual. Of this fully \$1,000,000 has been put up in Wall street alone. There is less Bryan money in sight at present than at any time during the last four months.

## THE BEST RESULTS IN STARCHING

can be obtained only by using Defiance Starch, besides getting 4 oz. more for same money—no cooking required.

## "Foreign Cow Dairy."

A notice board has just been erected on shore near the naval anchorage at Woosung China, with the following information: "We open at Woosung, on the south of the Telegraph Company, for sale the Foreign Milk, the taste are sweet, the Milk are pure, the Price are just. We have not put any water in it. If you want to buy it you will know the Foreign Cow Chop, No. 1 Milk, Yi Pingshan Dairy."

Clear white clothes are a sign that the housekeeper uses Red Cross Blue. Large 2 oz. package, 5 cents.

A bird in the hand is permissible if you have no knife and fork.

Pico's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'Brien, 323 Third Ave., N. Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 4, 1900.

## The Greatest Organ.

The man who is putting new pipes in the organ of the Mormon Tabernacle at Salt Lake City, Utah, was told that many old Salt Laker were weeping over the fact that the organ was being remodeled, and replied: "They will weep that they did weep when once they hear the new instrument." He claims that it will be the greatest instrument in America when the present work is completed.

## All Sufferers From Rheumatism

should try MATT J. JOHNSON'S Ointment. Guarantee goes with it. Try it.

If a man is a wit he says things; if he is a humorist he writes them.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, 25c a bottle.

When a woman agrees to be the very best she can do is to convince herself.

Concentrated Common Sense—Using Hamlin's Wizard Oil. It drives away all pain instantly.

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The example of today will rank as a precedent tomorrow.

## DEFIANCE STARCH

should be in every household, none so good, besides 4 oz. more for 10 cents than any other brand of cold water starch.

## History in Stage Pictures.

The beautiful play of "Nathan Hale," rendered with the skill and perfection of detail which characterizes its presentation here, offers an opportunity such as is rarely afforded in stage pictures for bringing to the attention of school children, as well as to ordinary theater goers, salient events of Revolutionary history. The story of the "patriot spy" is calculated to inspire the youthful listener with pride and love of country, entertaining him absorbingly meanwhile.

## New York's Heavy Taxpayers.

Frederick W. Vanderbilt heads the list of New York's wealthy men assessed for personal property. His assessment is a round \$2,000,000, which, at the prevailing rate of .9231 on the dollar, would make his next tax bill \$1,846,200. Those assessed for \$1,000,000 are William K. Vanderbilt, Alice G. Vanderbilt, John D. Rockefeller and Andrew Carnegie. Still, these figures are not particularly illuminating as showing how much the persons thus taxed are worth.

Some parents use their children to hang old clothes on.

## Interesting if True—But it isn't.

A recent statement by an English admiral that a spirit made in Switzerland from the European mountain ash, or rowan berry, has the power to destroy the memory, and that jelly made from the same fruit has a similar effect, suggests an origin for the old superstition that the rowan tree has the power to scare evil spirits. But liquors and preserves were long ago made from the red rowan berry, and in some parts of the world the fruit is dried and ground into flour for bread.

## No Chance for Him.

"Now that we are engaged," said the fair young thing, "I will tell you that I do not fear mice."

"That is nice," said the prospective groom. "And," continued the fiancée, "I can drive nails without hitting my thumb, and I know how to use a paper cutter without ruining a book; and I can add a row of figures without making a separate sum for each consecutive figure; and I can build a fire; and I can tell when a picture is hung straight on the wall."

Here the man drew himself up with much dignity and sorrow and cried: "Then I cannot marry you, alas!" "Why?" gasped the girl. "What respect is there for my ever being able to demonstrate the superiority of man over woman if I marry a woman who possesses such traits of character as you?"

Few persons are as easily fooled by others as they are by themselves.

The man who loves his wife's relations is as blessed as he is scarce.