

DIXIE SAILS WITH FOOD

United States Hastens Relief to Island Sufferers.

MONT PELEE STILL IN ERUPTION

Steamer From St. Pierre Reports That Lava Still Flows—Miraculous Escape of Sole Survivor of the Disaster—Blames the Governor.

New York, May 15.—The Dixie, which has on board almost 3,000 tons of supplies for the relief of the people of the island of Martinique, passed out of quarantine last night for Fort de France.

Castries, island of St. Lucia, May 15.—The signal station here reports that a large fire was seen last night



ST. PIERRE, WITH MONT PELEE IN THE DISTANCE.

In the direction of Fort de France, Martinique.

The British steamer Savan, Captain Hunter, arrived here yesterday morning and reports Mont Pelee to be still in eruption.

The search parties which are removing the dead from St. Pierre have discovered safes and molten precious metal in stores and dwellings of the town.

A lifeboat and boom belonging to the Camorta has also been picked up near Krishna lightship, on the Madras coast, by a vessel searching for the missing steamer.

Pastor Uses Doctor as Target. Wymore, Neb., May 15.—Rev. S. P. Benbercoke, pastor of the Christian church, last night went into the office of Dr. W. H. Johnson and fired five shots at him without effect.

EARTHQUAKES IN GUATEMALA.

Seismic Shocks Cause 2,000 Deaths and Destroy Much Property.

San Francisco, May 15.—The steamer Guatemala brings additional details of the earthquake in Central America last month.

Rival for Shipping Combine.

London, May 15.—The Daily Mail says that ten members of the house of commons have promised to form a pool of £1,000,000 as the nucleus of a company to start a line of Atlantic greyhounds in opposition to the Morgan combination.

Presages Further Calamity.

London, May 15.—The Fort de France correspondent of the Times, in a dispatch describing the present condition of Mont Pelee, says that volcano is still rumbling and that three luminous points on the lower slopes of the mountain, which are casting incandescent rays, seem to presage a further calamity.

CLOODY FIGHT WITH NEGRO.

Merchant of Fort Smith Stabbed Five Times in an Encounter.

Fort Smith, Ark., May 15.—P. R. Davis, a wealthy wholesale merchant of Fort Smith was stabbed five times in an encounter in his bedroom with a negro burglar.

A posse has started out in search of him and there is talk of a lynching. The negro's clothes were found later in the office of a negro doctor.

The negro burglar, whose name was learned to be John Williams, was run down, with two negro companions, about four miles from town, on the border of the Indian territory.

A telegram from Van Buren, Ark., says Williams was captured by a constable and deputy sheriff three miles west of that city and put in jail at Van Buren.

HAYTI IN A CHAOTIC STATE.

Revolutionists Seize Customs Houses and Are Collecting the Duties.

Port au Prince, Hayti, May 15.—Admiral Killick, commander of the Haytian fleet, has started for Cape Haytian with the Haytian warships Crete A'Pierot and Toussaint Louverture, having declared himself in favor of General Firmin, the former minister of Hayti to Paris, who is the head of the revolutionary forces in the northern part of the island.

The northern revolutionists have seized the customs houses of Cape Haytian, Port de Paix and Gonaves and are collecting duties. Protests against this action on the part of General Firmin have been entered by the National bank and the diplomatic corps.

A severe engagement between the northern revolutionists and the southern forces, meaning the troops from Port au Prince and the cities of its vicinity, is expected to take place tomorrow.

STEAMER MAY BE LOST.

Camorta Believed to Have Foundered in Bay of Bengal.

London, May 15.—A dispatch from Rangoon, British Burmah, says a lifeboat belonging to the British steamer Camorta, overdue at that port from Madras, has been picked up in the bay of Bengal.

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Must Answer for Murder.

St. Louis, Mo., May 15.—Joseph Coleman of Faulkton, S. D., charged with the murder of his brother, Edward, to secure \$10,000 insurance on the latter's life, has been held to the circuit court without bail.

Wrecked by Washout.

Ellis, Kan., May 15.—A washout on the Colby branch of the Union Pacific railroad caused a freight wreck, in which George Regner, engineer, was killed and the fireman and two brakemen were badly scalded.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

The Earl of Hopetoun has resigned the generalship of the Australian commonwealth.

The Canadian parliament Wednesday voted \$50,000 for the relief of the sufferers of Martinique and St. Vincent.

Dr. William Todd Helmuth, a surgeon of national reputation, died suddenly at his home in New York Thursday morning.

Owing to the depression in the linen industry on the continent the cottage weavers in the Bohemian forest are reduced to starvation.

The Missouri supreme court sentenced Sam Brown to be hanged in Wayne county June 13 for the murder of George L. Richardson.

Former Senator Pettigrew of South Dakota has purchased the interest of former Senator Dorsey in the California King gold mine, located 25 miles north of Yuma, A. T.

The pope received in audience Wednesday Bishop Thomas O'Gorman of Sioux Falls, S. D., a member of the American commission appointed to confer with the pope regarding church questions in the Philippines.

NIXON QUITS TAMMANY

Richard Croker's Successor Resigns Leadership.

SPURNS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

After His Resignation He Announces His Permanent Retirement From Politics—Will Devote His Entire Time to Shipbuilding.

New York, May 15.—Lewis Nixon, leader of Tammany Hall for nearly six months, resigned that position yesterday at a meeting of the district leaders, held in Tammany Hall.

While the resignation was not entirely unexpected, it was not thought that Mr. Nixon would take such positive action until a later date, first awaiting the action of the leaders to see if they would give him a vote of confidence, and went so far as to say that he could no longer retain his self respect if he remained as leader.

BANQUET TO WHITELAW RIED.

One Hundred Whiteman Americans Attend Farewell Function.

New York, May 15.—The Hon. Whitelaw Reid was the guest of honor at a farewell banquet given at the Union League club last night in anticipation of his approaching departure for London, as special ambassador to the coronation of King Edward VII.

The banquet was attended by about 100 gentlemen, including many prominent figures in politics, finance and journalism from all sections of the country.

Mr. Reid spoke at length on the opposition to the sending of this special embassy and said: "But, gentlemen, whoever supposes that this froth on the surface, where hunters for a campaign issue have been spouting, that the great body of the American people do not with heart and settled judgment approve the purpose of the president in sending this embassy, is an ignorant of this generation on American soil as he is of the one that preceded Columbus' discovery."

Fortifications Bill in Senate.

Washington, May 15.—During the greater part of the senate session yesterday the fortifications appropriation bill was under consideration.

Proctor (Vt.) offered an amendment providing that no part of the appropriation should be used for procuring disappearing gun carriages.

The amendment precipitated a debate which continued for two hours and had not been concluded when the measure was laid aside for the day.

Proctor led the fight against the disappearing carriages, declaring that they never would be effective and that in actual war it would be shown they were a lamentable failure.

Perkins (Cal.) warmly defended the war department in adopting the disappearing carriages, maintaining that the bulk of the evidence on the subject was in support of the carriages.

Schurz Re-Elected President.

New York, May 15.—At the annual meeting of the Civil Service Reform association last night the following officers were elected: President, Carl Schurz; vice presidents, Theodore Roosevelt, Ellihu Root, Edward M. Shepard, Oscar S. Strauss; secretary, Elliot H. Goodwin; treasurer, A. S. Friessel.

The annual report of the executive committee was received. It criticized President Roosevelt for the methods used in removing Edgar S. Macley from his position at the Brooklyn navy yard without giving him an opportunity to reply to the charges.

It deplored the appointment of James S. Clarkson as surveyor of this port, saying Mr. Clarkson was a pronounced enemy of civil service reform, "with a record as a spoilsman."

House Discusses Needs of Navy.

Washington, May 15.—The naval appropriation bill occupied the attention of the house throughout the day.

Dayton (W. Va.) speaking on the need of strengthening our naval battle line, while Kitchin (N. C.), Fitzgerald (N. Y.), Metcalf (Cal.) and Maynard (N. Y.) strongly advocated the building of warships in government navy yards.

The debate took a wide range at times, Rhea (Va.) speaking in criticism of the administration's Philippine policy and Elliott (S. C.) presenting the advantages of the proposed Appalachian forest reserve.

Lumber Mills Wiped Out.

Huntington, W. Va., May 15.—Fire which broke out in R. W. Kennedy & Co.'s lumber mills at Ceredo yesterday destroyed the entire plant and 20 dwellings.

The loss is estimated at \$220,000, probably one-third covered by insurance. More than \$80,000 worth of cigar box lumber alone was consumed.

Gilbert and Klein Tie.

Ottumwa, Ia., May 15.—Fred Gilbert and Russell Klein of Spirit Lake tied yesterday for the high total score at the annual tourney of the Iowa State Sportsmen's association with 18 out of 20 targets.

They also tied in the contest for the Smith cup. They won first two places Tuesday.

OPPOSE BRANCH BANKING BILL.

Missouri and Kansas Bankers Adopt Resolution Against It.

Kansas City, May 15.—Missouri and Kansas bankers, at their conventions here yesterday, adopted strong resolutions against the system of branch banking, proposed in a bill now pending in congress.

The question came up at the morning session and elicited much discussion. In the afternoon the discussion centered around the addresses delivered by J. H. Eckles and Charles G. Dawes, former controllers of the currency, who took for their theme "Assets Currency."

Prosperity was the keynote of all the remarks, and J. P. Huston of Marshall, Mo., created enthusiasm when he declared that the marvelous material development of our country during the past five years had never been eclipsed in time of peace by any people in any age.

Baseball Results Yesterday.

National League—St. Louis, 7; New York, 10. Cincinnati, 5; Philadelphia, 6. Chicago, 3; Brooklyn, 2. Pittsburgh, 5; Boston, 10.

American League—Chicago, 12; St. Louis, 2. Washington, 4; Baltimore, 1. Philadelphia, 5; Boston, 1. Cleveland, 2; Detroit, 3.

American Association—Milwaukee, 2; Columbus, 3. Minneapolis, 2; Indianapolis, 3. St. Paul, 1; Louisville, 6. Kansas City, 3; Toledo, 1.

College—Kansas University, 5; Nebraska University, 3.

May Musical Festival.

Cincinnati, May 15.—The opening concert of the 15th May musical festival brought an assemblage of 15,000 persons to Music hall last night.

The concert was devoted wholly to a novelty here, The Beattitudes, an oratorio by Caesar Franck, a Belgian composer. The composition required all the forces of the festival, the chorus numbering nearly 500, the orchestra of 200, the great organ and the seven soloists.

Inquest Begun.

New York, May 15.—The inquest into the death of Walter Brooks, the young commission merchant, who was shot in the Glen Island hotel on Feb. 14, was begun yesterday by Coroner Brown.

Florence Burns, who was arrested on suspicion of being responsible for the death, but was discharged from custody at the conclusion of the police magistrate's hearing, was represented by counsel. Her lawyer said Miss Burns could easily be found if wanted.

River Steamer Goes to Bottom.

Pittsburg, May 15.—The passenger steamer J. C. Woodward ran into a loaded coal tow near Allenport, Pa., on the Monongahela river last night and sank in 15 feet of water.

When the collision occurred the passengers were asleep, but all were landed safely. Several members of the crew jumped overboard and succeeded in reaching shore. The cargo is almost a total loss.

Prefer High School Graduates.

Chicago, May 15.—High school education will hereafter be of advantage to young men who desire to enter the service of the Santa Fe railroad.

The management of that company has instructed heads of departments that where positions are to be filled, high school graduates shall be given the preference.

President Loubet at Brest.

Brest, France, May 15.—President Loubet, who is on his way to St. Petersburg, arrived here yesterday and was welcomed by cheering crowds.

He proceeded to the prefecture and subsequently was entertained at luncheon by 1,500 civil officials of the department of Finistère.

Havemeyer Gives to College.

Philadelphia, May 15.—Henry O. Havemeyer of New York, whose daughter is a student at Bryn Mawr college, has subscribed \$20,000 to the \$250,000 fund now being raised by the institution to meet the conditional \$250,000 gift of John D. Rockefeller.

Scandinavian Commissioner Pleaded.

Christiania, Norway, May 15.—Mr. Wennerstrum, a commissioner of the St. Louis exposition, after a canvass of the situation here, has expressed great satisfaction with the plans and prospects for Scandinavian participation in the exhibition.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

Russian peasants are forced to feed stock on straw from cottage roofs. Crowds arrived starving at Moscow. The splendid monument erected at Lebanon, Mo., to the memory of the late Richard Park Bland will be unveiled June 17.

Mrs. Julia Klein of St. Louis was robbed at San Francisco of \$6,800 by a waiter named Charley Marco, to whom she was engaged to be married.

J. Pierpont Morgan is going to Spain in order to negotiate for the entry of the Spanish Transatlantic company into the Atlantic shipping combination.

According to an official crop report, the condition of Hungarian wheat is generally satisfactory, although, owing to frosts, it is somewhat backward. Rye has been badly damaged.

The Frisco railroad company has completed its extension toward Vernon, Tex., to a point six miles from Cordell, O. T., and is nearing Hobart, O. T., where a connection will be made with the Rock Island from Chickasha.

V. D. Snyder and F. W. Stewart, president and vice president of the Union Wholesale company, with headquarters in Kansas City, pleaded guilty Wednesday to three indictments charging them with making fraudulent use of the mails.

SENTIMENT FAVORS STRIKE

Final Action is Expected at Hazleton Today.

MITCHELL MAY DECIDE QUESTION

Labor Leader Says All Hope of Concessions is Gone and He Will Advise Delegates at Proper Time if It Becomes Necessary.

Hazleton, Pa., May 15.—The convention of the anthracite mine workers held two sessions in the opera house here yesterday, and without taking any action on the question of inaugurating a permanent strike, adjourned until morning.

About 700 delegates are in attendance. The convention is meeting behind closed doors and although nothing official is given out, it is known that the all-important question was not reached, the two sessions being devoted entirely to the organization of the meeting and the report of the committee on credentials.

President Mitchell was made chairman of the convention. The day brought forth no definite information bearing on the probable action of the convention and the situation remains about the same as it has been during the past 48 hours.

President Mitchell said that all hope of any concessions from the operators was gone. He has had no recent communication, he said, with the mine owners, Senator Hanna or any other member of the National Civic Federation.

He admitted that he had some advice to give to the delegates at the proper time, but what it is he will not say. In an interview he said that there was no doubt that the sentiment of the men is in favor of a strike, but he refused to make any reply when asked if he would give advice that would come in conflict with their sentiments.

It is admitted that what President Mitchell suggests will be done, notwithstanding the fact that a majority of the delegates are in favor of a strike if the mine owners do not make concessions.

Therefore, it looks very much as though the whole matter rests upon the national president. Quiet reigned everywhere in the region and not a pound of coal was mined anywhere.

A great crowd of mine workers came into town from the surrounding villages and coal patches. They crowded around the convention hall, waiting for information from the inside, and they were greatly disappointed when the convention adjourned without taking definite action.

PRESIDENT WIELDS TROWEL.

Lays Cornerstone of McKinley Memorial College Near Washington.

Washington, May 15.—In the presence of a large audience President Roosevelt laid the cornerstone of the McKinley Memorial Ohio College of Government of the American university, located a few miles outside of this city, in the northwestern part of the District of Columbia.

When completed the building will be devoted to studies embracing diplomacy, municipal government, arbitration, civics and international law. On the platform beside the president were Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, Secretary War, Senators Hanna and Dooliver, Bishop Willard F. Mallalieu of Massachusetts and many men prominent in educational and church work.

Rioters Attack Gendarmes.

Rome, May 15.—Newspaper telegrams which have reached here from Bari, on the Adriatic, report the rioting of 5,000 peasants on Putignano, as the result of labor disputes. The rioters burned the houses where the octrol taxes are collected and attacked the town hall.

Seven gendarmes were wounded in a vain attempt to quell the rioting. The gendarmes then had recourse to their firearms and as a result a woman was wounded. Forty arrests were made and order was finally restored.

Tobacco Trust Raises Wages.

Louisville, May 15.—On account of the increase in the cost of living the Louisville Tobacco company, through its vice president, C. E. Halliwell of New York, yesterday ordered an increase of 10 per cent in the wages of all its Louisville employees, who will number more than 5,000.

The increase will add \$7,500 to the weekly payroll of the company in this city. It is said the order of the company is general and the 30,000 to 35,000 employees throughout the United States will be benefited.

Cuban House Elects Officers.

Havana, May 15.—The house of representatives has elected Pelayo Garcia president, Carlos Font and Carlos Céspedes vice presidents, and Alfredo Manduley and Antonio Perez secretaries.

President-elect Palma said that the matter of making up the Cuban cabinet was causing him much worry and trouble. He wants to surround himself with men of experience and ability, in whom he has confidence, but also desires to maintain harmony among the political leaders.

Two New Strikes at Chicago.

Chicago, May 15.—Two new strikes began here yesterday. Three hundred glass workers walked out, practically tying up the glass plants of the city, and 200 employees of the American Bridge company struck for an increase in wages.

The glass workers had been granted a nine-hour day and 10 per cent advance in wages, but recognition of their union was refused.

RATES FAVOR THE PACKERS.

Interstate Commerce Commission to Begin Investigation of Charges.

Chicago, May 15.—Chairman Knapp of the interstate commerce commission, which will begin an investigation of live stock rates here today, stated that the investigation had no direct bearing on the government's proceedings against the so-called beef trust.

No packers will be investigated. The investigation has to do with the rumors that railroads are discriminating (paying rebates) in a way which is detrimental to the interests of Iowa cattle shippers, and which unduly favors Omaha and other Missouri river packers.

The rate on live stock is said to be proportionately higher than the dressed beef rate, which gives an advantage to the packers nearest the source of supply.

Monon Changes Hands.

New York, May 15.—In the best informed circles in Wall street there was discussion of a statement emanating from an authoritative source that the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville railway, generally known as the "Monon" route, had been purchased by the Louisville and Nashville and the Southern Railway company.

This purchase of the Monon means that hereafter the Southern and the Louisville and Nashville railways will have and absolutely control an independent entrance into Chicago.

Stove Manufacturers in Session.

New York, May 15.—The Stove Manufacturers' Association of the United States began its 31st annual convention here yesterday. There were about 650 members. In his annual address President Albert Parlin of Boston said competition was the life of trade and then spoke of unwise competition as the death of profit.

He concluded by saying that cooperation was the redemption of both. The morning and afternoon sessions were taken up with the discussion of the subject of consolidation.

Record Prices for Cattle.

Chicago, May 15.—Cattle prices were higher at the Union Stock Yards in Chicago yesterday than for almost 20 years. The top price for the day, \$7.60, was 10 cents in advance of the high mark last week.

All the offerings were snapped up. The prices of hogs and sheep also made record marks for the year.

Judge Taft Given Reception.

Cincinnati, May 15.—The alumni students and faculty of the Cincinnati law school yesterday gave Judge William H. Taft, governor of the Philippines, a public reception at College hall. Governor Taft leaves today for Manila via Rome.

More Moisture in Kansas.

Wichita, Kan., May 15.—Three inches of rain covered Kingman county yesterday and extended far into western Kansas and Oklahoma, doing immense benefit to the growing crops and pastures.

Blood Vessels of the Eye.

Purkinje discovered a very simple and highly entertaining experiment by means of which the retina, with all its veins and blood vessels standing out in relief against it, can be thrown into the air before one's eyes.

It is called the aborescent figure, to its likeness to a many branched tree, and is produced in the following manner: In a dark room at night move a candle backward and forward before the eyes. After a few seconds the air will assume a reddish appearance, and running over it in all directions may be seen the veins and blood vessels in bold relief, while toward the center of the figure there rises up a dark trunk, from which the veins branch out on all sides.

The trunk is visible where the optic nerve enters the eye, and this experiment is chiefly interesting to the student as proving that the parts of the retina which actually receive and produce the sensation of light must lie behind the blood vessels, since these cast their shadow on it and can be seen as clearly as any other object externally.

His Whip.

The late Lord Queensberry's famous protest at the performance of Tennyson's "Promise of May" had a quaint sequel. A society journal, now deceased, made some scathing comments on the incident.

Lord Queensberry armed himself with a heavy whip and called at the office, asking to see the editor. He was conducted to the presence of an elderly woman, who regarded him severely through her spectacles.

Remembering the "Queensberry rules," he hid the horsewhip and merely remarked that he had called to talk the matter over.

His Obligation.

The Duc de Roquelaure was far, very far, from being handsome. One day he met in the street an ugly Auvergnat who had some petition or memorial to present at Versailles. He immediately introduced him to Louis XIV., remarking that he was under a special obligation to the gentleman. The king granted the favor asked and then inquired of the duke what was this pressing obligation. "But for him, your majesty, I should be the ugliest man in your dominions."

She Was an Observer.

"Did George write to you every day while he was traveling around?" "Yes, every day." "What regularity!" "Yes, but I discovered that every one of the letters was written here in his office before he started, and all he had to do was to drop one in the postoffice wherever he chanced to be."

"And how did you find that out?" "The 'e' in his office typewriter is broken."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.