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NATURE GARLANDS HER RUINS

Think Verdure and Flowers Cover the Wreckage of St. Pierre.

SITE OF ILL-FATED CITY OBLITERATED

Remarkable Transition of the Region Swept of Living Things by Mont Pelee's Furious Outburst—A Later Day View.

St. Pierre, the ill-fated city on the island of Martinique, has once more been buried. In a year it will be so completely hidden that it will be indistinguishable from the green hills which on three sides surround it.

Four years ago Mount Pelee, a volcano which had been regarded as quiet and docile, suddenly belched forth such a terrific storm and volume of steam, smoke, gas, ash and mud that in less than two minutes the beautiful old-fashioned French West Indian town was a heap of ruins and its entire population dead.

Nature had wrought its most terrible catastrophe in history; this same nature, now in a smiling mood, has almost hidden the evidences of her wrath by a pall of bright verdure. The tropical sun shines on the deserted old town, giving encouragement to plant life everywhere, and soon this overgrowth will be triumphant. A lost city is in process of making for the future archaeologist.

And this beautiful transformation has been performed in four short years. But nature has been following her own bent; man has not assumed to guide her steps, and in her artless, impressive, wild manner she has developed luxuriantness unseen above the tropical belt.

Mont Pelee Hurts Death. Early in May, 1902, Mont Pelee showed signs of trouble. There were ominous rumblings, minor seismic tremors. Then the volcano suddenly hurled out its deadly lava stones and ash. Some of the ash was dropped in St. Pierre, and near the town a sugar refinery was destroyed and the workmen overwhelmed. Some few residents withdrew from the town, and others were vaguely apprehensive of danger, but the governor said there was no need of alarm, and the people remained.

On May 8, Ascension day, a rain of ashes was enveloping the town in almost impenetrable darkness and about 3 o'clock in the morning a sudden, violent explosive whirlwind burst from the vent of the volcano, and in a short time, variously estimated at from two seconds to two minutes—the town was destroyed by this stantaneously perished. It is claimed that a negro prisoner in the jail, and another negro escaped, but this statement has been challenged.

The best description of the death dealing blast was given by Chief Officer Scott of the steamship Roraima, who was one of the four survivors of the crew of that vessel, which was lying at anchor in the harbor of St. Pierre at the time.

A Sublime Outburst. "All at once there was a sublime outburst from the mountain," he says. "Whether more than one crater was active is hard to say, but a conflagration came right out of the mountain in one grand burst, with a noise so terrible that beside it a thunderclap would sound like a pistol shot alongside of the roar of a twelve-inch gun."

Then it rolled down the mountain over the intervening hills—the molten slag, flame and smoke, one immense cloud of it, luminous, awful, rolling down like fire. It took just a moment. As it came sweeping in the air, it seemed to be an inexhaustible supply following a steady and remorseless over the intervening hills—the molten slag, flame and smoke, one immense cloud of it, luminous, awful, rolling down like fire. It took just a moment. As it came sweeping in the air, it seemed to be an inexhaustible supply following a steady and remorseless over the intervening hills—the molten slag, flame and smoke, one immense cloud of it, luminous, awful, rolling down like fire.

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WARSAW, Aug. 22.—An unidentified man shot and slightly wounded Count Fernow, a colonel of gendarmes, today. A patrol of soldiers replied with a volley, killing two passersby.

SAMARA, Russia, Aug. 22.—The agrarian situation in this province is most grave. Disorders are prevalent in numerous districts and troops have been requisitioned to restore order in those localities where firing is going on. Many men have been killed.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 22.—In spite of the wholesale arrests and deportation of revolutionists, the "Bolsheviks" daily carouse of murder and robbery, not appreciably diminishing. The police seem utterly powerless to capture the perpetrators of the crimes. They do not make an arrest in one case out of twenty-five. While the revolutionary opposition to the government has thus degenerated into a campaign of crime, the three political parties, the constitutional democrats, Octoberists and regenerationists are drifting. The efforts to effect an amalgamation have failed.

Melnikov, who was associated with the famous Russian revolutionary agitator, Gershundin, in the conspiracy which was responsible for the assassination of former Minister of Public Instruction Bogolepoff and former Minister of the Interior Sipilov, in company with Sasasoff, the assassin of former Minister of the Interior von Plehve and other terrorists, has escaped from Akkavit, Trans-Baikal. It is announced that some amelioration of the condition of Jews will be made without waiting for the action of Parliament. A commission is sitting at the ministry of the interior elaborating a general project of law, whose provisions, however, will only include an extension of the limits of the pale of residence and an extension of the rights of higher education.

Official statistics show the extent of the panic among land owners. Since last November 1, 1905, 62,000 desiatines (a desiatine is a little over two and a half acres), of land were offered to the Peasants' bank at about 63 per desiatine, but the amount actually bought and sold to the peasant is not stated. The bank is paying for the land in notes worth in the market 85, and selling it to the peasants on installments sufficient to meet the interest and amortization of the notes. In some places it is stated the land question is settling itself by this method.

ORONTPADT, Aug. 22.—The trial of the second batch of mutineers including M. Gulgich, who was a member of the outlawed

STATE TROOPS MAY WAIT

Last Guardsmen at Maneuvers Will Find Depleted Federal Treasury.

CONGRESS WILL PROBABLY PAY THEM

Readjustment of Funds May Also Prevent Some Troops from Going Without Cash Until Next Winter.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—After a month of hard work, Assistant Secretary Oliver of the War department, concluded that he had finally made a satisfactory adjustment of the many difficulties in apportioning the appropriation of \$70,000 for pay for the militia at the maneuvers in different camps throughout the country, but it appears that all is not satisfactory. These funds had to be apportioned to the quartermaster's department, the subsistence department and the pay department of the army for the purpose of quartering, feeding and paying the state soldiers. Reports were obtained from different state governors as to the number of troops that would be sent to the encampment, the distance they would travel, etc., and the apportionment was made on the basis of the reports received.

Too Many Soldiers. However, in some cases more state troops than had been given in the schedules were sent into the camps and more expense was thus attached. This caused a deficiency in the allotment of funds, especially in the matter of pay for the state troops. The pay department of the army decided to pay the troops as long as the funds lasted, those who came last going unpaid. It has been suggested that another adjustment be made after the camps have finished their work, which is that some camps may not use all the money allotted to them and the funds can be used to make up the deficit elsewhere. No attempt to make an adjustment at this time will be made, as nothing definite is known as to the number of state troops which will be at the different camps.

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